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The public is invited, according to Pastor Pam Estes.

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For more on Floyd and her career in Nashville, see the April 23 *News-Leader*.

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PLANT SALE. Nashville Community Gardens conducted their spring plant sale April 11 and 12.

OBITUARIES

Ressie Ernestine Clay
Ressie Ernestine Dixon Clay, age 87, a resident of Lockesburg, Ark., passed away on Friday, April 11, 2025, in Nashville, Ark. She was born Nov. 2, 1937 in Lockesburg. She was a homemaker, a member of Lockesburg First Baptist Church, and she enjoyed spending time with her great-grandson, Brooks Smith.

Mrs. Clay was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Minnie Ayers Dixon; her husband, Donald Alton Clay; a grandson, P.J. Smith; two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by one daughter, Pam (Wayne) McAnelly; two sons, John (Shelba) Smith and Scott Smith; one sister, Laverne Renfrow; her grandchildren, Heather (Michael) Withers, Melissa (Sam) Ragar, Josh Smith, Taylor Smith, and Dalton (Dakota) Smith; her great-grandchildren, Kenan Withers, Forrest Sandoval, Ella Ragar, Ava Ragar, McKenzie Smith, Laney Smith, Brooks Smith, Ivy Smith, Hagen Sandoval, and Rowdy Celsor; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Clay were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 14, 2025, in the Coulter Memorial Cemetery in Lockesburg with Rev. John Henry Williams officiating, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home.

The family received friends starting at 9:00 a.m., one hour prior to the service, at the cemetery.

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



Eula Mae Scoggin
Mrs. Eula Mae Scoggin, age 91 of Nashville, Ark., peacefully went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Apr. 2, 2025, in Nashville, Ark. She was born in Murfreesboro, Ark., on May 9, 1933, to Eva Lena and Joseph Melvin Hawkins. On Aug. 25, 1950, she married Charlie Roy Scoggin in Nashville where they

lived and raised their sons. The Scoggin family were faithful members of Immanuel Baptist Church where Eula Mae was a member of the choir for many years and loved singing songs to the Lord.

Mrs. Scoggin worked for Nu-Way Cleaners from 1961 to 1971 for Homer and Dot Tyndall. Following that she was a service desk manager and checkout clerk for the first Wal-Mart that came into town in 1972. She later began as a clerk for B and W grocery that later turned into Charlie's Thriftway.

She was known and loved by many who saw her pretty smiling face either at church or at Charlie's Thriftway where she worked for 35 years.

She was a great cook and made the best chicken and dressing you would ever eat.

Eula Mae was preceded in death by her parents, Lena and Joe Hawkins; her husband, Charlie Roy Scoggin; her sister, Jo Evelyn Holcomb and her husband Marshall; and her nephews Billy Joe and Larry Holcomb.

Survivors include: sons Charles David and John Randy Scoggin; her grandson Charles David Scoggin, Jr. and his wife Amanda; and great-grandsons Cohen David and Charles Benjamin Scoggin. Also, her nieces Vickie Holcomb Johnson and Marsha Kay Holcomb Wilks and nephew Loree Mark Holcomb and many great-nieces and nephews all whom she loved dearly.

Visitation will be from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., Monday, Apr. 7, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, Apr. 7, at Restland Memorial Park in Nashville, with Bro. Glen Green and Bro. Paul Hernon officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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



Yong Cha A Johnson
March 17, 1941 - March 16, 2025
Yong Cha A Johnson, 83

years of age, a beloved figure of Paraloma, Ark., sadly left our world on March 16, 2025, after a life richly lived in service and kindness. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bertram Johnson. Mrs. Johnson retired from Michael Lewis Co., IL to Arkansas.

Yong Cha was a beacon of light and hope in our community by using her gift of service by building up others. While a faithful member of Ebenezer United Methodist and Neighborhood UMC, she served on the usher board. She had many talents, gardening, drying and preserving vegetables and flowers. She spent many hours redesigning clothing or household items to be more functional. She loved watching others cook and then adding her herbs and spices of her own culture to create taste of her heritage. She loved life and wanted people to laugh. She loved her dogs Lucky and Bengie so much that she named all her dogs Lucky and Bengie.

She is leaving a legacy through her Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Rev. Sammie Lee Johnson (Irene)-Enterprise, Ala.; Virginia Johnson Scott-Tyler, Texas; Shirley Williams - Hot Springs, Ark.; Aberdeen Johnson - Hot Springs, Ark.; Rev. Margie M Williams (Robert) - Hot Springs, Ark.; Alfred Junell Johnson (Maria) - Paraloma, Ark.; Norman R Johnson, - Paraloma, Ark.; Juliann L Johnson-Fort Worth, Texas; Evelyn Hendrix (Junior)- Mineral Springs, Ark.; Phyllis Rogers (Alvernon)-Bryant, Ark.; Annette L. DeJesus (Ismael)-Goodyear, Ariz.; Douglas E Johnson, Tucson, Ariz. and a host of nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, great-great nephews and nieces, uncles and special aunts, uncles and special cousins. Also preceded in death by one brother-in-law and his wife, Wilkie Lawrence Johnson (Fannie).

In remembrance of Yong Cha: Visitation: March 28th, 2025, from 6-7 p.m. - Location: Nashville Funeral Home - 1208 W. Sunset Street -Nashville, AR 71852

Funeral Service: March 29th, 2025@11 a.m. - Location: Ebenezer United Methodist Church (UMC)-318 W. Dodson Street -Nashville, AR 71852. Interment: Paraloma Cemetery - Repass: Scott's Methodist UMC-1330 Hwy 224-Lockesburg, AR 71845.)- Pastor -318 W. Dodson Street -Nashville, AR 71852.



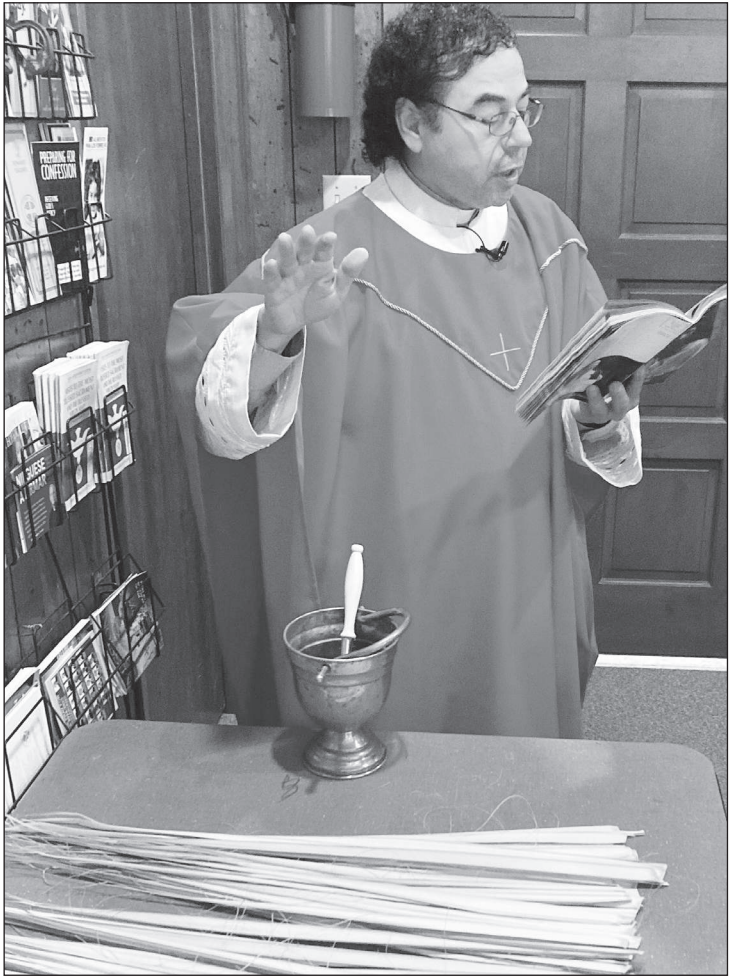
AT THE PLANT SALE. Sandy Ray, left, Vanessa Keaster and Kim Ganous join Mike Myers at the checkout table, Friday morning, on the first day of the Nashville Community Gardens plant sale. The sun does get in your eyes at the garden.



AT THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN. Master Gardeners Jeannette Carver and Denise Graves at the Nashville Community Gardens plant sale. Proceeds from the two-day sale will benefit the organization's projects.



OFFICERS RE-ELECTED. The Howard County Retired School Employees Association recently re-elected current officers to serve in 2025-26. They include secretary Ruth Ann Jacobs, second vice president Pam Wynn, president Judy Cassidy, vice president Shirley Wright, treasurer Linda Campbell, parliamentarian Carma Bradshaw and reporter Patsy Young.



BLESSING OF THE PALMS. At the start of mass on Palm Sunday, Father Salvator Vega blesses the palm branches which would be distributed at St. Martin Catholic Church in Nashville.

Bingen VFD benefit fish fry this Saturday at first station

The annual benefit fish fry for the Bingen Volunteer Fire Department will be Saturday, April 19. Serving will begin at 5:30 at the fire station. The meal is for a \$10 donation.

A raffle and live auction will follow the meal. The fire station is located at 503 Hempstead County Road 27N, Nashville. The public is invited.

Holy Week events continue for St. Martin Catholic Church

The remainder of the Holy Week schedule at St. Martin Catholic Church in Nashville includes. Holy Thursday, April 17 -- bi-lingual Mass at 7 p.m. 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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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

122 years ago: April 1903
Mr. C. M. Walker gave a dinner out at his farm near Columbus today and most of our young people were in attendance. The young people enjoyed a moonlight horseback ride a few nights since.

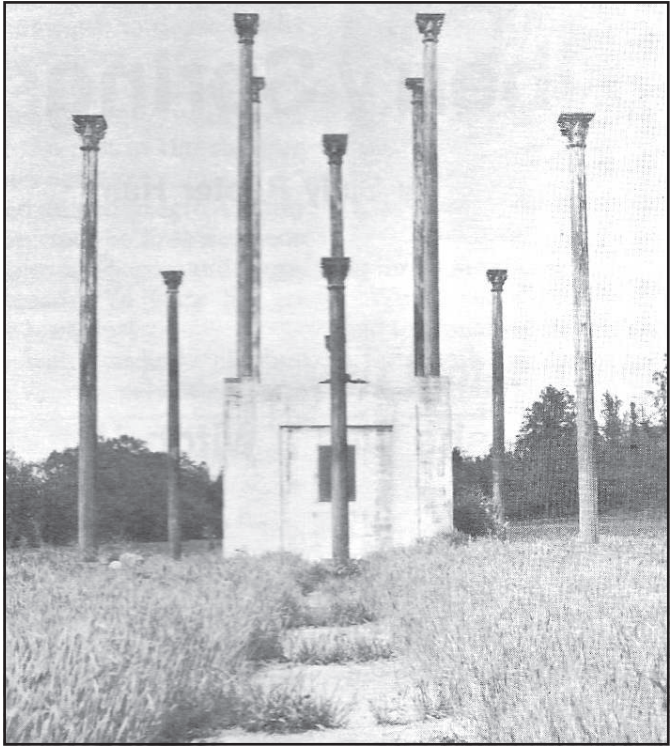
Old Aunt Liza, wife of Sloman W. Reese of near Corinth, who has been suffering with pains in her eyes for the past three months, is still no better.

Grandma May, who lives at Mineral Springs, passed her 93rd birthday yesterday. She was born and raised on Red River and has been a resident of Mineral Springs for about 60 years . She is the mother of Mrs. Joe Edwards of Mineral Springs. She is quite feeble and may not live to see her 100th birthday.

79 years ago: April 1946
Billy Jack Payne, Seaman First Class of Nashville, Arkansas has recently been honorably discharged from the Navy at the US Naval Personnel Separation Center in New Orleans, Louisiana the Navy has announced.

(Adv.) The screen's outstanding comedy team will be here in their most hilarist hit Wednesday and Thursday at the Howard Theater in MGM presents, *Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in Hollywood*.

63 years ago: April 1962
A fourth grader at Nashville Elementary School was slightly injured on Wednes-



A time capsule built circa 1950 at Paraclifta. According to Karen Mills of the Sevier County Museum, the monument is still there but is in disrepair and was ruined by a leak in the concrete a number of years ago.

day when he ran against a slow-moving truck. Floyd Tedford, 10, suffered a knee injury requiring eight to nine stitches and was placed in Memorial Hospital for observation. Principal John Shaddox said that recess was ending and that a playmate was chasing the boy. A Coke truck was slowing down to stop at the south side of the building. The principal said the boy hit the fender of the truck with his knee.

42 years ago: April 1983
Randy Arhart at Ray's Trailer Park reported the theft of a pit bulldog from

his yard. The dog valued at \$300 had been tied to a tree.

Army National Guard Pvt. James E. C. Rather, son of William H. and Wanda L. Rather of Murfreesboro, has completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the US Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

OSUT is a twelve-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual combat training. The training includes weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field communication and combat operations.

Eight defendants enter pleas, receive sentences April 9 here

Eight defendants pleaded guilty or true to felony charges and learned their sentences last Wednesday, April 9, in the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

Judge Tom Cooper also heard three not guilty or not true pleas, and set dates for trials and motions.

In addition Judge Cooper ordered a failure to appear warrant for Ivy Weaver, 39, white female, Nashville, who was facing two drug-related felony charges from October and November of 2024. When apprehended, she will not be allowed to post bond.

Sentences were pronounced for:

Jennifer Wilson, 45, white female, Nashville, who was found guilty of class D controlled substance possession. Two other charges were not pursued by the state. She was sentenced to a fine of \$1,500 and four years suspended imposition of sentence.

Brandon Williams, 38, white male, Nashville, was charged with drug possession, class D felony. He was sentenced to a \$2,000 fine; 90 days in a regional punishment facility; and four years of probation.

Jaden Pope, 21, white male, Nashville, was sentenced to six years of probation and a \$2,000 fine. He was charged with first degree terroristic threatening and a misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession.

Kody Box, 32, white male, Nashville, actually pleaded guilty to two charges and true to failure to meet the terms of his probation of a previous conviction. His total sentence was two years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) plus a further four years suspended imposition of sentence. His charges included theft of property drug possession, criminal mischief and possession of drug paraphernalia.

William Franks, 40, white male, Nashville, was sentenced to 10 years in the

ADC if he does not successfully complete the requirements of drug court. He was facing two class D felony drug-related charges.

Jarvis Garfield, 34, black male, Wake Village, Texas, was sentenced to 10 years in the ADC. He was charged with felony controlled substance possession.

Derrick Gray, 48, black male, Nashville, was sentenced to five years probation and a fine of \$2,500. He was charged with class D felony possession of controlled substance.

Trial dates set
Xavier Jones, 30, black male, Mineral Springs, charged with aggravated assault upon family or household member, a class D felony; and also with a misdemeanor, 1st degree interference with emergency communications. Pretrial

motions will be heard June 4.

Samara Griffin, 20, black female, Texarkana, Ark., failure to meet the terms of her probation on a 2022 conviction for 32 counts of 2nd degree battery; disorderly conduct; resisting arrest. Her probation revocation trial will be Apr. 30.

Blake Seavers, 37, white male, Mineral Springs, pleaded not guilty to a class Y felony charge of drug possession. Pretrial motions will be heard July 9.

Jukuyle Barnett, 22, black male, Cincinnati, missed a date for pretrial motions. He is charged with breaking or entering, theft of property, and possession of controlled substance. He has an April 29 trial date.


The state declined to pursue charges against Amanda Denario, 29, white female, Washington, Ark.

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

Civil Court
CV25-36, Apr. 3. Capital One N.A. vs. Glenda Conatser. Debt.

CV25-37, Apr. 2. Jimmy Miller vs. Crystal Wiley. Unlawful detainer.

CV25-38, Apr. 43. Jimmy Miller vs. Marvis Brown. Unlawful detainer.

CV25-39, Apr. 3. Forsythe Finance, LLC, vs. Sandra Mendoza. Contract.

CV25-40, Apr. 3. Jimmy Miller vs. Julia Johnson. Unlawful detainer.

CV25-41, Apr. 3. Jimmy Miller vs. Lee Whitmore. Unlawful detainer.

CV25-42, Apr. 3. State of Arkansas vs. Jarvis Juniel. Property forfeiture.

CV25-43, Apr. 3. State of Arkansas vs. Michael Benson. Property forfeiture.

CV25-44, Apr. 7. America's Car-Mart vs. Marty Dossey. Debt.

CV25-45, Apr. 7. LVNV Funding, LLC, vs. Robert Tucker. Debt.

CV25-46, Apr. 7. LVNV Funding, LLC, vs. Roberta Avery. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-32, Apr. 4. Lacey Carver vs. Charles Carver. Order of Protection.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)
CR25-35, Apr. 7. State of Arkansas vs. Blake Seavers, 37, white male, 1292 Bluff Springs Rd., Mineral Springs; DOCS, class Y felony.

CR25-36, Apr. 8. State of Arkansas vs. Xavier Jones, 30, black male, 801 Silver St.,

Mineral Springs (Tollette); aggravated assault upon family/household member, class D; 1st degree interference with emergency communications, misdemeanor.

CR25-37, Apr. 8. State of Arkansas vs. Jessica Epron, 34, black female, 202 E. Browning, Mineral Springs; theft of property, class D (related to alleged cash theft from Dollar General, Mineral Springs.)

CR25-38, Apr. 8. State of Arkansas vs. Dannael Evorn McCrary, 25, black female, 120 E. Lewis, Mineral Springs; theft of property, class D (related to alleged cash theft from Dollar General, Mineral Springs.)

Land/Property Transactions
Deed of Trust
Apr. 98. Devane Vargas and Daniel Hernandez; to Red River Employees Federal Credit Union; part of Lots 19-20-21, Block 38, Heights Addition, Town of Mineral Springs, aka 302 N. Pine.

Executor's Deed
Apr. 08. Bobby Farley Jr., executor of the estate of Helen Berniece Farley, deceased; to Bryan Mounts and wife Amy Mounts; part of Lots 13 and 15, all of Lot 14, Block 4, Original Town of Dierks. \$70,000.

Warranty Deeds
Apr. 03. (Correction) Hunter Green and Andrea Green; to Nashville Global Methodist Church; 2.71 ac. in S26 T9S R27W. \$125,000.

Apr. 03. (Correction) Roy Conrad and wife Kim Conrad; to Kubera Homes LLC; part of Lots 6 thru 12, Block 5, Hill Crest Addition, Town

of Nashville. \$45,000.

Apr. 03. Paulett Flores and husband Jose Alberto Hernandez; to Kyle Davis and Rachel Hammonds; Tract 13, Cornbridge Estates. \$32,500.

Apr. 04. Joseph Newton White, aka Joe White; to Joseph Newton White, trustee of the Joe White Revocable Trust; property in S12 T9S R28W.

Apr. 04. (Special) Weyerhaeuser Forest Holdings, Inc.; to Duckett Cemetery; aggregate 3.79 ac. in S19-S30 T5S R30W.

Apr. 07. (Correction) Karla M. Byrne, surviving spouse of Patrick L. Byrne, deceased; to The Byrne Revocable Living Trust; 31 ac. in S26 T7S R29W.

Apr. 08. Blake McIntosh and wife Mica McIntosh; to Maria Del Carmen Sanchez and Valerio Valente Sanchez, joint tenants; 2.8 ac. in S4 T9S R27W. \$75,000.

Apr. 08. Austin Lovelis and wife Rebekah Lovelis; to Devaney Vargas and Daniel Hernandez, joint tenants; part of Lots 19-20-21, Block 38, Heights Addition, town of Mineral Springs. \$70,000.

Apr. 09. Janice Russell Fountaine; to Wynn A. Miller and Della J. Miller as trustees of the Wynn A. & Della Miller Family Trust; 2 tracts; aggregate 1.381 ac. in S29 T11S R27W.

Apr. 09. United Methodist Children's Home, Inc.; to Ralph Morrison Jr.; Lots 24-25-26 and part of Lot 27; Block 4, R.L. Hayes Addition, Town of Nashville. \$65,000.

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JD 4640 Cab & Air w/duals Rhino VR12, 12 Wheel Hay Rack Hay Forks	MF 124 Square Baler	2014 Toyota Prius, 185,000 Miles, good condition
Kuhn Hyd Hay Fluffer	Cub Cadet RTZ Zero Turn Mower	Hobart 220 Welder
Krone Easy Cut TS 320 Mower, Trail Mower	Picnic Table and Chairs	JD 4430 Cab w/ JD 146 Loader, w/Hay Spear & Bucket
Kunota M7040 s/LA 1153 Loader w/Bucket & Hay Spear	Skid Steer Ditcher	F-250 7-3 Diesel
1 Row Cultivator	Chain Link Panels with Gates	2008 F-350 Single Wheel, 1 Ton, 4x4, Diesel, 140,000 Miles
Smoker	16 Ft. Trailer	18 Ft. Carhauler Trailer
Pole Trailer (Pintle Hitch)	Stihl Chain Saw	Fire Pit/Grill
20 Ft. Metal Top Stock Trailer	2 7/8 Pipe	Big Smoker
20 Ft. Gooseneck Refer Trailer	5 1/2 Pipe	2 Tractor Grill Guards
New Trailer Tires & Wheels (all sizes)	2 3/8 Pipe	150 Gallon Round Butane Tank (good)
Horse Hay Feeder	Small Gas Powered Mini Excavator	8'x16' Cattle Guard
Gooseneck Hitches	20 Ft. Container	Large Overhead Fuel Tank
Komatsu D37E Dozer 6 Way Blade	10 Ft. Container (New)	Prefiert New Cattle & Horse Hay Rings
Jaylor Mixer Wagon	2300 Ditch Witch (nice)	Kawasaki Mule 3010 4x4
Kubota 16 Ft. Trail Mower	2002 Lincoln Town Car (nice), low miles	Bar 6 Cake Feeder
3 Pt. Post Driver	2006 GM Extended Cab, 1/2 Ton, 120,000 Miles	JD 6420 Cab & Air 4x4 w/640 Loader, w/ Forks & Bucket
New Chains and Binders	Case 585 Tractor, hydraulics, w/canopy	Kubota 4180 Baler SS Silage, 6640 Rolls
New Clevis's	JD X300 Riding Mower (nice)	2022 Vermeer R2300 Hyd. Rake
New Lifting Chains	Bad Boy 60 In. Mower ZT Elite	Kubota B2350 Lawn Tractor
3Pt. Trailer Mox	3 Rolls of Net Wire	2005 F-350 King Ranch Flatbed, w/135k Miles, Diesel
New Fans	Stainless Steel Hog Feeders	2019 Kuhn 9 Ft. Hay Mower, 1 Owner (nice)
Pallet Fork Extensions	JD 2040 w/ John Deere 521 Loader	2019 JD 460 M Baler, New Laces
Overhead Fuel Tank	JD MX6 Cutter	Service, Every Year 1600 Bales
PTO Winch	New Prefiert Gates and Panels	Vermeer Hay Rake
Utility Trailers	(all sizes)	2012 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab, 4x4
3 Pt. 8 Ft. Massey Ferguson Disk	Picnic Table	1991 GMC 1500 4x4
3 Pt. Hydraulic Wood Splitter (nice)	Honda Pioneer Camo 4x4	Vicon 8 Ft. Hay Mower
King Size Iron Bed Frame	Woods 6 Ft. Disk	Rolex Watch
Cowhide Living Room Chair	Honda FourTrax 4-Wheeler	Farmall Tractor
Square Baler	861 Ford Diesel Tractor (original)	Pot Load Out Chute
4'x6' Tilt Trailer	2014 Kawasaki 4010 Trans 4x4	Misc. Front Hay Forks
Gas Log Splitter	2018 24'x6'x8' Escape Door, Rubber Floor, Tarp	3 Pt. 6 Ft. Blade
3 Pt. Garden Plow	8 Wheel Hay Rake	PLUS, MANY, MANY MORE ITEMS
3 Pt. 6 Ft. Disk	Schuler Mixer Wagon	
Hyd. Pasture Sprayer	2 Butane Tanks	
Hyd. Wood Splitter	2009 Ford F150 4x4, runs good, 265,000 miles, V-8	
	16 Ft. Trailers	

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Point of view

Military memories

The durndest things can pop into a weak mind

A couple of years ago I went to Little Rock for Arkansas’s “Welcome Home” event for Vietnam veterans. It was a really nice event held on the campus of UALR. The governor and a bunch of bigwigs were there. And lots of veterans, too. It’s amazing how old and fat some of them have gotten! Veterans, too.

So, I’ve been thinking about my days in uniform.
A couple of days after that swell LR event I took off for a reunion with some of my helicopter aircrewmembers buddies from US Navy Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron 4. We were to meet up in Charleston, S.C.

It’s been more than a half-century since I’ve seen them (except for one skinny Talco, Texas, boy). We were trained to hunt for submarines. Instead we got sent to the South China Sea. The electronic gear was taken out of our choppers, and machine guns were installed. We flew search and rescue missions up and down the coast, out at sea, and just little ways overland. There are about a dozen of us who are in touch daily by email, and 10 managed to be present for muster at the reunion.

So, I’ve been thinking about my days in uniform.
This column doesn’t start out about my days in uniform, but it gets there eventually.
So don’t give up.

MY ADVICE freely given to the board of directors at Howard Memorial Hospital is to seriously think about establishing a nose and ear hair clinic.

We got all kinds of clinics -- and I am proud of all of ‘em -- but, for instance, I really do not need a gynecology clinic. HMH has got urology, pediatric, dermatology, sleep, heart and other clinics, including one for geriatric behavioral health which I won’t try to explain right now.

What I need the most is a good, reliable nose and ear hair clinic.
It is one of the true mysteries of life why men’s noggin hair falls out at about the same time ear and nose hairs sprout so copiously.
Some people, myself included, have a hard time breathing because of the silver nose bristles that clog the nostrils. And I don’t need a hearing aid, I just need an open passageway into my ears.

This hair thing apparently has something to do with testosterone, but I won’t bother trying to explain it to you right now.

I just know that the clinician at the geriatric behavioral health clinic said -- with some disgust -- “You’ve got enough nose hair to weave a Navajo Indian blanket.”

HERE IT IS!

Reminds me of my Navy boot camp company commander (a tough little 1st Class Petty Officer who was one scary dude).

On the night before our first official personal inspection, he warned us to shave closely. “I don’t want to see no peach fuzz,” he growled. Man, he was really scary.

But one smart guy from Erie, Pa., decided that he really didn’t need to shave. “All I got is a little peach fuzz,” he told us fellow ‘boots’ after the company commander had left.

Next morning we lined up at attention for inspection. Our company commander walked down the line closely examining (1) fingernails; (2) how clean the neckline of our t-shirt was; (3) and the presence of facial hair.

He stopped in front of that know-it-all from Pennsylvania.
“I thought I told you no peach fuzz,” he said with glare that would have stunned a small animal or transgender sailor.

The company commander whipped out his trusty Zippo lighter; flicked it alive; and passed the flame over the boot’s chinny-chin. If you were standing close you could smell the burnt hairs.

The rest of our bootcamp company took to heart the lesson from that unofficial US Navy teaching opportunity.

And then ...

That night the company commander growled that we needed to wash our privates real good because next day the navy nurse was going to give us all an intimate inspection.

As he said this, he casually flipped the top of that Zippo open and closed. Open and closed. Open and closed. Click and clack.

Another teaching opportunity was avoided

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FAIR WEATHER. Both of you will remember that I have described mTHINGS I LEARNED from opening email: You know that tingly little feeling you get when you love someone? That’s common sense leaving your body.

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WORD GAMES. The twins: Cruel and Unusual. Their last name is Punishment.

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HE SAID: “Fortunate people often have very favorable beginnings and very tragic endings. What matters isn’t being applauded when you arrive - for that is common - but being missed when you leave.” Baltasar Gracian, theologian

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SHE SAID: “We lost the American colonies because we lacked the statesmanship to know the right time and the manner of yielding what is impossible to keep.” Elizabeth II, monarch

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House considers legislation to deal with Pharmacy Benefit Managers

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

Arkansas is at the center of a national battle between local pharmacies on the one hand, and on the other hand a giant industry known as Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). It is a battle of economic life and death.

Local pharmacies accuse PBMs of anti-competitive practices and multiple violations of state law. More than 60 local drug stores have gone out of business since 2016.

They support legislative approval of House Bill 1150 to prohibit PBMs from operating retail pharmacies in Arkansas.

A spokesman for a PBM said that if HB 1150 is passed, the corporation will close its 23 pharmacies in Arkansas. In emotional testimony, employees appeared at the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee and said they would lose their jobs if the bill passed.

A Senate co-sponsor said he is sympathetic with employees’ concerns about losing their jobs, but he also feels sympathy for the many people who have already lost their jobs because PBMs forced the closing of local pharmacies.

The Senate approved the bill by a vote of 26-to-9 and the House

approved it by a vote of 89-to-4. It’s on its way to the governor.

HB 1150 also would prohibit PBMs from using mail-order pharmacies to distribute prescription drugs in Arkansas.

A spokesman for local Arkansas pharmacies said that if the legislature approves HB 1150, it would create a domino effect and numerous other states would enact similar laws.

For that reason local pharmacists, corporate drug companies, elected officials and policy makers throughout the United States are watching Arkansas closely.

PBMs are middlemen between drug manufacturers and the hundreds of millions of Americans who purchase prescription drugs. PBMs negotiate with health insurance companies, pharmacy retail stores and companies that have self insurance for employees’ health coverage.

Opponents of HB 1150 say the government should not pass laws that interfere in the free market. Supporters of HB 1150 say that PBMs use anti-competitive practices toward creating a monopoly and don’t comply with existing laws.

HB 1150 is one of several laws

enacted by the legislatures to level the playing field between PBMs and local pharmacies. An Arkansas law regulating PBMs has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, the three largest PBMs set prices for 80 percent of the prescriptions filled in the United States.

As one Arkansas pharmacist said, PBMs are his competitor and they have the authority to set his prices.

PBMs are vertically integrated, meaning that they own or have a financial arrangement with other sectors of the health care industry, such as health insurance companies, hospitals and pharmacy retail franchises.

In related news, the Senate passed HB 1531 to prohibit drug manufacturers from restricting medications to a limited network of out-of-state pharmacies. Co-sponsors of HB 1531 say that if manufacturers restrict the availability of prescriptions to out-of-state mail-order companies, it would shut down access at local pharmacies, hospitals and clinics in Arkansas. That could harm patients, they say.

Hope, resilience in natural disasters

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Extreme weather and natural disasters are familiar to Arkansans. We have lived through tornadoes, severe storms, flooding, wildfires and even earthquakes that damage property, change communities and in some cases injure or cost lives. These events are never easy to endure.

But at every turn, the thing that defines our state as much as anything is our commitment to rally around our families, friends and neighbors in the aftermath.

It always materializes, yet it is important not to take that charitable and generous spirit for granted. This spring, Mother Nature is putting our commitment to the test in a seemingly relentless way.

Just last month, we watched as an outbreak of tornadoes, including two with EF-4 ratings, as well as severe storms pummeled the north central and northeast parts of our state leaving incredible damage, dozens of injuries and three fatalities in their wake.

Shortly thereafter, over 100 wildfires broke out in and around central Arkansas driven by strong winds that carried the flames over thousands of acres. Residents nearby were evacuated from their homes, outdoor activities were limited and firefighting teams from around the region were dispatched

to help contain and put out the blazes.

Unfortunately, conditions produced further rounds of storms, flash flooding and tornadic activity at the beginning of April.

These events took at least three lives and injured over a dozen other Arkansans in different parts of the state. Multiple communities received as much as one foot of rain.

That deluge precipitated harrowing scenes, including water rescues in Hardy and Camden where brave first responders and citizens helped save their neighbors from swiftly rising floodwaters.

Amid all this devastation and destruction, once again our state showed up for one another.

Whether it was cleanups in communities like Bryant to help get little league baseball fields back in playing shape or volunteers descending on places like Lake City to help clear debris, salvage personal belongings, offer meals or distribute cleaning supplies — there has been no shortage of acts of kindness toward those who experience such unimaginable hardship.

As in any crisis where threats to personal safety or energy sources transpire, we must also recognize the brave and selfless men and

women who answer the call to provide aid when most others are taking shelter.

The Arkansas National Guard has been on the ground in multiple communities providing various forms of support including helping shore up levee breaches, supplying potable water or helping drivers avoid treacherous roadways.

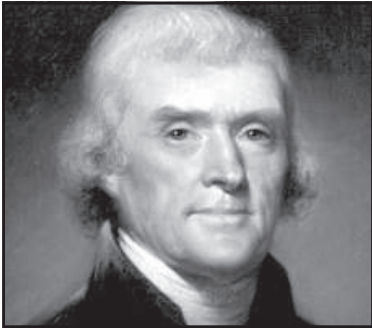
Similarly, electrical lineworkers in our state rose to the occasion and helped restore power to thousands of Arkansans as hazardous weather battered them.

In fact, those efforts were recognized by the state legislature which proclaimed April 9 as Arkansas Electrical Lineworkers Day to commend their efforts and dedication. And it should also be noted what a great job our meteorologists and the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management team did to keep Arkansans safe and informed.

Our hearts are with every community impacted by natural disasters, now working to pick up the pieces.

The strength of Arkansas is its people, who are meeting this moment with the strength and resilience we have seen time and again.

They never lose hope, and I look forward to working with state, local and federal leaders to offer them support as they rebuild and recover.



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Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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‘Revive’ set April 27 at Scrapper Arena

The third annual Revive will be held Sunday, April 27, at 5 p.m. in Scrapper Arena.

The event will include worship, music, testimonies and guest speaker Sean Emory, an illusionist/magician.

The first 600 guests will receive a free Chicken Express box.

Revive is open to surrounding communities and people of all ages.

“If you want to grow closer to Go and help your friends do the same, it’s the place to be,” organizers said.

Revive shirts, hats and other clothing items will be available.

Sale

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Master Gardeners are doing. The plant sale was a success, according to Myers.

“The people of this community seem to understand the concept of ‘paying it forward,’”he said.

“Their generous support helps Nashville Community Gardens do projects right here for the people of Howard County,” according to

Myers.

One of the next big projects for the Gardeners is to create a prairie garden.

Smith Ready Mix is donating \$6,300 worth of concrete for a walkway around the facilities of the Nashville Community Gardens as part of this project.

According to Myers, businesses like Smith Ready Mix and civic organizations are needed to help fund the maintenance and expansion of the NCG.

To say that Myers and

the other Master Gardeners were pleased with the turnout for the plant sale would be an understatement.

“Thank you to everyone for their support,” said Myers, “And thank you to the Howard County Master Gardeners for all their work.”

If you’re interested in becoming a Master Gardener or in donating to the Nashville Community Gardens, contact Michael Myers or current president Denise Graves.



THE WEEDS NEVER STOP. Naomi Owen works at the Nashville Community Garden during last weekend’s plant sale.



PLANT SALE. Michael Myers and a group of volunteers conducted the plant sale April 11-12 at the Nashville Community Garden.



PALM SUNDAY. Children wave their palm branches during Palm Sunday services April 13 at Nashville Global Methodist Church. Sunday was the start of Holy Week.



AT WILSON PARK. Karson Chambers pitches for Nashville Friday, April 11, during the Scrappers’ 11-1 home victory over De Queen. With the win, the Scrappers moved into second place in District 7-4A behind the Arkadelphia Badgers. Nashville is 4-2 in district, with two wins over Camden Fairview and two over De Queen. Magnolia won both conference meetings with the Scrappers. Teams are vying for seeding going into next month’s regional tournament at De Queen.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Nashville teams sweep De Queen

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Mason Honea bats at De Queen in the Scrappers' 5-0 District 7-4A win April 8.



Baylee Smith pitches in Nashville's 7-0 conference win April 8 at De Queen.



Luke Boon pitched a 5-0 shutout during Nashville's 5-0 road win over the Leopards.



Abbie Hill slides safely into third base April 8 in the second of two Scrapperette wins over De Queen last week. Nashville is 6-0 in District 7-4A.



Coach Zack Stewart sends Luke Boon home in the Scrappers' 11-1 victory over De Queen April 11 at Wilson Park. Nashville is in second place in District 7-4A at 4-2.



Hayden Gray takes his turn at the plate April 8 in Nashville's 5-0 road win over De Queen.



Kayla Bretado pitches April 11 in the Scrapperettes' 11-1 victory over the Lady Leopards at Futrell Field.



Gage Green takes off for first base Tuesday, April 8, at De Queen. Nashville's win broke a five game losing streak.



Elli Wallis makes the catch against De Queen April 11 at Futrell Field.



Natalie Nolte makes the catch ahead of the Lady Leopard's arrival at first base April 8 during the Scrapperettes' 7-0 win at De Queen. Nashville was 6-0 in District 7-4A going into this week's conference games against Hope.

Scrapaganza and chicken dinner softball fund-raiser Friday, April 18, Futrell Field 5:30 p.m.

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Luke Boon, Nashville

Luke, a Scrapper junior, pitched a shutout at De Queen April 8 in Nashville's 5-0 conference victory over the Leopards, who were undefeated in District 7-4A going into the game.

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FIND NEW ROADS

Home&Heart Pressure Canner Safety

By Angie Freel
Howard County EA – FCS

I remember helping my grandmother and my mom in the garden, snapping green beans on the front porch and eventually helping to can those vegetables. A lot of hard work goes into preserving garden fresh vegetables and we want to make sure we have the equipment ready for the job.

Many canners are passed down or bought at estate sales or yard sales. While there is definitely nothing wrong with that, it is important that the pressure canner

be working properly.

How do I know if my canner is safe?

The only way to know that is to have it tested to ensure the safety of the food being processed. If your canner isn't working properly the foods in the jar can be under-processed, which even in a pressure canner, can increase the chance that botulism spores may still be present in the jars!

How do I get my canner tested?

I recently sent Howard County's testing gauge to Presto to have it checked and

calibrated and I'm ready to test your dial gauge pressure canners to determine accuracy of the gauge. Dial gauges should be tested annually to assure that the pressure indicated on the dial is accurate.

Pressure gauge testing is free, and you may bring your pressure gauge (lid only) and drop it off at our office at 421 N. Main in Nashville for testing and we will call you when it's ready to be picked up. Older canners have gauges that do not separate from the lid so bring the entire lid. You may

also bring the rubber gaskets from your canner lids, and I'll advise you on if it's time to order a new one. If you would rather schedule an appointment, please call our office to do so. Please note that we do not test weighted gauges.

Pressure canning is the only recommended method for canning meat, poultry, seafood, and low acid vegetables.

Pressure canners destroy the bacterium Clostridium Botulinum which can be found in low-acid foods when they are processed at

the correct time and pressure in pressure canners.

If Clostridium botulinum bacteria survive and grow inside a sealed jar of food, they can produce a poisonous toxin. **Even a taste of food containing this toxin can be fatal. Using boiling water bath canners when a pressure canner is intended will pose an increased real risk of botulism poisoning.**

Pressure does not destroy microorganisms, but high temperatures applied for an adequate period of time do kill microorganisms. The success of destroying all microorganisms capable of growing in canned food is based on the temperature obtained in pure steam, free of air. A canner operated at a gauge pressure of 10.5 pounds of pressure provides an internal temperature of 240°F.

Green beans and tomatoes are among the most popular vegetables for home canning. **Because of their low acidity, vegetables such as green beans must be processed in a pressure canner.**

We also have the newest edition of *So Easy to Preserve* for sale in our office as well as free publications with updated U.S. Department of Agriculture recommendations for home canning. If your home canning recipes are older than 5 years old, it is time to get new ones with the latest recommendations.

Recipe of the Week
Easy Chicken Pot Pie

1 large can chicken – drained

One box of ready-made refrigerated pie crusts (includes 2 crusts)

1 large can of mixed vegetables – drained

1 can of condensed cream of chicken soup

Greek seasoning (optional)

Preheat oven at 350 degrees. Unroll one pie crust and line the bottom of a pie dish or cast-iron skillet. In a separate bowl combine chicken, vegetables, cream of chicken soup and pour into pie crust. Top with 2nd pie crust, seal the edges, and make 4 slits in the top of the crust. Bake for 30 minutes or until the top is lightly brown. I like to sprinkle Greek seasoning over the top of the pie crust. Cool for 10 minutes. You'll be surprised how tasty this pot pie is considering the limited ingredients.

*Special thanks to Carla Due for her contribution to this article.

For more information on how to pressure can, canner safety or getting your gauge tested, call the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517 or visit our office on the second floor of the courthouse. The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.



BRINGING HOME THE BRONZE. The Howard County Children's Center Basketball Bulldogs recently competed in the state tournament where they received a bronze medal for third place. Team members include (back from left) Boone McJunkins, Cutter Ford, Billy Roach, Jase Coleman; (front) Audrie Scott, Randy Martin, Carrie Rand and Matthew Wilson. The team is coached by Aaron Cooley and Kayla McWhorter.

Farmers' market meeting April 17

With the growing season rapidly upon us, a farmers' market vendor information meeting will be held on April 17 at 6 p.m.

The event will be held at Murfreesboro City Hall, located at 805 North Wash-

ington Avenue.

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Autrey, Hughlen L., 57, Ashdown, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,740 owed
Balderas, David Alejandro, 25, De Queen, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Burch, Tyler, 31, Nashville, \$270 BF, speeding
Compton, David J., 41, Murfreesboro, guilty of defective equipment, fined \$240
English, Timothy D., 39, Glenwood, \$195 BF, improper lighting
Frachiseur, Garrett, 33, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Hall, Roger A. Jr., 24, Hope, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Hamilton, Rebecca A., 42, Washington, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Hessland, Yolanda, 49, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of speeding, fined \$250; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70
Howard, Marcus T., 51, Texarkana, guilty of speeding, fined \$224; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Jenks, Robert J., 47, Little Rock, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$145
Koussa, Henry H., 49, Las Vegas, Nev., \$245 BF, speeding
Kropf, Kenneth, 45, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Lucero, Sabino, 21, De Queen, \$240 BF, speeding
Marshall, Khmaron T., 25, Mineral Springs, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Martinez, David L., 28, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$230; guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$610
McMurtrie, George III, 21, Kirby, \$250 BF, speeding
Merrell, Jason D., 38, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Nichols, Jesus, 36, De Queen, guilty of 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
Parker, David A., 46, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,060 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Reed, Jeffrey, 59, Mineral Springs, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Richard, Teniah S., 26, Texarkana, \$250 BF, speeding
Rosenbaum, Kollin, 19, Mineral Springs, guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$345
Rosenbaum, Thomas J., 23, Lockesburg, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Schee, Marty W., 44, Malvern, \$215 BF, improper or prohibited passing
Twisdale, Parker Clay, 24, Benton, \$250 BF, speeding
Williams, Jessica E., 24, De Queen, \$260 BF, speeding
Williams, Robert Lee, 31, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving with suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

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Benson, Lawrence, 28, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, ficed \$245
Boone, Kristen R., 23, Mineral Springs, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Bosch, James, 51, Burnhead City, Ariz., guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560
Brown, Monica D., 52, Nashville, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance; \$45 BF, no seat belt
Buck, Daniel E., 40, Amity, \$370 BF, violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law; \$265 BF, failure to appear
Dixon, Truman D., 29, Lockesburg, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,578 owed, committed to jail for 30 days-suspended conditions; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Gonzalez, Sacramento L., 29, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$495 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Hall, Roger A. Jr., 24, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,756 owed
Hamilton, Leo Alexander, 40, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hearon, Kadesia, 29, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Hessland, Yolanda D., 49, Nashville, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$389.85; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Jetton, Kejuan Kiara, 35, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,080 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Johnson, Clifford, 69, Nashville, \$185 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Luster, Mya S., 26, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$460 owed
Maxwell, Victoria N., 21, Mineral Springs, \$270 BF, criminal trespass
Munn, Willie L., 68, Ozan, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,050 and license suspended for six months; guilty of drinking on highway, fined \$220; guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$810 and credited for time served; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of driving on highway, fined \$220; guilty of violation of Ignition/Interlock device, fined \$445; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of possession of open container of alcohol in vehicle, fined \$220; guilty of shoplifting, fined \$675.70
Parker, Cheyenne, 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,079 owed
Quiroz, Hali Diane, 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$210 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Ross, Quintisha R., 39, Hope, guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195
Scoggins, Darell B., 39, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$435 owed, committed to jail
Scott, Yolanda K., 49, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,385 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Septon, Christian D., 47, New Boston, Texas, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Staggers, Tiffany Dawn, 41, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$440 owed; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of illegal use of ATV, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Sullins, Michael L., 57, Delight, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,040 owed; guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$145
Teague, Debra, 71, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$145



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HAPPY TRAILS TO JACALA. A retirement celebration was held Friday, April 11 for Jacala Lathrop, who has worked for Sharpe's Department Store in Nashville for 24 years with 13 as manager. In attendance for the party were (from left) new store manager Angie Lathrop, Michelle Morse, Jacala Lathrop, Tina Carver, Deede Reed, Maira Couch, Susie Berruquin and Amanda Lathrop.

Victoria, Oliver T., 18, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Weaver, Ivy, 40, Nashville, guilty of fleeing, fined \$510
Williams, Robert Lee, 31, Mineral Springs, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Xoi Tut, Jaime, 20, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Bench Trials
Howard County
McCoy, Ellis, 55, Mineral Springs, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended for six months and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of refusing chemical test, fined \$260; guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$610 and sentenced to 10 days in jail-suspended

Pediatric measles confirmed in Arkansas; first since 2018

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is reporting a confirmed pediatric measles case in an unvaccinated Arkansas resident from Saline County. The individual who tested positive was exposed during out of state travel. As of April 10, this is the only measles case in Arkansas since 2018.

Measles is a highly contagious illness that can cause severe health complications. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, conjunctivitis, and rash. Patients are infectious for both four days before and after they develop a rash. The measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine can provide long-lasting protection.

The case visited the following locations while infectious:

- Baptist Health Urgent Care on Military Rd. in Benton, AR on 4/6, 3:30 to 6: 09 p.m.
- Saline Memorial Hospital Emergency Department on 4/6, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- Benton Family Clinic on 4/8, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Arkansas Children's Emergency Department on 4/8, 11:49 a.m. to 5:59 p.m.

No exposures have been identified at daycares or schools.

Anyone at any of the identified locations during those dates and times is urged to get up to date on the MMR vaccine as quickly as possible.

If the MMR vaccine is given soon after exposure, it can stop the infection from developing. If someone is unable to receive the MMR vaccine, they should discuss options with their health care provider.

The ADH and affected facilities will be contacting potentially exposed individuals.

Anyone at those locations during those days and times may have been exposed to measles and should monitor for symptoms for 21 days after exposure.

If you were at one of these locations during the listed dates and times and developed symptoms, immediately contact your health care provider by phone and state that you were potentially exposed to measles and are now experiencing symptoms. The healthcare provider will need to immediately contact ADH at 1-866-940-7568.

People who received the MMR vaccine or were born before 1957 are generally considered immune.

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Fate of city’s dumpster service hinges on 2-month trial, starting May 1

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

People who use (and those who abuse) the trash dumpster offered by the city of Murfreesboro will have a two-month trial to clean up their acts or lose the service altogether, starting May 1.

For years, the city has provided the dumpster, sometimes two, and for years it has been an ongoing issue to keep the area around the dumpster clean.

That will all change May 1 when the gate to the dumpster will only be open from 4 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed for the weekend. The Murfreesboro City Council approved the new hours after coming close Monday night to discontinuing the service due to the mess it creates and man-hours it takes to clean it up.

The gate to the dumpster, which is located on the south side of the old chicken processing plant along the drive that leads to city property, is currently open until the dumpster is full.

One of the main issues discussed Monday was when the dumpster is full and the gate is closed that some people just throw their trash on the ground outside the gate or over the fence.

The dumpster is officially for household garbage only but it’s not uncommon to find loads of construction and yard waste, furniture, etc., piled high and/or on the ground.

“They have a tendency to miss the dumpster, too,” said Mayor Jim O’Neal.

O’Neal, who is in favor of discontinuing the service, told the council that come Monday mornings “there

is a ring of trash” around the dumpster that has to be cleaned up and regularly packed down by city employees. O’Neal added that discontinuing the use of the dumpster would not be a disservice to the city residents because the city already provides a trash pick-up service.

Council member Jane Fugitt agreed and said the service is also heavily used by people from outside the city limits. The solution for those people would be taking their trash to the Pike County landfill, which is open five days a week (including Saturday) and has a household garbage dumpster.

“It’s going to sting either way,” said council member Mark Barnes, who is also in favor of discontinuing the service but voted for the two-month trial. Barnes added that the need to keep the area clean and sanitary is even more important now that the new Murfreesboro softball/baseball complex is open just yards away from the site.

According to Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb, the city spent close to \$16,000 in hauling fees for 107 dumpsters in 2024 with the county reimbursing the city 65% of that annual cost.

Council member Cody Bachmann is in favor of keeping the service and said he is confident people will wise up during the trial period. He made the motion for the trial period, which passed 5-1 with Fugitt voting against the measure.

All council members were present Monday, including Fugitt, Barnes, Bachman, Lewis Gills, Kirk Stone and Betty O’Neal.



Photo Courtesy of southwestkansasaradio.com

NEW BUSINESS WELCOMED. Adley Stewart, NP, and her Family Care Clinic hosted a ribbon-cutting and community coffee Wednesday, Apr. 9, at her office, 208 S. Main, Nashville. Her practice is in the same building as the chiropractic practice of her father, Dr. Craig Kirchoff. The building at one time was the home of the ‘Nashville News.’ Friends, family members and Nashville Chamber of Commerce representatives joined Dr. Stewart, who is in the white lab coat standing behind the big ribbon bow in the picture.

Pike County convicted felon charged with weapon violation

A convicted felony residing in Murfreesboro has been charged in Pike County with being in possession of a firearm.

Carlton Anthony Breazeale, 41, was charged April 11. He plead innocent to the charge Monday and is currently being held in the county jail on \$10,000 bond. A June 2 pretrial date was set for his case.

Breazeale was arrested on March 29 after the Murfreesboro Police Department received a tip that Breazeale was in possession of a shotgun and that he had pawned the weapon in Murfreesboro.

The sale was verified by Murfreesboro Assistant Chief

Mackenzie Vermillion and a hold was placed on the weapon.

Also on April 11, drug charges were filed in Pike County Circuit Court against Nathan Lee Hoover, 24, of Glenwood. He is charged with possession of drugs and paraphernalia and plead innocent to the charges Monday. He is currently in county custody on \$10,000 bond with an Aug. 4 pretrial date scheduled.

Hoover was arrested on April 1 following at traffic stop by the Glenwood Police Department where suspected methamphetamine and paraphernalia were found in this vehicle.

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'If you feel different, you drive different'

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is teaming up with Arkansas law enforcement to urge drivers to stay sober behind the wheel.

Sunday, April 20, marks the unofficial marijuana "holiday," and there will likely be an increase in marijuana use.

Marijuana laws are changing constantly across the country, but one thing remains: Impaired driving is illegal and deadly. NHTSA is reminding all drivers: *If You Feel Different, You Drive Differently. Drive High, Get a DWI.*

"If you are impaired, do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle," said Arkansas Public Safety Secretary Colonel Mike Hagar.

"Use good judgement. Obey the law, and make safe choices when driving a vehicle. Your decisions don't just affect you — they affect everyone on the road."

If you think being high won't affect your driving, you're wrong, said the ASP.

It has been proven that marijuana can slow reaction times, impair cognitive performance, and make it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane. Whether the drug is legally obtained or not, drug-impaired driving poses a threat to everyone on the road.

According to the ASP, those who plan to use marijuana on 4/20 (or any day) should not drive. If you find yourself drug-impaired and stranded with your vehicle, give your keys to a sober driver who can safely drive you home or to a safe place. Remind your friends to never get in the vehicle with an impaired driver.

If you have a friend who is about to drive while high, don't let the drive and help them get home safely. Don't worry about offending someone — they'll thank you later.



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SECOND AT STATE CONTEST. The Dierks High School FFA Landing Judging Team recently placed second in the state competition held at the University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville. Team members and their placing include (from left) Mason Smith, fifth place; Peyton Boeckman, 38th place; Connor Bailey, seventh place; and Zachary Hodges, 18th place.

Frog-gigging season adjusted to protect breeding season

By Randy Zellers
AG&FC

Frog-gigging can be one of the most exciting adventures available for outdoors enthusiasts on a late spring night, but froggers will have to wait a little longer as the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has reset the opening night of the season to June 1, instead of its traditional April 15 opener.

The change was made during last year's regulations cycle, but this will be the first year it is in place. The Commission had heard many comments and concerns over a perceived decrease in bullfrog populations in some areas of the state.

In an abundance of caution to conserve bullfrog populations, the AGFC's

Fisheries Division staff recommended a delayed start to the season to protect the amphibian's mating season.

According to AGFC Herpetologist Dr. Amanda Bryant, bullfrog reproduction typically begins in mid-April through early May and peaks around June.

Protecting frogs for an extra month and a half helps contribute to successful reproduction, which in turn can help stabilize wild populations.

"Surrounding states have similar season start dates," Bryant said.

"Missouri opens on June 30; Tennessee opens on July 1, and Louisiana does not allow take of bullfrogs in April or May to allow them to mate and lay eggs before harvest begins."

The season still closes at midnight Dec. 31, and all other regulations concerning frogs remain in place.

Only bullfrogs may be harvested, and a valid fishing license is required.

The limit is 18 frogs per day, measured from noon one day until noon the next day. Hunters may use bow-and-arrow, hook-and-line, a long multi-tined spear called a gig, or they may simply snatch them up by hand. Bullfrogs may not be sold except by fish farmers with a valid commercial bullfrog permit.

Visit <https://www.agfc.com/education/alternative-fishing-methods> for more information on regulations concerning frog gigging and other alternative methods of fishing.

Kirby VFD to host bass tourney May 17

The first Kirby Volunteer Fire Department bass tournament will be held on Saturday, May 17 at the Self Creek boat ramp on Lake Greeson.

The event will be held from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with an entry free of 100 per boat. AGFC regulations will be enforced.

The tournament will be held in the Major League Fishing style with weigh-ins of 20 fish per boat. The fish must be black/Kentucky bass only.

Entries may be comprised of two adults and one youth, one adult and two youth or two adults with kids being defined as 13 years or younger.

Boats with youth are eligible to receive extra prizes.

Weigh ins will be at 11 a.m. (30 minute weigh-in) and at 3:30 p.m.

Entry for takeoff will be determined at a drawing the morning of the tournament.

Guaranteed prize money includes:

- First Place -- \$1,500
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Easter egg hunt April 19 at Kirby Landing

A Kirby Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will be held at 448 Kirby Landing Road and is being presented by Kick-It Back Cabins and RV Park.

The event will benefit the Kirby Volunteer Fire Department.

Attendees can meet the Easter Bunny, eat hot dogs and participate in games.

Prizes will be awarded and golden eggs are available to be found for each age division.

Bake, meat sale to raise funds for OCC April 19

An Easter Bake and Meat Sale will be conducted on Saturday, April 19 at the City Service Station at the Pike County Courthouse Square.

Proceeds from the event will go toward Operation Christmas Child.

The sale begins at 8 a.m. and will be conducted until the products are sold out.

Along with the many baked goods, smoked Boston butts and hams will be available.

For more information, contact Sheila at (870) 451-3000 or Genyne (870) 285-5015.

Good Friday service at Delight

Good Friday services will be held on Friday, April 18 starting at 7 p.m. at the Delight City Park.

In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Delight Gymnasium.

The final words of Jesus will be the topic, with speakers including Travis Williams, James Smith, Jim Henderson, Brian Doyle, Travell Green, Charles May and Larry Bloomfield.

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Cattle market prices soar over five-year averages

By Ryan McGeeney
U of A System Division of Agriculture

Prices for both steer calves and slaughtered steers in the United States rose to record highs in the first quarter of 2025, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Medium and Large No. 1 steer calf prices were seen between \$3.16 and \$3.88 per pound, fetching as much as \$2,054 for a \$650-pound steer.

Averaging more than \$350 per hundredweight, the average price for similar steers from 2019-2023 was about \$175-\$200 per hundredweight.

Slaughter steer prices were similarly elevated, ranging from about \$200-\$215 per hundredweight between January and March of this year, compared to \$130-\$140 per hundredweight from 2019-2023.

James Mitchel, livestock economist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said the elevated prices are due to the slight reduction in U.S.

cattle inventory, paired with the steep curve of supply and demand in livestock marketing.

“We’re seeing prices that are 15 percent higher, year over year, depending on the market,” Mitchell said. “Cattle supply is a very inelastic supply, meaning that even very small changes in quantity can lead to very large changes in price. This is especially true in the cow-calf sector, where production decisions are made well in advance and can’t quickly adjust to short-run market changes.”

In January, the USDA’s Cattle Inventory Report reflected an approximately 1 percent decrease in the overall U.S. cattle inventory, from 87.2 million to 86.7 million. Arkansas cattle production was in line with that estimate, falling from 1.57 million head in 2024 to 1.56 million in 2025.

Mitchell said the nature of that steep curve is rooted in the biological factors of beef production.

“If you think about the cow-calf sector, if producers

see really high prices, they can’t immediately respond to that by increasing supply overnight,” Mitchell said. “It takes time to do that. A producer has to expand their cattle herd. If they want more cows, they have to retain more heifers, those heifers need to be developed and bred and they have to give birth to a calf, which then has to be weaned and sold. That’s a year-and-a-half to two-year process.

“So, the supply curve is really steep because there’s a biological lag between observing high prices and being able to do anything about it,” Mitchell said.

Retail pricing lag

Mitchell said these higher prices will likely trickle down to consumers in the latter part of 2025 and continue through 2026.

“We’ll see beef production start to pull back this year, and that production will pull back even further in 2026, so we’ll see higher retail beef prices,” he said. “Those prices are already really high, so we’ll test what that maximum willingness to pay will be in the next year or two.

“Consumers showed us during the COVID pandemic that they’re pretty resilient,” he said.

“One potential response from consumers is some trading down in the types of beef consumed.”

Mitchell noted that beef prices are only one aspect of consumers’ beef preference. Income, beef quality and food safety are examples of other factors beyond price that matter, he said.

“I think there are bigger-picture macro-economic concerns from consumers,” he said. The most-recently published Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index, which tracks the overall attitude toward the national economy among American survey respondents, reflected a pessimistic outlook in consumer expectations about the future.

“That has a bearing on consumer spending,” Mitchell said. “That will affect beef as well.”



WALK-INS WELCOME. Candy Ward, NP, behind the ribbon bow at center, along with her staff, well-wishers and Nashville Chamber of Commerce representatives, was joined Thursday morning for the traditional ribbon-cutting to welcome Access Families Health Care, LLC, to the business community. Her practice is located at 410 N. Main, Nashville.

JA’s Easter Bake Sale this Friday

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Little River	8,395	4,871	3,079	165,463	664	1,332	3,285	1,113	6,216	194,418
Pike	409	145	10,282	157,741	1,800	1,690	3,172	2,193	5,733	183,165
Sevier	7,203	475	3,525	206,622	1,238	1,278	4,366	2,230	8,146	235,083
State Total	\$1,188,024	\$638,473	\$1,656,885	\$42,945	\$427,220	\$665,178	\$1,200,352	\$580,348	\$2,347,474	\$51,646,960
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ELECTION COMMISSION NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

The Polk County Election Commission hereby gives notice that there will be an Annual School Election in the County of Polk, State of Arkansas. In accordance with the requirements of Ark. Code Ann. § 614109, notice is hereby given that the annual school election for the following school districts (the “District”) will be held on May 13, 2025, for the follow-ing purposes:

COSSATOT RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT –

To elect member to the Board of Directors for a term of 5 years –
JARED STROTHER COSSATOT RIVER SCHOOL BOARD, ZONE 4

To submit the question of voting a total school tax rate (state and local) of 44.0 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of taxable property located in this School District. The proposed tax includes the uniform rate of 25.0 mills (the “State-wide Uniform Rate”) to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 44.0 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 19.0 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The existing 19.0 debt service mills now pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness, which debt service mills will continue after retirement of the bonds to which now pledged, will be a continuing debt service tax until the retire-ment of proposed bonds to be issued in the principal amount of \$4,325,000, and which will mature over a period of 30 years, and will be issued for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new Agriculture building and CTE building; constructing and equipping a new multipurpose facility; paving parking lots; and constructing, refurbishing, remodel-ing and equipping other school facilities. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 44.0 mills represents the same tax rate currently being levied.

Only qualified electors of the District will have the right to vote and the electors may vote either for or against the question described above.

Early voting will be available from 8:00 o’clock a.m. to 4:30 o’clock p.m. from Tuesday, May 6, 2025, through Monday, May 12, 2025, at the following locations:

POLK COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE, 507 CHURCH AVENUE, MENA, AR 71953

Absentee voting will be conducted through the County Clerk’s Office, 507 Church Avenue, Mena, AR 71953. To re-quest an absentee ballot please call the County Clerk’s Office at 479-394-8126 from 8:00 o’clock a.m. to 4:30 o’clock p.m. Monday through Friday. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, you must request an absentee ballot from the County Clerk’s Office. You will not automatically receive an absentee ballot application.

Absentee ballots will be opened, processed, canvassed and counted at 6:00 o’clock p.m., on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the following location:

POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 507 CHURCH AVENUE, MENA, AR 71953

The election will be held between the hours of 7:30 o’clock a.m. and 7:30 o’clock p.m., on May 13, 2025, at the follow-ing polling places in the District, to wit:

DEQUEEN STREET ARMORY, 601 DEQUEEN STREET, MENA, AR 71953
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Voters may vote at whichever vote center is most convenient for them on Election Day.

Compiling and Publishing Unofficial Election Results will be from 7:30 o’clock p.m. until completion on election night at the Courthouse.

The Polk County Election Commission will meet Monday, May 19, 2025, at 1:00 o’clock p.m. in the conference room of the Polk County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting is to meet with any voter who voted provisional, and to review, and count all provisional ballots cast during the May School Election. Also, certify the election if all UOCAVA absentee ballots have been received. If there are any outstanding UOCAVA absentee ballots, there will be a meeting of the Polk County Election Commission on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 3:00 o’clock p.m. in the basement of the Polk County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting is for canvassing and counting of UOCAVA absentee ballots, and to certify the results of the 2025 Annual School Election, if needed. All meetings of the County Election Commission are open to the public.

The Polk County Election Commission will meet on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 9:00 o’clock a.m. at the Polk County Office Complex at 606 Pine Street, Mena, AR. The purpose of this meeting is to test voting equipment and approve the list of poll workers for the May Election. All meetings of the County Election Commission are open to the public.

A list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found, beginning Monday, April 28, 2025, at the following location:

AT THE DOOR OF THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 507 CHURCH AVENUE, MENA, AR 71953

An objection to the service of an elected official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy must be filed as follows:

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VIEWING YOUR BALLOT PRIOR TO VOTING –

Any voter may look up his or her sample ballot on the Secretary of State’s website at: <https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/voterview>. Sample ballots will be available on Monday, May 5, 2025. Sample ballots will also be available for pickup at the Polk County Courthouse or for viewing purposes only at the vote centers on Election Day.

GIVEN this 14th day of April 2025.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

By: Gar Eisele, Chairman
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Fourth-graders from all of Howard County's schools were invited to the association's annual Farm Day event held on April 15.
Photos by John Balch, The Nashville News-Leader



PC Q-court meets to assess storm damage

By P.J. Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond

The Pike County Quorum Court met in a specially called meeting last Thursday to address the need for road repair after as much as 13 inches were dumped across the county from April 2-6.

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard gave local rainfall totals from across the state, including figures of 13.1 inches southwest of Antioine, 12.85 inches in Delight and 10.92 inches in Murfreesboro.

He said that there were at least 50 roads in the county with "severe damage" and said that the bridge on Strawberry Road near Delight has sunk 16 inches and was a "total loss." The bridge was built in 2007.

It was also noted that there was significant damage on the CC Road in Lodi and a 30' collapse of the Pike City Road.

"There's almost not a road in the county that wasn't affected ... but most just need grading and fill added," Howard said.

Pike County Emergency Management Coordinator Lee Vincent gave a short pictorial/ video presentation of the damage.

Thanks to the widespread damage throughout the state, Howard said it was quite possible that the disaster reaches Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) thresholds for federal aid. Should the state and county qualify, they could reap 70% reimbursement for the repair efforts, otherwise would only qualify for a 30% reimbursement from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) and the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT).

Howard noted that the reimbursement – either way – wouldn't been soon.

"It might be three to four years down the line," he told the court.

However, in anticipation of possible refunds, the court was asked to approve new accounts that would aid for accounting over the repair efforts.

"Part of FEMA guide-

lines is daily records are required," Howard said in response of questions from justices about how the county would keep up with total costs.

"Ultimately, [proper recording] will fall back on me."

He added that not ever dollar spent will qualify for reimbursement.

"Minor work might not be considered as it is just maintenance and not considered catastrophic repair. [FEMA] will weed through it, not all will qualify – they will do their own inspections. They won't blindly give money away."

He estimated the total damages at \$735,000, but said that with the other counties' flooding and tornado/wind damage should be able to collectively hit the threshold, which he said he thought was four million dollars.

"The bottom line is the roads are tore up, and we have to fix them," Howard said, noting that they were progressing in a "methodical and logical" manner to repair roads that were the worst off, especially those that were unpassable to homes.

"We just have to get back to where people can get home," he said noting that several residents were either stuck at home or unable to get back.

He noted that the Camp Tula Road was a priority due to being part of a bus route.

"Some parts of roads were literally washed away – we'll use the culverts that remain, while some ended up wherever a river took them. We'll replace the culverts bigger so the water won't top the roads again. It's a huge scope."

Justice John Plyler said that any money reimbursed should come back to county

general and not to the county road account.

"We have money in the intermodal fund that we have been saving for a rainy day. I'm concerned about a [proper] paper trail ... we'll lose our butts if there isn't one."

"We've been putting back \$250,000 a year when we could, which sounds like a lot, until something like this happens. This is the worst I've ever seen in 40 years."

Howard said that he was asking for \$735,00, but didn't plan to use it all unless absolutely necessary.

Plyler was more cynical. "It always gets used ... it's how it works."

The court unanimously approved the creation of the new accounts, but hit a snag when the appropriation

ordinance for the \$735,000 included a separate appropriation for a new roller for the road department was included.

In March the court had disapproved the same move, but Howard pleaded his cause that the machine was even more needed now to augment the road department's capacity.

"The compacted roads fared far better than the un-compacted roads. We use the packer as much as we do the graders almost every day. The roller will help rebuild roads, and the process will slow down without it – with work of this magnitude, it will be used daily."

The roller is a 2014 HAM H-11 compactor that will cost \$45,000, and is valued at \$74,000 according to How-

ard.

In March, Howard told the court that such a machine would cost \$5,000 a week to rent, and that road building cannot be accomplished without one.

The purchase would not take more money, and would come from Howard's already allocated road department budget for 2025.

After voting in last Thursday's meeting, the original motion failed by a 5-2 vote with justices Richard Mohlenhoff and Paul Baker not in attendance at the meeting.

Justices Leotis Snowden and Seth Kirkham cast the no votes.

The motion was brought back up excluding the purchase of the roller and it passed unanimously.

In March the motion to purchase the roller failed after Mohlenhoff, Snowden and Kirkham voted no to the measure. "I only see the need for one [roller] It's more equipment than we need," Snowden said in March.

Neither Snowden or Kirkham were moved by the further discussion in April, even with the addition of Howard that the machine's use could be charged in a FEMA recoup – to the tune of \$155.03 per hour – and that would also help pay for the machine.



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