

# Leader Board

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**Love your  
neighbor  
and get your  
vaccination.**

# Jambalaya luncheon set Friday at FUMC

The church is located at 1403 W. Sunset in Nashville.



The blessing box at First United Methodist Church of Nashville will be among the recipients of proceeds from the church's jambalaya luncheon fund-raiser Friday, Feb. 21. The Scrapper Supermarket and Bread of Life Soup Kitchen will also receive funds from the project. (More pictures, page 5A)

# Church plans Ladies Night for Feb. 28

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**MAN OF THE YEAR.** Fred Hintze (left) accepts the award from last year's recipient Luis Maya.



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**WOMAN OF THE YEAR.** Terri McJunkins (right) receives the award from last year's winner Lisa Hagler.

# Chamber presents community honors



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**ORANGE AND BLACK EDUCATION AWARD.** Trista Arnold (left) receives the award from last year's winner Joanna Howard, who shared the honor with her husband, Michael Howard.

There was a slight delay in the presentation of the Man of the Year award because pictures for the video display were suspiciously late to be loaded into the computer. When all was ready, last year's winner,

The Orange & Black Education award went to Trista Arnold, banner-maker and school event organizer and photographer extraordinaire. The award was presented by Joanna Howard who won the

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# Scrapperettes, Scrappers win 7-4A games at Arkadelphia

The Scrappettes are 4-1 in district after their win over the Lady Badgers.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**COUNT IT.** Karstyn Scrivner (24) goes up for a score in the Scrapperettes' 73-56 win at Arkadelphia Monday night, Feb. 17.



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**ROAD WIN.** Bo Bell (12) drives past the Badger defender in Nashville's 65-60 conference win at Arkadelphia Monday night.

# Economic panel sets community meeting

The focus groups and community meetings are part of the process to develop Howard County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, which is part of the effort to attract new businesses and industries and retain those which are already operating.

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# Obituaries



**Tammy Jean Tallant**  
Tammy Jean Tallant, age 59, a resident of Gillham, Ark., died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, at Sevier County Medical Center in De Queen, Ark. Tammy was born in De Queen, Ark., on Oct. 24, 1965. She worked at Tyson Foods for 30 years and was a supervisor, worked nights in the deli at Pruett's, and

attended Gillham Baptist Church. She was a Nana and she loved her grandkids. She loved working on her farm. She loved fishing, and taking all the grandkids to the river. She loved cooking, she never turned anyone away. She saw good in everybody and did not judge. She read her bible every day with a cup of coffee before going to work. She was preceded in death by her father, Billy Dale Tallant. She is survived by her parents, Betty and husband, Richard Driver of Mena; two daughters, Dana Tallant Flores of Gillham, Shana Tallant Smith and husband Brandon of Gillham; one brother, Leslie and Susan Tallant of De Queen; two sisters, Tara Saddler and husband Richard of Gillham, and Lea Ann Tallant of Gillham; 11 grandchil-

dren, Brianna, Alixzander, Santana, Cayetano, Izryel, Leylani, Lexi, Riley, Shevy, Zane, and Bo; and one great-granddaughter due in a few weeks, Rustlynne Faye; eight nieces and nephews; lots of aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins, and many friends. Funeral services for Tammy will be held at 11 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025, at Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel in De Queen with Bro. Chet Brake officiating. Burial will follow at Campground Cemetery in Winthrop, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in De Queen. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025, at the funeral home in De Queen. You may leave a condolence online at [www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com).



**AT ROTARY MEETING.** Kathy Schullek, a member of Moonlighters Extension Homemakers Club, spoke to Rotarians, last Wednesday, about the bi-monthly LifeShare blood drawing sponsored by her club at the Center Point Community Center. Visitors at the meeting included the three new board members of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce: Maira Couch of Ivan Smith Furniture, Deede Reed of Timeless Treasures, and Melanie Schwartz, market manager of the Howard County Farmers' Market. The Rotary Club meets at noon on Wednesdays at Patacakes in Nashville.

## Leaders of two MS churches will conduct area fellowship, Feb. 22

Two Mineral Springs churches are joining to present an area-wide fellowship, "Crossing the Bridge of Faith Together." The event will be Saturday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. The sponsoring churches are Corinth First Missionary Baptist Church, and the

Mineral Springs Church of Christ. Leaders of the churches will present the fellowship. The public is invited. The event will be at the Corinth First Missionary Baptist Church located at 279 Corinth Road, Mineral Springs.

## FINANCIAL FOCUS What to know before 'reversing' your retirement

By Josh Tice  
Edward Jones Investments

After working for decades, you may have been looking forward to retiring. But what if you decide to "reverse" your retirement? You could rejoin the workforce for any number of reasons. You might need the added income to help pay for your living expenses, but you also might miss the social interactions with co-workers, or simply desire more purpose or stimulation in your life. And if you do un-retire, you'll have plenty of company. More than 13% of previously retired baby boomers returned to the workforce in 2023, the highest level in five years, according to data from LinkedIn, the online career networking platform. When pondering the decision to go back to work, you'll want to evaluate the advantages and the possible drawbacks. First, let's look at the benefits of rejoining the workforce. By improving your cash flow, you may be able to do more of the things you enjoy, such as traveling. And you might also be able to reduce your debt load, which can free up even more cash. You might also use the extra money for other purposes, such as contributing to a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan for your grandchildren. Furthermore, depending on where you're returning to work, and whether you go back full- or part-time, you might gain access to your employer's benefits programs. If you aren't already enrolled in Medicare, you could find it financially advantageous to sign up for your employer-sponsored group medical plan. And you may also be able to contribute to your employer's 401(k) or similar plan. Even if you're not eligible for an em-

ployer-sponsored retirement plan, you can contribute to an IRA if you have any earned income. And here's something else to think about: By bringing in income from employment, you may be able to take less out each year from your existing 401(k) and IRA, giving them a chance to potentially grow more. (Once you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later, you'll have to start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and 401(k). With a Roth IRA and 401(k), you're not required to take withdrawals at any age.) Now, let's consider some potential areas of concern about returning to the workforce. If you've been taking Social Security, your 2025 benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned above \$23,400 if you haven't reached your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. In the year in which you do reach your full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$3 earned above \$62,160. Starting in the month in which you reach your full retirement age, you can earn as much as you want without losing benefits. (Also, Social Security will then recalculate your payments to give you credit for the months in which your benefits were reduced due to your earned income.) Another area of concern might be your Medicare premiums. Because these premiums are based on your income, they could rise if you start earning more money. Also, if your income increases enough, you might be pushed into a higher tax bracket. Ultimately, you'll want to weigh the pros and cons of returning to work. If it seems the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, you may well enjoy embarking on your "second act" in the working world.

## Academy Cemetery announces 2024 contributions for upkeep

The following contributions were made to the Academy Cemetery Fund in 2024: \$20-\$50 -- Mary Lynn Cornish, Shirley Westfall, Deb and Price Kreul, Floyd and Deniece McCullough, Ray Fendley, Conrad and Eva Cox, Frand and Betty Hughes, Shirley Lauterbach, Janet O'Neal, Sandra Couch, Wesley and Beverly Stone, Sheila Toliver, Charlie and Sara Daniel, Shelly Smith, Kerry Welch, Norma Jones, Randy and Lisa Miller, Max and Sandy Campbell, James and Hazel White, Ronnie and Linda King, Dennis and Shirley Smithson, Danna Wilkerson, Thelma Simon, Trent and Laura Cox, David Wilkerson, Betty Young, Dallas and Gail Sweeden, Linda Nevins, Wilkerson Family, Kay Haynie, Nancy Beville, Steve and Jo Lee Westfall, Paulette Strasner, John L. Bradford. \$60-\$150 -- Jimmy Goodwin, Betty

Whorley, Wilton Westfall, Dena Tollett, Jerry and Johnnie Couch, Charles and Dana Jones, Patsy Lawless, Doris Oliver, Venetia Sweeden, Ricky and Ann Westfall, Vickie Hutson, Twyla Couch, Johnny and Tamyé Lamb, Al McCallister, Junioe Studebaker, Louise Tolliver, Wesley and Martha Foster, Nina Cox, Couch and Wilkerson family, Joy Toliver, Robert McFarland. \$200-\$500 -- John Cothorn, Jim McMillen, Jerry Davis, Lyn and Bonnie Graves, Barnes and Tidwell family, Relda Aylett, Ross and Susan Lamb, Basel Cox. Mowing and the upkeep expenses of the cemetery are paid by donations. Donations may be given to Basel Cox or Gary L. Cox. Donations may be mailed to: Gary L. Cox, 27 Bacon Creek Farm Rd., Nashville AR 71852.

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THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

Tales from Howard County’s history reprinted in honor of longtime staff historian and photographer, Cecil Harris.  
September 19, 1938 - December 15, 2012

Compiled by Patsy Young



The Garner Hotel, Nashville, built by Dr. J.T. Garner in 1909. The building burned in 1975. Mrs. Lana Bolland was the owner at the time.

122 years ago: February 1903

Master William Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Briggs, was badly burned at the family residence in this city Wednesday morning. The boy had gotten up to dress and was standing before the fire when his nightgown caught fire, and he was immediately enveloped in flames.

His limbs were badly burned before the flames were extinguished, Mrs. Briggs was in the room and quickly wrapped a quilt around the boy, extinguishing the fire.

A number of our citizens went to Hope last Wednesday night to see “Thelma.” The train on which the show people reached Hope was several hours late and the curtain did not rise until 10:10 p.m. The Nashville crowd did not reach home until 2:30 a.m.

79 years ago: February 1946

Pfc Sam Austin of Saratoga, Arkansas, is one of 1,009 Army veterans returning to the states for discharge aboard the *USS Westmoreland*, an attack transport of the “Magic Carpet” fleet. The ship left Pearl Harbor January 26 and is scheduled to arrive at San Pedro about February 1. The *USS Westmoreland* carried both troops and supplies which supported the U.S. defensive efforts throughout the Pacific War.

62 years ago: February 1963

W. H. Younk, of Nashville, a vigorous 86-year-old resident, was honored on his birthday February 7 by friends at Joda’s who gave him a birthday cake along with “happy greetings.” One puff extinguished the candles.  
(Adv.) A new home awaits

you in Rigsby Addition, Nashville’s fastest growing subdivision. FHA approved homes. Terms as low as \$25 down and payments as low as \$55 per month. Phillips and Porterfield builders.

42 years ago: February 1983

Less than 100 acres were destroyed by forest fires last year in Howard County, according to the Arkansas Forestry Service at Dierks. “It was a pretty light year,” said forester Bobby Buzbee. “The rains fell pretty well during the fire season.” Jay Chesshir, Nashville’s contribution to the musicians from Fayetteville will sing bass in two duets when the Uarkettes appear in Nashville on Monday. The Uarkettes will perform at 2 p.m. at the Gymnasium and at 7 p.m. at the elementary auditorium. Both appearances are sponsored by the Rotary Club.

## Defendant ‘not fit to proceed’

One defendant was found not fit to proceed and was committed to the state hospital, and three other defendants were sentenced after pleading guilty or true during the regular day for criminal court last Wednesday, Feb. 12.

On the bench was Judge Tom Cooper.

The committed defendant was Dontarius Block, 34, black male, Nashville, who was charged in 2022 with residential burglary, theft of property, and felon in possession of a firearm.

**Sentenced**

The true plea was by Joseph Prince, 64, white male, Nashville, who was charged with failure to meet the terms of his probation on a conviction of failure to register as a sex offender. He was sentenced to a year in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC).

A guilty plea was given by Kartavious Eason, 25, black male, Nashville, originally charged with two counts of breaking or entering. The state declined to pursue one count in return for the guilty plea. He was sentenced to six years probation and was fined \$2,000 plus costs.

A guilty plea was also given by Brock Cox 46, white male, Nashville, who was originally charged with stalking and with 1st degree terroristic threatening. The state did not pursue the stalking charge. He was fined \$2,000 plus costs, and

was sentenced to five years in the ADC suspended imposition of the sentence. He must also undergo counseling and maintain employment.

Two felony charges separated by three years were dismissed. Latre Richards, 45, black male, Nashville, had been charged a variety of drug-related offenses.

**Not guilty pleas**

Dates for pretrial motions and jury trials were set for five defendants.

Motions will be heard April 9 for Eric Hopkins, 41, black male, Nashville, who was charged in November 2019 with non-support, a class C felony.

Jennifer Gibson, 46, white female, Dierks, has an April 29 date for a jury trial. She is charged with class Y felony rape.

William Franks, 40, white male, is charged with a pair of class D felony drug offenses. Motions will be heard April 9.

Ju’Kyle Barnett 22, black male, Cincinnati, Ohio, is charged with breaking or entering, theft of property and possession of controlled substance. Motions will be heard April 9.

Zenocia Antwine, 22, black female, Texarkana, Ark., is charged with possession of controlled substances, class D felony and a misdemeanor. Motions will be heard April 9.

A failure to appear warrant was ordered for Xavier Melton, 29, black male, Texarkana, Ark., who missed his court date on a charge of theft of property. When apprehended he will be held without bond.

## Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Feb. 6-12, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

**Marriage Licenses**

(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office*)  
Feb. 7. Christopher Duane Sumler, 38, Nashville, and Lisa Marie Casabona, 36, Nashville.

Feb. 2. Khoa Van Vu, 65, Wellston, Okla., and Nu Kim Quy Ton, 56, Nashville.

Feb. 10. Jonathan Wade White, 21, McCaskill, and Hailey Marie Dove, 19, McCaskill.

Feb. 11. Derek Ronald Headings, 29, Ozan, and Kyla Renae Hostettler, 20, Ozan.

**Civil Court**

CV25-15, Feb. 10. Barclay’s Bank Delaware vs. Aaron Olden. Debt.

CV25-16, Feb. 10. Ally Bank vs. Kavante Hopkins. Debt.

**Domestic**

**Relations Court**

DR25-9, Feb. 6. Stephanie Wallin vs. Allen Markcum. Order of protection.

DR25-10, Feb. 11. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Joe Baker. Support.

DR25-11, Feb. 11. Terrisa Okeefe vs. Jody Okeefe. Order of protection.

**Criminal Court**

(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)  
CR25-18, Feb. 7. State of Arkansas vs. William A. Franks, 40, white male, 121 S. Pine #4; POCS, class D felony; PODP, class D.

CR25-19, Feb. 7. State of Arkansas vs. Ju’Kyle Barnett, 22, black male, Cincinnati, Ohio; Breaking or entering, class D; theft of property, misdemeanor; POCSW, misdemeanor.  
CR25-20, Feb. 7. State of Arkansas vs. Ellis Ray Grisson, 56, white male, 1022 S. Main, Apt. A; POCS, class D; POCSW, misdemeanor; tampering with physical

evidence, misdemeanor.

CR25-21, Feb. 7. State of Arkansas vs. Za Nocia Rae Shun Antwine, 22, black female, Texarkana, Ark.; POCS, class D; POCS, misdemeanor.

CR25-22, Feb. 11. State of Arkansas vs. Kerry Wayne Reed, 53, white male, 105 Ellis Road, Dierks; POCS, class D; weapons possession during a POCS offense, class Y.

CR25-23, Feb. 11. State of Arkansas vs. Jennifer Gibson, 46, white female, Dierks; rape, class Y.

**Land/Property**

**Transactions**

**Quitclaim Deeds**

Feb. 12. James Watson Foltz and wife, Ruth Lambert Foltz; to Julie L. Dean and husband Timothy E. Dean; Lots 9 thru 12, Block 31, New Nashville.

Feb. 12. James W. Foltz and wife Ruth L. Foltz; to Julie L. Dean and husband Timothy E. Dean; Lots 13 thru 16, Block 31, Nashville.

Feb. 12. James W. Foltz and wife Ruth L. Foltz; to Julie L. Dean and husband Timothy E. Dean; Lots 17 thru 20, Block 31, Nashville; Lots 13 thru 16, Block 31, Nashville.

**Beneficiary’s Deeds**

Feb. 12. Honval Riley Brewer, Jr., and Karen Sue Brewer; to Savannah Roberts as custodian for Hadlie Brewer; 4.75 ac. in S15 T10S R28W.

Feb. 12. Gregory C. Strawn and Frances R. Strawn, husband and wife; to Matthew Strawn and Bradley Strawn, tenants in common; 80 ac. in S26 T9S

R28W.

**Redemption Deeds**

Feb. 6. State of Arkansas; to Pam and Randall E. Johnson, Fulton; 0.31 ac. in S36 T11S R27W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$258.31.

Feb. 11. State of Arkansas; to Ima J. Semmler, c/o Chester Semmler, Dierks; property in Block 1, Original Town of Mineral Springs, aka 114 Runnels, Mineral Springs; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$212.41.

**Warranty Deeds**

Feb. 7. Karla M. Byrne, surviving spouse of Patrick L. Byrne, deceased; to The Byrne Revocable Living Trust; 3 tracts, aggregate 53.17 ac. in S26 T7S R29W.

Feb. 7. Alfred D. Raulerson, et al; to Daniel A. Raulerson and Kimberly Raulerson, husband and wife, tenants by the entirety; incomplete land description.

Feb. 10. Phyllis Lawrence and Stanley Lawrence, wife and husband; to L&S Properties, LLC; 8 separate deeds conveying properties in S13/S19/S24/S23 - T8/T9 - R26W /27W; also properties in town of Mineral Springs and additions in Nashville. With assumption of debt.

Feb. 11. Edward Irel Williams, et al; to Joe Bakkem; Lots 10 thru 12, Block 47, New Nashville Addition. \$159,000.

Feb. 12. Ward and Casteel Properties, LLC, through managers Neil Ward and Jake Casteel; to Jennifer L. Upton and husband Kenneth T. Upton; Lots 1 thru 4, Block 8, Summit Addition, Town of Nashville. \$114,000.

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# Point of view

## Eating places

### ‘Gone but not Forgotten’ category in contest

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I may have gotten ahead of myself when I wrote about basketball team’s shoes, last week.

In the middle of the night I awoke with the crystal memory of all of those rock bands and soul groups whose glorious music I memorized at a time when I couldn’t remember anything from American history class.

In the beginning ‘my’ musical groups all dressed alike. The Four Tops and the Temptations. The Yardbirds and the Beatles.

But after a few years they descended into individualism. If they had been a basketball team they would have worn lime polkadot pants onstage.

So there! I’m eating crows and I hope you’re happy. Go Scrappers!

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

GOOD EATS. Howard and Pike counties are among the 30 counties which have had no nominations for recognition in the Arkansas Food Hall of Fame, according to a recent press release from the Arkansas Department of Heritage.

I once nominated Joda’s Restaurant in the ‘Gone but Not Forgotten’ category, but it didn’t win.

Why don’t YOU nominate Joda’s or some other long-gone favorite eating place? I’d do it again but it might again be the kiss of death.

Do it at <https://www.arkansasheritage.com/afhof-home>.

For awhile after Joda Nelson retired, the late Johnny Ball managed the place. He was married to one of Joda’s daughters and he was a heck of a good cook on his on accord.

At the time the restaurant had a buffet line.

When I walked in the door once, Johnny said: “Here’s the Great Equalizer.” It didn’t affect my appetite one bit.

Here are some other of Nashville’s long-gone eating places I remember fondly:

- John’s Reddy-Go
- Dale’s Little Gem
- Tobe’s
- Crystal Cafe
- Garner Hotel
- Hot Pepper Grill
- The Pool Hall
- The Bus Station (first place I remember where donuts were made fresh daily. Gosh, they were good!).

If I’ve forgotten your favorite please feel free to tell me.

MORE GOOD EATS. It’s almost Lent. The members of First United Methodist Church are having a Jambalaya Luncheon Fundraiser Friday, Feb. 21, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to remind us of the approach of Mardi Gras.

The Methodists invite everyone to their fundraiser. Takeout orders by donation. The event will benefit the Scrapper Supermarket, Bread of Life Soup Kitchen and the brand new FUMC Blessing Station.

I’m drooling already because I have had cajun food previously at this church.

If you want some Methodist jambalaya call 870-845-3030 and place your order. Pick up the order at the church, 1403 W. Sunset St.

YOUR GOOD HEALTH. A measles outbreak in Texas is worrisome because many people are influenced now to become anti-vaxxers, and because of the new U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, which is the Presidential Cabinet position that would be dealing with the measles outbreak. And other health threats.

Years ago a woman told me that she caught measles while she was pregnant. Her child was born developmentally-delayed. Some people would cruelly use the word ‘retarded.’ The woman blamed the disease for her child’s condition.

Measles is contagious. Unless you’re vaccinated. So, some un-vaccinated person brought the disease to this un-vaccinated mother. This might have been BEFORE measles vaccine was licensed by the Health Department in 1963. I’m not worried about measles for myself anymore.

But I keep an eye on research developments on Alzheimer’s Disease. That research is done by the National Institutes of Health, which is controlled by the Department of Health and Human Services which is controlled by an anti-vaxxer nut.

What if Co-President Musk wants to cut funding for research at the National Institutes of Health?

DON’T WORRY. BE HAPPY. Don’t worry about any extra pounds you add with the Methodist jambalaya. Instead, worry about that asteroid which may hit the Earth in 2032.

Astronomy perfessers recently doubled the odds of that strike to 2.3% or a 1-in-43 chance of hitting Earth. There’s a 0.3% chance that asteroid 2024 YR4 will hit the moon instead.

Those perfessers say if this asteroid hits us it shouldn’t wipe us out like that other one did to the dinosaurs.

Maybe it will fall into the Gulf of MEXICO!

THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: “I haven’t gotten anything done today. I’ve been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.”

HE SAID: “A child who is allowed to be disrespectful to his parents will not have true respect for anyone.” Rev. Billy Graham, evangelist

SHE SAID: “Children are our second chance to have a great parent-child relationship.” Laura Schlessinger, author and talk show host

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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### LETTER

## Choose the party that follows God

Dear Editor:

After reading the letter in your last issue regarding your “friendly rant,” I felt compelled to say a few things.

Before we form our opinions and take our stands, we need to be absolutely sure we are standing with God and not against Him.

His Holy Word is our guide.

We need to look closely at the Republican and Democratic platforms and see which one is following closest to God’s agenda.

One of the most iconic actors of the 20th century, known for his epic Biblical films, Charlton Heston, was wise enough to look the political situation of his day square in the face. After considering himself a staunch Democrat for years, he began to have doubts. When considering both parties and their platforms, he realized the Democratic Party was no longer his agenda. He changed his political party in 1987.

When asked why he changed,

Heston replied, “I didn’t change. The Democratic Party changed.”

If I were an honest Democrat, I would look carefully at both political platforms, and I would follow the one that most follows God.

Please, don’t follow the wrong path just because your ancestral Democrats wouldn’t like it. They would probably change parties by now. Too much is at stake!

Concerned,  
Jean L. Bond  
A proud Nashville citizen

## Senate OKs maternal health care bill

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

The Senate approved legislation to improve maternal health care in Arkansas, especially in areas where existing medical services are lacking.

Also, a bill to provide a free breakfast every day to all students continued to breeze through the legislature and should soon be sent to the governor for her signature. It is part of her legislative agenda.

Senate Bill 213, known as the “Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Act,” changes Medicaid regulations to make prenatal care much more accessible in areas of the state that have been designated as maternal care deserts, because of a lack of obstetricians.

It establishes presumptive eligibility for pregnant women who apply for Medicaid.

This allows them to get immediate prenatal care, while they’re waiting for a full application to be processed.

Also, SB 213 authorizes Medicaid to reimburse doulas and community health workers, including for visits to the pregnant woman’s home if the visit is related to prenatal or postpartum care.

Medicaid coverage will include

office visits, laboratory fees, tests ordered by a physician, blood work, remote monitoring, fetal nonstress tests and glucose monitoring to detect possible gestational diabetes. Self measurement blood pressure devices will be covered also.

The House passed an identical bill. Improving maternal health care is part of the governor’s legislative agenda.

The Senate also approved a package of bills intended to prevent deceptive practices when canvassers collect signatures from registered voters, in order to place an issue on the ballot.

SB 207 would require canvassers to inform people, before collecting their signatures, that petition fraud is a Class A misdemeanor. The disclosure could be verbal, or in a separate written document that would be shown to people before they sign.

SB 208 would require canvassers to view a photo ID of each person signing the petition. If canvassers are unable to verify someone’s identity, they may not collect a signature.

SB 209 directs the Secretary of State to not count signatures on

a petition if a preponderance of evidence indicates that the canvasser has violated state laws or provisions in the state Constitution regarding canvassing, perjury, forgery or fraudulent practices in getting signatures.

SB 210 would require people to read the ballot title of a ballot issue before signing the petition. The ballot title is a summary of all the provisions in the proposed constitutional amendment or initiated act. The bill allows for the ballot title to be read to the person signing, in the presence of the canvasser.

SB 211 would require canvassers to submit a sworn statement that he or she has complied with all state laws governing the collection of signatures, and with the Constitution. Unless the canvasser submits the sworn statement, any signatures he or she turns in will not be counted by the Secretary of State.

SB 59 would provide a free breakfast to all public school students, regardless of their family income, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. It has been passed by the Senate and cleared a Senate committee.

## New farm bill is vital for future of agriculture in United States

**By U.S. Sen. John Boozman**

The farm economy has been in tough shape in recent years and needs substantial support to turn the tide. As the now-Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I’m committed to delivering the relief and assistance necessary to improve that outlook.

Last week, the committee held our first policy hearing of the 119th Congress. We asked several agriculture industry leaders and farmers from leading commodity associations to leave their farms and families to travel to Washington to share their experiences with us.

This hearing was the first in a series our committee will hold examining the current state of America’s rural economy from the perspective of our farmers, ranchers and rural leaders. They will help inform our decisions as we draft a new farm bill and ensure we are putting forward policies that enable current and future generations of farm families to survive, and ultimately thrive, in an unpredictable world.

Every member of the committee has heard directly from farmers in their states about the current difficult conditions they face. I’ve been blessed to join many of those conversations around the country

and have taken note of the common theme.

High interest rates, elevated production costs and depressed commodity prices, coupled with a frayed safety net worn out over time, have left many producers exposed to financial ruin. Since 2022, ag producers have lost more than \$50 billion and net farm income is forecast to decline.

There is no room for error in this scenario. Farm families like Jennifer James are looking at the next generation and trying to determine if this career, that requires more sacrifice than many others, is viable. The Newport, Arkansas, rice farmer testified at the hearing that 2024, her 30th crop year, was unquestionably “the most difficult year financially that we have endured.”

Nathan Reed, a cotton farmer from Marianna, shared the same fears. He told our committee that, over the last few years, he has “endured steep losses due to a sharp increase in input costs and low commodity prices.” He, too, is asking whether he can continue to risk his family’s future by continuing to farm.

They are not alone. The prospect of losing untold numbers of farm families across the country if we do not act is growing rapidly.

The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University reports that since it began projecting farm financial performance, the crop outlook for its representative farms “is the worst in terms of the number of farms in each of the four commodity types (feed grains, cotton, rice and wheat) that are not currently expected to have a positive cash flow over the next five years.”

My highest priority for the next farm bill is to improve the farm safety net, whereby every farmer in every region of the country will have access to modernized risk management tools regardless of the commodity they grow. If we fail to modernize the safety net, agriculture will see further consolidation as farm families leave the business, and the ripple effects to our country will be profound.

Agriculture producers in Arkansas and across our country are counting on Congress to update these vital programs that help them stay in business feeding, clothing and fueling the world. That task is great, and the Senate Ag Committee will prioritize it until the job is finished. I am honored to lead our efforts in the weeks and months ahead and look forward to the momentum we will build as well as the progress we must make.

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# Chamber

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award last year along with her husband, Michael. Eleven new businesses were recognized by emcee Loren Hinton, retired from Cossatot-UA but still reliable for chamber events. The chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award was

presented to Richard Sil-lavan, welding business owner and mentor who is devoted to his church. A break from the award presentation was taken by the auction of a number of special items ranging from firearms, a guitar and a luxury vacation in Cancun. Auctioneer was Reed Webb, a NHS sophomore who has done a number of benefit auctions. After

high school he is headed for Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia where he said many family members had attended. Outgoing chamber board president Aaron Tollett was presented a plaque of appreciation by new board president Kristin Stavely. Chamber board members were recognized. The banquet was held in the NHS cafeteria.



**AUCTIONEER.** Reed Webb kept things moving along with master of ceremonies, Loren Hinton.



**SCRAPPERETTE VICTORY.** Ava Basiliere sets up a shot in Nashville's 73-56 win at Arkadelphia Monday night, Feb. 17.

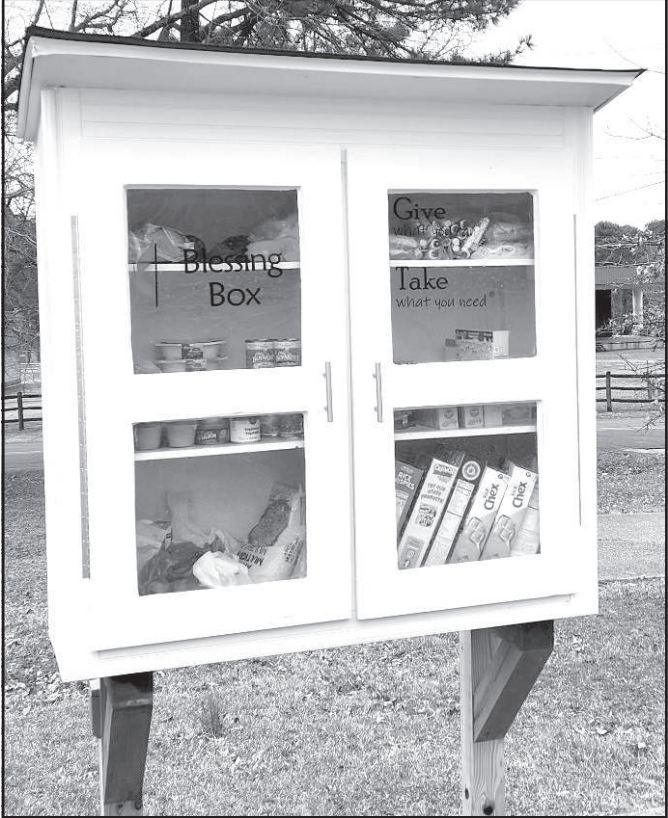
# Hoops

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The victory at Arkadelphia puts the Scrappers in third place in District 7-4A with a chance to finish second with a win at Fairview Friday night, depending on how other games turn out. The Class 4A South Regional will be Feb. 26-March 1 at Monticello High School. Top four teams from 7-4A and 8-4A will compete in the regional. On the girls side, the Scrapperettes, De Queen and Arkadelphia are among the top teams in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's* Class 4A rankings, with De Queen second, Nashville third and Arkadelphia fifth. For the boys, Magnolia is ranked fourth in 4A by the *Democrat-Gazette*, the only conference team in the top six.



Tim Dean, Robert Nannemann and Ed Ryan put the First United Methodist Church blessing box in place on Johnson Street behind the church and across from the Nashville City Park. It is among several boxes sponsored by different groups around Nashville.



The blessing box at First United Methodist Church includes food, clothing, hygiene products and other items. It opened recently across from the Nashville City Park.



The box is located near Johnson Street behind the church.

# DHC

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Developing Howard County was formed in late 2023 following Husqvarna's

announcement that its Nashville operation would close by the end of 2024. The closure resulted in the loss of more than 700 jobs. Phoenix Investors of Milwaukee, Wisc., bought the

Husqvarna property and has been searching for a buyer or buyers. Recent site visits by prospective buyers have been promising, according to Weeks and Nashville Mayor Larry Dunaway.

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# Registration opens Feb. 24 for spring edition Walk Across Arkansas

By Rebekah Hall  
U of A System Division of Agriculture

For Arkansans looking to achieve their fitness goals or develop new healthy habits this spring, Walk Across Arkansas offers an eight-week, group-based exercise program that helps get people moving.

The free program is offered each spring and fall by the Cooperative Extension Service, the outreach arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Participants can sign up in teams of up to 30 people, and they log their total number of minutes spent being physically active each day.

“We encourage participants to get creative with the types of exercise they engaged in, not just walking,” said Heather Wingo, extension health program associate for the Division of Agriculture. “If you’ve been curious about yoga, strength training, or taking a Zumba class, this is a great time to try that out. Any moderate to vigorous physical activity



counts, as long as you get your heart rate up.”

Individuals can participate in the program alone, but Wingo encourages Arkansans to participate alongside their peers.

“This program is free and encourages friendly competition between groups of friends, family members, co-workers or church members,” she said. “Anyone who wants to work together towards their physical activity goals would benefit from Walk Across Arkansas.”

Registration for the spring 2025 session opens Feb. 24. Participants can register and log exercise minutes at walk.uada.edu/walk/. The competition starts March 10 and ends May 4.

### Health benefits

During the fall 2024 Walk

Across Arkansas session, 160 teams of 1,757 individuals from 39 counties reported more than 1.9 million minutes of physical activity.

Wingo said past participants have reported that through Walk Across Arkansas, they had more energy, slept better, strengthened their relationships and lost weight or inches.

They also reported lower stress levels and improved their blood pressure and blood panels.

Anyone can participate in Walk Across Arkansas. Division of Agriculture employees must use a personal email address, not their work email address, to register. Visit walk.uada.edu/walk/ to learn more and register or contact your local county extension agent.

# Three-month investigation leads to arrest of former Blevins school counselor

## Charges range from harassment to child porn

The Hempstead County Sheriff’s Office has arrested former Blevins School District counselor and intern principal, Justin James Mishler, 33, of Nashville, following a three-month investigation into multiple criminal offenses.

Mishler was arrested on suspicion of the following:

- Promoting obscene materials
  - Unlawful computerized communications
  - Possession, sale, or distribution of obscene materials
  - Producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child
  - Pandering or possessing visual or print medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child
  - Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print medium
  - Endangering the welfare of a minor in the second degree
  - Harassment
  - Tampering with physical evidence
- The investigation was initiated following reports of inappropriate conduct involving minors. In November of 2024, Mishler, who served as a counselor



**Justin James Mishler**  
Hempstead County Booking Photo

and interim principal at Blevins High School, resigned in November. At the time of the resignation, Blevins Superintendent Stephanie Dixon said Mishler had submitted his resignation and it was accepted Nov. 11 by the school board. The allegations regarded “potentially inappropriate conduct by an employee, specifically concerning images sent to students,” according to a message sent to parents and guardians.

The Hempstead County Sheriff’s Office, in coordination with the Arkansas State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force conducted an extensive inquiry into the allegations, which resulted in the issuance of 15 search

warrants for social media platforms and electronic devices used by Mishler.

As a result of the investigation an arrest warrant was issued. Mishler with his attorney surrendered himself to Hempstead County Investigator Sgt. Jeremy McBride on Feb. 12. Mishler appeared before Circuit Judge Joe Short, who set Mishler’s bond at \$100,000.00. Mishler was released after posting bond with pending a court date of March 24.

“This case underscores our unwavering commitment to protecting the safety and well-being of our children,” said Hempstead County Sheriff James Singleton.

“We appreciate the diligence of Sgt. Jeremy McBride and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in ensuring that justice is served.”

The Hempstead County Sheriff’s Office encourages anyone with additional information regarding this case to come forward. Individuals can contact Investigator McBride at 870-777-6727.

As of Tuesday morning, charges against Mishler had not been filed.

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**THE PHARAOHS OF THE BIBLE !**

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# Scrappette seniors recognized Feb. 11

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Senior Caroline Dean (third from left) and family, including her dad Coach Paul Dean



Senior Kennedy Scrivner (fourth from left), her family and Coach Paul Dean



Senior Mercy Hagler (second from left), her family and Coach Paul Dean



Senior manager Chayayn Adams (third from left), her family and Coach Paul Dean



Senior manager Sariah Fizer (third from left), her family and Coach Paul Dean



Angel Watson (4) and Karstyn Scrivner (24) go for the ball in the Scrappettes' 75-38 win over Magnolia Tuesday, Feb. 11.



Caroline Dean scores against Magnolia in the final home game of the season Feb. 11.  
Sofia McCauley (15) recorded a double-double in the win over Magnolia. She scored 12 points and had 12 rebounds against the Lady Panthers.



Karstyn Scrivner (24), Mercy Hagler (25), Kiyanna Stewart (14) and Kennedy Scrivner (10) surround the Magnolia Lady Panther in Nashville's District 7-4A victory.

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# Senior Night for Scrappers held Feb. 11

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Senior Roochie Wiley (third from left), his family and Coach Aaron Worthen



Senior Channing Scott (third from left), his family and Coach Aaron Worthen



Senior Kason Morgan (third from left), his family and Coach Aaron Worthen



Senior manager Nieko Sheets (third from left), his family and Coach Aaron Worthen



Senior manager Harleigh Hill (second from left), Coaches Tyler and Mikayla Clift and Coach Aaron Worthen



Senior Khaleel Canady (second from left), Principal Ashley Riggs, his family and Coach Aaron Worthen



Senior Layne Schroer (third from left), his family and Coach Aaron Worthen



Johnte Taylor (4) protects the ball from Magnolia defenders Feb. 11 at Scrapper Arena.

Channing Scott (right) goes for the steal in the Scrappers' loss to highly ranked Magnolia Feb. 11. Nashville won at Lake Hamilton Feb. 14.

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Sofia McCauley, Nashville



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**MORE NASHVILLE CHAMBER AWARDS.** Richard Sullivan (top) was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by Nashville Chamber of Commerce board member Susie Berruquin; Auctioneer Reed Weeb (at left) gets an assist from Mollie Revels in auctioning off a cake that went on to raise \$5,500; and new chamber president, Kristin Stavely, received an appreciation gift from outgoing president Aaron Tollett.



Springtime Events  
Cossatot River State Park

The following are the March activities scheduled at Howard County's Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area

- Saturday, March 1**  
**Snakes of Cossatot River**  
1p.m. Visitor Information Center  
Join a park interpreter to get acquainted with our resident snakes and learn about the many snakes of the area. Paint your very own wooden snake to take home!
- Every Sunday**  
**Critter Feeding**  
3p.m. Visitor Information Center  
Stop by the center to join a park interpreter in feeding our resident critters– snakes, frogs and more!
- Saturday, March 8**  
**Nature's Alarm Clock**  
1p.m. Visitor Information Center  
The day before Daylight Saving Time begins, join a park interpreter as we draw the connection between our sense of place and how length of day and night impacts organisms. We'll be making beautiful beaded suncatchers to display in your home for all seasons!
- Saturday, March 15**  
**Mammals of Cossatot River**  
1-3p.m. Stop by Cossatot Falls  
Are you ready to discover the wild side of Cossatot River State Park? Stop by the Falls to investigate the diverse wild-life of the area with a park interpreter! Come & go station.
- Saturday, March 22**  
**Micro Hike**  
2p.m. Waterleaf Trailhead  
Have you ever imagined the world from the perspective of a bug? Join a park interpreter as we slow down and observe the smaller elements in the landscape– you never know what you might find!
- Wednesday, March 26**  
**Owl Pellet Dissection**  
2p.m. Visitor Information Center  
Join a park interpreter in the classroom as we investigate the life of an owl. Hands on and fascinating for all ages!
- Thursday, March 27**  
**Moss & Lichen Walk**  
2p.m. Brushy Creek Trailhead  
Explore the non-vascular life forms that surround us on the trail and debunk common misconceptions. ~0.75mi loop
- Friday, March 28**  
**Dutch Oven Cooking**  
2p.m. Visitor Information Center  
Join the park interpreters for a tasty camp treat! We'll be making Dutch Oven Biscuits and homemade butter as we discuss the history of Dutch ovens.
- Saturday, March 29**  
**Mammals of Cossatot River**  
1-3p.m. Stop by Cossatot Falls  
For more information, call CRSPNA at (870) 385-2201. The park is located at 1980 Hwy 278 W, Wickes, AR 71973.



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  - **Primary care**
  - **General surgery**
  - **Robotic surgery**





# Narrows Dam Day Use Area, swim beach now closed

The Narrows Dam Day Use Area pavilion and swim beaches at Lake Greeson closed to the public on Feb. 16 and with access to the area to be restricted until work is complete on the dam’s trash racks.

The “No Boats” area in front of the dam has also been extended to include the entire work area. Also, a “No Ski” area will be established to help reduce wave action within the work area.

After more than a year since halting hydropower production, work on Narrows Dam’s trash rack system is set in February and will take approximately seven months to complete, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Vicksburg District.

More than one year ago, during maintenance activities on the trash racks at Narrows Dam at Lake Greeson, USACE identified a need for repairs to the metal structure supporting the trash racks. Trash racks are metal grates preventing large debris from entering and damaging the turbans used for creating hydropower, and do not affect the integrity or effectiveness of Narrows Dam.

As a precautionary measure, Narrows Dam halted hydropower generation until repairs are completed. These repairs are essential to ensuring the uninterrupted and safe production of hydropower in the future.

This cessation has not impacted the ability to carry out flood risk management or other missions of the Narrows Dam/Lake Greeson Project. Water releases like these are executed through the structure to maintain adequate flood control capability. A significant drawdown of Lake Greeson is not anticipated to perform the repairs.

# Free training for area childcare providers Feb. 22 in Nashville

**By Eva Langley • Pike County Extension Service**

Don’t miss out on all the early childhood development training opportunities and resources available to childcare professionals in Arkansas. All childcare training programs are offered free of charge by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in partnership with the Division of Childcare and Early Childhood Education and the Professional Development Registry (PDR).

The Howard/Pike/Sevier County in-person 2025 Best Care professional development training has been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Howard County Extension Homemakers Educational Center at 425 Second Street (behind the courthouse) in Nashville.

All childcare providers are encouraged and welcome to attend. It is a great way to get fresh ideas for your childcare program and to connect with others in the community in this much needed and important field of work.

The 2025 course topics equals 10 Best Care PDR hours. Lessons include: Farm to ECE, Allergy Attack!, Sensory Play for all Ages, Outdoor Learning and Physical Activity, Sound Solutions: Music in Early Childhood, Arkansas History and Culture, Problem Solving Pathways, Social and Emotional Development Part 1 and Social and Emotional Development Part 2.

To register for the Feb. 22 class, contact Pike County Extension FCS Agent Eva Langley, at 870-285-2161, or Sevier County Extension FCS Agent Janet Cantrell at 870-584-3013.

This is an all-day event and participants are asked to bring their own lunch. Light snacks will be provided during the day.

In addition to this local, in-person class, the University of Arkansas Extension Services continues to offer two online classes: Best Care Connected, which is five hours of training, and Guiding Children Successfully, which is 30 hours of self-guided study. Self-guided hard copies of Guiding Children Successfully are available at your local county Extension office if you do not want the online version.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact the Sevier County Extension Office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.



**THE WELCOME TABLE.** A large and appreciative crowds filled the Nashville high School cafeteria for the annual Nashville Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet held Monday night.

# Pike County District Court

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| <b>Jan. 21, 2025</b><br><i>BF=Bond Forfeited</i><br><b>Pike County</b><br>Becerra, Jose Juan, 53, Dallas, Texas, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course<br>Bryant, Derrill D., 51, Naples, Texas, improper passing, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$125<br>Cogburn, Larissa Raelynn, 21, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$250<br>Harrison, Shane E., 20, Hallsville, Texas, \$125 BF, passing on double yellow line; \$205 BF, failure to appear<br>Hearnsberger, Ronnie, 69, Prescott, improper passing, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$125<br>Hembey, Tomas Dillin, 27, Delight, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired<br>Hooks, Kelley Jean, 53, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, no driver’s license<br>Poor, April Gibson, 45, Mena, harassing communications, under advisement for one years to dismiss, fined \$450<br>Spears, Dewayne A., 55, Amity, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125<br>Stewart, Craig W., 54, Glenwood, \$469.98 BF, violation of Arkansas Hot Check | <b>Law</b><br>Watts, Brandon L., 45, Delight, guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$125<br><b>City of Murfreesboro</b><br>Roberts, Laurie Ann, 61, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay, \$575 owed<br>Teel, Vicki, 57, Murfreesboro, guilty of furnishing alcohol to minor, fined \$200; guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$800<br>Tum Van Cung, 21, Indianapolis, Ind., \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$145 BF, following too close<br><b>City of Glenwood</b><br>Atkinson, Frederick C., 50, Glenwood, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course<br>Cogburn, Laryssa Raelynn, 21, Glenwood, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,020 and license suspended for six months<br>Driggers, Rickey Lee, 75, Glenwood, driving ATV on public highway, under advisement for three months to dismiss, fined \$150<br>Rose, Kendra Dee, 34, Mount Ida, endangering welfare of minor, under advisement to dismiss, fined \$785; contributing to delinquency of minor, under advisement to dismiss, fined \$415; public intoxication, under advisement to dismiss, fined \$245; drinking in public or on highway, under | advisement to dismiss, fined \$245<br>Williams, Brian Lee Daniel, 26, Nocoma, Texas, failure to show proof of insurance, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$340 |
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# Pike County commodities Feb. 26-27

Central Arkansas Development Council will distribute rescheduled USDA commodities on Feb. 26, and Feb. 27 in Glenwood. Distribution will begin at 8:30 am.  
**Glenwood Senior Activity Center**  
229 Betty St., Glenwood, AR 71943

We would like to *congratulate* all the winners from the Nashville Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Thank you for your contributions making our lives better in southwest Arkansas.

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Applications may be picked up at the Howard County Housing Authority office located at  
**1010 S. Pope Street, Nashville, Arkansas** (off of Hope Hwy).  
Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, Monday - Friday, closed on Wednesday afternoons.  
**For questions, you may call the Housing Authority Office at (870) 845-1080.**




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Dierks Lumber crew at the Howard County Fair Auction, Love is in the Fair Banquet Dinner, at midtown social exemplifies the best of community spirit. We are proud to be part of unified efforts and recognize the significance of our impact when we work together to support our local youth organization. This kind of event showcases the importance of collectively supporting local to create lasting benefits for our youth. It is inspiring to see local businesses at the forefront of meaningful change in our community.



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# Machine learning maps animal feeding operations to improve sustainability

**By Maddie Johnson**  
University of Arkansas  
System Division  
of Agriculture  
Arkansas Agricultural  
Experiment Station

Understanding where farm animals are raised is crucial for managing their environmental impacts and developing technological solutions, but gaps in data often make it challenging to get the full picture.

Becca Muenich, biological and agricultural engineering researcher, set out to fill the gap with a new technique for mapping animal feeding operations.

Without proper control strategies, the waste generated by these operations can pose significant ecological harm, Muenich said, such as surface water contamination with excess phosphorus and nitrogen. Animal feeding operations are defined as facilities that feed animals for at least 45 days per year in a confined area that does not grow grass or forage. For Muenich, a water quality engineer who focuses on how water moves through landscapes and how it can pollute areas by picking up and moving toxic materials, this issue piqued her

interest.

“We can’t really address something if we don’t know where the problem is,” said Muenich, an associate professor with the College of Engineering at the University of Arkansas and researcher for the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

“We don’t have a good nationwide — even at many state levels — understanding of where livestock are in the landscape, which really hinders our ability to do some of the studies that I was interested in,” she said.

Muenich said there has been a rise in these feeding operations in response to increasing population size and global demand for livestock products.

Considering key predictors of feeding operation presence such as surface temperature, phosphorus levels and surrounding vegetation, Muenich’s team built a machine learning model that can predict the location of feeding operation locations without using aerial images. Machine learning models are a type

of computer program that can use algorithms to make predictions based on data patterns.

The model was developed using data encompassing 18 U.S. states. The data was broken up into individual parcels based on ownership.

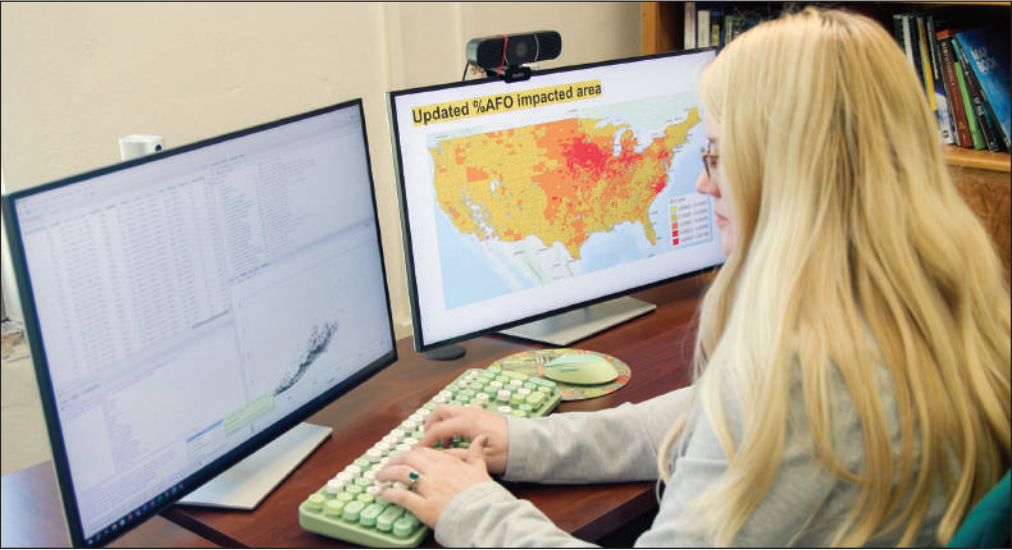
Testing against a dataset of known animal feeding operations, the model predicted their location with 87 percent accuracy.

The study, “Machine learning-based identification of animal feeding operations in the United States on a parcel-scale,” was published in Science of the Total Environment in January.

Filling in the gaps

Previous attempts at identifying animal feeding operations have often relied on aerial images, Muenich said, but livestock facilities often look different between states and by animal, so she and her team aimed to employ further strategies.

She explained the lack of understanding surrounding livestock locations often comes from differences in how states interpret the Clean Water Act, which requires farms classified as “concentrated animal



**MAPPING IT OUT.** Becca Muenich, associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering and a researcher with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, used machine learning tools to model the locations of animal feeding operations in the U.S. (U of A System Division of Agriculture photo by Paden Johnson)

feeding operations” to get permits through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. These facilities are a type of animal feeding operation with more than 1,000 animal units.

Despite the national regulation, states administer this permitting differently, leading to differences in available data.

For example, Muenich built a watershed model in an area with of Michigan and Ohio that included multiple feeding operations. Data was readily available through the pollutant elimination system for Michigan due to the state’s permitting requirements.

The same data, however, wasn’t available for the same operations in Ohio, which

set Muenich down this path of investigation.

Advancing towards a better accounting of livestock can help with developing strategies that can improve environmental outcomes of livestock management while creating economic opportunities for farmers through the scaling up of technologies aimed at combating animal waste, Muenich said.

Scaling these technologies in economically feasible ways requires knowledge of where livestock are most prevalent and spatially connected, she explained.

Co-authors of the study included Arghajeet Saha, formerly a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Arkansas and currently an assistant scientist with the

Kansas Geological Survey; Barira Rashid, Ph.D. student at the University of Arkansas; Ting Liu, a research associate with the University of Arkansas biological and agricultural engineering department; and Lorryne Miralha, an assistant professor with The Ohio State University’s department of food, agricultural and biological engineering.

The research was supported by the Science and Technologies for Phosphorus Sustainability Center under National Science Foundation award number CBET-2019435.

The Data with Purpose program from Regrid, a source for nationwide land parcel data, provided data used in the research.

## AGFC accepting applications for 2025 summer internships

College students looking for hands-on experience in conservation have until March 15 to submit an application for a summer internship with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

As a former intern, part of the challenge and joy of spending a summer with AGFC was seeing how conservation and preservation efforts were generated from a variety of people with a variety of skills.

It is rewarding not only to see the progress that is made in such a short amount of time, but to have a part in that success.

Internships are available for a broad range of academic majors, including forestry, wildlife management, fisheries management, environmental interpretation, environmental science, biological research and law enforcement.

Each of these part-time positions offers special opportunities and training to give students insight into the conservation field. For many, this is the chance to explore what research in a hatchery or lab for the agency looks like day-to-day.

Lauren Cannon, facility manager for Ponca Nature Center and post-secondary

outreach coordinator, highlighted how these experiences can shape a student’s career path.

“Internships provide a clear vision of what the student wants out of their future by offering hands-on experience and exposure to various roles within the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission,” Cannon said. “This allows students to identify areas where they could potentially fit within our agency.”

“I wholeheartedly recommend our internship program over others because it strikes a balance between education and enjoyment,” she continued.

“While interns gain valuable skills that will undoubtedly benefit them in a future career with AGFC, they also have the opportunity to engage in fun and meaningful experiences.”

Opportunities are available across the state for students in dozens of fields and interests. Internships can be up to 320 hours and pay an established hourly rate of \$13 per hour with an approximate 40 hour work-week.

Selected interns must coordinate with their college or university directly to

obtain course credit for this internship.

To apply, applicants must:

- Have a declared degree in a conservation field;
- Have 60 hours of college credits earned by the time the internship begins;
- Be a college student, be enrolled in a post-graduate program or must have graduated within the previous 12 months;
- Have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Visit [www.agfc.com/](http://www.agfc.com/) jobs to view all available positions and for more information on the internship program.

Be sure to attach a current resume, one page cover letter and official college transcript to your application.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Howard County Housing Authority will hold a  
**Public Meeting at 8:30 a.m.**  
**on Wednesday, February 26, 2025,**  
to receive comments on the Housing Authority’s 2025 Five-Year Plan and the 2025-2029 Capital Fund Five-Year Action Plan Budgets.

All documents are on display at the office of the **Housing Authority** located at 1010 S. Pope St. in **Nashville, Arkansas**, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Office is closed Wednesday after 12 p.m.



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“Come, let us tell of the Lord’s greatness; let us exalt his name together.” Psalms 34:3 NLT

**Saturday, February 22, 2025  
at 6 p.m.**

**Corinth First Missionary Baptist Church**  
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## State hunger relief alliance celebrates passage of SB59 as win for students, families

The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance is celebrating the passage of Senate Bill 59 (SB59), a landmark piece of legislation that will provide no cost, nutritious breakfast to every public-school student in Arkansas. This initiative represents a major step forward in the fight against childhood hunger and food insecurity across the state. AHRA is looking forward to Governor Sarah Sanders official signature on SB59.

SB59, championed by bipartisan lawmakers and supported by educators, advocates, and families, ensures that all students—regardless of income—have access to a healthy meal to start each school day. Research has consistently shown that well-nourished students perform better academically, have improved attendance, and experience

fewer behavioral issues.

“This is a win for Arkansas students, families, and school districts,” says Sylvia Blain, Chief Executive Officer of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance. “Passing School Breakfast for All legislation has been a dream goal of the Arkansas No Kid Hungry Campaign for the last 15 years,” says Patty Barker, the Alliance’s No Kid Hungry Campaign Director. “The Campaign has long advocated for increasing student participation in school breakfast, knowing that simply providing a healthy breakfast as part of the school day can improve student health and academic outcomes year after year. We wish to thank all our Arkansas No Kid Hungry partners and our national partner Share Our Strength.”



**COFFEE SHOP OPENS IN MURFREESBORO.** Connections Coffee Shop and Market opened recently in Murfreesboro on the Pike County Square in the former Ceba Gas building. The business, operated by Ande and Zach Eckert, will be opened from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Wifi connectivity will be offered to customers, who can select from a large selection of coffees and lattes as well as soups, sandwiches and pastries. Additionally, the business will also host Fringe Salon, which will open soon. A grand opening with the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce is pending at a future date.



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**OUT FOR FUNDRAISERS.** The sunny weather on Friday, Feb. 14 was the perfect time for area groups to get out and raise some funds, including Kaden O'Bryant and Emmett Jamison (at left), who were raising funds for the Howard County 4-H Program, and the trio of Raymiah and Rayniah Alvarez and Raymond Jones of Lifeline Ministries, who were selling baked goods for the church's youth program.



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### Farmers Bank Foundation charity golf tournament April 25

MAGNOLIA – The Farmers Bank Foundation is excited to present the sixth annual Arkansas State Police Foundation Golf Tournament. This special charitable event is set for Friday, April 25, at Mystic Creek Golf Club in El Dorado.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Arkansas State Police Foundation.

The nonprofit was cre-

ated in 2002 to ensure state law enforcement officers are thoroughly trained, equipped, and capable of responding to threats across Arkansas.

In 2024, the Farmers Bank Foundation raised over \$115,000 for the Arkansas State Police Foundation.

Tee times for the golf tournament are scheduled for 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The event will accept 44 four-

person teams (22 teams in the morning session and 22 in the afternoon). The entry fee is \$800 per team, which includes breakfast, lunch, two carts, and a gift bag.

“The Arkansas State Police Golf Tournament is a shining example of how our community unites to support those who dedicate their lives to protecting us,” said Elizabeth Burns Anderson, executive director of the

Farmers Bank Foundation.

“We are honored to play a role in strengthening the safety and well-being of our region by championing law enforcement through this impactful event.”

For more information about the tournament or team registration and sponsorships, visit [www.myfarmers.bank/ASPFgolf](http://www.myfarmers.bank/ASPFgolf) or call Candace Rankin at 870-235-7003.

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Kids: color stuff in!

## As Healthy as We Can Be!

You’ve probably heard that goats will eat anything, but we don’t. We might check out the smells from a tin can or tear at a piece of cardboard, but those don’t give us any **nutrition**. Kids...the human kind...are lucky. They have a helpful “**food plate**” called “**MyPlate**”★ that shows people five basic food groups and the amounts they should try to eat each day to get all the nutrients they need. It helps kids to eat a balanced diet.

Mooo! I mean, drink milk every day!

Drink or eat about 3 cups from the Dairy Group each day.

Do you see the little **star** after the word “**MyPlate**” in the speech balloon above? That is called an “**asterisk**” (as-tuh-risk). It is a symbol used to show that there is information missing or an addition of information somewhere. Look here to see what extra information I needed to tell you.

\* from the United States Department of Agriculture

Moderate amounts of fat are good for your brain!

Vegetables

Try half of a frozen banana for a cool treat.

cheese

heal

Protein

Dairy

eyes

chicken

carrots

muscle

cereal

Fruits

apples

bones

Grains

energy

13

11

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A. The drinks and foods in the 1 Group give us vitamin D. They have calcium to help us build strong 2 and teeth. Some foods in this group are milk, yogurt, pudding, and 3.

B. The 4 Group is loaded with green, yellow, red and orange foods that you can eat raw or cooked. Many foods from this group, like 5, have vitamin A, which keeps your skin healthy and helps your 6 to see in dim light.

C. Foods from the 7 Group are also a rainbow of color! Many fruits, like oranges, have vitamin C that keeps your body healthy and helps it 8. 9, bananas, berries and other fruits have lots of good fiber too.

D. The foods in the 10 Group have lots of protein, iron and B vitamins. They help to build 11, blood and every cell in your body. Some foods in this group are beef, fish, nuts, seeds, eggs and 12.

E. The 13 Group is made up of foods that have carbohydrates and may have lots of fiber. Carbohydrates help to give you 14. Foods in this group include 15, bread, rice, crackers, noodles and popcorn.

Be the best that you can be! If you haven't exactly been sparkling and **energetic** every day, here are my ten tips to get you on your way!

I make sure to **stretch** every morning.

Did you know that goats like to climb trees? They will go high on a tree's branches if they can!

### Ten Tips for Tip-Top Health!

- Start each day by eating that famous first meal of the day, called       . It will kick you into high gear!
- Plan healthy meals and snacks. Then, shop for **vegetables** and **fruits** that you like. Help to        healthy meals at home.
- Keep a good       ! Your family **doctor** can help you decide what is healthy for your size and activities.
- for at least 60 minutes each day – ride a bike, walk, shoot hoops, exercise to dance DVDs.
- Take care of yourself: **bathe** or shower,        your hands, face and hair as often as needed.
- Choose **healthier** snacks – ones with less        or lower fat.
- your teeth at least 2 times a day and after sugary snacks.
- appropriately for the **weather** and temperature.
- Get enough        every night.
- Talk to and have fun with your family and        every day.

Read each health tip. Draw a line from each to the word that would make sense in the blank. Next, look for the 18 words in bold print. Find and circle them in the puzzle below:

A. **friends**

B. **wash**

C. **sleep**

D. **exercise**

E. **sugar**

F. **brush**

G. **cook**

H. **dress**

I. **weight**

J. **breakfast**

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FEB 20TH 5:30 PM

DIERKS

DIERKS

FEB 17TH 5:30 PM

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FEB 21ST 8:30 PM

REGIONAL BERTH

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FEB 20TH 8:30 PM

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FEB 17TH 8:30 PM

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UPDATE BRACKETS  
for 2A-7 District  
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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 Mineral Springs 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                  | \$ 3,687,630 |
| 2. | Instructional Expense                     | \$ 1,622,999 |
| 3. | Maintenance & Operation Expense           | \$ 843,739   |
| 4. | Dedicated Maintenance & Operation Expense | \$ 0         |
| 5. | Pupil Transportation Expense              | \$ 482,594   |
| 6. | Other Operating Expense                   | \$ 30,914    |
| 7. | Non-Bonded Debt Payment                   | \$ 0         |
| 8. | Bonded Debt Payment                       | \$ 1,147,328 |
| 9. | Building Fund Expense                     | \$ 750,000   |

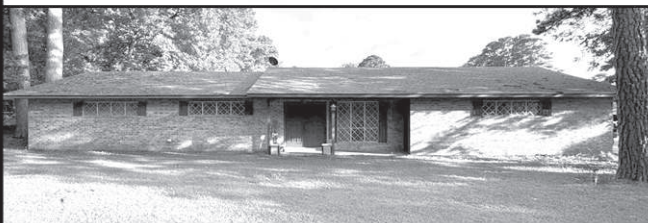
To provide for the foregoing proposed budget of expenditures, the Board of Directors proposes a total school tax rate (state and local) of 34.0 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of taxable property located in this School District. The proposed tax includes the uniform rate of tax of 25.00 mills (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 34.00 mills includes 25.00 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 9.00 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 34.0 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
CHARLES OLLIE WHITE, deceased      No. 31PR-25-5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Last known address of the decedent: 916 Highway 70 W,  
Dierks, Howard County, Arkansas 71833

Date of Death: December 29, 2024

An instrument dated February 04, 2025, lawfully appointed Danny White Administrator of the above estate.

That all persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published on the 12th day of February, 2025

Petitioner,  
Danny White

BY:    /s/ Dustin Bissell  
Attorney for Petitioner  
306 E. Broadway  
Glenwood, AR 71943  
(870) 356-2589  
Arkansas Bar #2022047

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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STREET DEPARTMENT

The City of Dierks will be accepting applications for a full time position for the Street Department though March 3, 2025 until 3:30 PM.

This position requires a minimum education of:

1. A high school diploma or GED is preferred

2. A valid driver’s license

GENERAL JOB SUMMARY

1. Help with water leaks

2. Mow grass

3. Pick up limbs and brush

4. Other job task as assigned by the Mayor or Crew Leader

5. Have ability to work well with others as well as by themselves.


6. Be interested in getting a sewer/ water license.

The above information is intended to describe the general nature of this position. Any previous experience is helpful but not necessary.

Interested person may obtain application at the Dierks City Hall, 202 West Third St. Dierks, AR. 71833

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF DANNY RAY HAPPY      55 PR-25-7

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 2427 Highway 26 E  
Delight, Arkansas 71940

On February 5, 2025, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Danny Ray Happy, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pike County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:

All that part of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (W-2 SE-4 SE-4) of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 23 West, lying North of Wolf Creek, described as follows: Begin at the NW Corner thereof and run thence East 220 yards to the East Line of said W-2 SE-4 SE-4; thence South 100 feet; thence West 220 yards; thence North 100 feet to the Point of Beginning, the same being the North 100 feet of the said W-2 SE-4 SE-4, and containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

AND ALSO: Part of the West 18 and 1/3 acres of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE-4 SE-4) of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 23 West, lying South of State Highway No. 26 (previously recorded in Error as State Highway No. 27) and North of Wolf Creek, containing 2 acres, more or less, and containing in the aggregate 3.5 acres, more or less.

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

This notice first published on February 12, 2025

The name and address of the distributee or attorney is:

Pamela Campbell, by  
Brasel Law Firm, PLLC  
Aaron R Brasel  
Post Office Box 813  
Nashville, AR 71852  
(870) 845-4100 – Telephone  
(AB: 34, 35)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)

USDA – Farm Service Agency

Notice of Availability

Construction of a Large CAFO, Arkansas

Draft Environmental Assessment

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for the establishment of a large CAFO. The farm is located in Section 25, Township 9 south, Range 28 west, Howard county, Arkansas. The primary objective of the activity is to construct (4) broiler houses.

FSA is accepting written comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through 3/24/2025. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the following USDA Service Center: 101 S. Washington St. Nashville, AR. Comments should be submitted in writing to Adam Kaufman at Farm Service Agency, 419 West Gaines Street, Monticello, AR 71655.

All written comments will be carefully considered, and no action concerning the project shall be taken until the agency has completed an environmental review and issued a final decision. All who provide written comments will be informed of the decision when it is made. The Final Environmental Assessment will be made available and underlying documentation may be examined upon request.

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# District Tournament Champions

## Dierks Junior High Lady Outlaws & Junior High Outlaws



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**UNDEFEATED LADY OUTLAWS.** The Dierks Junior High Lady Outlaws finished first in conference standings and capped season with a district tournament championship title. The team, 23-0 on the season, includes (from left) manager Katelyn Moore, Dallie Graham, Delannie Hawthorne, Taigen McCauley, Brielle Kirby, Presley Pugh, Kaylan Coulter, Izzy Semmler, Ali Shelton and Scarlett Nuttall, The team is coached by Jacob Chisum and Will Stewart.



**20-4 DIERKS OUTLAWS.** The Dierks Junior High Outlaws finished the season with a 20-4 record and were also on top of the conference standings and won the district tournament held in Horatio. The team included (from left) Coach Jacob Chisum, Griffin Shankles, Maxton Greene, Jacen Herrington, Konner Jones, Seth Bearden, Eligah Hawthorne, Klay Helms, Maclane Smith, Bentley Glasgow, Henry Semmler, Brayden Palmer, Jacoby Faulkner, Harrison Simmons, Madden Hill, Parker Gadbury and Coach Will Stewart.



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