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A photograph showing a flooded area, likely a wetland or a field. The water is murky and reflects the sky. A yellow marker on a tripod stands in the water. The background is a dense line of green trees. In the foreground, there is a concrete surface with a crack and two small black objects.

A man in an orange vest stands behind a desk, smiling and waving, surrounded by a sea of colorful balloons in various sizes and colors (red, green, blue, yellow, pink, purple, orange) that fill the room.

NHS GIRLS STATE DELEGATES. Dede Robinson, Natalie Talley, Lyris Bennett, Raymiah Alvarez and Klaire Hendry will represent NHS at Arkansas Girls State May 25-30 at Harding University in Searcy.



OBITUARIES



Jacquie Peeler Treese
May 5, 1939 –
March 23, 2025

Jacquie Peeler Treese, beloved mother, grandmother, educator, and lifelong advocate for learning, passed away on March 23, 2025, at the age of 85. She was born on May 5, 1939, in Mena, Ark.

Jacquie is survived by her two sons: George Winfield (“Win”) Treese and his wife Marie, and Robert Michael Treese and his wife Dawn. She is also lovingly remembered by her five grandchildren: Erica, Nina, Julia, Jarred, and Jason.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George William Treese; her father, Robert Bryant (“Jack”) Peeler; her mother, Ova Demorest Peeler; her brother, Robert (“Bob”) Peeler; and her sister, Wanda Gail Peeler.

A passionate educator and tireless advocate for public education, Jacquie devoted 28 years to the Caddo Parish School Board. She served as a mathematics

teacher at Green Oaks High School and C.E. Byrd High School, and later as Assistant Principal at C.E. Byrd.

Jacquie played a pivotal role in shaping the future of C.E. Byrd High School by being a founding member of its Math/Science Magnet Program -- an initiative that not only expanded educational opportunities for students but also helped prevent the school’s closure. Her leadership and vision left a lasting legacy that continues to benefit the community today.

Throughout her distinguished career, Jacquie received numerous accolades in recognition of her excellence and dedication. These included the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching (1983), The Shreveport Times Educator of the Year (1984), and the Louisiana Educator of Distinction award (1988). In 2009, she was inducted into the C.E. Byrd High School Hall of Fame.

In addition to her work in education, Jacquie had a lifelong passion for reading. Her love of books enriched her life and brought her many hours of joy.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 11 from 5-7 p.m. at Osborn Funeral Home in Shreveport, La. A small graveside service will follow on Saturday, April 12 at 11 a.m. at Forest Park Cemetery in Shreveport.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jacquie’s memory may be made to the C.E. Byrd High School Alumni Association at <https://byrd-highalumni.org/treese/>.

Jacquie’s legacy lives on in the countless students she taught, mentored, and encouraged -- and in the deep and enduring love of her family.

Eula Mae Scoggin
Eula Mae Scoggin, 91, of Nashville, died April 2, 2025, in Nashville.

She was born May 9, 1933, in Murfreesboro, the daughter of the late Eva Lena and Joseph Melvin Hawkins.

She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church where she was a member of the choir for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Roy Scoggin, and her sister, Jo Evelyn Holcomb.

Survivors include: sons Charles David and John Randy Scoggin; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation was 12-1:30 p.m., Monday, April 7, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. at Restland Memorial Park in Nashville, with Bro. Glen Green and Bro. Paul Herndon officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.



ROTARY SPEAKER. Shawnee Cooper of Alexander is a member of Rotary Action Group Against Slavery, a Rotary group dedicated to addressing the problem of child trafficking. She spoke to the Nashville chapter last week. She warned that the problem wasn’t limited to ‘3rd World’ countries, and that the United States was one of the worst offenders. Arkansas also has a high per capita rate of trafficking. Access to the Internet and cell phones increase the chance a child can come into contact with a predator. In the audience Wednesday were law enforcement officials and school counselors.

Hotmix asphalt paving projects coming soon to two city streets

Hotmix asphalt paving of two busy streets near Nashville schools could begin within three to four weeks, according to Mayor Larry Dunaway.

The work on the streets will be paid in large part by \$300,000 from the Arkansas Department of Transportation.

Mayor Dunaway said that street paving now costs approximately \$120,000 per block.

Work is slated for:

- North 8th Street from the Leslie Street intersection past the junior high to the Nashville Primary School campus.
- West Pope Street from its intersection on N. Main and going westerly to the intersection with Mt. Pleasant drive near the Nashville High School campus and Wilson Park.



PAVING PROJECT coming soon. Yellow flags and small posts placed along the streets alert pavers to the edge of the street and the city’s right-of-way.

Holy Week at First United Methodist Church includes sunrise worship at Bingen

The schedule for Holy Week services at First United Methodist Church, Nashville, includes the Easter sunrise worship followed by the traditional egg hunt.

- Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday -- 6 p.m. in the chapel.
- Maundy Thursday -- 6 p.m. foot-washing and Communion.

- Good Friday -- 6 p.m.
- Holy Saturday -- 4 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise -- 6 a.m.

at Bingen UMC Egg hunt at Nashville at 10:50 a.m. The public is invited.

St. Martin’s Catholic Church procession planned for Good Friday in Nashville

The Holy Week schedule for St. Martin Catholic Church in Nashville includes:

- Palm Sunday, April 13 -- Mass in English, 9 a.m.; Spanish, 10:45. Palm branches are blessed and distributed before Mass.
- Holy Thursday, April 17

- Good Friday, April 18. Procession starting on Second St., Nashville, beginning 1 p.m.; goes to the church campus with re-enactment of the Crucifixion at 3. There is no Mass.
- Saturday, April 29 -- Easter vigil with the Blessing of the Fire at 7 p.m.
- Easter Sunday -- English Mass 9 a.m.; Spanish 11 a.m.

The church is located on W. Leslie St., Nashville, and the pastor is Rev. Salvador Vega. The public is invited.

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Card of Thanks

To the members of the First Church of God of Tollette, an amazing congregation of which I am proud and humbled to be a member.

The body is only as good as the leaders, and our Pastor and First Lady are the absolute best! From hospital visits to sitting with our family on the morning of our loved one leaving this world, for his heavenly home.

To our fabulous kitchen crew who stepped up in the absence of our Sister Vickie. Thank you for the amazing work you put into attending to our needs. To the men who handled the heavy lifting thank you. Thank you to the ushers, Deacons, community, musicians, and the CWC. Thank you to Andy Pope, a lifelong friend, and to Tyler Pope for the care taken in the committal. Last but not least, thank you to The Nashville Funeral Home and Mr. Bobby Miller for the excellent services provided.

We, the family of Don Carlton Clark, appreciate every act of kindness shown to us during this difficult time. We love you.

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Thursday blood drive at Center Point

The Moonlighters Extension Homemakers Club will sponsor a LifeShare blood drive on Thursday, April 10.

The drive will be 2-7 p.m. at the Center Point Community Center.

Donors are asked to bring

Mineral Springs Easter event at park on 19th

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the City of Mineral Springs will be Saturday, Apr. 19.

The event will be from 1-6 p.m. in Bridgeman Park at Mineral Springs.

donor card or other identification. For more information, call Cindy Harding at 870-451-3179.

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Holy Week Services in the Chapel

Sunday, April 13 at 6 p.m.

Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16 at 6 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17
at 6 p.m.



Foot Washing and Communion



Good Friday, April 18
at 6 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19
at 4 p.m.

Easter Sunrise at 6 a.m.

at Bingen United Methodist Church

434 Hempstead 27N



Easter Worship with
Egg Hunt at 10:50 a.m.

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Point of view

Don't be late

Junior and Sissy will learn your tardiness

(Apologies for repeating part of an article from April 2018. This is necessary as you will see. Mineral Springs and Nashville Easter Egg Hunts are Saturday, April 19, and their times are in ads in this issue of the newspaper.)

DON'T BE LATE. There was a life lesson at no charge, Saturday morning at the annual Easter Egg hunt in the Nashville City Park.

I got there about 20 minutes early, and there were already lots of moms, dads and kiddies happily waiting for the action. Some were in costume. Last-day-of-March weather was mighty nice. It was a splendid day for an egg hunt.

At the advertised time, 10 a.m. straight up, Parks and Recreation Director Mark Dale got on the sound system and told the kids to go find the eggs. And they did. Squealing and having a big time.

From behind the fence (mostly), Moms and dads and grandparents beamed at the pleasure of the little ones.

It wasn't hard for the kids to find eggs. On the four adjoining fields of the youth baseball complex several thousand pastel-colored plastic eggs had been slung about. There was no place to hide them except under blades of well-trimmed outfield grass.

The kids rushed out and the hidden eggs didn't remain unclaimed for long. I'm guessing the last egg was found by about 10:15.

There were still some kids racing around on some of the fields when I took my leave of the gaiety. I walked to my buggy and drove carefully out of the park. Carefully, because there were some tardy moms and dads and kids walking up to the fields.

Even at the entrance to the park I had to wait for numerous vehicles to turn in and speed off toward the fields. By now it was about 10:20.

"Wow," I said rhetorically to the late arrivals, "By the time you get parked and walk to the headquarters area of the complex all of the eggs will be gone."

Some parents just can't get anyplace place on time, and it is a message which is unfortunately translated to their kids. There's no need to get to school on time. Or to the job. It's not important, is it?

The park director said that as he was cleaning up at about 11, a mom drove up with a passel of kids. The eggs were all gone and the kids were disappointed. Mom could not believe she'd missed the whole thing.

When an event says it will begin at 10, don't arrive at 10:15 and expect to participate fully.

End of sermon.

Now, I remember some previous egg hunts in Nashville. In the 1970s the Nashville Jaycees and Jaycettes put on a couple of egg hunts. We hardboiled and dyed 1,000 donated eggs. The county judge let grass grow up on the courthouse lawn for more than a week so there would be places to hide the eggs.

You can't imagine what 1,000 eggs looks like! I can't remember where we did all the boiling, but I do remember that the 999th egg wasn't dyed nearly as carefully or artistically as the 3rd one was.

The kids lined the sidewalk and on a signal they swarmed the courthouse grounds looking for those eggs.

I believe there were prizes and some refreshments, and afterward the clubs patted themselves on the back for a nice community project.

On Monday morning, the judge had his groundskeeper out early on the riding mower.

A rainbow of colored eggshells flew out from underneath the mower. It spewed them continuously as the mower made its way around the courthouse. You could smell hardboiled eggs for blocks.

I never said that the kids were REAL GOOD Easter Egg hunters!

And thanks to Kids Dental Center and Dr. Brown for sponsoring the city park event.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. One of the things I love about warmer months is the appearance of fireflies. A decade or so ago they were in my backyard in uncountable numbers. Now, I get excited when I see just one or two.

I didn't know that fireflies flash differently in the east and west of America.

According to "Smithsonian" magazine only the male firefly flashes in the east. He does it while in flight, and the reason he flashes is to notify females of his availability. "Here I am, ladies." So, obviously ours are the eastern variety.

Out west, only the female flashes. She does it weakly and while she's on the ground. I'm guessing that this is some sort of plan she has for only a low level notification of her availability. "I think I've got a headache tonight, boys." Don't mean to get things stirred up, it's just my disgusting imagination.

Some perferesser at a hoitsy-toitsy natural museum says that there is a sort of Continental Divide between the varieties of fireflies.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

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HE SAID: "It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works. All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get." Confucius, Chinese teacher

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SHE SAID: "Studying whether there's life on Mars or studying how the universe began, there's something magical about pushing back the frontiers of knowledge. That's something that is almost part of being human, and I'm certain that will continue." Sally Ride, astronaut and first American woman in space

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations



By
Louie Graves

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fully immunized, remember to get the booster shot.

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Senate bill designed to help schools with rising cost of property insurance

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The Senate voted to create a new and sustainable property insurance plan to help school districts meet the rising cost of property insurance.

Senate Bill 481 is the result of two years of work by legislators, school administrators and state officials. Two years ago the governor and legislators agreed to help schools pay for about 30 percent of the cost of increased premiums, noting that on average the cost of property insurance for schools was rising at an average of 130 percent a year.

The sponsor of SB 481, when presenting the bill before a Senate committee, said that some schools had experienced "staggering" increases of 180 to 200 percent in the cost of insurance premiums.

SB481 will create a captive insurance plan, administered by the state, which will combine the participants in three current plans. The larger risk pool will allow more efficient management of costs and risks. The goal is to have the plan in operation by July 1, and savings could be as much as \$15 million in the first year.

The legislature will consider a separate funding bill that will capitalize the new insurance program with about \$136 million.

In other news, the House of Representatives approved a bill to extend coverage from 60 days to a year for women on Medicaid who have a baby. In nationwide studies of maternal health care, Arkansas ranks near the bottom.

According to state Medicaid officials, during a three-month period last year 39 percent of women on Medicaid lost their coverage after 60 days.

Public health experts say that providing coverage for 12 months will improve the health of both the baby and the mother. One reason is that it eliminates concerns the mother may have about paying for visits to the doctor.

In other news the Senate approved legislation intended to preserve order and dignity in women's restrooms, changing rooms and sleeping quarters where they have traditionally enjoyed privacy and safety. It is SB 486. If a woman enters a restroom and encounters someone of the opposite sex, she would be able to sue the shelter

or facility.

The bill would not apply if the person of the opposite sex was cleaning or doing maintenance, responding to a medical emergency or a natural disaster or performing law enforcement duties.

The Senate also approved SB 426 to enhance criminal penalties against illegal aliens who commit a violent offense. The enhancement depends on the severity of the felony. An illegal alien convicted of a Class A, Class B or Class C felony would receive an additional 10 years to their prison sentence. The enhanced sentence for a Class D felony would be four years.

Two years ago lawmakers passed Act 689 to require social media companies to verify the age of users, and to impose fines when social media companies fail to do so. It was blocked by lawsuits, however.

This year, SB 611 has been filed to give parents greater control over their children's Internet usage. Also, SB 612 would allow lawsuits against social media companies that encourages use of drugs, self harm, suicidal behavior or eating disorders.

Boosting health care access in state

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, Arkansas has 224 doctors per 100,000 people. That is 72 fewer providers than the national average.

Over 500,000 Natural State residents – more than one-sixth of our population, in about 50 of our 75 counties – live in an area defined by the federal government as lacking the adequate number of health professionals.

These figures are daunting and could become even more critical considering about a third of physicians in our communities are over the age of 60 and nearing retirement. That reality underscores the immediate and growing need to bolster the medical workforce pipeline in Arkansas. Without an adequate supply of health care providers, the challenge of receiving appropriate care will only increase.

The good news is efforts are already underway to accomplish that task.

One solution I have been proud to champion from the federal level is expanding the availability of Graduate Medical Education (GME) in communities that are rural or underserved. The lack of medical residency positions across the country, but especially in Arkansas, has hindered our ability to prepare future doctors and ensure they serve in our communities.

That, in turn, only hinders our families, friends and neighbors' access to quality, reliable health care.

This problem stems from a federal cap on the slots available for medical residents at hospitals that went into effect in 1997. Thankfully, leaders in Arkansas have come together to recognize this issue and pursue multiple options to correct it.

Previously, I have been pleased to help secure modest increases in Medicare-supported GME positions and will look to deliver more in this Congress.

Meanwhile, our state legislature along with Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders and former Governor Asa Hutchinson have also demonstrated a commitment to increasing these opportunities so we can keep more of the doctors who train in Arkansas within the state once they begin their own practices.

Those efforts are paying off. Recently, we've learned that more residency slots will be available in northwest and south Arkansas communities. The state of Arkansas has also committed to investing \$20 million for future new residency positions at Natural State hospitals and clinics.

In late March, prospective providers finishing up medical school took part in "Match Day" and learned where they will serve as

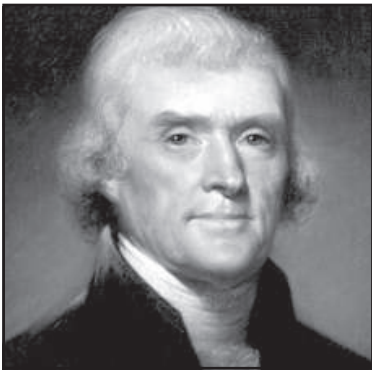
residents. This is an important moment for them, and so far, residency match outcomes for 2025 already represent progress.

I am also proud to be leading bipartisan legislation in the Senate to support and attract the next generation of doctors and medical professionals to our state. Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV) and I recently introduced the Resident Education Deferred Interest (REDI) Act to ease financial burdens on medical professionals in training. Our bill would pause their student loan interest accrual and principal loan repayment obligations while they complete residencies or internships.

We also teamed up to author the Physicians for Underserved Areas Act to increase available medical residency spots specifically in areas with physician shortages as well as prioritize placement in the areas with the most need.

In the current landscape, we must encourage students to pursue careers in medicine and lower the financial burden that it entails while also continuing work to recruit more medical students to Arkansas, in hopes that they establish roots and continue to deliver vital care.

I look forward to building more momentum with great partners here and my colleagues on Capitol Hill.



"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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CHANGE IN PARKING. Law enforcement vehicles were parked in front of the Howard County Courthouse in Nashville during heavy rains over the weekend. Several vehicles parked at the police station a few years ago were damaged by rising waters.

Floods

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two unpaved county roads are closed due to washouts. Those are the Mt. Carmel road south of Dierks, and the Longview road west of Nashville.

Judge Pinkerton said that loads of gravel would be needed on some roads which were left in very rough condition after being underwater.

Passage was possible for pickup trucks. Recovery of some roads could take weeks, he said.

Nashville got lucky, Mayor Larry Dunaway said. “We came through pretty good and the bridges all held up.”

Sale talks

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involved to start with, Dunaway said.

The 351,763-square foot warehouse was built in 2017. There are 25 docks at the warehouse, with 37’4” clear height, according to information on the Phoenix Investors website.

Two other former Husqvarna properties are listed with Phoenix.

They include the 299,885-square foot manu-

Over in Pike County, Judge Eddie Howard described the damage as “catastrophic” in an online post. “It’s really bad over the whole county.”

Judge Howard has declared Pike County as a disaster area, as have many counties in Southwest Arkansas, “which could potentially open us up to some disaster relief” from FEMA or ADEM.

“We have different areas that need immediate work because people can’t drive to their homes,” Howard said. “Other places are really rough but are drivable. We will get to those places, but we’re going to concentrate on the worst areas first.

“We will get everything fixed, but it will take some time.”

facturing facility at 1 Poulan Drive, built in 1976; and the property at 139 Old Airport Road north of Nashville. Buildings there were constructed in 1998 and 2000.

The Husqvarna closure affected about 800 workers among the local sites.

The Developing Howard County economic development panel was formed after Husqvarna’s announcement.

DHC is working to attract new businesses and industries and to strengthen those already operating in the county.

Nashville Primary School has announced its Honor Roll and Merit List for the third nine-week grading period.

First Grade
Paige Brown’s class:
All A -- Evie Friend, Bryson Hill, Brandon Holmes, Clay Sullivan, Juliette Sullivan, Kam-bryn Womack.

All A&B -- Michael Barker, Asher Gray, JaLyric Gulley, Hayes Haskins, Lorenzo Hines, Cherish Madison, MaKayla McNeal, Madeline Mende, Kenslie Reed.

Kali Daniel’s class:
All A -- Kade Linhoff, Trenton Smith, Winter Wallace.

All A&B -- Alexander Cardona, Evelyn Fuentes, Jennifer Marrufo, Maxton McCauley, Eli Pham, Ethan Phillips, Aubrie Simmons, Isaiah Teresa.

Amanda Puryear’s class:
All A -- Graham Askew, Ethan Hale, Samuel Hernandez, Veronica Hernandez, Kacen Holliman, Melany Hughes, Chloe Jefferson, Cason Lockhart, Teagan Sanders, Anna Troutt, Madani Valente.

All A&B -- Hudson Mote, Alan Rodriguez, Royce Wade.

Emily Venable’s class:
All A -- Andrea Castro, Taiya Hall, Madelyn Teague
All A&B -- Grant Boyce, Evan Chandler, Jasper Newton, Malakai Perez, Blake Robins, Lincoln Weaver.

Kelsey Westfall’s class:
All A -- Javier Bearden, Kutter Clay, Ethan Darling, Daleyza Fraire, Charles Harris,

Faithlyn Harris, Jehsey Jones, Naomi Sanchez, Jameson Shaver, Tripp Troutt.

All A&B --Amari Fultcher, Jewell Haney, Leonardo Hines, Ariana Hunter, Michael Markcum.

Jewell Worthington’s class:

All A -- Melody Capetillo, Noemi Escamilla, Morgan Gills, Leonidas McGhee, Ayden Moore, Aubrey Smith, Lillian Smith, August Williamson.

All A&B -- Mason Clay, Matthew Hawkins, River Hugg, Ava Williams, Mason Willingham.

Samantha Young’s class:
All A -- Baylor Casper, Khylie Jones, Cataleya Marshall, Savannah McElyea, Jaxon Morrow, Jayden Patel, Yareli Victoriano, Jenna Watson.

All A&B -- Max Garate, Braven Hunter.

Second Grade
Karen Allen’s class:
All A -- Baylor Brasel, Kennedy Ginda, Jordan Harberson, Kiptin Horn, Kelsyn Scrivner, Nathan Topor.

All A&B -- Brody Backus, Maeslyn Berruquin, Pedro Chavez, Zayden Garcia, Kanan Green, Emma Jacques, Francisco Pizzaro, Harley Sharp, Pamela Williams, Ashlyn Wright.

Kayla Coulter’s class:
All A -- Zoe Nunez, Eleanor Pierce, Lathen Watts.

All A&B --Blake Benson, KeShun Davis, Jostin Garcia, Daleyza Gomez, Adalynn Langston, Landry Lopez, Alexander Maldonado, Mayson Moore, Avery Myers, Karson Rosenbaum, Zahara Walker.

Dana Darling’s class:
All A -- Isaac Bean, Kath-er-in Bean, Haven Goodwin, Drake McAdams, Oakleigh Pedron, Olivia Poulton, Jaz-lyn Sanchez.

All A&B -- Eric Bank, Kade Billings, JoAnna Ell-ison, Alex Fraga Hernandez, Hugo Hernandez, Jeremiah Hibberd, Amir Ortiz, Jaylyn-na Rather, Javier Sanchez, Lelan Staggers.

Katilynn Hanney’s class:
All A -- Brett Chesshir, Mateo Dukes-Hernandez, Aiyden Farris, Tyree Gulley, Sarai Hernandez, Joshua Land, Braxton Lewis, Rubens Martinez, Amelia McKinnon, Joaquin Padilla, Kylie Palmer, Gavin Roberts, Landon Ross, Bryson Seavers, Sophia Sim-mons.

All A&B -- Adalynn Ack-ley, Abreanna Cox, Mateo Medina, Francisco Pineda, Braxton Ruth, Kayleen Valdez.

Jen Hill’s class:
All A -- Quade Dinger, Laylah Green, Luke Scott, Amelia Solorio, Tripp Turn-er, Brayden Venable.
All A&B -- DeAngelo Finley, Ruby Floyd, Sophia Harris.

Becky Horne’s class:
All A -- Audrey Gunter, Liam Paz, Millie Petty, Wy-att Roberts, Rhodey White.
All A&B -- Ari Briggs, Kyleck Dansby, Jack Grif-fin, Layla Grissom, Lucas Lingo, Victoria Murillo, Mateo Ruiz-Cabrera.

Brittany Moore’s class:
All A -- Hope Castle, Kora Bagley, Kyla Benson, Phuong Dinh, Rayner John-son, Nova Mitchell, Caeli Zaragoza, Oaklyn Self, Miri-am Dowdy, Ryan Jones.

All A&B -- Justice Brown, Januel Cervantes, Jaxon Hopson, Bryson Scroggins, Aiden Bingham, Chanee Young, Galo Salazar.

Third Grade
Julie Backus’ class:
All A -- Gunner Gills, Julianne Mishler, Behrett Pinegar, Gracie Singleton, Kolton Springer.

All A&B --Madeline Britt, Brayson Cupples, Alondra Landa, Sawyer Young.

Jami Branch’s class:
All A -- Marlee Hanson, Anson Howard, Gunner Kinkade, Natalie Paulino, Dax Troutt.

All A&B -- Easton Ad-ams, Lia Gracia, Niomi Heard, Maci Hobbs, Victor Mendoza, Oliver Rios, Levi Stout, Axel Thompson.

Haley Davis’ class:
All A -- Adamari Busta-mante, Winter Finley, Kena-di Harberson, Leah Jeffer-son, Corbyn Jordan, Isabella Kessler, Reed Kilgore, Liara Marshall, Karsyn Shroader, Rex Simmons, Rylee Smith, Kora Westfall.

All A&B -- Isaac Aguilar,

Shrone Hawthorne, Jona-than Medina, Valeria Ruiz, Jackson Tollett.

Tesla Gills’ class:
All A -- Presley Bennett, Aamir Christopher, Elijah Hibberd, Ruger Johnson, Jagger King, Colton Stout, Aice Barker, Remmington Whisenhunt.

All A&B -- Makenna Hoover, A’Laisha Cheatom, Ethan Mar, David Pioquin-to, Marley Robbins, Tessa Smelser.

Heather Harmon’s class:
All A -- Emerson Askew, Mason Gordon, Kirby Jack-son, Sofia Lopez-Mercardo, Bin Walston, Lily Wither-spoon.

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Answering God’s Call

Local raising funds for 3-year mission to Northern Ireland

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

MURFREESBORO - Olivia Turner has known she would return to Northern Ireland since her junior year at Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Mo.

It was then during a trip with the college that Turner “fell in love with the people and culture” of Northern Ireland.

“It’s where I felt called to go,” she said during a recent trip back home to Murfreesboro from Joplin. She is the daughter of Darwin and Sheryl Turner and older sister of Kristina. The family attends First Christian Church in Murfreesboro.

“During that trip, I just felt like God was calling me to go back.”

Turner, 23, was soon involved with New International, a sending agency promoting global missions, and eventually returned to Belfast, Northern Ireland for a nine-week internship with a relatively new church, The Gathering.

Her work focused on

community outreach and pastoral care for women, youth and families within the parish.

She had found the calling.

When Turner graduated from college in December 2024 with a major in Biblical justice and a minor in organizational leadership, she continued to follow the call and again partnered with New International and The Gathering for her to return to Belfast for a three-year mission.

The church has created an unpaid position for Turner that continues her previous intern work and she will live in a rented room belonging to a friend she met during her last stay.

“I am a missionary,” Turner said.

Being a missionary involves “raising 100 percent of my support,” according to Turner. “Missionaries rely on the generosity of other people to be able to go,” she said.

However, Turner added, “I am trying to do everything I can to support my-

self.” She’s even selling her vehicle. “I’m doing my part. I’m not just asking.”

First Christian Church will host a mission yard sale including clothing, home decor, tools and more on Saturday, April 26, starting at 8 a.m., with all proceeds going towards Turner’s mission expenses.

Persons wanting to donate items for the sale can contact the church or Turner by email: oturner@newinternational.org.

In addition, tax-deductible donations may be made by visiting newinternational.org and typing ‘Olivia Turner’ into the search bar and following the instructions. Turner said monthly supporters will be vital to the mission.

“It really is an amazing opportunity for other people, as well, because they get to see and partner with what God is doing in different places in the world, just knowing God is still moving in those places.”

Turner will also keep supporters updated with a

personal newsletter. And she said she is always open to discussing her beliefs.

If raising funds is not a big enough of a challenge, Turner has picked a country where religion and politics fueled a conflict deeply rooted in Ireland’s history and known as “The Troubles” which britannica.com describes as a “violent sectarian conflict from about 1968 to 1998..between overwhelmingly Protestant unionists and Roman Catholic nationalists.”

The conflict may have been resolved in 1998, but animosity remains to this day towards the church. Physical “Peace Walls” or fences still separate protestant and Catholic neighborhoods.

“They are a post-Christian country and so they are mainly non-religious and because of all the conflict between catholics and protestants, and the political side of that, it has very much turned people away from Jesus and away from the church,” she said, noting the



Olivia Turner

importance for youth and community outreach roles.

“They have been hurt by it so they are not interested but that’s a misrepresentation of Christ.”

Turner said she has prayed for “boldness” in representing and presenting her beliefs to others and that she has found the best way is to “live authentically as Jesus did and show them how Jesus changed our lives and that he can change their lives, as well.”

“There’s always some

hesitancy when trying to lead people into a closer relationship with Christ,” she said. “You don’t want to push it down people’s throats. I’m a believer and I know that my life is better with Christ and that God is working on them and transforming their hearts along the way.”

Turner is hoping to be in Belfast by July, but if that doesn’t happen, she knows “that’s God’s timing and it will happen when it’s supposed to happen.”

Murfreesboro cheer program to host fundraiser dinner May 5

The Murfreesboro cheer program is currently selling tickets for their annual program chicken dinner fundraiser.

The event is set for May 5 from 5-6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10 each.

The meal will consist of smoked chicken,

baked potato, green beans, roll, dessert and drink.

Tickets are currently on sale now until April 28. To obtain tickets, contact a MHS or MJHS cheerleader or e-mail MHS cheer sponsor Melissa Jones at melissa.jones@rattlers.org.

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JUST A PORTION. Some of the damage done by flooding in Pike County.

Rain storm pounds Pike County; some parts got 13+ inches

By P.J. Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond

After storms inundated the area with water late last week, many county roads and properties experienced flooding issues.

The National Weather Service out of Little Rock reported that Murfreesboro received 10.92 inches of rain, while Delight saw 12.85 inches and Antoine 13.1.

Pike County Emergency Management Director Lee Vincent said that to report flood damage residents should call his office at (870) 285-2750.

“I am in and out due to meetings about the flood but if you leave your name and phone number I will call you back,” Vincent stated on social media.

When reporting, the information required will include your name, address, phone number, type of home, how deep was the water in your home, and if you have insurance or not.

Vincent said to report farm damage please contact the local farm service agent.

The county’s thoroughfares took a beating in the deluge, according to Vincent.

“Several of our roads around the county have taken damage from the flooding event we are going through. Our road department is working diligently to repair them as soon as possible, and some will need time for waters to subside before they can be gotten to.”

Some of the affected roads were partially or completely shut down heading into the early part of this week, including:

Nathan Road between Hwy 27 and Muddy Fork Road near Nathan

Roy Road at Terrell’s Access near Murfreesboro Pike City Road just past Hwy 379 turn outside of Murfreesboro

Mitchell Road in Kirby John Hale Road in Kirby Camp Tula Road in Daisy area

East Farm Road in Delight area

Low Water area in Murfreesboro

Single lane bridge on Antoine’s Highway 301 side Strawberry Road and Wolf Creek Bridge in Delight Caddo Gap Road

“There are tons of the smaller side roads with damage as well ... please be careful on the roads and watch for holes / washouts,” Vincent added.

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard said he has been traveling the county roads to inspect the damage.

“I spent the weekend looking at our catastrophic flooding in our county. There’s not a county road, either one of my road crew of I have not gone down. It’s

really bad over the whole county.”

As such, Howard has declared the event as an official disaster.

“I declared our county as a disaster area, as did most of the counties in south Arkansas, which could potentially open us up to some disaster relief from FEMA or ADEM.”

He added that as more counties input their damages throughout the state, the better it will be for disaster relief by reaching the threshold, but that would be a reimbursement after the fact and there was no guarantee of such monies at this moment.

Repair efforts are ongoing and being treated in a triage manner.

“We have identified areas that need immediate work because people can’t drive to their homes, other places are really rough but are drivable, we will get to those places, but we’re going to concentrate on the worst areas first. We will get everything fixed, but it will take some time. Thank you ahead of time for your patience and God bless everyone.”

Howard said Monday afternoon that Lewis Lee road had been repaired and that Camp Tula was next on the list.

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Money-Saving Tips for Lunch

By Angie Freel
Howard County EA – FCS

As inflation continues to stretch household budgets, the cost of dining out—even just for lunch—can quietly chip away at your finances. A \$12 sandwich here, a \$5 coffee there, and suddenly, you’re spending hundreds each month just on midday meals.

The good news? With a little planning and creativity, you can significantly cut costs without sacrificing flavor. Here are some practical, wallet-friendly tips to help you save money on lunch:

1. Meal Prep Like a Pro
Dedicate a few hours each weekend to preparing lunches for the week. Cook staples like rice, pasta, roasted veggies, and proteins in bulk. Mix and match to create variety throughout the week. Not only will you save money, but you’ll also reduce food waste and avoid last-minute takeout temptations.

2. Repurpose Leftovers
I’m amazed when I hear about people who do not take advantage of leftovers either from a restaurant meal or one cooked at home. Last night’s dinner can be today’s lunch. Grilled chicken can top a salad or be stuffed into a wrap. Roasted vegetables can be tossed with quinoa or turned into a hearty sandwich. Get creative with what’s already in your fridge before reaching for your wallet.

3. DIY Snacks & Sides
Prepackaged snacks may be convenient, but they come at a premium. Buy in bulk and portion your own snacks—think carrot sticks, hummus, trail mix, or popcorn. It’s cheaper, healthier, and more environmentally friendly.

4. Invest in Reusables
A small upfront investment in reusable containers, utensils, and an insulated lunch bag can save you money (and reduce plastic waste) over time. You can easily find containers at thrift or discount stores. Plus, it makes bringing lunch from home feel a little more stylish and less like a school cafeteria throwback.

5. Go Plant-Based a Few Days a Week
Meat tends to be one of the most expensive grocery items. Try incorporating more

plant-based meals like beans, rice, or veggies. They’re filling, nutritious, and easy on your wallet.

6. Set a “Lunch Out” Limit
Instead of cutting out lunch dates entirely, set a budget or limit—perhaps only eating out once a week. That way, it becomes a treat rather than a routine expense.

Bottom Line:
Saving money on lunch doesn’t have to mean sad desk salads or endless peanut butter sandwiches. With a bit of foresight, you can eat well and stick to your budget—no sacrifice required.

Recipe of the Week
This recipe is so versatile – you can add, substitute, or eliminate the veggies, cheese, and meat according to your taste. I would likely substitute the ham with bacon or kidney beans.

Bow-Tie Pasta Salad
½ tsp. salt
1 lb. bow-tie pasta
1 ½ cups frozen peas
½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup plain Greek yogurt or light sour cream

¼ cup olive oil
¼ cup parsley
3 Tbsp mustard
3 Tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp. honey
½ tsp. pepper
½ lb. deli ham - cubed
½ lb. Cheddar cheese - cubed
1 red bell pepper – chopped
4 green onions – sliced thin

Directions
Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook for 1 minute longer than package directions.

In the last minute of cooking, add the peas to the boiling water with the pasta. Drain, rinse with cold water, and let cool.

In a large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, sour cream, oil, parsley, mustard, lemon juice, honey, salt, and pepper until well combined.

Fold in the pasta, peas, ham, cheese, bell pepper, and green onion.

Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

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Dierks, Murfreesboro junior high track report

The Murfreesboro and Dierks junior high track squads competed at Magnet Cove’s Junior Panther Relays on Tuesday, April 1.

The Murfreesboro boys finished in fifth place with 61 points, while Prescott won the event with 178 points.

Dierks’ boys would finish with 68 points, good for fourth place.

On the girl’s side, the Lady Rattlers finished in third place with 78 points. Nashville won the event with 150.5 points, while Dierks was fourth with 77.5 points.

Athletes finishing in point earning places at the Magnet Cove included:

Murfreesboro

Ma’Shaylia Morris, second place high jump, 4’8”; fifth place discus, 63’10”; seventh place 200 meter dash, 30.10; third place 100 meter dash, 13.87

McKinlee White, first place pole vault, 5’6”

Cooper Lowery, first place pole vault, 8’6”; fifth place 800 meter run, 2:36.37

Jacob Shaw, third place pole vault, 6’6”; fifth place 300 meter hurdles, 50.31

Macy Gills, seventh place long jump, 13’9.75”; first place 400 meter dash, 1:03.48; fifth place 200 meter dash, 29.50’ second place 100 meter dash, 13.83

Josh Fox, sixth place triple jump, 33’11”; 400 meter dash fourth place, 59.29

Boy’s 4x800 meter relay team, third place, 11:15.39

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Charles Morrow, first place discus, 117’2”

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Isaac Smith, fifth place shot put, 37’4”

Girl’s 4x200 meter relay team, third place, 2:05.34

Boy’s 4x200 meter relay team, seventh place, 1:50.90

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Scarlett Nuttall, fourth place pole vault, 5’6”; first place 1600 meter run, 5:48.70; second place 800 meter run, 2:38.36; fifth place 300 meter hurdles, 57.14

Milee Harrison, fifth place long jump, 14’0.75”; seventh place triple jump, 28’11.5”; second place 100 meter hurdles, 17.46; eighth place 200 meter dash, 30.30; first place 300 meter hurdles, 51.53; fourth place 100 meter dash, 13.93

Justise Burton, eighth place long jump, 15’9.5”; first place 1600 meter run, 5:19.72; second place 800 meter run, 2:25.52

Jett Jackson, fourth place triple jump, 35’1”

Girl’s 4x800 meter relay team, second place, 12:22.38

Boy’s 4x800 meter relay team, eighth place, 13:01.05”

Jason Bailey, fourth place 110 meter hurdles, 19.13; fourth place 300 meter hurdles, 49.51

Griffin Shankles, sixth place 110 meter hurdles, 19.72; seventh place 300 meter hurdles, 51.54

R.J. Morrison, fourth place 100 meter dash, 12.44

Gavin House, sixth place discus, 95’2”

Faith Castleman, fourth place discus, 29’7”

Dallie Graham, fourth place 1600 meter run, 6:41.62; sixth place 800 meter run, 2:55.42

Boy’s 4x100 meter relay team, second place, 50.40

Javion Chapman, seventh place 200 meter dash, 25.73

Boy’s 4x400 meter relay team, fifth place, 4:27.37

Boy’s 4x200 meter relay team, third place, 1:45.65



117TH STATE DAR CONVENTION. LaTonya McElroy (above) of De Queen along with Arkansas State Regent Gale Markly and Mine Creek-Paraclyfta Chapter Regent Elizabeth Overton of Nashville; and Tracy Hile of Murfreesboro (at right) with her family Winston and Judy Hile and National DAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright



Locals recognized at state DAR convention

Two local citizens were honored at the 117th annual state convention of the Arkansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution on March 27-28 in Little Rock.

National Society DAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright was a special guest at this year’s state conference and she honored a new member to the Mine Creek – Paraclyfta Chapter from Murfreesboro, Tracy Hile, at the Friday luncheon banquet.

The President General personally administered the oath of membership and formally installed Hile as a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. This was a special honor for Hill and her family who accompanied her. The Arkansas Daughters and guests in attendance gave a standing

ovation as Hile was recognized.

LaTonya McElroy, a financial advisor with the Edward Jones office in De Queen was invited to speak by Arkansas State Regent Gale Markley, on Thursday evening to a large audience of Arkansas Daughters and student award recipients and their families. McElroy gave an eloquent retelling of her Aunt Aretha Huff’s experience receiving state recognition for her DAR Good Citizen’s essay from Texas High, shortly after integration began, and explained how it impacted her aunt’s success in life.

Aretha Huff was the first student from Texas High to ever receive state recognition and she was also the first student of color to be recognized as a DAR Good Citizen during the

Civil Rights era in Texas. McElroy shared about how her grandfather drove her father and aunt to school each day with a shotgun in the car for protection. She enraptured the audience about the tumultuous circumstances that surrounded her family during that time and how the recognition as a DAR Good Citizen helped encourage Aretha throughout her life. She went on to become a successful, high-level executive in the oil industry because of her integrity, intelligence, resilience, and hard work. McElroy received a standing ovation by the audience and some were even brought to tears.

Four other members of the Mine Creek – Paraclyfta Chapter DAR were also in attendance at the state conference, Chapter

Regent Elizabeth Overton, Chapter Treasurer Carrie L McGaha, Chapter Registrar Fran Strawn, and Chapter Secretary Judy Hile.

The Chapter is currently working to promote the upcoming 250th semi-quincentennial of the nation. In Sevier County, an Americ250! Patriot Marker is planned for the trail head at the De Queen Lake Trail being built. Howard County school system is pl

The Mine Creek – Paraclyfta chapter hopes that all the counties in this region will get involved and celebrate the freedoms and liberties that we all inherited from our founders and preserved by the veterans who have served ever since the nation was established.

(Article & Photos Submitted by Carrie McGaha)

Little Rock man charged in Pike County with burglary, theft

A Little Rock man has been charged in Pike County following an incident in Glenwood.

Montana Curry, 23, was charged April 3 with residential burglary, second-degree criminal mischief and theft of property.

On March 18, the Glenwood Police Department was called to a home on East Broadway where a suspect had tried remove the wheels and tires from the owner’s Lincoln Town Car, which had been partially jacked up in the drive. The home also appeared to have been

entered and some of the home’s items were out by the car.

By the car, officers found a left-foot brown boot and a right-foot “Hey Dude” shoe and a backpack on the trunk.

Earlier on March 18, an abandoned Lincoln Town Car was reported to be parked at the flea market near the resident on East Broadway. Th vehicle was same make and model as the other vehicle.

Upon arrival at the abandoned vehicle, officers encountered Curry in the vehicle. Curry was reportedly

wearing one boot and one “Hey Dude” shoe. He told officers he had been at the residence “trying to borrow a wheel.”

Curry plead innocent to the charges on April 4 and a June 2 pretrial date was set. He is currently in the county jail with a \$25,000 bond.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a public announcement: Public School Choice in Arkansas allows students to attend a public school in a district other than the one in which they reside. Applications for students in the following counties: Howard, Little River, Montgomery, Polk, and Sevier, must be postmarked, emailed, or hand-delivered **by May 1, 2025, to qualify for provisions under the Arkansas Public School Choice Act 2015.**

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. (DMESC: 41,42)

Howard County District Court

April 3, 2025
BF=Bond Forfeited
Howard County
Andaluz, Alexis Diaz, 29, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Arriaga, Herlino A., 36, Kyle, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Easley, Phillip Alex, 39, Royal, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Elmore, Joshua D., 41, Cove, \$230 BF, speeding
Garcia, Jazmine A., 23, Texarkana, \$230 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Hughes, Kailus, 25, Mineral Springs, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
King, Markell, 36, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Kropf, Hayden, 19, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding
Lewis, Willard R., 58, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$580 owed
Mallory, Amber M., 32, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,830 owed, committed to jail for 30 days-suspended conditions
Markham, Ashley, 27, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,480 owed, committed to jail for 30 days; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Mathis, Timothy L., 58, Dallas, Texas, guilty of drinking on highway, fined \$220
McAfee, Jonathurn L., 53, Pine Bluff, \$250 BF, speeding
McGowan, Jimmy dale, 44, Fouke, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,210 owed

Medina-Salazar, Juan A., 18, Dierks, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Morales Reyes, Patricia, 50, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Porter, Courtney Lamar, 52, De Queen, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Scott, Demetrius L., 51, Washington, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,190 owed, committed to jail
Sigman, Bethany, 31, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$505 owed
Thompson, Ebony D., 33, Nashville, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$210 BF failure to pay registration
Tigue, Austin Lee, 20, Glenwood, \$250 BF, speeding
Toland, Rebecca S., 37, Hope, \$2245 BF, fictitious tags/license; \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
Turney, Jeff T., 56, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding
Vasquez, Wilber, 18, Texarkana, Texas, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Walker Jaylee Nicole, 21, Murfreesboro, \$230 BF, speeding
Walker, Ronnie Allan, 74, Delight, guilty of improper use or display of tags, fined \$195; guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210
Ward, Virginia, 36, Dierks, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Wilkerson, Heath A., 50, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilt of driving on sus-

pended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license (11th), fined \$445
City of Nashville
Alden, Ashley, 41, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$8,037 owed, committed to jail for 30 days
Amonette, Carl T., 40, Dierks, guilty of shoplifting, fined \$632.49; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Barragan, Ramon, 26, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Buck, Brandon, 28, Gurdon, \$240 BF, speeding
Cardona, Svleyvis, 21, Hope, \$250 BF, speeding
Clemons, Chucky G., 72, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$900 owed
Collins, Amber L., 36, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$95; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$95; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$170
Davis, Rees A., 19, Nashville, \$345 BF, careless or prohibited driving
Dixon, Jason P., 47, Nashville, guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$195; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Floyd, Christy, 45, Nashville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Gracia, Jose Luis, 55, Nashville, \$220 BF, possession of open container of alcohol in vehicle
Griffin, Ashley Lee, 36, Fulton, guilty of permitting unauthorized driver, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Henry, Jeanette, 58, Nashville, \$210 BF, failure to pay registration, fined \$210
Hughes, Kailus, 25, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,5965 owed, committed to jail for 30 days-suspended conditions; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Hyde, Jack, 25, Ashdown, guilty of first-degree criminal mischief, fined \$960; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Johnson, Alaza S., 24, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$770
King, Markell, 36, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,745 owed, committed to jail for 30 days; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty o driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Lewis, Willard R., 58, Nashville, guilty of driving

on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Lollis, Stephanie L., 38, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$680 owed, committed to jail for 30 days-suspended conditions; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$125
Markham, Ashley, 27, Nashville, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560; guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$270
Martin, Gabriel, 26, Prescott, \$125 BF, violation of city ordinance - Jake brake
McNeal, Tyrell L., 34, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Moreno, Juan Antonio, 22, Ashdown, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of speeding, fined \$240; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Morrison, Nadorian, 24, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Schooley, Sydney, 28, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$170 owed, committed to jail
Staggers, Nathaniel J., 47, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Steward, William D. Jr., 64, Lockesburg, \$240 BF, speeding
Swift, Lafreda R., 43, Nashville, \$195 BF, no child restraint
Tait, Hunter, 18, Nashville, \$725 BF, carrying a weapon

Toney, Debbie Ann, 46, Sherman, Texas, guilty of shoplifting, fined \$410; guilty of shoplifting, fined \$460
Walker, Timotheus I., 48, Nashville, guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
City of Dierks
Christopher, Earl A., 49, Dierks, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$345; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$345
Gray, Richard, 28, Bonham, Texas, guilty of banned breed of dog in Dierks, fined \$275
Young, Conrad T., 32, Broken Bow, Okla., \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$245 BF, failure to appear
City of Mineral Springs
Amonette, Luvlyn D., 29, Nashville, guilty of inattentive driving, fined \$345
Sanchez, Kevin, 29, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,240 owed
Schooley, Sydney, 28, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

Bench Trials
Howard County
Hawthorne, Torneshia, 40, Nashville, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50
City of Nashville
Combs, Stephanie, 45, Murfreesboro, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,990 owed, committed to jail for 30 days
Todd, Raynell Lacharles, 47, Nashville, guilty of use of wireless phone wile driving, fined \$145

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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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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AN INCAPACITATED PERSON §

NOTICE

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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.

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

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Living Treasure to be guest at Bowie Heritage Festival

WASHINGTON—Arkansas Living Treasure awardee Stephen Driver will talk about his pottery work during a special art talk and announcement at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26, during the James Black’s Bowie Heritage Festival at Historic Washington State Park.

Driver joins only 22 other traditional and heritage creatives who have been honored with the Arkansas Arts Council’s top award for traditional and heritage arts and crafts. Several other Treasures will be attending the event in support and celebration.

A master potter of more than 50 years, Driver has inspired and mentored hundreds of pottery students and collectors. He started Mulberry Creek Pottery, where he focuses on wood fired earthenware and porcelain pottery influenced by Arkansas geography. About 10 years ago, he began annual firings that have brought together potters statewide as a community. Driver was awarded a Governor’s Arts Award in 2024, and he is part of the documentary “Ozark Wabi” by Molly Wheat and Eliot Peterson.

The announcement in April will highlight Driver while bringing together Arkansas Living Treasures from across Arkansas. Started in 2002, the Arkansas Living Treasure program helps foster, support, perpetuate and inspire those in traditional or heritage arts or crafts in Arkansas.

For more information on the program, please visit www.ArkansasArts.org. To read more about Stephen Driver, please visit us on our website.

For questions, contact Scarlet Sims, artist services manager, at scarlet.sims@arkansas.gov.

Arkansas Beef Council announces 2025 Arkansas’s Best Burger contest

The Arkansas Beef Council is excited to announce the return of Arkansas’s Best Burger Contest, a statewide competition celebrating 100% beef burgers prepared in Arkansas restaurants. This contest aims to highlight the use of high-quality beef in Arkansas’s burgers.

Beginning April 1, burger enthusiasts across the state can nominate their favorite burger online at arkansas-beef.org. Nominations can be submitted once per day from individual email addresses, giving fans the opportunity to support their top picks daily. The nomination period will close on April 30 at 11:59 p.m.

“We are thrilled to announce the opening of the 2025 contest and put a spotlight on the incredible burgers being made right here in Arkansas,” said Beef Council Chairman Caleb Plyer.

“This is a fantastic way to promote the beef industry and get the community involved while showcasing restaurants that are going above and beyond in crafting delicious 100% beef burgers.”

To qualify, the nominated burger must be made from 100% beef and be available on the restaurants’ regular or special menu during the contest period. Restaurants with multiple locations will have their nominations counted separately for each site. Finalists from each region will be selected, and the burger with the most nominations will be named the winner and announced in May.

The Caveman Burger from Bailey’s Family Restaurant in Cave City was named the winner of the inaugural Arkansas’s Best Burger Contest in October 2024.

The mission of the Arkansas Beef Council is to coordinate and implement a program of promotion, research, and market development to enhance the image of beef and improve the potential of Arkansas’s cattle industry.

Pike County voters should be on lookout for notifications concerning status

Randee Edwards, the Pike County Clerk and Voter Registrar 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,” according to Edwards. “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.”



DIERKS SENIOR HIGH 2025-2026 CHEER SQUAD. (Front from left) Amelia Sweeden, Captain Lilly Hogg, Co-Captain Aspen Pugh, Sayre Baker; (back) Mascot Linnea Thompson, Raylie Walston, Presley Pugh, Kylie Bray, Emma Manasco, Cashlynn Davis, Ally Sayre and Valeria Marquez. Not pictured: Areley Salgado. The team is coached by Adriana Hogg.



DIERKS JUNIOR HIGH 2025-2026 CHEER SQUAD. (Front from left) Izzy Semmler, Captain Savannah Tedford, Co-Captain Ali Shelton, Clara Smith; (back) Amelia Kirby, Brielle Kirby, Faith Castleman, Scarlett Nuttall, Dallie Graham, Brooklyn Gamble and Elise Davis. Not pictured: Taigen Collins. The team is coached by Neesha Kirby.

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Teammates celebrate as Gabby Williams (third from left) scores a home run in Nashville's 16-0 win over Magnolia April 1 at the Nashville City Park.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Gage Green bats against Magnolia in the Panthers' 7-4 conference win over the Scrappers April 1 at Wilson Park. Magnolia defeated Nashville twice last week.

Scrappers, Scrapperettes host Panthers



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Scrapperette seniors received their travel pillows April 1 after their 3-inning win over Magnolia. They include Jacee Martin, Maddie Rodgers, Addison Tate, Natalie Nolte, Kenzy Lowery, Harleigh Hill, Adison Moore, Gabby Williams and Nadia Bretado.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Coach Todd Ledford talks to Karson Chambers after Chambers advanced to first base Tuesday, April 1, at Wilson Park.



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Hayden Gray follows the ball as he bats against Magnolia April 1.



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Rayleigh Harmon makes the catch for the final out in the Scrapperettes' 16-0 win over Magnolia April 1. Nashville also defeated the Lady Panthers 9-0 March 31 at Magnolia. The Scrapperettes were 4-0 in District 7-4A after the first two weeks of conference play.



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Banks Ray bats for the Scrappers April 1 against Magnolia.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Harleigh Hill scores in the Scrapperettes' home win over Magnolia April 1.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Luke Boon pitches against Magnolia.



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Kayla Bretado pitches in Nashville's 16-0 conference victory over Magnolia at Futrell Field.

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Area athletes

The weather played havoc with sports schedules last week, as teams scrambled to get in as many games as they could March 30 and 31 before severe storms with heavy rain and high wind moved in the rest of the week. Many athletes played back-to-back games early in the week ahead of the adverse conditions. Despite efforts to beat the storms by moving games up, several baseball and softball games, track meets and soccer matches were postponed and will be rescheduled before the end of the season.

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