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### Leader **Board**

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#### **OPINION** 4A

Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

#### Soup kitchen at MS church to be open March 26

The Mineral Springs Church of Christ soup kitchen will be open Wednesday, March 26, from 2-5 p.m.

The menu includes hot dogs, chips and cookies.

Pantry boxes will be available.

The soup kitchen is open the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call 870-451-4441.

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



#### **Nominations** for Halls of Fame, Honor due Friday

Friday, March 28, is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2025 induction class of the Scrapper Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor.

The Hall of Fame recognizes those who were integral in sustaining Nashville High School through service and longevity.

The Hall of Fame recognizes Scrapper and Scrapperette athletes who made valuable contributions to the program.

Nominations from 2023 and 2024 will be considered and do not

need to be resubmitted.

To make a nomination, go to the Nashville News-Leader Facebook page, find the Hall of Fame announcement and click on the link for the nomination form.

Nominations will close at noon March 28.



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### 'Not a new tax': Extension would offer benefits School board positions also on ballot during May 13 election

By Louie Graves

News-Leader staff

The May 13 school election in Howard County has extra significance this year.

All Howard County voters will also see an issue for continuing the penny sales tax which was originally enacted for the construction of the new Howard Memorial Hospital. That tax will expire at the end of December when the hospital's loan is paid off.

County Judge Brent Pinkerton has visited with groups to promote an extension of the tax with proceeds going to the county's four incorporated cities and to the needs of non-city county residents on a per capita basis. A portion will also go to the hospital for building maintenance, and to Developing Howard County, the economic development group working to replace jobs lost by the closure of Husqvarna.

"This is not a new tax," Judge Center in Nashville from 8-4:30. Pinkerton has emphasized.

He has said that county income could go for needed road and bridge work. The cities -- Nashville, Dierks, Mineral Springs and Tollette -- will decide for themselves how they want their portions to be used.

Early voting will be May 6-12 across the state.

In Howard County, early voting will be at the Carter Day Training

There are some races for Howard County and nearby school

board seats. Nashville School Board

Three candidates have filed for two openings on the Nashville School Board.

Anthony Whitmore is unopposed for the seat for Zone 5; while incumbent Tem Gunter and D.J.

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### Museum in **NE Louisiana** tells the story of Coca-Cola

By Don Hall

News-Leader staff

Coca-Cola is arguably the most recognizable product in the world. Invented by Atlanta, Ga. pharmacist and M.D. John Pemberton in 1886 and originally available only at soda fountains, that would change in 1894.

Joseph Biedenharn was the son of German immigrants and grew up in Vicksburg, Miss.

He purchased the franchise rights to distribute Coca-Cola in his home state, and then he developed the method to bottle Coca-Cola and distribute it to the rural areas surrounding Vicksburg.

That was a game-changer. Suddenly people didn't have to visit a soda fountain to enjoy Coca-Cola; they could buy a bottle at the general store.

While that development was impressive, even more impressive was what Biedenharn came up with next. He began to license bottling rights throughout Mississippi, and he would receive royalties from every bottle that was sold.

Biedenharn would eventually, along with six brothers and a sister, control bottling of Coca-Cola not only in Mississippi, but in Louisiana and Texas as well.

small bottling company in Northeast Louisiana and moved his family to Monroe, expanding the brand and his fortune, as he continued to



News-Leader photo/ DON HALL AT MUSEUM. Jaree Hall of Nashville stands by an early Coca-Cola truck at the Biedenharn home in Monroe, La. The facility includes a Coca-Cola museum, Bible museum with ancient artifacts, and gardens. Guided tours of the historic

home are avail-

able.



Some people have an uncanny ability to recognize opportunity. In 1925, Biedenharn and one of

In 1913, Biedenharn bought a franchise bottling and distribution his sons joined a group of invesin Monroe. You've probably never heard of Huff Deland Dusters, but they were the world's first aerial



News-Leader photos/DON HALL

A LOOK AT HISTORY. (Above) Coca-Cola signs are part of the collection at the Biedenharn home in Monroe, La. (Left) The historic Biedenharn home houses a Coca-Cola museum and a Bible museum. It attracts from 25,000-30,000 visitors per year.

crop dusting company.

ditional airplanes and changed

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NHS CHEERLEADERS. Nashville High School cheerleaders for 2025-26 were selected in tryouts Thursday, March 20. The 20-member squad includes the following: (front row) seniors Kynlee Shackelford, Abbie Hill, Parker Tate, Madi Brinkman, Jayla Hendrix, Josie Clark; (middle row) juniors Kailyn Scott, Caylen Ellis, Taviley Hughes, Landree Green, Hayley Soto, Kelli Myers, Kinley Martin, Lauren Ferguson; (back row) sophomores Julia Tedford, Ella Westfall, Brie Stone, Eden Sartin, Natalie Alexander, Audri Bearden and Coach Erin Askew.



NJHS CHEERLEADERS. Twenty-two Nashville Junior High cheerleaders for 2025-26 were named at tryouts March 20. They include the following: (front row) freshmen Addison Brewer, Brayley Lowery, Marlee Goff; (middle row) 8th grade Jaicee Davis, Brynlee Bagley, Autumn Dillard, Emma Gunter, Abigail Sartin, Julianne Webb, Z'Onna Williams, Braylee Smith, Kimber Jones; (back row) 7th grade Georgia Pinegar, Racie Scott, Adyson Winton, Blakelee Britt, Lilliana Gonzalez, Abrial Brown, Raeley Clements, Kamryn Wright, Tinsley Griffin and Mia Portillo. Kailee Hamilton is the NJHS cheer coach.

#### Food trucks to be allowed at market site

By Louie Graves

News-Leader staff With the blessing of the Nashville City Council, Mayor Larry Dunaway will re-write an ordinance to allow food trucks to operate without permits at the Farmers' Market on Fridays this spring, summer and early fall.

Market manager Melanie Schwartz attended the meeting and answered questions leftover from the February meeting when the item first was on the city agenda. The current permit fee is \$150 for seven days and \$250 for a month. The days do not have to be consecutive. Currently food trucks can operate without permit at the city park during events.

Alderman Joe Hoen again expressed hopes it would not adversely affect storefront food sellers, but also asked about available parking at the site. Schwartz said that she really didn't expect more than one truck, and that the cancellation of the food permit for a few hours on Fridays would help her recruit food trucks. The trucks would serve food customers during operating hours, 7-11 a.m. on Fridays during the months the market operates.

Other agenda items for the council in its regular meeting for March:

The council approved the mayor's recommendation of Brent Thompson to fill a vacant seat at the council table. Thompson will represent Ward

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# **OBITUARIES**



Virginia R Fletcher

Virginia Ruth Fletcher, 73, of Watts, Okla., passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at the Northwest Medical Center in Springdale, Ark.

Virginia was born in Nashville, Ark., on July 23, 1951, to Vergil and Gladys Tollett. She was the second youngest of eight children. She was raised on a family farm in southern Arkansas. Hard work and responsibility were engrained in her from an early age. She attended Southern Arkansas University where she earned her bachelor's degree in business education. After relocating to Siloam Springs, Ark., she worked many years in banking and insurance.

Virginia was a devoted wife and loving mother, who always put others before herself. She took pride in being an active member of the First Baptist Church in Watts, Okla. She was an avid reader who was quickwitted, had a dry sense of humor, enjoyed solving puzzles, and watching Jeopardy. She appreciated the wonders of nature, and found joy in going for long car rides, watching the leaves change in the Fall, and welcoming her favorite birds back to her feeders every Spring.

She is survived by her husband, John Fletcher of the home. She leaves behind two sons and one grandson, Jason and wife Anna Mitchell, their son Reed Mitchell, and Scott and wife Jasmine Mitchell; one stepson, Johnny and wife Bridget Fletcher; three brothers, Leland Tollett, Eugene Tollett, and Edwin Tollett; three sisters, Mary McFarland, Martha Darst, and Barbara Slatton; along with many nieces, nephews and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, James Terrell Tollett, and one stepson, Henry Fletcher.

The family wants to thank everyone in her community and truly appreciates all of the love and support that we received during her final

A Memorial Service will be held at the Watts First Baptist Church on March 15th, 2025, at 11:00 am at Watts Baptist Church 421 4th

St. Watts, OK. Cremation arrangements are entrusted to Backstrom-Pyeatte Funeral Home of

Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Cindy Lynn Robinson

Cindy Lynn Robinson, 54, of Nashville died Friday, March 21, 2025, in Hot

She was born Aug. 23, 1970, to the late Jimmie and Marie Shelton.

She was preceded in death by her son, Anthony Villalobos, a sister, Amanda Shelton and a brother, James

lalobos and Beverly Vil- 10th of 11 children. He grew lalobos; a brother, Jimmy Shelton; a sister, Charlene Villalobos.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at Mineral Springs Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville



**Barney Joe Stanton** 

Barney Joe Stanton, 84, of Combine, Texas, passed away on March 17, 2025, after a lengthy hospitalization. He was born on Dec. 12, 1940, to Barney Downs and Eron Fincher Stanton in Saratoga, Ark.

He was a 1958 graduate of Saratoga High School. Following high school, he married and moved to the Dallas area with the love of his life, Malinda. They were married for 66 years and built a successful business, StantCo, Inc. They retired

Mr Stanton is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Sidney, Billy and Harvey, one sister, Bobby McJunkins and one grandson, John Jacob Henry.

He is survived by: his wife, Malinda Marcum Stanton of Combine, Texas; one sister, Betty Williams of Haughton, La.; and his children, Sherrie Dunn of Malakoff, Texas, Dana Henry (Glenn) of Crockett, Texas, David (Jo McJunkins) of Saratoga, Ark., and Jonessa Stanton of Zephyrhills, Fla. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Kristi Hayes Dalrymple (Jason), Jenni Hayes Notley, Katie Hayes Hoover, (Wesley), Jodi Henry Trout (Rob), Shelby Henry, Megan Stanton, Melissa Stanton Leffel (Cole) and Stephen Hulme; Seven great-grandchildren include Kyler and Kinleigh Dalrymple, Seth and Adyson Notley, Jace Hoover, Aliyah Trout and Hunter Stanton.

Mr. Stanton will be laid to rest with a graveside service at Saratoga Cemetery on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 10 a.m., under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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



Seldon Loyd Parsons

Mr. Seldon Loyd Par- HINES sons, age 95 of Umpire, Ark., passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in Fort Smith, Ark

Survivors include: her was born to Samuel and her infectious smile and husband, Sam Robinson; Nettie Parsons, in Howard warm heart, Beth brought two children, Michael Vil- County, Ark., and was the joy to everyone around her.

up on a farm and was the caregiver to his parents until their passing. Seldon was a farmer by profession, it was said he was an outdoorsman and never fell short of finding something to do. He loved visiting with his friends and family, often bringing them plants and flowers he had grown in his garden. Mr. Parsons was a devout member of the Midway Church of Christ; he had opened the church to the public and was the lead singer for the church.

Mr. Seldon Loyd Parsons is survived by his sister; May Bell Davis, of Kingston, Okla.; his brother, Gerald Parsons, of Fort Smith, Ark.; as well as by a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and numerous friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Sam W. Parsons and Nettie Lou Gordon Parsons; sisters, Ethel Parsons Stacy and husband, John Stacy; Anna Parsons McGee and husband, Floyd McGee; Inez Parsons Smith and husband, Calvin Smith; Florene Parsons Thompson and husband Joe Thompson; and Hazel Parsons Ward and husband, Hamp Ward; brothers, Cecil Parsons and wife Ruth Garrison Parsons; Jada "Jay" Parsons and wife, Jean Justus Parsons; and J. O. Parsons and wife Joyce Matthews Parsons; nieces; Ora Stacy Marshall, Shirley Parsons Allen, Mary Lou Parsons Golden, Lisa Davis, Lori Parsons Rosensweig, and, Kasie Parson; nephews, Edgar Stacy, Ricky Marshall, Freddy Marshall, Don Parson, Ralph Smith, Mack Smith, Stan Larey, Todd Smith, and Bob Allen

Services for Mr. Seldon Loyd Parsons, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2025, at the Midway Church of Christ in Umpire, Ark. Bro. Leon Daughtery and Bro. Scott Kesterson will be officiating under the direction of Beasley-Wood Funeral Home. There will be a visitation held an hour prior to the services. Interment will follow at the Saline Cemetery in Umpire, Ark.



Elizabeth Ann Hines VISITATION SERVICE:

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 4-6 p.m.

M&H Memorial Chapel, 411 S. Walnut St., Hope, AR

HOMEGOING SERVICE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

M&H Memorial Chapel, 411 S. Walnut St., Hope, AR

Interment: County Line Cemetery, Nashville, AR

CELÉBRATING THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH

On June 2, 1987, a beautiful baby girl, Elizabeth "Beth" Ann Hines, was born in Fort Worth, Texas, to Mr. Mr. Seldon Loyd Parsons Frank and Lisa Hines. With

with kindness and laughter.

At the age of 18, Beth became part of the Rainbow of Challenges family, where she built lasting friendships and found joy in everyday moments. In 2023, she moved to Nashville, Ark., to be closer to her loved ones. She settled into the Julia Circle Group Home and attended day services, where she continued to spread happiness and form meaningful connections.

Beth had a passion for music, often playing the guitar and singing praises to the Lord. She found delight in sharing Facebook posts, creating art, talking on the phone, and making others smile with her contagious humor. She loved going out to eat and bringing joy to those around her with her vibrant spirit.

On March 21, 2025, at the age of 37, Beth peacefully transitioned into the arms of the Lord. She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories with her mother, Lisa Hines; her father, Frank Hines; and her brother, Christopher (Vanessa) Hines, all of Nashville, Ark.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Beth will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Online at: www.

She deeply cherished her mandhfuneral.com/ family and embraced life obits/2025/3/23/elizabethann-hines.

#### Yong Cha A Johnson

Yong Cha A Johnson, 83, of Paraloma, Ark., died March 16, 2025.

She was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Neighborhood UMC, and served on the usher board.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bertram Johnson.

Visitation will Friday,: March 28 from 6-7 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Saturday, March 29 at 11 a.m. at Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Nashville followed by burial at Paraloma Cemetery.



Nutt Rector

Rita Carol Nutt Rector, age 79 of Mineral Springs, Ark., passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in Little

Rock. She was born on Sept. 5, 1945 in Memphis, Tenn., to the late Lester "Dick" Nutt and Mamie Jarrett Nutt.

Mrs. Rector was very involved with the Howard County Farmers Market until her health began to decline. She was passionate about the Square Foot Gardening Method, teaching classes on it and helping others start their own square foot garden. Her greatest joy in life was the time she spent when her granddaughter was young, climbing trees and exploring the land. Most important of all, she loved her Creator and knew this life was only a shadow picture of what was to come.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Rector; one brother, Gerald Nutt; and two sisters, Henrietta Norwood and Leta Boswell.

Survivors include her daughter, Katrina Rector McAlister; her granddaughter, Abigail Hamilton; one sister, Simmie Farnsworth; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A memorial gathering

will be held at her graveside beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025, in the Shiloh Cemetery near Mineral Springs.

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



OWNERSHIP CHANGE AND CHAMBER COFFEE. Family, friends, fellow employees, and chamber of commerce directors joined Leann Watts (center, behind bow) for a ribbon-cutting and community coffee to mark the ownership change of Farmers Insurance Agency. Former owner Ruth Steely will semi-retire and stay on at the Main Street agency to work for Watts.

### Christian school honor roll announced

Honor roll students at Grace Christian School have been announced for the

third quarter.

Kindergarten All A -- River Maxey,

All A&B - Laylee Adams, Aiden Reed, Leo Wall. 1st Grade

All A -- Daniel Mendieta.

All A&B -- Maggie Dyer, Draycen Mendieta, Abigail Kullen Launius, Avah Vaughn. 2nd Grade All A -- Carter Cochran. 3rd Grade

All A -- Eryn Sartin. All A&B -- Carmen Hen-

### April 5 benefit dinner and auction will help with medical expenses

A chicken dinner along with live and silent auctions will benefit a Nashville cou-

ple with medical expenses. Jay and Mandy Roberts Brown are facing medical

and prosthetic expenses.

The benefit will be Saturday, April 5, at the Nashville Elementary School cafeteria with serving to begin at

Carryouts will be available, and the meal is by donation.

The live auction will be from 1:30-2 p.m.

For more information contact Missy Worthington at 870-200-0846, or Scott Turbeville, 870-845-7760.



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#### OATH OF OFFICE.

Brent Thompson, right, takes his oath of office from Mayor Larry Dunaway, Monday, at the Nashville City Council meeting. He was appointed the vacancy created when veteran alderman Nick Davis did not seek re-election.

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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



Thomas Glover, son of Henry and Tinie Glover, in his Studebaker at Center Point, circa 1950.

#### 122 years ago: March 1903

Dolphus Trammell, a young white man, who is carrying the mail from Ozan to Allbrook was arrested at Allbrook Wednesday on charge of carrying a pistol and was fined \$50 and costs. He was arrested by Constable Stanton and carried before Squire Grounds at Saratoga in the township where the offense was committed. A warrant for his arrest had been issued for some time.

The calaboose at Mineral Springs was set on fire by some unknown party Sunday night. Coal oil was poured on the building and a match was applied, but the fire was discovered and extinguished before the building was completely destroyed. The calaboose has not had an occupant since Christmas.

#### 79 years ago: April 1946

Notice: Because of the already crowded conditions of the hotels here, rooms will be needed for 50 to 75 visiting peach growers Thursday night, and the Nashville Chamber of Commerce has asked for those who can accommodate one or more of the visitors for the night to advise Hunter Hughes. If you can keep one or more men Thursday night only with no meals, please call Mr. Hughes today. This is

(Adv.) Customary charges will be made for any veterinary services performed outside Mineral Springs School district. Dwight Jones, vocational instructor.

63 years ago: April 1962 (Adv.) Freel's April Slack Sale. Over 400 pairs for \$12.50. Levi's casuals only \$4.98.

De Queen folks signed a contract with a shoe manufacturer to construct a 40,000 square foot building east on Highway 71.

The plant will make basketball shoes and will employ 200 at capacity.

#### 42 years ago: April 1983

The De Queen Daily Citizen said a man was run over by his own pickup truck. Floyd Hoffman, 45 parked his truck near a motel. The pickup started rolling backwards. He gave chase and when he tried to open the door to the cab, he fell and was hit by the wheels of his own truck. Then the rolling pickup crossed Highway 71, hit an utility pole and then hit a parked tractor-trailer

William A. Lamb reported a break in at the Center Point Community building. None of the contents were known to be missing.

### **Public Record of Howard County**

were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period March 6-12, 2025, unless noted otherwise:

#### **Marriage Licenses**

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

**Civil Court** 

One N.A. vs. Paula Alvarez.

CV25-32, Mar. 17. Merrick Bank vs. Marly Lemons.

#### **Domestic**

Contract.

**Relations Court** 

DR25-25, Mar. 17. Jerry Harris, Sr.. vs. Katherine Harris. Divorce.

DR25-26. Mar. 19. Peggy Lee Robinson vs. Decorian Robinson. Divorce.

#### **Criminal Court**

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

CR25-32, Mar. 19. State of Arkansas vs. Adam Ray, 30, white male, 702 W. Sunset, Nashville; POCS, class D felony.

#### Land/Property **Transactions Quitclaim Deeds**

Mar. 13. Anatell Devonne Rowe; to LaCole Denise Richardson and Marty Richardson, joint tenants; part of Lot 1, Block 2, Town of Mineral Springs.

Mar. 14. Jason Young, et al; to Jason Young and Jayda Young, joint tenants; 3.6 ac. in S34 T7S R29W.

Mar. 18. Act Now Realty, LLC; to Ayenna Green; 0.43 ac. in S9 T11S R27W, part of Lot 1, George W. Young Subdivision, Tollette, Howard County. \$2,200.

#### Beneficiary's Deeds

Mar. 14. Joyce Walters, widow of W.M. Walters; to Karen Fant; 2 tracts, 0.34 ac. in S26 T9S R27W; and part of Block 2, Wilson & Ferguson Addition, Town of Nashville.

Mar. 14. Joyce Walters, widow of W. M. Walters, aka Mike Walters; to Karen Fant and Pam Jeanes; 2 tracts

aggregate 125.97 ac. in S27 T9S R28W.

Mar. 17. David M. Mc-Crary and wife Erin Mc-Crary (fka Erin Bledsoe) and Allison Smith and husband Brent Smith; to David Matthew McCrary and wife Erin Elizabeth McCrary; 4 tracts, in S18 T9S R27W with exception.

Mar. 19. Virginia A. Reese; CV25-31, Mar. 13. Capital to Kayla D. Funderburk; Lots 5-6, Town of Nashville.

#### Executor's Deed

Mar. 17. Duane Crawford executor of the estate of Johnny Ray Davis, deceased; to Duane Crawford Revocable Trust; aggregate 36 ac. in S12 T6S R29W.

#### **Redemption Deed**

Mar. 19. State of Arkansas; to Yussuf Ali, Queens, N.Y.; Property in S36 T9S R27W in Nashville, part of Ultra Stop site; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$4,790.78.

#### **Warranty Deeds**

Mar. 13. Patsy Shaw, aka Patsy Shaw, surviving spouse of Elton Ray Shaw; to Ricky L. Shaw, et al, cotrustees of the Patsy S. Shaw Irrevocable Trust; 10 tracts in S9-10-15-19 T6-7 R28W.

Mar. 13. Wendell W. Ward and spouse Daniel T. Dupree; to Tye Frank Snyder and wife Kerah Lynn Snyder; part of Block 15, Murray's Addition, Town of Dierks. \$105,000.

Mar. 13. Steven House and wife Tracey Owens; to Wendell Wayne Ward and spouse Daniel Thomas Dupree; Lots 4-5, Block 10,

Town of Dierks. \$20,000. Mar 14. (Special) U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; to Jeffrey W. Winton and Malinda A. Winton, married couple; property in S32 T8S R27W, aka 502 Harding Road,

Nashville, Ark. Mar. 14. Monica Macon and husband Gregory Macon, et al; to Daniel Alejandro Betancourt; Lot 1, Block 3, Toland Heights Addition, City of Nashville. \$20,000.

Mar. 17. (Limited) APEX EAT 2, LLC; to Bobby D. Fennewald and Jennifer E. Fennewald, husband and wife; 199.43 ac. in S12-13 T8S R27W, aka 438 Nathan Road, Nashville, Howard County, Ark.

Mar. 17. Ace Howard and wife Morgan Howard; to David Matthew McCrary and wife Erin Elizabeth Mc-Crary; property in S8 T9S R27W. \$380,000.

Mar. 19. Shana Thornton Stinson, joined by her husband William Stinson, survivor of Charles White, deceased, and Cora Ruth White, deceased; to Jeremy Wayne Pickett and Adriane Katrina Pickett, husband and wife; 40 ac. in S36 T7S R28W. \$140,000.

Mar. 19. Hunter Green and wife, Andrea Green (fka Andrea Reeves); to Nashville Global Methodist Church; 2.71 ac. in S25 T9S R27W. \$125,000.



### Court dates set for 3 defendants

cently charged entered not guilty pleas Wednesday, March 19, during the regular day for criminal court in

Howard County. On the bench was Judge Brian Chesshir who assigned dates for pretrial

motions and trials. Joshua Hagood, 43, white male, Ashdown, is charged with class C felony drug possession, along with misdemeanor charges for open alcohol container and for contributing to the delin-

Three defendants all requency of a minor. Motions will be heard June 4.

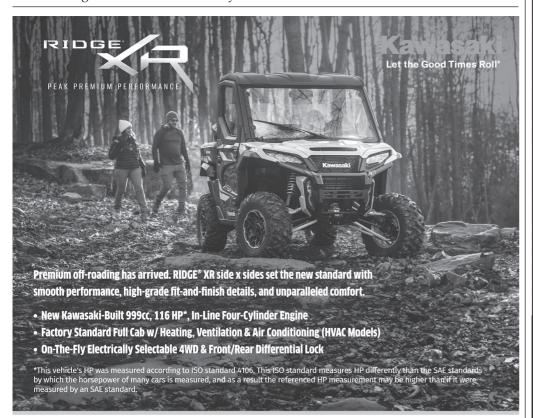
> Stanley Gosnell, 51, white male, Murfreesboro, also pled not guilty, Motions will be heard Aug. 27.

> He is charged with possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphenalia, and with tam-

> pering with evidence. A not guilty plea was given by Adam Ray, 30, white male, Nashville, charged with possession of controlled substance, a class

Motions will be heard July 9.

One defendant who had previously pleaded guilty, returned to the courtroom for formal sentencing. He was originally charged with possession of controlled substance, class A felony; possession of drug paraphernalia, class D; and criminal use of a prohibited weapon. He was sentenced to five years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) plus 12 years suspended imposition



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# Point of view

### Shout out!

### Matriarch to get notable honor on 96th birthday

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I am going to participate in the 'Birth-

day Shout Out' for a venerable lady, Joe Jean Ware, Saturday.

Her family has placed an ad in today's newspaper inviting the community to drive by her residence at 206 Leslie St., Nashville, starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29, which just happens to be her 96th birthday.



She's lived in the same house for more than 75 years.

Visitors are invited to drive by or stop and give a Birthday Shout

I'm not sure how long I've known her but I do know some things

First, she's the matriarch of a unique family, many of whom still

live within a block of her home. She was widowed decades ago when a drunk driver killed her husband while he was on his way home from work.

For many years she placed a small advertisement in the newspaper marking the anniversary of the death of her husband -- Mr.

She refused to tell me her name other than "Call me Mrs. Curtis Ware," and I had to trick her into letting me find out. But I don't have the nerve to call her Joe Jean.

She's a woman whom I have admired and respected for many years and I plan to be a part of Saturday's Shout Out!

Happy birthday, Mrs. Curtis Ware.



THE GOOD EARTH. The Japanese Cherry Blossom tree in my front yard is its usual glorious early spring self. Very pale and delicate pink blooms that will be blown to the ground in a few says.

I am running out of hope for the Gingko Balboa tree in my side yard. I wanted a tree that would give brilliant yellow foliage in the fall. I wanted people to be able to drive past and say "I remember when ole man Graves planted that tree."

Truth is, I paid someone to plant it this time. The first one I planted myself lasted a couple of years. I had high hopes this time.

At that very spot even a few years earlier I had planted a fig tree cutting. The cutting grew a little and it lasted a couple of years. It even provided some luscious figs for local crows and squirrels.

Maybe that spot is cursed. If Gingko #3 has really expired I might

In another spot entirely.

I will also have an expert plant it for me because possibly it is my shovel that is cursed.

What else could it be?

I DON'T KNOW MUCH about art, but I know what I like. That's paraphrasing somebody famous, isn't it?

One artist whose work is not exactly at the top of my list is Pablo Picasso. Just too strange for my taste, and I'll be the first to admit that my taste might be just a teeeny bit strange in itself.

But a lot of people really like Picasso. Really, really like him.

They like him so much that Picasso is the most stolen artist of all

time, according to an outfit called the Art Loss Register. A total of 1,147 of Picasso's paintings have been stolen at least

once. Many of them never recovered.



Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries."



MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: "If your car could

travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?"



WORD GAMES. Those Surprise siblings: Lo and Behold. You almost always should act like they're unexpected. They have a younger brother: Watta.

Watta Surprise!



HE SAID: "The more often we see the things around us - even the beautiful and wonderful things - the more they become invisible to us. That is why we often take for granted the beauty of this world: the flowers, the trees, the birds, the clouds - even those we love. Because we see things so often, we see them less and less." Joseph B. Wirthlin, religious leader

SHE SAID: "Why hurry over beautiful things? Why not linger and enjoy them?" Clara Schumann, pianist and composer

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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### 'Medical emergency' defined by bill; ballot titles can't be above 8th grade

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The legislature has approved and sent to the governor a bill that clarifies the meaning of a medical emergency when the life of a pregnant woman and her unborn children are threatened.

House Bill 1610 defines a medical emergency as a condition which complicates the medical condition of a pregnant woman to the extent that termination of her pregnancy is necessary to save her life, according to "reasonable medical judgment."

The standard of "reasonable medical judgment" is longstanding and is used not only in medical care of pregnant women but also in all other medical contexts, according to HB 1610.

Throughout the many years of its use, it has never proven to be unworkable or vague.

The bill's sponsors said they wanted to clarify that physicians who act in good faith to save a woman's life would not be prosecuted under Arkansas antiabortion laws if the unborn child unintentionally dies.

Arkansas has one of the strictest abortion bans in the country. It is only allowed to save the life of the mother.

and House of Representatives has approved HB 1258 to establish standards for certifying community health workers. The bill outlines how much training is required and what health services they can perform.

The bill is part of a broader effort this year to improve maternal health care in Arkansas. Many counties lack obstetricians and gynecologists, and pregnant women are more likely to go without adequate prenatal and postnatal care.

An important provision in HB 1258 allows community health workers to be reimbursed by the state Medicaid program, which will make maternal care more accessible in areas that are now under-served medically.

The Senate passed legislation that removes a costly financial burden from families with a child in the juvenile justice system.

Under SB 340, they would no longer have to pay fines and fees. They would no longer have to pay diversion fees, which go for counseling and services ordered by the juvenile court. The family would not have to pay for physical or psychiatric evaluations. However, the juvenile court could still order

In other news both the Senate the juvenile or his or her parents and guardians to pay restitution.

SB 340 will be considered next by the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth and Legislative Affairs.

The House has approved two bills intended to protect children from potentially harmful online technologies. Both are in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 1717 restricts the ability of web site operators to collect and distribute information from minors. HB 1726 requires online operators to take reasonable measures to avoid content that would worsen a child's anxiety, depression, eating disorders, substance abuse, suicidal behavior, bullying or sexual abuse.

The House passed HB1713 to prohibit ballot issues if their title is written in English above the eighth-grade level. When a group submits a proposed ballot title to the state attorney general for approval, the attorney general would have to reject it if it were written at too high a level. Under the bill, the attorney general would use a national standard, known as the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level test, to determine how much education is required to read it.

#### 'death tax' Congress looks to repeal

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Arkansas farmers and small business owners work tirelessly to live the American Dream. These hardworking men and women rise early and go to bed late — all after a long day's work. Many of these challenges and adversities as they support their local communities and economies.

That impact, as well as their role in complex supply chains, reminds us that the strength of our nation is underpinned by their success.

Our entrepreneurs embody the traits of risk-taking, persistence and growth. Their resilience has echoed across generations. For many, handing the reins of their family business down to the next generation is a lifelong goal that provides the opportunity to build on to an established, proud legacy.

Unfortunately, entrepreneurs and family farmers confront a punitive measure known as the "death tax" — a federal estate tax that occurs when an asset is transferred to another person, often a family member, after death. This penalty threatens family-owned operations nationwide.

The impact of this tax is especially severe in rural states like Arkansas. Farmers, ranchers and agriculturalists feed, fuel and clothe the world. When faced

with a steep and sometimes unexpected tax, they are forced to make difficult decisions including having to sell business equipment and land, downsize employees or close their business altogether to pay the IRS. Instead of being able farms and businesses are land rich to reinvest into their family's busibut cash poor and face numerous nesses, Americans who inherit an operation must immediately the death tax and calculate how that will impact their futures.

Not only does this burden harm the families and job creators whose operations have endured for generations, but it also negatively disrupts critical supply chains and domestic production.

To address and mitigate its impacts, I was proud to join Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) to introduce legislation that would permanently repeal the death tax. The Death Tax Repeal Act would protect the hard work of Arkansans and provide relief from this counterproductive policy.

The good news is there is widespread support for this legislation on both sides of the Capitol, and it is a priority for many members of rural states.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, I am particularly aware of how the death tax casts a shadow across farming com-

In a recent committee hearing,

Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) called a death tax repeal the most important thing Congress can do "to keeping acreage in production." With the fragile farm economy, we must take action to protect family farms. This is key to that responsibility.

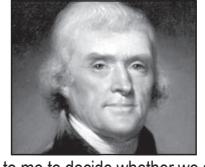
Congress provided more certainty and predictability to farm families and small businesses by doubling the exemption in 2017, but that is set to expire at the end of the year.

Earlier this month, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins affirmed her commitment to repealing the death tax.

Momentum continues to build for axing this destructive penalty in support of our entrepreneurs' and agriculturalists' ability to continue to grow their operations and benefit their local economies. This protection will also remove a possible deterrent that discourages Americans from investing in or even creating their own small businesses.

Arkansans understand the value and importance of hard work, building something with longevity and passing it on.

Finally removing the death tax will represent an important step forward in promoting economic growth and ensuring the American dream remains within grasp for generations to come.



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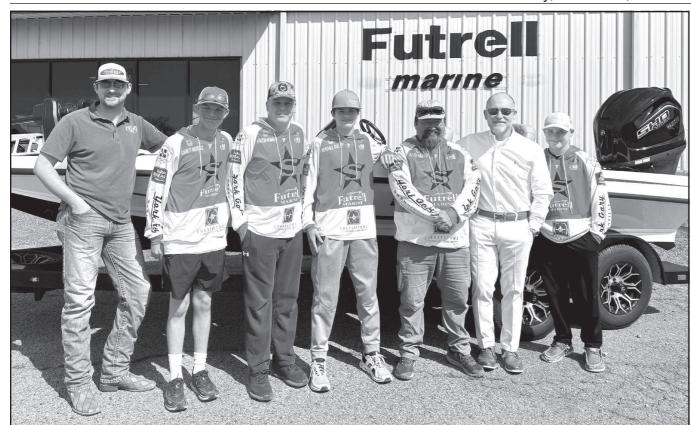
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SCRAPPER ANGLERS. Futrell Marine of Nashville hosted a benefit for the Nashville Scrapper fishing team Friday, March 21. The event also included a customer appreciation lunch for Futrell Marine. The group includes Mason Tuberville of Futrell Marine, Garrett Westfall, Halton Howard, Kendall Talley, Eley Talley, Tem Gunter and Keith Talley.



COCA-COLA HISTORY. The Bierdenharn house in Monroe, La., contains an extensive collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia.

### Museum

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their name to Delta, now the oldest airline in the United

Bierdenharn and his son nents. were the majority owners of the company.

In 1929. Delta began with and tourist attraction, draw-Jackson, Miss., and today it operates 5,400 flights daily to 52 countries on 6 conti-

Monroe is now a museum gardens.

There is a Coca-Cola museum, a Bible museum

with artifacts dating back The Biedenharn home in centuries, and impressive

You can also go on a air service from Dallas to ing 25,000-30,000 visitors a guided tour of the mansion, which has been maintained as it was when the family lived there.

### **Election**

from page 1A Hibberd have filed for the

#### seat for Zone 2. **Dierks School Board**

Two candidates filed for the at-large representative on the Dierks School Board - incumbent Jared Tipton and Phillip Glasgow.

### **Mineral Springs School**

There are two seats coming vacant for the Mineral Springs School District where the incumbents are Mike Erwin and Xavier Vaughn. Erwin, a veteran member of the board, did not file for re-election and the MS board will appoint someone to fill the seat. Vaughn is unopposed.

**Blevins School Board** For the Blevins School District, three candidates are

unopposed for seats on the board. The candidates are Kimberly Cole, incumbent for Zone 2; Cindy Parks, Zone 4; and James West, incumbent for Zone 5. Parks and West had been appoint-

ed to fill vacant seats. Early voting will be May 6-12 across the state. In Howard County early voting will be at the Carter Day Training Center in Nashville from 8-4:30. All early voting in Hempstead County for the Blevins School District will be at the County Clerk's office during business hours.

Election day voting will be 7:30-7:30 at two locations in Howard County -- the Carter Day Training Center in Nashville and at the Dierks Community Center.

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

#### Council Continued from page 1A

Police Chief Amy Marion told the council that she had applied for a grant to outfit patrol cars with computers. The equipment will be paid

by a 90-10 law enforcement

grant. She also said that two

new officers had been hired,

bringing the department's roster full. Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs presented a resolution to condemn vacant houses at 1101 and 1117 S. Price as unsafe nuisances. The owners -- heirs of the late Fletcher Benson -- have 30 days to take action before

the city clears the property and places a lien. In his capacity as Public tive Director Vanessa Weeks.

Works Director, Mayor Dunaway updated projects on the water treatment system, sidewalks and drainage. He said that some of the grant money would be taken from a proposed sidewalk system along Peachtree Street and used to make drainage improvements on South Main.

Council members present included Lynn Dyer, Herbert Turley, Charles Pinkston, Kay Gathright, William Turley, Vivian Wright, Phil Jones, Brent Thompson, Donna Harwell, Joe Hoen and Freddie Horne. Also present, City Recorder Lauren Hoen, Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs, Police Chief Amy Marion, Fire Marshal Justin Thornton, Financial Officer Kimberly Green, and Developing Howard County Execu-

### County burn ban continues

Howard County remains rainfall. under a burn ban which was issued last week by County Judge Brent Pinkerton.

The ban will continue until the area receives adequate

Much of Arkansas is under a burn ban as the result of prolonged weather coupled with high winds during the past week.

### Cross Point to host rodeo

Cross Point Cowboy Church will host a two-day rodeo Friday and Saturday, April 4-5.

The event will be at the church's covered arena west of Nashville on Hwy. 371 beginning at 8 p.m. each night.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (see advertisement in this newspaper issue for details).

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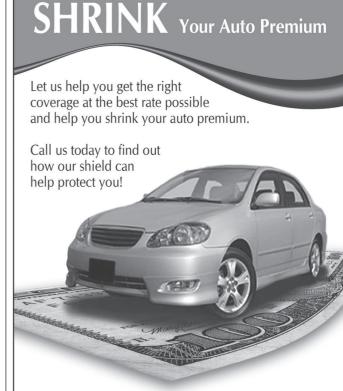




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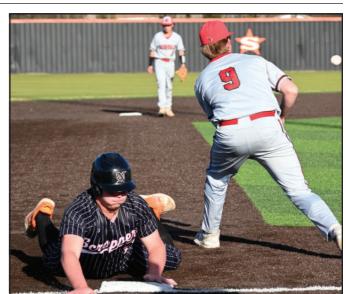






Carson Kirby (middle) returns to the dugout after scor- The ball sails into catcher Landyn Tompkins' glove ing a home run in Nashville's 7-0 win over Fairview Thursday afternoon, March 20, in the Scrapperettes' March 21. The Scrappers also beat Fairview March 18. 14-0 conference win over Camden Fairview.





Mason Honea slides into third base Friday afternoon. March 21, against Fairview. The Scrappers defeated the Cardinals twice last week to open District 7-4A.

# Scrappers, Scrapperettes sweep Camden Fairview in District 7-4A match-ups



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

First baseman Sofia McCauley (right) makes the catch for an out March 20 in Nashville's 14-0 win over Camden Fairview at Futrell Field. The Scrapperettes also defeated the Lady Cardinals 18-0 on the road March 18.



the Cardinals twice last week



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON

Zeus Hutchinson bats for the Scrappers in Nashville's home win over Fairview March 21.



Rayleigh Harmon scores in the win over Fairview.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON Hayden Gray makes the



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Natalie Nolte gets set for the pitch in the Scrapperettes' 14-0 conference win over Fairview at Futrell Field.



Lady Cardinals and Scrapperettes visit after the game before saying the Lord's Prayer.

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### SPORTS LEADERS Players of the Week as selected by

The Leader sports department Area athletes

Area athletes join others across Arkansas in being off at least part of this week for spring break. While classes are dismissed statewide, spring sports have varied schedules, with some scheduling games late in the week while others are off until school resumes March 31. Spring athletes participate in baseball, softball, track and soccer at many Arkansas schools.



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### Home&Heart National Spinach Day Popeye's Favorite Day!

By Angie Freel **Howard County Family** & Consumer Science

Do you remember the cartoon, *Popeye*? The character was a sailor, who after eating a can of spinach, suddenly became very strong.

The cartoon wasn't too far off. Spinach contains compound nitrates, which helps to boost muscle strength. Spinach also contains Vitamin A, Vitamin C, fiber, folate, potassium, and Vitamin K. Health experts recommend eating 2 cups of spinach a day and the average American east 1½ pounds of spinach per year.

Ôn March 26th each year, National Spinach Day reminds us of the health benefits packed into this leafy green vegetable. Not only are there many delicious ways that you can enjoy spinach, but it is also incredibly good for you and is considered a superfood.

You can also plant some spinach in your spring garden. Not only will you reap the benefits of a lush green salad, but spinach doesn't require much space.

Spinach grows in pots on a sunny balcony or a small garden space. Use fertile soil. Plant in cool weather. Keep moisture levels consistent. Harvest and enjoy! You can plant again in the fall. Double the bounty!

An annual plant, spinach is thought to have originated in ancient Persia. Arab traders carried spinach into India and later introduced it into ancient China. There it was

known as "Persian vegetable." The earliest available record of the spinach plant was found in a Chinese document. During her reign as queen of France,

Catherine de Medici enjoyed spinach so much that she ate it at every meal. Today, dishes made with spinach are

known as Florentine, reflecting Catherine's birth in Florence.

Spinach is:

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Types of spinach:

Savoy: This dark green spinach has curly leaves, and producers usually sell it in fresh bunches.

Flat or Smooth Leaf: You know this spinach by its broad, smooth leaves. It's mainly grown for canned and frozen spinach, soups, baby food, and processed foods. Semi-savoy: Its crinkly leaves have more texture than other spinach. Producers sell this hybrid variety fresh and processed.

Below are some creative ways to get your recommended serving of up to two cups of spinach per day.

Add Spinach To Eggs

Toss Spinach Into a Casserole Blend Spinach Into a Smoothie

Add Frozen Spinach to Soup Make Meatloaf or Meatballs with Spinach

Stir Spinach Into a Stir-Fry Top Pizza with Spinach

Spinach Quesadillas 3 ounces fresh baby spinach (about 4

4 green onions, chopped

1 small tomato, chopped

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 teaspoon ground cumin 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1 cup shredded reduced-fat Monterey Jack cheese or Mexican cheese blend

1/4 cup reduced-fat ricotta cheese 6 flour tortillas (6 inches), warmed Reduced-fat sour cream, optional

**Directions** 

In a large nonstick skillet, cook and stir first 6 ingredients until spinach is wilted. Remove from heat; stir in cheeses.

Top half of each tortilla with spinach mixture; fold other half over filling. Place on a griddle coated with cooking spray; cook over medium heat until golden brown, 1-2 minutes per side. Cut quesadillas in half. If desired, serve with sour cream.

#### **Nutrition Facts**

3 wedges: 281 calories, 12g fat (6g saturated fat), 24mg cholesterol, 585mg sodium, 30g carbohydrate (3g sugars, 4g fiber), 14g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 2 starch, 1 vegetable, 1 medium-fat meat.



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES STATE GRANT. The Howard County Historical Society received a \$2,500 grant last week from the Arkansas Heritage, Parks and Tourism Department during a ceremony attended by Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders. Freddie Horne of the HCHS represented District IV and accepted the grant which will be used for much-needed operating expenses.

### Sign up now for JA's benefit scramble

The Junior Auxiliary of Nashville will annual scholarship for high school seniors host its second-annual JA Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday April 10.

The deadline to sign up ends on April 10 with registration available online and at the Nashville Country Club clubhouse. Proceeds will help fund the organization's going into a field of work involving children. The tournament will have tee times at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. with a three-person scramble

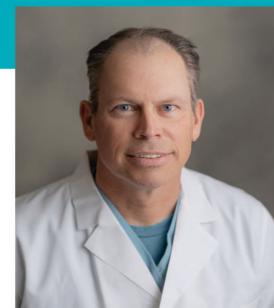
The entry fee is \$300 per team with lunch provided and cash prizes up for grabs.

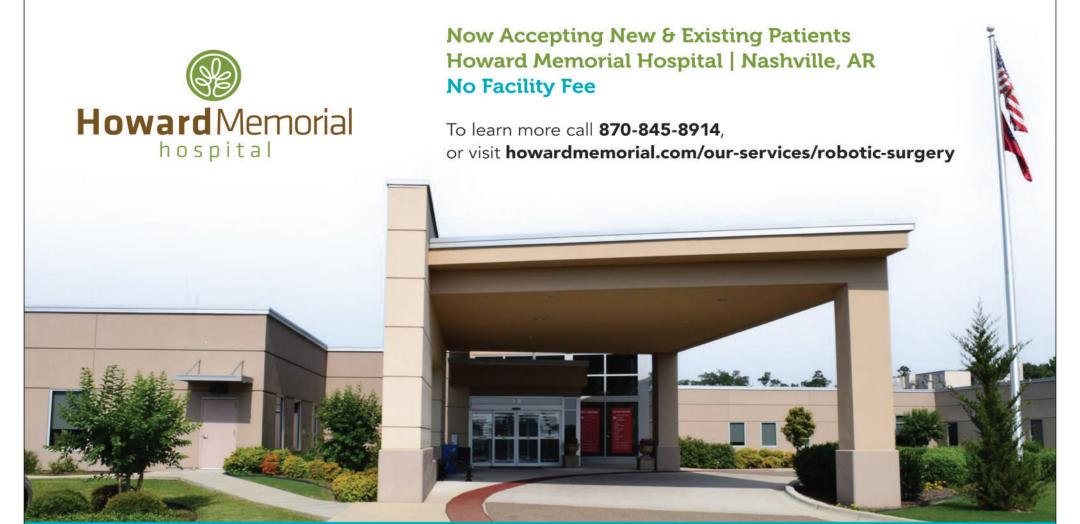
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#### Pike County **District Court**

Feb. 18, 2025 BF=Bond Forfeited **Pike County** 

Markham, Ashley N., 27, to pay, \$1,180 owed, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

53, Glenwood, guilty of speeding, fined \$125

**City of Murfreesboro** Buck, Dustan Ray, 39, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335

#### City of Glenwood

Hernandez, Elvin A., 39, Glenwood, guilty of DWI#2, fined \$1,640, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$145; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$145

West, Devon Allen, 19, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,115 owed, fined \$150; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Williamson, Jeremy Laray, 45, Glenwood, guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$800; guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$800; guilty of interference with emergency communication-first degree, fined \$280; guilty of interference with emergency communications-first degree, fined \$280

#### **Bench Trials Pike County**

Armand, Justin Michael, 37, Bella Chasse, La., guilty of speeding, fined \$185

Elliott, Benjamin Garry, 45, Shell Knob, Mo., guilty of reckless driving, fined \$445, under advisement for three

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Kaushal, Bhanu, 26, Fres-Paragould, guilty of failure no, Calif., guilty of false report of log duty status, fined \$170

Underwood, Linda Lou, Williamson, Aaron Flint, 62, Broken Bow,, Okla., guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational

#### City of Murfreesboro

Huffman, Codi Elizabeth, 39, Murfreesboro, guilty of shoplifting, fined \$405

**City of Glenwood** 

Baker, Adam S., 30, Glenwood, careless or prohibited driving with accident, under advisement for 30 days to dismiss, fined \$245

Coffman, Clay Mason, 25, Glenwood, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$75; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125

Graves, Heather, 44, Amity, guilty of following too close, fined \$150

Sherman, Tyler Ryan, 25, Texarkana, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$350; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$150; guilty of endangering welfare incompetent- third degree, fined \$685, deferred adjudication for six months to dismiss; guilty of endangering welfare incompetentthird degree, fined \$685, deferred adjudication for six months to dismiss; guilty of endangering welfare incompetent- third degree, fined \$685, deferred adjudication for six months to dismiss.

Wisdom, Billy Harold Jr., 40, Glenwood, guilty of littering multiple items, fined \$340, under advisement for Howell, Ashley Gail, 21, 90 days to dismiss

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VACANT HOG BARN FIRE. The Dierks and Center Point volunteer fire departments responded to a fire on Allen Cemetery Road near Dierks Friday morning involving an unoccupied hog barn, according to Dierks Fire Chief Chase Quinn, who added the cause of the fire is unknown. Rich Mountain Electric Cooperative and the Arkansas Forestry Service were put on standby due to the windy hazardous fire conditions across the state.

### SH Bear coach hired to lead Lady Rattlers Search continues for vacant Rattler head coach position

#### By John Balch

News-Leader staff

The South Pike County School Board filled one of two vacancies in the district's basketball program during a special meeting held Monday night.

The board voted 5-2 to hire Blevin Boyd as the new Lady Rattler head coach.

Boyd will come to Murfreesboro from the Spring Hill School District where he was head boys' basketball coach and assistant to the girls' teams, as well as girls' track head coach and physical education teacher.

Boyd's work experience includes coaching girls' basketball and softball at Mountain Pine and heading up the basketball program at Palestine-Wheatley. He was also a volunteer assistant basketball coach from 2012-2016 at Kirby.

Boyd's resume lists his top accomplishments as leading the Spring Hill Bears to a postseason district tournament championship in 2024-2025 and being named coach of the year that same

The split vote to hire Boyd came after a 22-minute closed executive session.

hire Boyd included Cory Ballard, Robert Silva, Scott Maroon, Alyssa Duggan and Wes Campbell with Andrea McRae and Barbie Baxter voting against the hire.

Boyd will replace Nicole Martin, who was reassigned to the elementary PE program after several seasons as Lady Rattler head coach.

list of 12 other applicants, including:

Boyd was chosen from a

- Kayla Sharp-Estep, Magnolia softball coach

- Rachelle Erwin, Murfreesboro elementary counselor and former head coach

- Darren Horn, assistant football coach and head track coach at Murfreesboro

at Ashdown

- Reagan McCormick, first-year assistant coach at

Morrilton - Levi Lock, first-year coach at Hampton

- Nate Davis, girls head coach at Star City, former junior college head coach and assistant at Ouachita Baptist University

- Jason Barker, former | Dumpster & head coach at De Queen

 Randall Henderson, retired head coach in Texas

- Clayton Ray, boys' coach

Board members voting to at Ouachita.

- Jordan Shanks, first-year

assistant at Prescott - Cody Byrd, volunteer

assistant at Hamburg - Kendall Kirchoff, assis-

tant coach at Cabot

The board will now re-

sume its search for a new Rattler head coach following the departure of Buster Bonner, who came out of retirement to lead the Rattlers this past season and fulfilled his one-year contract with the



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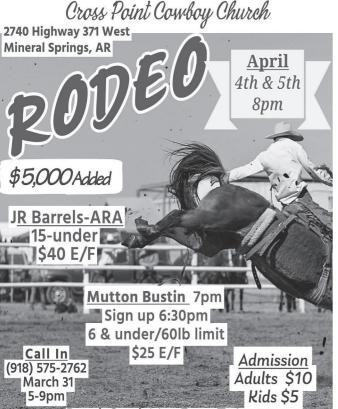
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ROTARY GIFT OF SHOES. Nashville Rotarians are sending 10 pairs of 'tennis' shoes as part of a state-wide Rotary project to send shoes to children in underdeveloped countries. Club members posed with the shoes, last week, during their regular meeting at Patacakes. From left, Larry Dunaway, Andrea Rhodes, Pam Estes, Tim Pinkerton, Glenn Lance, Samantha Horn, Angie Freel, Jim Pinson and Carol Murray. Not pictured, Rotarian Louie Graves.

### 'Free Tree Fridays' coming to Howard County April 4

ment of Agriculture is celebrating Arbor Day by hosting its fifth annual "Free Tree Fridays" campaign, offering free bare root seedlings to Arkansans.

The events will take place every Friday from March 21 through April 25 at various locations across the state.

"Free Tree Fridays is about the benefits of trees and encourage more people to plant them in their communities," said Kristine Kimbro, Urban and Community Forestry Coordina-

"This event has grown

Arkansans the opportunity to plant native trees in their own backyards."

Each giveaway will feature a variety of tree species native to Arkansas, including cherrybark oak, eastern redbud, persimmon, red mulberry, river birch, and Shumard oak.

Participants can receive a way to raise awareness up to five free seedlings on a first-come, first-served basis.

Funding for this project is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program, in partnership with the Arkansas Department of over the years, and we are Agriculture, and supported

The Arkansas Depart- excited to continue offering by the Arkansas Urban Forestry Council.

**April 4 Dierks** Howard Arkansas Forestry Division Office

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### Local professor offering to help families identify potential geniuses

Even at 96 years old, Professor William Maxwell is still convinced geniuses are born among us every day and he is offering his free advice to help families identify potential geniuses.

Maxwell, a native of Howard County, is now accepting invitations from Southwest Arkansas families for one-hour visits with carefully-chosen questions, mental exercises and games that he said can confirm a child's "genius status" and possible predict a career

where that child would likely "achieve success and happiness."

Maxwell just published his 17th book, entitled Grand Parenting 101A and serves on the Board of Trustees of The American Creed Academy, Inc., who's motto is "Every Child A Potential Genius."

For more information or to step up an appointment, contact Maxwell at 404-3231403 or by email: professorwilliammaxwell3@ gmail.com.



News-Leader photo/COURTESY OF DIERKS SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ATTEND SCHOLASTIC HONORS DAY. Dierks High School seniors Sam Ernest (at left) and Jordan Hill have been selected to attend the Governor's Scholastic Honors Day in May at the Governor's Mansion in Little Rock. During their time at DHS, the two studentathletes have maintained a perfect GPA.





April is a month of surprises. People play pranks while enjoying its first day - April Fools' Day! Clouds pop up and rain down on us. Breezes tug and break kite strings. Kites float quickly away or spiral down and crash! Fish pull on fishing lines and then swim away. Hey. . . are they laughing? Well, so shall we!

Ask a friend to work with you to fill in my puzzle about April Fools' day!

day of April is known as April Fools' Day. 2. It is a day of fun. People like to play jokes and 3. Make sure that any pranks you might pull are \_ 4. This fun day used to be called "All Fool's Day" and is

thought to have started in \_ a long time ago 5. In those times, the date of the New Year was March 21st, People had and fun for about a week, right through the last day of the celebration, April 1st. On that day people would visit and exchange gifts.

6. In the 16th century (1500s) a new \_ \_ was adopted and March 21st was no longer the beginning of the New Year. This meant that April 1st was no longer the day to visit others and exchange gifts.

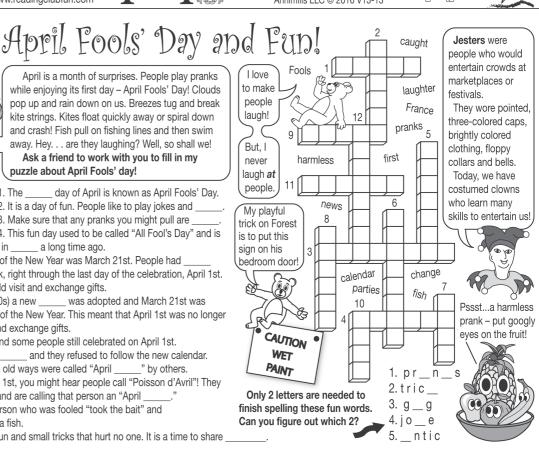
traveled slowly and some people still celebrated on April 1st. 8. Some people didn't like \_\_\_\_\_ and they refused to follow the new calendar.

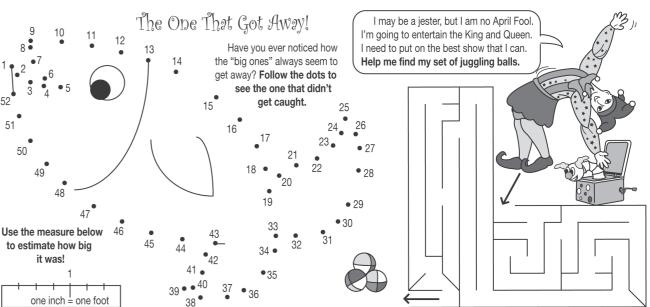
9. People who clung to the old ways were called "April \_ 10. In some areas, on April 1st, you might hear people call "Poisson d'Avril"! They

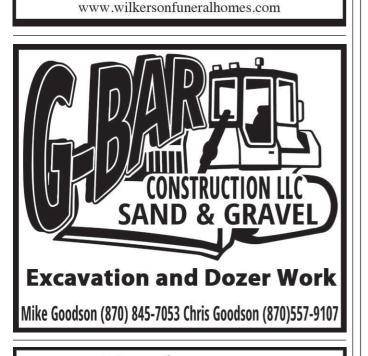
have fooled someone and are calling that person an "April \_ 11. This means that the person who was fooled "took the bait" and

\_, like a fish.

12. April Fools' Day is for fun and small tricks that hurt no one. It is a time to share







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### **Howard County District Court**

March 20, 2025 BF=Bond Forfeited **Howard County** 

Alexander, Andrew Laray, 19, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,2325 owed, sentenced to 30 days in jail-suspended conditions

Autry, Douglas D., 33, Texarkana, Texas, \$240 BF,

Baca, Vega Zenon, 44, Hartman, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Barnett, Jukyle, 21, Nashville, guilty of second-degree criminal mischief, fined \$727.25; guilty of seconddegree criminal mischief, fined \$766.52

Buss, Adam A., 38, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding

Cates, Rhonda K., 54, Murfreesboro, \$185 BF, no vehicle license

Cheatham, Nyisha N., 23, Mineral Springs, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Collier, Andrew, 36, Ashdown, guilty of speeding, fined \$240; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Contreras, Heriberto T., 34, Mineral Springs, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$230 BF, speeding

Cruz, Aracelli, 28, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding; \$195 BF, no driver's license/ expired license

Davis, Shawnta M., 45, Prattsville, guilty of speeding, fined \$230; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$2245

Dildy, Joshua R., 33, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Fisher, Vincent DArelle, 63, Hope, guilty of nonpayment of fines, \$370 owed

Fornero, Brandon N., 46, Texarkana, \$220 BF, drinking on highway

Fornero, Tracy Lynn, 42, Texarkana, \$420 BF, endangering welfare of minor; \$220 BF, drinking on high-

Garza, Jonathan, 17, Glenwood, guilty of no driver's license/expired license,

fined \$195 Hazelwood, Cory, 30,

Nashville, guilty of nonpayment of fines, \$165 owed; guilty of failure to appear,

fined \$215; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560

Hernandez, Emmanuel, 17, Nashville, \$250 BF,

ability insurance, fined \$345

Kelley, Edwin C., 57, Nashville, \$370 BF, littering Masters, Ricky E., 56, Saratoga, guilty of failure to

Mayes, Johnathan Brent, 43, Newhope, \$245 BF, failure to appear

present insurance, fined \$50

Moore, Corey Darel, 51, Mineral Springs, guilty of no

proof of liability insurance, fined \$345 Morrow, James A., 67, Nashville, guilty of driving

on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445 Ortiz, Omar, 31, De

Queen, \$240 BF, speeding Parker, Cheyenne, 30,

Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

Pope, Jayden S., 22, Nashville, \$220 BF, drinking in

Porter, Joshua F., 42, Ozan, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of speeding, fined \$230; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75; guilty of possessing open container of alcohol in vehicle, fined \$220

Reid, Brendan L., 50, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding

Roberson, Preston, 56, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,150 owed

Sanders, Robbie, 61, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, failure to pay registration; \$220 BF, drinking on highway

Seavers, Blake A., 36, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,345 owed; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$595; guilty of violation of AHCL, fined \$367.70; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Shaw, Michael A., 65, Texarkana, \$270 BF, speeding

Sheridan, Michael Wayne, 72, Benton, \$270. BF, failure to repair, maintain parts/

Smith, Robert Michael, 74, Summer, Texas, \$260 BF, speeding

Sockwell, Trisha C., 31, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$250

Stueart, Van D., 77, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding

Vasquez, Delia, 35, Murfreesboro, guilty of speeding, fined \$250

Vaughn, Donnie Ray Jr., Heard, Kevin, 33, Co- 27, Newhope, guilty of non- ing on suspended or revoked lumbus, guilty of speeding, payment of fines, \$2,835 owed; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined

City of Nashville

Alexander, Andrew Ladriving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

Altamirano Martinez, Jordan, Rosie, 46, Yuma, Juan, 32, Hope, \$195 BF, no Ariz., guilty of no proof of li-driver's license/expired

Frank & Ada Coleman Estate Auction

890 Hwy 234, Lockesburg, AR 71846

Saturday, March 29th at 9:00 a.m. \*\*Concessions and restrooms available\*\*

Directions to auction: (Located on Hwy 234 between Paraloma & Ben

The Frank and Ada Coleman estate auction features a vast

collection of items from their farm/home in the Brownstown

Community where they lived for many years, the family has commissioned Todd Morris Auction Co. to sell at auction the

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license; \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Bagwell, Gage, 27, Nash-

Barnett, Jukyle, 21, Nashville, guilty of second-degree

criminal mischief, fined \$610 Billings, Chloe Dawn, 18,

Brazil, Kevin Bernard, 60, Nashville, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$55; guilty of failure to present

Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

Carthorne, Antonio D., 48, Nashville, guilty of non-pay-

down, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,040 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions

Davis, Destiny R., 21, Nashville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked

Dotson, Trevails, 38, Nashville, guilty of failure to

Nashville, \$210 BF, failure to pay registration Faulkner, Hannah Chey-

enne., 24, Nashville, \$485 BF, passing stopped school bus Gates, Michael L., 60, Nashville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked

Harris, Mychael D., 32, Hope, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Harrison, Thomas R., 66, Nashville, guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$95

Head, Phillip L., 78, Plano, Texas, \$270 BF, speeding

to appear, fined \$245

Hernandez, Martin Jr., 29, Hope, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for

Howard, David C., 56,

Howell, Larry D., 64, Nashville, guilty of deriv-

license, fined \$395 Jefferson, Marcus D., 36, Nashville, guilty of driving

license, fined \$95 Johnson, Melanie S., 40,

ray, 19, Nashville, guilty of Mineral Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Jones, Delris J., 42, Hope, \$145 BF, no proof of liability

Juarez, Juan, 25, De

license/expired license; \$230 BF, speeding

Logan, Lonnie, 32, Mineral Springs, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$95; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$95; guilty of failure to yield to emergency vehicle, fined \$295

Magueyal Deha, Altiezer, 37, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195

Markle, Christopher Zyul, 21, Ashdown, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Myrick, Jordan P., 20, Mc-Caskill, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

Neal, Ashley L., 35, Dierks, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Norman, Cory Paul, 36, Hope, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$215 BF, speeding

Ornelas, Roberto M., 36, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,040 owed

Peden, Kelly, 50, Umpire, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1, 240 owed

Perez, Jessica Cassandra, 21, Murfreesboro, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$875 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Pope, Jayden S>, 22, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$245 BF, failure to ap-

Price, Maurice Deshay, 30, Ashdown, \$220 B F, drinking on highway; \$220 BF, open container of alcohol in vehicle Ray, Adam F., 30, Nash-

ville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license Reeder, Andrew Cole,

Queen, \$195 BF, no driver's 24, Nashville, \$185 BF, no vehicle license

Scott, Jordan, 18, Ash-

down, \$240 BF, speeding Smith, John, 26, Lewisville, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Smith, Matthew Kahyden, 18, Murfreesboro, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational

Staggers, Nathaniel J., 47, Nashville, guilty of permitting unauthorized driver, fined \$245

Stewart, Jamarcus, 32, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,392 owed, committed to jail-suspended

Triana, Kaycee, 32, De Queen, \$410 BF, second-degree criminal mischief; \$285 BF, failure to appear; \$285 BF, failure to appear

Vargas, Felecito Flores, 67, Nashville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked

Vasquez, Delia, 35, Murfreesboro, guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$195

Wiley, Warren M., 45, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

Williamson, Kevin K., 52, Nashville, guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220; guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

Willis, Louis Alise Mart, 29, Ashdown, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$355 owed; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

City of Dierks

Barbre, Steven Adam, 43, Dierks, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345;

guilty of defective equipment, fined \$210

Carrabza, Jose, 56, De Queen, \$240 BF, speeding

Crisp, Tamra Delaine, 33, Nashville, guilty of dogs running at large, fined \$125 plus \$637.66 restitution

Dixon, Brenda Sharie, 26, Dierks, \$45 BF, now seat belt Gramada, Mioara, 58, Coppell, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding

Lopez Perez, Nicholas, 27, no address listed, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired

City of Tollette

Brewer, Carlos Gregory, 47, Hope Springs, \$220 BF, drinking on highway

#### **Bench Trials**

City of Nashville Delcarmen, Mary, 34,

Hope, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 nd license suspended for six

Padilia, Luis Javier, 20, Nashville, guilty of minor in possession/consumption, fined \$220

Peden, Kelly, 50, Umpire, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

City of Dierks

Eudy, Dalton Lane, 25, contributing to delinquency of a minor, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Martin, John D., 82, London, guilty of defective turn signal or brake lamp, fined

City of Mineral Springs Vaughn, Gregory L., 66, Mineral Springs, guilty of DWI #3, fined \$1,110, sentenced to 90 days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational

### Employability Skill Expo April 9 in Hope

The University of Arkan- Workplace: Discover the key to enhance your perforsas Hope-Texarkana will hold an Employability Skill Expo at Hempstead Hall on Wednesday, April 9, from

1-4:00 p.m. The expo is designed to enhance job readiness and support local workforce

development.

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ences to potential employers. you with valuable feedback call 870-722-8119. • Professionalism in the

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how to create a standout re-ticipate in practice inter-these skills in professional

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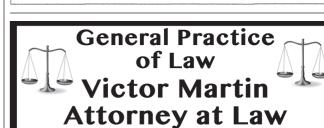
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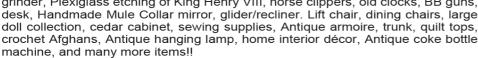
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ville, \$215 BF, speeding

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present insurance, fined \$50 Dyer, Sarah Lynn, 67,

\$245 BF, failure to appear

license; \$45 BF, no seat belt;

Hearon, Kadesia, 29, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no child restraint, fiend \$195; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195; guilty of failure

Mineral Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance,

on suspended or revoked

insurance





News-Leader photos/NIKKI FIELDS IMAGES & DESIGNS

BASEBALL IS FUN. With spring in the air, baseball season is underway at the Nashville City Park and is bringing smiles to the ballfields including Walker Greene (at left) who is a brother of a 6U Dierks player and was fired

### **April Activities Cossatot River State** Park-Natural Area

Spring is here! Join park interpreters at Cossatot River State Park for a free educational program that's fun for the whole family. Pack a lunch and make a day of it, allowing time to explore the interactive exhibits of the visitor information center, take a short trail walk or just be with nature along the river bank.

Friday, April 4

A Home for a Black Bear

10a.m. Visitor Information Center The American Black Bear relies on quality habitat in order to thrive and call Arkansas their home. Join park interpreters to discover the ins & outs of the life of a black bear and investigate the vital components of their habitat.

Friday, April 4

**Dutch Oven Biscuits** 

3p.m. Visitor Information Center Join the park interpreters for a tasty camp treat! We'll be making buttermilk biscuits and homemade butter as we discuss the history of Dutch ovens. No registration or fees required.

Saturday, April 5

Micro Hike

10a.m. Waterleaf Trailhead Have you ever imagined the world from the perspective of a bug? Join park interpreters as we slow down and observe the smaller elements in the landscape- you never know what you might find! Trail rated easy to moderate, ~0.5 miles round trip.

Saturday, April 5

**Mammals of Cossatot River** 

1-3p.m. Stop by Cossatot Falls Are you ready to discover the wild side of Cossatot River State Park? Stop by the Falls to investigate the diverse wildlife of the area with park interpreters! Come & go station.

**Every Sunday** 

Critter Feeding

3p.m. Visitor Information Center

interpreters in feeding our resident from frogs. critters- snakes, frogs and more!

Saturday, April 12 Sketch Hike to Goat's Bluff

9:30a.m. Harris Creek Trailhead

Discover a whole new way of seeing the world around you with a brief lesson on nature journaling. Join park interpreters 1.5 miles up the trail to Goat's Bluff Overlook for a short sketch session. All supplies provided. Trail rated moderate to strenuous, ~3 miles round trip

Saturday, April 12 **Reptile Residents** 

3p.m. Visitor Information Center Discover your inner herpetologist and get ready for a memorable expe-

rience with reptiles! Explore snakes, turtles and other species with park interpreters and enjoy an up close and personal look at some of our reptile friends!

Friday, April 18 Why Birds Migrate

10a.m. Visitor Information Center Join park interpreters as we explore the journey of migrating birds and the many hazards that they face, wrapping up with a fun migration game!

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Discover your inner herpetologist and get ready for a memorable experience with reptiles! Explore snakes, turtles and other species with park interpreters and enjoy an up close and personal look at some of our reptile friends!

Saturday, April 19

**Toads vs Frogs** 

10a.m. Visitor Information Center Unleash your inner zoologist and immerse yourself in the amazing realm of toads and frogs with the park interpreters. Test your new knowledge

Quilters to present 'History of the Underground

Saturday, April 19 **Tracks Table** 

1-3p.m. Stop by Cossatot Falls Many critters live and pass through Cossatot River State Park. Stop by the falls to create your own track casting to

take home of an animal from the area.

Come & go station. Friday, April 25

Color Wheel Hike 10a.m. Waterleaf Trailhead

Can you find every color on the color wheel? Hike down to the river with the park interpreters and see how many colors are out on the trail. Trail rated easy to moderate, ~0.5 miles round trip.

Friday, April 25

**Pine Needle Painting** 2p.m. Visitor Information Center

Don't have a paintbrush? No worries! Join the park interpreters in the classroom to use pine needles as a unique paintbrush for this fun craft. All supplies provided.

Saturday, April 26 Salamander Search Hike

10a.m. Cossatot Falls Entrance

Join a park interpreter on a section of the River Corridor Trail as we search for salamanders by a waterfall! Get ready to get your hands dirty as we search under logs, rocks, and near the water. Trail rated easy to moderate, ~3 miles round trip.

Saturday, April 26

Owl Pellet Dissection

3p.m. Visitor Information Center Join the park interpreters in the classroom as we investigate the life of an owl. Hands on and fascinating

for all ages!

For More Information about these programs, please call Cossatot River 2201. Cossatot River State Park-Nat-Stop by the center to join park as you differentiate our resident toads ural Area, 1980 Hwy 278 W, Wickes

### Renovating sacrifice pastures lets other fields rest

By Dawson Bailey **Howard County Extension** Agent – Agriculture

Sacrifice pastures can be a great resource for producers who want to allow other pastures to rest through the winter months.

Unfortunately, the sacrifice pasture may become more like a dry lot over time. The soil tends to get compacted and has a high nutrient surplus in sacrifice pastures due to hay feeding and defecation. Remediation of these pastures is possible and will help turn them back into productive pastures again.

These pastures are generally smaller which means it won't break the bank to renovate them. Take a soil sample in the pasture to see what the nutrient levels are. The phosphorus content may be high from hay feeding. You will want to select a forage that can help break up the soil and compete with the weeds. Some annual legumes, such as arrowleaf or crimson clover, can be a relatively inexpensive option to create biomass without the need to add phosphorus or nitrogen.

Frugal perennial grasses

are good choices to reseed into long-term pastures.

Weed pressure will be high in sacrifice pastures. Disking breaks up the compacted areas for at least the top few inches and serves as mechanical weed control. Grasses should be able to establish well with the nutrient load from hay feeding and manure.

Broadleaf herbicides should be used as needed to ensure a good stand is established.

If the field is planted in fescue, the forage should only be lightly grazed for the first time in late May the following year.

If natives were planted back in the sacrifice pasture, grazing should be skipped completely for the following year. Annual legumes can simultaneously be grazed and used for intercropping and soil remediation in the first year.

For more information, visit our website at www. uaex.uada.com or call the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517. The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.



News-Leader photo/COURTESY OF MURFREESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTING MURFREESBORO HIGH. Hailey Sweeney's landscape sketch of Lake Greeson has been chosen to be entered in the 2025 Arkansas Governor's Young Artist Competition. She is an art student

#### Railroad Quilt Code" at Pike County church May 17 at Murfreesboro High School, The event will be a fundraiser for They have combined their talents with the Antoine Rosenwald School/Center history to present a dynamic present of

The Pleasant Hill Quilters will present "A History of the Underground Railroad Quilt Code" on Saturday, May 17 at Harrison Chapel Church, between Antoine and Delight at 2848 Highway 26 East.

The hour-long presentation will begin at 11 a.m.

and tours of the facility will be offered following the program. There will be a \$15 admission.

The women of Pleasant Hill Quilting Group are dedicated to the preservation and to the art of quilt making. the Underground Railroad Quilt Code.

The ladies also use their skills to raise funds for worthy causes include the restoration and preservation of the Pleasant Hill Center - a historic Rosenwald school in Texas.

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### Put hummingbird feeders out little earlier than normal this spring

By Ryan McGeeney U of A System Division of Agriculture

While many Arkansas hummingbird lovers have typically filled their first feeders in mid-April, extension experts say the best way to support the migration is to hang those feeders with the first signs of spring, if not earlier. And in 2025,

Ruby-throated hummingbirds have already been sighted across the southeastern United States, from eastern Texas to Florida, according to Hummingbird Central, a hub for volunteer hummingbird migration sightings.

The group's 2025 migration page shows about a "earlier" is even sooner than dozen sightings in Arkansas,

Russellville.

Sherri Sanders, White County agricultural extension agent for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said the mid-April "rule of thumb" is likely based on a common misunderstanding of the spring gardening checklist.

"People wait until April 15 or so to put out their hum-

including one as far north as mingbird feeders, I think because they correlate that with planting warm-season vegetables," Sanders said. "But we need them out about a month before that, because our little babies are coming through Arkansas on their way to Canada.

"We need to get the word out to help them with a pit stop so they can refuel," she Cooperative Extension Service, Sanders recommended several prime locations for viewing hummingbirds in Arkansas, including Mount Magazine State Park, Petit Jean State Park, Hot Springs State Park and the Buffalo National River.

And of course, backyard gardens are always a great way to welcome in the migratory beauty. Sanders recommended planting native flowers, avoiding pesticides, providing shelter with trees and shrubs and maintaining water sources such as bird baths and fountains.

Becky McPeake, extension wildlife biologist for the Division of Agriculture, said the occasional burst of unseasonably warm air from the south may drive the birds north ahead of their expected migration schedule.

"Hummingbirds are going to follow the weather," McPeake said. "So if there's enough nectar for them to consume, enough plants blooming, they're just following the weather north in the spring."

Both Sanders and Mc-Peake said that Arkansans who haven't put their feeders out already should make it a point to do so as soon as possible.

"There's concern for birds in general, that there's been a downward trend in popula-

In a blog post for the tion," McPeake said. "Hummingbirds not only eat nectar, but also occasionally eat insects — so the perception that insect populations are decreasing also has implications for our songbirds, in-

cluding the hummingbird." McPeake recommends a sugar-to-water ratio of 1:4. Red dye isn't necessary to attract the birds, she said, and can in fact be harmful

to them. "Go ahead and put your feeder out early," she said. "You might have to clean it a few times and replenish the sugar, but you'll be ready when they come through, whenever that might be.'

McPeake and Sanders said hummingbird lovers should also keep watch for the southern migration, which occurs in September and October, as flocks return

"We ask that people keep their feeders out later in the year, until there are no hummingbirds seen," McPeake said. "People don't need to take their feeders down by any certain date — they just need to watch their feeders and keep them up until there just aren't any stragglers.

"Some of these birds are heading south from as far north as Canada," she said. "They need to stop and replenish themselves for a few days before they continue their journey south."



AT SPRING MEETING. Members from the New Horizon Extension Homemaker Club recently attended the Spring Arkansas Extension Homemaker Rally at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in Little Rock. They attended several educational sessions and networked with hundreds of other Extension Homemakers from across Arkansas. Members are (from left) Margie Green, Martha Armstrong, Corliss Lewis and Pearl Snell.

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### South Pike County archers wrap season at state shoot

The South Pike County archery teams completed their seasons recently by participating in the state tournament in Hot

Springs.

At the state tournament, the elementary team finished in ninth place out of 30 teams with 51 collective 10's and 2,758 total points. The middle school team was in tenth place out of 30 teams with 99 total 10's and 3096 total points. The high school squad was 13th out of 30 teams with 96 total 10's and 3121

Top scorers for the elementary team

Lilli Harwell, 251 points, six 10's, 20th place female

Tristen Watts, 248 points, eight 10's, 31st

place male Tobias Doyle, 243 points, four 10's

Jaciee Wilkinson, 242 points, five 10's Aly Cross, 240 points, six 10's Top scorers for the middle school team

Jackson Nance, 282 points, 17 10's, ninth

place male

Kristen Rodgers, 270 points, eight 10's, 23<sup>rd</sup> place female

Avery Baker, 264 points, eight 10's Matt Lewis, 263 points, six 10's Ava Henderson, 262 points, nine 10's Top scorers for the high school team

E'Lye Whisenhunt, 275 points, 14 10's, 24<sup>th</sup> place male

Vivian White, 271 points, 13 10's, 33<sup>rd</sup> place female

Justen Carey, 264 points, four 10's Savannah Wilson, 263 points, nine 10's James Chaney, 261 points, seven 10's

Cole McKnight, 261 points, seven 10's

For full team results at the state tournament, please visit nasptournaments.org/ school.aspx?oid=9261. The teams competed in a number of tour-

naments leading up to the state tournament, with a good amount of success.

Bow Bash Archery Tournament - Bryant Elementary, sixth out of 15 teams, 32 10's, 2561 total points

Middle School, fourth out of nine teams, 71 10's, 2995 total points

High School, fifth out of eight teams, 101 10's, 3119 total points

Leading Scorers (regardless of division) James Chaney, 270 points, 14 10's, 12th

high school male Aiden Lewis, 269 points, 12 10's, 15th high

school male Kent Eatman, 269 points, 11 10's, 16th high

school male Sebastian Brewer, 268 points, 10 10's, 9th

middle school male Cole McKnight. 267 points, seven 10's,

17th high school male Kristen Rodgers, 266 points, eight 10's, 7<sup>th</sup> middle school female

GRIT 2025 - Glen Rose

Elementary, 2688 points, third out of 10

teams, 48 10's

Middle School, 3064 points, second out

of 8 teams, 85 10's High School, 3166 points, third out of

seven teams,  $100\ 10's$ Leading Scorers (regardless of division) Cole McKnight, 282 points, 17 10's, fifth

place high school male Kent Eatman. 275 points, 11 10's, eighth place high school male

Austin Wright, 272 points, 12 10's, fifth middle school male

Lillian Wilson, 271 points, 10 10's, fourth high school female

Joshua Myrkle, 268 points, nine 10's, 14th high school male

Diamond Shootout – Delight Elementary, 2639 points, third out of

eight teams, 32 10's Middle School, 3069 points, third out of

eight teams, 85 10's High School, 3196 points, fourth out of

five teams, 110 10's Leading Scorers (regardless of division)

Kent Eatman, 281 points, 15 10's, fourth high school male Jackson Nance, 275 points, 15 10's, first

middle school male Cole McKnight, 272 points, nine 10's, 11th

high school male

Lillian Wilson, 271 points, 13 10's, ninth high school female

Colton Tidwell, 271 points. 12 10's, 13th high school male

Shootout in the Cove – Magnet Cove Elementary, 2722 points, fourth out of

five teams, 44 10's Middle School, 3081 points, second out

of six teams, 91 10's High School, 3149 points, third out of

four teams, 98 10's

Leading Scorers (regardless of division) Adalyn Silva, 282 points, 15 10's, second

middle school girl Kent Eatman, 277 points, 12 10's, sixth

high school male Jackson Nance, 276 points, 13 10's, fourth middle school male

Colton Tidwell, 273 points, eight 10's, ninth high school male

Rattler Archery Showdown – Delight Elementary, 2777 points, second out of two teams, 48 10's

Middle School, 3079 points, first out of five teams, 101 10's

High School, 3180 points, third out of four teams, 103 10's Leading Scorers (regardless of division)

Jackson Nance, 281 points, 16 10's, second middle school male

E'Lye Whisenhunt, 277 points, 12 10's, sixth high school male

Cole McKnight, 277 points, 11 10's, seventh high school male

Kent Eatman, 274 points, 11 10's, ninth high school male

Vivan White, 271 points, 11 10's, sixth high school female

#### Little River man officially charged in Pike County for child sexual abuse material, internet stalking

A Little River County man who allegedly took the bait on an undercover social media account has officialy charged with internet stalking of a child and possession of CSAM (child sexual abuse material).

Lonn McClinton, 40, of

Winthrop, is accused of in appropriate contact with knowingly communicating on social media with someone he thought was a 14-year-old female, but was actually Pike County's investigator working in an undercover account to investigate adults engaging

minors.

According to case information, McClinton initially was reluctant to continue communicating that started in February because of the decoys age and "potential legal ramifications," but he esumed contact and maintained "casual dialogue while seeking reassurance that the decoy would not report him."

The communication eventually turned inappropriate and McClinton reportedly sent an explic-

> brick home with 3BR, 2 1/2 bathroom on 0.52 acres. The great

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it photograph of himself and detail sexually-related memes. He also offered to bring alcohol and condoms to a proposed meeting. McClinton set up mul-

tiple meetings with the decoy but cancelled them due to a lack of transportation. However, on March 10, he confirmed he had a vehicle and was headed to the meeting place. When he announced "I'm here," Pike County and Murfreesboro officers converged on hims and took him into custody without incident.

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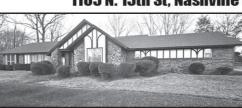
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the City of Nashville, Arkansas (the "City) that a public meeting concerning the proposed issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds will be held at the City Hall, located at 426 North Main Street, Nashville, Arkansas 71852 at 5:30 p.m., on the 8th day of April, 2025. The City Council has determined that betterments and

improvements to the City's water facilities (the "Improvements") are necessary in order that the City and its inhabitants may have adequate and proper water facilities. The City proposes to issue water and sewer revenue bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$12,079,207 to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Improvements. The bonds will be payable from revenues derived from the operation of the water and sewer facilities of the City. At the meeting all objections and suggestions as to the

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#### THE ESTATE OF: BARBARA JO FINLEY 31 PR-25-6 NOTICE OF PROBATE-INTESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 680 Bright Star Rd, Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas Date of death: February 10, 2024

Gwendolyn F. Goza was appointed the Administratrix of the Estate of Barbara Jo Finley, by order dated March 11, 2025. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published the 19th day of March, 2024

Gwendolyn F. Goza, Administratrix, by Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138 Post Office Box 813 Nashville AR 71852 (870) 845-4100 - Telephone (AB: 39, 40)

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,

31 PR-25-18

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NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 811 Schaal Rd, Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas Date of death: February 17, 2025

An instrument dated August 18, 2017, was on March 13, 2025, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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

This notice first published the March 26, 2025. Frank Benjamin Carr, Executor, by Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138

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Inductee Raymiah Alvarez (right) accepts her membership folder from Emily Wyman

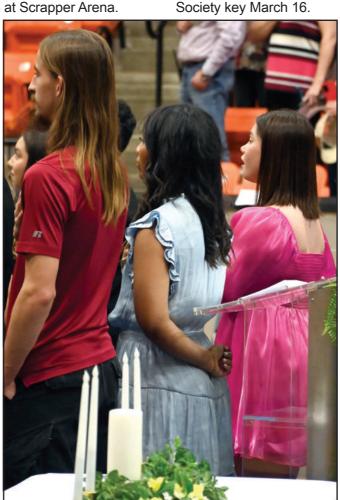
### Honor Society chapters hold inductions at Nashville High School, Junior High



Junior high inductee Bo Dean (right) lights his candle before receiving his Honor



Madalyn Rodgers lights the candle of service at the Nashville High School Honor Society induction ceremony March 16



Jamie Wallace (right) sings "The Star-Spangled Ban- Kayla Bretado prepares to light the candle of service ner" as current members Seth Feltenberger and Gabrielle Williams stand at attention at the NHS program.



during the Nashville Junior High induction Sunday af-



NHS chapter president Kaden White welcomes the crowd

Marisol Perez gives the welcome in Spanish.



Senior Miriam Rios lights her candle before explaining the candles ceremony during the high school induction program Sunday afternoon, March 16, in Scrapper

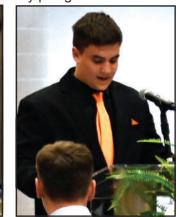




Current members lead NJHS inductees in the Honor Society pledge.



Ninth graders Garrett Westfall and Lexia Kitchens discuss the history of the National Junior Honor Society



Hayden Crabtree, chapter president, gives the welcome.

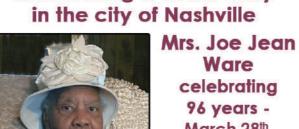
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