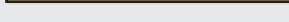


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OBITUARIES



Aberdeen Douglas Johnson
Services Apr. 26, 2025
Sunrise: October 10, 1941 –
Sunset: April 11, 2025
Aberdeen Douglas Johnson departed this life on April 11, 2025. He was born Oct. 21, 1941, in Paraloma, to the late Sammie and Hesia Lee Johnson. He is the grandson of the late Charlie Johnson and Allie B Johnson and maternal grandson of the late Lawrence and Alabama Vaughn.

After graduating from Howard County Training School in 1961. He worked in Chicago for a short period of time, prior to joining the US Army. After the military, he spent his work life years working on cars which was something that he loved and was very passionate about. He was a radiator technician at Master radiator shop located on the Southside of Chicago, Ill.

He retired to Hot Springs, Ark., where he spent many hours with his brother-in-law Robert Williams on the banks of Ouachita Lake fishing. He loved planting a garden and harvesting his vegetables. He enjoyed cooking his favorite foods with his favorite spices and giving helpful hints on how to cook.

Two sons proceeded him in death: Aberdeen Johnson, Jr., and Robert Earl Johnson.

He leaves to mourn: his daughter, Marquita Roberts (Jihan) and their mother, Mamie Lee Hill – St. Paul, Minn.; Grandchildren: Catrice Williams and Antonio Jones (Aberdeen Jr.'s children) Sade Johnson, Dylita Johnson, Jamaris Johnson, Robert Johnson Jr. and Lamya Johnson (Robert Johnson Sr.'s children) Shadesia Hill, Doshelle Davis, and Shondale Griffith (Marquita Roberts' children); Great-grandchildren are Daejah, Mariah, Janae, Demar, De'Cari Jr., Ni'lah, Ri'Cayha, Halo, Dailyn, A'Meena, and Nasir.

Surviving siblings: Rev. Sammie Lee Johnson (Irene) Enterprise, Ala.; Virginia Johnson Scott-Tyler, Texas; Shirley Williams -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.. He was preceded in death by brothers and their wives: Wilkie Lawrence Johnson (Fannie) and Bertram Johnson (Yong Cha).

His former wife, Jewel Merie Herrell - Chicago, Ill.; Lorenda, Sabrina, Angie, Melvin; host of nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, great-great nephews and nieces, Special sister-in-law, Maria, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

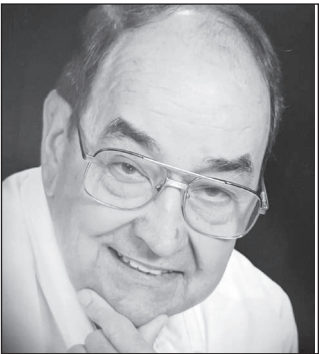
Aberdeen D. Johnson will be remembered by his families for his passion for cars, and his love for gardening, fishing, and cooking. His legacy will live on through his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services: Apr. 26, 2025 | Public Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Funeral: 11:00 a.m. | Location: Scott's Memorial United Methodist Church | 1330 Hwy 234 | Lockesburg, AR 71846 (Paraloma, AR is the community) | GPS: Paraloma Landing | Repass: Scott's Memorial United Methodist Church.

Jim 'Jimbo' Carlton

Jim Carlton, 72, of Nashville died Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Arrangements are with Latimer Funeral Home.



Gary Bobo

Gary Bobo, age 75, a resident of Dierks, Ark., passed away on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his wife and children.

He was born Jan. 24, 1950, in Hot Springs, Ark. He was a pastor for Fellowship Baptist Church, Temperanceville Baptist Church, Fulton Baptist Church, and interim pastor at First Baptist Church in Dierks. He worked for Dierks Public Schools for 29 years as a business teacher, high school counselor, and high school principal. He enjoyed hunting, being outside with his grandchildren, his dog Coco, and his cat Gracie.

Mr. Bobo was preceded in death by his parents, Gus A. and Freeda Mae Loudermilk Bobo; one brother, Gene Bobo; mother and father-in-law, Dillard and Ila Hill; sister-in-law, Sandy Simmons; and brother-in-law, Michael Hill.

Mr. Bobo is survived by his wife of 55 years, Janet (Hill) Bobo; one son and daughter-in-law, James (JoAnna) Bobo of Dierks; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jana (Gene) Strode of Dierks, and Jennifer (Jason) Bishop of Texarkana, Ark.; sister, Joyce (Richard) Cross of Mineola, Texas; sister-in-law, Madonna Hill of Dierks; sister-in-law, Cathy (Bruce) Francis of Amity, Ark.; sister-in-law, Jeanne (Glenn) Davis of De Queen, Ark.; sister-in-law, Yvonne Bobo of Fouke, Ark.; grandchildren, Dillon (Ramsey) Bobo, Payton Bobo, Lexi Oswald, Colton Strode, Colt (Brittany) Kuykendall, Caleigh Manning, Jacie Bishop, and Jaden Bishop; great-grandchildren, Aspen Bobo and Mayzie Kuykendall (due in June) and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services for Mr. Bobo will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2025, in the Burg Cemetery near Umpire with Bro. Scott Kitchens and Bro. John McAnally officiating, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home, Dierks.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the funeral home in Dierks. You may leave a condolence online at www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com.



Phillip Leon Morris

Phillip Leon Morris, age 75 of Ozan, Ark., passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2025, in Nashville.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1949, in Nashville, son of the late Cecil Leon Morris and Edna Marie Allen Morris.

Phillip was a member of the Cross Point Cowboy Church. After 33 years of service, he retired from Tyson Foods, Inc. He enjoyed working on his farm, checking on cattle and even helping his wife, Louise, in their broiler houses. He also loved to hunt and fish. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lonnie Morris.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 54 years, Louise Morris; one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa Posey and Mark; one son, Jason Morris; one brother, Doug Morris and his wife, Pam; one sister, Jeanette Launius and her husband, Thomas; three grandchildren, Cecil (Sami) Anderson, and Katarina and Emmitt Morris; two great-grandchildren, Halli and Jax Anderson; a brother-in-law, Gary Efird and his wife, Sharon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

No services will be held at this time. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

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

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WELCOME RIBBON-CUTTING. Vape Street Nation in the Southpark Shopping Center was officially welcomed to the Nashville business community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday morning. The store is one of three owned by husband-wife couple Danni and Eddie Smith. At the event Wednesday were members of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce; from left, Melanie Schwartz, board president Kristin Stavely, Danni and Eddie Smith, chamber executive director Tim Pinkerton, and board members Deede Reed and Dr. Aaron Tollett.

County still at an impasse with IRS over number of employees electronically filed

Howard County has not had a satisfactory resolution with its impasse with the IRS over taxes.

At the close of Monday's regular April meeting of the Quorum Court, County Clerk Keri Teague gave an update to the JPs and said that she was unable to reach agreement with the IRS despite having a face-to-face meeting with agents in Little Rock. At center of the disagreement is electronic filing and \$27,580 in disputed fees which the county has paid in order to avoid fines. JPs voted unanimously to pay the amount from the contingency fund until the matter is resolved.

County Judge Brent Pinkerton said that the county had been in touch with U.S. Sen.

John Boozman's office for assistance.

Other items in the brief meeting for April: Judge Pinkerton told the court that some good news was "expected" soon in the county's efforts to attract jobs in the wake of the Husqvarna departure.

The county received a 2023-24 report from the Prosecuting Attorney's office on its Hot Check fee count.

Seven JPs were present for the meeting including D'Ann Rogers, Don Marks, Jerry Harwell, Kerry Strasner, Juanita Hendrix, Andy Hogg and Elizabeth McDaniel; also Judge Pinkerton, Tax Assessor Cindy Butler, emergency coordinator Roddy Smith, County Clerk Teague, Treasurer Sheri Mixon and administrative assistant Kelley

Farmers' Market gets go-ahead for recruitment of food trucks

Howard County Farmers' Market manager Melanie Schwartz is now free to try to bring in one or more food trucks for regular market hours this spring and summer.

The Nashville City Council voted 9-2 to adopt Ordinance 995, Monday. The two 'nay' votes were Aldermen Joe Hoen and Freddie Horne, both of whom said they supported the market but felt compelled to vote no in defense of 'brick and mortar' food establishments mostly located in their ward.

Voting for the ordinance were council members Lynn Dyer, Charles Pinkston, Herbert Turley, Kay Gathright, William Turley, Vivian Wright, Phil Jones, Brent Thompson and Donna Harwell.

The new ordinance repeals an older one, and adds parts of similar ordinances from other cities.

The principal difference, Mayor Larry Dunaway said, is that food trucks at the

Farmers' Market would be exempt from fees. All other health permits, sales tax requirements, fire inspections and liability insurance requirements are still need, the ordinance states.

The food trucks may not stay on the premises after hours.

Food trucks anywhere in town are required to move to new locations after 60 days.

Ordinance 995 defines transient peddlers/merchants, mobile food unit or mobile food vendor and places them under restrictions of the ordinance.

Schwartz was at the regular meeting of the council, Monday, and she thanked

the council for their vote. She said the council's vote would help her convince food trucks to come on market Fridays.

The council adopted Resolution 2025-06 to enable the city to seek grant funds for sidewalk and drainage work on the west side of Main Street south of the railroad tracks.

The council also unanimously approved Mayor Dunaway's recommendation of Tiera Jones to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

She will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of veteran commissioner Donny Woods.

Sunday will be Decoration Day for remote cemetery in county

The annual decoration at the Old Brown-Ralls Cemetery in the Mineola community of Howard County will be Sunday, April 27.

For directions to the remote cemetery email Glen Pate at gpat5843@outlook.com or call 479-216-8698.

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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



New Town Mineral Springs, circa 1920.

122 years ago: April 1903
S. E. Stafford who is selling goods at a point four miles west of Newhope, has asked for the establishment of a post office at his place of business and has suggested that the post office be called Gaddis. The necessary papers have been forwarded to the department and the office is expected to be established in a few weeks.

At Columbus, D. W. Dove allegedly shot and killed a Mrs. A. L. Dove, the wife of his brother, about 10 o’clock this morning.

Dove came to Columbus this morning and purchased some cartridges and returning home, passed Mrs. Dove on the road. He shot her twice in the breast, causing instant death. He then went to his home only a few hundred yards away, kissed his wife and children ‘good-bye’ then went out the front door followed by his family who had begun to suspect some trouble. He turned and ran around the house and entered the kitchen and shot himself in the head.

79 years ago: April 1946
Notice: Book wanted. Will pay \$7.00 for a good, complete copy. *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas*, printed in 1890. 1080 pages. Describe the condition. Box 25, Kansas City, Missouri.

(Adv.) The best slogan, “If it is good we serve it,” Fried chicken, steaks of all kinds, sandwiches that are fit to eat. You can order what you want and get what you order, the way you want it. Tom’s Drive-In, Mineral Springs, Arkansas

63 years ago: May 1962
Strong winds and blowing rain lashed Southwest Arkansas late Monday, but the area was spared the violence of tornadoes, and no injuries were reported. A giant tree felled by the strong winds smashed into the front of Sam Rodgers’ automobile parked at the family

home on Fourth Street. Mr. Rodgers said the car was practically destroyed. Some homes were damaged, but no injuries were reported.

Baccalaureate services for Nashville High School’s 56 senior high graduates for 1962 will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the junior high auditorium. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Mike Carozza, pastor of First Baptist Church of Nashville. Jim McClure is valedictorian and Don Williams salutatorian.

42 years ago: May 1983
Nancy Wildbur, a member of the Bingen EH Club in Howard County, has been named Southwest District Extension Homemaker of the Year. Wildbur has been a member of the Howard County EH Council for five years. Among her other contributions has been serving as State Program of Work Chairman in Health, Food and Nutrition for two years and organizing the Walk of Life Health Program.

Two pleas entered in criminal court

Only two pleas -- one guilty and one not guilty -- were taken by Judge Bryan Chesshir last Wednesday, April 16, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

A pretrial date of July 9 was set for Josue Turcios, 31, white male, 610 S. Washington, Nashville, who is charged with an unusual class D felony -- duty to give information, remain on scene of accident and render

aid. Turcios was driver of a vehicle which allegedly struck a child on a bicycle and left the scene of the accident. Turcios appeared in court with an interpreter. His bond was set at \$25,000 and he was placed on “hold” for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). He pleaded not guilty and is represented by the public defender.

According to his statement to officers, Turcios said

he left the scene because he was an illegal immigrant.

The guilty plea was from Joseph Sauls, 25, black male, Hope, who was charged Jan. 30, 2024, with criminal non-support, a class C felony.

Sauls was placed on 10 years probation and was fined \$250. He must continue with child support as ordered by the court. Court documents indicate that he has paid \$5,000 toward the amount owed.

Retired educators hear insurance update

By Patsy Young
News-Leader staff
Matt Hughes of Hughes and Associates Insurance Agency, who is endorsed by the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association, presented a brief update on concerns and changes in the group’s individual insurance coverages at the April meeting of the Howard County Retired School Employees Association.

The meeting held at Patatakes April 9 was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by president Judy Cassady. Minutes were read by secretary Ruth Ann Jacobs, and the treasurer’s

report was given by Linda Campbell.

A lunch was served by Patatakes staff while the members discussed the upcoming ARTA Area 4 Leadership meeting in October, which will be held in Nashville and hosted by the Howard County Retired School Employees.

The group voted unanimously to re-elect the current officers for the coming year. They are president

Judy Cassady, vice president Shirley Wright, second vice president Pam Wynn, secretary Ruth Ann Jacobs, treasurer Linda Campbell, parliamentarian Carma Bradshaw, reporter Patsy Young and cheer person Betty Ramsey.

The next meeting of the group will be May 14 at Patatakes with Sheriff Bryan McJunkins giving advice on how to prevent senior scams.

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Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Apr. 10-16, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office*)
Apr. 10. Charles M. Jamison, 45, Nashville and Tammie Deniece Dillard, 57, DeKalb, Texas.

Apr. 11. Brandon Lee Bennett, 31, Ozan and Samantha Jo Fink, 29, Ozan.

Apr. 11. Orlandis Colin Trimble, Sr., 37, Nashville, and Becky Marie Vasquez, 41, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV25-47, Apr. 8. Smith Ready Mix, Inc., vs. Parrish Enterprises, LLC. Contract.
CV25-48, Apr. 12. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, vs. Justin Thornton. Debt.

CV25-49, Apr. 16. Velocity Investments vs. Dennis Guzman. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-33, Apr. 15. Kimmi Mounts vs. Kason Mounts. Divorce.

DR25-34, Apr. 16. Jacqueline McWilliams vs. Taylor McWilliams. Divorce.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)
CR25-39, Apr. 15. State of Arkansas vs. Sean Kersey,

54, white male, Lafayette, La.; POCS, class C felony; PODP, misdemeanor.

CR25-40, Apr. 15. State of Arkansas vs. Danielle Kersey, 42, white female, Lafayette, La.; POCS, class C felony; PODP, misdemeanor.
CR25-41, Apr. 15. State of Arkansas vs. John David Allen, Jr., 26, white male, 103 Elm, Saratoga; POCS, class D; PODP, class D.

Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deed

Apr. 10. Mark Cox and T. Lynn Cox, husband and wife; to Mark and T. Lynn Cox Family trust; Lots 7-8, Fairway Estates, Howard County.

Apr. 15. Mary Hockaday, et al; to Ransdale Hockaday; aggregate 20.63 ac. in S33 T9S R27W.

Beneficiary’s Deeds

Apr. 15. Jack Junior Tollett; to James Tollett; 0.4 ac. in S20 T10S R27W, part of Block 25, Mineral Springs, aka 414 N. Mercer, Mineral Springs.

Apr. 16. Terry W. Corbell, surviving spouse of Lynda Corbell; to Woody S. Corbell, Wyndall Corbell and Saundra L. Smith, tenants in common; property in S18 T10S R27W, Lots 15-16-17, Block 14, McCullough’s Addition to Mineral Springs.

Warranty Deeds
Apr. 11. Matthew Stone and Amanda Stone, his wife; to Jack Matthew Lovelis; property in S11 T10S R28W.
Apr. 11. Matthew Stone

and Amanda Stone, his wife; to Jack Matthew Lovelis; 2 tracts, aggregate 10 ac. in S10 T10S R28W (range omitted on one tract description)

Apr. 14. David Goss; to Terry N. Washburn, Jr., and wife, Deadra Washburn; 25.752 acc. in S1 T11S R27W. \$140,000.

Apr. 14. Chad Edward Fontaine; to Afford Funding 1, LLC; property in S32 T11S R27W. \$49,346.32.

Apr. 14. Jeff Milam, Jake Milam and Judd Milam, joint tenants; to J-3 Cattle Company, LLC; 16 ac. in S36 T9S R27W.

Apr. 14 (correction to include easement) Cody Tedford and wife, Kara Tedford; to James Turner and wife, Shelley Turner; 16.67 ac. in S9 T6S R28W.

Apr. 14. James and wife, Shelley Turner; to David Cross and wife, Alanta Cross; 16.67 plus easement, in S9 T6S R28W. \$75,000.

Apr. 14. Emily Kesterson and husband, Dallas Kesterson; to Stacie Chancellor and Karan Chancellor; Lot 6A, Block 1, Deerwood Estates Subdivision, Howard County. \$319,000.

Apr. 15. Raul Cervantes Santamaria and wife, Maria D. Ramirez; to Micaela Ramirez and husband, Armando Garcia; property in S7 T9S R27W. \$67,131.75.

Apr. 16. Southern Oaks Construction, LLC; to Geraldine Childs; Lot 12, Block 39, SREDC Addition, Town of Nashville. \$96,500.

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Point of view

The penny tax

Your supporting vote helps the whole county

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I can't wait any longer to remind you about regular voting, early voting, and to ask you to join me in voting FOR the continuation of the penny sales tax which will be on every ballot in Howard County, along with school board races.

It is extremely important that we pass this issue.

This is how it would work:

The income from the sales tax would be divided equally among all of the people living between Athens to Saratoga.

It's "Per Capita." For every dollar Dierks gets for John Dierks Doe, the city of Nashville gets the exact same for John Nashville Doe.

And the county would get the exact same amount for persons living outside the city limits. So, same amount of dollars for John Center Point Doe.

And that penny sales tax would generate a nice sum. Fer instance, the existing penny sales tax has generated an AVERAGE of about \$2.7 million for 2023 and 2024. Collections are down a bit so far in 2025, but lets pretend that \$2.7 million would be divided annually.

What could the Dierks City Council do for the citizens of Dierks?

What could the Mineral Spring City Council do for the citizens of Mineral Springs?

What could the Nashville City Council do for the citizens of Nashville?

What could the Tollette City Council do for the citizens of Tollette.

What could Howard County do? Roads, Law Enforcement, Litter, Animal Control? Those are all topics mentioned already by the county judge.

Would it help Developing Howard County to have an income to use for industrial recruitment and economic development?

Would the hospital be able to use a share to maintain its great level of care for the community?

Let's do one more example. The judge's office doesn't yet know the exact per capita figures, but let's suppose that 40% of the county population lives OUTSIDE of the four incorporated cities.

How much would be generated for the county if the sales tax income was \$2,700,000? The county would then get \$1,080,000 per year. Imagine what the county could do with that money. You can tell the judge, the sheriff or your JP how you want it spent.

Help arrives!

I have received some expert help.

No one knows for sure the actual percentages of the revenue principal which will go to the different receivers

I got some help from Jonathon Lance who researched various U.S. Census websites and determined the following 'per capita' numbers (remember, these are not official until the State of Arkansas says so, but they're probably close):

- Dierks -- 6.95%.
- Mineral Springs -- 8.23%.
- Nashville -- 31.51%.
- Tollette -- 1.82%,
- Howard County outside the cities -- 38.79%.
- Howard Memorial Hospital -- 4.85%.
- Developing Howard County -- 4.85%.

That translates to a total of 97%, but remember that the State of Arkansas takes 3% for whatever it does.

You can easily see that no matter where you live you will benefit from the extended penny tax.

On Page 1 of this issue of today's newspaper is an article reminding you when and where you can cast your vote.

Vote FOR the sales tax.

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THE GOOD EARTH and beyond.

Due to fairly mild early morning temperatures I have been able to resume pre-dawn walks in my neighborhood.

For the last several mornings I have tried to watch the sky in hopes of catching a bit of the annual Lyrid Meteor Shower.

No luck with the shooting stars so far but my senses have been thrilled with the almost-forgotten smell of spring blooms and cut grass, and catching the songs of early birds.

It's much better than staying a little longer under warm covers.

Or not.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. Already in a heated battle with houseflies (inside) and red wasps (patio).

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: "Weight loss goal: To be able to clip my toenails and breathe at the same time."

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WORD GAMES. The mealtime Appetite siblings: Surf and Turf. Gosh, just the mention of their names makes me hungry.

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HESAIID: "T'm not comfortable being preachy, but more people need to start spending as much time in the library as they do on the basketball court." Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, NBA Hall of Fame member

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SHE SAID: "In the 1960s, you could eat anything you wanted, and of course, people were smoking cigarettes and all kinds of things, and there was no talk about fat and anything like that, and butter and cream were rife. Those were lovely days for gastronomy, I must say." Julia Child, chef

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Legislature wraps up regular session after approving large number of bills

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The legislature completed the 2025 regular session after approving a balanced budget, increasing public school funding, making higher education more accessible and improving maternal health care.

State government spending will be about \$6.5 billion next fiscal year. That is a 2.89 percent increase over this year. The increase reflects economic growth in Arkansas because tax rates have not gone up.

The Public School Fund is the largest single expenditure made by the state every year. State aid to public schools will increase by \$161.5 million. It is about \$2.5 billion and will be distributed according to a formula that takes into account student enrollment. The foundation funding amount is going up from \$7,771 to \$8,162 per pupil. School districts get additional funding for every student from low-income families and students with special needs.

The governor proposed and the legislature approved significant changes in higher education. The law is called ACCESS, an acronym for acceleration, common sense, cost, eligibility, scholarships and standardization.

The new law streamlines the ap-

plication process and increases the number of college entrance exams that students take for admission. Transferring from one state college to another will be easier.

It provides students more opportunities to earn college credits while still in high school. It provides incentives for colleges to teach skills in demand by industry.

Academic Challenge Scholarships will pay \$2,000 during the freshman, up from \$1,000.

Act 140 will improve maternal health care in Arkansas, especially in areas where existing medical services are lacking. Known as the "Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Act," it changes Medicaid regulations to make prenatal care more accessible in a couple of ways.

It establishes presumptive eligibility for pregnant women who apply for Medicaid. This means they will get immediate prenatal care, while they're waiting for a full application to be processed. It authorizes Medicaid to reimburse doulas and community health workers, including visits to the pregnant woman's home if the visit is related to prenatal or postpartum care.

Act 122 requires all school districts to enact policies that restrict cell phone usage by students. It's

called the "Bell to Bell, No Cell Act."

Its purpose is twofold. First, it removes distractions from the classroom that are hindering students academically. Secondly, we hope it will improve the mental and emotional health of young people who spend too much time on social media.

Studies indicate that the rates of suicide and depression are significantly higher among teenagers who spend lots of time on social media.

The legislature also enacted new laws to protect children from strategies used by social media that are designed to encourage suicide and addictive or compulsive behavior.

A law enacted two years ago is held up in federal court because social media companies challenged it. The new law is written to satisfy judicial questions raised in that lawsuit.

The legislature voted to increase the annual homestead property tax credit by \$100, raising it from \$500 to \$600, and to completely eliminate the state sales tax on groceries. The first measure will save homeowners \$57 million a year. The repeal of the grocery tax will save Arkansans \$11 million a year.

Arkansas representatives, senators continue to advocate for state in DC

By U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman

Our great state is home to beautiful rolling hills and scenic, winding highways.

There's also certainly an abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities, as well. After all, they don't call it the Natural State for nothing.

But this abundance of vast natural beauty also means that our state isn't made up of big cities with sky high buildings and a bustling city life.

No, Arkansas is largely made up of rural communities.

These rural communities we call home provide opportunities for a way of life unavailable in the big cities but cherished by most who have experienced it. Just as rural life provides wonderful opportunities, it also comes with unique challenges such as communications and healthcare.

Driving across the stately Ouachita and Ozark mountains, through the Arkansas River Valley, across the piney woods and the delta, and everywhere in between, locals who live in these parts know that their best chance

at receiving up-to-date news and weather bulletins is often on the radio. Other rural communities across the country are also aware of how vital radio is to their livelihood, which is why the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act of 2025 was introduced earlier this year.

As a proud cosponsor of this bill, it is well-understood the importance of ensuring that AM radio is maintained in vehicles even though several car manufacturers are trying to move away from maintaining AM broadcast radio in their modernized automobiles.

Not only is receiving timely news a contributor to the challenges rural Arkansans face, the ever-present need for effective healthcare is always a concern for those living in under-resourced areas.

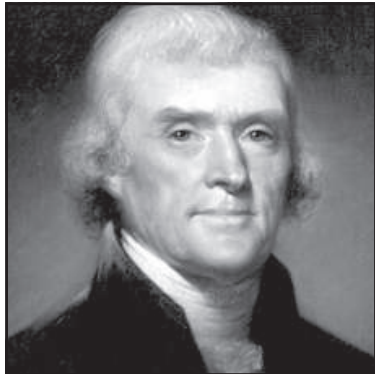
Congress must work toward passing commonsense legislation that works for the families and individuals who require and deserve timely, reliable, and quality health care.

Rural hospitals play a crucial role in the well-being of these individuals which is why it was

a privilege to cosponsor the Rural Health Care Technical Assistance Act recently. This bill will codify and expand a current United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) program that is responsible for providing vital assistance to rural health care facilities, works toward preventing hospital closures, strengthens needed health care services in rural communities, and bolsters the stability of these institutions.

As a representative of one of the more rural congressional districts in our country, I know firsthand just how vital it is for Congress to work toward passing commonsense legislation that works for the families and individuals in these under-resourced communities -- not legislation that keeps them further from resources Americans in urban areas have every-day access to.

The vast majority of our nation is built upon these vibrant communities, and the Arkansas Congressional Delegation will certainly continue to work with House Republicans to continue serving rural America.



"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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Coach

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Our families went back decades. Our dads worked together in construction back in the 1950s, and the connection between our families ran deep. When I returned home after college to teach at Nashville High School, Betty Ann had transitioned from coaching to teaching government. She welcomed me back not just as a former student or friend, but as a colleague. She mentored me, encouraged me, and offered the kind of advice that only someone truly wise—and genuinely caring—can give.

Even in retirement, we remained close. Deb Young and I often took Betty Ann to lunch, spending hours with her in conversation, laughter and shared memories. I truly miss those visits.

In her honor, a group of former players, colleagues, and friends has established the *Betty Ann Floyd Scrapperette Scholarship* to carry on her legacy. Betty Ann loved everything Scrapper and was deeply proud to call Nashville and Howard County home.

Her presence in my life was a gift, and I carry her lessons and laughter with me to this day.

Rosemary Spigner Cloud
Thanks for the Memories, Coach Floyd.

In the early 1970s, being a female athlete meant playing with passion, grit, and a desire to prove you belonged. I was fortunate to have a coach who believed in me and in the future of women’s sports—Coach Betty Ann Floyd of Nashville, Arkansas.

From 1970 to 1974, I proudly wore the Scrapperette uniform under her leadership. Coach Floyd gave me my very first basketball uniform as an eighth grader. I was a forward during a pivotal time in girls’ athletics, as the rules shifted from half-court to full-court play. Coach Floyd not only taught the game, she taught us to adapt, compete and grow.

She saw something in me and gave me opportunities that built my confidence and opened doors. In 1973, she selected me to serve as her manager when she coached the South All-Star Team. Just one year later, I was honored to play in that same All-Star game. Her encouragement extended beyond basketball—she introduced us to the sport of volleyball and even carried our team to a tournament at Southern State College (now Southern Arkansas University) in Magnolia. That experience paved the way for me to play volleyball at the college level just a few years later.

Coach Floyd arranged for me to attend summer basketball camps at Southern State College during my sophomore and junior years of high school. These camps helped shape my path and fueled my love of the game. I went on to attend Southern State in 1974, where I played for another incredible woman, Dr. Margaret Downing, a true advocate for women in sports. We were part of the generation of players who competed not for scholarships or fame, but for the love of the game. It was a time of change, challenge, and ultimately progress, as Title IX began to level the playing field.

I graduated from Southern

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Arkansas University in 1978 with a degree in education—and a lifetime of memories shaped by sport. Along the way, I met and married my husband of 47 years, made lifelong friends, and carried the values of teamwork, dedication, and perseverance into every aspect of my life.

Coach Betty Ann Floyd was a pioneer, a mentor, and a role model. Her impact on my life—and the lives of countless young women—cannot be overstated. I am forever grateful for her leadership, her belief in me, and the foundation she laid for women’s athletics in Nashville and beyond.

Betty Ann Floyd passed away in 2024, but her legacy lives on. We honor her memory and continue her work through a scholarship for deserving female athletes from Nashville High School. Thank you, Coach Floyd, for believing in us before the world fully did.

With gratitude,
A Proud Scrapperette, Class of 1974

Karen Shofner
I have fond memories of being a Scrapperette and playing basketball at NHS. My sophomore year, my coach was Dennis Horn who had coached me in junior high and taught me the fundamentals of the game.

It was my junior year when Coach Betty Ann Floyd came on the scene; and even though I didn’t know it at the time, my life was changed forever.

She was kind, compassionate, and funny, yet stern when needed. The life lessons I learned as a young person from both of these coaches influenced me and led me to pursue a 30-year career in coaching.

Deb Scoggins Young
Playing basketball for Coach Floyd is my best memory of my school years. I had the privilege of playing for Coach Floyd for five of the six years I played. She instilled in us a love of the game.

She was tough on us, but we loved her - she was our coach, she was a Christian example for us, a mentor and friend.

One of the many memories I have of her was during a timeout. Instead of giving her my full attention, I was looking in the stands at a friend. She grabbed me by my uniform, and after a good shaking she told me I could go sit in the stands or play for her. I assured her I wanted to play, and the remaining four years I never once glanced into those stands.

Deb Kinkade
I have lots of good memories of Scrapperette basketball!

Miss Floyd believed in her girls bonding together. She often planned activities outside of school to get us together.



STATE RUNNERS-UP IN 1973. Coach Betty Ann Floyd’s Scrapperettes include Marsha Spears, LuAnne Dillard, Debbie Scoggins, Karen Turley, Rosie Collier, Rosemary Spigner, Virginia Goza, Renee Stewart, Ann Ellis, Sheila O’Neal and Sandy Reeves.

“Bunking parties” at her brother, Sammy’s, cabin was one of the highlights!

As most of my friends know, I have hearing loss in one ear. Miss Floyd knew this as well and so if I was on the bench, she always wanted me to sit next to her so I wouldn’t hear some of her “comments”!

Fast forward to 11th grade. We were playing in the finals of the Saratoga tournament. We had a play where I was supposed to hit Nancy Ellis with a pass as she broke down the middle. She breaks, I hit her in the head with a pass. Other team gets the ball. Ball comes back to the offense... same thing...I hit Nancy in the head with the ball!

Miss Floyd furiously calls time out. She gets in my face

School

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Graham updated the board on two complaints filed against district personnel.

D.J. Hibberd filed an ethics complaint against Graham six months ago. The state Ethics Committee recently dismissed the complaint, Graham said. There can be no appeal and no consequences, he told the board.

“Investigators found nothing on the school’s end and dismissed the complaint, not to be heard again,” he said.

A complaint by Andi Reeves Green to the state Medicaid office was also dismissed. The case was lodged against former district speech pathologist Kristen McJunkins.

“After over a year of investigating, the report is as clean as a whistle,” Graham said. “Nothing was done incorrectly. I’m glad that this nightmare has come to an end.”

Graham reviewed the district’s audit for the academic

and tells me we’re not running that play! From that time forward, she would call my name and give me the play number!

Miss Floyd was also very superstitious! On our first game in the district tournament, our bus driver, Truman Owens, blew the bus horn while going under a train crossing. We won that night, so every night thereafter, Truman had to blow the horn!

Lots of fun times.

Thanks for the memories, Miss Floyd!

Bernie Hellums
Before I came to Nashville, I knew about Coach Betty Floyd because of her reputation as a girls basketball coach who had taken her team to the state finals and also to the Joe T. Robinson Invitational Tournament.

Then in 1976 when I came to

year ending in June 2024.

“This one breaks my heart,” he said. “We had four straight audits without a finding. This time, they wrote us up for writing checks on two buses and putting them in the vault until the buses arrived.”

The buses were purchased using ESSER Covid-19 funds. Checks were issued June 25, 2024, with the expectation of the buses being delivered shortly. However, they did not arrive until February 2025.

“Auditors said checks stayed in the vault too long and we should have asked for an extension. They said that had the funds come from any other source but ESSER, they would not have had to write us up,” Graham said.

“Everything else in the audit is clean,” Graham said.

In other business, the board accepted the following resignations: Gabi Beville, elementary art; Jacqueline Van Kirk, special education/elementary school; Gayla Rowe, special education aide high school; Cole Jackson, special education aide junior high; Kayla Harris, special

Nashville as a young teacher, I had the privilege of being on the faculty with her at Nashville Junior High and later at Nashville High School. She was a friend and mentor to me for nearly 50 years.

We were very different. She was history and coaching, and I was math and biology but we shared the love of girls basketball.

When I think of all those years we worked together, I think of the joy it was to be with her. We would spend time after school standing in the parking lot by our cars talking forever but mostly laughing or sitting in my red T-Bird singing “Crazy” along with Patsy Cline playing on the 8-track player.

I’m grateful to have had her as my friend.

education aide junior high; Lindsey Moore, math teacher junior high; Clifford Johnson, bus driver; Kyle Slayton, bus driver; Joe Hoen, bus driver; Earl Lollis, primary custodian.

Board members approved the following hires and transfers: Douglas Messick, junior high band director; Samantha Pham, primary custodian; Melissa Astin, half speech therapy; Tessa Dean, secondary math; Alayna Scott, transferred to junior high math; Sarah Smith, transferred to junior high language arts; Deidra Murphy, transferred to elementary special education.

The board re-employed the district’s licensed and classified staff for 2025-26.

Prior to the regular meeting, board members conducted a closed 40-minute employee disciplinary hearing. Afterward, Graham recommended that the board terminate primary teacher Tandie Ray effective April 21. Members accepted the recommendation 4-0, with board president Tem Gunter recusing himself from the discussion and vote.

Election

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has hopes for road money, but he says the money could go for litter, law enforcement, some form of animal control and other needs.

A portion of the sales tax proceeds will go to the hospital, and some will go to Developing Howard County, the organization which is working for economic development.

“This is not a new tax,” Judge Pinkerton has stressed in his talks.

Early voting
Early voting will be May 6-12 across the state. In Howard County early voting will be at the Carter Day Training Center in Nashville from 8-4:30. On election day the polls will be open 7:30-7:30.

There are some races for Howard County and nearby school board seats.

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

Anthony Whitmore is unopposed for the seat for Zone 5; while incumbent Tem Gunter and D.J. Hibberd have filed for the seat for Zone 2.

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

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

Blevins School Board
For the Blevins School District three candidates are unopposed for seats on the board.

The candidates are Kimberly Cole, incumbent for Zone 2; Cindy Parks, Zone 4; and James West, incumbent for Zone 5. Parks and West had been appointed to fill vacant seats.

All early voting in Hempstead County for the Blevins School District will be at the County Clerk’s office during business hours.

In Howard County election day voting will be 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. at two locations in Howard County -- the Carter Day Training Center in Nashville and at the Dierks Community Center.

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

HOWARD COUNTY DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX LIST

The Real Estate Tax Books of Howard County reflect the following list of real property to be delinquent for nonpayment of taxes for the year 2022. (The amount included in the “Tax, Penalty and Costs” column may not include all penalties and costs and will not include interest and special improvement assessments or tax liens that may be due at the time of payment.

Parcel Number	Name	Total	Acreage	School Dist.
R00001050960000	ADAMS TERRY 849 YELLOW CREEK RD FULTON AR 71838 NW PT SESE (1AC)	461.92	1.000	11
R00850001090000	ANDREWS DERRELL & ANDREWS LUC 20-10-27 MINERAL SPRINGS CITY M & B PT NENW (1AC)	75.72	1.000	30MI
R0000104750010	ARCHER JUSTIN PT W1/2 NWSW (1AC)	53.50	1.000	20
R00750006820000	ASHFORD CAROLYN M HAYS LOT PT19-20-21-PT22 BLOCK 3 714 W SYPERT ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 HAYS BL 3 E10' LT 19; ALL LTS 20 THRU 21 & W15' LT 22	32.12	0.000	10NA
R00001040250000	BEAR RONALD R & JULIE F DALTON W/LE TO GLADYS BEAR 556 JONES RD NASHVILLE AR 71852 SE COR NWNE (.50AC)	346.76	0.500	10
R00900000820030	BROWN DARLENA 08-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B PLUM ST MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 PT NENE (.72AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR SURVEY INFO***	34.58	0.720	11TO
R09000001410020	BROWN DARLENA 09-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B MLK DR MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 PT SWNE (.792AC)	34.50	7.920	11TO
R09000000820000	BROWN DARLENA 08-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B PT OF SWNE & PT SENE (.693AC) ***SEE ADMIN***	237.60	69.630	11TO
R09000001570000	BROWN DARLENA 09-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B HWY 332 W MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 PT W1/2 SENW (.418AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR SURVEY INFO***	80.74	1.880	11TO
R00001046770000	BROWN DARLENA SWSW (40AC)	142.30	40.000	30
R09000000820050	BROWN DARLENA 08-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B TOLLETTE AR PT N1/2 NENE (.460AC)	190.08	4.600	11TO
R09000001410000	BROWN DARLENA 09-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B HWY 332 W MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 PT SWNW (13.10AC) ***SEE ADMIN***	54.48	13.100	11TO
R00001009060000	CARTER CORY SCOTT & SARA LEANN 15439 HWY 278 W DIERKS AR 71833 PT SESE (16.22AC)	21,062.84	16.220	80
R00001030170000	DAVIS MARK & ROGER HWY 371 W NASHVILLE AR 71852 NWNE S #24 EXC E100' (20AC)	62.32	20.000	10
R00001049780010	DAVIS MICHAEL WAYNE & STACEY M 806 CHAPEL HILL AR 71859 PT NE COR NESW (1.23AC) **SEE ADMIN**	352.06	1.230	11
R00001047500000	DICKERSON JERRY W/LE 407 PUMP STATION ST TOLLETT AR 71851 PT N 132' NWNE (1.66AC)	244.18	1.660	11
R00001030640000	EATON REGINALD F & PHYLLUS A FEEMSTER RD SESWSE (10AC)	35.98	10.000	10
R00281200150000	FIELDING JERRY (C TRAC J MORROW) PINEVIEW LOT 1-2 BLOCK 8 MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 PINEVIEW BL 8 LTS 1 THRU 2	112.68	0.000	30
R00850000110000	FOX WARREN LEONARD 17-10-27 MINERAL SPRINGS CITY M & B 219 NORTH LP MINERAL SPRINGS AR PT SWSWSW (100X50) (.11AC)	1,144.12	0.110	30MI
R00001005850010	GARRISON TRAVIS & KIM AR PT SWNW (1AC)	54.46	1.000	79
R00001005970000	GARRISON TRAVIS & KIMBERLY 1435 HWY 278 W WICKES AR 71973 PT E1/2 SENE (11AC)	1,067.28	11.000	79
R00001005850000	GARRISON TRAVIS & KIMBERLY 1307 HWY 278 W WICKES AR 71973 S1/2 NWNW W RD (0.15AC); SWNW EXC 2AC SQ SW COR & EXC 4AC SQ SE COR **SEE ADMIN FOR NOTES**	1,114.87	44.150	79
R000010057140000	GULLEY CARL L HEIGHTS OF MINERAL SPRINGS LOT PT11-PT12-PT13-PT14-PT15-PT16 BLOCK 39 220 E BROWNING MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 HEIGHTS OF	48.44	0.000	30MI
R00001026370000	HALE RUTHEL REESE MT PLEASANT DR NASHVILLE AR 71852 NE COR E RD NWNE (3AC)	182.44	3.000	10
R00750015380000	HENDRIX IRA SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. LOT PT1 BLOCK 28 1328 S MILL ST SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. BL 28 E 65' LT 1	235.94	0.000	10NA
R00750015880000	HENDRIX IRA JR SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. LOT 2 BLOCK 36 S PRICE ST SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. BL 36 LT 2	43.30	0.000	10NA
R00750016540000	HENDRIX IRA JR SPENCER ADN LOT 10 BLOCK 3 1507 S ANSLEY ST NASHVILLE AR SPENCER BL 3 LT 10	358.54	0.000	10NA
R00750015990000	HENDRIX IRA JR SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. LOT 8 BLOCK 37 1405 S MILL ST SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. BL 37 LT 8	43.30	0.000	10NA
R00750015390000	HENDRIX ISABEL SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. LOT PT1 BLOCK 28 415 E THOMAS ST SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. BL 28 W85' LT 1	36.82	0.000	10NA
R00750015980000	HENDRIX ISABEL SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. LOT 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-9-10-11-12 BLOCK 37 1403 S MILL ST SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. BL 37 LTS 1 THRU 7 & LTS 9 THRU 12	1,052.66	0.000	10NA
R00750015870000	HENDRIX ISABEL SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. LOT 1 BLOCK 36 S PRICE ST SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. BL 36 LT 1	43.30	0.000	10NA
R00001031450000	HENDRIX R IRA JUNIOR CASSADY ST PT E1/2 NESE (250X380) (2.18AC)	44.68	2.180	10
R00750002620010	JACQUES THOMAS E 26-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS PT NWSW (30X125)	18.38	0.090	10NA
R00750004730000	JORDAN MARJORIE BELL LOT PT1-2-PT3 BLOCK 6 1005 S 4TH ST NASHVILLE AR BELL BL 6 S11.5' LT 1; LT 2; N15.5' LT 3	745.23	0.000	10NA
R00750008190000	LIFELINE MINISTRY COGIC INC NEW NASHVILLE LOT 6-7-8 BLOCK 1 314 FRONT ST NASHVILLE AR NEW NASHVILLE BL 1 LTS 6 THRU 8	612.06	0.000	10NA
R00750000890000	LINVILLE CHRISTOPHER BUIEL 23-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS 103 AYLETT ST NASHVILLE AR PT NWSE (75X100) (.17AC)	131.18	0.170	10NA
R00279000020000	LINVILLE STEPHEN L & KATHY J CHAPEL HILL ESTATES LOT 2 BLOCK 1 1865 MT PLEASANT DR NASHVILLE AR 71852 CHAPEL HILL ESTATES BL 1 LT 2	2,363.60	3.440	10
R007500119320000	LOCKETT RAYMOND WILSON & FERGUSON LOT 9-10 BLOCK 9 601 W HEMPSTEAD NASHVILLE AR 71852 WILSON & FERGUSON BL 9 LTS 9 THRU 10 &			
36' N OF SAID LTS	**SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO** 1,579.94 0.000 10NA			
R00001050970000	MASTERS RUBY LEE 841 YELLOW CREEK RD NW PT SESE (1AC)	500.32	1.000	11
R00900001110010	MOORE DELORES 09-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 PT N1/2 NENW (60X100) (.14AC)	13.52	0.140	11TO
R00800003440000	NUTT BRETT ORIGINAL DIERKS LOT PT5-6 BLOCK 11 510 BOCK AVE DIERKS AR 71833 ORIGINAL DIERKS BL 11 N45' LT 5 & LT 6 **SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO**	570.20	0.000	20DI
R00750003380000	PARSONS JOHN MARK & TAMMY LYNNETTE 26-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS 209 W HENDERSON ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT SWNW (47X129; 78X81; 55x155) **SEE ADMIN**	1,065.56	0.320	10NA
R00800002280000	RAMIREZ VICENTE A HOLLY LOT 12-PT13 BLOCK 3 608 ALLEN ST DIERKS AR 71833 HOLLY BL 3 LT 12 & S1/2 LT 13 **SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO**	617.64	0.000	20DI
R00800001660000	ROGERS AMY 31-07-28 DIERKS CITY METES & BOUNDS 927 W OLD HWY 70 DIERKS AR 71833 NW COR FRL NWNW (105X300) **SEE ADMIN**	771.56	0.720	20DI
R00001041280000	SMITH JANIE LEE 521 BARTON BETHEL RD S PT S1/2 N RD SESE (.50AC)	629.88	0.500	10
R0075000743000C	SMITH MATTHEW B.F. HILL LOT 11-12 BLOCK 1 609 S MAIN ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 B.F. HILL BL 1 LT 7; LT 8 LESS 12X12 NW COR & LTS 11 THRU 12	2,903.62	0.660	10NA
R00750003990000	SOUDER SHIRLEY FAYE 35-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT NWNE (3.10AC)	239.05	3.100	10NA
R09000000050000	SOUDER SHIRLEY W/LE 04-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B 304 WASHINGTON ST MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 PT E1/2 NESW (1AC)	43.80	1.000	30TO
R00750005060000	SOUDER WILLIAM & SHIRLEY COLEMAN LOT 4 814 S MAIN ST NASHVILLE AR COLEMAN 550' OF LOT 4 (814 S MAIN)	539.60	0.240	10NA
R0075000507000C	SOUDER WILLIAM C & SHIRLEY F COLEMAN LOT 5 824 S MAIN ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 COLEMAN ALL LT 5 (824 S MAIN)	314.36	0.000	10NA
R00320100130000	SOUTHERN OAKS CONSTRUCTION LLC REPLAT SPRINGHILL II LOT 26R SAND HILL RD NASHVILLE AR 71852 REPLAT SPRINGHILL II LT 26R (.69AC) **SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO**	127.67	0.690	10
R00320100120000	SOUTHERN OAKS CONSTRUCTION LLC REPLAT SPRINGHILL II LOT 27R SAND HILL RD NASHVILLE AR 71852 REPLAT SPRINGHILL II LT 27R (.49AC) **SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO**	92.26	0.490	10
R00800002450000	SOUTHERN OAKS CONSTRUCTION LLC SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. LOT 12 BLOCK 39 1019 S PRICE ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. BL 39 LT 12 **SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO**	836.06	0.000	10NA
R00850002250000	TAYLOR CAROLYN F MC CULLOUGH LOT 4-5 BLOCK 13 215 N POWELL ST MINERAL SPRINGS AR MC CULLOUGH BL 13 LT 4 THRU 5 **SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO***	694.04	0.000	30MI
R00850003590000	THOMAS GILBERT III ORIGINAL MINERAL SPRINGS LOT PT12 BLOCK 12 2214 W SPRING ST MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 ORIGINAL MINERAL SPRINGS BL 12 PT LT 2	1,954.72	0.000	30MI
R00001045010060	THOMAS GILBERT III AR PT S1/2 SENW (.675AC)	29.64	6.750	30
R00800002450000	VASQUEZ EULALIA HOLLY LOT 1-PT2 BLOCK 7 511 HOLLY AVE DIERKS AR HOLLY BL 7 LT 1 & N1/2 LT 2	793.56	0.000	20DI
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT said several tracts, lots or parts of lots, will be held as delinquent for a one year period from this date and then certified to the State of Arkansas, Commissioner of State Lands, for collection or to be sold, unless the delinquent taxes, penalties and costs are to be paid before the end of the one-year period.

APRIL 16, 2025
BRYAN MCJUNKINS, HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF & COLLECTOR

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April 1, 2025
BF=Bond Forfeited
Pike County
Aguilar, Irma, 50, Ozan, \$135 BF, speeding
Bagby, William H., 37, Hot Springs, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,150 owed
Butler, Cameron Jyrrod, 36, Malvern, \$125 BF, failure to resister tags/expired
Calvillo, Michael T., 23, Broken Bow, Okla., \$220 BF, drinking on highway; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Chambers, Woodrow W., 75, Murfreesboro, \$135 BF, speeding
Cogburn, Michael Allen, 20, Kirby, \$135 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Deramus, Randy Dale, 71, Mena, \$255 BF, overweight
Dixon, Jason Paul, 47, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,325 owed
Fugitt, Jeremy S., 47, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Gillaspy, Hannah Renee, 24, Glenwood, \$145 BF, use of handheld device when driving
Groom, William A., 61, Murfreesboro, \$165 BF, violation of city dog/cat ordinance
Shields, Mikel Patrich, 27, Murfreesboro, \$165 BF, violation of city dog/cat ordinance
Smedley, John Lee, 56, Murfreesboro, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Teague, Joey Dalton, 18, Murfreesboro, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$145; guilty of failure to stop or yield, fined \$145; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225
Whiteman, Kyle Dakota, 18, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$145; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225
City of Glenwood
Aaron, Lucas Addison, 22, Malvern, \$145 BF, speeding
Byers, Brittany Nicole, 25, Nashville, guilty of careless prohibited driving, fined \$145; guilty of drinking in public or on highway, fined \$240; guilty of open container in vehicle, fined \$240
Chambers, Mariah L. Reynol, 38, Norman, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$350; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Cockrell, Hunter Lee, 30, Norman, guilty of stopping passed school bus, fined \$655
Cogburn, Nathaniel Ray, 45, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$150
Crabtree, Christopher Allen, 27, Hot Springs, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$35; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70
Curry, Montana Lee, 23, Mount Ida, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,510 owed, committing to jail
Edwards, David, 19, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$5,100 owed
Galaviz, Jesus A. Jr., 34, Nashville, \$150 BF, no vehicle license/tags; \$150 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Hobbs, Grady Lee, 59, Texarkana, guilty of passing stopped school bus, fined \$655
Johnson, Richard Duane, 65, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,025 owed
Jordan, Lynlee Kbrin, 29, Amity, \$150 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Martinez, Esperanza, \$34, De Queen, \$145 BF, speeding
McCurdy, Glenn W., 44, Caddo Gap, guilty of failure to pay, \$945 owed
Peek, Gabrielle Moriah, 32, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$525 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Perez, Fredy, 24, Glenwood, \$145 BF, no driver's license
Spears, Kristin, 29, Glenwood, \$145 BF, failure to stop or yield
Standridge, Patricia Ann, 80, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Sundas, Aasish, 23, Jonesboro, \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Thompson, Matthew Allen, 22, Glenwood, \$145 BF, expired vehicle license/tags
Trejo, Nahum Soto, 33, Glenwood, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; \$145 BF, no driver's license; guilty of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$230
Wilkerson, Jeffery Scott, 62, Caddo Gap, guilty of allowing unauthorized person to drive, fined \$155
York, Charles Michael, 42, Caddo Gap, \$150 BF, failure to pay; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Young, Clayton J., 46, Bismarck, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$145; guilty of passing stopped school bus

The first of two National Prescription Drug Take Back Days led by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in 2025 is on Saturday, April 26. The following are the dos and don'ts to help prepare to participate in local, statewide and national take-back events.

Do your part to help reduce drug abuse. DEA reports that prescription drug and opioid addiction is a growing problem across the U.S. Removing unused medicines from your home and returning them at a collection site can help prevent this problem. Prescription drug abuse can cause medical emergencies and deadly overdoses,

so it is critical to limit access to these medications.

Don't let a poisoning accident happen. Poisonings from prescription and over-the-counter medicines are on the rise, and it is essential to dispose of them properly. Leaving unused prescription, over-the-counter and pet medicines unattended in the home can endanger children, senior citizens and pets. Be sure to find a drug take-back site and dispose of them properly to prevent any accidental poisonings.

Do take the opportunity to protect the environment. According to recent studies, medicines that are not on the FDA's flush list can contaminate lakes and streams, which is harmful for fish and other wildlife, and also end up in drinking water when flushed down the drain. Many drug collection organizations incinerate unused medicines, so getting rid of these medications at a take-back site is the best way to dispose of them without negatively impacting the environment.

Take-back sites vary by state, so visit dea.gov/takebackday to find collection sites in Arkansas and view more resources for safely getting rid of unused prescriptions and other medicines. More information about drug take-back events in Arkansas can be found at artakeback.org.



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Scrapperette alumni returned for the hitathon at the Scrapaganza April 18 at Futrell Field, including Nina Wynn-Rodgers, Elaine Jones, Emma Hutchison, Amber Mishler, Coach Boomer Brown, Nancy Worthington, Rachel Reese and Hannah Topor.

Alumni came home, and fans bought chicken dinners at the Scrapaganza



Young softball enthusiasts join the Scrapperettes Friday night, April 18, during the Scrapaganza. The young girls had the opportunity to bat with the Scrapperettes at the team's fund-raiser.



Adison Moore records a home run at last Friday night's hitathon for Scrapperette softball. Moore and Landyn Tompkins had five home runs each.



Maddie Rodgers takes her turn at bat during the Scrap-erette hitathon.



Tem Gunter (left) and Nick Britt (right), both from Tyson Foods of Nashville, join Scrapperette softball players at the plant last week. Tyson donated the chicken for Friday's Scrapaganza fund-raiser. The group includes Gunter, Addison Tate, Jacee Martin, Maddie Rodgers, Landyn Tompkins, Coach Boomer Brown and Britt.



Landyn Tompkins hits one of her five home runs at the Scrapperette hitathon Friday night, April 18, at Futrell Field. Tompkins and Adison Moore had five HRs each.



Coach Boomer Brown threw nearly 900 pitches at the Scrapaganza last Friday night. The event was a fund-raiser for Scrapperette softball.

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 following 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 retirement 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, remodeling 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 request 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 following polling places in the District, to wit:

DEQUEEN STREET ARMORY, 601 DEQUEEN STREET, MENA, AR 71953 WICKES COMMUNITY CENTER, 136 STEVENSON DRIVE, WCKES, AR 71973

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:

SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING AND DELIVERED TO ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

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
David Ray
Tim Wood


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Scrapperettes host Arkadelphia 5 p.m.
Friday, April 25, Senior Night
Scrappers host Arkadelphia 5 p.m.
Friday, April 25, Senior Night

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Gabby Williams scores in Nashville's 11-1 home win over Hope.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Carson Kirby gets set to pitch for the Scrappers last week in a home game against Hope.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Coach Boomer Brown's dad Jerry "Pop" Brown (wearing #15) and fan Reeder McCullough (front, third from left) continue tradition by joining the team after the Hope win.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
The Nashville Scrappers defeated Hope 16-4 and 13-0 in District 7-4A games last week. They also won a non-conference game over Fouke 14-5.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Zeus Hutchinson records a hit for the Scrappers last week at Wilson Park.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Natalie Nolte makes the catch at first for an out in the first of Nashville's two wins over Hope last week.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Connor Crabtree takes a turn at bat last week against Hope. The Scrappers will host Arkadelphia April 25.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Kinley Martin makes the play in the Scrapperettes' 8-5 win over Genoa April 16 at Futrell Field. Nashville was four of four last week, including 11-1 and 10-0 over Hope in District 7-4A, and 15-1 over Malvern and 8-5 over Genoa in non-conference. The Scrapperettes will host Arkadelphia April 25 on Senior Night.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Luke Boon takes the mound for the Scrappers last week at Wilson Park.



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Elli Wallis slides safely into second in the Scrapperettes' 8-5 win over Genoa April 16.

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SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Karson Chambers, Nashville

Karson, a Scrapper junior, pitched a 5-inning 13-0 shutout of Hope Friday, April 18, at Wilson Park. He threw 56 pitches in five innings, gave up no walks and struck out six Bobcats.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION. (From left) Gracie Wolcott, Sam Ernest, Ma'Hongani Trotter, Konnor Bailey and Jocce Holt with Chapter Regent Elizabeth Wilson Overton.

Local DAR chapter hands out Good Citizenship awards

By Carrie Lewis McGaha
Mine Creek - Paraclifta Chapter DAR Members and guests of the Mine Creek – Paraclifta Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met last week to honor six graduating seniors from area school districts.

Each student was presented with a DAR Good Citizen certificate and pin, gift bag, and a Chapter Scholarship in the amount of \$100 by Elizabeth Wilson Overton, Chapter Regent. The students brought family members and guests to a reception in Overton's home where chapter members were able to visit with them over refreshments and celebrate their achievements.

Students were reminded that 250 years ago, young people just like them sacrificed everything in order to achieve the freedoms and liberties that we all inherited from our founding fathers.

The DAR Good Citizens Award is a way to recognize outstanding young people who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools, and communities. Students are selected by teachers at each school district based on individual contributions to the school, personal character and achievement.

Each DAR Good Citizen Award winner is given the opportunity to participate in a Scholarship Contest intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship in the students. The program is open to all high school seniors enrolled in public or private schools accredited and in good standing with their state board of education. Students are not required to be United States citizens.

Three students submitted an essay this year.

Gracie K. Wolcott of De Queen High

School, daughter of Brent Wolcott, was the DAR Good Citizen Essay Chapter Award winner and was presented with a Certificate of Award and an additional \$25 for her essay.

Ma'Hongani Nicole Trotter of Mineral Springs High School, granddaughter of Patricia A. Jones, and Jocce Andon Holt of Murfreesboro High School, daughter of Lacy Wilmack, also submitted an essay and were awarded a Certificate of Award for their participation.

The other graduates presented with the DAR Good Citizen Award and Chapter Scholarship were Konnor D. Bailey of Horatio High School, son of Renea Bailey, and Samuel Brady Ernest of Dierks High School, son of Paul and Jennifer Ernest. Nashville High School student, Blakely Reich, son of Sherry Reich, was not present but will be given his award later.

'Preserving Your Family Treasures' Regional archives to host preservation workshop May 17

The Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives (SARA) and Historic Washington State Park will host a workshop Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the 1914 School in Historic Washington State Park.

"Preserving Your Family Treasures" will teach participants how to properly care for and preserve their family heirlooms.

Melissa Nesbitt, archival manager of SARA, will present tips on how to care for and preserve family photographs and paper documents. Josh Williams, curator of Historic Washington State Park, will present tips on caring for an preserving family artifacts such as clothing, quilts and decorative household items.

Participants may bring one small item from each of the following categories: documents, photographs, or a physical artifact from their family collections to have evaluated for preservation needs.

The event is free to attend. Lunch will not be provided. Space is limited, so register early. Registration deadline is May 12.

For more information, call 870-983-2633 or email south-west.archives@arkansas.gov.

Depart of Ag now accepting applications for 'Foresters for the Future' scholarships

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM), has announced that applications for the Foresters for the Future scholarship are now being accepted.

The scholarship will provide \$4,000 per semester, for four years, to an incoming freshman pursuing a forestry degree at UAM's College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. The application deadline is June 13. Interested students can find more information and apply here.

"Arkansas forest industries contribute over \$6.1 billion to the state's economy each year, making Arkansas the most forestry dependent of all the southern states," said State Forester Kyle Cunningham. "This scholarship provides a wonderful opportunity for students to obtain the education and training necessary to support such an impactful industry within the state."

Established by Act 399 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly, the scholarship aims to encourage students to pursue forestry as a career path. Through this initiative, UAM and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture hope to inspire the next generation of forestry professionals.

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Annual Aggie Comeback April 26 at UAM

Food, Fellowship and Cattle – That is what’s being offered at the Fourth Annual Aggie Comeback hosted by the University of Arkansas at Monticello Farms on Saturday, April 26.

This event hosted on UAM’s campus invites all UAM ag alumni, cattle producers, students and friends of agriculture for a hands-on and educational gathering.

The day kicks off with a breakfast at 8 a.m., courtesy of AgUp Equipment, followed by a series of informative and practical sessions from industry and business professionals. Speakers include Bill Stephens, vice president of lending and regional manager for AgHeritage Farm Credit Services, who will discuss business plan develop for beef production. He will be followed by Maggie Justice, beef cattle specialist for the Cooperative Extension Service, who will discuss maximizing herd success.

Attendees will then get a hands-on opportunity with a tour of the UAM farms led by the farm manager, Greg Montgomery. This will be followed by a lunch provided by AgHeritage Farm Credit Services.

The event will conclude with a cattle sale offering some of the best genetics

4th Annual

AGGIE COMEBACK

Saturday, April 26th



Event Schedule

8:00AM

- Breakfast provided by AGUP Equipment

8:30AM

- The Business of Beef: Making a Game Plan
Bill Stephens, AgHeritage, Farm Credit Services

9:30AM

- Maximizing Herd Success: Matching Genetics to Your Goals
Maggie Justice, UADA Cooperative Extension Service

10:30AM

- Farm Tour with Greg Montgomery, UAM Farms

11:30AM

- Lunch provided by AgHeritage, Farm Credit Services

12:30PM

- Cattle Sale



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from UAM Farms. The auction will include four registered Beefmaster bulls, 15 commercial bred heifers and one cow-calf pair.

Throughout the day, vendors will be on campus to showcase the latest equipment. Jeff Monk and Rusty Smith with 4M Equipment will be on site with Arrowquip cattle handling equipment on display for producers and to assist with loading cattle. John David Herren with AgUp will also be on site displaying the latest John Deere hay baling equipment.

Whether you’re a seasoned producer or a student interested in agriculture, the Aggie Comeback is a great opportunity to gain insights

from ag experts and enjoy the company of fellow cattle enthusiasts.

“The Aggie Comeback is more than just an event—it’s a celebration of the people, progress, and passion that makes UAM Farms thrive,” said Montgomery. “It’s always a privilege to welcome alumni, producers and supporters back to campus to showcase the work our team is doing to raise quality cattle and grow the future of ag here in South Arkansas.”

For more information about the Aggie Comeback, contact Greg Montgomery at 870-723-5899 or montgomery@uamont.edu.

April: Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month Did You Know?

Parkinson Disease currently directly effects over one million Americans and indirectly affects over three million family members and caregivers. More people have this disease than Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Distrophy, Lou Gehrig’s Disease, and myasthenia gravis combined.

Somewhere between 30,000-60,000 Americans are diagnosed each year.

The average age of onset is about 60 years, but more than 5% of the patients are diagnosed under the age of 40. (This is known as young onset Parkinson Disease—or YOPD.) With YOPD symptoms often progress more rapidly than in older onset people.

Parkinson’s was first described as a disease by Dr. Parkinson in 1817, but it wasn’t until the late 1960’s—only about 30 years ago, that it was discovered that levadopa could reduce symptoms. This was manufactured as Sinemet and is still the drug of choice by most physicians.

The American Parkinson Disease Association is the #1 grassroots organization whose purpose is to educate the public and professionals, and to fund research.

There are currently 7 P.D. research centers in the U.S. with the latest opening in Sept. of ‘99 in St. Louis.

Research is Expensive

Although the exact cause of Parkinson’s remains unknown, no two patients are alike at the same stage of disease nor do the symptoms progress at the same rate.

It is progressive and chronic, but the progression varies from patient to patient.

There are four cardinal symptoms of Parkinson Disease but all patients do not necessarily have all symptoms. These four symptoms are: tremors, rigidity, slow movement and impaired balance. No two patients will be managed alike. Patient treatment plans will be individualized to meet specific needs. Not all patients will have all symptoms and some symptoms will improve or become non-existent when drug treatment starts.

Parkinson Disease is not something you could have prevented, nor did anyone cause it to happen.

Parkinson Disease is a complex, progressive disease that impacts both patient and caregiver physically, psychologically, and emotionally.

To effectively give care, caregivers must maintain their own health, keep a positive mental attitude, and stay as informed as possible about the disease.

Commodities this week in Murfreesboro

Central Arkansas Development Council will distribute USDA Commodities in Pike County, Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24, in Murfreesboro.

Distribution will begin at 8:30 am. In Pike County, commodities will be distributed at the following

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Kids: color stuff in!

What does your school and town do...

Homework Complete

Forest

Students are "going green" to help keep the environment clean. To save paper, our homework assignments now come in daily emails. Everyone has learned what items can be recycled, and they put these into bins. **Read my clues to fill in my puzzle with things kids can do to help:**

1. use _____, sandwich boxes, thermoses and reusable water/sports bottles

2. sort bottles and cans into bins for _____

3. turn off all _____ and electronics when not using

4. use both sides of _____ (may make into notepads)

5. _____ school uniforms, gym clothes for others to use

6. read and do _____ on computers

7. create a _____ where students can pin up and share their ideas for recycling

8. _____, bike, take a bus or carpool with others

9. have a swap at school to _____ things that you are done with for "new" stuff

10. use items for a new or _____ purpose – old school clothes cut for art projects, a box made into a game you invent (some call this "repurposing")

Earth Day Keeping it Green!

My puzzle is about how schools are helping to conserve. Some are built from recycled materials, and have features to save energy, such as motion-activated lights and faucets. **Fill in my puzzle!**

RECYCLE

paper

Forest's Puzzle

1. _____ panel rooftops

2. _____-activated faucets

3. waterless or low-flow _____

4. buy from companies that use less _____

5. use food service company that offers _____ vegetables and fruits

6. more _____ in classrooms gives an "energy" boost

7. wireless tablet _____ and energy saving monitors

8. buying _____ paper

9. better airflow and filters to keep air _____

10. rooftop _____ to keep heat in (or out), and for people to study life cycle of plants

Peak's Puzzle

computers

5

fresh

1

toilets

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garden

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I pack a "waste-free lunch" every day.

solat

automatic faucet

reusable lunch items

different lunchboxes

board

assignments

recycling

trade

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lights

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daylight

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recycled

8

motion

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Uh-oh...I finished my report on the newest cars and power sources – but not the answer key to my fun Pop Quiz! Read my report, then Help me by circling "T" for true and "F" for false.

What do you know about hybrid cars? These very cool cars are powered by both gas and electricity. When you are driving one fast on a highway its gasoline engine is working. This makes you move and also charges the car's battery. Then, when you drive around town at lower speeds, the car is able to run on electricity. Hybrid cars do not need to be plugged in. They get up to 90 miles per gallon of gas – more than twice the mileage of most gas-only cars. Companies are also coming out with cars that use electric motors to power everything. They store electricity in batteries, which are then recharged by the owner plugging the car in at home. We are starting to build stations in areas that will allow drivers to recharge their cars while traveling too. Electric cars are great because nothing comes out of their tailpipes that pollutes the air! Some people argue that the electricity these cars use may be generated by burning coal or natural gas instead of by water power or wind turbines, making them not 100% environmentally friendly. But, people are working on ways to make batteries that hold more electricity for longer driving and on technology to produce "cleaner" electricity. Maybe **you** will work on some of these designs someday!

Cool Hybrid & Electric Cars!

London has started using electric double-decker buses.

Pop Quiz

1. Hybrid cars are powered by gasoline and electricity.

2. The gas engine takes power from the battery.

3. They get fewer miles per gallon than a gas-only car.

4. Electric cars use electricity to power everything.

5. Owners can plug these cars in at home.

6. Lots of pollution is added to the air from electric cars.

7. People are hoping to have recharging stations built in parking lots of apartments, stores and train stations.

8. Wind-, water- and solar-generated electricity will allow for less pollution in the air.

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Home&Heart Simply Simplify

By Angie Freel
Howard County Family & Consumer Science Agent

There is enough self-storage space in the United States for an average of 5.4 square feet per person in this country.

It is a \$38 billion dollar business and the average monthly cost for a self-storage unit is \$88.85.

Many do not park vehicles in their garages because stuff takes up the space and outbuildings are built for extra belongings that will not fit in the house.

According to Merriam Webster, *Simplify* is a verb meaning to make simple, to reduce to essentials or to diminish in scope or complexity. My middle name might as well be *simplify*. I’m the one in our household who is responsible for throwing away everything that clutters a countertop or shelf. I’m the first one who gets asked about something that can’t be found with the assumption that I tossed it. They’re usually correct – I just can’t stand clutter and if you have a personal space to store your things, why leave it on the kitchen bar? It turns out I’m not alone, but largely in the minority.

Simplifying sounds simple, but there are literally hundreds of books published on the subject. Research indicates that home environment influences psychological processes, mental health, stress, and behavior.

You might say that simplifying or decluttering can make you happier, healthier, and smarter. Each month, I present an educational “Leader Lesson” to Howard County Extension Homemakers. Yesterday, I conducted a lesson on simplifying based on tips from three of the most visible leaders in the arena: *The FlyLady*, *The Minimalists*, and *Marie Kondo*. All three experts have a unique method to simplifying but there are 6 key actions steps that can help you simplify – it will require time and effort, so stay the course.

1 – **Find motivation.** Simplifying can open space for a more enriching life based on experiences, not stuff. Figure out what will be the specific benefits to you when you have eliminated clutter?

2 – **Choose a method.** Whether you decide on one particular method of a combination of methods, find something that works for you and is sustainable.

3 – **Detail strategies.** Write down your specific plan and make sure everyone is on the same page. This will help you stay on task. In what room will you begin? What will be next? Clothing, books, papers, and kitchen are top categories that need decluttering. Where will you take the items to discard or donate? Selling can generate funds. REMEMBER – simplifying is not organizing. Organized clutter is still clutter. You must get rid of

it to simplify.

4 – **Be prepared for challenges.** Letting go can be tough. Are you feeling sentimental, guilty, fearful of needing the item once you let it go? These emotions will occur so you can figure out how to deal with them ahead of time, so they do not derail your progress.

5 – **Schedule time.** Block time in your schedule to devote to eliminating clutter. You will actually gain more time once your home is clutter-free. Whether you decide to simplify in 15-minute blocks of time or an entire weekend – write it on your calendar and gather the tools you will need.

6 – **Be pro-active.** Once you eliminate stuff you don’t need, how will you prevent stuff from cluttering your life again? Consider carefully before bringing more stuff back into your home. Will this add value? Does it spark joy? Does this fit within the vision I have for my life? If something comes in, something must go out.

For more information on how to reduce the clutter in your life, contact the Howard County Extension Office on the second floor of the courthouse, or call the office at 870-845-7517. The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Recipe of the Week
Strawberries are in sea-

son! This cake happens to be my oldest son’s favorite. This rendition of the recipe is from the Howard County Extension Homemaker’s “Favorite Recipes” cookbook originally published in 1971.

Strawberry Cake
Mrs. Harold Crocker,
Blue Bayou Club

Cake:
1 box of white cake mix
4 eggs
¾ cup oil
1 package of strawberry Jello
4 Tablespoons of water
1 cup mashed, drained strawberries (save juice for icing)
Mix ingredients well.

Bake in tube pan at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Let cool.
Icing:
1 box powdered sugar (3 ¾ cups)
Juice from strawberries
Optional: ¼ cup milk or oleo (butter) may be added to make thin for spreading.
Mix and frost cooled cake.

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Election Day -Vote Center / All Ballots

Carter Day **05/13/2025** **7:30 am -7:30 pm**
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Cossatot River School Milage Zone 4 and 7

44.0 Mill School Tax

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of 25.0 mills (the “Statewide 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 is 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 retirement 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, remodeling 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.

COUNTY WIDE 1% SALES AND USE TAX

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

Nashville School District

31.70 Mills School Tax The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax 25.0 mills (the “Statewide 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. 7 4, 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 31.70 mills includes 25.00 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 6.70 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. 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 31.70 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

Contested race for Nashville Zone 2

1. D. J. Hibberd
2. Tem Gunter

Mineral Springs School District

34 School Tax of 34.0 Mills This represents no change from the previous year. The total tax levy proposed above includes 25.0 mills for the maintenance and operation of schools, 0 mills dedicated maintenance and operation mills dedicated for 0 purposes, and 9 mills for debt service previously voted as a continuing debt service tax pledge for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The district may use surplus revenues produced each year by debt service mileage for other purposes.

Dierks School District

43.0 Mill School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (The Statewide 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 is available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 43.0 includes 32.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 11.0 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the district for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 43.0 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

Contested race – at large

1. Phillip Glasgow II
2. Jaron Tipton

The last day to register to vote is April 14, 2025, Monday. Absentee ballots will be canvased in the Howard County Annex building at 5:00 pm on Election Day. If you have moved, a name change or need to transfer from another county come to the County Clerk’s Office or call. You can go to the website below to see your sample ballot. <https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/voterview/>

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Keri Teague
Howard County Clerk

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AGFC accepting applications for Teacher Leader Council

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is looking for a new group of teachers to shepherd its latest effort to bring the outdoors into classrooms throughout The Natural State.

The Teacher Leader Council was formed last year to provide a better method of two-way communication between the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the many teachers who enjoy delivering some of the ready-made education programs and curriculum developed through the AGFC’s Education Division.

Nathan Windel, a science teacher at Deer High School, was one of nine teachers chosen last year to coordinate with the AGFC’s education leadership team, bringing real-world experiences into the planning stages of future school-based outreach efforts.

As this school year comes to a close, the AGFC is looking for a new group of teachers to take the reins and offer additional perspectives on AGFC programs.

Full-time educators from public, private, and charter schools working with stu-

dents from early childhood through grade 12 are eligible to become a part of the council. Nominees must be able to attend virtual meetings as

well as in-person meetings. Applications may be submitted through May 2 at www.agfc.com/teacher-leadercouncil.



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Two Pike County men, including former preacher, sentenced to total of 220 years for child pornography

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

On Monday, April 21, Ninth West Judicial Circuit Judge Tom Cooper sentenced two Pike County men, including a former preacher, to a total of 220 of years in prison after they plead guilty to felony charges involving child sexual abuse material.

James Vincent Henry, 43, who’s last address was in Delight but court records list his home in Gravette, plead guilty to 11 counts of distributing, possessing or viewing matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child. Judge Cooper sentenced Henry to 10 years on each count for a total of 110 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC). The sentences will run consecutively.

Henry, who served as preacher at Crossroads Assembly of God Church in Delight prior to his arrest, was originally charged with 100 counts and was arrested Oct. 15, 2024. He has remained in county custody since then on \$50,000 bond.

Henry was officially charged with 20 counts on Nov. 15, 2024, but on

Monday the court opted not to pursue nine of those charges as part of Henry’s plea deal.

According to an affidavit prepared by Special Agent Christopher Harper with the Arkansas State Police, an investigation involving Henry began in August 2024 when Harper was assigned two “cyber tip” reports from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The reports involved the uploading of CSAM (child sexual abuse material) using Kik and Snapchat messaging applications.

The material was uploaded from an account belonging to Henry and his official church email address was used.

The state police investigator was able to determine that the one IP addresses involved in the CSAM was assigned to Henry at his Cherry Street home in Delight and that another address was assigned to Crossroads Assembly of God Church.

A residential search warrant was executed at the Henry home on Sept. 25 and numerous electronic devices were seized. Henry was then escorted

to the church where more electronic devices were seized.

An extraction of one of Henry’s phone showed his phone number was allegedly associated with the CSAM and several photos were recovered. Another phone, owned by Henry’s wife, Brittney, was also extracted and showed she made numerous calls and sent numerous messages to and from the phone number at the center of the investigation. Henry’s phone number was labeled “vacation phone” in his wife’s phone contacts.

Brittney Henry has not been arrested or charged in connection with this case.

According to the Delight church’s website at the time of Henry’s arrest, Henry is original from Dumas and he has served as youth pastor at Assembly of God churches in Lacey, McGehee and Mountain Pine, as well as Newsong Church in Centerton, where he served on the “media team.”

The website also states the Henrys served as foster parents for New Beginnings Children’s Home in Centerton and they were foster parents to 76 chil-

dren in four years before they moved to the “transitional living program for young ladies 18-25” for two years.

Also on Monday, Judge Cooper sentenced Roy M. Oleyte, 47, of Glenwood, under the same conditions as the Henry case and he plead guilty to 11 of 20 counts of distributing, possessing or viewing matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child. Oleyte was sentenced to 110 consecutive years in the ADC.

Oleyte was arrested and booked at the Pike County jail on Oct. 29, 2024 and he has been in county custody with \$100,000 since his arrest.

He was officially charged on Nov. 15, 2024.

Oleyte was using BitTorrent to download child pornography.

A search warrant was executed at the defendant’s Lakeshore Street apartment on Oct. 29 and his phone was seized. A forensic search found child sexual abuse material and a further evaluation of the phone resulted in the number of criminal counts to increase to 20.

Illegal immigrant charged in hit-and-run that injured child

A Nashville man who said he is an illegal immigrant has been charged with felony leaving the scene of an accident that injured a child.

Josue Turcios, 31, was charged in Howard County Circuit Court on April 15.

According to case information, the Nashville Police Department was called to Howard Memorial Hospital in reference to a hit-and-run accident. An officer met with the mother of a 10-year-old girl who was reportedly sitting on her bike on South Washington when Turcios allegedly backed over the child. Th child suffered a concussion along with multiple bruises.

Officers made contact with Turcios, who stated he knew he had hit the child but left the scene because he is an illegal immigrant.

Delight Cemetery Association elects new executive officers

Following the retirement of longtime president Wallace Alexander, the Delight Cemetery Association has announced their new executive board members.

President -- Jimmy Williams
First Vice President -- Macky McKnight
Second Vice President -- Billy Lee Jr.
Secretary -- Brenda Lee
Treasurer -- Rheta McKnight

In a press release, the organization highlighted some major improvements to the cemetery, for which they credit Alexander “playing a major part.”

The improvements in Alexander’s term of service include:

- Construction of a hard surface all-weather road within the cemetery
- Construction of a new bridge at the west end of the cemetery
- Construction of a covered pavilion with enclosed storage area

“These are just a few of the highlights of the many years of service as a board member and service to the community.”

“We all want to wish Wallace a happy retirement and best wishes,” said the release.

The organization wishes to remind residents that since the covid pandemic the annual cemetery dinner has not occurred.

“We are now left with smaller interest rates from a limited endowment fund, sale of cemetery plots and donations from family members whose loved ones are interred tat the cemetery. The generous donations by you help immeasurably to maintain our cemetery, making it one of the nicest in the area,” said Williams.

If anyone would like to donate to the cemetery, they may send them to Delight Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 191, Delight, AR 71940.

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O LORD, I AWAIT AT THE WELL... SOON, MAIDENS OF THE CITY WILL COME TO DRAW WATER... LET IT BE A SIGN THAT THE DAMSEL WHO GIVES ME WATER, AND MY CAMELS, ALSO, BE THE ONE THOU HAST ALREADY APPOINTED AS ISAAC'S WIFE!

ELIEZER AND HIS PARTY WAIT WITH PATIENCE FOR THE WOMEN TO COME AND DRAW THE EVENING WATER, FOR IT IS STRICT ETIQUETTE OF THESE ANCIENT DAYS THAT A STRANGER NEVER TAKES WATER FROM A WELL THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM, BUT WAITS UNTIL IT IS OFFERED TO HIM AND HIS ANIMALS!

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Pike County murder defendant requests second mental evaluation

A former Howard County jailer charged in Pike County for the 2024 shooting death of a Delight man will undergo a second mental evaluation before his case can proceed.

Christian Marc Buster, 29, who resides in Pike County, was charged May 30, 2024 for the death of Oscar Alba, 34, of Delight. In court Monday, Buster was arraigned on an amended charge of first-degree with a weapon enhancement and plead innocent.

An Aug. 4 pretrial case was set by Ninth West Judicial Circuit Judge Tom Cooper and a second mental evaluation “to include criminal responsibility” was approved for the defendant. Buster’s previous mental evaluation deemed him fit to proceed with his case.

Buster has been held at the Pike County jail on a \$500,000 bond since his arrest on April 27, 2024.

Buster is a former employee of the Howard County Sheriff’s Department where he had worked as a jailer for approximately seven months, according to information from the Howard County Courthouse. Buster was terminated from his job the Monday following his arrest.

The Arkansas State Police investigated the shooting and were called in by Pike County authorities the morning of April 27 to Buster’s home at 1152 Highway 26 East. A search warrant was executed at the crime scene at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Alba’s fiancée Lacey Hampton, who reportedly witnessed the shooting, told investigators that she, Alba and Buster had been drinking the night before and they had given Buster a ride to his home in Buster’s vehicle when the shooting happened. Hampton alleged Buster retrieved a pistol from the vehicle’s center console and exited the vehicle and began firing at Alba.

Once Alba fell to the ground, court records state Buster immediately began administering CPR life-saving efforts and also told his mother to call 911. The weapon, a 9mm, was fired at least three times and two bullets apparently struck Alba in the chest.

Buster said in a later interview that he fired his weapon in self defense because he felt threatened by Alba and Hampton and claimed the couple had abused him and were holding him against his will. Investigators noted Buster exhibited no physical injuries on his face or body.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

THE 2025 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

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SECTION 1: The 2025 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2024-14 should be Amended as follows:

Howard County Sanitation, Salaries Full-Time (3009-0701-1001) should increase by \$534.00. The increase comes for reimbursement from the Association of Arkansas Counties Worker’s Compensation Trust for 7 days’ pay for Marion L. Scott, Sr.

SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.


Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge

ATTEST:
Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk
April 21, 2025

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