

Obituaries



Ruby V. Ray
Ruby V. Ray, 93, of Hot Springs, Ark., went home to Jesus Feb. 22, 2025, at home with her children by her side. She was born July 18, 1931 in Royal, Ark., to Tom E. and Iva E. Rhodes Muncrief. She was of the Pentecostal faith and had a tremendous love for her savior, Jesus Christ. She was active in The Assembly in Hot Springs and, formerly, in the Assembly of God in Nashville, Ark. Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 45 years, Philip Ray, three sisters, four brothers and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include: her daughter Virginia, son Daniel and his wife Michele, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as very special friends, Pam and Beau Fite. Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. at Caruth-Hale Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at 155 Section Line Road, Hot Springs, AR 71913. A celebration of Ruby’s life will be 10 a.m. Thursday Feb. 27, with Pastors Mike Mason of The Assembly and Joe Kelly of The Living Rock Church officiating. Burial will follow at Lowe Cemetery in Royal, AR. Pallbearers include Philip and Adam Ray, Larry Goff, Bob Brown, Online condolences at www.caruth-hale.com. **Lee Walter Thomas** Lee Walter Thomas, 74, of McCaskill died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025. He was born April, 4, 1950, the son of D. W. and Chloie Thomas. He was a US Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Thomas. Survivors include: his wife, Sharon Thomas; two sons, Wally Thomas (Ginger) and Clay Thomas (Tanya); a daughter, Tiffany Delaney; two stepsons, John Coleman (Bobbie), Jimmy Coleman (Nichole); his sister, Connie Woodson; a brother, James Thomas; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, in Antoine Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro. Online at latimerfuneral-home.com. **Wilma Jean Nail** Wilma Jean Nail, 78, of Mineral Springs died Monday, Feb. 17, 2025. She was born Aug. 23, 1946, in Shawnee, Okla., to the late Jasper N. Guinn and Leona Abney Guinn. She was a Baptist, and was retired from the RV resort industry. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Bobbie L. Nail, and her brother, Jack Guinn. No services are planned at this time.



SCRAPPERETTE COACH, AGAIN. For the third time Boomer Brown is coaching in NHS girls softball, and he spoke about the program and athletes at the Nashville Rotary Club meeting, last Wednesday. He brought four of the seniors on the team. He thanked the community for its “unbelievable support” for the program.



TALKING ABOUT THE SCRAPPERS. Nashville High School boys baseball coach Jack Stewart talked about his team at last week’s meeting of the Nashville Rotary Club. He said the Scrappers would participate in three tournaments and see many good teams. He brought five of his seniors to the meeting at Patacakes.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Women caregivers may face some financial challenges

By Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments

On March 8, we observe International Women’s Day. Although this event celebrates women’s achievements, it’s still true that women, especially caregivers, face significant financial hurdles. How can these challenges be met? To begin with, let’s look at some concerning statistics connected to American women in the “sandwich generation” — those who care for children and parents or other relatives — from a study by Edward Jones and research firms NEXT360 and Morning Consult:

- Nearly half of women report feeling financially strained.
- Almost two-thirds of women say caregiving duties have harmed their ability to save for their own financial goals.
- More than half of women have had to reduce their professional responsibilities due to caregiving, resulting in the loss of potential income.

So, if you’re a sandwich-generation woman, what can you do to improve your financial outlook? Consider these suggestions:

- Establish your own financial goals. Depending on the length and complexity of your caregiving duties, your own financial goals could be affected. For example, you may need to change your retirement date from what you had originally intended, or else adjust the retirement lifestyle you had envisioned. However, this doesn’t mean you shouldn’t try to establish your own short- and long-term financial goals and then create a strategy for achieving them. In doing so, you may find it helpful to work with a financial professional.
- Contribute as much as you can to your retirement accounts. Your caregiving obligations may be preventing you from working as many hours as you like, or perhaps even

from accepting a higher-paying position. In either case, your ability to contribute to your retirement accounts may well be diminished. Nonetheless, each month try to put in as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And if you do get salary increases, think about boosting your monthly contributions to your plan.

- Don’t rush into taking Social Security. You can start collecting Social Security as early as age 62, and you might be tempted to do so if you’re feeling some financial pressure because of your caregiving responsibilities. But your monthly benefits can be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be age 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. So, if you can find other ways to bridge this gap — possibly through a spouse’s income or your own savings — it may well benefit you to wait as long as you can before collecting.
- Maintain separate finances. If your parents are concerned about falling behind on their bills, they might suggest combining their bank accounts with yours. This may not be a good idea — if your finances get tangled with those of your parents, you could end up paying for some of their expenses, even if they can afford to do so themselves. Consequently, try to keep your finances separate.
- Create a financial power of attorney. You may want to see whether your parents will agree to give you a financial power of attorney, so you can make decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated. Such an arrangement can help protect them and you.

There’s no sugar-coating it: Caregiving can be financially taxing on caregivers. But by taking the appropriate steps, you may be able to help reduce some of the stress involved.

Reservations requested for Lady’s Night Out at Cross Point Cowboy Church, Feb . 28

Cross Point Cowboy Church will host a “Lady’s Night Out’ on Friday, Feb. 28. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the church located seven miles west of Nashville on Hwy. 371. The \$5 entry fee covers a meal and door

prizes. The featured speaker will be Tammy Whitehurst. RSVP is requested by texting 870-845-9022 or 870-451-1246. The public is invited.

Nashville's City Sales and Use Tax For January 2025

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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



Dierks High School Band practicing marching formation.

122 years ago: February 1903

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the County Clerk's office at Centre Point for the record by the Cossatot Lumber Company. Capital Company stock is \$100,000. A large mill is being erected on the Cossatot River at Three Chute near Antony. A large number of cottages and a store building have also been built by the company.

Yesterday afternoon Marshal Gibson received a telephone message from Murfreesboro that a horse had been stolen by a stranger at that place Monday night and that the thief was making his way toward Centre Point. The stolen animal was an iron-gray and the thief was described as a middle-aged Irish man of dark complexion with a black mustache and with a scare on his face.

79 years ago: February 1946

Mrs. W. H. Yates, teacher in the Nashville High School, was badly burned about the face, head, arms and shoulders in the family home at Center Point which together with all its contents was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. The fire resulted from an oil stove exploding when it was ignited.

62 years ago: February 1963

Nashville's Garment Industry deal was in the final stages Monday with the signing in New York of the final agreement between local interest and Roytex Inc, parent firm for Howard Manufacturing Company. The Nashville Industrial Development Group will sign the papers as soon as they arrive in Arkansas. (Adv.) Oaklawn begins Saturday, February 16th. You

Circa 1950

will love every minute at Oaklawn, 63. Forty-three days of thoroughbred racing faster than ever before. Eleven rich feature races including the \$20,000 added Oaklawn handicap. Oaklawn Park, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

42 years ago: February 1983

A fifty-six-year-old poultry company employee was killed Thursday in a fatal fall at a Nashville feed mill. Jimmy C. Bowers, Route 5, Nashville was dead upon arrival at Memorial Hospital, according to the police investigation report. Bowers' death was due to an accidental fall inside the Sunnyside Feed Mill south of Nashville.

Bowers customarily inspected feed bins from the floor of the mill. He apparently fell from the second floor.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Feb. 13-19, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

Marriage Licenses
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)
No marriage licenses were issued during the period.

Civil Court
CV25-17, Feb. 12. Velocity Investments, LLC, vs. Wayne White. Debt.

CV25-18, Feb. 18. Capital One, N.A. vs. Breanna Roberts. Debt.

CV25-19, Feb. 18. Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration vs. Jonathan Mixon. Register Arkansas judgment.

CV25-20, Feb. 19. Cavalry SPV 1, LLC vs. Miguel Garate; contract.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-12, Feb. 13. Yanie Gonzalez vs. Jose Hernandez. Order of protection.

DR25-13, Feb. Gustavo Perez vs. Teresita Sandoval. Divorce.

DR25-14, Feb. 17. Terrie Hipp vs. Jessie Hipp. Divorce.

DR25-15, Feb. 18. Kohner Riley vs. Rhynna Perry. Paternity.

DR25-16, Feb. 18. Robert William Rodgers vs. Lisa Ables. Custody.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)
CR25-24, Feb. 17. State of Arkansas vs. William Con-

rad Blount, 47, white male, 307 Longview Road, Nashville; POCS, class C felony; POCS, class D; PODP, class D; maintaining a drug premises, class C.

CR25-25, Feb. 18. State of Arkansas vs. Juan Garate, 42, white male, 325 N. 4th, Nashville; DWI #6, class Y; 4 counts endangering welfare of a minor, misdemeanor; reckless driving, misdemeanor; operating vehicle without ignition interlock, misdemeanor.

CR25-26, Feb. 19. State of Arkansas vs. Dennis Moten, 57, white male, Fulton; DOCS, class Y.

Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deeds
Feb. 13. Cenobio Cuevas-Osario and wife, Florencia A. Reyes-Cuevas; to Matilde Cuevas Reyes and Gabino Cuevas, joint tenants; Lot 7, Block 22, City of Nashville.

Feb. 13. Addie Erdman; to Jeremy Leedale; Lot 6, Blue Bayou Acres, Howard County, Ark.

Feb. 14. (Heirs) Judy Carolyn Cannon, et al, heirs of Carrie Cannon, deceased; to Kathy Wayne and Laurie Jackson; 2 tracts; part of Lot 1, Block 14, Town of Saratoga; and 20 ac. in S33 T6S R28W.

Correction Deed
Feb. 13. Patricia A. Payne; to Wilbert Payne and Patricia Ann Payne, Trustees of the Wilbert and Patricia Payne Revocable Trust; 0.2 ac., part of Lot 2, Block 1; and Lot 3, Block 1; all in the Wilson and Ferguson Addition, City of Nashville, aka 405 W. Henderson and 415 W. Henderson, Nashville.

Distributee's Deed
Feb. 19. Jeremy Goodloe, Distributee of the Estate of Delphine Williams, deceased; to Roger Goodloe, et al; property in S11 T11S R28W.

Trustee's Deed
Feb. 14. (By substitute Trustee) Deborah Jean Hopkins and Chris Hopkins; to US Bank National Association; 117 N. Loop St., Mineral Springs.

Fiduciary's Deed
Feb. 13. (Correction) John Bowden, Personal Representative of the Estate of Milburn Bowden, deceased; to John Bowden; part of Lot 8, Block 3; and Lots 1-2-3, Block 4, Old Town of Nashville.

Warranty Deeds
Feb. 14. (Special) Mid-First Bank; to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; 0.35 ac. in S30 T7S R28W, aka 1133 Main Ave., Dierks.

Feb. 14. Jacqueline Elizabeth Johnson, aka Jacqueline Elizabeth Roberson and Aubrey Roberson, wife and husband; to Terrance Williamson, part of Lot 1, all of Lot 2, Block 97, no further description given. \$7,000.

Feb. 14. Tony Faulkner and wife, Elizabeth Faulkner; to Matthew Summers and wife, Sarah Summers; property in S31 T6S R28W. \$225,000.

Feb. 18. Teresa Miller, et al, Trustees of the Judy Ann Ray Living Trust; to Rickie D. Barnes and Carolyn S. Barnes, Co-Trustees of the Barnes Family Trust; 2 tracts; Lots 3 thru 6, Block 10; and part of Block 11, all in the Sunset Addition, City of Nashville. \$165,000.

Three defendants receive trial dates

Three defendants pleaded not guilty and had trial dates assigned last Wednesday, Feb. 19, during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

On the bench was Judge Bryan Chesshir.

Juan Garate, 42, white male, Nashville, has dates of April 9 for pretrial motions and April 29 for jury trial.

He is charged with DWI #6, a class B, felony; four counts of endangering the welfare of a minor, misdemeanor; reckless driving, misdemeanor; and operating a vehicle ignoring an ignition device.

William Blount, 47, white male, Nashville, also pleaded not guilty and had a date of July 9 set for pretrial motions. He is charged with possession of controlled substance, class C felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, class D; and maintaining a controlled substance premises, class C.

Ellis Ray Grissom, 56, white male, Nashville, has a date of June 4 for pretrial motions. He is charged with felony and misdemeanor

counts related to controlled substances, and also faces a misdemeanor charge of tampering with physical evidence.

A failure to appear warrant was ordered for Christopher Wright, 38, white male, Nashville, who missed his court date on a charge of third degree battery, class D. He was charged in February of 2024.

Because the defendant is

held on a murder charge in Pulaski County and is still awaiting an evaluation of fitness to proceed with her defense, that evaluation also places her Howard County case on hold. Alison Broyles, 36, white female, Little Rock, was charged here in 2022 with felony and misdemeanor drug possession counts.

Her case here will be reviewed Dec. 3.




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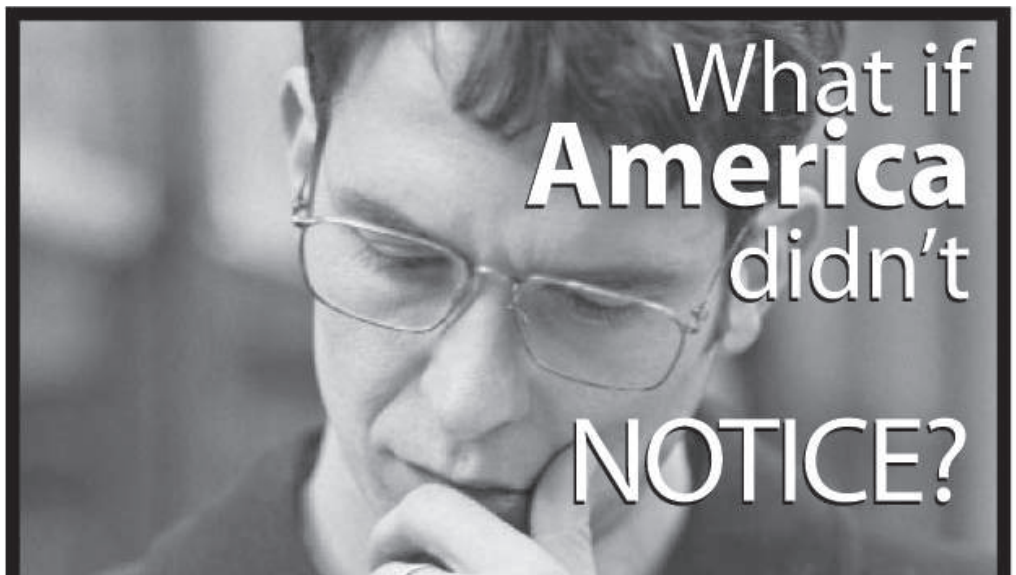
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Point of view

Lotsa food places Remembered: “Snack closes in 15 minutes”

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and in the future I won't be so quick to invite readers to correct me. I've learned my lesson.

Last week I listed some of my favorite eating places which are 'Gone but Not Forgotten.'

I acknowledged that I MIGHT -- just might -- have forgotten to list a place or two.

So by Friday morning I had heard from a handful of readers who said I had forgotten to list:

The Freeze King and Henry's Fine Food.

The Freeze King was on South Main across from the old 'Nashville News' office, and Henry's was out on the Murfreesboro highway.

As I told one caller, I wish I had a dollar for every Freeze King hot dog I wolfed down. The Freeze King was owned and run by the McMillan family and two of them still reside here. One member of the family was my classmate and Scrapper teammate, Ronnie McMillan, who is now a college pefesser retired and living in Alabama, I believe.

And I was at Henry's a lot because he let the Jaycees meet in the back room on Tuesday nights.

But the mention of Henry's reminded me that at the Howard Auto Theatre across the highway the Snack Bar had popcorn, pickles, BBQ sandwiches and hot dogs (lovingly cooked for days in boiling water). "Snack bar closes in 15 minutes."

The eating places I mentioned last week, along with some new additions, include:

Joda's; John's Reddy-Go; Dale's Little Gem

Tobe's; Crystal Cafe; Garner Hotel dining room

Hot Pepper Grill; The Bus Station; Willie Snell's BBQ House

The Lamplighter; The Hoover House; The deli at Joe's Grocery

The deli at Charlie's Thriftway; TG&Y Snack Bar;

The Plaza Cafe in the Elberta Hotel; Monty's;

And then I remembered the Tan and White Chicken House, opened by a gent named Louie Olds who returned to his hometown from somewhere up north. He could cook chicken.

The Tan and White in the name referred to the skin color of his customers. He didn't care: "Come on in and your order will be ready in just a minute." He usually had a joke to share.

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

AMAZED ... AND PUZZLED. NOT SHOCKED. It seems like the current President is hellbent upon undoing anything his predecessor did. Important or not.

So, I get why Comrade President Trump undid the naming of the USA's tallest mountain from Mt. Denali to the name it had before, Mt. McKinley. Denali is the name the local Indians had always called it. Sometime in the past 'we' named it after a deceased American President. President Biden had it changed to Denali. Then President Trump re-named it McKinley.

Comrade President Trump is a vindictive, classless bully.

But, I don't get it why he renamed the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America. And does he have the power to do that? It had been the Gulf of Mexico since the 1500s.

I wouldn't be surprised that before he is out office he names it Trump Gulf. Or maybe the Gulf of Elon.

I can joke and make light of some of the things Comrade President Trump does, but the scary thing is that he has banned The Associated Press from White House briefings and from access to the President.

The Associated Press has been objective and fair, and might be one of our last bastions of truthful media.

Comrade President is being vindictive again because the AP still refers to the Gulf of Mexico. We really need The Associated Press.

WHAT'S UP with the #1 Fair Weather Arkansas Razorback fan?

I see where the Hogs have a pitcher named Beidelschies.

That's very similar to the name of a De Queen Leopard footballer even before my time. His name was pronounced (I think) Butelchese, but it was spelled more like Beidelschies.

I refuse to get ahead of myself in Razorback baseball, but we are 6-1 with wins over Washington State, TCU and Michigan.

Lest we forget, the Razorbacks can lose to a team that is terrible. The lone loss on the Hogs' record was to a 1-4 cupcake.

Right now I just hope that old Leopard doesn't come looking for me.

DON'T WORRY. Well, maybe you SHOULD worry. Remember the asteroid I wrote about that had a 2.3% chance of landing atop the Bingen Community Center or some other notable place on Earth? Well, the perfessers have now DOUBLED those chances.

We've got seven years to party.

THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: "If you find yourself feeling useless, remember: it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, thousands of lives and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban."

WORD GAMES. The cousins: Tarred and Feathered. What a terrible way to be invited to leave town!

HE SAID: "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." Vince Lombardi, NFL Hall of Fame coach

SHE SAID: "Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand." Mother Teresa, saint

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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Senate bill abolishes two boards, alleges ‘poor leadership’ as reason

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The Senate approved legislation to transfer the powers of the state Library Board to the Education Department.

The same bill transfers the authority of the Arkansas Educational Television Commission to the Education Department.

The measure is Senate Bill 184. It passed in the Senate by a vote of 23-to-8 and was sent to the House of Representatives.

The bill's sponsor said it was necessary to abolish the Board and the Commission because of their poor leadership. Their staff and funding would remain intact under the control of the Education Department, he said.

Also this week the Senate gave final approval to SB 59 to provide a free breakfast every day to every public school student, regardless of their family's income, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

It is part of the governor's package. The Senate completed action on the measure and sent it to the governor for her signature.

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$14.7 million a year.

SB 59 creates a Food Insecurity

Fund. Revenue from a tax on sales of medical marijuana are prioritized under the bill.

Besides paying for breakfasts for students, the revenue will pay for Summer EBT, which provides food for children during the summer when they otherwise would not get free or reduced-price meals at school.

The Senate also passed House Bill 1048, which allows the sale of unpasteurized milk at farmers' markets, or by delivery from the dairy farm to consumers. The milk could be from a cow, goat or sheep. The bill is ready for the governor's signature.

The deadline has passed for filing proposed constitutional amendments and this year legislators introduced 44 proposals. In every regular session legislators can place up to three proposed amendments on the upcoming general election ballot. Proposals approved during this session will be on the ballot in November of 2026.

The Senate and House Committees on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs will narrow the list of 44 down to three, or fewer,

proposals. They are in the form of joint resolutions. For example, Senate Joint Resolution 16, or SJR 16, would exempt certain types of property from real property taxes. House Joint Resolution 1008, or HJR 1008, would lower property taxes and create exemption.

The Arkansas Constitution also allows for citizens to propose constitutional amendments and initiated acts.

The Secretary of State is the top election official in Arkansas. He announced this week the results of a national study that gave Arkansas high marks for election security and prevention of voter fraud. However, the process of collecting signatures earned Arkansas a grade of D.

A concern is that a well-financed, out-of-state organization could buy its way into the Constitution. First it could pay canvassers to collect thousands of signatures, then it could flood the media with commercials during election season.

In past election years, some groups have submitted petitions with thousands of fraudulent signatures.

Anniversary of Battle of Iwo Jima a time to reflect on U.S. heroes

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

The last several years have featured milestone anniversaries for some of the fiercest and most memorable events of World War II including the attack on Pearl Harbor, D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge. We continue to reflect on them because they forever changed the course of history.

Another pivotal moment in the conflict that defined a generation and posed an existential threat to freedom marks its 80th anniversary in 2025 – the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The war's Pacific theater gave us two of the most dramatic scenes of the 20th century; the first glimpses of deployed nuclear weapons when the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and an iconic photograph of six Marines raising the American flag on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi – an enduring symbol of courage and resilience that still moves us today.

More than 70,000 U.S. Marines, supported by thousands of other service members, stormed the island to achieve control of the regional waters and strategic airfields from which Allied forces could launch aerial attacks on other Japanese targets. The island was well fortified, including miles of underground tunnels and bunkers.

The carnage that unfolded during the weeks-long amphibious

assault was gruesome. Nearly 7,000 Americans died while only slightly more than 200 Japanese survivors, out of a force that had numbered around 21,000, were left at the surrender.

This toll reminds us of the heroism and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation, including the Arkansans who bravely, selflessly fought on Iwo Jima's beaches, valleys and hills. Two Natural State Medal of Honor recipients represent the scope and scale of what our troops faced there.

Navy Corpsman Jack Smith from Harrison served as a medic with one of the Marine divisions invading the island. Smith had already aided more than a dozen marines when he stopped to help his wounded former tent-mate, covering the man with his own body and getting shot three times by enemy fire. Yet Smith finished rendering him aid before addressing his own injuries, eventually perishing from a sniper's bullet.

Wilson Douglas Watson of Crittenden County, a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) gunner, displayed tremendous fortitude in dramatic fashion. As his squadron was pinned down in battle, he charged a Japanese-held fort alone and successfully cleared the way for his platoon to advance. The next day, Watson undertook a similar risk under heavy fire and

killed 60 enemy combatants before receiving backup. He was gravely injured later on but survived.

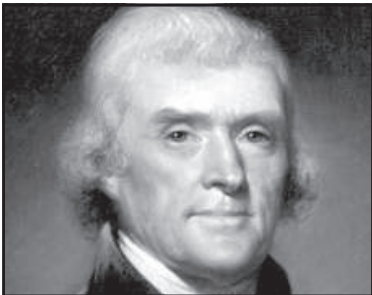
They were not alone, but their incredible heroism characterized the fight at Iwo Jima. They and many others exemplified Admiral Chester Nimitz's reflection as a display where "uncommon valor was a common virtue" among the U.S. service members who waged the battle.

Countless Americans have been inspired to stand for freedom and cherish the memories of fallen warriors since then.

My office has been committed to sharing and preserving some of their stories through the Veterans History Project, an initiative of the Library of Congress that captures their oral histories for future generations.

This month, I was honored to join many of my Senate colleagues in leading a resolution marking the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. Its heroes – part of our Greatest Generation – endured almost unimaginable circumstances in the course of answering the call to defend our country and way of life.

It is a privilege to recognize them and reflect on their service and sacrifice. They rose to the occasion and truly helped save the world, for which we owe them our eternal gratitude.



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Thomas Jefferson, 1787
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Administrators rehired; safety items approved at school board meeting

The Nashville School Board Monday night rehired seven members of the administrative team for the 2025-26 academic year.

They include Ashley Riggs, high school principal; Hannah Topor, junior high principal; Tyra Hughes, elementary principal; and Nathan Evans, primary principal.

The board also rehired Tate Gordon, assistant superintendent; James “Bunch” Nichols, director of maintenance, transportation and athletics; and Kim Slayton, curriculum director.

Superintendent Doug Graham’s contract was extended in January.

Assistant principals will be rehired in March.

Four resignations were accepted, including Rebecca Fortenberry, special education teacher at elementary; John Mark Tollett, high school math; Lori Williams, junior high math; Abbie Jackson, junior high language arts.

The board approved playground equipment for primary school at a cost of \$29,615.30. The price includes the equipment, delivery and installation.

Graham planned to check with the company Tuesday to determine a delivery date. “We’re thinking short term,” he said.

The school district received \$137,934 in Safety First funding during the past month.

Board members approved

the following expenditures from the Safety First money:

- \$40,000 on a new intercom system at high school
- \$11,000 for fencing at elementary
- \$49,019 for two additional OpenGate detection systems
- Electronic access doors at ABC as found on other campuses in the district.

“That accounts for our safety grant,” Graham said.

Graham gave board members an update on the Arkansas Legislature’s current session.

“Mainly, it’s cell phones,” he said. Legislators approved Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders’ Bell to Bell, No Cell act to ban cell phone use during the school day for 2025-26.

“I don’t have an argument about it,” Graham said. “I thought we were monitoring it very well. We will enact the plan for next year.”

The Legislature also approved providing free breakfasts for all Arkansas students starting in 2025-26.

Nashville already had free breakfast and lunch for students. “This will be a financial boost for us. The state will pay for breakfasts that we were already paying. We can keep that now.”

In the financial report, Graham said the district had an operating balance of \$7,815,144 at the end of January.

“We’ve spent 56 percent of the budget,” he said. “That’s a little ahead of the game for January.”

Regional, state basketball tickets must be ordered online, AAA says

The Arkansas Activities Association will again require fans to purchase tickets online for regional and state basketball tournaments.

Go to the association’s website at ahsaa.org and click “Get your postseason tickets now.”

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Regional basketball tournaments
Feb. 26-March 1
Class 4A South at Monticello
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Class 4A at Magnolia
Class 2A at Cedar Ridge
Class 1A at Trumann
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site (example: Monticello for Class 4A South), enter the number of tickets you’re ordering, and pay for the order.

Tickets are \$7 each, plus any additional fees from gofan.com.

When you arrive at the game, present your ticket on your phone.



VALENTINE GREETINGS. Nashville High School office workers recently made Valentine’s Day cards for nursing home residents. Office workers are (not in order; some not pictured) Rayne Morris, Logan Pennington, Avery Morris, Lily McLelland, Hannah Myers, Stacy Padilla, Baylee Scoggins, Klaire Hendry, Zeus Hutchinson, Rayleigh Harmon, Daniel Moreno and Alena Barnett. Principal Ashley Riggs, Assistant Principal Eric Perez, Counselor Beverly Tedford and Secretary Kristi Thornton are shown with some of the workers.

Council

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hoped to set aside money for paving and street repairs, and for unanticipated needs.

Judge Pinkerton explained that if the sales tax measure did not pass, the money would not be collected beyond the end of December 2025.

If the measure passes, the income would seamlessly pass to the county and the cities, he said.

He also said that the ballot language stated that each city governing body would determine how it would use the income.

As an example, the judge said that based upon average sales tax collection and per capita distribution, the city of Nashville might real-

ize about \$600,000 annually.

“This is a win-win for everybody,” he said.

Food trucks

Melanie Schwarz, market manager for the Farmers’ Market who is a new chamber of commerce board member, asked the council to consider amending the regulation which allows food trucks to operate at the city park and the Howard County Fairgrounds without permits.

She said she hoped that food trucks could increase the draw of crowds to the market which operates from 7-11, May to September, and special events, and that dropping the permit fee might increase interest of the food truck vendors.

Alderman Joe Hoen said he was concerned that their presence on Fridays would hurt local restaurants on

their busiest day.

After a spirited discussion, the idea was tabled for further research by council members.

Busy council meeting

- Acting upon a recommendation by Mayor Dunaway, the council unanimously approved the nomination of Nashville Junior High principal Hannah Topor to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission. She fills the opening created by the move of longtime Commissioner Freddie Horne to “emeritus” status. The council also was given copies of a letter of resignation from Commissioner Donny Woods.
- Ryan Bowman, an attorney with the firm which sells bonds to finance Nashville municipal projects, guided the council through steps to authorize the sale

of bonds.

- Mayor Dunaway told the council that repairs to a clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant would require a great deal more money than anticipated. The council approved an extra expenditure of about \$250,000 on the project.

Council members in attendance included Lynn Dyer, Kathy Combs, Herbert Turley, Kay Gathright, Charles Pinkston, William Turley, Vivian Wright, Donna Harwell, Joe Hoen and Freddie Horne; also, Mayor Dunaway, Financial Director Kimberly Green, Fire Marshal Justin Thornton, Police Chief Amy Marion, Parks and Recreation Director Meghan Floyd, Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs, City Recorder Lauren Hoen and City Attorney Aaron Brasel.

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2023 following Husqvarna’s announcement that its Nashville operation would close by the end of 2024 with 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.

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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

Candidates desiring to be considered for the above position should address each of the above requirements within the body of their resume/ application. The City of Dierks reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

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When ice and heavy snow bring down limbs and power lines, safety is a consideration indoors and out. Make sure you know how to weather the storms.

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- If you are in an auto accident involving a downed power line, your vehicle is usually the safest place to be (unless it is on fire.) If it is safe to do so, stay in your car, call 9-1-1, and wait for electric utility personnel to arrive to deenergize the power. If you step out of the car and the ground is energized, you could become the electrical current’s path to ground and you could be electrocuted. If your car is on fire or you see smoke, make a solid, clean jump from your vehicle and hop away with your feet together as far away as you can. If you run or walk away, you could get electrocuted.
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DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE CHAMPS. The Dierks Lady Outlaws: Coach Jacob Chisum, Fielder Stewart, Kaylan Coulter, Archer Stewart, Raylie Walston, Lilly Hogg, Addison Hill, Hannah Kirby, Ryleigh Simmons, Aspen Pugh, Milee Harrison, Presley Pugh, manager Stailee Harrison and Head Coach Will Stewart

Lady Outlaws ride out Red Devils for tournament crown

Team enters regional play in Poyen today against Ouachita

The Dierks Lady Outlaws will enter the regional tournament in Poyen today (Wednesday, Feb. 26) at 7 p.m. and will take on the 23-10 Ouachita Lady Warriors after earning the district tournament crown Monday night over the Mountain Pine Lady Red Devils.

The Lady Outlaws (29-3) earned the district championship game after receiving a bye to the semifinals where they took out the Horatio Lady Lions 51-29. Due to weather, the district championship game in Murfreesboro was held Monday night when Dierks rallied for a 63-61 win over MP. The game stayed knotted for most of the night with

several lead changes until the very end. Dierks held a 13-9 lead after one quarter but Mountain Pine came back hard in the second quarter and took a 27-26 lead into the locker rooms at halftime.

It was more of the same in the second half but Dierks held a slight 45-43 lead going into the final quarter where both teams left it all on the court. The Lady Outlaws came out on top in the fourth, outscoring MP 18-17 to secure the win.

Freshman Lady Outlaw Addison Hill led Dierks with 26 points followed by Lilly Hogg with 13, including three

three-pointers, Ryleigh Simmons with 11, Milee Harrison with 6, Raylie Walston with 4, Aspen Pugh with 2 and Hannah Kirby with 1 point.

MP was led by C. Shaw with 21 points, including four three-pointers.

The Dierks Outlaws picked up a first-round 66-55 win over the Foreman Gators in the district tournament but were dropped in their next game, 74-65, by eventual tournament champs, the Spring Hill Bears. The loss resulted in the Outlaws not qualifying for the regional tournament and ending their season with a 13-16 overall record.

Area 1A teams
enter regional play
this week in Kirby

The 13-9 conference champion Mineral Springs Lady Hornets will enter the regional tournament in Kirby today (Wednesday, Feb. 26) at 4 p.m. The MS ladies will take on the Bearden Lady Bears.

The 7-14 Mineral Springs Hornet will also enter regional play in Kirby today, facing off against Lafayette County at 5:30.

Kirby's Lady Trojans will play in the regional tournament on Feb. 27 at 7:00 against Emerson while the Trojans will also play Feb. 27 at 8:30 against Columbia Christian.

The Blevins Lady Hornets will play in Kirby on Feb. 26 at 7:00 against Taylor and the Blevins Hornets will enter the tournament on Feb. 27 at 8:30 against Lafayette County

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Maple-Sugaring Time

When winter is ending and snow is disappearing; when spring is coming, before buds are appearing; When the temperatures rise to warm the day; when later they fall to freeze the night; When the sap starts to flow from the maple trees; when farmers tap the trees to collect it in buckets; When the sap is poured into tanks on sleds; when a horse team pulls it to the sugarhouse; When the sugarhouse is opened and roaring fires are built; when the sap is boiled, skimmed filtered and canned; When the first syrup is poured sweet and warm over pancakes...

Oh, look at the sap dripping into the bucket.

Large farms today may use plastic tubing to deliver the sap from the trees directly to the sugarhouse.

It's maple-sugaring time!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with how a farm may do its maple sugaring.

- _____ are built in groves for storing equipment and boiling sap
- teams of _____ are harnessed to pull sleds to gather the sap
- holes drilled in trees, spouts placed, tin _____ catch sap
- sap gathered into a _____ on horse-drawn sled, pulled to camp
- sap boiled in shallow, rectangular stainless _____ pans
- a roaring _____ fire is kept going in firebox under pans
- sap filtered, temperature checked, amount of sugar in sap measured, _____ carrying dirt skimmed off the top
- sap flows through pans as it thickens, temperature checked, filtered, _____ "A" or "B" and canned
- _____ used on pancakes, in beans, on meats
- family uses, sells on farms, trucks deliver around the _____

We are the "keys" to the future of the maple trees. We ripen in late summer. We twirl through the air on a soft breeze!

Who are they?

They are winged seeds. They will land and grow into new maple trees.

Spring Math

cider + doughnuts + maple syrup on clean snow = **Sugar-On-Snow Party!**

First People To Develop the Process For Maple-Sugaring

Native Americans were the first to discover and process the sweet gift of the trees. They used small birch bark parts to catch the maple tree sap. **To learn more about what they did to make this wonderful syrup, read the clues and fill in the puzzle:**

- the people _____ in maple groves
- held ceremonies and _____ to celebrate the sap harvest and coming of spring
- peeled loose birch _____ to make pans; sliced trees and placed pans to catch sap
- gathered sap in containers, _____ it to sugar camp
- boiled it in hollowed-out _____
- dropped hot _____ into sap to boil it
- skimmed scum and _____ from the top
- kept boiling until almost _____ or grainy so it would keep a long time
- ate dried yellow _____ + corn meal + beans
- used to sweeten, satisfy _____; sometimes sold to local markets or to fur-trapping companies

Back Then!

Can you find and circle at least 8 words that end with the suffix "-ing"? Notice that some are action words showing "action" that was happening and is still happening" and that others describe things: "roaring fire".

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Source: Arkansas Activities Association

Class 4A South Regional Boys

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Source: Arkansas Activities Association



Caroline Dean eyes the basket during the Scrapperettes' 73-56 District 7-4A victory at Arkadelphia Monday, Feb. 14. Nashville wrapped up the regular season with a 62-34 win at Camden Fairview Feb. 21 to earn the district's top seed going into this week's Class 4A South Regional at Monticello.

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SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Area teams advancing to regionals

Six area teams have qualified for regional basketball tournaments starting Wednesday, Feb. 26, at a number of locations. They include the Nashville Scrappers and Scrapperettes, Murfreesboro Rattlers, Dierks Lady Outlaws, Mineral Springs Hornets and Lady Hornets. State tournaments will begin next week at various locations around Arkansas.

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NHS concludes regular season with wins, moves on to regional

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Karstyn Scrivner (24) drives past the Arkadelphia defenders, accompanied by Sofia McCauley (15) and Mercy Hagler (25). The Scrapperettes won 73-56 Feb. 17.

Johnta Taylor (4) goes up for a score against Arkadelphia in Nashville's 65-60 road win over the Badgers Monday, Feb. 17. The Scrappers defeated Camden Fairview 65-59 Feb. 21 to claim the three seed from District 7-4A going into the regional tournament at Monticello.

Bo Bell (12) runs past the Badger defender on his way to the basket during the Scrappers' victory at Arkadelphia.

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FIND NEW ROADS



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY. The City of Tollette hosted a Black History event on Feb. 16 that brought together individuals from across Howard County to celebrate and learn. The program, opened by Shamachia Stuard (at left), united the community through youth participation (above), fellowship and delicious food. Attendees, including Tollette Mayor Brenda Porter and husband RT, were inspired by impactful speakers who shared stories of their past, present, and future, offering invaluable lessons to educate and empower the youth. Photos courtesy of Chancy Ware



News-Leader photo/JOHN BALCH

HOWARD COUNTY WELCOMES NEW EXTENSION AGENT. Angie Freel was announced last week as the new Howard County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science. Freel, 52, began her career in extension work in 1997 and has served as a county agent over four different counties over 18 years. She has also served at the state 4H office and state 4H branch and headed up the state 4H program for the state of Idaho. "I really miss county work," she said, adding her family is in the process of "heading this way" from the Bryant area, pending a home sale and one of her and husband Monty's three children making a college transfer. Monty Freel is a native of Hope and is kin to the local Freel clan. The family have a cabin on Yellow Creek and are planning to retire to this area.

Last chance for pesticide training March 14

By Dawson Bailey • Howard County Extension Agent – Agriculture

The last opportunity for a private pesticide applicator training in Howard County will be held on March 14 at the Extension Homemaker's Educational Center (EH House) in Nashville. The cost of the class is \$20 which does not include your license fee. Call the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517 to register. The Howard County Extension Office will also host an on-farm Bangs vaccination day on April 8. This vaccine is for heifers 4-12 months old. All heifers must be pinned with working facilities. To register for this free program, call the office at 870-845-7517. Brucellosis is a contagious disease of cattle and other ruminants that can also affect humans. The infection causes abortions in unvaccinated cattle. In an effort to control the spread of the disease, federal and state programs have been implemented and require vaccinations, testing, and strict quarantine. The vaccine must be administered by an accredited veterinarian in order to be compliant with federal regulations. A metal tag and tattoo will also be placed in the heifer's ear at the time of vaccination.



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Allen, Gracie M., 19, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Davis, Javon C., 35, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,971 owed
Dixon, Donald R., 52, Texarkana, Texas, \$230 BF, speeding
Frachiseur, Sarah Anne, 47, Dierks, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Henderson, Whitney Allen, 66, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of possession of radar detector, fined \$245
Horton, Nastacia S., 30, Hope, guilty of no proof of liability insurance; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195
Lopez, Jose O., 39, Dierks, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$345 plus restitution
Mack, Andrew Joseph, 57, Pine Bluff, \$230 BF, speeding
Magueyal Deha, Altirez, 37, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Miller, Phillip Todd, 54, Nashville, \$200 BF, speeds too fast for conditions
Nutt, Jonathon Wayne, 53, Amity, \$220 BF, failure to maintain control
Pacheco, Filimon R., 38, Umpire, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$220 BF, possessing open alcohol container in vehicle
Reese, Roger D., 42, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$360 owed
Rios, Jonathan Oswaldo, 21, Siloam Springs, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Seagrist, Thomas P., 29, Woodbury, Minn., \$230 BF, speeding; \$345 BF, careless or prohibited driving; \$370 BF, obstructing government operations
Thomas, Maneeya, 31, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$710
Vasquez, Ana Patricia, 21, Fresno, Calif., \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Wolcott, Christopher O., 31, Lockesburg, \$145 BF, use of phone while driving
City of Nashville
Aguilar, Sixto, 23, Wickes, \$240 BF, speeding
Anderson, Maurice V., 45, Hope, \$245 BF, failure to appear
Bentley, David C., 60, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Brantley, Christopher, 42, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,465 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Cowling, Milton Ross, 46, Texarkana, Texas, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Erby, Ronnie D., 59, Nashville, \$345 BF, careless or prohibited driving
Fisher, Vincent Darelle, 63, Hope, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$145
Hernandez Martin, Araceli, 43, Dierks, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no child restraint
Keys, Stacey L., 42, Nashville, \$195 BF, use of phone while driving
Morrow, James A., 66, Nashville, guilty of DWI#2, fined \$1,660, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Pittman, April C., 45, Arkadelphia, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Rodgers, Christopher L., 53, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,160 owed
Sanchez, Ricardo, 39, Hobbs, N.M., \$50 BF, failure to present insurance; \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no vehicle tags
Seavers, Debra A., 58, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$195 owed
Smallwood, Cody Dale, 26, Haywood, Okla., \$230 BF, speeding
Starr, Jatora Shalone, 41, Nashville, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Stewart, Dwight, 56, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,950 owed
Thomas, Maneeya, 31, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,225 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Woodruff, Loyd R., 61, Nashville, \$230 BF, speeding
City of Dierks
Blount, William Conrad, 47, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Halter, Cason Henry, 18, Umpire, guilty of reckless driving, fined \$345
Haney, Marcus S., 29, De Queen, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Hernandez Martin, Araceli, 43, Dierks, \$225 BF, violation of city ordinance-sanitation; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
McGee, Bridget D., 49, Newhope, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Milam, Julian Sean, 46, Canbot, \$230 BF, speeding
Miller, Dawn, 47, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding
Ranjit, Singh, 46, Clovis, Calif., \$260 BF, speeding
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Young, Parker, 24, Texarkana, \$220 BF, state druck stamp

Murfreesboro woman charged with selling meth

A Murfreesboro woman has been charged in Pike County Circuit Court for allegedly selling drugs.
Rex Ann Charles, 60, was charged Feb. 17 with delivery of methamphetamine.
According to case information, Charles was reportedly caught in a July 2024 undercover operation conducted by the 9th West Drug Task Force where she delivered 3.5 grams of the drug.
Charles plead innocent to the charge on Feb. 2 and is currently being held in the Pike County jail awaiting a March 3 pretrial date.

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Registration Ends Monday, May 12

Nashville teen arrested for firearm thefts from De Queen business

A 17-year-old girl from Nashville has been charged with numerous counts of felony theft for allegedly stealing firearms from a De Queen business last year.
The teenager, who court records identify as Jakenya Coulter, is facing 10 counts of theft of property (firearms) and a single count of commercial burglary, according to records filed in the Sevier County Circuit Court this month.
Coulter is suspected of breaking into Twisted Tines Outfitters in De Queen on Oct. 12, 2024.
The window to the building had been shattered, allowing the suspect to climb through.
The suspect reportedly cut themselves while climbing through the broken window.
An arrest warrant was issued for Coulter on Feb. 7 following an investigation into the incident by the De Queen Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.
If tried as an adult, Coulter could face up to 10 years in prison for the commercial burglary charge and up to six years for each count of theft of property (firearms).
A May 1 trial date has been set for the case.

Amity sex offender arrested by ASP on 50 counts of CSAM

Arkansas State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force arrested James Virgil Parks, 38, a registered Level-3 sex offender from Amity, on Feb. 11.
The arrest followed a residential search warrant executed at Parks' Mountain Home Road residence, prompted by multiple cyber tips sent to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).
Special Agents took Parks into custody and booked him into the Clark County Detention Center on 50 counts of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM). His bond was set at \$250,000.
At the time of his arrest, Parks was on probation in Clark County for a 2022 conviction related to failing to report his address in a timely manner, as required for registered sex offenders.

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significant impacts on our local economy, celebrating their success and commitment
to excellence. By working together, we can continue to build a strong, vibrant
community that benefits everyone.

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Murfreesboro to begin surveying citizens next week as part of LMI challenge

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

The City of Murfreesboro will begin contacting every resident with a water meter as part of its plan to appeal the city’s Low to Moderate Income (LMI) status.

The LMI survey will start in the middle of next week with data to be used to appeal the 2020 US Census figure that shows the city has a 51% status.

Mayor Jim O’Neal said that the percentage is too high and makes Murfreesboro too wealthy to qualify for many grant programs until the next census cycle in 2030.

He said the LMI increase is due to the increase of vacation rental homes in the area that were once used to house low to moderate income residents and families.

The city will use \$5,000 in economic development funds for the project.

The plan is to contact every Murfreesboro resident with a water meter either by mail, phone or in person. Mayor O’Neal is asking citizens to be prepared for the survey and urged everyone to participate.

“This is a really important issue,” O’Neal added.

O’Neal said he expects the survey to take up to two months to complete. The data will then be submitted to the proper officials to begin the appeal process.

“It may not work, but it’s something we’ve got to do.”

During the council’s February meeting, the council voted to just concentrate on the west side of the sidewalk project.

The project is funded by an Arkansas Department of Transportation 80/20 matching grant with the city’s cost to be an estimated \$105,000.

The plan is to continue the new sidewalk to the

courthouse square and install lighting the entire length of the west side.

Also at the monthly meeting, the council gave the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department permission to pursue a grant to replace equipment and approved Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb’s financial report, which included the following beginning and ending balances for January:

General Fund \$21,778/\$34,573
General Operating \$409,004/\$368,633
Street Fund \$13,956/\$11,330
Street Operating \$368,648/\$363,747
Murfreesboro Advertising & Tourism Commission \$94,962/\$92,589
Park Fund \$12,482/\$11,313
Water & Sewer \$522,659/\$518,416

Home Canning An Extension Tradition Classes being offered in March at Pike County

By Eva Langley
Pike County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Science

In the early years of Extension, the County Home Demonstration Agent, now the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, would go out into the local communities to teach important research-based living skills.

These community members would then share what they had learned with friends and neighbors. Many of the lessons were on the safe and efficient canning of meats, vegetables and fruits. Cherrie Arivette recently continued this tradition with her church.

Arivette, a lifelong canner, attended several Pike

County food preservation classes this past year. She learned the science behind the recipes and got the resources needed find trusted, tested recipes. This information was important to share as canning becomes popular with a new generation unfamiliar with the skill as well as for lifelong canners to make sure they are using safe equipment, safe procedures and safe recipes.

Canning is a safe method of food preservation if practiced properly. The canning process involves placing foods in jars or cans and heating them to a temperature that destroys microorganisms that could be a health hazard or cause the food to spoil. Canning also inactivates enzymes that

could cause the food to spoil. Air is driven from the jar or can during heating and as it cools a vacuum seal is formed. This vacuum seal prevents air from getting back into the product, preventing microorganisms from recontaminate the food.

The next Pike County canning classes will focus on pressure canning meat. The March 19 class will be held at 9:00 a.m.

The March 20 class will be an evening class and will start at 6:00 p.m. Both classes will be held at the Pike County Extension Office at 100 Court Street, Suite A, Murfreesboro AR.

The cost of each class is \$20. Call 870-285-2161 to register.

Parts of lake to be closed for repairs at Narrows Dam

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.

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(BD: 36)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM GLEN EDWARDS, DECEASED NO. 31PR-25-7
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND FILING OF CLAIMS
Last known address of decedent: 254 Edwards Road, Mineral Springs, AR 71851
Date of death: December 5, 2024
The undersigned, Leaman Wray Edwards, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent on the 19th day of February, 2025.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published this 26 day of February, 2025.
Leaman Wray Edwards, Administrator
BY: Victor Martin, ABN 2018116
Attorney at Law
420 N. Main, Suite One
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Nashville, AR 71852
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(VM: 36, 37)

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Beginner fly fishing class Saturday in Glenwood

A beginner fly fishing class will be held by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission on Saturday, March 1 at the John Benjamin pond in Glenwood as part of their Family and Community Fishing Program.
The pond is located at 25-53 Industrial Park Lane.
Two classes are scheduled, from 10-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m. This class is intended for ages 8-15. The public may register for the event at www.register-ed.com/events/view/223374 or www.register-ed.com/events/view/223375.

City of Nashville			
Financial Statement Year Ended 12/31/2024			
GENERAL FUND			
Balance December 31, 2023			\$ 1,424,404
Cash Receipts:			
State Turnback	\$ 61,761		
County Property Tax	\$ 258,339		
City Sales Tax	\$ 1,755,169		
County Sales Tax	\$ 1,089,818		
Fees	\$ 5,122		
Grant Revenues	\$ 62,179		
Interest	\$ 18,033		
Court Revenue	\$ 66,093		
Misc. Revenue	\$ 1,247,660		
Other sources	\$ 72,128		
Total Receipts	\$ 4,636,302		
Total General Fund Available:		\$ 6,060,706	
Expenditures:			
Administration	\$ 1,267,865		
Police Dept.	\$ 1,557,342		
Fire Dept.	\$ 515,134		
Park	\$ 604,293		
Sales Tax	\$ 137,725		
Code Enforcement	\$ 73,768		
Finance	\$ 85,621		
City Clerk/ Treas.	\$ 61,990		
Total Expenditures		\$ 4,303,738	
Balance General Fund December 31, 2024			\$ 1,756,968
STREET FUND			
Balance December 31, 2023			\$ 45,555
Cash Receipts:			
State Turnback	\$ 341,504		
County Road Tax	\$ 73,399		
Fees	\$ 212		
Interest	\$ 662		
Misc. Revenue	\$ 169,258		
Other Sources	\$ 116,550		
Total Receipts	\$ 701,585		
Total Street Fund Available:		\$ 747,140	
Expenditures:			
Personnel	\$ 307,463		
Services	\$ 81,093		
Mat. & Supplies	\$ 18,589		
Rep. & Maint.	\$ 49,541		
Other & Misc.	\$ 2,653		
Capital Outlay	\$ 244,281		
Total Expenditures:		\$ 703,620	
Balance Street Fund December 31, 2024			\$ 43,520
WATER AND SEWER FUND			
Balance December 31, 2023			\$ 1,622,108
Cash Receipts:			
Sales Tax-Water	\$ 186,690		
Water Revenue	\$ 3,185,939		
Fines/Fees	\$ 50,326		
Interest	\$ 60,369		
Misc. Rev	\$ 979,320		
Other Sources	\$ 1,000		
Total Receipts	\$ 4,463,644		
Total Water Fund Available		\$ 6,085,752	
Expenditures:			
Administration	\$ 1,275,825		
Water Office	\$ 148,832		
Water Plant	\$ 1,086,253		
Distribution	\$ 351,562		
Wastewater	\$ 951,883		
Pre-treatment	\$ 13,881		
Total Expenditures		\$ 3,828,236	
Balance Water & Sewer December 31, 2024			\$ 2,257,516
Bond Indebtedness December 31, 2024			
Series 2003 Water & Sewer Revenue Bond \$5,000,000.00 Original			
Balance as of December 31, 2024 \$2,360,056.00			
Date Free of Debt April 2035			
Series 2014 Sales and Use Tax Refunding Bonds \$1,760,000.00			
Balance as of December 31, 2024 \$766,128.00			
Date Free of Debt November 2030			
City of Nashville, AR Water and Sewer Revenue Bond \$6,870,000.00			
Balance as of December 31, 2024 \$5,555,251.85			
Date Free of Debt September 2053			
Series 2019 Water and Sewer Revenue Bond \$1,100,000.00			
Balance as of December 31, 2024 \$944,727.00			
Date Free of Debt April 2041			
Series 2019B Water and Sewer Revenue Bond \$411,000.00			
Balance as of December 31, 2024 \$269,477.00			
Date Free of Debt April 2031			
All the financial records of the City of Nashville, AR are public records and are available for inspection during regular business hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday at the Finance Dept. in City Hall, 426 N. Main, Nashville, AR. If the records are in active use or in storage and are not available at the time, the custodian shall notify the applicant and shall set a time within three (3) business days when the records can be available for inspection or copy.			
Kimberly Green			
Finance Director			
This publication was paid for by The City of Nashville Finance Dept for \$356.25			

Dierks board rehires high school principal, accepts retirement of elementary principal

The Dierks School Board held its February meeting on Feb. 19, which included the annual report to the public. The entire Power Point report can be found on the school’s website, dierksschools.org.

The board went into executive session near the end of the meeting to consider the rehiring of High School Principal Scott Feemster.

Feemster’s contract was approved in open session for the 2025-2026 school, as per the salary schedule.

The board also accepted the retirement of interim elementary principal, Linda Kitchens, effective June 30.

In other business, the board took the following action:

- Approved \$73,735 for security film on all windows in the district with safety grant funds to be utilized.
- Approved \$10,963 for needed updates to the fire suppression system in the elementary and high school cafeterias.
- Approved an ACT Prep Mini Boot Camp for March 10.
- Approved renewing participation in Arkansas School Board Association Worker’s Compensation and Trust for \$9,375 with coverage from Jan. 1, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2025.
- Approved the Educational Legal Liability/Employment Practices Liability for \$6,987 and General Liability, outside of Arkansas, for \$541.
- Approved Nikki Fields, Shane Graham and Dave Nichols as volunteer coaches.
- Accepted on student transfer into the district.

‘Bass Bounty’ at Dierks City Pond

The Dierks Chamber of Commerce is currently sponsoring the “Toad Thumper Bass Bounty” at the Dierks City Pond where some tagged fish are worth \$100.

The event is being held in partnership with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission with 17 largemouth bass tagged and released in the city pond. Toad Thumper Lure Co., is offering a prize package of lures for each one caught and the chamber is reward anglers with an additional \$100 for two of the specifically numbers fish.

If a tagged fish is caught, anglers must clip off the tag close to the fish’s back and then call 870-451-2058 and inform them of the catch and tag number.



Photos Courtesy of Pike County 4H

DISTRIBUTING THE GOODS. The Pike County 4H recently held a blanket drive and collected 22 blankets, 76 pairs of socks, 10 pairs of gloves and seven toboggans. All the items were disbursed in the blessing boxes around Pike County. Here, 4H members Adeline and Larkin Haney do their part stocking a blessing box.

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Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

A LETTER TO PHILEMON

PHILEMON WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHURCH IN COLOSSAE WHEN ST. PAUL WROTE TO HIM FROM ROME, PROBABLY IN A.D. 62.-- ACTUALLY, THE CHURCH IN COLOSSAE WAS IN PHILEMON’S OWN HOUSE. THE CITY, AT THAT TIME, WAS LOSING SOME OF ITS IMPORTANCE IN ASIA MINOR DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE TRADE ROUTES FROM WEST TO EAST HAD CHANGED THEIR SYSTEM OF ROADS AND THE NEIGHBORING CITY OF LADICEA WAS SURPASSING COLOSSAE IN POSITION AND WEALTH. ALTHOUGH COLOSSAE WAS STILL FAMOUS FOR ITS FINE WOOL, IT BECAME THAT AS IT MAY A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY HAD GROWN UP IN COLOSSAE AND OBVIOUSLY FROM ST. PAUL’S WRITINGS THE CHURCH HAD ITS MEETINGS IN PHILEMON’S HOUSE. THE LETTER IS A BRIEF ONE, NOTING THE FACT THAT ONE OF PHILEMON’S SLAVES, BY NAME OF ONESIMUS, HAD RUN AWAY, TAKING SOME OF PHILEMON’S MONEY AND MADE HIS WAY TO ROME WHERE ST. PAUL HAD CONVERTED HIM. PAUL SAYS HE WOULD HAVE GLADLY RETAINED HIM AS A FREE ATTENDANT BUT WOULDN’T TAKE THE LIBERTY WITHOUT PHILEMON’S CONSENT. SO HE SENT ONESIMUS BACK WITH THE LETTER SO PHILEMON MIGHT RECEIVE HIM AS A BROTHER CHRISTIAN AND FORGIVE HIM AS JESUS CHRIST TAUGHT US TO DO. PAUL, FURTHERMORE, PROMISED TO PAY ANY LOSS OF MONEY THAT THE NEW CONVERT HAD CAUSED PHILEMON (PHILE. VS. 18, 19). THE LETTER REVEALS THE EFFECT OF CHRISTIANITY ON SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS GENERALLY, THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AND JUSTICE WHICH WERE DESTINED TO REORGANIZE SOCIETY!

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Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: GROW - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Youth - 5:30 p.m.

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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. (DB: 35, 36)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

THE 2025 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

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

SECTION 1: The 2025 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2024-14 should be Amended as follows:

Howard County Elections, Other Professional Services (1000-0109-3009) should increase by \$13,723.33. The increase comes from reimbursement for the Runoff Election held in 2024, from the State Board of Election Commissioners.

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
February 18, 2025

This publication was paid for by the Howard County Judge. The amount paid for this publication is \$51.20 (HCJ: 36)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1

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. 2023-11 should be Amended as follows:

County Judges Health Insurance Match (1000-0100-1009) should increase by \$784.76; Life Insurance (1000-0100-1016) should increase by \$106.40. General Supplies (1000-0100-2001) should decrease by \$891.16.

County Clerk’s Health Insurance Match (1000-0101-1009) should increase by \$2,338.75; Life Insurance (1000-0101-1016) should increase by \$218.40; General Supplies (1000-0101-2001) should increase by \$3,124.69; Computer Services (1000-0101-3003) should increase by \$3,305.77. Other Professional Services (1000-0101-3009) should decrease by \$8,987.61.

Circuit Clerk’s Health Insurance Match (1000-0102-1009) should increase by \$3,118.00; Life Insurance (1000-0102-1016) should increase by \$265.72; Telephone & Fax-Land 1000-0102-3020) should increase by \$147.48. Salaries, Full-Time (1000-0102-1001) should decrease by \$713.41; Social Security Matching (1000-0102-1006) should decrease by \$253.91; Retirement Matching (1000-0102-1007) should decrease by \$343.64; Unemployment Compensation (1000-0102-1011) should decrease by \$281.00; General Supplies (1000-0102-2001) should decrease by \$773.36; Small Equipment (1000-0102-2002) should decrease by \$500.00; Computer Services (1000-0102-3003) should decrease by \$165.88; Travel (1000-0102-3030) should decrease by \$500.00.

Treasurer’s Health Insurance Matching (1000-0103-1009) should increase by \$2,749.50; Life Insurance (1000-0103-1016) should increase by \$145.60; Telephone & Fax-Land (1000-0103-3020) should increase by \$99.11. General Supplies should decrease by \$2,355.23; Travel (1000-0103-3030) should decrease by \$638.98.

County Collector Life Insurance (1000-0104-1016) should increase by \$154.00. Unemployment Compensation (1000-0104-1011) should decrease by \$154.00.

Assessor’s Retirement Matching (1000-0105-1007) should increase by \$638.11; Health Insurance Matching (1000-0105-1009) should increase by \$2,060.12; Life Insurance (1000-0105-1016) should increase by \$347.20; Telephone & Fax-Land (1000-0105-3020) should increase by \$133.31; Computer Software, Supplies (1000-0105-3102) should increase by \$1,856.77. Other Professional Services (1000-0105-3009) should decrease by \$5,035.51.

Quorum Court Other Professional Services (1000-0107-3009) should increase by \$40.00. Travel (1000-0107-3030) should decrease by \$40.00.

Courthouse Maintenance Health Insurance Matching (1000-0108-1009) should increase by \$1,374.25; Life Insurance (1000-0108-1016) should increase by \$72.80; Plumbing and Electrical (1000-0108-2022) should increase by \$1,378.89; Maintenance and Services (1000-0108-2024) should increase by \$421.49; Telephone & Fax-Land (1000-0108-3020) should increase by \$3,068.53; Utilities-Water (1000-0108-3062) should increase by \$644.19. Parts and Repairs (1000-0108-2023) should decrease by \$6,040.18; Internet Connection (1000-0108-3023) should decrease by \$919.97.

Elections Salaries, Part-Time (1000-0109-1002) should increase by \$900.00; Extra Help (1000-0109-1003) should increase by \$8,947.25; Social Security Matching (1000-0109-1006) should increase by \$1,118.33; General Supplies (1000-0109-2001) should increase by \$724.74; Poll Workers (1000-0109-3011) should decrease by \$11,690.32.

County Health Utilities-Waste Disposal (1000-0300-3063) should increase by \$124.73; Note Principal (1000-0300-5003) should increase by \$508.07. General Supplies (1000-0300-2001) should decrease by \$632.80.

County Sheriff Overtime & Other Premium (1000-0400-1005) should increase by \$29,399.24; Life Insurance 1000-0400-1016) should increase by \$646.72; Clothing and Uniforms (1000-0400-1016) should increase by \$95.77; Repair (Auto) (1000-0400-2032) should increase by \$195.71. Fuels, Oil, and Lubricant (1000-0400-2007) should decrease by \$22,228.79; Miscellaneous Law Enforcement (1000-0400-3093) should decrease by \$8,108.65.

Circuit Court Telephone & Fax-Land (1000-0401-3020) should increase by \$553.31; Internet Connection (1000-0401-3023) should increase by \$155.65. Jurors & Witnesses (1000-0401-3092) should decrease by \$708.96.

Circuit Court Judge Telephone & Fax-Land (1000-0402-3020) should increase by \$822.43. Internet Connection (1000-0402-3023) should decrease by \$822.43.

Prosecuting Attorney Health Insurance Match (1000-0416-1009) should increase by \$783.00; Life Insurance (1000-0416-1016) should increase by \$72.80; Travel (1000-0416-3030) should increase by \$3,869.52. General Supplies (1000-0416-2001) should decrease by \$4,725.32.

County Coroner Social Security Matching (1000-0419-1006) should increase by \$400.82; Retirement Matching (1000-0419-1007) should increase by \$273.77. This increase comes from unanticipated unappropriated money.

Office of Emergency Services (OEM) Retirement Matching (1000-0500-1007) should increase by \$1,302.23; Life Insurance (1000-0500-1016) should increase by \$25.58. Telephone & Fax-Land (1000-0500-3020) should decrease by \$1,327.81.

Veterans Service Other Miscellaneous (1000-0800-3100) should increase by \$1,363.81. Salaries, Part-Time (1000-0800-1002) should decrease by \$591.00; Utilities-Electricity (1000-0800-3060) should decrease by \$772.81.

District Court Health Insurance Matching (1800-0409-1009) should increase by \$2,343.52; Life Insurance (1800-0409-1016) should increase by \$285.60; Postage (1800-0409-3021) should increase by \$66.00. Salaries, Full-Time (1800-0409-1001) should decrease by \$2,575.00; Dues and Memberships (1800-0409-3090) should decrease by \$120.12.

Senior Citizen Building Fire and Extended Coverage (1803-0111-3052) should increase by \$1,627.08. Plumbing and Electrical (1803-0111-2022) should decrease by \$1,627.08.

County Road Department Salaries, Part-Time (2000-0200-1002) should increase by \$3,118.00; Health Insurance Matching (2000-0200-1009) should increase by \$2,289.50; Life Insurance (2000-0200-1016) should increase by \$1,158.36; Medicine and Drugs (2000-0200-2004) should increase by \$284.49; Fuels, Oil, and Lubricants (2000-0200-2007) should increase by \$9,398.71; Parts and Repairs (2000-0200-2023) should increase by \$10,789.40; Culvert and Pipe (2000-0200-2026) should increase by \$1,019.14; Road Maintenance (2000-0200-2036) should increase by \$14,486.73; Advertising and Publicity should increase by \$36.10; Utilities-Water should increase by \$191.87. Asphalt (2000-0200-2025) should decrease by \$42,772.30.

County Library Salaries, Part-Time (3008-0600-1002) should increase by \$3,222.19; Health Insurance Match (3008-0600-1009) should increase by \$1,562.25; Life Insurance (3008-0600-1016) should increase by \$145.60; General Supplies (3008-0600-2001) should increase by \$702.18; Telephone & Fax-Land (3008-0600-3020) should increase by \$60.74; Advertising and Public (3008-0600-3040) should increase by \$3.14. Books, Magazines (3008-0600-2011) should decrease by \$5,696.10.

County Sanitation Overtime & Other Premium Compensation (3009-0701-1005) should increase by \$164.93; Life Insurance (3009-0701-1016) should increase by \$319.20; Parts and repairs (3009-0701-2023) should increase by \$898.15; Utilities-Waste Disposal (3009-0701-3063) should increase by \$16,852.95. Machinery and Equipment (3009-0701-4004) should decrease by \$18,235.23.

County Jail Salaries, Part-Time (3017-0418-1002) needs to increase by \$4,409.85; Overtime & Other Premium (3017-0418-1005) \$3,582.09; Life Insurance (3017-0418-1016) should increase by \$882.08; Janitorial Supplies (3017-0418-2003) should increase by \$447.67; Medicine and Drugs (3017-0418-2004) should increase by \$4,698.24; Plumbing and Electrical (3017-0418-2022) should increase by \$1,014.47. Salaries, Full-Time (3017-0418-1001) should decrease by \$15,034.40.

911 Office Salaries, Full-Time (3020-0501-1001) should increase by \$191.70; Life Insurance (3020-0501-1016) should increase by \$21.74; General Supplies (3020-0501-2001) should increase by \$21.75; Telephone & Fax-Land (3020-0501-3020) should increase by \$3,000.84; Internet Connection (3020-0501-3023) should increase by \$266.07. Monthly 911 Charges (3020-0501-3024) should decrease by \$3,502.10.

Victim Witness Health Insurance Match (3025-0416-1009) should increase by \$1,560.00; Life Insurance (3025-0416-1016) should increase by \$109.20. Travel (3025-0416-3030) should decrease by \$1,669.20.

Defense of Indigents Travel (3026-0417-3030) should increase by \$1,313.80. Rent-Land and Building (3026-0417-3070) should decrease by \$1,313.80.

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

February 18, 2025

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Murfreesboro chamber gearing up for banquet on Thursday, March 6

The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce is preparing for their 2025 banquet that is set for March 6, 6 p.m., at the Murfreesboro Senior Center.

Tickets are available by contacting a chamber board member -- Lisa Harvill, Jane Fugitt, Jimi Scarlett, Kailee Parker, Diane Carroll, Ricky Branch, Angie Branch, and Jean Floyd -- or by calling (870) 557-1860. Remaining tickets will be available at the door on the night of the event.

Tickets are priced at \$25 each or a table of six for \$125. The event will again hold a silent auction, door prizes and the "Taste of Murfreesboro" meal that will feature selections from local favorite eateries Feed Bin, Terri's Place, Telinga's Mexican Restaurant and Branch Oil.

The theme will be "Mardi Gras" and festive t-shirts are being prepared for attendees.

Awards will be given for Person of the Year (see the form in this week's edition of the Murfreesboro Diamond to nominate your choice) and teachers of the year from South Pike County Schools.

Mayor Jim O'Neal will make a "State of the City" presentation, while Crater of Diamonds State Park Superintendent Caleb Howell will be the keynote speaker.

In other chamber news, the group has decided not to again hold a donation stop for the Cruisin for St. Jude's Children's Hospital Bike Rally.

After contributing -- along with several local businesses -- for two years previous, the

chamber hoped to convince the group to eat in Murfreesboro instead of just passing through to eat at Glenwood's Fish Nest. The rally declined the idea, so the chamber agreed after discussion that there was little value in for chamber to invest in just a stop on the way.

Kinetic, formerly known as Windstream, will hold a ribbon cutting event in conjunction with the chamber to celebrate Murfreesboro becoming a "Gig Ready Community." The even is set for March 13 at 11 a.m. in Murfreesboro City Hall. City Hall is located at 805 North Washington Avenue. Light refreshments will be served.

The chamber, partnering with the City of Murfreesboro, will again help host the Juneteenth celebration at the park. Majornell Burton and Anthony May will serve as committee heads, while the chamber will help provide hot dogs and watermelon along with aiding in some of the events.

More will be discussed at future meetings of the chamber, which is held on the second Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m. at City Hall.

The group is also reviewing Christmas Decorations for the purpose of ordering for use this year. While they will continue refurbishing what decorations they already possess, it was noted that more was needed.

Additionally, it was noted at the meeting that if a box was placed at each desired light pole in town, SWEPCO would run electricity to it, allowing for more lighted decorations.



HOSTS NASHVILLE CHAMBER COMMUNITY COFFEE. Howard County Farm Bureau hosted a community coffee, Tuesday morning. From left, office manager Linda Arnold; agent Michael Howard; customer service representative Jonathan Canaday; agency manager Wayne Kesterson; agent Cheyenne Manning; member service representative Michelle Turner; agent Hanna Clements; and member service representative Arlene Padilla.

Butterfly Effect? NALC discusses impacts of monarch butterfly under Endangered Species Act

By Drew Viguet
National Agricultural Law Center
U of A System Division of Agriculture

When a species is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, or ESA, it receives various protections — what impact could those protections have on agriculture?

That's the question following the December 2024 proposal from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or FWS, to list the monarch butterfly as threatened under the ESA. Among other factors in its declining numbers, agricultural production and land use impact the butterfly by reducing milkweed habitat through land conversion and pesticide use, which disrupts their breeding and migration.



MIGHTY MONARCH. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed listing the monarch butterfly as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act in December 2024. The proposed listing is open for public comment through March 12. (U of A System Division of Agriculture photo)

"When a species is listed, it can impact how agricultural producers are able to operate."
— Brigit Rollins

"This process began at least as far back as 2014 when various environmental groups submitted a petition to FWS to list the monarch butterfly," said Brigit Rollins, staff attorney at the National Agricultural Law Center, or NALC.

"A decade later, FWS agreed, proposing to list it as a 'threatened' species."

Rollins discussed what the designation of "threatened" means, as well as other components of the proposed listing and which aspects of the proposal would especially impact agriculture during the NALC's Feb. 19 webinar. The presentation, "Monarch Butterfly: Exploring the Proposed ESA Listing."

"When a species is listed, it can impact how agricultural producers are able to operate," Rollins said. "In the case of the monarch butterfly, the proposed listing from FWS provides

exemptions for agriculture and citizen conservation efforts. Other areas, such as pesticide restrictions, are unaddressed. It's possible that details about pesticide use would be included in the final listing decision or in a separate rule."

The listing is only a proposal for now and is open for public comment through March 12.

"The agency has requested feedback from commenters on a variety of topics, including possible economic impacts of the proposed decision and how to address pesticide uses," Rollins said. "Stakeholders can provide comments online."

Along with examining the proposed decision to list the monarch, Rollins addressed how the new presidential administration could impact a final rule.

"The administration has not addressed the monarch decision specifically, so it

is not clear how it plans to proceed," Rollins said. "However, the webinar discussed possible outcomes or administrative pathways that are available."

More information from Rollins on the proposed listing of the monarch butterfly is available online on the NALC website. For background on the ESA, visit the NALC's Endangered Species Act Manual, authored by Rollins, and the ESA Reading Room.

Howard County 4H Achievement Banquet

Friday, March 7

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Registration 5:30-5:50 p.m.

Program at 6:00

Theme: Hunting for 4H

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Howard County 4H Foundation, Howard County Extension Homemaker's Council, Howard County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and Farm Credit Service

Corrections

In last week's edition of the newspaper, there were mistakes made:

- Left off player Savannah Tedford from the roster of the undefeated junior high Dierks Lady Outlaws and their district tournament win photo.
- Misspelled the name of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award winner James Sillivan.
- Misspelled the name of the NCC banquet's auctioneer, Reed Webb.
- Incorrectly stated new chamber president, Kristin Stavely, received a gift from outgoing president Aaron Tollett. It was actually the other way around.
- Misspelled the town of Nashville (ugh) in a NCC banquet photo caption.

Needless to say, the newspaper regrets the errors!

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