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OBITUARIES



Lizabeth Bates Bell
Lizabeth Bates Bell, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, March 29, 2025 in Texarkana, Ark.

Liz was born in Hopkinsville, Ky., on June 27, 1935, to Oscar Eugene Bates Jr. and Vivian Abney Bates. Liz lived a life marked by compassion, determination, and unwavering love for her family and community.

Liz earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Tulsa University, then later earned a Master of Education in Special Education from Henderson State University. Her passion for education and advocacy was deeply personal. After the birth of her son Patrick, who had Down Syndrome, Liz recognized the need for a place where children like him could receive the care and support they deserved close to home. With the help of many other concerned community members and mothers, she helped establish what would become the Howard County Children's Center in 1971. Her efforts created a lasting legacy of care and opportunity for children and adults with special needs in Howard County.

Her dedication and service to others did not go unnoticed. In 1975, Liz was honored as Citizen of the Decade, recognizing her profound impact on the lives of those around her. In 1980, she received the Exceptional Accomplishment Award from the Arkansas Community Development Program for her outstanding service to the community in which she lived.

Liz was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Dean Bell; her daughter, Julia Fatherree; and her son, Patrick Backus.

She is survived by her sons, Charlie Backus (Janice) of Broken Arrow, Okla., and John Backus, of Tulsa, Okla.; her cherished grandchildren, Jasper Fatherree (Robin) of Lockesburg, Ryan Backus of Tulsa, Okla., Christina Lawrence (Adam) of Tulsa, Okla., Kristen Vasquez (Jay) of Talequah, Okla., Lauren Thompson (Spencer) of Bixby, Okla., and Alyssa Tidwell (Lorenzo) of Tulsa, Okla.; as well as many precious great-grandchildren, and numerous beloved friends.

Liz's legacy of love and service will continue on in the many lives she touched. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, April 12th, 2025, at 2 p.m. Graveside at Mineral Springs Cemetery. A reception will follow for everyone at Mineral Springs United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations

may be made in her memory to the Howard County Children's Center, 1577 Hwy. 371 W., Nashville, AR 71852.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to The Cottages of Texarkana and Dierksen Hospice for the compassionate care they provided. They would also like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Liz's dear friends who called, wrote letters, and helped take her to her appointments. Your kindness and support meant the world to her and will always be deeply appreciated.



Clara Marie Byrom Furr
Clara Marie Byrom Furr, age 85, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on her late husband Charles Furr's birthday, March 25, 2025. She was born Feb. 11, 1940, in Memphis, Texas, the daughter of the late Horace James Byrom and Grace Marie Cass Byrom.

Mrs. Furr was a member of County Line Baptist Church. She was employed at Tyson Foods for 35 years; she retired to be a caregiver for her mother and husband. Clara loved visiting her family and enjoyed gardening.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Furr, sister Burley Byrom Furr, sister Rodney Furr and Steven Furr, niece LaDonna Chambly, son-in-law Tim Pedron, brothers-in-law Ronnie Furr, Gary Monroe Furr, Carey Short and Vernon Landtroop; and sister-in-law Charlotte Furr.

Survivors include: her children, Jammy Furr and wife Debbie of Mineral Springs, Ark., Sherry Pedron of Nashville, Ark., Janna Young and husband Doug of Nashville, Ark., and Johnny Furr of Nashville, Ark.; sisters Annie Landtroop of Mineral Springs, Ark., Joy Scott and husband Loyd of Mineral Springs, Ark., and Barbara Short of Nashville, Ark.; brother-in-law Jimmy Furr; sister-in-law Donna Furr; 13 grandchildren Meghan, Sarah, Kaylan, Tamera, Tia, Tiffany, Dustin, Morgan, Jarrah, Charles, Matthew Pedron, Drew and Jordan; as well as numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m., until service time Saturday, March 29, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 29, at Latimer Funeral Home. A family only graveside will follow in County Line Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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

John Michael Steuart, 76, of Little Rock, died March 17, 2025. He was born Aug.

12, 1948, in Texarkana, Ark., to the late J.T. and Beryl Steuart.

Survivors include: his wife, Linda Steuart of Little Rock; a daughter, Angel Lynch of Cabot; a sister, Janice Elkins of Little Rock; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A private memorial luncheon will be held at a later date. The full obituary can be read at www.Griffin-LeggettHealeyRoth.com.



Doyal Ray Krantz
Doyal "Toots" Ray Krantz, age 88 years, 7 months, and 22 days, a resident of Dierks, Ark., passed away on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Sevier County Medical Center.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1936, in Burg to Henry Emmett Krantz and Carrie Dee Strasner Krantz.

Mr. Krantz was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers-in-law, Ralph Smith and Mack Smith, one sister-in-law, Nina Krantz, and one nephew, Todd Smith.

Mr. Krantz, better known as Toots to his family and friends, was a member of the Athens Missionary Baptist Church. Toots loved to play games, especially Moon and bingo. He enjoyed the outdoors and deer hunting.

Toots is survived by his two brothers, Bill D. Krantz of Umpire and Burl (Janie) Krantz of Umpire; three sisters, Verna Smith of Umpire, Bobbie (Neal) Tipton of Umpire, and Janet Smith of Umpire; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Krantz will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the Athens Missionary Baptist Church in Athens, with Jaron Tipton and Scott Feemster officiating. Burial will follow at Burg Cemetery near Umpire under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in Dierks.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2025, at the Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel in Dierks.

You may leave a condolence online at www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com.

Larry Dean Coplin
Larry Dean Coplin, age 79, of Benton, Ark., formerly of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in Benton, Ark.

He was born Feb. 26, 1946, in Frederick, Okla., the son of the late Kermit Dean Coplin and Eulene Moore Coplin.

Mr. Coplin was a proud United States Navy veteran. He served as a radioman on the USS Abraham Lincoln nuclear submarine. He was better known as the snow cone man serving sweet treats for many years to locals. Larry was an avid Nashville Scrapper, Arkansas Razorback, and especially a Dallas Cowboys fan. He truly loved all things around sports.

Survivors include his wife

of 53 years, Cindy Coplin of Benton, Ark.; one daughter Lori Diane Coplin McBride and husband Jeff of Hot Springs, Ark., one son Robbie Coplin and wife Marla of Llano, Texas, brother Bill Coplin and wife Sue of Burleson, Texas; sister Laura Sue Coplin of Austin, Texas; grandchildren Austin Mathis, Megan Mathis Tosh and husband Colton, Lillie Coplin, R.J. Coplin, Lanie Coplin, Raiden Coplin, Bailey McBride Williams and husband Jesse, Cade McBride and wife Jackie, and Luke McBride and wife Halle; two great-grandchildren Walker and J.D. Williams.

Graveside services will be 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 27, at Restland Memorial Park, with Clif Springer officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Honorary Pallbearers Austin Mathis, R.J. Coplin, Raiden Coplin, Luke McBride and Cade McBride.

The family would like to request all who come to the service to wear Razorback Red.

Henrietta Hendricks
Henrietta Hendricks, affectionately known as Henri, passed away peacefully at her home in Columbus, Ark., on March 28, 2025, at the age of 83.

Born on July 16, 1941, in Columbus, Ark., Henrietta dedicated her life to being a homemaker and a beloved babysitter to countless children. Her life was simple, but her love, especially for children, was immense.

Henrietta was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Etta (Clayton) Hawthorne, her husband Ray Hendricks, and her siblings Garland, Ed, Robert, Leroy, Clayton, Tommy Hawthorne, Louise Ray, Lou Perry, Norlean Griffin, and Jo Hicks.

She is survived by her brother, Doyle Hawthorne of Hope, Ark., and her daughters, Josephine Leslie of Columbus, Ark., Yolanda and Billy Barton of Nashville, Ark., and Kathy and Bill Dutra of Tuolumne, Calif. Henrietta also leaves behind 10 grandchildren, including Eva Linville, Amy Rothenberger, Russell Young Jr., Jessie Dutra, Bobbie Dutra, and Willie Dutra, as well as 4 step-grandchildren, William Barton, Madison Brooks, Evan Barton, and Austin Barton. Her legacy continues through her 23 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild expected in July, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

No services will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of Brazzel Oakcrest, the Funeral Home of Hope. Online condolences can be made at www.brazzelfuneralhomes.com.



MR. ANIMAL CONTROL. Seborn Gregory, the animal control officer for six cities including Nashville spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club last week about the department founded here 27 years ago. He was accompanied by his department aide, Suzanne Gathright, who has been with the department for 24 years. Gregory talked about some of the animals the department has had contact with -- including dogs, bobcats, snakes, a variety of birds, 15 alligators at one time, and a house with 73 cats. In addition to Nashville, cities served are Mineral Springs, Dierks, Murfreesboro, Prescott and Washington -- "all within city limits," he noted. He also described the animal adoption process for the department. The 101-year-old club meets at noon Wednesday at Patacakes in Nashville.

FINANCIAL FOCUS Time to do some financial spring cleaning

By Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments
Spring is here — which means it's once again time to wash the windows, organize your cabinets and steam your carpets. This year, in addition to tidying up around your house, why not also consider some *financial* spring cleaning? Here are some suggestions to consider:

- *"De-clutter" your investment portfolio.* When you embark on your home cleaning mission, you might notice that you have redundancies — three blenders, two vacuum cleaners, and so on. Similarly, you might find duplications in your investment portfolio, perhaps in the form of multiple, near-identical stocks or mutual funds. If so, then it might be worthwhile to consider selling some of these investments and using the proceeds to boost your portfolio in other areas in which you may be lacking.

- *Cut back on "overgrown" investments.* Now that winter is over and you're venturing outside more, you may notice some overgrown shrubbery or some tree branches that need pruning. And while it may sound counterintuitive, you might also have some investments that have grown too big for your needs. For example, you might own some growth-oriented investments whose value has increased so much that they now take up a larger percentage of your portfolio — and carry a higher degree of risk — than you originally intended. If that's the case, you might be better off by selling some of these investments and purchasing others to help bring your investment mix back to its desired alignment.

- *Dust off your investment strategy.* With more sunlight now pouring in your house, you might notice that the corners of your walls and ceiling may need a good dusting. And as you continually work to strengthen your financial foundation, you may need to dust off your investment strategy, especially if you've recently experienced changes in your life, such as a marriage, addition of children, new job, and so on. And as you move closer to retirement, you may also need to adjust your strategy in some ways. For one thing, you might want to adopt a more conservative investment approach in the years immediately preceding your retirement, though you'll still need to have some growth potential in your portfolio to help keep you ahead of inflation.

- *Protect yourself from financial dangers.* As you go about your household spring cleaning, you may find actual physical dangers that need to be removed or stored more safely, such as sharp objects or broken tools.

Retired school employees will meet 9th

The Howard County Retired School Employees organization will meet Wednesday, April 9.

The meeting will be at Patacakes in Nashville beginning at 10 a.m.

The speaker for the meeting will be Matt Hughes who will discuss the group's insurance choices.

Cowboy Church rodeo will be Friday, Saturday

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.

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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Dave Belford using a steer to pull his plow. The Belfords lived off Highway 278 in the Fellowship Community. circa 1900.

122 years ago: April 1903
Mr. H. C. Townsend, general passenger and ticket agent, at the Missouri Pacific Railway has made the very low rate of 1¢ a mile for the benefit of Veterans and their families who desire to attend the big Confederate Reunion at New Orleans in May.

Sheriff Custer went to Little Rock yesterday having in his charge Mrs. Rivers of Center Point, who was recently adjudged as insane.

(Adv.) The best prescription for Malaria, chills and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay, price 50¢.

79 years ago: April 1946
Major and Mrs. E. D. Gammill and their three-year-old daughter were all injured in a car wreck at Cooleyville on Highway

27 last Friday night. Major Gammill lost control of his car as he was rounding the sharp curve at that point and the car left the highway and crashed. Mrs. Gammill was the most seriously injured. The little girl suffered a broken leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen F. Wallace left Saturday for Washington, D.C., where Mr. Wallace went to represent the peach growers of Arkansas before the OPA in regard to the price of peaches this year.

63 years ago: April 1962
The Howard County semi-annual singing convention will be held here at the Courthouse Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, April 14 and 15. Calvin Justus, president; and Walker Watson, vice president; announce that the Saturday night singing will begin at

7:30 and the Sunday afternoon at 1.

A job superintendent for Rock Steel Construction Company arrived Monday to make preparations for building the garment plant. Ralph Floyd has been named job superintendent for the \$200,000 building which is expected to be finished in about four and one-half months.

42 years ago: April 1983
A Port Arthur, Texas, gold prospector found a different type of nugget Sunday while digging at the Crater of Diamonds State Park near Murfreesboro. Nick Divello found a 3.20 carat white diamond of very fine quality while digging and washing for diamonds early Sunday morning. The gem is valued at \$4,000 in the rough and could sell for several thousand if cut.

Public Record of Howard County

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

Marriage Licenses
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)
Mar. 21. Nelson Navarrete, 28, Nashville, and Beonka Shardae Coburn, 27, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV25-33, Mar. 24. Velocity Investments, LLC, vs. Robert Cheatham. Debt.
CV25-34, Mar. 24. Jeannette T. Nguyen and Angel Xuan-Nguyen Bui vs. Jason Nguyen. Partition.
LS25-01. Wanda R. Carter; Licensed process server for Howard, Pike, Little River and Sevier counties.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-27, Mar. 24. Amber Mishler vs. Justin Mishler. Divorce.
DR25-28, Mar. 24. Christina Fugitt vs. Dakota Stinnett. Divorce.
DR25-29, Mar. 25. Kenyetta Young vs. Johnny Ray Young. Divorce.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)
CR25-33, Mar. 24. State of Arkansas vs. Javon Bradley, 59, unlisted race, 633 Hwy. 332, Ozan; theft of property, class D.

Land/Property Transactions
Heir's Deed
Mar. 20. Dan Hardy Bryant, et al, sole heirs of Doris Y. Bryant deceased; to Adam Douglas Sirmon; interest in property in S34 T7S R29W. \$3,000.

Trustee's Deed
Mar. 20. (Correction) Monika Marie Tipton and

Felicia Dee Buchanan, heirs of the estate of Patricia Shirley; to Monika Marie Tipton and David Allen Tipton, trustees; 3 tracts in S2-S35-S36 T7S-T8S R27; and Lots 23-29, part of Lots 30-31, R.L. Hayes Addition, Town of Nashville.

Warranty Deeds
Mar. 20. (Correction) Teresa C. Smith; to Preston Riley, et al; part of Lots 13-14; all of Lots 9-12, Aaron Subdivision, Howard County.
Mar. 20. Gregory Parker and wife, Yolanda Parker; to Veronica Franco; aggregate 3.43 ac with exceptions in S20 T9S R27W. \$6,000.
Mar. 20. David Tipton and wife, Monika Marie Tipton; to David Allen Tipton and Monika Marie Tipton, Trustees of the Tipton Living Trust; 3 tracts in S2-S35-S36 T7S-T8S R27W; and Lots 23-29, part of Lots 30-31, R.L. Hayes Addition, Town of Nashville.
Mar. 20. Reuben L. Drake, Jr. and wife, Hannah Mae Drake; to Paul Cox and wife Kristi Cox; 2 tracts in S23 T9S R27W. \$330,000.

Mar. 20. James W. Medlin and wife, Jeanna Elizabeth Medlin; to Jeff Milam, Jake Milam, Judd Milam, Joint Tenants; 16 ac. in S36 T9S R27W. \$300,000.

Mar. 21. JMT Acquisitions LLC; to Shane Stone and wife, Kali Stone; 34.78 ac. in S34 T9S R28W. \$120,000.

Mar. 24. (Limited) Northwoods Properties, KKC; to Pedro Jimenez and Maria M. Sanchez, husband and wife; Lot 3, Block 39, Old Nashville Addition.


Mar. 26. (Correction) Karla M. Byrne, surviving spouse of Patrick L. Byrne; to the Byrne Revocable trust; 31 ac. in S26 T7S R29W.


Mar. 26. David F. Hacker and Linda E. Hacker, husband and wife; to David Frederick Hacker and Lina Ellen Hacker, Trustees of the David and Linda Hacker Living Trust; aggregate 33.53 ac. in S31-S6 T9S-T10S R27W.

Mar. 26. Martha Graves; to Maxilo Arturo Perez and wife, Janet Oramas Reyes; Lots 13-15, Block 47, Nashville, Howard County. \$60,000.

After the storm:

- When venturing outside, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical electrical hazard. Assume any dangling wires you encounter are energized and dangerous. Warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility.
- If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or electric utility. Also, when driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights may be out. Stop at all railroad crossings and treat road intersections with traffic signals as a four-way stop before proceeding with caution.







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Point of view

Footprints

A mother’s misfortune became a great treasure

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and if you or I compiled a list of really, really great citizens who left enduring and treasured footprints on our community, the name of Liz Bell would be up at the top. Maybe the very top.

She was a vivid example of what it is to take personal misfortune and use it to the great benefit of your fellow man.

It was in the late 60s or early 70s when she and some other kindred souls who had Special Needs Children got together and founded what is today known as the Howard County Children’s Center. The founding date is officially 1971.

In addition to working and running a household and being a mother, Liz managed to get college hours and become the first administrator of HCCC.

The ‘center’ began modestly in the back rooms of the First Assembly of God which was located then where the large North Main Street parking lot for City Hall is today (at the intersection of Main and Isaac Perkins). I was in the Jaycees, and we built a fenced playground in the area behind the church. The center was located at the church because the minister, Bro. Van Horn, either had a handicapped child or was very sympathetic to the cause. I can’t remember.

In the early 70’s the center moved into the first new building out at the county fairgrounds. More would come as services expanded.

Liz was an unstoppable force for serving the ‘clients’ and their families.

She retired after 30 years. By that time the center included adult residences, adult life classes, a sheltered workshop where clients could earn a living, the Rainbow Learning Center where special needs children were in a pre-school environment with fully developed children.

She didn’t just disappear. She returned for special events and if you saw the faces of clients and staff members on those occasions you would know that she was practically worshipped.

During her ‘active’ years she was recognized by this community. She was named Citizen of the Decade, but that title gradually morphed into Woman of the Year.

In my view, she still deserves to be remembered as Citizen of the Decade.

Liz died last weekend. See her obituary in this issue of the ‘News-Leader.’

Don’t forget Liz Bell and what she did for our town. Send a check to the center, or remember it in your will. The address is included in her obituary.

Peace to her family and thanks to the Almighty for putting such wonderful people among us.

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THE GOOD EARTH. The Japanese Cherry Blossom tree in my front yard began shedding its pale pink blooms on Friday. The tree’s green leaves are taking over, however, and I predict they will be totally in charge of the tree by late week.

At this same time each year there is a Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., which is where the original gift of trees was planted. Those trees bloom just a few days later than mine maybe owing to climate latitudes.

Wisteria is nice. When does Kudzu leaf-out? I spoke from ignorance recently and said I thought we wouldn’t see that creeping vine’s greenery until June. No one corrected me.

And, ominously, no growth is showing on my Gingko Balboa sapling.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening email. “If at first you don’t succeed, skydiving is not for you.”

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: “I’m not saying I’m old and worn out, but I make sure I’m nowhere near the curb on trash day.”

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WORD GAMES. The old-fashioned convenience store twins: Five and Dime. In our town -- in my time -- there was O’Hara & Majors; and there was Scotts, later re-named TG&Y. They were the precursors for Dollar Tree, Dollar General, etc., except you could get a Great Scott Hamburger or a hot dog at the lunch counter.

Funny thing: the two stores were literally next door to each other. They both had great popcorn for a dime. TG&Y outlasted O’Hara & Majors.

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HE SAID: “Before I was humiliated I was like a stone that lies in deep mud, and He who is mighty came and in His compassion raised me up and exalted me very high and placed me on the top of the wall.” St. Patrick of the Emerald Isle.

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SHE SAID: “Wooing the press is an exercise roughly akin to picnicking with a tiger. You might enjoy the meal, but the tiger always eats last.” Maureen Dowd, newspaper columnist.

Not so fast, Maureen.

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Real ID to be required to board plane, enter federal building or military base

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

Beginning on May 7, Arkansas residents will need to produce a “Real ID” in order to board a domestic flight, enter a federal building or visit a military base.

If you don’t have a Real ID, you must present additional forms of identification along with your driver’s license.

On May 7 the federal government will no longer accept drivers’ licenses and ID cards issued by states that do not include the additional security measures required to get a Real ID.

Arkansas has been issuing the enhanced licenses and ID card to participate in the national effort to stop identity theft and combat terrorism.

You can get a Real ID driver’s license at your local revenue office, where you have always gone to get a traditional driver’s license and renew you motor vehicle tags. The Real ID costs the same as the old licenses, \$40. If it isn’t time to renew your license, it will cost \$10, which is the cost of getting a duplicate.

You will have to bring more documentation than before. For example, you must provide a birth

certificate or current passport to indicate you were born in the United States. As proof of identity bring a current driver’s license, a concealed carry permit, a student ID, a vehicle registration title, a military ID, a tax return dated within the past year, a marriage certificate, a pilot’s license or a prison release document.

You must show a Social Security card or a DD214 document showing your certificate of release or discharge from active duty.

To prove your residency you must bring two documents, such as utility bills, with your name and address. Bank statements, lease agreements, health or auto insurance bills, tax returns, personal property tax receipts, voter registration, medical or dental bills, pay slips, tuition invoice or school records.

You can still get a Real ID after May 7.

Infrastructure Funding

The Senate passed legislation to continue a loan program administered by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, which will issue \$500 million in bonds and make loans available for water, waste disposal, pollution control,

abatement, flood control, irrigation and drainage projects.

Irrigation projects may account for no more than \$165 million of the total.

The measure is Senate Bill 421. The general obligation bonds must be approved in a statewide election in November of 2026, unless the governor calls a special election before then.

In related news the House of Representatives approved House Bill 1681 to create a \$50 million grant program within the Natural Resource Commission for water and sewage treatment facilities. Even the bill’s sponsors admitted that deteriorating water and sewer infrastructure throughout Arkansas is so extensive, the grants funded by HB 1681 would only be a “band-aid.”

Under the bill, 80 percent of the grants will go to “shovel-ready projects” in cities with more than 1,200 people, or rural water and wastewater systems serving more than 1,200 customers.

The other 20 percent of funding will go to cities and rural water systems with fewer than 1,200 people, with no requirement that projects be shovel-ready.

Protecting communities from lethal drugs

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Opioids have posed a deadly threat to communities in Arkansas and across the country for years. One synthetic opioid in particular, fentanyl, has devastated too many individuals and families in our state and nationwide since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2023, approximately 74,000 Americans died from fentanyl overdoses. Arkansas reported just over 500 drug overdose deaths that year and nearly 600 the year before. Fentanyl overdose is currently the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18-45, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

My fellow members of Congress and I have heard countless tragic, heartbreaking stories from overdose victims’ family and friends about the destruction that drugs like fentanyl are visiting on addicts, first-time users and even individuals encountering them unintentionally. That is why we have taken proactive steps to fight back against the opioid crisis through a comprehensive approach that includes prevention, education, treatment and recovery.

With the rise of illicit fentanyl and its deadly consequences, we are acting to help keep this poison out of our country and off the streets.

Sadly, the rise in fentanyl usage is directly tied to the lack of op-

erational control at our country’s borders – especially the southern border with Mexico. Mexican cartels use supplies shipped from China to produce this highly dangerous drug, which is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. The cartels have become shockingly proficient at trafficking fentanyl into the United States and were only aided by lax border security and immigration enforcement policies that had reached a full-blown crisis.

In the last two fiscal years, U.S. Customs and Border Protection seized record amounts of fentanyl – nearly 50,000 pounds, or enough to produce over 2 billion lethal doses.

President Trump has declared a national emergency on the southern border, where nearly 97 percent of all fentanyl is seized by U.S. authorities. In another welcome development, the Senate recently passed legislation to give law enforcement more tools to help crack down on the flow of fentanyl into our country.

While fentanyl is a controlled substance, meaning U.S. statute prohibits its use, illicit drug manufacturers and traffickers have sidestepped that designation by producing fentanyl-related substances called “analogs.” Back in 2018, the DEA under the first Trump administration temporarily

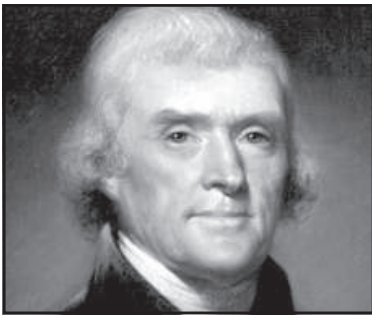
restricted all fentanyl-related substances, but the classification as a Schedule I controlled substance is set to expire on March 31, 2025.

In March, the Senate voted in an overwhelmingly bipartisan manner to approve the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of (HALT) Fentanyl Act, which would permanently classify fentanyl-related substances under the Controlled Substances Act and close the loophole that traffickers exploit to smuggle these dangerous drugs into America. The bill was supported by Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin and 24 of his colleagues in addition to numerous police and other law enforcement groups.

But this is not the only way we’re fighting this scourge.

I proudly worked to bring a significant investment in this effort to Arkansas. In Fiscal Year 2024, I secured \$5 million specifically for the Opioid Prevention Project. This funding is empowering the program, administered by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to promote abuse and prevention education efforts and target a population at risk of falling victim to opioid abuse and its devastating consequences.

Congress and the administration can and must continue building on this important progress and eliminate the threat deadly fentanyl poses to our family, friends and neighbors.



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Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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GUEST SPEAKER. Denise Graves presents the program at the Howard County Retired School Employees meeting.

HMH dietitian discusses nutrition

By Patsy Young
News-Leader staff
“A food lover not a food hater” is how Denise Graves, a registered dietitian nutritionist, began her presentation at the Howard County Retired School Employees meeting Wednesday, March 12.
The event was held at Patacakes and included lunch.
Graves has been in the nutrition field for 30-plus years. She is the Howard Memorial Hospital clinical dietitian and is a certified diabetes educator.
March was National Nutrition Month with the theme “Food Connects Us.”
Graves focused on meals

for one or two people, one-skillet meals, especially with cast iron skillets, and methods to cook one meat and extend it into five different meals.
She discussed the importance of water and fluids to combat dehydration. Each member was given a water bottle and recipe handouts.
The meeting was called to order by Judy Cassidy, who also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the inspirational moment.
Minutes were read by Secretary Ruth Ann Jacobs, and the treasurer’s report was given by Linda Campbell.
The next meeting will be April 9 at Patacakes.

DHC

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kansas Economic Development Institute.
AEDI conducted a community meeting in Nashville last month at which Howard County residents offered input on a number of topics important to industrial recruitment and retention.
Benson compiled the notes for review by the board.
Weeks read a letter which she will send to the 23 investors who have supported Developing Howard County since its inception in late 2023.

The letter includes highlights of DHC’s work during the past year.
“It’s remarkable what we’ve accomplished,” board chairperson Paul Britt said.
DHC will prepare a quarterly newsletter to send investors, Britt said. “It will have highlights of what’s been done.”
The newsletter likely will be e-mailed to investors.
Members held a 40-minute executive session to discuss a board vacancy created by the recent resignation of Nick Brooks.
Contacts will be made with individuals who have shown previous interest in serving on the board.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL
OUTSIDE THE GREENHOUSE. Sandy Ray, board chair of Nashville Community Gardens and Master Gardeners vice president; Mike Myers, Master Gardeners past president; and Naomi Owen, Community Gardens treasurer and Master Gardeners secretary, work at the greenhouse located at 112 South Washington St. in Nashville next to the Howard County Health Unit.

Gardens

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Howard County Master Gardeners is always looking for new members, according to Myers.
For information on joining and the training necessary to become a Master Gardener, contact the Howard County Extension Office or current Master Gardeners president Denise Graves.
“We’re needing sponsors, businesses and groups that want to help fund the activities here,” added Myers. “All of the funding goes to Kidz Klub or one of the gardens.”
What’s the benefit of becoming a Master Gardener?

“With the cost of living going up, eventually people are going to understand the importance of growing their own food,” said Myers. “When they don’t know exactly what they’re buying at the grocery store, they know exactly what they’re getting when they grow it themselves.”
Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, there will be a plant sale fund-raiser with all proceeds going to Nashville Community Gardens programs.
Hours include 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. April 11 and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. April 12.
Stop by at 112 South Washington Street, next to the Health Unit, and support your local Master Gardeners.



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Honors

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Scrapperettes
For the Scrapperettes, Ava Basiliere was named

All-State Tournament team and All-Conference. Caroline Dean and Karstyn Scrivner received All-State and All-Conference honors. Angel Watson, Sofia McCauley, Mercy Hagler, Livi

Kitchens, Kiyanna Stewart and Kennedy Scrivner were named All-Conference. The Scrapperettes were the one seed from 7-4A and the two seed at the 4A South Regional at Monticello. They advanced to the

state semifinals at Magnolia before falling to Pulaski Academy. The Scrapperettes finished third in Class 4A, according to final rankings in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*.



Caroline Dean (left)
All-State, All-Conference



Karstyn Scrivner
All-State, All-Conference



Bo Bell (right)
All-Conference



Kasen Morgan
All-Conference



Johnte Taylor (right)
All-Conference



Kennedi Scrivner (right)
All-Conference



Angel Watson
All-Conference



Sofia McCauley (right)
All-Conference



Mercy Hagler (right)
All-Conference



Kiyanna Stewart (right)
All-Conference



Livi Kitchens
All-Conference

SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Landyn Tompkins



Landyn, a Scrapperette junior, recorded a triple and hit a home run in Nashville's 9-0 conference win at Magnolia Monday, March 3. She was also the Scrapperette catcher against the Lady Panthers.



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The Wall

360-foot replica of Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be on display May 23-16 at Hot Springs Airport

A 360-foot-long replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial—commonly known as The Wall—will be on display at the Hot Springs Memorial Field airport from May 23 to May 26.

The America’s Freedom Tribute wall is 80 percent as large as the famous Wall

in Washington, D.C., according to Visit Hot Springs CEO Steve Arrison. VHS is joining Veterans of Valor Organization of Hot Springs, Hot Springs VFW Post 2278 and Hot Springs American Legion Post 2020 in bringing the traveling tribute to Hot Springs.

“We’re honored to be able to partner with our local veterans organizations to bring this important Freedom Tribute back to Hot Springs,” Arrison said. “The last time it was here, in 2012, more than 14,000 people visited the exhibit at the airport. “We believe it’s a touch-

ing and important reminder of the sacrifices Americans have made in defense of our country. It’s free and open to the public, and we anticipate an even larger number of people will enjoy the opportunity to see it.”

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which sits near

the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, chronologically lists the names of 58,318 Americans who gave their lives in service to their country during the Vietnam War.

Kylah Doherty, spokesperson for America’s Freedom Tribute, said, “Roaming the heartlands of America, our mission is to bring our traveling Veterans Tribute to communities across the land. It recognizes their service, preserves their stories and fosters a sense of gratitude and respect throughout the U.S.A. in recognition of their sacrifices for our freedom. All the while, enlightening

young Americans about the profound contributions of our veterans.

“The 80 percent replica wall provides communities with an incredible opportunity to pay respect to our veterans, honor the fallen, and remember the sacrifice made by so many in service of our great country.

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For more information contact Steve Arrison, 501-321-2027.



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SPECIAL FUNDS GIFTED TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The grandchildren of E.A. Williams have donated \$6,500 to the 1912 E.A. Williams Chapel/Museum and Howard County Historical Society (HCHS). The grant was made through the Jeremiah 29:11 Charitable Fund at the North Texas Community Foundation by Mr. and Mrs Anthony Mills of Colleyville, Texas. HCHS President Freddie Horne (at left) said this is the third time the Mills family has donated to the organization and that this year’s funds will be used for operations and continued maintenance and repairs on HCHS properties. Horne is pictured here with HCHS Treasurer Tim Pinkerton.

Special benefit for special patient this Saturday at Umpire Fire Department

A special benefit will be held for Isaac Linville, son of Dylan and Misty Linville, on Saturday, April 5 at the Umpire Fire Department.

There will be a chicken dinner with live and silent auctions with serving to begin at 5 p.m. Carryouts will be available.

For more information,

contact Suzann Faulkner at (870) 557-4405.

Isaac has been diagnosed with an aggressive fibromatosis that caused a large benign tumor, also known as a Desmoid tumor. He recently spent six weeks at Arkansas Children’s Hospital in Little Rock and makes weekly visits for treatments.

Nashville chamber will welcome two new medical clinics next week

The Nashville Chamber of Commerce will welcome two new medical practices the week of April 7.

On Wednesday, April 9, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at Family Care Clinic, 208 South Main in

Nashville.

On Thursday, April 10, a ceremony will welcome Access Families Healthcare, 410 North Main, Suite 2.

Both events will take place at 9:30 a.m. and the public is invited to attend.

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Akard, James Ryan, 37, Nashville, \$135 BF, speeding
Alden, Ashly Christina, 41, North Little Rock, guilty of failure to pay, \$9,740 owed, committed to jail for 30 days; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Ayala, Miguel Marquez, 55, Antoine, \$125 BF, no driver's license
Battiest, Bryan E., 37, Wright City, Okla., \$308 BF, overweight
Benedict, Zacharian T., 46, Glenwood, \$135 BF, speeding
Best, Janetta Lakeesha, 38, Glenwood, \$215 BF, speeding
Boyd, John Wayne, 31, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Boyd, Johnnie, 67, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Buttrum, Danny Brent, 43, Hot Springs, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$70; guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$125
Castillo, Gilberto Orona, 47, Laredo, Texas, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$135 BF, speeding
Cogburn, Dakota D., 21, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, careless prohibited driving
Cogburn, Jacob Dempsey, 20, Glenwood, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$125 BF, no driver's license
Combs, Stephenie Gosnell, 45, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,090 owed, fined \$205
Contreras, Seth Franklin, 19, Glenwood, \$125 BF, speeding
Cook, Terina M., 58, Amity, \$135 BF, speeding
Cox, Robin Keigh, 55, Murfreesboro, \$185 BF, speeding
Cruz, Mario, 45, Glenwood, guilty of failure to stop or yield, fined \$125; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325 BF, and sentenced to 10 days in jail-suspended conditions; guilty of violation of Ignition Interlock Device Act, fined \$170; guilty of drinking in public or on highway, fined \$225
Davis, Promise Kayleen, 43, Dayton, Texas, \$70 BF, failure to present insurance
Davis, Zachary Lee, 18, Glenwood, guilty of minor in possession of alcohol, fined \$260; guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220
Day, Andrea Sheriena, 42, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$550 owed, fined \$205
Echols, Christopher Aaron, 38, Mabelvale, guilty of speeding, fined \$135
Enkhbayar, Bayasgalan, 35, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding
Everts, Amy, 53, De Queen, \$125 BF, speeding
Golden, Mark R., 64, Amity, \$215 BF, speeding
Gomez, Victoria, 46, Blevins, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$225 BF, failure to maintain control with accident
Guilliams, Wesley Robert, 40, De Queen, guilty of failure to pay, \$415 owed, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Harper, Ricky D., 54, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Jacobs, Cathy L., 53, Garland City, guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Keys, Harley Wayne, 21, Murfreesboro, \$225 BF, failure to yield to accident
King, Gage A., 22, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,035 owed, fined \$205
Little, Parker Benjamin, 32, Texarkana, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Lockwood, Joshua D., 36, Delight, \$125 BF, fictitious tags; \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$125 BF, improper use of signals to stop or turn; 125 BF, improper muffler; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license
Mason, Scott James, 40, Nashville, \$70 BF, no proof of liability insurance
McIntosh, Patrick L., 33, Hixson, Tenn., \$125 BF, careless prohibited driving
McKinney, Barry D., 50, Broken Bow, Okla., \$235 BF, overweight
Moore, Melissa Ann, 46, Washington, \$125 BF, improper passing
Mooring, Crystal Dawn, 33, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$185 BF, speeding
Murphy, Christna Lynn, 59, Mabelvale, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125
Parker, Beverly Renee, 58, Little Rock, \$135 BF, speeding
Pate, Julie M., 45, Delight, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired
Peters, Roland Otto, 34, Hot Springs Village, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$135 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Romero, Jose Manuel, 20, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding
Rose, James Alexander, 34, Annona, Texas, driving

left of center, under advisement for 30 days to dismiss, fined \$125
Scantling, Lacie N., 25, Caddo Gap, guilty of failure to pay, \$4,500 owed, fined \$205
Selby, McKayal Cortlynn, 19, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125
Self, Autumn N., 46, Delight, guilty of speeding, fined \$185
Serrano, Mariano, 38, Houston, Texas, \$125 BF, failure to maintain control
Sharp, James M., 25, Nashville, \$125 BF, speeding; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license
Shirley, Tillman M., 57, Amity, \$125 BF, speeding
Starr, Samuel L., 63, De Queen, \$409 BF, overweight
Stone, Tanner Wade, 26, Rosston, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Telles, Antonio, 41, Fouke, \$135 BF, speeding
Vaught, Dillion Dewayne, 29, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Vik, Bradley Douglas, 21, Glenwood, \$125 BF, speeding
Ward, Mignon Jean, 51, Dierks, \$45 BF, no seat belt
White, Precious Monique, 39, Maumelle, guilty of failure to pay, \$525 owed, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Wilson, Michael Gene, 48, Vilonia, \$185 BF, speeding
City of Murfreesboro
Alden, Ashley Christina, 41, North Little Rock, guilty of failure to resister tags/expired, fined \$145; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$145; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345
Bailey, Peggy Ann, 64, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,095 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$620; guilty of failure to stop or yield, fined \$145
Bell, Raven, 32, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345
Cox, Cassondra D., 34, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$385 owed, fined \$205; guilty of driving with

suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335
Guilliams, Wesley Robert, 40, De Queen, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,095 and license suspended for six months
McCool, Amanda Mae, 31, Mount Ida, \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Newton, Dwayne, 48, Murfreesboro, gilt of failure to pay, \$865 owed, fined \$2-5; guilty of theft of services, fined \$405; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of motorcycle-standard equipment required, fined \$145; guilty of no motorcycle endorsement on license, fined \$145
Womack, Starla M., 55, Texarkana, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$75; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75
City of Glenwood
Alden, Ashley C., 41, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,540 owed, committed to jail for 30 days; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Buck, Dustan Ray, 39, Glenwood, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$550; guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$240; guilty of public intoxication, fined \$240
Davis, Brandon Leon, 29, Little Rock, guilty of failure to pay, \$560 owed, fined \$205
Day, Andrea Sherlena, 42, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$570 owed, fined \$205
Furr, Jackson Shaun, 20, Amity, \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Grafner, Peter J., 26, Bonnerdale, guilty of failure to present license, fined \$75
Griffith, Michael Ray, 37, Caddo Gap, guilty of passing stopped school bus, fined \$655

Kain, Jeffery Allen, 51, Bismarck, \$145 BF, speeding
Landreth, Jackson Dale, 21, Glenwood, guilty of failure to resister tags/expired, fined \$145; guilty of np proof of liability insurance, fined \$335
Ortiz, Azucena, 31, Dierks, \$145 BF, speeding
Reppo, Robert Brandon, 34, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$160 owed, fined \$205
Shuck, Thomas Dylan, 20, Glenwood, \$145 BF, failure to display registration; \$245 BF, following too close; \$225 BF, failure to appear
Tasses, Paula M., 42, Mount Ida, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,640 owed, fined \$205
Bench Trial
City of Murfreesboro
Taylor, Jared Alan, 22, Murfreesboro, furnishing alcohol to minor, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$350

Felony charge filed after theft from Nashville nursing home

A felony theft of property charge has been filed against a former Nashville nursing home worker after a resident's money and credit card turned up missing.
Javon Bradley, 29, of Ozan, was charged in Howard County Circuit Court on March 24.
According to case information, the Howard County Sheriff's Department was notified in June by the administrator at Mine Creek Health and Rehab in Nashville about a resident had had \$43 in cash and credit card stolen from their wallet. A check with the resident's bank showed the card had allegedly been used the night before at the Red River ATM to withdraw \$500.
Video and photos from the ATM camera identified Bradley as a suspect. Bradley was an employee of the nursing home at the time of the theft.

Annual DQE-TOE railroad reunion April 12

The annual De Queen and Eastern – Texas, Oklahoma and Eastern Railroad (DQE-TOE) Gathering is set to return on Saturday, April 12, bringing together past and present railroaders, mill workers, and their families for an afternoon of memories, music, and community celebration.
This year's event will take place at Roma Italian, located at 114 N. Main Street in downtown Broken Bow, Okla., from Noon to 4 p.m.
Founded in 2017 by a group of retirees and former employees, the gathering serves as a reunion and tribute to the men and women who worked on the rails and in the mills of Arkansas and Oklahoma.
A historical presentation led by Terry Passmore will showcase rare photos from McCurtain County and Arkansas, curated by Passmore and Keith McKinney, both of whom dedicated years to preserving the area's railroad history.
The cost to attend is \$30 cash at the door.

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Pursuant to standards adopted by a non-resident school board, a non-resident district may reserve the right to accept and reject applicants based on capacity of programs, class, grade level or school building. Likewise, a non-resident district's standards may provide the rejection of an applicant based upon the submission of false or misleading information to the above-listed request for information when that information directly impacts the legal qualifications of an applicant to transfer pursuant to the School Choice Act. However, a non-resident district's standards shall not include an applicant's previous academic achievement, athletic or other extracurricular ability, handicapping conditions, English proficiency level, or previous disciplinary proceedings, except that an expulsion from another district may be included pursuant to Ark. Code Ann 6-18-510. Priority will be given to applicants with siblings attending the district. The non-resident district shall accept credits toward graduation that were awarded by another district and award a diploma to a non-resident applicant if the applicant meets the non-resident district's graduation requirements. The Superintendent shall notify the parent and the student's resident district, in writing, no later than the fifteenth (15th) calendar day following the receipt of an application of the decision to accept or reject the application. Transfers will be granted on a nondiscriminatory basis. Students who have been accepted and enrolled in previous years do not have to reapply, as approved transfers remain valid for as long as the student attends that public school.
The following school districts comply with this public school announcement: Ashdown, Caddo Hills, Cossatot River, De Queen, Dierks, Foreman, Horatio, Mena, Mineral Springs, Mount Ida, Nashville and Ouachita River. Superintendents of BOTH school districts must be notified by the parent of their school choice request.
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Clerk alerts voters about possible action to maintain, update voter registration

Randee Edwards, the Pike County Clerk and Voter Registrar has announced that her office, in compliance with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993, will be mailing notifications to 1,343 registered voters in the county. This number includes 851 yellow confirmation cards and 492 green cancellation cards.

“As we approach the 2026 preferential primary and general elections, it is important that you update your voter registration with our office,” Redi said.

“Please fill out the detachable postcard and mail it back and we will update your registration information. This is a vital step to ensure that your voter registration stays current and avoid the possibility of being removed as a Pike County voter due to non-compliance with the law.

NVRA Background
The National Voter Regis-

tration Act (NVRA) of 1993 set up national guidelines and requirements for allowing voters to be given the opportunity to register to vote or change their voter registration information when seeking or receiving services such as a driver’s license or public assistance.

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A postcard is built into the mailer, which enables the voter to mail back their response to the Voter Registration Office.

Amity man charged in Clark County with 50 counts of CSAM

An Amity man has been charged in Clark County with 50 counts of possessing child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

James Virgil Parks, 38, who resides on Mountain Road in Amity, was charged March 27 in Clark County Circuit Court.

According to case information, an investigation was opened on Feb. 6 when a special agent with the Arkansas State Police was assigned a “cyber tip” associated with three CSAM incidents dated July 2024 and January 2025. The incidents were reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by Snapchat and Kik, both mobile messaging apps.

A subpoena was issued during the investigation for an IP address, which came

back to a “Michael Parks” on Mountain Road in Amity.

On Feb. 11, agents with the ASP Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce executed a residential search warrant on Mountain Road. Agents found a cell phone in a spare room that had been destroyed and was collected as evidence.

Parks is still being held in the Clark County jail awaiting a trial date.

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NEW COMPLEX SEES FIRST ACTION. The new softball/baseball complex in Murfreesboro said its first action last week as the Rattler baseball team hosted a two-day tournament that kicked off Thursday, March 27. The ceremonial first pitch was thrown out by long-time South Pike County School Board member Scott Maroon and caught by his senior son, Brody, who hit the first home run on the new field. The official first game pitch came courtesy of Isaac Kuykendall.



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REGIONAL SEAPERCH CONTEST. Howard County 4-H took three teams to compete on March 14, at the Regional SeaPerch competition at UALR. SeaPerch is an underwater robotics competition where youth design, build, and test a robot in a mission course and obstacle course. They also must prepare a presentation that is given in front of judges and turn in a technical design report. The junior age division is 3rd through 8th grade and the senior age division is 9th through 12th grade. Team SnoopJaws junior team members Guy Cooper Kroll, Brayden Worthen, Kaven Harberson, and Emiliano Sanchez placed first in the presentation and second with their technical design report. Coral Crusaders, our senior team members Asher Howard and Kody O'Brien placed second in both the presentation and technical design report. Our second junior team, Wave Master, members are Cohen Jordan, JL Sorrells, Josue Perez, and Kaden O'Brien. In the junior stock division, there was a total of 29 teams and in the senior stock division, there was a total of 15 teams. These teams are from all over the state of Arkansas. If you are interested in being a part of the Howard County 4-H STEM club, SeaPerch, or 4-H, contact the Howard County 4-H office at 870-845-7517.

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By Angie Freel
Howard County
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Though you can find “green” cleaning products in the store, they may still contain harsh irritants. Check out our simple and affordable green cleaning recipes below!

What should I know before getting started?

Though green cleaners are gentler on us and the earth, they should **not** be consumed.

Microfiber towels can save a lot of time with simple tasks like dusting.

Hot water will clean much better than cold water.

Always start with as mild a cleaner as you can. If it doesn't work even after applying some elbow grease and letting it sit, try a stronger cleaner.

Know the different types of cleaners because that will help you make a cleaner.

What are the different types of cleaners used for?

Base/Alkali

Good for removing dirt, fat, and grease.

Conventional Cleaner: all-purpose cleaner, oven cleaner

Alternatives: Baking soda (mild), Borax (moderate), Washing soda (strong)

Acids

Breaks things down like rust, mineral deposits, hard

water stains. Good for glass, windows, brass, copper, tiles, and mold.

Conventional Cleaner: toilet bowl cleaner, tub and tile cleaner, mold solutions

Alternatives: vinegar, lemon juice

Detergents

Good for removing dirt, fat, and grease.

Conventional Cleaners: laundry detergent, dish-washing liquid, cleansers

Alternatives: washing soda/borax, soap nuts/granules, vegetable coconut oils

Abrasives

Aka “Cleansers.” Wears off dirt by rubbing. Found in powders & scouring pads. Can scratch surfaces.

Conventional Cleaners: scouring pads, steel wool

Alternatives: baking soda or salt, borax / washing soda, mesh pads

Bleach and Sanitizers

Whitens. Removes stains. Disinfects or reduces numbers of bacteria. “Sanitizers.” Helps areas smell better.

Conventional Cleaners: most common household product is chlorine bleach.

Alternatives: sunlight/ citrus, hydrogen peroxide, borax or vinegar, tea tree and lavender oils

Air Fresheners

Helps the air smell better

Conventional Cleaners: plug-ins and sprays

Alternatives: open windows, essential oils, lemon or lime juice, simmer spices on stove, baking soda

What about Ammonia and Bleach?

Ammonia and bleach are inexpensive and effective at cleaning and disinfecting. They can be used sparingly and diluted as a last resort in household recipes. How-

ever, **NEVER** mix ammonia and bleach together! (i.e., spraying shower with bleach and glass cleaner (ammonia) on mirror) Mixing these chemicals together can produce highly toxic fumes. A few more safety tips:

Chemicals can lose their effectiveness. Don't mix more than you will use.

If you mix **any** chemicals together, do so in a well-ventilated area.

Label mixed solutions carefully and keep out of reach of children or near food.

Never mix in food containers.

Store original chemicals in original containers.

Never mix bleach with anything but water. Mixing with other chemicals may cause toxic fumes.

This weeks recipe is for a homemade, all-purpose cleaner. Hope this works for you!

DIY All-Purpose Cleaner Recipe

1/4 cup vinegar

12-20 drops essential oil

1 tsp castile or phosphorous-free dish soap or washing soda

2 cups boiled or distilled water

Fill cleaning spray bottle with 2-4 cups (see below for variations on this recipe based on strength desired) distilled or boiled (cooled) water.

Add all other ingredients.

Shake well.

As always, please follow our Instagram and Facebook pages at Howard County Extension – FCS, I'll have additional nuggets there for you!

Special thanks to the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture *Homesteading* website for this week's article idea: uaex.uada.edu/homesteading.

For more information on homemade cleaners, call the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517 or visit our office upstairs in the Courthouse.

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...that involved countries all over the world.

World War I

When World War I began in 1914, it was a war that mainly involved European countries and Russia. The U.S. was not involved, but did agree more with one side, called the *Allies*. Germany, part of the other side, the *Central Powers*, became angry with bank loans and ships bringing cargo to Britain (its enemy). Germany threatened to use its submarines to sink any ships going to Britain – even *American* ships. So the U.S. on April 6, 1917, declared war on Germany.

Read my clues about WWI to fill in the crossword puzzle:

1. in 1914, people in the small country of Serbia (in ____)

2. when the Austrian-Hungarian ____ Franz Ferdinand and his wife visited Serbia, they were killed while riding in their carriage

3. this was seen as an act of ____ and the countries of Bulgaria, Italy, Germany and the Ottoman Empire sided with Austria-Hungary (Italy later switched sides)

4. France, Great ____ and Russia lined up with Serbia

5. at the beginning of the war, ____ had the largest army in the world and sent the most soldiers

6. ____ were used for the first time during this war; at first called 'land ships'; the British shipped them in crates that were supposed to be holding water tanks

7. soldiers dug ____; lived and fought in them

8. during the first Christmas of the war (1914) some ____ on both sides agreed to stop fighting; they sang songs, gave some small gifts of food – and some even took part in a football game

9. France built a fake city of ____ hoping to confuse enemy fighter pilots

10. the U.S. joined in WWI (1917) after Germany's ____ sank American ships and Germany tried to get Mexico to side with them by promising land that Mexico had earlier lost to the U.S.

11. German U-boats sank over 5,000 ____

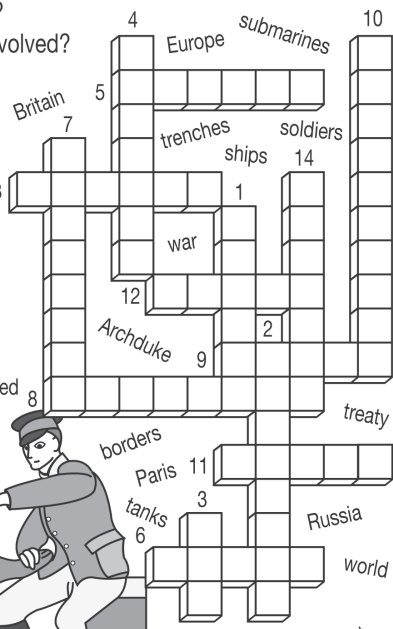
12. was the first war fought by countries all over the ____ and was so terrible, people felt that it must be the “War to End All Wars”

13. at the end of WWI (1919), Germany, Austria and Turkey had to sign a ____ giving up their colonies (lands they had taken over)

14. new ____ were drawn, some countries added land, some new countries were created too – the map of Europe changed largely to the one we see today

How Did the War Begin?

Why Did the U.S. Get Involved?



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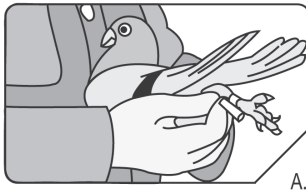
In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

(First Stanza)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

How Did Animals Help the Soldiers?



During the course of World War I, animals helped the soldiers in many ways. Some were mascots and cheered up the troops. Some animals saved soldiers' lives. **Can you match each to how it was known to help the soldiers?**

1. Jimmy the donkey

2. Winnipeg the bear

3. Sergeant Stubby (dog)

4. horses

5. terriers

6. pigeons

7. German shepherds

A. carried soldiers; pulled wagons

B. born on French battlefield (1916); lifted hoof in salute; carried supplies and injured soldiers

C. brought overseas by American soldier; smelled gas and alerted soldiers, saving lives; thought to be the greatest war dog of all time

D. worked for Red Cross; went onto battlefields to reach wounded men; used to guard soldiers

E. trained to kill rats in the trenches; were called “ratters”; saved troops from bites and diseases

F. flew with messages; very dependable, and information they carried saved lives

G. black bear cub brought overseas from Canada as a mascot, donated to the London Zoo

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Read each sentence. Circle T for true and F for false.

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During the war, family life changed. In England a lot of food had to be sent to the soldiers in the field, so people at home were asked to save as much food as they could. The government gave out cards so that foods in short supply would be shared fairly: sugar, meat, flour, butter and milk.

Clark's supplied beans to the troops.

1. A lot of men went to war so women filled their jobs.

T F

2. With moms working in factories, many children grew up without a parent home all day.

T F

3. Boy and Girl Scouts of America handed out pamphlets on how to buy candy to support the soldiers.

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4. Dried foods kept a long time so demand for them rose.

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5. When people went to see a movie, a film 'news' reel would be shown first.

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LADY RATTTLERS AT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT. The Murfreesboro Lady Rattler softball team played in the Debra McMaster Memorial Tournament in Hope over the spring break. In action here are (from left) pitcher Jordyn Nance in the circle; baserunner Gianna Draper; and batter Faith Teel. The tournament is held in the memory of McMaster, who was a Spring Hill teacher and was among the 20 campers who died in the flood at Albert Pike in June 2010.

News-Leader photos/AARON TEEL

Tags needed to bag a turkey this spring; nonresidents limited to single gobbler

Arkansas turkey hunters will need to add one more item to their hunting vest this season: an Arkansas Turkey Hunting Tag. The tags and a valid hunting license are required to enable the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to more accurately judge the number of hunters taking to the field in the search of a gobbler.

The resident versions of the turkey tags, labelled RTT for adults and YTT for youth hunters, are free but must be acquired through the AGFC’s licensing system before the hunter takes to the woods. Even residents who hold lifetime licenses and disability licenses are required to add this free permit to their licensing account before hunting. Checking out the tags will enable all resident hunters a total of two legal gobblers.

Nonresidents have a few more hoops than resident hunters to jump through if they wish to chase an Arkansas turkey. For nonresident hunters under 16, the Non-resident Youth Turkey Tag remains free and will be the only license they need. Adult hunters, on the other hand, will need to either purchase a Nonresident Turkey Tag

(NRTT) for \$100 in addition to their Non-resident Annual Hunting License (NBG), which costs \$410, or they may opt for the newly created Nonresident Annual Turkey Hunting License (NRTL), which includes a tag, for \$325.

“Many hunters who chase turkeys in Arkansas may not have an annual license from last deer season, so we wanted to offer this \$325 license as a more affordable option for nonresidents wanting to pursue turkeys in Arkansas,” Brad Carner, deputy director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, said. “If you already hunt deer here, you can just buy the \$100 tag to add to your annual license as well. Whichever way is more economical will work.”

Nonresidents who hold a Non-expiring Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Permit from their time as residents in Arkansas will still need to get the Nonresident Turkey Tag in the license system, but will not be charged the \$100 fee when they check out of the system.

Regardless of the license, all nonresidents will need to choose wisely this spring, as all nonresident options are limited to a single

legal turkey per year.

“The Commission has heard from many hunters through the regulations public comment process as well as during informal conversations about the idea of reducing bag limits for turkeys to one per year in order to preserve hunt quality and protect Arkansas’s turkey flock,” Carner said. “Although very few hunters actually harvest two birds, the Commission did decide to opt for a more conservative limit on non-residents after many discussions.”

According to Susan Porter, AGFC licensing manager, one additional turkey tag option may appear in Arkansas’s license system for some hunters. The code NBLTP represents another free turkey tag, this one specifically for Mississippi residents who are hunting land that falls under the Arkansas/Mississippi reciprocal agreement.

“They will need to have all licenses required to hunt in Mississippi, but some of these lands are on the Arkansas side of the Mississippi River, so they will need to get this free turkey tag to transport their bird back across state lines to check it with Mississippi’s license system,” Porter said.

“That is the only scenario where a hunter in Arkansas would need this particular tag on their license profile.”

Arkansas’s turkey season opens April 21 statewide. In Turkey Zone 1, it closes April 29; it continues through May 11 in Turkey Zone 2. The Special Youth Turkey Hunt for hunters younger than 16 is April 12-13. A full list of turkey regulations is available in the 2024-25 Arkansas Hunting Guidebook.

All turkeys harvested in Arkansas must be checked via agfc.com, the AGFC mobile app or by phone within 12 hours of harvest. If they are checked immediately upon harvest, the turkey does not need a physical tag attached to it. If the hunter is unable to immediately check the bird, then they must affix a possession tag indicating the hunter’s name, CID number and the date and time of harvest that must remain with the bird until it is checked.

Checking should also be more convenient this season, as the AGFC plans to roll out a new “express check” option on its website beginning with the Special Youth Turkey Hunt. Visit www.agfc.com/licenses to procure your turkey tag.

‘Free Tree Fridays’ this Friday in Dierks, DQ

The Arkansas Department 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 a way to raise awareness about the benefits of trees and encourage more people to plant them in their communities,” said Kristine Kimbro, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator. “This event has grown over the years, and we are excited to continue offering 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 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 Agriculture, and supported by the Arkansas Urban Forestry Council.

April 4
Dierks

Arkansas Forestry Division Office
106 Forestry Dr., Dierks, AR 71833
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- Ability to work with hardware tools and power equipment
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How SW Arkansas Played The Lottery In February 2025										
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Hempstead	\$53,591.50	\$28,848	\$11,077	\$392,335	\$1,760	\$4,104	\$5,837	\$1,972	\$9,257	\$528,782
Howard	54,684	14,845	5,132	217,731	1,274	2,306	3,902	1,521	6,194	307,589
Little River	5,139	3,536	2,039	124,627	888	846	3,019	1,054	5,055	146,203
Pike	192	88	5,122	120,291	1,674	1,452	3,289	2,065	4,655	138,828
Sevier	5,804	306	1,347	178,209	1,224	906	3,995	2,148	6,386	200,324
State Total	\$996,601	\$527,668	\$1,073,568	\$34,420,900	\$428,040	\$582,500	\$1,109,737	\$573,707	\$1,845,068	\$41,557,789
Some figures are rounded up to nearest dollar/State totals are estimates							SOURCE: Arkansas Lottery Commission			

Extension entomologist, agents to participate in invasive termite study

By Ryan McGeeney
U of A System Division of Agriculture

An invasive — and particularly ravenous — termite species has been making its way north for years. Jon Zawislak, extension entomologist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, and Cooperative Extension Service agents throughout areas of Arkansas are working to detect its presence in Arkansas.

Zawislak is the Arkansas state coordinator for the North American Termite Survey, headquartered at the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in Athens, Georgia. According to its website, the survey is supported by researchers across 12 states, dedicated to supporting pest management professionals and tracking the spread of the invasive Formosan subterranean termite, *Coptotermes formosanus*.

“It’s native to China,” Zawislak said. “It was introduced to Taiwan, which used to be called Formosa, hence the name.

“It was accidentally introduced to New Orleans in the mid-20th Century, and it is voracious. It’s probably the most destructive termite pest we have, and because it’s invasive, it has escaped the natural enemies, pathogens, etc., in its native territory. That helps it to outcompete native termite species here.”

Zawislak said the invasive termites, a single colony of which can consume as much as 12 ounces of wood per day, have been steadily expanding their range northward into the United States for years. While they have primarily been confirmed in the southeastern states from Texas to Florida, the species has also been found in California and Hawaii. And while they are a warm-climate species, Zawislak said, they do not appear to have yet hit their northern barrier, where it will be too cold to reproduce and survive.

The survey will expand into Arkansas for the first time in 2025. Zawislak said researchers will primarily focus on counties within the Arkansas Delta as well as the tier of counties bordering Louisiana.

“If we discover the invasives in those counties, we’ll expand the survey further into the state,” he said. “We want to find out if they are here because treatment methods are a little different than for the native species.”

Cooperative Extension Service agents in counties along the southern and eastern borders of the state will conduct the survey by placing glue traps near streetlamps or other light sources.

To reproduce, Zawislak said, termite colonies send out thousands of “swarmers,” or winged termites, which are both male and female. They mingle with swarmers from other colonies, which helps diversify the gene pool. It’s these swarmers that are caught in researchers’ traps.

“They find each other, pair up, and a new king and queen termite will land somewhere,” Zawislak said. “They drop their deciduous wings and burrow underground or into an old tree stump or something and raise a little family. It may take several years for them to become sizable enough to cause any real damage, but once a colony is established, they send workers out to forage for food.”



While the termite may not be everyone’s favorite insect, Zawislak said Arkansans don’t need to overreact to the arrival of a new species.

“Termites can produce millions of reproductive swarmers each year, but thankfully, fewer than 1 percent of these will successfully start a new colony,” he said. “Many become food for other species, or simply don’t make it.

“I don’t want to scare people into thinking there’s some kind of monstrous invasion of house-eating insects on their way,” he said.

“We’re just trying to understand more about them because they’re some of the most destructive insects in the southern United States.”



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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: WILMA JEAN NAIL 31 PR-25-18

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
Post Office Box 813
Nashville AR 71852
(870) 845-4100 – Telephone
(AB: 40, 41)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Howard County is now accepting bids on vegetation management services, specifically Roadside ROW Herbicide Application.

All bids are to include pricing for Roadside ROW in “per mile” format for turf, and “per acre” for vertical brush applications. This includes all applicable turf areas and brush areas of specified paved roads provided by the Howard County Judges Office .

Spray trucks must be 1000 gallons or larger, Spray trucks must have injection capabilities. The contractor must have at least 3 spray trucks available to perform roadside applications simultaneously.

Bids will be opened on Friday, April 11th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Howard County Judges’ Office.

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

Brent Pinkerton
Brent Pinkerton, Howard County Judge

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE GUARDIANSHIP OF §
JOHN EDWARD LEPKOWSKI, § NO. 31PR-25-3-1
AN INCAPACITATED PERSON, §

NOTICE

Last known address: 205 Jones Street
Nashville, Arkansas 71852

Date of Letters: March 25, 2025

Notice is hereby given that BEVERLY TEDFORD was appointed Guardian of the Estate of the above-named Ward on March 12, 2025, and Letters of Guardian of the Estate were issued on March 25, 2025.

The Guardian instructs that all persons having claims against the Ward, including claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the Ward, must exhibit them, duly verified, addressed 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.

Guardianship of JOHN EDWARD LEPKOWSKI
c/o Lisa B. Shoalmire
Ross & Shoalmire, PLLC
1820 Galleria Oaks Drive
Texarkana, Texas 75503

This notice first published this 2nd day of April, 2025.

/s/ Lisa B. Shoalmire
Lisa B. Shoalmire
ROSS & SHOALMIRE, PLLC
1820 Galleria Oaks Drive
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Telephone: 903.223.5653
Telefax: 903.223.5658

ATTORNEYS FOR GUARDIAN
(RS: 41, 42)

For Sale

Used refrigerators available for purchase at the **Howard County Housing Authority** office building beginning **Thursday, April 17, 2025, and Friday, April 18, 2025 from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. each day.** Refrigerators are priced at **\$60**, limit of three (3) refrigerators per person. Come prepared to load refrigerators yourself. Payment to be cash only.

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(BD: 41)

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