





# OBITUARIES



**James Garland Carlton**

James Garland Carlton, better known as Jimbo, passed away on Monday, Apr. 21, 2025, in Hot Springs at the age 72. He was born on May 9, 1952, to the late C.C. “Corky” Carlton and June Gilbert Carlton.

Jim loved life and enjoyed being with his friends. Jim owned and operated Jim Carlton Tire Company for generations of Southwest Arkansans. This was a meeting place for many of his friends. He never met a stranger. Jim was also an avid outdoorsman, hunter and collector of guns.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, as well as a granddaughter, Catherine Ann Carlton.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his two sons and daughters-in-law, Clayton Christopher Carlton and Juliana, and Brian Gary Carlton and Jessica; five grandchildren, Cooper, Chesney, Charlotte, John and Caroline; Janet O’Neal; Abby Cortez and her husband, Hector and Emily Juarez and her husband Junior; Sofia Cortez and Manny and Cruz Juarez; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2025, at the First United Methodist Church in Nashville.

A funeral service to remember his life will follow at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025, the First United Methodist Church in Nashville. Interment will follow in Center Point Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in Jimbo’s honor to the Howard Memorial Hospital Foundation, 130 Medical Circle, Nashville, AR 71852.

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com).



**Jerry Richard Chambers**

Jerry Richard Chambers, age 86, a resident of Umpire, Ark., passed away on Monday, April 21, 2025, at his home.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1939, in Umpire, Ark. He was a proud cattle and poultry farmer for 62 years, and was a member of the Athens Missionary Baptist Church, and he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and watching sports, especially the Razorbacks, and loved his family.

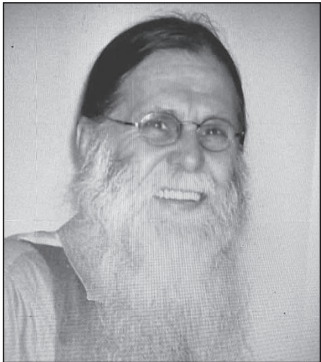
Mr. Chambers was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Orph Kersey Chambers; one sister, Twyla Brand, and one brother, Syl-

vester Chambers.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Leda Chambers of Umpire; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Ron Alexander of Umpire and Karla and Brad Bray of Umpire; grandchildren, Kendall Ayers, Kaydra and Ross Fulmer, and Jenna Bray; great-grandchildren, Len-non Fulmer; two sisters, Jackie Linville and Geneva Chambers.

Graveside funeral services for Mr. Chambers will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 28, 2025, in the Athens Cemetery in Athens, Ark., with Scott Kitchens officiating, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in De Queen.

You may leave a condolence online at [www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com).



**Johnce Lyle Parrish**

Johnce Lyle Parrish, age 78, of Glenwood, Ark., passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, April 23, 2025, at his home, his family by his side.

Born on Dec. 24, 1946, in Whittier, Calif., Johnce was the son of Johnce Erskin Parrish and “Jill” Joan Lyle Banna Parrish. He graduated from La Mirada High School in 1964, where he met his high school sweetheart, Theresa Pearl Ross, whom he married a year later. He continued his education at Long Beach City College in 1969 and was a member of the Palos Verdes Lodge as a Freemason. Johnce also served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves for 9 years, achieving the rank of Sergeant by 1973.

After moving from California to Arkansas in 1979, Johnce continued to work as a carpenter and custom woodworker, expanding his skills to become a versatile “jack of all trades.” Known for his sign-painting and remodeling, he also created stunning murals throughout the region. His creations went beyond craftsmanship and extended into the world of fine art, where he earned recognition for his sculptures, pen and ink drawings, watercolor on yupo, oil paintings, and more.

In addition to his traditional artwork, Johnce was an accomplished martial artist, beginning his training in Kung-Fu San Soo (street fighting) in the 1970s, before earning black belts in both Goju-Ryu and Tae-Kwon-Do. He enjoyed participating in tournaments and was always eager to learn new styles of martial arts.

Later in life, after retiring from carpentry, Johnce dedicated himself fully to his passion for art. He taught art classes, served on several arts-related boards, and was involved with cultural organizations, including the Arkansas Arts Council, the Elberta Arts Council; the Fine Arts Center of Hot Springs; AmeriCorps VISTA; and the Howard and South Pike County Literacy Council. He won multiple awards at art competitions, and his

works have been displayed in various galleries and featured in publications, including A Gathering of Artists. His art decorates the walls of public places like the Glenwood Library and the Crater of Diamonds State Park Visitors Center, where scenes from a miner’s life are depicted.

Known affectionately as “Jay,” Johnce was widely recognized as an entertaining character with a larger-than-life personality. He enjoyed challenging traditional norms with humor and playing devil’s advocate. A transplant from the Los Angeles area, he never fit in with local crowds, and never wanted to. He proudly fostered his reputation as an eccentric artist and loved clowning around to get laughs from friends and strangers alike. He enjoyed multicultural ideas and philosophical discussions, and left a lasting impression on the communities he was a part of, from California to Arkansas.

Johnce is survived by his loving wife, Theresa Pearl Ross Parrish; his aunt, Yvonne Parrish Bigelow of California; his siblings, Sheila Parrish and Scotty Parrish (Jackie) of Lubbock, Texas; and six children: Elisabeth Parrish Eaton (Carl) of Doddridge, Ark.; Maria Parrish-Eichman (Gregg) of Burleson, Texas; Catherine Parrish (Chris Fitter) of Merchantville, N.J.; Rachel Parrish (Phil McKenna) of Cambridge, Mass.; Ian Parrish (Larissa) of Benton, Ark.; and Justin Dru Parish of Hot Springs, Ark. He also leaves behind his bonus daughter, Cindy Tinsey of St. Clair, Mich., as well as 17 grandchildren: Isaac Doggett (Jessica), Johnce Tyler Doggett (Ainslee), Julian Doggett, Jeffrey Parrish, Seth Batts (Samantha), Matthew Parrish-Eichman, John Parrish-Eichman, Sarah Parrish-Eichman, Christian Parrish-Eichman, Sophia Fitter, Michael Fitter, Julian Fitter, Finnegan McKenna, Talia McKenna, Emerson Parrish, Duncan Parrish, and Roman Parrish; five great-grandchildren; and 11 nieces and nephews.

A true artist, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and a friend to many, Johnce’s legacy will live on through the many lives he touched and the art he created.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, 2-4 p.m., at the Smith Family Funeral Home, 209 N. 3rd St., Glenwood, AR 71943.



**Kenny Laverne Hardin**

Kenny Laverne Hardin, age 71, a resident of Nashville, Ark., died at his home surrounded by his family on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

He was born Sept. 12, 1953, in Nashville, Ark. He was nicknamed “Kenny Bones” around the age of 16 by Vernon Dale Sampson and the nickname evolved

into “Uncle Kenny Bones”.

He was a mechanic by trade and worked in the Tow Motor shop at Domtar for 40 years. He worked as a mechanic at Weyerhaeuser in Dierks for 7 years. In his spare time he loved to tinker in his shop, fix up old tractors, and attend auctions where he refused to be outbid. He loved being a father and instilled in his girls to fiercely love/protect their children, be mentally tough, know what you are willing to put up with and what you won’t, having morals, and being true to your word. Several of his favorite sayings were: “Love you tootie” “55 stay alive” “keep it between the mustard and mayonnaise” “I only have the truth in me” “Be nice to everyone”

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, David Laverne and Ella Mae Hardin; two brothers and three brothers-in-law, William Hubert Hardin, Larry Joe Hardin, Dennis McCauley, Bobby Quinn, and Larry Stone; one niece Renae Hardin, one great-niece, Ella Grace McCauley, two sisters-in-law, Virginia Hardin and Liz Hardin.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Mona Hardin; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lana and Brian Halter, Devin and Scotty Russell, and Haley Helm; grandchildren, Kaleb Halter, Griffin Russell, Hudson Halter, Watson Solley, Glory Solley; three sisters, Sue Quinn, Pat Stone, and Sheila Phillip; two brothers, Russell Hardin and Kirk Hardin.

Graveside services will be a.m., Tuesday, April 29, at Corinth Cemetery with Marty Quinn and Andy McCauley officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Scrapper Supermarket, 600 N. 4th St., Nashville, AR 71852.

**Donna Wagner**

Donna R. Wagner, 89, of Nashville, died Monday, Apr. 21, 2025, in Dierks. She was born March 16, 1936, in Mound City, Ill., the daughter of the late Fred Hayden and Linnie Streeter Hayden.

She was a seamstress. She was preceded in death by her siblings.

Survivors include: a son, John Clark; her sister and caregiver Kaye Jones.

Cremation services are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Online at [latimerfuneralhome.com](http://latimerfuneralhome.com).



**Barry Thomas Shewmaker**

After a life well-lived, both heroic and kind, Barry Thomas Shewmaker passed away on April 26th, 2025, at Howard Memorial Hospital in Nashville, Ark., surrounded by a room full of his family and friends.

Berry was born in Tulsa, Okla., on Oct. 30th, 1941, to Martha and George Shewmaker. Later, the family moved to Cincinnati, Ark.,



**THEIR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.** Mineral Springs High School 10th graders Rihanna Collins, left, and Madison Adams spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club, last Wednesday, about their recent experiences at the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. The Rotary Club sponsors delegates to the academy each year. Collins and Adams are the first students from Mineral Springs to attend RYLA. The coeds were accompanied at the meeting at Patacakes by their school principal Stacy Gaddis.

where he graduated from high school. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served honorably for the next four years. Upon being discharged he returned to Arkansas to attend and graduate from the University of Arkansas with a degree as a business major and a minor in math.

He was then employed at Philips Petroleum, then worked for a time on his family’s farm and finally went to work for Tyson Foods.

In the early 1980’s he moved to Nashville to work at the local facility. He spent the remainder of his career there and retired in 2005.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Julia Diane; two sons: Brian Thomas and his wife Jennie of Nashville, and Corey Dean of Perry, Okla.; three grandchildren; Aaron Shewmaker, Dani Dinger, and Ethan Shemaker; two great-grandchildren: Brennan Shewmaker and Brice Dinger, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Berry lived a life full of the things he enjoyed and the people he cared about. He loved the outdoors and went hunting and fishing at every opportunity. And he loved animals. He treated his dogs like they were part of the family, and he treated wild animals with kindness as well. When he was called upon to deal with a snake that was frightening someone, he wouldn’t kill it. Instead, he would capture it and set it free in a safe place.

Berry was a self-professed gear-head. He and Brian lovingly restored a 1974 AMX Javelin to showroom perfection, then took it around to the car show competi-

tions. He thoroughly enjoyed watching car races on television and enjoyed watching mixed martial arts events as well.

He was an accomplished pool player. Every Friday night it was understood that he was going somewhere to shoot pool. He usually came home with more money than he left with.

In short, he was a man’s man. He will be sorely missed in the days ahead by everyone who had the privilege to know him.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. at Restland Memorial Cemetery in Nashville.

His brother-in-law, Jim Lane of Conway, Ark., will officiate.

**Joe O’Bryant, Jr.**

Joe O’Bryant Jr., 43, of Nashville died Friday, Apr. 25, 2025, at his residence in Nashville.

Arrangements are with McFadden & Hitchye in Hope.

Visitation will be Friday, May 2 from 4-6 p.m. at the M&H chapel in Hope.

Graveside service will be Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m. at Sunset Gardens Cemetery, Leslie St., Nashville.

**Sarah Louella Brock Terrell**

Sarah Louella (Brock) Terrell, 101 of Murfreesboro died April 28, 2025.

She was born Sept. 3, 1923.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, at the First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro.

Burial will follow in Brocktown Cemetery.

## BBQ, auction fund-raiser for Center Point VFD, May 10

The annual bbq and auction fund-raiser to benefit the Center Point Volunteer Fire Department will be Saturday, May 10, at the Center Point Community Center.

Serving will begin at 5 p.m. for a \$12 minimum donation. There will be many auction items and a raffle for a shotgun.

Proceeds from the event will support the VFD and its service to the community.

## Children’s Center board will meet May 13

The Howard County Children’s Center board of directors will meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 13.

The meeting will be in Building 2 conference area at noon. The meeting is open to the public.

Officers and directors include:

Josh Tice, president; Riley Jamison, vice-president; Lisa Chandler, secretary; Donny Woods, treasurer. Directors are Carol Murray, Bill Craig, Dena Tollett, Sarah Myers, Andy Troutt, Zack Pinegar and Melissa Hamilton.

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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



Nashville in front of T. A. Hutchinson & Co. Feed and Grocery Store, 1912.

**122 years ago: May 1903**  
Mrs. Ida Allison of Blackland had her face and hands burned last week by the accidental explosion of some powder. Mrs. Allison had lit a match for some purpose which she threw away. She discovered the match had fallen behind a trunk where some newspapers had been placed.

She leaned over the trunk when some powder which was also behind the trunk exploded and the lady’s face and hands were severely burned.

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**79 years ago: May 1946**  
The people of this com-

munity will have an excellent opportunity to view Nashville and the peach country from the air in the plane flights to be made from Murry Field Sunday by E. H. Shirley of Texarkana and James Holcomb of Magnolia, both licensed pilots. Those who have had the flight report the view of this section is one of great beauty.

Taking their first step toward top billing four years hence in the Nashville High School, 85 eighth grade class members Friday morning will receive their certificates of graduation from Nashville Grammar School in graduation exercises at Whiteside Hall. The exercises will be held at 10 o’clock.

Salutatorian is Ruby Harmon and valedictorian is Nancy Dawley.

**63 years ago: May 1962**  
Ronald Reagan’s speech “What Price Freedom” will be rebroadcast on KTAL TV Tuesday night, May 8.

The movie star’s address given earlier in Dallas and rebroadcasted will be presented a third time to the Four-States area by request.

Dierks city voters will take part in an interesting political race in the Democratic primaries with four candidates for city marshal. The paid fees for the marshal race include Oliver McElhanon, Robert Moore the incumbent, G. W. Alsbrook and Wendel Jackson.

**42 years ago: May 1983**  
Melissa Cheatham of McNab is valedictorian of the 1983 graduating class of Saratoga High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Norma Jean White and Autrey Lee Cheatham and the granddaughter of Mrs. Charlean Moore.

Salutatorian of the class is Brenda Johnson of Columbus. She is the daughter of Albert Johnson of Saratoga and Mrs. Merle Johnson of Columbus.

## Defendants face multiple charges

Some defendants made appearances on separate and multiple charges, last Wednesday, April 23, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

On the bench was Judge Tom Cooper.

Malcolm Smith, 52, black male, Nashville, was sentenced on previous guilty pleas. In 2023 he was charged with 2023 with weapons possession during a controlled substance offense, maintaining a drug offense residence, felon in possession of a firearm, and other charges; in 2024 he was charged with three counts of maintaining a drug offense residence, a class B felony.

Last week, he was sentenced to six years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) with several charges not pursued by the state in return for his guilty plea on the principal charges.

Marlin Montez Benson, 51, black male, Nashville also faced two separate criminal cases including an

enhanced charge of delivery of controlled substance, maintaining a controlled substance offense residence, and felon in possession of a firearm.

Benson pleaded not guilty and had June 4 set for pretrial motions.

Ivy Catrice Weaver, 40, white female, Nashville, pleaded guilty to two separate felony cases, both controlled substance possession cases. She was fined \$750 and placed on four years of probation.

**Other guilty pleas**  
Tiffany Staggers, 31, black female, Nashville, pleaded guilty to charges including weapons possession during a controlled substance offense, and with possession of controlled substance. She was fined \$2,500 and was placed on six years of probation.

Zenocia Antwine, 22, black female, Texarkana, Ark., pleaded guilty to drug possession. She was sentenced to six years in the ADC and a \$1,000 fine. If she successfully completes drug court requirements, the charge will be dismissed.

**Trial dates set**  
A defendant in addition to Benson entered not guilty pleas and had dates set for trials and pretrial motions.

Steven Hall, 40, white male, Nashville, is charged with felony possession of controlled substance, and two possession misdemeanors - drug paraphernalia and controlled substance. Motions will be heard Aug. 6.

Failure to appear warrants were ordered for Shana Keuster, 29, white female, Mineral Springs, and for Maurica Trammell, 22, black female, Nashville.

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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. 17-23, 2025, unless noted otherwise:

**Marriage Licenses**  
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office*)  
Apr. 21. Jeffery W. Dowdy, 47, Nashville, and Heather J. Threat, 42, Nashville.

Apr. 22. Xavier McArthur Jones, 30, Mineral Springs, and Tanika Darshae Benson, 30, Nashville.

**Civil Court**  
CV25-50, Apr. 21. Sandra Dorris vs. Howard Memorial Hospital. Class action, data breach.

CV25-51, Apr. 22. In the matter of name change for Abbigail Kollette Garcia to Abbigail Kollette Swift.

CV25-52, Apr. 22. Kirk Blair vs. Howard Health Systems, dba Howard Memorial Hospital. Class action, data breach.

CV25-53, Apr. 22. Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Daniel Buck. Contract.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
DR25-35, Apr. 18. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Brandon M. Clemons. Support.

DR25-36, Apr. 22. Najha Wilson vs. Braddon Wilson. Divorce.

DR25-37, Apr. 23. Jasmin Camacho vs. Joseph Daniel Rendon. Divorce.

**Criminal Court**  
(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)  
CR25-42, Apr. 15. State of Arkansas vs. Josue Turcios, 31, white male, 610 S. Washington, Nashville; Duty to give information, remain at scene of accident, and render aid, class D.

CR25-43, Apr. 17. State of Arkansas vs. Steven Hall, 40, white male, 121 S. Pine, Nashville; POCS, class D felony; PODP and POCS, both misdemeanor.

CR25-44, Apr. 17. State of

Arkansas vs. Erma Miller, 55, white female, Emmet; POCS, class D; PODP, class D.

**Land/Property Transactions**  
**Quitclaim Deed**  
Apr. 17. (Correcting legal description) Anthony Woodruff and wife, Anita Woodruff; to Anthony Rene Woodruff and Anita Marie Woodruff as Co-trustees of the Woodruff Family Living Trust; 2 parcels, 45 ac. in S25, and 80 ac. in S16, all in 9S R28W.

Apr. 21. Da Thi Nguyen and spouse Dan Le; to Day Thi Nguyen and Vuong Minh Le and Van Thi Cam Le, joint tenants; Lot 7, Block 5, SREDC Addition, city of Nashville.

Apr. 21. Rony Valladares Perez; to Rony Valladares Perez and Lucerto Morales, joint tenants; Lot 3, Block, Bissell’s Addition, city of Nashville.

Apr. 22. Patrick N. Reeves, Jr., surviving spouse of LaDonna J. Reeves; to Kayla McCarley; Lots 15-16, Block 24, Original townsite of Dierks.

Apr. 22. Aimee Danielle Nuttall (formerly known as Aimee Daniell Scott) and husband, Tye Nuttall; to Kelly Ryan Scott; 150 ac. in S18/S19 T9S R28W.

Apr. 23. (Correcting names of grantors) Mary Hockaday, et al, surviving heirs of J.D. Hockaday, deceased; to Ransdale Hockaday; 20.63 ac. in S33 T9S R27W.

**Beneficiary’s Deeds**  
Apr. 17. Sheree Faulkner (McKinnon) and husband, Paul Faulkner; to Kevin McKinnon and David McKinnon, tenants in common; Lot 3B of the replat of Stone Lake Lots 2 & 3.

Apr. 22. Doyce Kesterson, surviving spouse of Connie Kesterson; Charles Kesterson, Cynthia Morphew, 1 ac. in S22 T9S R27W, aka 267 Old Center Point Road, Nashville, Ark.

**Trustee’s Deeds**  
Apr. 17. Anthony Rene

Woodruff and Anita Marie Woodruff as Co-trustees of the Woodruff Family Living Trust; to B&E Farm and Rental, LLC; 80 ac. in S16 T9S R28W. \$360,000.

Apr. 23. Karon Dale Baxley and Sherry Jean Baxley, trustees of the Baxley Living Trust; to Cecelia Harberson; 1.419 ac. with easement in S36 T8S R27W. \$222,000.

**Warranty Deeds**  
Apr. 17. Joe Paul Tomerlin; to Brent Hostetler and wife, Katie Hostetler; aggregate 92 a. in S12 T9S R28W. \$350,000.

Apr. 21. Eulice H. Kesterson, Jr., and Karen Sue Kesterson, husband and wife; to Eulice H. Kesterson as trustee of the JR & Karen Kesterson Revocable Trust; aggregate 57.74 ac. in S7 T8S R28W.

Apr. 21. Bobbie J. Davis, aka Barbara J. Davis; to Terry Pratt and Pamela Pratt; 0.562 ac. in S21/S28 T10S R27W. \$3,000.


Apr. 22. Rich Mountain Electric Cooperative, Inc.; to Rebekah Jones and James B. Jones III, wife and husband; 2 parcels, Lot 8 and part of Lot 9, and Lot 10 and part of Lot 9, all in Block 15, Holly Addition, town of Dierks. \$17,015.

Apr. 23. Pace and Jodi King; to Matthew Gene Christie; 8.33 ac. in S36 T8S R27W. \$35,669.

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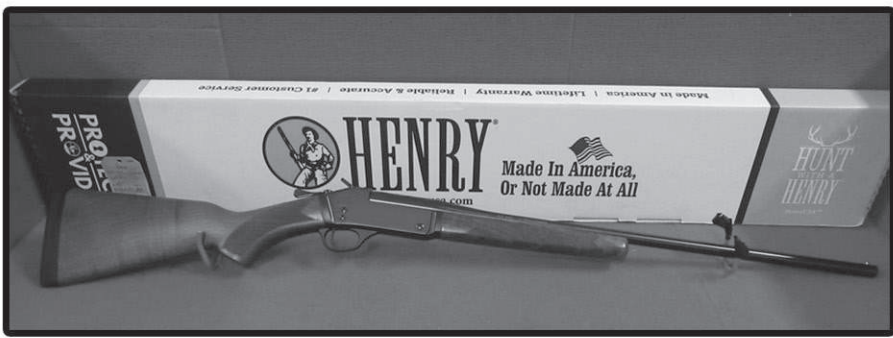
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# Point of view

## Your vote needed

### Don't sit still, Howard County, vote to extend the sales tax

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and the May school/tax election is so important that I am repeating the meat of last week's column.

This is how the renewed tax 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," or, divided according to population percentage.

For every dollar Dierks gets for John Dierks, the city of Nashville gets the exact same for John Nashville.

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

And that penny sales tax would generate a nice sum over the year. For instance, the existing penny sales tax generated an AVERAGE of about \$2.7 million per year in both 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 our city councils do with the money? They get to decide how to spend it. They will do what their residents want.

Same with Howard County. 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?

The hospital could use its share to maintain the current great level of medical care for the community. I have heard mentioned the need for a kidney dialysis center.

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 annual 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 these possible 'per capita' numbers (remember, these are not official until the State of Arkansas says so):

- Dierks -- 6.95%.
- Mineral Springs -- 8.23%.
- Nashville -- 31.51%.
- Tollette -- 1.82%,
- County -- 38.79%.
- Hospital -- 4.85%.
- Economic Development -- 4.85%.

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

Early voting begins May 6, and Election Day is May 13.

Here's your chance to help yourself by helping everyone else.

Vote FOR the sales tax.

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RETIRED. John Curtis has retired from the barbershop, salon, etc., business he founded here 35 years ago. I brag that I was one of his first customers.

I didn't just get my locks trimmed at John's Hair Care. I also got testimonials, sermons, good advice and clean jokes.

One joke he and I have tried to remember for maybe 10 years is the one about a dog on the loose somewhere in Howard County.

Neither one of us can recall the actual joke, but we do remember how funny it was.

Please, if any of you remember that joke remind me or John. I'm still at work.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. Already in a heated battle with houseflies (inside) and red wasps (patio). Loads of June Bugs, too. When do the Fireflies show up?

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from the Universal Classroom of Life: When I lost the index finger tip on my right hand, I asked the doctor if I'd still be able to type articles with the stub. He said, "Possibly, but I wouldn't count on it."

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WORD GAMES. Stop and Go. For pilots it's talking about practice landing and take-off. Entirely different meaning for traffic cops.

Which reminds me: Anyone else notice a large number of state troopers lurking for speeders, lately?

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HE SAID: "Science has not yet mastered prophecy. We predict too much for the next year and yet far too little for the next 10." Neil Armstrong, astronaut

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SHE SAID: "In the United States, we spend millions of dollars on sports because it promotes teamwork, discipline, and the experience of learning to make great progress in small increments. Learning to play music does all this and more." Linda Ronstadt, vocalist and one of my favorites.

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## Legislators approve 3 amendments to send to voters in 2026 election

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The legislature agreed on three proposed amendments to the state Constitution.

One measure would expand the economic development authority of local governments. Another proposal would protect the right to keep firearms, ammunition, firearm accessories and components. The third proposed amendment would prohibit people who are not citizens of the United States from voting.

Senate Joint Resolution 15 is the proposed economic development amendment. If voters approve it, the General Assembly would pass enabling legislation that sets the parameters for cities and counties to create economic development districts.

Neighboring states have similar economic development laws. Supporters of SJR 15 say that Arkansas is at a disadvantage in recruiting retail outlets, new homes and office parks.

Local governments could create districts of varying sizes, to suit their goals. They could be geographically large in order to promote housing and development in a certain part of town.

They could be relatively small to stimulate investment to restore a few deteriorating buildings.

A local development district could freeze property taxes at existing rates for a set period of time, for example, for 10 years. Revenue for local schools would remain stable.

New businesses would have an incentive to move into the district to get a break on property taxes for 10 years.

The amendment, if approved by voters, would also allow districts to freeze local sales taxes to encourage economic development.

Also, districts could issue bonds for public improvements, to be paid off with district revenues.

Arkansas voters have approved a similar economic development plan when they voted in favor of Amendment 78 in 2000 by a vote of 427,000 to 356,000.

However, a legal challenge that went to the Supreme Court resulted in the repeal of several provisions, diminishing its effectiveness as an economic development tool.

In every regular session the legislature can refer up to the three proposed amendments. The Secretary of State will assign numbers

to the proposals adopted by the legislature. They will be labeled Issue One, Issue Two and Issue Three, and they will be on ballots statewide in the November general election next year.

A second proposed amendment is SJR 11 to protect the right of citizens to keep and bear arms, for their defense, for hunting, for recreational use and for any other lawful purpose. The right includes the possession and use of ammunition, firearm components and firearm accessories. If approved by voters it would take effect January 1, 2027.

The third proposed amendment is House Joint Resolution 1018, known as the Citizens Only Voting Amendment. It states that only United States citizens are allowed to vote in state and local elections.

When the legislature refers a proposed amendment to the ballot, it is in the form of a Joint Resolution that originates in either the House or the Senate.

This year representatives introduced 20 proposed amendments, and they were narrowed down to HJR 1018. Senators introduced 24 proposals and they were narrowed down to SJR 15 and SJR 11.

## Remembering heroes from WWII

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

The last several years have featured milestone anniversaries for some of the fiercest and most memorable events of World War II including the attack on Pearl Harbor, D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge. We continue to reflect on them because they forever changed the course of history.

Another pivotal moment in the conflict that defined a generation and posed an existential threat to freedom marks its 80th anniversary in 2025 – the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The war's Pacific theater gave us two of the most dramatic scenes of the 20th century; the first glimpses of deployed nuclear weapons when the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and an iconic photograph of six Marines raising the American flag on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi – an enduring symbol of courage and resilience that still moves us today.

Over 70,000 U.S. Marines, supported by thousands of other service members, stormed the island to achieve control of the regional waters and strategic airfields from which Allied forces could launch aerial attacks on other Japanese targets. The island was well fortified, including miles of underground tunnels and bunkers.

The carnage that unfolded during the weeks-long amphibious

assault was gruesome. Nearly 7,000 Americans died while only slightly more than 200 Japanese survivors, out of a force that had numbered around 21,000, were left at the surrender.

This toll reminds us of the heroism and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation, including the Arkansans who bravely, selflessly fought on Iwo Jima's beaches, valleys and hills. Two Natural State Medal of Honor recipients represent the scope and scale of what our troops faced there.

Navy Corpsman Jack Smith from Harrison served as a medic with one of the Marine divisions invading the island. Smith had already aided over a dozen Marines when he stopped to help his wounded former tent-mate, covering the man with his own body and getting shot three times by enemy fire. Yet Smith finished rendering him aid before addressing his own injuries, eventually perishing from a sniper's bullet.

Wilson Douglas Watson of Crittenden County, a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) gunner, displayed tremendous fortitude in dramatic fashion. As his squadron was pinned down in battle, he charged a Japanese-held fort alone and successfully cleared the way for his platoon to advance. The next day, Watson undertook a similar risk under heavy fire and

killed 60 enemy combatants before receiving backup. He was gravely injured later on but survived.

They were not alone, but their incredible heroism characterized the fight at Iwo Jima. They and many others exemplified Admiral Chester Nimitz's reflection as a display where "uncommon valor was a common virtue" among the U.S. service members who waged the battle.

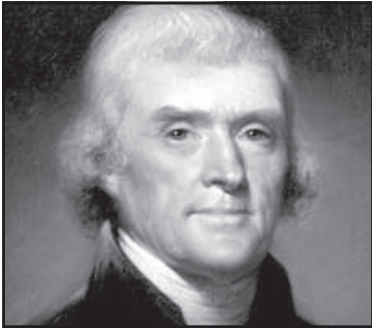
Countless Americans have been inspired to stand for freedom and cherish the memories of fallen warriors since then.

My office has been committed to sharing and preserving some of their stories through the Veterans History Project, an initiative of the Library of Congress that captures their oral histories for future generations.

I was honored to join many of my Senate colleagues in leading a resolution marking the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. Its heroes – part of our Greatest Generation – endured almost unimaginable circumstances in the course of answering the call to defend our country and way of life.

It is a privilege to recognize them and reflect on their service and sacrifice.

They rose to the occasion and truly helped save the world, for which we owe them our eternal gratitude.



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Lodging likely will be one of the items included in the county’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which is being written by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

Members discussed the possibility of locating a buyer for the now-vacant Husqvarna property in Nashville.

Phoenix Investors purchased the property last year and is attempting to find buyers. The warehouse is under consideration by a

seed from 8-4A, May 8 at 5:30 p.m.

The winner will move on to the regional semifinals May 9 and advance to state.

The regional consolation and championship games will be played May 10.

possible purchaser.

Husqvarna closed its Nashville operation late in 2024.

Developing Howard County was formed in response to the closure and loss of jobs.

The panel seeks to attract new industries and businesses and to strengthen those already in operation in the county.

Since the day that the closure was announced, “Look at what has happened,” ex officio board member Dr. Steve Cole said.

“We have an economic development director [Vanessa Weeks],” and the agency is working in all parts of the county.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON

Roochie Wiley of Nashville competes in the long jump at the Coca-Cola Relays April 22 at Scrapper Stadium.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON

Scrapperette Keeri Martin runs her leg of the 4 x 800m relay at the Coca-Cola Relays..

## Nashville hosts Coca-Cola Relays

Teams from Arkansas and Oklahoma competed at the Coca-Cola Relays April 22 at Scrapper Stadium.

Idabel won the boys division with 142.5 points. Magnolia with 107.5, De Queen with 99 and Nashville with 97 rounded out the top four.

In the girls division, Ar-

kansas High of Texarkana finished first with 138 points. The Scrapperettes were seventh with 43.5.

The District 7-4A meet was scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, at Nashville.

Results will be included in the May 7 issue of the *News-Leader*.

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ORDINANCE NO. 995

AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE ORDINANCE # 981 AND TO REGULATE THE DOING OF BUSINESS BY TRANSIENT PEDDLERS/MERCHANTS AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF NASHVILLE, HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Nashville regulates the doing of business by transient peddler/merchants, mobile food units within its city limits in order to protect its citizens from consumer frauds, and

WHEREAS, the regulation of transient peddlers/merchants and mobile food units will also serve to ensure the fair and full collection of sales taxes by the State of Arkansas, and

WHEREAS, to define and clarify the terms of transient peddlers/merchants and mobile food units, and

WHEREAS, time limitations and fees to be established for transient operations; now

THEREFOR, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF NASHVILLE:

SECTION 1: Ordinance 981 is hereby revoked in its entirety.

SECTION 2: Definitions:

- (a) *Transient Peddler/Merchants*: Any person/persons engaging in a temporary business within the city of Nashville, Arkansas, operating for a short, limited period of time, for the purpose of marketing sales, goods, wares, services, entertainment, food, beverages, or anything of value from a motor vehicle, tent, open-aired stand, area or table, trailer, concession, or other transient or portable structure, vehicle or devise, not otherwise established and classified as a permanent business.
- (b) *Mobile Food Unit*: Any wheeled vehicle or trailer capable of being attached to a wheeled vehicle and moved from place to place and offering for retail sale food or beverages intended for human consumption. For purposes of this ordinance, ice cream/snow cone trucks, traveling the streets of Nashville, are excluded from this definition.
- (c) *Mobile Food Vendor*: Shall mean the person or entity who applies for the Transient License pursuant to this ordinance, who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of a mobile food service, or any other temporary business.

SECTION 3: Unlawful It shall be unlawful for any transient peddler/merchant, or mobile food vendor of merchandise to carry on their business or occupation within the city of Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas, without having first obtained a Transient License therefore, as provided hereafter.

SECTION 4: Transient License Every person, firm, or corporation who operates a temporary business within the city limits of Nashville, Arkansas, operating for a short, limited period of time for the purpose of marketing sales, goods, wares, services, entertainment, food, beverages, or anything of value from a motor vehicle, tent, open-aired stand, area or table, trailer, concession, or other transient or portable structure, vehicle or devise, not otherwise established and classified as a permanent business, shall obtain a Transient License from the City of Nashville prior to operation.

Transient License shall be issued at a cost of One Hundred and Fifty dollars and no/100 (\$150.00) for an operating period of Seven (7) consecutive days, and/or at a cost of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars and no/100 (\$250.00) for operating period of Thirty (30) consecutive days of operation within the City of Nashville, Arkansas. Transient Peddlers/Merchants or Mobile Food Vendors may purchase a Daily Transient License for a fee of Twenty-Five dollars (\$25.00) per day. Days shall be consecutive.

Said license shall not be issued until the applicant provides adequate proof of sales tax permits, health permits, liability insurance, fire safety inspection, and all other state-required permits to the City Clerk of Nashville, Arkansas.

The Applicant is hereby given notice that neither the Applicant nor any of its employees, agents, or persons operating for said business shall be allowed to make “door to door” sales and/or solicitations of any kind. Failure to adhere to this term shall immediately terminate the Applicants license and the Applicant, nor any of its employees, agents or persons who have operated for said business shall be allowed to be issued a Transient License within the City of Nashville, Arkansas.

Furthermore, the City Clerk of Nashville, Arkansas, shall not issue such license until the Applicant signs an Affidavit of Compliance as contained herein.

### AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE

STATE OF ARKANSAS)  
) S.S.  
COUNTY OF HOWARD)

The affidavit states that he or she is the Applicant for a Transient License to operate his/her business within the City Limits of Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas. The Applicant agrees that this License is conditional upon the Applicant providing adequate proof to the City Clerk of Nashville regarding the Applicants sales tax permits, health permits, fire inspection, liability insurance and any other state required permits to operate said temporary business within the City Limits of Nashville, Arkansas.

Furthermore, the Applicant agrees that neither the Applicant nor any of its employees, agents or persons operating for said business shall be allowed to make “door to door” sales and/or solicitations of any kind. Failure to adhere to this term shall immediately terminate the Applicant license and the Applicant, nor any of its employees, agents, or persons who have operated for said business shall be allowed to be issued a Transient License within the City of Nashville, Arkansas.

The Applicant has applied for an \_\_\_\_\_ day License to offer for sale of goods or services, or exposed for sale, orders for sale taken by means of samples of the articles or services sold, or anything of value.

Applicant states that the nature of business to be employed during the said License period shall be: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, as Applicant, swear for the above and below statement to be true.

Applicant

Address

Telephone Number

Social Security Number

SECTION 5: Sales Tax Any transient peddler/merchant and/or mobile food vendor who shall make application for a transient license must provide proof of compliance with the State of Arkansas sales tax regulation.

SECTION 6: Health Department Any applicant in the business of providing prepared foods will also be required to provide a certificate from the Arkansas Department of Health evidencing its approval. Any motorized food truck or trailer shall be equipped with its own self-contained water source and waste water storage tanks. ARKANSAS PLUMBING & NATURAL GAS DIVISION MOBILE FOOD UNIT POLICY shall apply to all mobile food trucks and trailers as it pertains to potable water sources.

SECTION 7: Fire Safety Each vendor of a mobile food unit shall submit as part of their application process, a written report of a fire inspection from the Nashville Fire Department, attesting to the safe condition of their facility before they can be issued a transient license to begin operation within the city limits of Nashville, Arkansas. All renewals are subject to fire inspection prior to license renewal.

SECTION 8: Liability Insurance Each vendor shall submit, as part of their vendor application, current proof of valid liability insurance covering the mobile food unit and the operator in the minimum amounts as follows:

- (a) For injury to or death of a person: \$500,000.00 per person and \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence; and
- (b) For damage to property: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

SECTION 9: Time Limitations No Transient Peddler/Merchant or Mobile Food Unit can occupy a location for longer than sixty (60) days. After sixty (60) days they will be required to relocate to another location.

SECTION 10: Exemptions This ordinance shall not be construed to apply to any person or persons coming into the City Limits of Nashville, Arkansas, from the country with any produce and/or vegetables to market and/or sale vegetables, baked goods, foods, berries, or produce from their own farm or premise, nor shall it apply to snow cone/ice cream trucks, traveling the streets vending from neighborhood to neighborhood; commercial travelers employed by wholesale houses and engaged in taking orders for future delivery of merchandise to merchants of the City of Nashville; or to permanent traders operating in the City of Nashville. Furthermore, vendors invited into the City and setting up/or operating in the Nashville City Park or Howard County Fair Grounds for festivals and/or events shall be exempt from transient license fees. No transient license fee shall be required of mobile food vendors operating at the Howard County Farmers Market on Fridays during normal operating hours and/or operating season. All other health permits, sales tax requirements, fire inspections, and liability insurance requirements are still needed regardless of fee exemption. No Transient license shall be required of any school, church group, veterans’ group, civic club, Boy or Girl Scout Troop, or other charitable solicitations (approved by the City Clerk). This Ordinance is not intended to interfere with legitimate Interstate Commerce.

SECTION 11: Fine for Violation Violations of this Ordinance shall be classified as a Class B Misdemeanor, subjecting the offender to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for a term not exceed Ninety (90) days. Each sale, or attempted sale, and/or each day, or part of a day, any such person, firm or corporation engaged in business and/or operation within the City Limits of Nashville, Arkansas, shall constitute and be deemed a separate offense hereunder.

SECTION 12: Enforcement The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by Nashville Code Enforcement, Nashville Police Department, or the Nashville Fire Department.

SECTION 13: All Ordinances or parts thereof conflicting with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14: This Ordinance shall be and become in full force and effect from and after 4/21/2025.

Passed this \_21st \_ day of \_April\_

Larry Dunaway, Mayor

Lauren Hoen, City Clerk

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**4-H MEMBER ATTENDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE.** Anna Kate McKinnon of Howard County was selected as one of five youth to represent Arkansas 4-H at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has administered the National 4-H Conference on behalf of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., since 1927. Deemed “the Secretary’s Conference,” this conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA. Today, the conference remains true to its original intent to develop the next generation of leaders while continuing to be future-focused. The conference brings together over 300 young people, volunteer leaders, county and state Extension staff, Land-grant University faculty and administrators, as well as state and federal government officials from across the United States and its territories. Delegates have the opportunity to share their voice with federal officials in the nation’s capital. They attend roundtable groups, which work on solutions for their challenge questions. Anna was challenged with the question of Fostering Healthy Eating Among youth. She and her team did a presentation to the USDA with the goal of impacting change in America.

# South Pike County School Board handles personnel issues at monthly meeting

The South Pike County School Board mainly took care of personnel matters during its April meeting, which was the last one for Scott Maroon after more than 10 years on the board. Superintendent Tanya Wilcher recognized Maroon, who has served as board president for the past several years, and said his time on the board was very productive and appreciated. Maroon will participate in graduation next month, as will his replacement Brian Caldwell.

Concerning personnel matters, the board went into a short closed executive session at 6:48 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 7:00.

The board voted to hire Lexie (Baxter) Bahloul as a

speech pathologists for the 2025-2026 school. The vote to hire Bahloul was 6-0 with Bahloul’s mother and board member, Barbie Baxter, abstaining from the voting and the part of executive session concerning her daughter.

Bahloul is a 2026 graduate of Murfreesboro High School.

The board also voted 7-0 to rehire the district’s classified staff and added 30 extra days to Buddy Ray’s retired teacher contract.

The board also voted 6-1 to hire Hannah Taylor as an inclusion/ELA special education teacher and Jordan Shanks as science/PE teachers.

Those voting for the hiring included Andrea McRae, Cory Ballard, Robert Silva, Maroon, Baxter and

Wes Campbell while Alyssa Duggan voted against the hires.

Wilcher announced during the meeting that kindergarten and sixth grade graduation will be held on May 7 with May 13 set as the date for the high school’s graduation. Wilcher also reported May 15 is the last day of school and the Springs Sports Banquet will be held on May 20.

Wilcher also presented a short building report for Principal Davey Jones and Elementary Principal James Riley updated the board about various news on campus, including ongoing testing and the elementary getting set to be highlighted on a podcast hosted by the Dawson Education Service Cooperative.

The podcast will focus on the elementary’s recent designation as a Certified Kindness School, the only one in Arkansas.

Riley also discussed the elementary’s projected letter grade of a “C” that was recently issued by the state Department of Education. Riley said he takes the letter grade personally and outlined plans to improve on the assessment.

Riley also reported the elementary is now up to 382 students in K-6 from last year’s enrollment of 360.

The board also heard from Wilcher that the district had a “clean” legislative audit with “no major findings” and approved the classified salary schedule for the upcoming school years.

# Nashville man charged in Clark County case

A Nashville man has been charged in Clark County with multiple game violations and drug charges following a February encounter with a game warden at the Big Timber Wildlife Management Area near Amity.

Billy Cogburn, 48, was charged April 28 with night hunting, hunting wildlife in closed seasons, use of artificial lights to view or locate wildlife, resident hunting

license requirements, hunting from the road or levee, removal of objects, possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia and possession of a firearm by certain persons.

According to case information, Cogburn was arrested on Feb. 1 during a traffic stop that started with a pursuit through Amity by Arkansas Game Warden Ethan Angel. The truck in question was driven by

Marty Duggan, 52, and occupied by Cogburn and rear passenger Michelle Sirmon, 52. The trio allegedly had multiple sources of projected light and a loaded rifle and Warden Angel had smelled marijuana upon approaching the truck.

A history check on the three occupants showed Cogburn had previous felony conviction for multiple charges related to manufacturing and distributing

drugs and Sirmon had a previous felony conviction and an active probationary supervision with a search waiver on file.

Duggan and Sirmon were eventually released with citations and warnings.

During a search, Cogburn was reportedly found to have multiple rocks in his pockets, which warranted the citation for removing objects from AG&FC-controlled property.

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What Kinds of Books?

Mystery Dog can find out anything! He wants to let kids know what kinds of books they can find at the library to borrow. **Three letters** of the alphabet are mysteriously missing from the words in Mystery Dog's list. **Can you help him by filling in the blanks with the missing letters?**

(Hint: one letter is a vowel, one is a consonant and one can be used as a vowel or consonant!)

Fiction Books (not real)

1. Fant \_\_ sy

2. Sc \_\_ ry

3. My \_\_ tery

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Non-Fiction Books (real)

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2. We \_\_ ther

3. Geogr \_\_ ph \_\_

4. \_\_ ports

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What Did the Characters Do?

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1. Old Mother Goose

2. Peter Piper

3. Humpty Dumpty

4. Jack and Jill

5. Little Jack Horner

6. Jack Sprat

7. Old Mother Hubbard

8. Cow

9. Little Bo-Peep

10. Blackbirds

11. Simple Simon

12. Baby

A. jumped over the moon

B. picked pickled peppers

C. would fly on a gander

D. were baked in a pie for the King

E. went to get a pail of water

F. looked everywhere for her sheep

G. was walking to the fair

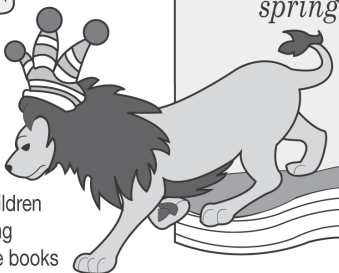
H. could not eat fat

I. wasn't careful on the wall

J. rocked in a cradle on a tree branch

K. wanted to give her a dog a bone

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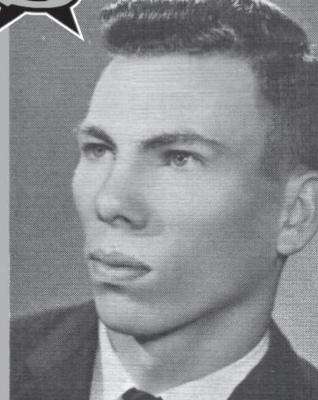
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- Ranked 45<sup>th</sup> Nationally & 8<sup>th</sup> in the state of Arkansas
- All-State in football for three years
- All-State for basketball
- Arkansas Super Team Honors for 3 years
- All-District in basketball for 2 years
- All-Southwest in basketball

COLLEGE CAREER

- Played football for University of Arkansas & Iowa State University
- Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice
- Master's Degree in Child Youth Development
- SEC West Team Leader in receptions, touchdowns, & yards
- Three time Big 12 Player of the Game
- All Big 12 Team

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- Three-time All-District & All-Region in basketball & softball
- Long Distance Runner of the Year in Track
- Participated in three sports: basketball, softball, & track

HALL of FAME

KAYLA  
*Green Nesmith*




HIGH SCHOOL CAREER

- Class of 2004
- Salutatorian
- Homecoming Queen in 2004
- Miss NHS in 2004
- 4 sport athlete with Honors

HALL of FAME


JOE  
*Goodrum*



- Class of 1950
- Outstanding football and track athlete in NHS
- Football and track athlete at Henderson State Teachers College, 1950-1954, graduated in 1955
- Returned to Nashville in 1959 as an Assistant Football Coach and head track coach
- Nashville head football coach and athletic director, 1966-1969
- Head coach of the 1967 state championship team
- Coached in the AAA High School All-Star game in 1962 and 1968
- After losing his sight in 1969, he continued as the athletic director until his retirement in 1978.

HALL of FAME

JAMIE  
*Erby*



HIGH SCHOOL CAREER

- Class of 1998
- Three-year starter for football
- Second Team All-District sophomore year
- First Team All-District junior and senior years
- All-State in football in 1997
- Outstanding Defensive Back Award
- Howard County All-Star Team & Tearkana Gazette All-Star Team
- Three-year letterman in basketball

HALL of FAME

TYLER  
*Serrano*




HIGH SCHOOL CAREER

- Class of 2008
- Sophomore year: 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, AR Super Team, All-State
- Junior year: All-State, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, Defensive Back of the Year
- Senior year: 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, Nominated for 4A Player of the Year, 4A MVP for State Game, Played on three consecutive football state championship teams

HALL of FAME


NOLAN  
*Follett*



- Class of 1936
- Graduated from University of Alabama in 1939 with a major in Science Education
- Played tight end in football; pole-vaulter and sprinter at the University of Alabama
- Taught science and coached at Apalachicola High School in Florida
- Served overseas in the Army Air Corps in WWII
- Coached at Hope High School when they won the 1946 football state championship

HALL of FAME


VAUGHN  
*Follett*



- Class of 1937
- Set several track records in high school
- He was recruited by Assistant Coach Bear Bryant on a football scholarship for the University of Alabama. He would only accept the scholarship if his brother Nolan could also attend.
- Played halfback and pole-vaulted
- Attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Pastor of a Baptist Church in Tennessee

HALL of FAME

MAURICE  
*Johnson*




HIGH SCHOOL CAREER

- Class of 1994
- Holds NHS Basketball record points scored (1270) and rebounds (745)
- All-State in basketball 1993 and 1994
- Participated in 1994 Basketball All-Star game
- All-State in football in 1993
- Scored the first Scrapper Touchdown in State Championship game history

HALL of FAME


THOMAS  
*Goodwin*



- Class of 1965
- Senior class president
- Elbert L. Fauset Distinguished Professor of Organic Chemistry at Hendrix College
- Carnegie Foundation/CASE United States Professor of the Year
- Pfizer Green Chemistry in Education Award
- Developed a molecule that is now part of a drug in clinical trials as a treatment for leukemia

HALL of HONOR


MARY SUE  
*Williams*



- Class of 1930
- Attended Hendrix College in Conway for two years
- Obtained Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and a Master's degree in English and Education from George Peabody and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee
- Legendary long-time English teacher at NHS

HALL of HONOR

REV. WILLIE  
*Benson*



- Ordained minister since the age of eight
- Retired Master Sergeant in the US Air Force
- Served on Gov. Bill Clinton's Advisory Board
- Served on many committees in the City of Nashville
- Korean War Veteran

HALL of HONOR

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# Big wins on Senior Night

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Five Scrapper seniors and their families were recognized on Senior Night April 25 at Wilson Park before Nashville's 14-7 District 7-4A victory over Arkadelphia. The seniors include Gage Green, Mason Honea, Sam Carter, Banks Ray and Peyton Hill.



Nine Scrapperette seniors and their families were recognized during Senior Night April 25 at Futrell Field. They include Kenzy Lowery, Nadia Bretado, Gabby Williams, Adison Moore, Harleigh Hill, Natalie Nolte, Addison Tate, Maddie Rodgers and Jacee Martin. The Scrapperettes defeated Arkadelphia 15-0.



Nadia Bretado runs home for a Scrapperette score during their 15-0 victory over Arkadelphia Friday afternoon, April 25, at Futrell Field.



Luke Boon slides in for a score in the Scrappers' win over Arkadelphia April 25 at Wilson Park. Nashville is the runner-up in District 7-4A.



Dalton Manlove pitches for the Scrappers April 25 during their 14-7 win that secured second place in District 7-4A.



Mason Honea watches the ball as he runs to first base on a Scrapper hit April 25 against Arkadelphia.



Addison Tate scores in the Scrapperettes' Senior Night win over Arkadelphia to wrap up a 10-0 District 7-4A race. Nashville will be the district's top seed going into the regional tournament next week at De Queen.



Coach John Martin (right) congratulates his daughter Jacee after a base hit Friday afternoon against Arkadelphia.

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Nashville Scrapperettes

The Scrapperettes earned the District 7-4A championship last week with two wins over Arkadelphia. The Scrapperettes wrapped up the district's double round robin with a 10-0 record. They swept Arkadelphia, Magnolia, De Queen, Hope and Camden Fairview.

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## Pike County holding raffle for youth livestock fair awards

The Pike County Livestock group is raffling off an RTIC ice chest with proceeds going toward the youth livestock awards at the 2025 Pike County Fair. The drawing will be conducted at the fair this September. Raffle chances cost \$5 each or 5 chances for \$20. The ice chest is a 32 quart ultra-light that stays cold for

up to five days. It also features a rapid drain and a built-in bottle opener. To purchase chances, see any Pike County Livestock exhibitor, which includes FFA and 4-H members from all three Pike County area school districts. For more information, contact one of the following rep-

resentatives:  
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Julie Atchley – Centerpoint FFA, (479) 549-7405  
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## Howard County District Court

**April 24, 2025**  
*BF=Bond Forfeited*  
**Howard County**  
Allen, William Wayne, 79, Nashville, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Benson, Tanika Darshae, 30, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Bentley, Charles W., 23, Tijeras, N.M., \$270 BF, speeding  
Bowman, Toni D., 54, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding  
Calhoun, Demarcus Montrell, 42, Richardson, Texas, guilty of no CDL while driving commercial vehicle, fined \$345; guilty of no 72-hour permit, fined \$185  
Calley, Marilyn, 42, Dierks, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance  
Campbell, Malcom, 25, Mineral Springs, \$240 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Cherry, Christopher, 21, Ashdown, guilty of speeding, fined \$250; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195  
Crews, Mindy K., 57, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,340 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions  
Davis, Amber D., 45, Newhope, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$265  
Eastman, Jimmy W., 50, De Queen, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70  
Eudy, Dalton Lane, 25, Dierks, guilty of speeding, fined \$240  
Gray, Marcus A., 44, Saratoga, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,920 owed; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Green, Aniya Chantell, 20, Texarkana, guilty of speeding, fined \$270; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$345; guilty of improper or prohibited driving, fined \$215; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Hall, Steven E., 50, McCaskill, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,510 owed, committed to jail  
Hankins, Devin Dahyale, 19, Texarkana, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course  
Harness, Timothy W., 62, McCaskill, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$290; \$45 BF, now seat belt  
Hernandez-Luna, Jose G., 36, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Hill, Miles Macory, 22, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$310 owed  
Imoe, Latasha R., 37, Idabel, Okla., guilty of non-payment of fines, \$805 owed  
Jackson, Willie C. Jr., 49, Texarkana, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Loaeza Kennon, Adriana, 30, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$230  
Lofton, James R., 70, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,651 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Marlow, Damean M., 38, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$550 owed  
McFadden, Audreanna L., 34, Nashville, \$195 BF, no child restraint; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Moore, Bradley, 24, McCaskill, \$250 BF, speeding  
Moreno, Jasmine, 24, Gurdon, \$250 BF, speeding  
Sharp, James, 25, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Smallwood, Ashley D.,

43, De Queen, guilty of speeding, fined \$240  
Weaver, Ivy, 40, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,905 owed  
White, Bailey M., 27, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$265 owed  
Wilkerson, Richard L., 29, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,185 owed  
Williams, Larry Darnell, 32, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of speeding, fined \$260; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
**City of Nashville**  
Becerra Guerrero, Ramon D., 24, Nashville, \$195 BF, parking in prohibited area  
Brewer, Malik A., 23, Hot Springs, \$285 BF, failure to appear  
Brown, Derrick, 43, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Bustamante, Andrea, 32, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$195 BF, no child restraint  
Carthorne, Cory D., 48, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Chatman, Priscilla, 62, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,720 owed  
Christopher, Marcus V., 38, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,2025 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Coburn, Savion, 25, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,545 owed  
Crowell, Markayla Elaine, 20, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Daniels, Jamarrion T., 21, Texarkana, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Davis, Stanley, 67, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70  
Garate, John P., 22, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,290 owed  
Garcia, Miranda, 28, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Guerrero, Christopher A., 24, Little Rock, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Heath, Timothy R. Jr., 45, Spencerville, Okla., guilty of

non-payment of fines, \$505 owed  
Henry, Jeanette, 58, Nashville, guilty of violation of city ordinance - banned breed dog, fined \$625  
Hernandez Jimenez, Francisco, 33, Murfreesboro, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Hernandez, Fidel, 35, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Howell, Larry D., 65, Nashville, guilty of indecent exposure, fined \$710  
Jackson, Willie C. Jr., 49, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,045 owed; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Johnson, Darjet, 27, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,080 owed; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195  
Johnson, Jennifer, 44, Hope, guilty of no proof of liability insurance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Jordan, Daniel, 56, Ozan, guilty of defective equipment on vehicle, fined \$210; guilty of tinted windows, fined \$195  
Keaster, Jessica, 35, De Queen, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Lary, Codey C., 19, Gillham, guilty of failure to yield, fined \$195  
Manning, Johnny Ray, 62, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,867 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions  
Markcum, Allen Lee, 49, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Marrufo, Cesar, 41, De Queen, \$240 BF, speeding  
Marrufo-Aldaba, Manuel, 30, Hope, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$260 BF, speeding  
Milner, Kenyata L., 20, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Moore, Ereyanna Nichell, 23, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,930 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Morris, Ashley Camille, 27, Texarkana, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Perez, Selena, 26, Nashville, guilty of no driver's li-

cense/expired license, fined \$195  
Pina-Martinez, Efigenia, 49, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Quaterion Martrice Green, 27, El Dorado, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195  
Rauch, Casey Lynn, 38, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,505 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear  
Scoggins, Nastassi S., 32, Nashville, guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Sullins, William R., 48, Prescott, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Sumler, Christopher D., 38, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Triplett, Justin, 23, Hope, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Wallin, Stephanie, 43, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,95 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions  
Webb, Ronald Gene, 63, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185  
White, Irene, 68, Nashville, guilty of defective turn signal or brake lamp, fined \$210  
Winer, Hope, 54, Nashville, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
**City of Dierks**  
Barrington, Steffasn, 38, Dierks, guilty of theft of services, fined \$310  
Imoe, Latasha R., 37, Idabel, Okla., guilty of speeding, fined \$250; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Ward, Adam L., 44, Dierks, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
**City of Mineral Springs**  
Williams, Larry Darnell, 32, Mineral Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
**City of Toltette**  
White, Brittany Lanell, 34, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$195 BF, no child restraint  
**Bench Trials**



**TURKEY KILL #177.** Doug Steed, 87, of Blevins, bagged this bird opening day April 21. He said he killed his first turkey in the spring season of 1973 and since then has killed 177 gobblers over a 47-year period in multiple states.

Howard County	City of Nashville
Adams, Stephen Trevor, 35, Dierks, guilty of first-degree assault, fined \$710, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 360 days suspended, no-contact order issued for visit; guilty of fleeing, fined \$510	Gonzalez, Sacramento L., 29, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Creech, April Lynn, 54, Horatio, guilty of speeding, fined \$260	Jackson, Shannon L., 28, Colorado Springs, Colo., guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Garcia, Saul, 30, Hope, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course	Montayo, Santos M., 24, Colorado Springs, Colo., guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Mathis, Timothy L., 58, Nashville, guilty of possession for sale-dry area, fined \$500	Ramirez, Sergio S., 24, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$95
Moore, Corey Darel, 51, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,610 owed	Ross, Quantisha R., 39, Hope, guilty of obstructing government operations, fined \$370
Schooley, Sydney, 28, Nashville, guilty of reckless driving, fined \$345	<b>City of Mineral Springs</b> Schooley, Sydney, 28, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$120

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**RECORD-BREAKER.** Dierks seventh-grader Scarlett Nuttall sets a new meet record in the 800m run with a time of 2:34.



**THREE TIMES.** Dierks' Addison Hill in the triple jump event at the 7-2A junior high meet.



**LONG JUMPER.** Dierks' Milee Harrison competes in the long jump at the district meet.

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**HIGH JUMPER.** Maclane Smith competes in the high jump at Caddo Hills.

## Lady Rattlers, Outlaws tops at junior high 7-2A meet

The Murfreesboro and Dierks junior high track squads completed their season with the junior high 7-2A track meet at Caddo Hills on April 21.

The Murfreesboro boy's squad finished in fourth place with 84 points, with Dierks winning the meet with 185 points.

The junior Lady Rattlers won the meet with 164 points, besting the Dierks junior Lady Outlaws' 145.50 points for second place.

Athletes scoring in the top eight places and earning points included:

### MJHS BOYS

4x100 meter relay team – seventh place, 57.46

4x200 meter relay team – third place, 1:48.85

4x400 meter relay team – fourth place, 4:31.46

4x800 meter relay team – third place, 12:38.19

Josh Fox – seventh place 100 meter dash, 12.58; fifth place 200 meter dash, 26.47; second place 400 meter dash, 58.35

Cooper Lowery – seventh place 800 meter run, 2:36.33; first place pole vault, 9'6"

Jayden Luster – first place 1600 meter run, 4:58.56

Charles Morrow – eighth place discus, 95'1"; fifth place shot put, 34'8"

Jacob Shaw – fifth place 110 meter hurdles, 20.64; seventh place 300 meter hurdles, 52.13; eighth place pole vault, 7'6"

Isaac Smith – seventh place discus, 98'6.5"; first place shot put, 39'7"

Blayze Stone – sixth place 110 meter hurdles, 20.87; eighth place 300 meter hurdles, 52.22

Colton Tidwell – fifth place long jump, 16'7"

Keith Wilkinson – seventh place 400 meter dash, 1:04.17

### MJHS GIRLS

4x100 meter relay team -- fifth place, 1:05.88

4x200 meter relay team – first place, 2:03.05

4x400 meter relay team – first place, 5:04.59

4x800 meter relay team – second place, 12:38.94

Carsyn Ballard – seventh place 800 meter run, 3:10.96; fourth place pole vault, 5'6"

Lilly Cross – sixth place shot put, 26'6"

Blakelee Dixon – third place shot put, 27'9"

Leah Eoff – seventh place 100 meter hurdles, 21.27; fifth place 300 meter hurdles, 1:01.57

Macy Gills – first place 100 meter dash, 13.12; first place 200 meter dash, 27.45; first place 400 meter dash, 1:03.19; third place long jump, 14'9.5"

Yoanna Gonzalez – third place 1600 meter run, 6:27.36

Ava Harr – fourth place 400 meter dash, 1:11.97; fifth place triple jump, 24'3"

Abigail Howard – eighth place 800 meter hurdles, 1:18.47

Adyson James – eighth place shot put, 26'2"

Kaydence McAnelly – eighth place 1600 meter run, 7:55.73

Hannah McMillian – second place discus, 61'3"

Ma'Shaylia Morris – second place 100 meter dash, 13.27; second place 200 meter dash, 27.74; fifth place discus, 54'10.25"; first place high jump, 4'10"; first place long jump, 15'7.5"

Maci Price – sixth place 100 meter dash, 14.41; third place 400 meter dash, 1:10.21; fifth place long jump, 13'1.5"

Adalyn Silva – seventh place 1600 meter run, 6:55.55; fourth place 800 meter run, 2:59.16; seventh place high jump, 3'10"; second place triple jump 27'0"

McKinlee White – first place pole vault, 6'6"

### DJHS BOYS

4x100 meter relay team – second place, 50.56

4x200 meter relay team – second place, 1:45.04

4x400 meter relay team – first place, 4:11.03

4x800 meter relay team – second place, 12:34.27

Jason Bailey – second place 110 meter hurdles, 17.76; second place 300 meter hurdles, 47.68; seventh place high jump, 4'10"

Eli Brinkley – eighth place 110 meter hurdles, 21.17

Justise Burton – third place 1600 meter run, 5:20.74; first place 800 meter run, 2:21.45

Javion Chapman – second place 200

meter dash, 25.10; first place 400 meter dash, 58.01

Zak Ford – seventh place 110 meter hurdles, 20.97; fifth place 300 meter hurdles, 50.89; third place discus, 106'1"; fifth place pole vault, 7'6"

Eligah Hawthorne – second place discus, 121'5"; sixth place shot put, 34'6"

Asa Hopper – seventh place shot put, 34'1"

Gavin House – first place discus, 125'0.25"; second place shot put, 36'6"

Jett Jackson – sixth place 100 meter dash, 12.55; sixth place long jump, 16'6.5"; fourth place triple jump, 34'8.5"

RJ Morrison – first place 100 meter dash, 11.51; third place 200 meter dash, 25.31

Griffin Shankles – fourth place 110 meter hurdles, 20.42

Maclane Smith – sixth place 1600 meter run, 5:48.82; fifth place 800 meter run, 2:32.70; fifth place high jump, 4'8"; third place pole vault, 8'6"

### DJHS GIRLS

4x100 meter relay team – fourth place, 1:05.84

4x200 meter relay team – third place, 2:09.25

4x400 meter relay team – third place, 5:17.30

4x800 meter relay team – first place, 11:48.35

Faith Castleman – seventh place shot put, 26'3"

Taigen Collins – seventh place discus, 51'8.75"; fourth place shot put, 27'7"

Dallie Graham – second place 1600 meter run, 6:25.35; third place 800 meter run, 2:57.37

Milee Harrison – first place 100 meter hurdles, 16.99; third place 100 meter dash, 13.65; third place 200 meter dash, 28.20; first place 300 meter hurdles, 51.41; second place long jump, 15'1"

Addison Hill – second place 100 meter hurdles, 17.14; fourth place 200 meter dash, 29.79; third place 300 meter hurdles, 54.69; second place high jump, 4'8"; fourth place long jump, 13'10.5"; first place triple jump, 29'0"

Scarlett Nuttall – first place 1600 meter run, 5:54.60; second place 300 meter hurdles, 52.92; first place 800 meter run, 2:34.08; third place high jump, 4'4"; first place pole vault 6'6"



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# Dierks High School student athletes sign up for future



**SIGNING DAY IN DIERKS.** On Friday, April 25, two Dierks High School student athletes, Dylan Moore (at right) and Jaycie Johnson, signed their letters of intent to further their education with the help of their chosen sport. Moore, the Outlaws' leading scorer and All-District player, signed on to play basketball at Crowley's Ridge College (Pioneers) in Paragould. Moore is pictured with his coach Jacob Chisum and parents, Danielle and Zak, with sister, Katelynn. Johnson, a top shooter with the DHS trap team, signed on to shoot with the UA-Cossatot Colts who compete in NJCAA Division II clay target shooting. With Johnson during the signing was UA-Cossatot shooting sports coach, Brett Blackburn, and her shooting coach, Vanessa Thompson, with other UA-Cossatot instructors and her father, Jay Johnson.

## Rattlers improve to 11-1 in conference with 11-1 win over Foreman Headed to Spring Hill this Friday to face conference co-leaders

The Murfreesboro Rattler baseball team started last week with a resounding win over Foreman 11-1 to claim another conference victory.

The game was close for most of the contest, with the Rattlers holding a 2-1 after four innings. The home team would explode for nine runs in the bottom of the fifth to end the game.

Brody Maroon would lead the charge, swatting three home runs in his four at-bats. He would go 4/4 on the day with three runs scored and seven RBIs and a stolen base.

Carter Gilmer would score twice and drive in one run, while Alex Bonner and Lathan Compton each had a run scored and an RBI.

Isaac Kuykendall would toss a complete game for the Rattlers, allowing eight hits, an earned run and a walk to go along with his five strikeouts on the day.

Kane Davis would drive in the lone Ga-

tor run in the third inning, scoring Eli Long.

**AT HORATIO**

Two days later the team traveled to Horatio to earn a 14-3 win over the Lions.

Murfreesboro would trail 2-1 after the first inning, then scored five runs in the second to take complete control of the game.

Maroon would continue his hot streak at the plate, hitting a pair of home runs and a double as part of his 3/5, four RBIs, three runs scored day.

Kooper Caldwell would also launch a home run for the Rattlers. He would also drive in four runs and score twice.

Compton and Gilmer each had RBIs for MHS.

Rattler starting pitcher Laytan Wilcher went all seven inning for the team from the mound, allowing five hits, two earned runs and three walks to go along with his 12 strikeouts.

Daniel Gideon would drive in Horatio's

lone RBI, scoring Graham Banhardt after a double. Banhardt scored twice for the Lions.

**AT BAPTIST PREP**

Last Friday the Rattlers took the long road trip to Little Rock to take on Baptist Preparatory, scoring a 6-2 win.

Wilcher would double, drive in a run and score once in the victory. Caldwell would also double for the Rattlers and notch an RBI.

Kale Burns laced a double as part of his two hit day, scoring once and driving in a run.

Gilmer and Cale Humphry (stolen base) also had RBIs for the team.

Maroon started the game from the mound for MHS, allowing four hits, two earned runs and five walks to go along with five strikeouts over five innings.

Gilmer would close out the final two innings for the Rattlers without incident, allowing no hits and striking out a pair.

Nolan Boytette had a hit, a run, an RBI and a stolen base for Baptist. Preston Somers also added an RBI for the Eagles, while Cash Bowman had a pair of stolen bases.

**RATTLER OUTLOOK**

After the trio of wins last week, the Rattlers now sit at 18-7 overall and 11-1 in conference play.

This week the team will host Mountain Pine on Monday and travel to Spring Hill in the critical final game of the season on Friday. Entering this week's play, the Rattlers and the Bears are tied atop the 7-2A standings with one conference loss each.

**LADY RATTlers SOFTBALL**

The girls closed out their regular season last week with a 8-6 loss to Foreman and a 0-15 loss at Horatio.

They sit with a 5-13 record (3-2 conference) as they look forward to the 7-2A district tournament.

## Young guns post another increase in Arkansas youth turkey harvest

**By Randy Zellers**  
AG&F Foundation

Hunters aged 6 to 15 enjoyed one of the best Arkansas youth turkey hunts over the weekend, checking 1,443 gobblers, an increase of 22 percent over last year's youth turkey hunt results.

AGFC Turkey Program Coordinator David Moscicki said the increase in harvest was most likely due to phenomenal weather and several years of good hatches.

"As turkey season has neared, I have had a lot of

discussion about turkey populations and regulations," Moscicki said. "The numbers don't lie: Harvest is steadily increasing and parts of Arkansas have seen several years of above-average hatches. This has led to many folks seeing more birds on the landscape."

Moscicki said that although youths may take one immature gobbler (called a jake) as part of their overall two-bird seasonal limit, only 317 of the 1,443 gobblers taken during the youth hunt were jakes.

Moscicki says gobbling activity was excellent during the youth hunt and should be great going into the regular season starting April 21, even though it falls a week later than last year's dates due to a phenomenon known as calendar creep.

Moscicki said peak nest initiation estimates from brood survey collections still support a peak nest initiation date of April 19, so hunters will still see good gobbling activity. The current season structure does an excellent job of strad-

dling the line between providing turkeys enough time to gobble, breed and nest before the bulk of hunting disturbance and offering a good hunting experience for those who pursue the birds.

"There will be years that hatching will not be as good, which is what many Southeastern states saw back in 2020, which led to declines. It's important to remain conservative where we can so we can maintain a viable turkey population through the good times and the bad times."



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# Pride or investment potential, projects fall into either category

Home projects and renovations generally fall into two categories. They're either a passion project — upgrades that personalize living spaces and make them more comfortable — or, they're meant to increase the value of the home and, hopefully, get a return on the investment.

With some planning, you can find home projects that overlap these two spheres: they fit within your budget and improve your surroundings and are also worth the money beyond quality of life.

**Replace garage doors**

At around \$4000, changing out your garage doors is a pretty hefty investment. Yet, remodeling experts say most homeowners recouped around 94% of the replacement cost when they sold their homes. Even if you don't foresee selling your home in the future, an old, dented, outdated garage door decreases curb appeal. More importantly, a garage door that doesn't open and close properly could be a safety hazard.

**New interior paint**

A fresh coat of paint throughout your home not only freshens up the aesthetic but also improves the mood of its residents. And, should you decide to sell, it presents a "cared for" vibe to potential buyers.

If selling is your main objective, stick to neutral colors and white trim. Professional painters charge, on average, \$350 to \$850 to paint a room, depending on the square footage and the height of the ceilings. Expect to pay up to \$2400 for a 1500-square-foot home, and between \$2100 and \$3900 for a 2500-square-foot home.

**Flooring**

Refurbishing the floors makes a massive aesthetic difference and improves energy efficiency. Most realtors agree that wood floors, which cost between \$5 and \$10 per square foot, are one of the best home investments you can make.

In tropical climates, like Florida, ceramic tile or stone flooring is a better choice. You'll pay between \$12 and \$25 per square foot for these options. While most people focus solely on the aesthetic value of new flooring, you can also add better insulation underneath to deter moisture and keep the interior temperature cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

**Attic insulation**

Lining your attic with loose-fill insulation keeps energy costs down, which pay off over time. The average cost of fiberglass batt insulation is between \$1000 and \$2400. For a 500-square foot space that you insulate yourself, it could cost anywhere between \$150 to \$700.

Expect to pay between \$1000 to \$2100 for blown-in attic insulation. If you're an experienced DIYer, you can rent a blower for around \$100 per day and do the job yourself for \$500 or less.

**Replace your entry door**

A new front door upgrades your home's appearance as soon as it's in place. Although classic wood doors are a traditional choice and can be repainted as you wish, they don't hold up as well over time due to constant exposure to the elements. Most people choose either fiberglass or steel doors. While fiberglass works better amidst fluctuations in seasonal temperatures, you can't beat the strength and security of a steel door.

If cost is a factor in your decision, you'll find that fiberglass doors cost more than steel ones. The average cost for



replacing an entry door is between \$900 and \$1300.

**Window replacement**

Inoperable, drafty, or inefficient windows aren't doing you or your monthly utility costs any favors. However, it is a pricy venture to replace them. Vinyl windows run between \$400 and \$650 each, while wood windows will cost you between \$700 and \$1000, including installation. Energy experts recommend installing double-paned, energy-efficient windows with an Energy Star rating, which, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, will save you between \$125 and \$465 a year in utility costs.



# Winter's over; now there's a loooooong list of home improvement chores awaiting the owners

Spring brings blooming flowers and budding trees, but it also brings a long list of home improvement chores that accumulated over the winter. Now is the time to tackle cleaning projects, exterior maintenance, and routine HVAC checkups in preparation for the sweltering months ahead. But with so much to do, it can be hard to decide which tasks are essential and which can wait. Most homeowners will admit that they're short on the time (and manpower) required to complete all that must be done. So what do you do with a to-do list that never ends? Take a cue from Sears Home Services. With the help of their tips and expert advice, you might just gain the tools you need to chart a road map for your spring home improvement journey. So, get reading, then get to work on giving your home the TLC it deserves.

**CLEANING**

Don't consider your spring cleaning done and dusted until you have attended to hardworking surfaces and fixtures both indoors and out. Deep cleaning the oft-neglected—but vital—elements of your home like window sashes, exterior siding, and bathroom fixtures not only preserves, but also prolongs the life of these features.

- Wash windows: Giving windows a thorough cleaning requires more than polishing the panes. Inspect your windowsills, jambs, and sashes once a year for rot and mold, and replace the windows or casings as necessary. If your windows have seen better days, consider replacement windows, which can really boost curb appeal. As well, new window insulation technology affords more comfortable indoor temperatures, keeping warm air out in the summer and inside during the winter. And remember that even newer windows have to be maintained, and this task takes conscientious effort. To save time and elbow grease, consider purchasing no- or low-maintenance windows. Moisture-resistant vinyl window are a good bet. Because the frame is made of vinyl instead of wood, there's no need for paint and the frame is not prone to rot. Plus, easy-to-access tilt-in sashes make cleaning the exterior panes a breeze.
- Hose down exterior siding: A fresh-faced house begins with clean siding. No matter what kind of siding you have—wood, brick, or vinyl—you can start by giving your home exterior a quick hose-down. To banish destructive mold, mildew, and discoloration, however, you may need to employ an effective cleanser and a bit of elbow grease. For wood siding, use mild soap and water, then scrub with a gentle brush to remove spots and stains. If your home has brick siding, try a mixture of bleach and water to eliminate mold or mildew. And if you're looking for the lowest-maintenance siding material, consider vinyl. No matter what kind of siding you have, make sure you put a good cleaning toward the top of your springtime to-do list. Sparkling siding boosts curb appeal and keeps your admiring neighbors happy.
- Give faucets and sinks a facelift: Over recent years, numerous sink and faucet design trends have emerged, including deep basin sinks and faucets with detachable sprayers. But one trend has never been in vogue—mold and mildew-lined faucets and sinks. If your kitchen or bathroom sinks are less than fresh, clean them with a non-damaging solution like vinegar, lemons, or mild detergent. While a good cleaning can solve many sink problems, some issues—such as chipped enamel or stubborn rust stains—might call for a full replacement.

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# Honeybees Swarms now on the move

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

Honeybees have been on the move lately with multiple swarms being spotted all over Howard County.

Swarms are a normal, natural phenomenon and rarely pose a threat to people or animals. While most of the swarm season should be over, that doesn't mean you won't have a chance to see more this year.

When honeybees have good weather and plenty of food, their population can dramatically increase. With an increase in population, a bee colony may become too crowded inside its current hive.

When this happens, they will begin to raise a new queen. As the new queen nears maturity, the old queen leaves to find a new hive for her and one-half to two-thirds of the worker bees and drones.

The swarms that we see are the workers and drones huddling around the old queen to protect her and keep her warm. Most of this cluster will remain inactive to conserve energy while a few scouts are sent out to search for another suitable home.

While the sudden appear-



Honeybee swarm on local mailbox

ance of a large swarm of bees may be frightening to some people, they are usually quite harmless.

These bees do not have any brood or honey to protect so they will rarely sting. They can be left alone and admired unless they are posing a specific threat or inconvenience. The bees will likely stay for just a few days at most, before flying away to their new home. Oftentimes, swarms of bees can easily be removed.

If the queen bee is collected, most of the other bees

will follow her into a new hive. The new hive may be a hollow tree, a manmade hive, or even in the walls of buildings or homes.

For more information about honeybees or to have a swarm removed, call the Howard County Extension Office 870-845-7517 or visit <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/farm-ranch/special-programs/beekeeping/default.aspx>.

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## Ozan gets grant for ADA-accessible trial

The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism's Office of Outdoor Recreation — Outdoor Recreation Grants Program is administering the Great Strides grant program for the Arkansas Department of Health.

The Great Strides Program has been in existence since 2001 and was funded with a portion of Arkansas's Master Tobacco Settlement award. These grant funds are used to establish smoke-free health and fitness trails with the intention to encourage physical activity and health-related benefits by providing safe and easily accessible facilities to the many communities in Arkansas.

Since 2001, the Great Strides program has funded 105 projects in 58 counties, totaling \$3,832,315.60. The agency received 39 grant applications from across the state totaling

\$6,264,285.49 in requested funds for fiscal year 2025.

The local Great Strides/Trails for Life Grant recipient for FY2025 is:

Ozan (Hempstead County) to build a much-needed concrete ADA-accessible walking trail in the newly created Ozan Town Park.

The Outdoor Recreation Grants Program (ORGP) resides within the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism's Office of Outdoor Recreation and is tasked with the promotion and facilitation of public outdoor recreation in Arkansas.

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# Home&Heart How to Season, Maintain Cast Iron Pans

**By Angie Freel**  
Howard County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Cast iron makes for a wonderful cooking surface. It's safe, lasts forever, holds heat, and is naturally non-stick if it's properly seasoned.

The few downsides to cast iron are that it does require a little special maintenance, it's heavy, and it can be intimidating to those of us who are used to materials like stainless steel and ceramic.

**Dealing with and Preventing Rust**

If improperly seasoned or not fully dried before storage, cast iron can rapidly form a layer of rust that can be difficult to get off. If your cast iron has a small layer of rust, it can normally be removed with a wet towel and some kosher salt (for abrasiveness). However, if your cast iron is very rusty, you might need to soak it in vinegar. That process requires fully submerging your pan in a solution of part water and part white vinegar. It is very important not to soak

your cast iron in vinegar for longer than necessary, so check it every 15 minutes and remove it and wash as soon as you can flake off the rust. Extreme cases of rust may require sandblasting or other more intensive means of removal.

**Seasoning a Cast Iron Pan**

Seasoning cast iron is quite easy. Seasoning simply means coating the pan in oil and then heating that oil past its smoke point so that it undergoes a chemical reaction to form a water-resistant coating on the pan. To season your cast iron, the first step is to ensure that it is both clean and rust free. Since we are about to apply a new seasoning, it is okay to clean it well with soap before this process. But keep in mind that cleaning with soap after this process will remove the seasoning coat and you'll have to start over. Once your cast iron is clean and dry, follow the steps below to season it:

- Preheat your oven to 550 degrees F.
- Coat your cast iron generously in cooking oil and then wipe

off excess so that the pan is coated in a thin layer. You shouldn't see any oil pooling, just a thin and homogenous layer.

- Once your oven has preheated, place the cast iron pan inside and set a timer for an hour. Turn on your hood vent during this process since you are intentionally bringing the oil past its smoke point and some fumes will be produced. You should never see flames or heavy smoke since only a small layer of oil is used.
- After one hour, remove the pan and let it cool until you can handle it. Then repeat the process exactly as before. Usually, 3 cycles of this will give you a nice seasoning. However, you can do it as many times as you like. Each coat will make the seasoning thicker and shinier.

Each time you cook with your cast iron after your initial seasoning, you will gradually add to the seasoning layer. If you are careful not to remove the seasoning layer during cleaning, it can last years before you need to season

it again. Next week's article will discuss cleaning and storing your cast iron.

**Cornbread**

**Ingredients:**

- 1 ¼ cups coarsely ground cornmeal
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 1 cup buttermilk (may substitute milk)
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

**Directions:**

- 1 – Preheat oven to 425 degrees and place a 9-inch cast iron skillet inside to heat while you make the batter.
- 2 – In a large bowl, whisk together the cornmeal, flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Whisk in the milk, buttermilk, and eggs. Whisk in almost all the melted butter, reserving 1 tablespoon for later.

- 3 – Carefully remove the hot skillet from the oven. Reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees.


Coat the bottom and sides of the hot skillet with the remaining butter. Pour the batter into the skillet and place it in the center of the oven. Bake until the center is firm and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 20-25 minutes. Allow to cool for 10-15 minutes and serve.

Special thanks to Jeannie Nichols – Michigan State University Extension for her contributions to this article.

For more information on how to season your cast iron pan, cast iron cooking safety, or how to use those cast iron cooking vessels, call the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517 or visit our office on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse. You can also email me at [afreel@uada.edu](mailto:afreel@uada.edu).

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## ESTATE / MOVING AUCTION

**15 HARDY RD. - MURFREESBORO, AR**  
**SAT., MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:00 A.M.**

**Directions:** In Murfreesboro at the big curve across from Talingas take Highway 19 North (Lake Greeson Dam highway ) 6 miles turn right on Dynamite Hill Rd. Go 1 mile turn right on Lake Village. Go 2 miles turn right on Hardy Rd. to auction - watch for signs.

**Shop related:** 10 stainless steel shelfe units - 2 Yamaha Sea-Doo's on trailer - 20' flatbed trailer w/3 axles - older international tractor with front end loader - 5' / 6' bush hogs - spring tooth harrow - 2 large spools 14/2 wire - large hand winch - radial arm saw - metal cutting band saw - Ariens riding mower - table saw - cases of oil - scaffolding - scrap iron - commercial box blade - cast iron heater - garden dump cart - scrap aluminum - pipe vise - windows - numerous ladders - loading ramps - upright air compressor - flooring - 10 sheets thermasheath - lots of misc. lumber - new elect ceiling hoist - trailer accessories - new air-less paint sprayer - nuts/bolts/screws - power tools - stainless top work table - deer horns - sheet metal - 100# propane bottles - hog panels - 20' metal troughs - we have 15 tables of misc. shop items - copper - large pile of lead - this shop is packed and no way to see it all.

**Furniture and household:** AMF slate top pool table - country style dining and coffee table - wicker items - new washstand /bowl/pitcher - china hutch - tin side pie safe - bookshelves - queen size pillow top matt /springs - Windsor style chairs - love seat - 6 drawer chest - ice machine - double oven set - dorm refrigerator - other furniture and household.

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**Photos & Detailed List:** Auction Zip 21075 - McGrew Auctions Facebook.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN DOUGLAS PITTACK, DECEASED NO. 31PR-25-25

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF CO-EXECUTORS AND FILING OF CLAIMS**

Last known address of decedent: 1276 Hwy. 84 E, Umpire, AR 71971

Date of death: March 13, 2025

An instrument dated March 11, 2019, was on the 21st day of April, 2025, admitted to probate as the Last Will of the above-named decedent, and the undersigned have been appointed co-executors thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be affected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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

This notice first published this 30th day of April, 2025.

Jason Patrick Pittack and Rosemary Anne Sauser, Co-Executors

BY: Victor Martin, ABN 2018116  
Attorney at Law  
420 N. Main, Suite One  
P. O. Box 922  
Nashville, AR 71852  
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(VM: 45, 46)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 2025-6

AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE GOODS OR SERVICES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM CERTAIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND PRESCRIBING THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Code Annotated 14-14-1202 (c) (1) RULES OF CONDUCT provide that no officer or employee of the county government shall beinterested, either directly or indirectly, in any contract or transaction entered into or on behalf of the county; and,

WHEREAS, that same Act provides that if the Quorum Court determines it to be in the best interest of the County, it may by ordinance permit the purchase of such goods or services directly or indirectly from County Employees due to unusual circumstances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. David Shelby (Tree Service) is a vendor in which the county purchases goods and services from. The owner of this Company, David Shelby, is currently employed part-time by the Howard County Road Department, and the Court has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to purchase goods and services from David Shelby (Tree Service), and thus indirectly from a Howard County Employee.

Section 2. If goods or services are purchased under these procedures the County Judge must file an affidavit with the County Clerk certifying that the disbursement is being made in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Brent Pinkerton, Howard County Judge

ATTEST:  
Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk  
Passed and Approved April 21st, 2025 (HCJ: 45)

(This publication was paid for by the Howard County Judge. The amount paid for this publication is \$113.60.)

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**IN-SCHOOL EMBRYOLOGY PROGRAM.** Howard County 4-H Agent Samantha Horn (pictured) has been working with Nashville Primary School and Mineral Springs sixth grade classes to implement an embryology program into their curriculum. This program allowed both Horn and Dawson Bailey, Howard County's Agriculture Agent, to engage students in hands-on learning experiences. Each school received 20 eggs to care for over a 21-day incubation period. Students were taught the life cycle of a chicken, how to candle eggs, and the different stages of egg care while using an incubator. Now, the students are continuing their learning by raising the hatched chickens, building pens with nesting areas, and setting up the proper equipment and space needed to ensure this becomes an ongoing program at their schools.



### May activities at Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area

Spring is here and summer is on the horizon! Join park interpreters at Cossatot River State Park for a free educational program that's fun for the whole family or give back by volunteering at our shoreline beautification this month.

Friday, May 2  
Wildflower ID Hike  
10a.m. Meet at Cossatot Falls  
What's blooming out on the trails? Join a park interpreter on a section of the River Corridor Trail to look for and identify wildflowers. We'll be hiking about a mile southbound from Cossatot Falls towards Ed Banks, rated moderate ~2 miles roundtrip.

Saturday, May 3  
A Home for a Black Bear  
10a.m. Visitor Information Center Amphitheater  
The American Black Bear relies on quality habitat in order to thrive and call Arkansas their home. Join park interpreters to discover the ins and outs of the life of a black bear and investigate the vital components of their habitat.

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

Every Sunday  
Crittter Feeding  
3p.m. Visitor Information Center  
Stop by the center to join park interpreters in feeding our resident critters—snakes, frogs and more!

Friday, May 9  
Reptile Residents  
2p.m. Visitor Information Center  
Discover your inner herpetologist and get ready for a memorable experience with reptiles! Explore snakes, turtles and other species with park interpreters and enjoy an up close and personal look at some of our reptile friends.

Saturday, May 10  
Lights Out for the Birds  
1p.m. Visitor Information Center  
Bring your binoculars and join an interpreter for a walk and talk about migratory birds! Learn about the Mississippi Flyway and the birds who use it. Explore ways you can help our feathered friends travel safely, like turning off your lights at night.

Saturday, May 17  
Watercolor Wildflowers  
10a.m. Visitor Information Center  
Capture the beauty of wildflowers blooming in the park with a watercolor painting! Join park interpreters to observe types of wildflowers, study flower shapes and parts and create your own art to take home. No registration required. All supplies provided.

Saturday, May 17  
Mammals of Cossatot River  
1-3p.m. Stop by Cossatot Falls  
Are you ready to discover the wild side of Cossatot River State Park? Stop by the Falls to investigate the diverse wildlife of the area with park interpreters! Come & go station.

Friday, May 23  
Micro Hike  
10a.m. Waterleaf Trailhead  
Have you ever imagined the world from the perspective of a bug? Join park interpreters as we slow down and observe the smaller elements in the landscape—you never know what you might find! Trail rated easy to moderate, ~0.5 miles round trip.

Saturday, May 24  
Owl Pellet Dissection  
10a.m. Visitor Information Center  
Join the park interpret-

ers in the classroom as we investigate the life of an owl. Hands on and fascinating for all ages!

Saturday, May 24  
River Safari  
1p.m. Meet at Sandbar  
Explore the underwater world of the Cossatot River with a park interpreter! Snorkel in search of macroinvertebrates and learn how to access water health based on our finds. All supplies provided. Dress water ready!

Friday, May 30  
Toads vs Frogs  
2p.m. Visitor Information Center  
Unleash your inner zoologist and immerse yourself in the amazing realm of toads and frogs with the park interpreters. Test your new knowledge as you differentiate our resident toads from frogs.

Saturday, May 31  
Cossatot Falls Shoreline Beautification  
9-11a.m. Meet at Cossatot Falls  
The cascading clear water of the Cossatot River serves people and wildlife alike! Join park interpreters to give back and create a lasting impact on the shoreline of the Falls. This beautification project includes removing litter and debris from the shoreline of Cossatot Falls, a high-use area in the park. All supplies, refreshments and snacks provided for volunteers. Please wear protective, but water friendly shoes and clothing. Volunteers of all ages welcome—those who are unable to climb on or around rugged rocks can contribute on the nearby trail or campground areas. No registration required.

For More Information about these programs, call Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area: (870) 385-2201. Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area, 1980 Hwy 278 W, Wickes, AR 71973.

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