

Daylight-saving time will begin at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 9. Set clocks ahead one hour if they don't adjust automatically. Spring forward; fall back.

Ralph Gross Tournament March 5-8 in Nashville

The tournament is named for the late Ralph Gross, who was a five-sport letterman at Nashville High School.

Rescheduled meeting of HCCC board to be March 11

Josh Tice, president; Riley Jamison, vice president; Lisa Chandler, secretary; Donny Woods, treasurer; Carol Murray; Bill Craig; Dena Tollett; Sarah Myers; Andy Troutt; Zack Pinegar; and Melissa Hamilton.

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School elections set May 13

All voting for the Blevins School District will be at the Hempstead County Clerk's office.



STATE BOUND

Scrappettes, Scrappers advance to 4A tournament

The Class 4A finals will be next week at Bank OZK Arena in Hot



Scrappettes
The regional was “a good tournament” for the Scrappettes, according to Coach Paul Dean. “We took care of business against Monticello” in the first game Feb. 26, defeating the Lady Billies 81-43.

important,” Dean said, because the winner qualifies for state.
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Economic panel hears update

Weeks said she recently went on a tour of Ledwell at Texarkana. "It was very informative," she said.

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Florida beach offers guests quiet getaway

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If you're successful at staying on
I-10 past Panama City, you'll go a
few miles and then turn south on
state Highway 69. For a little over
an hour, you'll drive on an almost

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A CHESS CHAMPION Nayeli Gomez, an 8th grader at Mineral Springs, won first place at the De Queen-Mena Educational Cooperative Junior High Chess Tournament last week. *Photo submitted*

Re-visiting the recent
Nashville Chamber of Commerce
awards banquet



PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Outgoing Nashville Chamber of Commerce board president Aaron Tollett receives a plaque of appreciation from new president Kristin Stavely.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT. Richard Sillavan was presented the award by chamber board member Susie Berruquin.



WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBER. Bougie Boutique was welcomed with the traditional ribbon cutting, Thursday morning. The store is located in Balton Square, 105 W. Shepherd, Nashville. From left, chamber board members Tina Carver, Carlos Martinez, Bonita Fagan and her daughter owner Jana Starr, chamber directors Maira Couch, Wendy Rojas-Sitzes, Deede Reed, chamber executive director Tim Pinkerton, board president Kristin Stavely, and board member Tara Green.



TYSON GRANT TO FOOD BANK. A grant in the amount of \$43,114 has been given to the mobile pantry food programs through Harvest Regional Food Bank. The food bank provides food directly to those communities with the fewest hunger relief options. The food bank serves six rural counties, including Howard, Pike and Sevier counties multiple times throughout the year. "At Tyson Foods, we are committed to driving out food insecurity by ensuring families have access to nutritious meals. Through our longstanding partnership with Harvest Regional Food Bank, we continue working to eliminate hunger—one meal, one community at a time," said Tem Gunter, Tyson's area Human Resources partner. Since 2000, Tyson has donated more than \$200,000 and one million pounds of food to Harvest Regional Food Bank. Making the grant check presentation were, from left, Zach Pinegar, Nashville Plant Manager, Nick Britt, Complex Manager, Camille Wrinkle, CEO Harvest Texarkana Regional Food Bank, Tem Gunter, Area HR Partner. *Photo submitted*

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Key decisions for retired couples

By Josh Tice
Edward Jones Investments

Once you and your spouse retire, you'll have some decisions to make — decisions that could affect your quality of life in your retirement years. What are these choices?

Here are a few of the most important ones:

- *How much should you withdraw from your retirement accounts?* By the time you retire, you may have contributed for decades to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. But once you retire, you'll probably need to draw on these accounts to help pay your living expenses. Consequently, both of you will need to be sure that you don't withdraw so much each year that you risk running out of money later in your retirement. One common guideline is to aim for an annual withdrawal rate of 4%, but everyone's situation is different based on age, pre-retirement income, lifestyle, health, travel plans and other factors. (Once you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later, you will have to take certain amounts, based on your age and account balance, from your traditional IRA and traditional 401(k) each year.)
- *When should you take Social Security?* The answer to this question depends on many factors, such as your age and other sources of income. You can take Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will typically be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be age 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. And if you can afford to wait even longer, your payments will "max out" when you reach age 70. Your decision on when to take Social Security can affect your spouse — and vice versa. If the lower-earning spouse claims Social Security before their full retirement age — again, age 67 — their own retirement benefit and any potential spousal benefit will be reduced. (Spousal benefits are given to the lower-earning spouse if their full retirement benefit is less than half the other spouse's full retirement benefit.)
- *Should you downsize?* If you live in a big home and your children are grown, you may find it economical to downsize. Of course, this is also an emotional decision, but you may find that you can save money by moving into a smaller home.
- *Where should you live?* Some states are far more expensive to live in than others. You'll want to weigh your decision carefully, considering the cost of housing, food, income and real estate taxes, transportation and health care

in whatever state you choose.

- *Have you finished your estate plans?* If not, now is the time. You'll want to work with your legal professional to create whatever documents are needed — a will, living trust, power of attorney — to help ensure your assets go where you want them to go, and that your financial and health care choices will be protected if you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

Of course, many of these same issues will apply if you are single, divorced or widowed. But if you are married, you and your spouse will want to discuss all your choices and then decide which steps to take. Once you've got your plans in place, you may well find that you can fully enjoy your retirement years.

MS School Board accepts some resignations and rehiring

Administrative personnel were rehired and some resignations accepted, Tuesday night at the February meeting of the Mineral Spring School Board.

The rehires were K-12 principal Stacey Gaddis and federal programs director Wendy Reed.

Resignations included: 4th grade teacher Lauren Wilson; coach Keontae Larry; and husband-wife Quinton and Shelby Thornton, both of whom coach and have academic responsibilities.

In her regular report, principal Gaddis said that two MS sophomores, Madison Adams and Rihanna Collins, will attend a summer leadership camp sponsored by the Nashville Rotary Club.

The board approved some amendments to the athletic handbook relating to the cheerleader squad.

At the beginning of the meeting the school's senior girls basketball squad joined the school board for a photo. The Lady Hornets won the district championship and are headed to regional play.

Present for the meeting were board members Mike Erwin, Xavier Vaughn, Dorothy Vaughn, Barnado Thomas, Ricky Gamble, Ray Hawkins and board chairman William Dixon who presided; also, Supt. JonDavid Amerson, Principal Stacey Gaddis, district financial officer Frankie Tollett and bookkeeper Stacy Turner.

Obituaries

Deborah Kay Brady
Deborah Kay Brady, 56, of Nashville died March 2, 2025.
She was born Jan. 3, 1969, in De Queen.
She was a member of the Hope Assembly of God.
She was preceded in death by her father, Jerry Conatser.
Survivors include: her husband, Leslie Duke Brady; her son, Jerrod Allen Miller; daughter, Madison Paige Miller; two sisters, Cindy Whitehouse and Becky Dallas; also grandchildren.
Visitation will be at Nashville Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 5, from 5-7 p.m..
The funeral will be Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 12 p.m. also at Nashville Funeral Home with Bro. Kenny Martin and Bro. Jim Bo Manning officiating. Burial will follow in Sunshine Cemetery,

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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



Inside the Dierks Big Store, owned by the Dierks Lumber and Coal Company. Circa, 1930. The Big Store closed its door in 1970.

140 years ago: March 1885
A pet bear escaped from the residence of Geo. M. Clark Tuesday night and took in a number of kitchens in town, among those affected were two editors, where we were sorry to say, his bearship got bountifully left.

122 years ago: March 1903
A Bingen man has filed suit in the Hempstead Chancery Court for a divorce from his wife who resides at Washington. They have been separated for about three years, and he alleges desertion in his petition for divorce.

80 years ago: February 1945
County Chairman W.P. Ball of the Red Cross War Fund Drive reported to state headquarters that the county had reached its full minimum quota in the drive,

becoming the fifth county in the state to reach its set goal. With a quota of \$7,800, it now seems the county may go \$1,500 over its quota. Mr. Ball said Monday, when he reported that money already turned over to him and in the bank for the fund amounted to \$8,293.72.

70 years ago: March 1955
Two drug stores are making major improvements this spring. Harold Haller is doing a complete redecorating of the interior of Nashville Drug. John Brooks Reese, now at the old Owl Drug, is redecorating and restocking. The Assembly of God church has a bright new front. Two new homes are completed on Sunset, and Dr. Ed. Dildy's new mansion is nearing completion.

42 years ago: February 1983

Airman Alan W. Jegstrup, son of Willian F. and Betty L. Jegstrup of Route 1, Lockesburg has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois after completing Air Force basic training. In the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. Jegstrup is a 1982 graduate of Saratoga High School.

A special feature filmed at the Crater of Diamonds State Park at Murfreesboro will be shown on ABC television's *Ripley's Believe It or Not* program on Sunday, February 20th.

Approximately 70 local residents will appear in the segment as diamond diggers. The locals filled in for tourists who were unavailable during the early February filming.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Feb. 20-26, 2025, unless noted otherwise:

Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)
Feb. 20. Richard Chance Keeton, 34, Nashville, and Sarah Elizabeth Allensworth, 39, Nashville.

Feb. 21. Damien Paul Mitchell, 44, Mineral Springs, and RaShonda LaShela Sanders, 44, Mineral Springs.

Feb. 21. Brady Allen Strasner, 27, Dierks and Cammie Elaina York, 27, Glenwood.

Feb. 26. Justin Carl Newton, 39, Nashville, and Misty Michelle Lewis, 35, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV25-21, Feb. 20. Velocity Investments vs. Bridget Poindexter. Debt.

CV25-22, Feb. 21. Discover Bank vs. Brandy Jor-

dan. Debt.

CV25-23, Feb. 21. In the matter of Jacquelyn Stillwagon. Name change to Gaia Devi Stillwagon.

CV25-24, Feb. 24. CKS Prime Investments vs. Evelyn L. Raulerson. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-17, Feb. 26. Brittany White vs. Ryan L. Mixon. Order of protection.

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

CR25-27, Feb. 26. State of Arkansas vs. Jason Shawn Pettit, 47, white male, Dierks; POCS, class C felony; PODP, class D; POCS, misdemeanor.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds

Feb. 26. Sherry A. Raines and Manuel Gomez; to Sherry A. Raines; Lot 1, Block 1,

Blue Bayou Estates Subdivision, Howard County.

Feb. 26. James H. Jamison; to James H. Jamison and Bernice Jamison, husband and wife; aggregate 70 ac. in S8 T9S R27W.

Redemption Deed
Feb. 24. State of Arkansas; to Nannie Davis, c/o Charlotte R. Manley, Phoenix, Ariz.; 9 ac. in S17 T11S R27W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$117.10.

Warranty Deeds
Feb. 20. Julia Jones; to Oliver Rauschnot and Ashley Rauschnot, husband and wife, tenants by the entirety; 20 ac. in S30 T5S R29W. \$158,000.

Feb. 21. Benson Nursing Home, Inc.; to Sharon Benson; Lot 6, Block 20, SREDC Addition to Nashville.

Feb. 24. (Special) Yates Group, Inc., fka E-Z Mart Stores, Inc.; to Southwest Electric Power Co.; 2 tracts, aggregate 7.149 ac. in S31 T7S R28W. \$477,635.40.

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On Friday morning, the maintenance team started their day with a specialized training session, focusing on enhancing their skills and knowledge. These type of trainings are a crucial component of our teams ongoing training and development program, designed to keep their expertise up-to-date. The training session was led by Gear Wrench specialists who visited our site, providing in-depth insights into the principles of torque and its practical applications, while also showcasing an array of specialized tools tailored to address diverse situations.



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Orange and Black - Trista Annold*

We also salute new businesses opened in 2024
**Bougie Boutique Designer Retail, Jacques/Howard Mini Storage,
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Point of view

The long project

Main sidewalk project encompasses decades

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I’ve been watching the crews that are working on the sidewalks on the other end of town during the worst weather imaginable. It’s possible that rumors of the presence of ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents may have impacted the project’s workforce.

THE GOOD EARTH. A few connections still need to be made before a fine sidewalk links the spotlight on North Main to the intersection of South Main and Russell Street (some of us habitually say “the ‘old’ Hope highway”) on the south. The project is now only on the east side of Main. When the project began under the administration of Mayor Bo Castleberry, the sidewalks were on both side in the Central Business District and they were decorative.

The decorative has mostly faded now, and I note that in two places the sidewalk on the west side of the 300 block of Main is buckled.

I appreciate all efforts to make our town beautiful. The sidewalks were paid for by grants from the Arkansas Department of Transportation (the ‘old’ Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department), and we’re not through, yet.

A sidewalk (not decorative) will be built alongside Highway 371 (Peachtree Street, or the ‘old’ Prescott Highway).

Again, paid for by the ADOT This is all an effort promote walking and to serve walkers, and there are a surprisingly large number of them.

The remaining parts may provide a problem. How are the sidewalk-makers gonna get the new surface without interrupting drive-thru service at Starz? I might starve.

MORE GOOD EARTH. I know it’s only early March, but the Carolina Jasmine and the Something-Something (the name will come to me) have bloomed, and some hopeful buds have popped out on some trees.

Spring is coming. My fingers are hurting because I’ve crossed them so hard for ‘our’ 2025 peach crop.

ANIMAL CRACKERS. For the 15th year in a row I PROMISE to keep my eyes peeled for the arrival of the Mississippi Kites. My bud Deb Cowling (see below) says she’s already got arrivals of Purple Martins and has seen Bluebirds zooming around.

Some people still put up Purple Martin apartment houses on poles. Our John Balch says the height of the poles protects the Martins from predators.

They eat flying bugs, and that’s why so many people look forward to the arrival of Purple Martins.

For several weeks we’ve had those endless waves of Blackbirds. Warning: Don’t let them set up permanent residence in trees around your home. Their droppings promote histoplasmosis, a fungal lung disease.

I once had a neighbor who wanted to keep hungry Crows away from his pecan trees where they were having a feast.

He hit upon the idea of hanging a radio from a pecan limb and playing it at highest volume from dawn to dusk.

His neighbors looked forward to dusk. Dreaded dawn. Even several blocks away you were aware of his Crow solution.

This neighbor told me that over time he found the radio station the Crows hated the most. It was a ‘country’ station from Hot Springs.

The neighbor is gone, but the pecan trees and the Crows are still here. The new owners thankfully don’t care if the Crows get a few pecans. I don’t know nuthin about the Hot Springs radio station.

HEARD FROM. Bill Bollinger writes that he is working on a NASA project in Knoxville, Tenn.: “Imagine a Nashville Scrapper working on the Moon/Mars rocket tower, (who) used to deliver papers for The Nashville News!”

Bill is on the honor roll for former ‘Nashville News’ paperboys. He was not only a Scrapper, he also was a placekicker at SAU. Go Mul-eriders!

ALSO HEARD FROM: My ole MS Hornet buddy Deb Cowling corrects me. I wrote last week that President Trump renamed Mt. Denali to Mt. McKinley just because President Biden had renamed it from Mt. McKinley to Mt. Denali. She gently corrected me saying that it was President Obama who had renamed the peak. I’m sure she’s right.

I don’t think President Trump cares a whit about the name of a mountain. I think he cares a lot about ‘getting even’ with anyone he considers to be an enemy and undoing anything that recent liberal Presidents have done.

I didn’t have the presence of mind to ask Deb if she knew why President Trump renamed the Gulf of Mexico.

THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: “The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.”

HE SAID: “Look not mournfully into the past, it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present, it is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart.” Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, poet and educator

SHE SAID: Vanity and pride are different things, though the words are often used synonymously. A person may be proud without being vain. Pride relates more to our opinion of ourselves; vanity, to what we would have others think of us.” Jane Austin, novelist

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

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LETTER

Proposed legislation would harm K-12,higher education in Arkansas

To the Editor: There are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen, and for Arkansas, our future decades are bleak because of the coming weeks.

At the time this is being written, a massive 122-page bill entitled the “ACCESS Act” is set to be heard by the House of Representatives as early as March 4.

The bill guarantees a future where the governor has complete and absolute control over the educational system by purging all of the locally led associations of Arkansas from their positions within the Department of Education and giving her the ability to appoint whomever she pleases without any required representation of actual Arkansans.

They are killing both rural and urban public school districts alike by dissolving programs that give rural schools more elective courses as in Sections 7 and 10 while also changing the rating system for schools (which is how they get their funding) by cutting out all considerations of teacher qualifications, AP resources, community involvement, and diversity (all things that the LRSD and NWA tend to specialize in) and keeping considerations of neighborhood crime rates which will just defund urban public schools.

After that, they are gutting

scholarship programs under the facade of creating new ones with catchier names like, for example, the “Hero Scholarship,” which conveniently cuts out people whose parents served in the military or first response and opts to only include those whose parents died in those occupations.

By now, it may be questioned how they are going to prevent public backlash to these changes, and the answer is simple - they are going to SILENCE the public. Throughout the bill, there are numerous sections that blatantly stomp on the First Amendment protections of our constitution, like Section 23 which will cause the detaining and potential arrest of any high school students who deliver legislative testimony or stage protests on charges of truancy, and Section 60 that allows the Governor-appointed Division of Higher Education to completely revoke tenure from professors that go against standards that the governor-appointed division sets entirely by themselves without any public representation. This goes hand-in-hand with previous changes to alter our constitutional rights to propose their own legislation and constitutional amendments through petitions.

The purpose of this legislation is crystal clear. The Governor wants to make the people of this state servile and powerless within

our very own society - which by extension means our very own lives. The reason that she, and her political allies, want this for us is because they are the extensions of a growing oligarchy within our state and country that openly disdains the general will and best interest of the people.

The corporate donor class and tech billionaires have combined their strength for the last 20 years to bank-roll every single election campaign of our political system, and in doing so, they have taken our government away from the people. The state motto, “Regnant Populus,” meaning “the people rule,” is meaningless. The people have been beaten down for years and now we are being completely removed from our own education system. The time for change is now.

The students of Arkansas call upon the public to join us in opposing this monstrous legislation when it is heard in the House of Representatives by flooding our legislature with public statements against this authoritarian and unconstitutional nightmare of a bill.

If “Regnat Populus” won’t be our government, it will be our battle cry.

Sincerely, the Public School Students of Arkansas
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Senate bills make petition process more difficult for canvassers, public

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The Senate has approved a package of bills with tougher regulations for the signature-gathering process by which citizens can place issues on statewide ballots.

In recent years the legislature has passed numerous new laws to prevent voter fraud and protect election integrity.

The Secretary of State, the top election official in Arkansas, recently issued a report in which he gave the state good grades for its voter integrity laws.

However, he gave Arkansas poor grades for the security of our signature-gathering process, saying that wealthy out-of-state groups “are able to get almost any issue on Arkansas ballots.”

His report stated that “almost all petitions provided to the Secretary of State’s Office contain tens of thousands of invalid signatures and thousands of duplicate signatures.”

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

Senate Bill 207 would require canvassers to inform people, be-

fore 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 col-

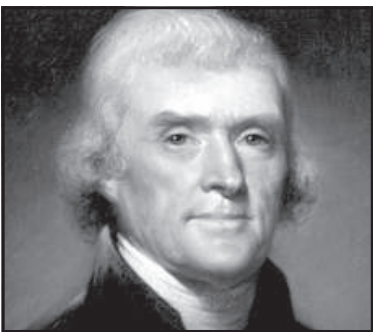
lection of signatures, and with the Constitution. Unless the canvasser submits the sworn statement, any signatures he or she turns in will not be counted by the Secretary of State.

One bill in the package has not been voted on by the full Senate. It is SB 212 to create a new office within the Secretary of State’s office, known as the Document Validity Division.

In other news, the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation endorsed legislation that would save Arkansas homeowners more than \$56 million. It is SB 263 and it will take effect in 2026, when it raises the homestead property tax credit by \$100. The credit is currently \$500. A spokesman for the state Department of Finance and Administration said that about 708,000 homeowners would benefit from the bill.

The Senate approved SB 223, known as the Religious Rights at Public Schools Act of 2025. It would put into one law all the various religious rights of students, teachers and school administrators.

The act will be distributed to all students and staff at the beginning of each school year.



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Thomas Jefferson, 1787
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AT WILSON PARK. The Nashville Scrappers celebrate a home run in last week's exhibition game against Lake Hamilton. The Scrappers won their season opener against Ashdown 6-5 Monday night, March 3, at home.

DHC

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Board chair Paul Britt said the property “is a marketable piece of land.” Britt suggested that DHC send thank you notes to its 23 contributors who have made three-year commitments to the economic development effort.

“We can tell them what we’ve done in the past year,”

he said.

Britt asked Weeks to write the message to contributors and send it to board members for their approval.

Developing Howard County scheduled a community meeting for Tuesday night, March 4. A report will be in the March 12 *News-Leader*.

State

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The regional finals saw the Scrapperettes and De Queen meeting for the third time this season.

“We played well. We were ready to play. We had some good looks in regulation and overtime, but some of the shots didn’t fall,” Dean said.

At the end of regulation, the teams were tied 52-52 before De Queen went on to win 60-53 in overtime.

“I’m excited,” Dean said. “I’m proud of our effort. State is always fun. We’ve had pretty good success there.”

Nashville’s match-up with Pea Ridge “should be a good game. If we play well, we will have a good chance. That’s all we can ask for,” Dean said.

The Scrapperettes have dealt with a number of injuries during the season. Starters Caroline Dean, Kennedy Scrivner and Lyris Bennett were all out for some of the games in November in December.

Dean and Scrivner returned, but Bennett will miss the entire season.

Karstyn Scrivner was injured late in the De Queen game but is expected to be ready to play Thursday

afternoon.

“The girls have done a good job. I’m really happy with where we are,” Dean said.

Against Monticello, Ava Basiliere was the Scrapperettes’ leading scorer with 26 points, followed by Karstyn Scrivner with 22 and Caroline Dean with 12.

Basiliere, Scrivner and Dean led Nashville against Arkadelphia with 26 points, 20 and 12, respectively.

In the regional final against De Queen, Scrivner put up 30 points to lead Nashville, with 11 from Basiliere and six from Dean.

Scrappers

The Scrappers are making their first trip to state since 2020. “Overall, it’s good to get through the regional and advance in the post season,” Coach Aaron Worthen said.

Nashville opened the regional with a 68-59 win over Watson Chapel Feb. 26. “I was disappointed after the first game,” Worthen said. “We couldn’t give good answers to questions I always ask the players after a game.”

In the semifinal round Feb. 28, the Scrappers played Magnolia down to the wire before losing 66-62. “We’ve had a hard time with the big man from Magnolia,” Worthen said. “He’ll be playing somewhere next

year.”

The Scrappers bounced back in the third-place game and defeated Arkadelphia 68-34.

Worthen said the Scrappers “played hard. There’s some ability on this team. I’ve seen a difference in the last month. The kids know why Coach [Tyler] Clift and I are as hard on them as we are sometimes.”

The Scrappers went on the road to win at Lake Hamilton, Arkadelphia and Camden Fairview late in the regular season. “Then we roll into the post season and give Magnolia one of their tougher games,” Worthen said.

Looking at this week’s state opener, Worthen said Pottsville is “very talented. It will be a good matchup.”

In the regional contest against Watson Chapel, Kasen Morgan and Bo Bell had 19 points each, followed by Demetrus Shelley with 12 and Johnte Taylor with 11.

Shelley led the Scrappers against Magnolia with 18 points, followed by Bell with 15 and Taylor with 14.

Against Arkadelphia, Shelley was the leading scorer with 23 points, followed by Morgan with 11 and Taylor with 8.



Don and Jaree Hall of Nashville at the St. George Island Visitor Center

Beach

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traffic-free 2-lane route through beautiful national and state forests to a place in paradise called St. George Island.

St. George is four miles off the Florida coast, 12 miles from Apalachicola, and is in a different universe.

Think Jimmy Buffett. White sand beaches stretch for miles, and the gentle breeze and rolling waves remind you that you aren’t in Arkansas any longer. There’s a bike path that parallels the main street, Gulf Beach Drive, for eight miles and continues into St. George State Park for another four miles.

The beach at St. George State Park was, in 2023, ranked the best in the nation. If you’re looking for a beach, you just found one. There is a small campground on the bay side in the park, but make your reservations a year ahead of time if you want to pull a camper.

For those of us who are not campers, St. George Island offers literally hundreds of alternatives.

Sheila Hauser is Marketing Director for Collins Vacation Rentals, a staple on St. George for more than 50 years. The largest property management company on the island, they oversee 260-275 properties, ranging from 1 bedroom up to 7.

“We pride ourselves in being knowledgeable locals,” she said recently. “We have three girls working the front desk and 3-4 full-time reservationists. People can call. If they’ve never



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been here, they can call and ask questions about the area. What to do, where to fish, and things like that.”

A large percentage of return vacationers book online. “People want to come back each year and stay in the same house they’ve stayed in before with their families and make more memories,” said Sheila. “Come here, turn your cell phone off, take a walk on the beach with your kids, pick up shells, watch the sunrise, watch the sunset. Enjoy the local seafood.”

The restaurants on the island are locally owned and wonderfully quirky, with names like The Blue Parrot, The Beach Pit, and Paddy’s Raw Bar. Leave the car at the condo and ride your bike—they’re all close-by. And the smoked tuna dip at The Blue Parrot is habit-forming.

If you want to hire a guide and go fishing, the restaurants will cook your catch for you. Highly recommended is Captain Coble Griffith at Griffith Guide Service. Bay or offshore fishing, shelling on local islands, dolphin and sunset cruises, he can do them all with a boat that is large enough for the entire family.

Prices for rentals vary with the season. Summer is the most expensive time

at St. George. “It starts with Memorial Day weekend and ends with July 30, and bookings are already good for this year,” Sheila said. Prices go down on some properties in August, but the real dip begins with the fall season in September.

“The two greatest seasons are spring and fall for fishing and boating and kayaking,” she said. “The temperature is perfect and it’s not as crowded, and the rental rates are much more affordable.”

Fall continues through the first week of November. Winter is the least expensive and goes through the end of February. The water is too cool for swimming, but the weather is mild and perfect for bicycling and fishing. Check Collins Vacation Rentals’ web site for specials throughout the year.

So, I ask, what would you like the people of southwest Arkansas to know about St. George Island?

Sheila answered without pausing: “It’s the perfect family destination to get away from it all and enjoy nature and reconnect with your family and make memories. There are things to do as a family like bike-riding, kayaking, fishing, dolphin tours and sunset tours. “If you’ve never been here, there’s no place like it in the world.”

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Good Friday: Friday, April 18th

Schedule will be the same as regular week

Memorial Day: Monday, May 26th

Monday & Tuesday pick up on Tuesday
Rest of the week will be on schedule

Juneteenth: Thursday, June 19th

Monday & Tuesday pick up on Monday
Wednesday pick up on Tuesday
Thursday pick up on Wednesday.
NO TRASH PICK UP ON THURSDAY

Independence Day: Friday, July 4th

Schedule will be the same as regular week

Labor Day: Monday, September 1st

Monday & Tuesday pick up on Tuesday
Rest of the week will be on schedule

Veteran's Day: **Observing on Monday, November 10th**

Monday & Tuesday pick up on Tuesday
Rest of the week will be on schedule

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 27th
Thanksgiving: Friday, November 28th

Monday & Tuesday pick up on Monday
Wednesday pick up on Tuesday
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Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25th
Christmas Holiday (Observed) Friday, December 26th

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Feb. 27, 2025
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Barbre, Steven Adam, 43, Dierks, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$145
Barron, Juan Vazquez, 61, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Basilio, Lauriel, 25, Hope, \$210 BF, failure tp pay registration; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Benson, Lawrence, 28, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of speeding, fined \$230; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Castle, Heather, 36, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Cruz, Federico Garcia, 43, Magnolia, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Garcia, Monica, 25, Nashville, \$195 Bf, no child restraint
Gautney, Tracy C., 56, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding
Goodwin, Tammy L., 62, Saratoga, \$260 BF, speeding
Grissom, Ellis Ray, 56, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$525 owed
Iacoveli, Nicholas T., 20, Mineral Springs, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Kesterson, Kristy D., 42, Gilliam, \$240 BF, speeding
Levingston, Patrick J., 58, El Dorado, guilty of driving on restricted license, fined \$295
Neal, McEntry Ray, 24, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$240; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185
Newell, Liam E., 22, Austin, Texas, \$260 BF, speeding
Nuttle, Daniel A., 28, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,120 owed
Paredes, Juan B., 30, Washington, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Peoples, Kendradrick,

24, Greenwood, Miss., \$195 BF, failure to yield; \$245 BF, failure appear
Perez Montejo, Berlin, 25, Jonesboro, Ga., \$230 BF, speeding; \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Perez, Estafania, 23, Texarkana, Texas, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Sanchez, Escolastico T., 38, De Queen, \$230 BF, speeding; \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Sirmon, John David, 62, Kirby, \$185 BF, no splash guards
Thompkins, Ashlie Nicole, 26, Hope, guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195
Turley, Willam B., 52, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Wallace, Steven M., 36, Hope, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Wiseman, Kayla Sharee, 32, Ashdown, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Witherspoon, Roger L., 28, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding
City of Nashville
Bearden, Wanreka N., 41, Mineral Springs, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Capetillo, Pedro, 57, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding
Flenory, Christin V., 22, Prescott, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,210 owed; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of DWI#2, fined \$1,660, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Garcia, Monica, 25, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345
Harris, Jarrett D., 32, Saratoga, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$640 owed
Henry, Brian N., 24, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$610
Henry, Jenetta, 58, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,607, committed to jail-suspended conditions;

guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Hernandez, Noe, 23, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Jordan, Rosie, 46, Yuma, Ariz., guilty of non-payment of fines, \$575 owed
King, Marquise D., 32, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Palmer, Ladarris K., 20, Nashville, guilty of violation of city ordinance-banned breed of dog
Parker, David A., 46, Dierks, guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220
Perez Garcia, Romelies, 45, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Perez, Humbertina, 42, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Robinson, Freddie L. Sr., 57, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$5,290 owed, committed to jail for 30 days; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Seavers, Alesia C., 36, Bryant, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,277 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Seavers, Debra A., 58, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Staggs, Steven S., 60, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$145; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
City of Dierks
Andrade, Eliseor, 63, Dierks, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance; \$195 BF, failure to yield
Barrington, Stefan, 38, Dierks, guilty of banned breed dog in Dierks, fined \$275
Coulter, Trararo, 35, Prescott, \$250 BF, speeding
Dokuri, Sai Krishna, 23, Little Rock, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Johnson, Kyle William, 33, Texarkana, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance; \$245 BF, failure to appear

City of Mineral Springs
Baker, Joe Walter, 43, Foreman, guilty of drinking on highway, fined \$220
Hawthorne, Torneshia, 40, Nashville, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$270
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Bonnecarrere, Anthony J., Jr., 27, Slidell, La., \$370 Bf, non-resident hunting without license
Bench Trials
Howard County
Mahmoud, Mustafa M.,

38, Warren, Mich., guilty of falsified record of duty sheet, fined \$270
City of Nashville
Daniels, Sharonda Shanay, 41, Mineral Springs, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70
City of Mineral Springs
Daniels, Sharonda Shanay, 41, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

First-degree murder charge filed in Sevier County over death of child

A murder charge has been officially filed in the Sevier County Circuit Court against a De Queen man suspected of killing his six-year-old stepson late last month, according to reporting by Patrick Massey of The De Queen Bee.

According to court records filed on Feb. 24, Jesus Chavez-Arellano is facing a single count of first degree murder for the death of his stepson on Jan. 27. Chavez-Arellano remains in the Sevier County Jail in lieu of a \$250,000 bond.

An immigration hold has since been placed on Chavez-Arellano by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). De Queen police officers were dispatched to Walker Pediatric Care in De Queen on Jan. 27 in reference to an unresponsive six-year-old juvenile. The child was transported to the Sevier County Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

Chavez-Arellano was immediately identified as a suspect in the child's death.

The arrest affidavit states that he was the sole person responsible for the well-being of the child from 6:45 that morning to 2:32 p.m., when the child was taken to Walker Pediatric Care.

Staff at the healthcare provider heroically attempted to provide care to the injured child before he was transported by Southwest EMS to the Sevier County Medical.


He was pronounced deceased at the hospital at 3:15 p.m.

County Line/Yancy VFD BBQ April 8

The annual Spring Benefit BBQ and Auction for the County Line and Yancey Volunteer Fire Departments will be Tuesday, April 8.

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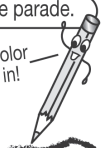
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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Every year the people of Ireland celebrate a special holiday in the early spring. Many go to church, visit family, attend dinners or dances, and march in parades. Across the ocean, in America, many people of Irish descent join in activities that show their pride in being Irish-Americans. Do you know the name of this holiday? If you are thinking of St. Patrick's Day, then you are right.

Some people think I bring good luck because I have ____ leaves and am hard to find.

Of course, leprechauns can easily spot every shamrock with 4 leaves!

Read the clues to fill in this "Irish" crossword puzzle.

Across

2. plant with leaves that have 3 small leaflets
5. bishop in Ireland (2 words)
6. large island west of Great Britain
7. green, white and orange striped
8. important food
9. large, stringed instrument
10. serpents

Down

1. color of spring leaves; grass
3. holiday month
4. will grant you a wish if you can catch it
5. short oak club
8. used for smoking

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flag
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shillelagh
shamrock
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Saint Patrick
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green
leprechaun
potatoes

In the waters around Ireland there are seals, dolphins and killer whales. On land, there are red deer, badgers and lizards. But, there are no snakes to be seen anywhere!

Pssst...do **you** think Little Mouse is right?

At the End of the Rainbow

What did the leprechaun hide at the end of his rainbow?
Get out your colored pencils or crayons and follow this color code to find out:

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Coach Aaron Worthen (left) confers with the Scrappers during a timeout in the regional semifinals Feb. 28 at Monticello.



Johnte Taylor (4) runs past the Badger defender during the Scrappers' win over Arkadelphia.



Coach Paul Dean (right) instructs the Scrapperettes during overtime at the Class 4A South regional championship game against De Queen Saturday night, March 1, at Monticello.



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Scrappers, Scrappettes secure state berths after South regional

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Johnte Taylor (4) goes up for a Scrappie score in Nashville's 68-34 victory over Arkadelphia in the Class 4A South Regional at Monticello. With the win, the Scrappers clinched the 3 seed from the regional going into the state tournament at Magnolia.



Kasen Morgan (right) scores against Magnolia in the regional semifinals Friday night, Feb. 28, in Monticello.



Ava Basiliere sets up a shot against Arkadelphia in the Scrappettes' win Feb. 28.



Bo Bell (12) gets by the Magnolia Panther on his way to the basket Feb. 28.



Demetrus Shelley (2), Bo Bell (12) and Jailyn Staggers (24) guard the Magnolia Panther in the regional semifinals Feb. 28. Magnolia defeated Nashville 66-62 and went on to win the tournament championship.



Karstyn Scrivner (24) drives past the Lady Leopard in the regional finals Saturday night, March 1. De Queen defeated Nashville 60-53 in overtime.



Scrappette defenders Kennedi Scrivner (10), Angel Watson (4) and Caroline Dean (33) close in on the Lady Badger Feb. 28 in the 4A South Regional. Nashville won 86-54 en route to the runner-up slot from the Monticello regional.



Courtesy photo/KAILEE HAMILTON

Scraper cheerleaders await the start of the regional championship game March 1 at Monticello High School.

Follow the News-Leader to the Class 4A state tournament starting Thursday, March 6, in Magnolia.

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Nashville Scrappers, Scrappettes

The Scrappers and Scrappettes have advanced to the Class 4A state tournament this week at Magnolia. The Scrappettes are the 2 seed from the 4A South regional at Monticello. They will play Pea Ridge at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 6. The Scrappers are the 3 seed from 4A South and will play Pottsville March 6 at 2:30 p.m. The state semifinals will be Saturday, March 8.

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HOMESTEADING CONFERENCE. The first Southwest Arkansas Homesteading Conference, hosted by the Howard and Pike County Extension Offices, was held recently at UA Cossatot. There were over 60 attendees, 14 different sessions -- including topics from rain barrels, garden prep, flour milling, soap making, dehydrating foods and intro to backyard poultry with 18 different speakers. Extension participants included Samantha Horn, Howard County CES Staff Chair/4-H Agent; Eva Langley, Pike County CES Staff Chair/FCS Agent; Codie McAlister (at left), Pike County CES Agriculture Agent; Dawson Bailey (above), Howard County CES Agriculture Agent and Christina Myrkle Pike County 4-H Program Assistant.



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- Dermatology
- Pediatrics

- Orthopedics
- Urology
- Wound care
- Primary care
- General surgery
- Robotic surgery



Master Gardeners now accepting applications for Janet B. Carson scholarship

By Rebekah Hall
U of A System Division of Agriculture

For Arkansas Master Gardeners, it’s important to support the next generation of leaders in plant science. As part of this effort, the program funds the Janet B. Carson High School Senior Scholarship, which is now accepting applications from Arkansas students.

The \$2,000 scholarship is available to Arkansas high school seniors who plan to attend an Arkansas college or university. The student must be planning to pursue a degree in a plant science-related field, including horticulture, botany, agronomy, forestry and landscape architecture and design.

Randy Forst, extension consumer horticulture educator and Master Gardener program coordinator for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said the scholarship is a fitting tribute to its namesake. “Janet Carson spent 38 years sharing her knowledge and passion for gardening with thousands of people around the state as a horticulturist for the Cooperative Extension Service,”



Forst said. “The Janet B. Carson Scholarship was set up in 2014 in honor of her significant contributions to the field of horticulture in Arkansas.

“As Master Gardeners, we hope that this opportunity will encourage more young people to pursue a career involving plants,” Forst said. “Investing in the future of the plant industry is fundamental to our mission.”

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 14. The application is available

at uada.formstack.com/forms/jbc_high_school_scholarship. Scholarship applicants must submit a statement about their interest in plant science and their career goals, two letters of recommendation, and their high school transcript and ACT scores. All applications must be submitted online.

For any questions about the Janet B. Carson Scholarship, contact c76scholarships@gmail.com. To learn about Master Gardeners, visit uaex.uada.edu/master-gardeners.

2025 Arkansas Women in Agriculture Conference Set for March 31-April 1 in Hot Springs

HOT SPRINGS – Women from across Arkansas will gather at the 2025 Arkansas Women in Agriculture Conference, scheduled for March 31 - April 1, 2025, at the Hot Springs Convention Center. This highly anticipated event offers two days of educational workshops, inspiring keynote speakers, and invaluable networking opportunities designed to empower and support women in all sectors of agriculture.

“This conference brings together like-minded women in an environment where they can ask questions, share knowledge, and build lasting connections,” said Lindsey Holtzclaw, president of Arkansas Women in Agriculture. “The friendships, mentorships, and resources gained here will serve attendees well beyond the two days.”

Dynamic Keynote Speakers & Engaging Workshops
This year’s keynote speakers include Lisa Smartt, a humorist and motivational speaker known for her engaging storytelling and encouragement, and Brooke Clay Taylor, a breast cancer survivor, entrepreneur, and agriculture advocate who is passionate about sharing rural stories.

This year’s breakout sessions cover a

wide range of topics, including drone use in agriculture, a legislative update on the Farm Bill, beekeeping for beginners, first aid on the farm, sustainable home gardening, and H-2A workforce regulations. Attendees will also have access to a tradeshow featuring vendors, shopping experiences, and networking opportunities with industry professionals.

Registration & Pricing
Early registration is open now through March 8, 2025. Special pricing is available for students and professional development certificates will be offered for attendees. General Registration: \$195 for both days Student Registration: \$175 for both days One-Day Registration: \$150 per day Prices will increase after the early registration deadline.

Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are still available. More details can be found at arwomeninag.org/conference. Arkansas Women in Agriculture is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to educating and empowering women in agriculture across the state. For more information and to register, visit arwomeninag.org.

Murfreesboro chamber banquet Thursday

The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce will hosts its 2025 banquet on Thursday, 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. Dinner will be served from 5-6 p.m. before the festivities begin at 6 p.m. The theme will be “Mardi Gras.”

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1st Friday - 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday Morning Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Pastors: Lankford & Mary Alice Moore

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Facts About The **BIBLE** *BY JOHN LEHTI*

ODED – THE FAIR-MINDED PROPHET!

ODED WAS AN ISRAELITE PROPHET IN THE REIGN OF KING PEKAH. HE WAS ON HAND TO MEET THE ARMY OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL WHICH WAS RETURNING FROM A MOST SUCCESSFUL BATTLE WITH JUDAH, IN WHICH THEY TOOK TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND CAPTIVES, AFTER HAVING SLAIN AN HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND IN ONE DAY! THESE, WITH HUGE AMOUNTS OF SPOIL PILFERED FROM THE CAPTIVES AND TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF JUDAH, WERE BEING BROUGHT UP TO ISRAEL TO BEGIN A LIFE OF SLAVERY! BUT ODED REMONSTRATED WITH THEM ON THE UNBROTHERLY CONDUCT AND, IN THE NAME OF JEHOVA, CALLED ON THEM TO SEND ALL THE CAPTIVES HOME! ODED’S WORDS HAD A GREAT EFFECT ON SOME OF THE LEADING MEN IN SAMARIA AND THEY REFUSED TO LET THE ARMY BRING THE PRISONERS INTO THE CITY--INSTEAD, THEY CLOTHED THE NAKED, FED THE HUNGRY, TOOK CARE OF THE WOUNDED, GAVE BACK ALL THE SPOIL, PUT THOSE WHO WERE TOO FEEBLE TO WALK, ON ANIMALS AND CARRIED THEM ALL THE WAY TO JERICHO WHERE THEY HANDED THEM OVER TO THEIR COUNTRYMEN (II CHRON. 26: 6-15).

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Evening worship 6:00 p.m.
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www.myimmanuel.com
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Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: GROW - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
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Sun. Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sun. Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday WOW 6:00 p.m.
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845-3241
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Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Minister: Jim Pinson

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870-287-5652

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Service: 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 993

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Nashville, Arkansas (the “City”) owns and operates a water and sewer system (the “System”); and WHEREAS, the City Council of the City has determined that the water facilities of the System are in need of certain betterments and improvements (the “Improvements”); and WHEREAS, all or a portion of the costs of the Improvements will be accomplished by the issuance of bonds secured by revenues of the System (the “bonds”); and WHEREAS, it is necessary for the issuance of the bonds that the City confirm the existing rates charged for water and sewer services rendered by the System; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Nashville, Arkansas:

Section 1. The following monthly rates and charges, which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and necessary minimum rates, are hereby fixed as rates to be charged for water services to be rendered by the System.

The water usage of each customer shall be determined each month by meter measurement, and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025				
Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	2,001-15,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	15,001-50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	All over 50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)
Residential - 3/4"	\$15.00	\$3.75	\$2.75	\$2.25
Sr. Citizen - 3/4"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial -3/4"	25.00	4.25	2.75	2.25
Residential - 1"	25.00	4.50	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 1"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 1"	35.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1"	40.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Commercial - 1.5"	50.00	5.00	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1.5"	55.00	5.50	3.25	2.75
Residential - 2"	30.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 2"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 2"	55.00	5.25	3.50	2.50
Industrial - 2"	60.00	5.75	4.00	2.25
Commercial - 3"	140.00	6.25	3.75	2.50
Industrial - 3"	145.00	6.75	4.25	2.75
Commercial - 4"	170.00	7.00	4.50	3.25
Industrial - 4"	180.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Commercial - 8"	400.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Industrial - 8"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Industrial - 10"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026				
Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	2,001-15,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	15,001-50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	All over 50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)
Residential - 3/4"	\$ 15.00	\$3.75	\$2.75	\$2.25
Sr. Citizen - 3/4"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial -3/4"	25.00	4.25	2.75	2.25
Residential - 1"	25.00	4.50	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 1"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 1"	35.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1"	40.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Commercial - 1.5"	50.00	5.00	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1.5"	55.00	5.50	3.25	2.75
Residential - 2"	30.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 2"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 2"	55.00	5.25	3.50	2.50
Industrial - 2"	60.00	5.75	4.00	2.25
Commercial - 3"	140.00	6.25	3.75	2.50
Industrial - 3"	145.00	6.75	4.25	2.75
Commercial - 4"	170.00	7.00	4.50	3.25
Industrial - 4"	190.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Commercial - 8"	400.00	7.00	4.00	3.25
Industrial - 8"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Industrial - 10"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.25
January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027				
Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	2,001-15,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	15,001-50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	All over 50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)
Residential - 3/4"	\$ 15.00	\$3.75	\$2.75	\$2.25
Sr. Citizen - 3/4"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial -3/4"	25.00	4.25	2.75	2.25
Residential - 1"	25.00	4.50	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 1"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 1"	35.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1"	40.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Commercial - 1.5"	50.00	5.00	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1.5"	55.00	5.50	3.25	2.75
Residential - 2"	30.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 2"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 2"	55.00	5.25	3.50	2.50
Industrial - 2"	60.00	5.75	4.00	2.25
Commercial - 3"	140.00	6.25	3.75	2.50
Industrial - 3"	145.00	6.75	4.25	2.75
Commercial - 4"	170.00	7.00	4.50	3.25
Industrial - 4"	190.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Commercial - 8"	400.00	7.00	4.00	3.25
Industrial - 8"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Industrial - 10"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.25
January 1, 2028 - December 31, 2028				
Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	2,001-15,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	15,001-50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	All over 50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)
Residential - 3/4"	\$ 15.00	\$3.75	\$2.75	\$2.25
Sr. Citizen - 3/4"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial -3/4"	25.00	4.25	2.75	2.25
Residential - 1"	25.00	4.50	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 1"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 1"	35.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1"	40.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Commercial - 1.5"	50.00	5.00	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1.5"	55.00	5.50	3.25	2.75
Residential - 2"	30.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 2"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 2"	55.00	5.25	3.50	2.50
Industrial - 2"	60.00	5.75	4.00	2.25
Commercial - 3"	140.00	6.25	3.75	2.50
Industrial - 3"	145.00	6.75	4.25	2.75
Commercial - 4"	170.00	7.00	4.50	3.25
Industrial - 4"	190.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Commercial - 8"	400.00	7.00	4.00	3.50
Industrial - 8"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Industrial - 10"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.50
On and After January 1, 2029				
Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	2,001-15,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	15,001-50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	All over 50,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)
Residential - 3/4"	\$ 15.00	\$3.75	\$2.75	\$2.25
Sr. Citizen - 3/4"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial -3/4"	25.00	4.25	2.75	2.25
Residential - 1"	25.00	4.50	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 1"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 1"	35.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1"	40.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Commercial - 1.5"	50.00	5.00	3.00	2.50
Industrial - 1.5"	55.00	5.50	3.25	2.75
Residential - 2"	30.00	4.75	3.00	2.50
Sr. Citizen - 2"	10.00	3.25	2.75	2.25
Commercial - 2"	55.00	5.25	3.50	2.50
Industrial - 2"	60.00	5.75	4.00	2.25
Commercial - 3"	140.00	6.25	3.75	2.50
Industrial - 3"	145.00	6.75	4.25	2.75
Commercial - 4"	170.00	7.00	4.50	3.25
Industrial - 4"	190.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Commercial - 8"	400.00	7.00	4.00	3.50
Industrial - 8"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.00
Industrial - 10"	500.00	7.00	4.00	3.50

Section 2. The following monthly rates and charges, which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and necessary minimum rates, are hereby fixed as rates to be charged for sewer services to be rendered by the System.

The sewer charges shall be based on water consumption and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025			January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026			January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027		
Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	All Over 2,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	All Over 2,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	All Over 2,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)
Residential	\$ 16.50	\$4.00	Residential	\$ 17.00	\$4.00	Residential	\$ 17.00	\$4.00
Sr. Citizen	15.50	3.50	Sr. Citizen	15.50	3.50	Sr. Citizen	15.50	3.50
Commercial	25.00	4.25	Commercial	50.00	4.25	Commercial	55.00	4.25
Commercial - Flat	75.00	--	Commercial - Flat	80.00	--	Commercial - Flat	80.00	--
Industrial	50.00	4.25	Industrial	50.00	4.25	Industrial	55.00	4.50
Industrial (with its own treatment plant)	600.00	--	Industrial (with its own treatment plant)	625.00	--	Industrial (with its own treatment plant)	650.00	--
January 1, 2028 - December 31, 2028			On or After January 1, 2029					
Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	All Over 2,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)	Customer Type	First 2,000 Gal (minimum)	All Over 2,000 Gal (per 1,000 gal)			
Residential	\$ 17.50	\$4.25	Residential	\$ 18.00	\$4.50			
Sr. Citizen	15.50	3.50	Sr. Citizen	15.50	3.50			
Commercial	55.00	4.25	Commercial	55.00	4.50			
Commercial - Flat	80.00	--	Commercial - Flat	85.00	--			
Industrial	55.00	4.50	Industrial	55.00	4.75			
Industrial (with its own treatment plant)	650.00	--	Industrial (with its own treatment plant)	650.00	--			

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 4. All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED: February 24, 2025.

APPROVED:
ATTEST: /s/ Larry Dunaway, Mayor
/s/ Lauren Hoen, City Clerk
(SEAL)

(This publication was paid for by the City of Nashville. The amount paid for this publication is \$550.80)

This bond does not constitute an indebtedness of the City within any constitutional or statutory limitation or provision, and the taxing power of the City is not pledged to the payment of the principal of or interest on this bond. This bond is a special obligation payable solely from the revenues derived from the operation of the System. In this regard, the pledge of System revenues in favor of this bond is subordinate to the pledge of System revenues in favor of the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 1996A, the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2003, the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, dated September 26, 2013, the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2019 and the City's loan with the Commission pursuant to a Loan Agreement dated as of August 1, 2008, so long as such obligations are outstanding. A sufficient amount of

If, in any month, for any reason there shall be a failure to transfer and pay the required amount into the Operation and Maintenance Fund, the amount of any deficiency shall be added to the amount otherwise required to be transferred and paid into the Operation and Maintenance Fund in the next succeeding month. If in any fiscal year a surplus shall be accumulated in the Operation and Maintenance Fund over and above the amount estimated to be necessary to defray the reasonable and necessary cost of operation, repair, maintenance and insuring of the System during the remainder of the then current fiscal year and the next ensuing fiscal year, such surplus shall be transferred and deposited in the Revenue Fund.

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Pike County District Court

Feb. 4, 2025
BF=Bond Forfeited
Pike County
Akagha, Ikedinachi C., 40, St. Louis, Mo., \$135 BF, speeding
Ballew, Richard Edward, 49, Red Oak, Okla., \$160 BF, registration of gross weight/ license
Bell, Raven, 32, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, fined \$205, \$2,936 owed
Benham, Elizabeth Louise, 41, Baxter Springs, Kan., \$125 BF, speeding
Bourque, Larry Everette, 54, Norman, guilty of drinking in public or on highway, fined \$220
Brown, Isaac Wayne, 17, Broken Bow, Okla., \$185 BF, speeding
Bugna, Anthony Matthew, 38, Gilroy, Calif., \$205 BF, failure to pay
Bush, James C., 32, Glenwood, \$205 BF, failure to pay
Bustos, Jorge Luis, 28, Lovington, N.M., \$145 BF, use of phone while driving
Butler, Bret David, 19, Keota, Okla., \$135 BF, speeding
Byrd, Collier, 26, Little Rock, \$135 BF, speeding
Carr, Hannah Frye, 22, Fayetteville, \$125 BF, speeding
Cates, Michael T., 36, Amity, guilty of theft of property, fined \$385; guilty of theft of property, fined \$385
Childers, Brittany E., 34, Antoine, \$125 BF, speeding
Clemmons, Tanya Janette, 48, Norman, \$125 BF, speeding
Coleman, William Virth, 36, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, fined, \$205, \$459 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Crawford, Karra N., 33, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, no child restraint; \$125 BF, no child restraint
Culpepper, Kason Paul, 18, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Davis, Daphne, 30, Kirby, \$344 BF, violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law
Drye, Braxton Glen, 18, Amity, \$215 BF, speeding
Eoff, Holly A., 44, Delight, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Escamilla, Ezequiel, 28, De Queen, \$125 BF, failure to maintain control
Green, Paul Stanton, 31, Glenwood, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license
Henthorn, Gregory A., 61, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hibner, Kassie, 31, Delight, guilty of failure to pay, fined \$205, \$5,655 owed
Homan, Natasha Lynn, 38, Amity, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$600; guilty of carrying prohibited weapon, fined \$230; guilty of defective/improper head lamps, fined \$125
Humphrey, Clinton Chase, 34, Shawnee Mission, Kan., \$135 BF, speeding
James, Bobby Lynn, 55, Texarkana, Texas, \$125 BF,

failure to register tags/expired
Legrande, Robert Dylan, 30, Greenbrier, \$125 BF, unsafe vehicle
Lockeby, Nicklos, 29, Delight, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$125 BF, defective lights; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license
Love, Roger Joe, 49, Oden, guilty of failure to pay, fined \$205, \$395 owed
Maxey, Samuel, 25, Umpire, guilty of failure to pay, \$fined \$205, committed to jail, \$3,720 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
McClun, Eric Todd, 32, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, fined \$205, \$2,660 owed; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
McGahey, Jamie Michelle, 50, Ft. Smith, \$135 BF, speeding
Navarre, Braden Rains, 33, Hot Springs, \$185 BF, speeding
Neighbors, Whitney Lea, 23, Amity, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125; guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125
Nelson, Spencer James, 21, Antlers, Okla., \$135 BF, speeding
Otts, Kelly M., 38, Mena, \$165 BF, speeding
Pedron, Jeb Russell, 19, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$185
Reese, Cameron Keith, 21, Hot Springs, \$185 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Smith, Sheri L., 44, Kirby, \$125 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Thomas, Austin Delane, 29, Kirby, \$135 BF, speeding
Vasquez, Dilia Teresa, 35, Nashville, \$135 BF, speeding
Whatley, William Stone, 21, Hot Springs, \$225 BF, failure to yield-accident
Young, Rebecca Lynne, 66, Murfreesboro, \$135 BF, speeding
City of Murfreesboro
Chandler, Roger, 58, Langley, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Compton, Lathan Blaine, 17, Delight, \$145 BF, speeding
Countryman, Rebecca L., 42, Murfreesboro, \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Hazelwood, Cory Martin, 30, Sapulpa, Okla., guilty of failure to pay, fined \$205, \$1,485 owed
Hibner, Kassie, 31, Delight, guilty of speeding, fined \$155; guilty of violation of Ignition Interlock Device Act, fined \$190
Hornung, Leon Niklas, 30, no address listed, fined \$155 BF, speeding
Jackson, Brittany, 37, Delight, guilty of failure to pay,

guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$600; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45
Wooten, Curley Junior, 18, Amity, \$145 BF, no driver’s license
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Headings, Braden Lee, 19, Ozan, \$125 BF, speeding
Lamb, Taylor K., 32, Delight, \$1,070 BF, DWI, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; \$125 BF, driving left of center
City of Glenwood

Cochran, Robert G., 62, Kirby, guilty of leaving scene of accident-property damage, fined \$215
Estes, James Xavier, 23, Glenwood, \$145 BF, careless prohibited driving
Hendrix, Lisa Michelle, 55, Benton, \$145 BF, speeding
Landreth, Jackson Dale, 21, Glenwood, \$355 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$145 BF, speeding
Milam, Colton Joe Don, 27, Sims, \$145 BF, failure to stop or yield
Sauceda, Hector Aaron, 23, Bismarck, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired
Stephens, Danielle R., 41, Pearcy, \$345 BF, driving with suspended license
Stewart, Destiny Faith, 25, Glenwood, guilty of violation of canine/feline ordinance, fined \$135
Taylor, Edward L., 63, Norman, \$155 BF, speeding
Williamson, Cannon Laray, 25, Glenwood, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired
Wright, Sammie Lou, 79, Glenwood, \$155 BF, speeding

More charges filed in connection to 2024 Pike County shooting

More charges have been filed in Pike County in connection with a Glenwood shooting that took place in December and injured one person. Kaiden Evans, 18, of Glenwood, who is already charged in the case with allegedly intimidating a witness, is now facing another charge of possession of a defaced weapon. Evans has plead innocent to both charges and is being held in the county jail on \$250,000 bond. A July 7 pretrial date was set for both cases. According to case information, agents with the Arkansas State Police responded to a call on South Second Street in Glenwood on Dec. 26, 2024 in reference to a shooting at a camp trailer. The agents found 15 bullet holes in the east wall of a trailer and an occupant, identified as Kierra Stenstrom, had been shot in the upper torso.

Stenstrom was treated at a nearby hospital for non-life threatening injuries. On that same date, a subject named Lindsey Brooks was interviewed in reference to the case and began receiving threats over text message that aggressively accused her of “snitching” to the police. Also on that same date, Evans was interviewed with his mother’s consent and he denied any involvement in the shooting but did admit to sending the threatening messages to Brooks. According to case information filed Feb. 27, Evans was arrested on Jan. 31 after a search his home found a Taurus Millennium G2 handgun that had the serial number defaced. Also in connection to the shooting, Nathan Bankhead, 19, of Glenwood, has been charged with hindering ap-

prehension or prosecution. He plead innocent to the charge Monday and a July 7 pretrial date was set. Bankhead is also being held in the county jail on a \$250,000 bond. According to case information, during the ASP investigation into the shooting it was determined that Bankhead had involvement in the shooting and that the weapon involved was a 9 mm rifle. During a January interview with the ASP, Bankhead said he did not have a 9 mm rifle but did have a 9 mm handgun that a relative kept for him at their house. However, on Feb. 10, the ASP received a video of Bankhead holding and talking about a 9 mm carbine rifle. The video had allegedly been sent by Bankhead to unknown receivers four days prior to the shooting.

10 defendants sentenced Monday in Pike County

Monday was a busy docket for Pike County Circuit with 10 defendants being sentenced and more than a dozen others making appearances. Those sentenced Monday included: Brandon Davis, 29, Little Rock, plead guilty to charges of possession of controlled substance and paraphernalia; sentenced to 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) with five years suspended. James Smillie, 35, Delight, plead guilty to two counts of residential burglary; sentenced to 17 years in the ADC with 10years suspended. Natasha Homan, 38, Glenwood, plead guilty to possession of controlled substance; sentenced to four years of

probation and fined \$1,500 plus related court costs. Marion Reid, 63, Glenwood, plead “no contest” to possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia; sentenced to four years of probation and fined \$2,500 plus related court costs. Jim Haddox, 41, of Caddo Gap, plead guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to four years in the ADC with two years suspended. Michael Shane Cox, 47, Hensley, plead guilty to possession of controlled substance; sentenced to five years of probation, 60 days in the county jail and fined \$2,500 plus related court costs.

Delia Garza, 33, Glenwood, plead guilty to possession of controlled substance; sentenced to 15 years in the ADC. Jeffery Wilkerson, 62, Caddo Gap, plead “no contest” to possession of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to four years of probation and fined \$2,500 plus related court costs. Aireal Christina Spears, 22, Glenwood, plead guilty to the charge of rape; sentenced to 15 years in the ADC with 15 years suspended. Michael Lerma, 27, De Queen, plead guilty to possession of a controlled substance; sentenced to four years probation and fined \$3,000 plus related court costs.

Former deputy charged with theft held in contempt

The former Pike County sheriff’s deputy who is charged with hocking two county-issued weapons has now been found in contempt Monday after arriving more than an hour late to his court date. Judge Bryan Chessir issued the misdemeanor order against Brandon M. Vines, 30, Glenwood, and sentenced him to 72 hours in the county jail. Vines had previous plead innocent to the felony charges related to the county weapons and was due in court Monday. Court officials said Vines had informed them he was not coming to court due to him just being released from the hospital The official said Vines’ bail bondsman likely called his

client and urged him to show up for the court date, which he did, more than one hour late. Vines was employed with the county from May 2024 to December 2024. He was terminated by Sheriff Travis Hill after he failed to show up for two scheduled dates to attend the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy. On Jan. 2, Vines returned some his assigned equipment to the county but did not return a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun and a Colt M-16 .223 rifle. He advised that he was soaking the weapons to clean them and would bring them in the next day. But on Jan. 2, Glenwood Police Chief Greg Harmon was at McGrew

Pawn Shop when he recognized the shotgun that was up for sale. A serial number check determined the weapon belonged to the county and the weapon was recovered the next day. The shop owner told the Arkansas State Police that several attempts to contact Vines were ignored and because of lack of payment the shotgun was placed for sale. The M-16 was recovered from an individual, Donald Parker of Glenwood, on Jan. 3. Parker told investigators that he was unaware the rifle was county property and that it was in his possession as collateral on a \$500 loan to Vines that he had not paid. The weapon was recovered that day.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARVEY VINCENT, DECEASED NO. 31PR-24-90

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 273 County Line Road South, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: November 12, 2024
On December 27, 2024, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Harvey Vincent, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:
Part of the NW-1/4 of NW-1/4 of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 27 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the said NW-1/4 of NW-1/4 of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 27 West and running South 423 feet to the point of beginning; thence East 210 feet, thence North 210 feet, thence West 210 feet, thence South 210 feet to the point of beginning, containing one acre, more or less in Howard County, Arkansas.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the Affiant within three (3) 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. Provided, claims for injury or death caused by negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) 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 this 5 day of March, 2025.
Harvey D. Vincent, Affiant/Distributee
129 Wakefield Road
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Phone No. (870) 557-6887
(pd.: 37, 38)

Home & Heart EGG-cited to be here!

By Angie Freel
Howard County Extension Agent Family & Consume Science

What a warm welcome I’ve received since arriving in Howard County as the Family and Consumer Science (FCS) agent on February 17. Last week, an introductory photo and caption was printed in the local newspaper, and I have already had the opportunity to meet many Extension Homemakers, community leaders, and government officials. I’ve arrived at the conclusion that Howard County will surely be a great place to live and work. I look forward to frequently writing news articles sharing topics on healthy living, personal and family well-being, and financial management plus I’ll be doing some work in 4-H and Community Development.

Egg-extremely high prices!

There is no doubt that you have noticed egg prices have climbed sharply to all-time highs due to an outbreak of avian flu, or bird flu, that has been affecting egg-laying hens in the United States since 2022. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) The past three years, about 166 million hens have been affected by the deadly avian flu, and nearly 31 million in 2025 alone. It is USDA’s policy to cull an entire flock once bird flu is detected because the bird flu spreads rapidly and is deadly once a bird is infected.

The average price of eggs is \$4.95, almost double the price of this time last year and has surpassed a record high, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It’s unlikely that there will be relief anytime soon. Since egg production is a biological process there is a time component in adding back capacity to the national egg laying flock. Therefore, it will take some time for the flu to be under control through vaccine trials or improvement of biosecurity aspects. Eggs are considered an inelastic product which means, regardless of price, demand stays consistent because consumers will likely always buy the product as there is no true substitution for them.

Fortunately, there are egg alternatives that may be used in cooking. Applesauce (1/4 cup), banana (small mashed), plain yogurt (1/4 cup) can be used but keep in mind if you use a sweet alternative, you may need to decrease the sugar in your recipe. Plus, there are many powdered egg replacers available for purchase online.

I’ve often heard there is no perfect boiled egg, but this recipe from the USDA is pretty close. To make fresh eggs easier to peel, let them sit in the refrigerator for a few weeks before boiling - it makes them easier to peel.

Egg-cellent Boiled Eggs

Place eggs in a single layer in a saucepan. Add enough cold tap water to cover at least 1-inch above the eggs. Cover the pan and quickly bring the water just to boiling. Turn off the heat and let the eggs stand, covered for 12 minutes for medium-size eggs, 15 minutes for large eggs, and 18 minutes for extra-large eggs. Instead of turning the heat off you can turn the heat very low and barely simmer the eggs for the same length of time. Immediately run cold tap water over eggs, tap shells gently all over and peel eggs under running water. Refrigerate for two hours. They are safe to eat for two weeks stored in the refrigerator.

Egg Nutrition: 1 large egg contains 70 calories, 5 grams of fat, 70 mg of sodium, 185 mg cholesterol, 0 fiber and carbohydrates, 6 grams of protein, and are rich in vitamins.

Helpful Hint: To check how fresh an egg is, place it in a clear bowl and cover with water. If it sinks to the bottom and lays on its side, it is fresh, the more it stands up on one end or rises to the top of the water, the older the egg.

In my next column, I’ll share a tried and true recipe for dyeing eggs naturally with ingredients you probably already have in your household. Did you know you can purchase dyeable plastic eggs? More to come on that next time!

Please like and follow our new FCS Facebook and Instagram pages named *Howard County Extension – FCS*. You’ll find information on upcoming classes, learning opportunities and perhaps some videos or a deeper dive on topics from this column.

For more information on egg alternatives, call the Howard County Extension office at 870-845-7517 or visit our office upstairs in the Courthouse. The Co-operative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.



4-H DAY AT SAU. Howard County 4-H took twelve youth to the first annual 4-H Day at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. Youth were given a tour of the campus from an SAU ambassador and Bruce Maloch talked with the youth about the importance of leadership and how 4-H played a role in his life as well as his family's life. Youth also participated in youth leadership activities with others from across the southern part of Arkansas. This trip was a great leadership experience for those that attended. If you are looking for a great organization for youth to join to experience leadership opportunities, 4-H is a great organization. You can call our office at 870-845-7517 or come by our office on the second floor of the Courthouse to learn more about 4-H. Those in attendance included (front from left) Lily Trombley, Payeton Bagley, Emmitt Jamison, Guy Cooper Kroll, and Ainsley Jamison; (back) Dawson Bailey – CEA – Agriculture, Brody Cupples, Kody O'Brien, Warren Jones, Asher Howard, Christian Trombley, Arlee Howard, Emmie Trombley and Samantha Horn – CEA – 4-H/Staff Chair.

SPCSD principals rehired for another school year

The South Pike County School Board voted in its February meeting to extend the contracts of the district’s two principals.

The employment of Elementary Principal James Riley and High School Principal Davey Jones was extended to the 2025-2026 school year. The vote followed a closed executive session of approximately 15 minutes.

The board also held a short closed expulsion hearing for a seventh grade student. The board voted to accept Superintendent Tanya Wilcher’s recommendation the student be expelled for the remainder of the current school year.

In other business, a “board to board transfer” of a ninth grade student to the Blevins School District was approved. Wilcher explained that the Blevins School Board must now accept the transfer.

Wilcher also updated the board on progress of the baseball/softball complex currently under construction. She said she is keeping her “fingers crossed” that the Murfreesboro teams will play on the new fields sometime soon, as the project has been hampered by adverse weather with the latest being the ground is too wet to support the facility’s light poles.

Wilcher also discussed the current legislative session where new bills concerning public education are on the agenda, including the “Bell to Bell” ban on cellphones for students on campus, which was recently signed into law by Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

The board also voted to change the next board meeting date from March 17 to March 18 at 6 p.m. and heard building reports from Riley and Jones.

(Update: Wilcher informed the media Tuesday morning that the meeting date has been moved to Thursday, March 13 at 6 p.m.)

Both principals mentioned their “Teacher of the Year” award winners with Jane Caldwell being selected for the elementary honor and high school agri teacher Blake Simmons being named for the high school honor.

The teachers will be honored at this week’s Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce banquet.

No contested races for Pike County school boards

Filing for school board positions in Pike County closed on Monday at noon with no contested elections needing to be held.

The four candidates filing include:

Lisa Wright, Centerpoint School District At Large Position, incumbent

Brian Caldwell, South Pike County School District Zone 3, filling Scott Maroon’s exit from board after fulfilling his elected term

Wes Campbell, South Pike County School District Zone 6, formally filling position he was appointed

Christopher Fortner, Kirby School District Zone 5, formally filling position he was appointed

School board elections would be scheduled for May 13, but since all positions are unopposed, school district boards may vote a resolution to do “election by candidate” in which the candidate come in to vote for themselves and the annual millage, as opposed to holding a full election in each school district, or even early/absentee elections at the Pike County Clerk’s office as has been employed in recent years.

According to Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards, the “Election by Candidate” law was passed in 2021 (ACA 6-14-102 (c)) and only applies in odd-year school elections when there are no contested races and there is no millage change.

The law allows for conducting such election by only having the filed uncontested candidate vote a ballot and the election is done and valid.

There need be no absentee, early vote, or election day and therefore no voting machine programming or printing of multiple ballots.

Bowie Heritage Festival makes return April 25-26

The City of Washington, in partnership with the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Foundation and Historic Washington State Park, will host the 4th Annual James Black’s Bowie Heritage Festival on April 25-26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival will celebrate James Black, the bladesmith who forged the first Bowie Knife for Jim Bowie in Washington, and showcase a variety of Arkansas heritage crafts and trades.

The festival will be held throughout the city of Washington, including the James Black School of Bladesmithing and Historic Trades, the W.P.A. Gymnasium, the Farmers Market Pavilion, the courtyard of the 1874 Courthouse, the Washington Methodist Church, and the Blacksmith Shop.

The festival will feature exhibits and live forging challenges, a knife show, and the James Black Arkansas State Cutting Competition Championship organized by “National Living Treasure”, “Arkansas Living Treasure” and Mastersmith Jerry Fisk of Nashville, Arkansas.

The Arkansas Arts Council Division of Arkansas Heritage will announce the 2025 “Arkansas Living Treasure” and recognize previous recipients on April 26. Admission is free. Parking for the festival will be \$5.00.

For more information, visit bowieknifest.com.



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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
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(VM: 36, 37)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Election Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 4, at 10 am. at the Howard County Clerk’s Office for a ballot draw for the May 13,2025 Annual School Election.
James Jones- Chairman
Joe Green- Commissioner
Gary White- Commissioner
This publication was paid by the Howard County Election Commission. The amount paid for this publication was \$24. (HCEC: 37)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELEC-TION IN HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A COUNTY-WIDE ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX TO COM-MENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2026; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Howard County, Arkansas (the “County”) has passed on February 18, 2025, Ordinance No. 2025-3 (the “Tax Ordinance”) providing for the levy of a 1% sales and use tax within the County (the “Sales and Use Tax”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to call a special election on the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Howard County, Arkansas:

Article 1. There is hereby called a special election to be held on May 13, 2025, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of the County the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

Article 2. The question of levying the Sales and Use Tax shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substan-tially the following form:

1% SALES AND USE TAX

Adoption of a 1% local sales and use tax within How-ard County, the net collections of which remaining after deduction of the administrative charges of the State of Arkansas and required rebates (the “Net Collections”) will be distributed to the County and each municipality located therein based upon population as determined by the State legislation authorizing the tax. The Net Collections received by the County shall be used as follows: (a) 10% of the Net Collections received by the County shall be used for economic development purposes; (b) 10% of the Net Collections received by the County shall be used to assist in the operation, maintenance, improvement, renovation, expansion and equipping of hospital and related health care facilities, including particularly, without limitation, a hospital facility owned by the County and currently leased to Howard Memorial Hospital, an Arkansas nonprofit cor-poration; and (c) the remaining Net Collections received by the County shall be used for general purposes of County government. The Net Collections received by the munici-palities in the County shall be used by each municipality as determined by its governing body. “Economic development purposes” means the funding, promoting and providing of economic development services and economic development projects to stimulate the local economy and to support the creation of private sector job opportunities. If approved, the levy of the tax will commence on January 1, 2026.

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Article 3. The election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared under the law and in the manner now provided for county elections and only qualified voters of the County shall have the right to vote at the election.

Article 4. The results of the election shall be pro-claimed by the County Court, and such Proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper published in the County and having a general circulation therein, which Proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty days after the date of publication.

Article 5. A copy of this Ordinance shall be (a) filed with the Howard County Clerk at least 70 days prior to the election date and (b) given to the Howard County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided. A certified copy of this Ordinance and the Tax Ordinance shall also be provided to the Commissioner of Revenues of the State of Arkansas as soon as practical.

Article 6. The County Judge and County Clerk, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold the special election as herein provided and, if the levy of the Sales and Use Tax is approved by the electors, to cause the Sales and Use Tax to be collected, and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary to carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance.

Article 7. All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Article 8. The provisions of this Ordinance are sepa-rable and if an article, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.

PASSED: February 18, 2025.

APPROVED:
ATTEST:
/s/ Brent Pinkerton, County Judge
/s/ Keri Teague, County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2026; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Howard County, Ar-kansas (the “County”) has determined that there is a great need for an additional source of revenue; and

WHEREAS, Title 26, Chapter 74, Subchapter 3 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the “Authorizing Leg-islation”) provides for the levy of county-wide sales and use taxes at the rate of 0.125%, 0.25%, 0.5%, 0.75% or 1%, or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, the County is currently levying a 0.25% sales and use tax under the authority of the Authorizing Legislation; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to levy, commencing on January 1, 2026, a new county-wide sales and use tax at the rate of 1%;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Quorum Court of Howard County, Arkansas:

Article 1. Under the authority of the Authorizing Legislation, there is hereby levied a 1% tax on the gross receipts from the sale at retail within the County of all items which are subject to the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, as amended (A.C.A. §§26-52-101, et seq.), and the imposition of an excise (or use) tax on the storage, use, distribution or other consumption within the County of tangible personal property subject to the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, as amended (A.C.A. §§26-53-101, et seq.), at a rate of 1% of the sale price of the property or, in the case of leases or rentals, of the lease or rental price (collectively, the “Sales and Use Tax”). The Sales and Use Tax shall be levied, and the net collections received after deduction of the admin-istrative charges of the State of Arkansas and required rebates (the “Net Collections”) shall be distributed among the County and the municipalities located therein based on population as determined by the Authorizing Legislation. The Sales and Use Tax shall be levied and collected on the gross receipts, gross proceeds or sales price in the maxi-mum amount allowed from time to time under Arkansas law, subject to rebates and limitations as from time to time required by Arkansas statutes for certain single transactions.

Article 2. The Net Collections received by the County shall be used as follows: (a) 10% of the Net Collections received by the County shall be used for economic develop-ment purposes; (b) 10% of the Net Collections received by the County shall be used to assist in the operation, main-tenance, improvement, renovation, expansion and equip-ping of hospital and related healthcare facilities, including particularly, without limitation, a hospital facility owned by the County and currently leased to Howard Memorial Hospital, an Arkansas nonprofit corporation; and (c) the remaining Net Collections received by the County shall be used for general purposes of County government. The Net Collections received by the municipalities in the County shall be used by each municipality as determined by its governing body.

Article 3. “Economic development purposes” means the funding, promoting and providing of economic devel-opment services and economic development projects to stimulate the local economy and to support the creation of private sector job opportunities.

Article 4. The levy of the Sales and Use Tax shall commence on January 1, 2026.

Article 5. All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Article 6. This Ordinance shall not take effect until an election is held on the question of levying the Sales and Use Tax at which a majority of the electors voting on the question shall have approved the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

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IN REGIONAL PLAY. Dierks Lady Outlaws Lily Hogg (#22) and Addison Hill (#21) work on defense against Ouachita in Poyen. Dierks Lady Outlaw Coach Will Stewart (above) has been named the 7-2A Coach of the Year after leading Dierks to a 29-4 record.

Triple Heartbreak in Poyen

Dierks Lady Outlaws end season in triple OT loss

The Dierks Lady Outlaws closed out their record season in heartbreaking fashion in the regional tournament in Poyen where they were beat by the Ouachita Lady Warriors, 73-70, in a triple-overtime battle.

The Lady Outlaws, under the direction of 7-2A Coach of the Year Will Stewart, amassed a 29-4 overall record which is the most wins in school history, according to a Dierks Athletic Booster Club post.

The senior team also had a perfect combined 4.0 GPA and won district and conference championships for the first time in decades with a 19-game winning streak.

The first-round regional loss in Poyen knocked the Lady Outlaws out of contention for the state tournament.

The Dierks ladies seemed destined for the second-round during the first quarter against the Lady Warriors. Ryleigh Simmons, Raylie Walston and Addison Hill combined for 12 points while the defense held Ouachita to eight points.

The game shifted gear in the season quarter with Ouachita's shooters waking up and combining for 13 points while Hannah Kirby, Milee Harrison and Hill pumped in 12 more points for a 24-21 lead at the half.

The Lady Warriors emerged from halftime and posted 19 points in the third quarter while Simmons, Hill, Presley Pugh and Kaylan Coulter managed 15 points to leave Dierks trailing 40-39 headed into the fourth quarter.

Dierks put in 18 points in the final quarter while

Ouachita added 17 to tie the game at 57-57 and set up the first overtime.

Both teams added five points in first and second overtimes before the Lady Warriors edged out the 73-70 win by outshooting Dierks 6-3 in the third overtime.

The Lady Outlaws had three shooters hit in double-figures including Hill with 22 points, Simmons with 12 and Pugh with 10.

Rounding out the Dierks scoring was Milee Harrison with 8, Kirby and Walston with 6 each, Coulter with 5 and Aspen Pugh with 1 point.

Ouachita was led by Carley Cox with 25 points, Brylee Efird with 14 and Olivia Waters with 10.



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LADY OUTLAW POINTS. Hannah Kirby (above) hits two points at the regional play while Presley Pugh (below) added a three-pointer.



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Rattlers close out hoop season in regional tournament; Coach Bonner submits resignation letter Monday

The Murfreesboro High School Rattlers senior high basketball team ended their highly successful season with an 83-70 loss to Fordyce in the first round of the regional tournament at Poyen.

MHS found themselves in a hole early, down 28-15 at the end of the first quarter and 52-34 by halftime.

In the second half the team would rally, closing the gap to 68-53 by the end of the third. The team would go on to cut the deficit to nine in the fourth quarter before the remaining time forced them to send Fordyce to the free throw line late.

James Silva would lead the team in scoring with 26 points on 11/19 shooting. Kooper Caldwell added 15 points, while Caden Dixon and Laytan Wilcher contributed 13 points each.

The team turned the ball over 24 times and shot 41% (23/56) from two point range and 5/16 from three point distance. They were also 9/17 from the free throw line in the game (53%).

Silva would also record 18 rebounds – 13 on the offensive side of the ball – and had a pair of blocks.

Kale Burns and Caldwell each had three steals in the contest.

The Rattlers finished the season with a 18-6 record overall and a 12-2 conference mark that saw them win the regular season conference title.

Rattler head coach Buster Bonner agreed that the season didn't end as well as many had hoped.

"It was a great season, it just didn't end up like you would have hoped."

Bonner said Fordyce had great speed, and that the Rattlers didn't adjust well until halftime.

"I saw Fordyce last Monday, and I told the boys, but it's different seeing it for yourself. The passes we made on offense all year long, you just couldn't make those passes [against Fordyce]."

"They had to be sharp, quick passes – you couldn't just lob the ball, or they would be going the other way. It really took us a half to adjust. We outscored them in the second half, but after the first half when they had a 23-point lead, it's just hard to overcome."

Bonner said he was proud of his team not quitting after digging themselves a fairly deep hole.

"You just can't play quality teams like that and have 16 turnovers in the first half, and that's what we did. However, the didn't have any quit in them, the came back and played hard. It would have been easy for them to lay down, and they didn't. I was proud of their heart."

Bonner said his team was "running out of gas" toward the end and that Fordyce's depth was simply too much to overcome.

On the total season outlook, Bonner described it as a "really good year" and that he enjoyed it immensely after coming out of retirement.

"I told they boys they gave joy to an old man's life," he said of his return from retirement.

"Not every [coach] gets to do that. I really enjoyed getting to come back and being around the young

people. It was just an exceptional squad."

He admits with a laugh that it might not have been as much of a rewarding experience had the squad's record been reversed.

"These are good kids, the community and parents have reason to be proud of them – not only with the way they performed on the court, but also off the court. They are just really fun to be around. I wish I could have had more time with them through the years."

He also complimented the team for the work ethic that saw the team go through most of the season with only a single defeat to Nashville in a holiday break tournament.

"Success can be a two-edged sword – it can give confidence or it can give overconfidence. For us, it was a confidence builder. I don't think they ever got the big head. In our conference there were five teams that could beat any of the others on any given night. So, only splitting with Caddo Hills and Cutter Morning Star during the regular season was good. We just weren't counting on the last two losses (conference and regional tournaments) coming when they did. The Spring Hill game was really a let down for the boys and myself – we all know we should have won that game. We probably looked past them a little bit, but they were coming on and playing better ball, and we maybe weren't playing our best ball at the time."

Adding that excuses were irrelevant, he did confess that the weather delay in the conference tournament did not play in the team's favor.

Had the team won that game versus Spring Hill and getting a different draw in the regional tournament, Bonner thinks the outcome may well have been different.

"Spring Hill ended up being the one seed and playing Hampton, who we beat by 21 points in the regular season [Dec. 12]. So yes, we should have been in that spot, beating Hampton and going to the state tournament this week. But, like I told the boys, we can't cry over spilled milk."

He adds that the thing he was most proud of this season was the kids' behavior.

"I had a great bunch of kids, and this could have been a totally different situation – they way they handled and conducted themselves ... late in the season a lot of teams had technical fouls and disruptions, but we didn't have any of that. They kept their composure and played well."

"They represented themselves, the school and the community well, and I am very proud of that and glad to be a part of it. I told them that whatever they do in life, their reaction to adversity will serve them well. Life is going to knock you down, and they showed they will get back up, look it in the face and take it on."

On Monday, Bonner officially handed in his resignation after debating about a possible return next year. South Pike County Schools Superintendent Tanya Wilcher said that the job listing would be posted later Monday to begin attracting candidate applications.



Arkansas's Triple Trophy Award rewards elite hunters for diverse hunting skills

With the 2024-25 Arkansas deer hunting season in the rearview mirror, many hunters have only memories. A few of Arkansas's most dedicated hunters have until April 10 to submit their application for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Triple Trophy Award.

Hunters who qualify for the Triple Trophy Award must, within a single annual deer season, take at least one deer by each of the following hunting methods: modern firearm, muzzleloading firearm and archery / crossbow tackle. Qualifying hunters receive a patch and a certificate suitable for framing.

Deer harvested with straight-walled rifles count toward the hunter's modern gun harvest number for consideration toward a Triple Trophy Award. Only guns loaded through the muzzle are considered for the muzzleloading firearm portion of the award.

The expansion of Arkansas's Alternative Firearms Deer Season to include straight-walled rifles was intended to help hunters who may have been intimidated by the intricacies of muzzleloaders and archery equipment enjoy more days in the deer stand. The AGFC's deer team, however, still wants to recognize those hunters who spent the extra effort working up powder-and-projectile combinations and challenging themselves with true muzzleloaders.

"We have many hunters who have really worked hard over the years to achieve this goal, and we do want to protect the integrity of their accomplishments," AGFC Deer Management Assistance Program Coordinator Jeremy Brown said.

Arkansas's statewide deer herd was estimated at a paltry 500 animals during a survey in the 1930s. Unregulated market hunting and subsistence hunting nearly extirpated deer in the state. The AGFC introduced deer from other states and relocated deer to game refuges, where they were protected and allowed to grow without disturbance. Harvest of female deer was strictly prohibited to enable the deer herds to expand.

The Triple Trophy Program was created in 1984 to help shift the mindset to encourage some harvest of does to help balance the deer herd, increasing the health of bucks as well as does in the population. Because hunters could only legally harvest two bucks, a third checked deer would have to be a doe, helping ease out of the purely protective mindset.

Visit www.agfc.com/tripletrophy to learn more and apply.

Lady Rattlers wrap season with 15-10 record

The senior Murfreesboro Lady Rattlers concluded their basketball season with a 15-10 record.

Head coach Nicole Martin said a pair of quality wins in non-conference games over Mount Ida and Kirby propelled the girls with confidence into the district tournament.

Once there, the girls handily defeated Caddo Hill before ultimately falling in close fashion to Mountain Pine 61-48.

After a two-day delay for weather concerns, the girls faced off against Mountain Pine, who had thoroughly defeated them in a pair of regular season contests.

Holding the game tight through three quarters, Lady Rattlers Natalie Perrin and Sydney Braden fouled out of the game, forcing a "loss of rebounding" and allowing Lady Red Devil Shyanne Cardenas "to go to work."

Martin added that Mountain Pine and Cutter Morning Star were the two teams out of four from 7-2A that made the state tournament after Dierks and Horatio concluded their seasons at the regional tournament.

She applauded her five seniors – Perrin, Jocce Holt, Chloe Scoggin, Jenna May and Jamie Howell – as well as the two senior manager, Reid Spradlin and Alyssa Ruiz, for their efforts all season.

"Both managers had been

a part of our program and knew what our culture was. All five seniors had started at some point during the season. Then you had the junior class, Sydney and Faith [Teel] ... Sydney really got some great minutes – almost every single game she was our leading rebounder, averaging around eight per game."

Martin said the sophomore class had to come in and "learn the ropes real quick ... we were able to get some minutes out of them, especially in the post area."

She credited the team with the ability to be coached as well as the ability to learn.

Martin confesses the team was a "bit undersized" in conference play, but said that the reclassification cycle really brought that issue to the forefront.

The team went 9-0 in non-conference play and were "more relaxed" in those efforts.

Martin also points to the top three teams in conference – Dierks, Mountain Pine and Cutter Morning Star – all having 20-plus wins and all being ranked by a poll at some point during the season.

Martin added the team was enjoyable to coach.

"They are just a good group of girls – even the junior high, which was night and day how they carried themselves over the course of the season and on the

defensive end. Obviously you want to have success in the wins and losses column, but losses can teach just as much – or more – than wins. So, every season, you can be successful at something. There were some games there – about eight of them –

we couldn't score 30 points. Sometimes you can't just put the ball in the basket. However, they always hustled, they never backed down, never shied away from road trips. They always showed up to play. It is what it is on conference play sometimes."



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