

OBITUARIES



Cleon Green
Cleon Green, age 72, of Nashville, Ark., passed away peacefully on May 18, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of resilience, determination, and love.
Born Sept. 3, 1952, with cerebral palsy, Cleon faced life's challenges with an indomitable spirit, inspiring all who knew him. Cleon was preceded in death by his parents, D.L. and Eva Green; his brother, Floyd Green (Barbara); and his dear friend, Charles Reese, who will forever remain in the hearts of Cleon's family.
He is survived by his siblings, Alan Green (Michelle) and LaDonna Curtis (John), both of Nashville; his stepbrother, Robin Miller; and his special friend, Billie Jones of Murfreesboro, along with a community of friends who were like family.
At age five, Cleon attended Easter Seals in Jacksonville for three months of therapy before returning to Nashville to begin kindergarten at The Little Red School House. With the support of John Shaddox and dedicated friends who carried him between classes, Cleon completed all 12 grades of public school. In a touching tribute, Cleon requested these same friends serve as his pallbearers, carrying him to his final resting place, as he planned his service in 2019 during one of his many triumphant recoveries. His pallbearers, as he wished, are Allen Ray, Max Tackett, Bo Castleberry, Milton Puryear, Frank Puryear, Jerry Compton, Johnny Graves, Mike Graves (whom Mike jokingly teased would cost Cleon \$100), Buddy Tribble, Bobby Jamison, and the late Randy Jamison. After high school, Cleon pursued higher education, attending the University of Central Arkansas for three semesters and later Lubbock Christian College, studying psychology. Though college proved challenging, Cleon's

entrepreneurial spirit led him to open a vitamins and supplements store in Nashville in 1978, where he sold Shaklee products for many years. A passionate advocate, Cleon was appointed to the Governor's Council for the Disabled in 1988, serving for 19½ years. His work took him to Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Mackinac Island and beyond, amplifying the voices of those with disabilities.
In his community, Cleon was a beloved figure, supported by friends like Dr. Glenn Lance, who helped him achieve milestones such as completing a 5K and earning an award. Cleon's vibrant personality shone brightly at Nashville Nursing Center and, for the past five years, at The Springs of Mine creek Health and Rehabilitation, where he humorously declared himself mayor, sheriff, bouncer, and weatherman. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff at both facilities and to Dierksen Hospice, who provided exceptional care and became like family to Cleon. Cleon's church family at Sunset Church of Christ was a cornerstone of his life, offering unwavering love and support. His faith and their care sustained him through the years. A celebration of Cleon's life, planned by him in 2019, will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at Sunset Church of Christ in Nashville, with visitation at 10 a.m. and the funeral service at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Nashville Cemetery. The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love and support from the Nashville community and beyond.
Robert Eugene Ewart
Robert Eugene Ewart, 88, of Athens died Monday, May 19, 2025.
He was born Feb. 9, 1937, in Uniondale, Ind., to the late Emmitt Eugene Ewart and Whitheral Marcelle Chase Ewart.
He was a member of the Athens Holiness Church.
Survivors include: his wife of 66 years, Betty Burgess Ewart; his daughter, Becky Watkins; son Greg Ewart; two siblings, Charles Ewart and Bonnie Blessing; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the Athens Holiness



NHS CLASS OF 1970. Class members and some spouses and guests gathered Saturday, May 10 for their 55-year class reunion. A special guest was Coach Hank Holt. Attendees included: standing in front: Johnny Goodson, Reba Musgrave Cox, special guest Coach Hank Holt, John Blackwell, Nona Eley Jones, Wendell Tallant, Charles Scoggin, Jim Paul Johnson, Donna Ferguson Hudgens, Renny Chesshir, Bubba Smith, Randy Lindsey, Charlotte Chambers Lay, Larry Smith, Don McClure, Steve Walden, Billy Wynn, Pam Garrison Wynn, Eddie Stavely, Freddy Brown, Buddy Tribble, and Keith Gant. Standing in back, Danny Daniel, Brenda Aylett Faulkner, Rogena Tollett Sheets, Pam Mabry Whaley, Cathie Renard Smith, Belinda McCrary Hussey, Kathy Hausman Neely, and Cindy Parks Coplin. *Photo courtesy of Don McClure.*

Mineral Springs School Board approves new hires during special session, May 13

The Mineral Springs School Board met in special session Tuesday, May 13. The meeting lasted 12 minutes. The newspaper was not in attendance.
According to records, Supt. JonDavid Amerson recommended several applicants for vacancies: Alice Nicloe Martin for high school math/coach; America Pulido-Rojas for elementary school; Richard Smith for high school health/PE/coach; and Amy Westfall-Chambers for K-12 counselor. The hires were approved unanimously.
Management Network System was next on the agenda. Supt. Amerson asked the board to approve the bid as presented from White River Services & Solutions (Technology Support Services) for 2025/2026. The board approved unanimously.

Record grad number get diplomas at Ouachita

A number of area students received degrees May 10 as part of a record-size graduating class at Ouachita Baptist University.
Bachelor of Arts -- Hannah Barfield, Nashville; Tristan Todd Humphry, Delight; Malaya Danille Graham, Grady Thomas Jones and Mary Hannah McKnight, all of Murfreesboro.
Bachelor of Science -- Ella Marie Ragar, Nashville; Christopher Adam Lott, Murfreesboro.
Nutrition & Dietetic Internship -- Payton Jade Bobo, Dierks.

Church followed by the funeral service with Darin Wood and Dennis Heath officiating. Burial will follow in Athens Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.
Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.



IT'S NATIONAL EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS MONTH. During the meeting of the quorum court, Monday, County Judge Brent Pinkerton proclaimed May to be National EH Month. Local homemakers' clubs will host a community coffee Wednesday, May 21, to mark the event. Joining the judge for the proclamation Monday were EHC members Dana Newberg, left, Laura Dupree, Deb Kreul, Joy Barr who is president of EHC Council, Jean Ann Flaherty, County Judge Pinkerton, FCS Agent/EHC Advisor Angie Freel.

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NASHVILLE FFA STUDENTS. Members of the Nashville chapter of Future Farmers of America spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club, last week. Chapter vice-president Blakely Reich, left, talked about the award winning Agri-Mechanic team and building livestock trailers; Avery Morris talked about showing livestock and talked about how she raises her own animals; sophomore Reed Webb is already an award-winning and busy auctioneer who spoke about learning to be an auctioneer. The Rotary Club meets at noon Wednesdays at Patacakes in Nashville.

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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

122 years ago: May 1903
Mr. W. W. Mayfield of Forgey was in the city Wednesday accompanied by his brother, Mr. J. L. Mayfield of Alpharetta, Georgia who left for his home after a visit with his brother. These brothers are twins and resemble each other so closely that citizens of Nashville who have known Mr. W. W. Mayfield for many years were confused by the resemblance. They are 64 years of age, and each has a full gray beard.

79 years ago: May 1946
Effective at 4 p.m. last Thursday newspapers and all other mail other than first class and airmail were barred from handling under an order issued by the postmaster general. The order came as a result of the railroad strike, which went into effect all over the nation at that time. No second or third or fourth class matter will be accepted for mailing and first class airmail has been restricted to matter in its ordinary registered form, not exceeding 16 ounces.

63 years ago: May 1962
Army Pfc Otho D. Houser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie M. Houser, Route 1, Lockesburg, Arkansas departed from Hickman Air Force Base, Hawaii May 17th with other reinforcements to bolster the strength of the 25th Division's 27th Infantry (Wolfhounds) in Thailand. He entered the Army in October 1960 and completed basic training at Ft. Hood, Texas and arrived in Hawaii in August 1961. The



Rexanne Graves and Miss Carolyn Scott visit at the Little Red School House 39th recital, May 1994.

nineteen-year-old soldier attended Lockesburg High School.

Sixty-two students are candidates for spring graduation at Nashville High School. The exercises and baccalaureate have been set for May 26th and 28th at the junior high auditorium. Jimmy Graves is the valedictorian, and Miss Janice Clark is the salutatorian. Jimmy is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Louis Graves and Miss Clark is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clark.

42 years ago: May 1983
The National Wildlife Federation has recognized Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas with its Legislator of the Year Award. Actor Lorne Greene presented the award during ceremonies in the Rayburn Office Building recently.

Sentences handed down

On the bench for the regular day for criminal court in Howard County last Wednesday, Judge Bryan Chesshir heard five guilty or "no contest" pleas, and pronounced sentences.

The no contest plea was by Malek French, 23, black male, Ashdown; who was charged with 1st degree battery, a class B felony offense. After his charge was amended to accomplice, he was sentenced to eight years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) with a further 12 years suspended imposition of sentence. The time to be served dates back to the date of his arrest.

Guilty pleas were heard from:

- Davion Williams, 17, black male, Ashdown, charged with 1st degree battery. He was sentenced to 20 years in the ADC.
- Cameron Scott, 20, white male, Nashville, was originally charged with 100 counts of possession of child pornography, a class B felony. The state dropped 80 of the counts. He was sentenced to 10 years in the ADC for counts 1-10 consecutively for a total of 100 years.
- Hunter Leach, 19, white male, Nashville, charged with breaking or entering, theft of property and commercial burglary. He was sentenced to three years in the ADC with a further three years suspended imposition of sentence.
- Jason Smith, 23, white male, Nashville, was originally charged with breaking or entering, theft of property, and commercial burglary. Two of the charges were not pursued by the state; on the breaking or entering plea he was sentenced five years of probation, a \$2,500 fine, and 90 days in a regional punishment facility.

Trial dates set.
Dates for jury trials and pretrial motions were set

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Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)
May 12. Kevin Dewayne Cornett, 55, Horatio, and Martha Isabel Orozco, 40, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV25-58, May 9. In the matter of Chloe May Bohn. Declaratory judgment.
CV25-59, May 12. LVNV Funding LLC vs. Daniel Pratt. Debt.
CV25-60, May 13. In the matter of Berna Gail Green. Name change to Byrna Gail Green.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-43, May 13. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Shavaunta Parker. Support.

Criminal Court
(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)

CR25-50, May 3. State of Arkansas vs. Amanda Klin Lamb, 34, white female, Texarkana, Ark.; POCS, class A felony; POCS, misdemeanor.
CR25-51, May 13. State of Arkansas vs. John Ray Dynes, 50, black male, 202 S. 4th, Nashville; felon possession of firearm, class B felony; POCS, class C; POCS, misdemeanor; furnishing prohibited articles, class B.
CR25-52, May 13. State of Arkansas vs. Ladarris Palmer, 20, black male, 509 E. Henderson, Nashville; 3rd degree domestic battery, class D.
CR25-53, May 13. State of Arkansas vs. Cornelius Rashad Moore, 21, black male, Texarkana, Ark.; POCS with purpose, class D; PODP, misdemeanor.


Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deeds
May 09. Rosa Elia Teodoro and Steve Ortiz and Azucena Ortiz and Eliud Perez Guzman; to Azucena Ortiz Teodoro; 3.53 ac. in S11 T6S R29W.
May 12. Stacy T. Turner and Tracy S. Turner; to Charles Green and wife Margie Green; property in S4 T11S R27W with exceptions.
May 12. Brandon Tallant and Carolyn Tallant, a married couple; to Brandon Tallant and Carolyn Tallant, Trustees of the Brandon and Carolyn Tallant Living Trust; property in S14 T9S R28W.
May 12. (Correction) Helen Johnson; to Performance Management Group, LLC; 0.21 ac. in S19 T11S R27W, 910 Silver St., Mineral Springs. \$50.
May 13. Stacy T. Turner and Tracy S. Turner; to Michael B. Ware and wife, Cavengla Wade Ware; 0.35 ac. in S4 T11S R27W.
May. 13. Karen Manley;


to Kent Manley; property in S31 T5S R28W.
May 14. Otis Don Neal, Jr.; to Otis Lorenzo Neal as Trustee of The Otis Don Neal, Jr., Revocable Living Trust; 1.05 ac. in S35 T9S R27W, 803 S. 4th St., Nashville.
Warranty Deeds
May 09. Ransdale Hockaday; to Mark Millwood Family Limited Liability Partnership; 20.63 ac. in S33 T9S R27W. \$72,205.
May 13. Carol Ann Flowers, surviving spouse of Henry Flowers, deceased; to Wynn A. Miller and Della J. Miller, Co-Trustees of the Wynn A. and Della J. Miller Family Trust; 94 ac. in S28 T11S R27W. \$105,000.
May 13. Frances Ann Smithson, Trustee of the Smithson Family Trust; to Cynthia Turner; Lots 11-12, Block 2, SREDC Addition, Town of Nashville. \$50,000.

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- If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or electric utility. Also, when driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights may be out. Stop at all railroad crossings and treat road intersections with traffic signals as a four-way stop before proceeding with caution.





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- Department prize drawings
- BBQ Chicken Plate Lunch for Maintenance & CDK on 5/18
- Breakfast served by the Lead Team for Production Associates on Tuesday 5/20 and Thursday 5/22
- Dorey's Catfish on Wednesday (Maintenance Friday)
- Cupcakes and Thank You Notes
- Snow Cones on Wednesday and Friday
- And other surprises in store!

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Dierks Team, Beginning May 18th, we will celebrate and show appreciation to those who make Weyerhaeuser Dierks Lumber, a successful piece in the puzzle of Southern Lumber. We are referring to all the employees who chose to work here! Whether it was 1 year ago or 40 years ago, we want to thank everyone for their efforts to make this a truly great place to work!

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Point of view

Ignore at your peril

Free advice is expensive if it goes into the trash

(Do wise sayings get better with age? Maybe so. I'll try repeating this column from May 2018 in hopes that you'll be impressed. I'm repeating because I stayed out too late celebrating the election. Thank you for your wise vote.)

JUST BECAUSE I say my advice is freely given doesn't mean that the lucky targets of the advice are free to ignore it.

I'm talking to YOU, gentlemen and ladies of the Howard Memorial Hospital board.

Both of my regular readers will recall a fairly recent column in which I FREELY ADVISED the hospital board of the community's dire need of a Nose and Ear Hair Clinic at Howard Memorial.

They could build another swell building on the campus. They could put up one of those real nice metal buildings that don't cost so much. Or they could make the cardiac rehab clinic give up some space for this important new medical agency. Honestly, how much room does the cardiac rehab clinic really need?

Or they could put a satellite clinic somewhere in town -- there are a number of buildings which would serve the purpose quite well. Just this week the Mexican market moved out of the old pool hall and I'll bet that space is possible. So are J-Turns. But I digress.

Or, like those popular food trucks, the hospital could have a mobile office that could set up anywhere. Not at the water department drive-thru at city hall, however. And not in the pickup line at Starz, please.

The point is: This community needs a quality medical clinic to address the problems of -- ta da -- nose and ear hair of elderly gentlemen.

I have many offensive nose hairs, but there is one that is especially looooooong and offensive. It is (surprise) silver.

When I exhale through my nose, the hair unfurls like a yoyo and it goes out about six inches from the tip of my nose. I have not named this hair, yet, but that is another possibility.

When I inhale it rushes back to the nostril, curling along the way and accelerating its mass so that when it slams through the nostril opening it raises sparks from the septum wall. One time the sticky curling hair snagged a passing mosquito which was killed by the impact inside the nose. I'm thinking it was an A-nostril-ese Mosquito. Ha. Ha.

I am dreading the day that I sneeze through my nose. The recoil could actually knock me unconscious.

Worse, what if the sparks caught some crispy old hairs afire inside the nostril cavern? After all, there are also some dried-out mosquitoes in there and they could really burn baby burn.

I have a swell battery-powered ear hair trimmer that came from a Chinese Cracker Jacks box. Batteries not provided.

This trimmer unfortunately doesn't actually CUT the offending hair. It, unfortunately, takes that ear hair and wraps it around the clipper blade. If I don't take my finger off the ON button quick enough the clipper starts spinning. It twists out of my hand and begins to roll all the way to the base of the hair.

The hair base is inside my ear, naturally, meaning that the clipper (spinning at the speed of light) whams sideways into the ear lobe, often rendering me *more-or-less out-of-sorts* for awhile. (I just did that double hyphen thingy to show off for any English teacher who is not ashamed to admit he/she reads this column.)

These are just some of the horrible and embarrassing things that can happen when a person is afflicted by *Hyper Nose and Ear Hair Quadrosis*. (That is a medical term I just made up in order to impress any anatomy teacher who will admit to reading this column.)

I modestly suggest that this column be made an official part of the minutes of the next meeting of the hospital board. That way, future generations will know the names of the folks who let the community down by napping while this wonderful opportunity slipped away.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. The talk this spring has been (1) flocks of goldfinches where none gathered before; and (2) the plethora of orioles which have appeared for the first time. Neighbor Linda Campbell sez that at one time there were no less than 10 orioles hanging upside down from the plethora of hummingbird feeders on her deck. (I just used 'plethora' two times in one paragraph as a way of showing off for any English teacher who will admit to reading this column.) The orioles, Linda sez, appear to have fled. The whole plethora of them.

Either/Or

EITHER no one was as amazed as I was, OR no one admits that they were seen reading this column last week when I wrote about spotting an albino blackbird in the midst of a flock of non-albino blackbirds. No one commented on this spectacle of nature.

Well, I had one guy who made a comment, but he only wanted to talk about an albino possum he thought he once saw in the parking lot of a dance club on the Oklahoma Line. The possum wasn't only an albino, it was dancing. I'd write more about this event but that's another story and I'm sure you wouldn't be interested.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

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HE SAID: "America is a Nation with a mission - and that mission comes from our most basic beliefs. We have no desire to dominate, no ambitions of empire. Our aim is a democratic peace -- a peace founded upon the dignity and rights of every man and woman." George W. Bush, 41st President of the United States

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SHE SAID: "Bias has to be taught. If you hear your parents downgrading women or people of different backgrounds, why, you are going to do that." Barbara Bush, First Lady

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
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By
Louie Graves

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Recent legislative session approves bills to help with industrial recruitment

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

Officials who recruit industry to Arkansas are saying that the 2025 legislative session may turn out to be the most significant of the past 25 years.

The legislature approved a package of laws designed to boost energy production, simplify regulations and create well paid jobs.

Act 373, also known as the Generating Arkansas Jobs Act, will allow electric utilities to finance new construction projects that enable them to meet increased demands for power.

The Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Commerce called Act 373 "landmark legislation." Data centers and computer facilities that use artificial intelligence require large amounts of reliable energy. Economic development officials in Conway and Little Rock have been working to attract investments in new data centers.

Act 548 expands an existing tax incentive program for data centers to include large facilities that may be located at more than one site. It also updates the kind of equipment and services that qualify for tax exemptions.

Act 576 is the Industrial Development Authorities Expansion

Act. It allows cities, counties or a group of local governments to create a regional organization for economic development.

The local economic development authorities can build, create and acquire industrial parks, research facilities, job training programs and transportation infrastructure. They can issue bonds and they can contract with cities and counties to receive revenue from bonds issued by the local government entity. They can negotiate agreements with businesses to accept payments in lieu of property taxes.

The legislature voted to place on next year's general election ballot a proposed constitutional amendment that would further expand the authority of local economic development agencies.

Act 882 updates a current incentive program to encourage businesses already in Arkansas to modernize and automate. The incentives are tax credits. Act 881 creates tax credits for companies that locate their corporate headquarters in Arkansas.

Act 719 changes the formula by which the state collects corporate income taxes on services, bringing us in line with 34 other states.

According to the Department of Finance and Administration, Arkansas tax law required multi-state corporations to rely on an "outdated method" of calculating the proportion of income they derived from the states in which they operate. The change is expected to encourage companies to locate in Arkansas.

Act 1012 creates a package of incentives to promote the growth of the lithium industry in south Arkansas. Traditional tax incentives promote the extraction of minerals, which in the past would be shipped to other states for processing and adding value.

Also, Act 1012 creates incentives to promote industries that refine lithium and use it in manufacturing and processing into batteries and other products. Those industries will create well paid jobs in the processing of lithium, in addition to the jobs that are created in its extraction.

Act 740 lowers the contribution rate for unemployment insurance paid by businesses. It also increases funding for skilled workforce training by repealing the cap of \$2.5 million that used to limit how much would be deposited annually into a training fund.

State has key role in national security

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

May is Military Appreciation Month and represents a timely reminder to honor the courage and sacrifices of the men and women who serve our nation. Every day we can be thankful for their willingness to defend our freedom and way of life.

My father was a World II veteran who served over 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. He retired as a Master Sergeant and, over the course of his career, we learned firsthand that answering our country's call is a family affair.

As Chairman of the Senate Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, I think of him, my uncle and all the other influential veterans in my life when working alongside my colleagues to find bipartisan solutions that bolster our national defense and better the lives of servicemembers, veterans and their loved ones.

We can be proud of the national security and defense industry footprint that continues to expand across our state. In Congress, I am working seamlessly with the rest of our delegation to ensure Arkansas becomes even more of an ideal place to help advance the training and equipping of our military and allies.

The Army recently disclosed

plans to potentially reduce operations at Pine Bluff Arsenal. My colleagues and I wasted no time pushing back, arguing such a move would be contrary to the goal of accelerating domestic munitions manufacturing and waste taxpayer dollars.

While we are fighting for our existing military footprint, one major and recent positive development is the announcement that we have successfully secured an additional \$141 million in new funding for Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith.

Since the U.S. Air Force announced its selection of Ebbing as the new home of a pilot training center for our allies in March 2023, our servicemembers, support staff and civilian communities have risen to the challenge in welcoming this critical mission that supports our national security and interests.

The Foreign Military Sales (FMS) mission is transforming the airbase into a state-of-the-art pilot training center, where the best pilots in the world have begun teaching our allies to operate the F-35 supersonic, stealth fighter across the River Valley's skies. This form of joint training is essential to cultivating our international partnerships, and by teaching their personnel to utilize this system, the United States is increasing the capabilities we rely on in an

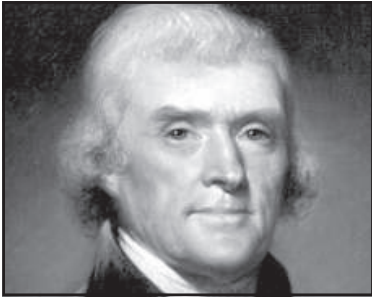
increasingly dangerous world. The new investment we delivered is integral in this effort as it will allow for construction of an Academic Training Center, F-35 bay aircraft maintenance hangar and F-35 squad operations mission planning facility as well as the design of future projects.

On top of this good news, the FMS mission has reached another milestone.

Just this month, two Polish pilots became the program's inaugural graduating class with the completion of their training. As Ebbing looks to the future with plans to host additional Polish pilots, as well as Finish, German, Singaporean, Swiss, Greek and Czechs in the coming years, increased funding and support will only bolster the program and its vital mandate.

Arkansas has a long, proud history of contributions to our national defense, and the exciting new undertaking in Fort Smith is no exception.

From the inception of the pilot training center to now, I am confident that the River Valley's role in cultivating military readiness will only continue to grow. I am proud to champion efforts to ensure it has the resources necessary to be a premier installation indispensable to protecting our freedoms and interests.



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Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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‘Football showcase’ for 6th graders May 28

The Scrapper Football Showcase will be Wednesday, May 28, at 12:45 p.m. at Scrapper Stadium.

The event will “showcase our Scrapper football program to our current sixth graders,” according to Coach Brad Chesshir.

For more information, call Chesshir at Nashville High School, 870-845-3261.

Grads

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Bennett, Adam Jay Beruquin, Navidad Beruquin, Jarrett Joe Branch, Nadia Janet Bretado, Alexis Josue Brizo, Fancee Arianna Brown, Emily Elaine Bustos, Adam William Byers.

Carlos Dillon Cabrera, Samuel Camacho, Khaleel Canady, Kevin Alexis Canales-Pineda, Hailey Cano, Jonathan Cardenas, Samuel Edward Carter, Kylie Casto, Luis Chavez Jr., Walker Jordan Chesshir, Colby Clay, Ja’Marion Conway, Dallas Preston Cox, Jacquelyn Cuellar, Quentin Mehki Davis, Rees Davis, River Wade Davis, Shabreea Mahlaya Davis, Caroline Brenleigh Dean, Brady Cooper Dixon, Tamarques Eason, Kathryn East, Seth Michael Feltenberger, Sariah Fizer, Keshala Synia Flowers, Kaycee Madison French, Haylee Peyton Gammage, Klayton James Ganous, Johan Pablo Garate, Lizbet Daricsa Garcia, Skyler Lee Gibson, Colton Wayne Gilbert, Avocet Lashun Gilliam, Keagan Ginda, Jannice Yisel Gon-

zales-Cruz, Perla Yolibeth Gracia, Gage Maurice green, Mercy Abigail Hagler, Tomierye Mikole Hale, Wyatt Griffin Hanney, Lance Nolan Harris, Yoselyn Hernandez, Erica Lynn Hibberd, Harleigh Dawn Hill, Peyton Taylor Hill, Dalton Jaymes Hollenshead, Dayton Jack Hollenshead, Mason Dean Honea, Sanaa Hooks.

Kellen Christopher-Todd Jackson, Carmelo Anthony Jones, Raymond Charles Jones Jr., Rialee Juarez, Chloe Elizabeth Keeton, Marie Antoinette Keyes, Sarah Beth Lamb, Reagan Alewxandra Langston, Philip Lindsay Longtin, Christopher Lorenzo, Mackenzy Lou Lowery, Jesus Valentino Madora Jr., Allah Marcum, Jacee Lao Martin, Joahan Martinez, Kahriya Alysse Matthews, Jay Tanner May, Keveyon Marquan Mays, Samuel Aiden McAlister, Mia Cortez McElroy, Austin Michael McGilberry, Emanuel Mendez, Janet Mendez, Adison Brooke Moore, Daniel Alejandro Moreno, Kasen Keuntre Morgan, Abbygale Morris, Hannah Lynn Myers, Juan Nava, Kevin Nava, Jordan Navarrete, Madison V. Nelson, Mason V. Nel-

son, Kirstyn Marie Newton, Natalie Reis Nolte, Tierra Unique Norton.

Jesus Ortiz, Stacy Padilla, Crystal Pallares, Logan Tyler Pennington, Jasmine Bet-saida Perez, Marisol Perez, Jonathan Perez-Gonzalez, Keylin Pineda, Adrian Pioquinto, Lizbeth Pioquinto, Sherlyn Piza, Ava Ruth Ragar, Moises Rafael Ramos Almazan, Banks Paul Ray, Levi Dalton Ray, Joseph Owen Reese, Blakely Paul Reich, Xan Rhodes, Miriam Itzel Rios, Madalynn Paige Rodgers, Ana Alexandra Rubio Hernandez, Samantha Nicole Ruiz, Juan Carlos Sanchez, Jeremy Layne Schroer, Baylee Jane Scoggin, Channing McKenzie Scott, Kennedi Grace Scrivner, Jayden Scroggins, Nieko Sheets, Josilyn Nicole Shute, Marcus Fallen Simon, KaJuan Swift.

Hunter Lee Tate, Addison Mackenzie Tate, Leigha Jade Thompson, Cathryn Mary Tracy, Chloe Elizabeth Turbeville, Clayton Jackson Wakley, Lana Walker, Jamie Renee Wallace, Taylor Dallas Watts, Kaden Jase White, Roaches Lil Vernon Wiley, Gabrielle Amaya Williams, Emily Brooke Wyman.

Signing

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“He’s made to be a baseball player,” according to Nichols. “I love to watch him at third base and at the plate. You put a bat in his hand, and there’s a good chance he will get a hit.”

Coach Zac Stewart said he has “more stories than Mason knows I have. My first impression of him as a freshman was him dancing at third base. I was wondering who this kid is. Then Garrett Willard smoked the ball down the third base line. Mason picks it up and sends it to first. Four years later, nothing has changed.”

Honea is “a leader for everybody on the team. He picks everybody up. National Park is lucky to have him,” Stewart said.

Trap Coach Megan Stanton said Arbuthnott is “a

very dedicated shooter. He’s the first to practice and one of the last to leave. I’m proud of his dedication and the time he’s put in.”

Arbuthnott “is going to do great things at SAU and in the world,” Stanton said.

Scriver transferred from Jessieville to Nashville when her mother Magen Scriver joined the junior high and high school coaching staffs. She broke her leg in practice soon after school started but came back and played before the season ended.

“It was a tough year for her,” Nichols said, “but it never broke her spirit. She wasn’t done. She has too much pride, too much heart.”

Coach Paul Dean said Scriver is “a really good player who had a bad break. Normally, it takes nine to 12 months to come back. She was back in 16 weeks. That’s a testament to her hard work. She trained and

rehabbed. She’s going to be a great asset to Arkansas Tech as an athlete and a student.”

When Watts took the stage for her signing, Nichols said cheerleading is “amazing to watch. They compete at every level all the way up to national.”

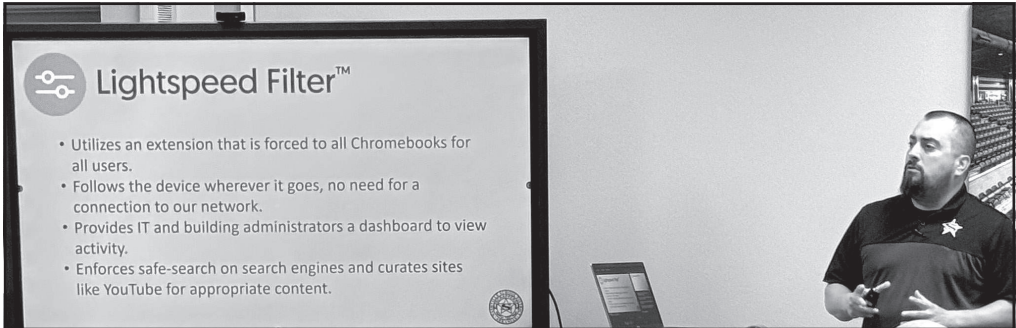
Coach Erin Askew said Watts is “a dedicated and passionate cheerleader. Now she’s going to the next level. Stunt at UCA is in its second year to compete. She will be part of that legacy, but NHS will always be home for you.”

When he introduced Nelson, Nichols said he and Coach Brad Chesshir “never want to go to a game without the band there supporting us.”

Band Director Jacob Hap-py said he only had Nelson for one year but praised her work ethic and her devotion to band. He said she will be a fine addition to the UCA program.

crosswalks.

Aldermen present for May’s regular meeting included Lynn Dyer, Kathy Combs, Herbert Turley, Charles Pinkston, Kay Gathright, William Turley, Vivian Wright, Phil Jones, Brent Thompson and Donna Harwell.



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INTERNET SAFETY. Technology Director Bryce Petty explains the Lightspeed system used by the Nashville School District to help parents monitor their students’ internet use at school and at home.

School

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of it and make some history for Nashville,” Webb said.

Graham told the board that Nashville has “a special breed of kids in FFA. They’re great students at NHS. We had a lot of kids who did great things this year. Good luck to them in the future.”

As for the demonstration, Webb decided to auction off a to-go cup belonging to James “Bunch” Nichols. By the time he finished, the cup “sold” for \$30.

Following Webb’s presentation, Assistant Superintendent Tate Gordon recognized teachers who had a three-year average student growth rate of 80 percent or higher on state-mandated tests.

Those teachers will be included in the May 28 *News-Leader*.

Technology Director Bryce Petty presented an inservice on Lightspeed, a service which filters material students may access on their Chromebooks.

“We try to balance internet access with safety,” Petty said.

The district currently utilizes Lightspeed filter, alerts and classroom management. The service is “100 percent about student safety,” according to Petty. “We want to protect students against sites dealing with illegal

drugs, violence, bullying, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and self harm.”

Lightspeed doesn’t record anything, according to Petty. “It just triggers alerts.”

The district currently is implementing parent portals, which take the filters and classroom management parts of Lightspeed and makes them available to parents.

“It will send a weekly online report to parents in an email. They can sign in and get seven days worth of online activity” for their students.

Petty said the portal will launch during registration for 2024-25.

The school website will have a landing page with instructions and a chance for parents to opt in to the service.

There will be no additional cost to the district for the parent portal, Petty said.

Lightspeed is used by 31,000 schools in 43 countries, Petty told the board.

In other business, the board approved a bid of \$29,900 from EBI for student activity insurance.

Board members accepted a bid of \$47,190 from Tri-State Asphalt to apply asphalt on the old gym parking lot and adjoining areas.

The board approved 16 school choice transfers into the district and six transfers from the district.

There was also one board-to-board transfer from Hope

and two to Mineral Springs.

Board members approved building improvement plans for 2025-26 from all four campuses. These will be posted to the district website.

Graham told the board that under a new state law, school elections may no longer be held in November. They will be in March or May starting in 2026. There will be no school elections in odd-numbered years.

The board accepted the following resignations:

Douglas Messick, junior high band director

Janet Jamison, elementary technology teacher

Jamison Purtle, visual impaired aide

The following hires and transfers were approved:

Valeria Cordero, junior high band director

Jami Branch, transfer to elementary

Macey Evans, classroom at elementary

Lori Chambers, elementary art

Michael Blackwood, special ed aide

Erica Hawthorne, special ed aide

Courtney Kessler, special ed aide

Blaine Erwin, visual impaired aide

The board chose officers for the coming year, including Jerry Wilson, president; David Hilliard, vice president; Nick Britt, secretary; members Tem Gunter and Anthony Whitmore.

Scrappers, Scrapperettes wrap up season at state

MONTICELLO - The season ended for Scrapper baseball and Scrapperette softball at the Class 4A state tournament May 15 in Monticello.

Karson Chambers hit a home run to give the Scrappers a 1-0 lead over top-seeded Shiloh Christian early in the contest.

Shiloh tied the game at 1-1, which was the score at the end of seven innings.

With the bases loaded in

the bottom of the eighth, a Scrapper pitch hit the Saints’ batter, scoring the third base runner and securing a 2-1 win for Shiloh.

The Scrappers were the four seed from the Class 4A South regional. They were second in District 7-4A and were the winners of the Ralph Gross Memorial Tournament early in the season at Wilson Park.

The Scrapperettes fell to Gravette 4-2.

The Lady Lions picked up two quick scores for a 2-0 lead and added two later in the game.

Nashville scores came on a home run by Landyn Tompkins and a run by Adison Moore.

The Scrapperettes were the District 7-4A champions. They were second at the 4A South regional.

Pictures from the state tournament may be found on page 12 of today’s issue.

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Local students pen notes for veterans to read on Honor Flights to Washington

By Carrie Lewis McGaha
MC-PC DAR Treasurer

As part of a service project organized by the Arkansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution (ASDAR), the Mine Creek – Paraclifta Chapter asked teachers from the Nashville School District and the ABC Preschool to have their students write “thank you” notes to put in cards for Veterans to read during a recent Honor Flight.

Approximately 335 students from Nashville schools participated, crafting heartfelt notes for veterans to read on their journey to visit national memorials in Washington, DC, dedicated to their service.

Honor Flights transport America’s veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring their service and sacrifices. During the flight, veterans experience a “Mail Call,” reminiscent of the mail deliveries they received during their military service. This surprise mail delivery includes letters and cards from family, friends and supporters, offering gratitude and appreciation.

The students’ contributions were part of this special Mail Call, providing veterans with messages of thanks and recognition. The ASDAR members were thrilled to collect cards and letters from all over the state at their recent State Convention to be included in the veterans’ mail, highlighting the impact of students’ efforts in honoring the Veteran’s service. Perhaps one day, there can be a flight out of an Arkansas.

Chapter Regent Elizabeth Wilson Overton read many of the cards and was touched by how sweet and thoughtful many of them were. Some of them will be read at the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony at the Howard County Courthouse and hopefully shared in upcoming news articles as ongoing



SPECIAL ‘THANK YOU’ NOTES. This group of students was among the 335 students who participated in a note-writing campaign for war veterans to read on special Honor Flights to the nation’s capitol.

America250 celebrations are planned in the region.

The chapter hopes to encourage all six of the public school districts in Howard, Sevier and Pike counties to participate in creating notes for future Honor Flights.

This Honor Flight flew out of San Diego, as part of “Honor Flight San Diego” (HFSD), a non-profit branch of the nationwide Honor Flight Network (www.honorflight.org) which consists of over 130 independent “hubs” across America. They escort veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorials using monies donated by individuals, foundations, associations, business owners and corporations who wish to recognize our veterans’ contributions and thank them for their service and sacrifice to the United States and its citizens.

The next Honor Flight out of San Diego is in September of 2025. For information, visit www.honorflightsandiego.org.

The closest hub to Arkansas is the “Honor Flight of the Ozarks” in Springfield, Mo. Their first flight of 2025 will be May 28, followed by flights on Aug. 13, and on Oct. 29. Their website is www.honorflightoftheo-zarks.org.

Top priority for trips is given to the most senior veterans (WWII and Korea)

and to veterans who have terminal illnesses. In Fall 2022, they opened the flight to include Vietnam Veterans. The flight is now open to all Veterans who served at any time between 1941-1975, and veterans from any era who have terminal illnesses.

Korean War Veterans were called to serve just five short years after our WWII veterans in what is called “The Forgotten War.” The time for honoring these men and women is growing short as well.

The DAR is commemorating the 75th anniversary of their service with ongoing programs and ceremonies.

The war began in 1950 and ended in 1953, with well over 36,000 casualties. There is a Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington DC, which Honor Flight Veterans visit. Vietnam War Veterans are also included.

Memorial Day is May 26, and this year the Mine Creek – Paraclifta Chapter DAR is participating by highlighting the service and sacrifice of our nation’s Veterans by promoting the Missing Man Table. One will be set up at the Memorial Day service in Nashville. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. Chairs and water will be available, weather permitting.

PA: Deadly force justified in January shooting that left M’boro man dead

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

MURFREESBORO - Ninth West Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney Jana Bradford has cleared Justin Agudio in the January shooting death of Mark Corson, according to case information released by the Arkansas State Police (ASP), last week.

The shooting occurred the afternoon of Jan. 31 in the yard between the two men’s properties on Highway 27 North. Corson, 64, died on the scene after being shot two times by Agudio, 40.

Bradford said in an email dated April 2 it was her finding that Agudio’s use of “deadly physical force” was justified and informed the ASP the “case should be considered closed by your agency.”

The incident on Jan. 31 began with a 911 call from Agudio’s wife concerning her husband arguing with a neighbor. According to a summary prepared by ASP Agent Dalton Myers, the two men were outside arguing about their property lines when Corson threatened Agudio and his family while wearing a holstered Taurus 9mm pistol on his right hip. Agudio was also armed with a Taurus 40 caliber pistol that was strapped to his chest and concealed under

his jacket. Surveillance video showed that Corson dropped a splitting maul he was holding and retrieved his gun and then put it up by his own head. When he began lowering the gun, Agudio pulled his gun and shot three times, hitting Corson in the shoulder and in the head, according to the ASP.

The incident was witnessed by members of the Agudio family.

Agudio later told investigators that when he saw Corson’s finger on the trigger and he began lowering the gun “that is when I knew it was a fight-or-flight situation. I had nowhere to go. I had a fence behind me and nowhere to hide. I knew I couldn’t wait for the cops to get there.”


According to an interview with a Corson family member on the day of the shooting, Mark Corson was convinced Agudio had shot their dog and that he was “not acting normal today, and was very upset about the dog,” according to the ASP summary.

The family member also said that the two men never had any problems or arguments before and that day was the first time Corson mentioned Agudio because he thought he had killed their dog.

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Fill in the puzzle with the names of things and places that honor our leaders and war heroes:

1. Mount _____ in South Dakota has the faces of four presidents carved on a granite cliff.

2. The USS _____ (Hawaii) is a floating memorial where the ship was sunk in Pearl Harbor.

3. A beautiful marble building in Washington, D.C. with a statue of our 16th president seated inside is called the _____ Memorial.

4. Many U.S. heroes are buried in the _____ National Cemetery in Virginia.

5. This four-sided pillar in Washington D.C. is 555 feet high. It honors our country's first president and is called the _____ Monument.

6. The _____ Statue shows Marines raising the U.S. flag after a World War II battle.

7. The _____ Veterans Memorial in our nation's capital is a black-granite wall engraved with the names of service men and women who died or are missing in the Vietnam War.

8. Fort _____ in Maryland defended our country against the British in the War of 1812. The battle moved Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."

9. The Tomb of the Unknown _____ in Arlington National Cemetery is dedicated to Americans killed in our wars, but whose bodies could not be identified.

10. This circular building in D.C. with a statue of our third president is called the _____ Memorial.

11. Dedicated in 2004, the _____ II Memorial in Washington honors those who served, the 400,000 who died, and those who supported our nation in that war.

12. The _____ National Military Park marks a terrible battle that marked the Civil War's turning point. Abraham Lincoln made a famous famous speech here.

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McHenry

World War

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A Famous Memorial

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Adams, Taylor S., 17, Newhope, \$260 BF, speeding
Armstrong, Sylvester, 34, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Baker, Elida Fern, 40, Nashville, \$195 BF, no child restraint
Boone, Juliann, 45, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,619 owed, committed to jail for 30 days; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Carter, Mark A., 24, Winthrop, \$240 BF, speeding
Davis, Bridget R., 37, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,155 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Diaz, Nicholas Ray, 39, De Queen, \$250 BF, speeding
Fatherree, Crystal Gayle, 51, Nashville, \$230 BF, speeding
Fines, Brandon J., 40, Broken Bow, Okla., guilty of overload, fined \$1,570
Fraga-Vargas, Jorge S., 30, Mineral Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$250
Gilliam, Saniya Lashae, 19, Saratoga, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hamilton, Rebecca A., 42, Washington, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Harding, Jason Scott, 47, De Queen, \$250 BF, speeding
Haywood, Marshall Ray Jr., 27, Foreman, \$270 BF, speeding
Hernandez, Jose Manuel, 58, Nashville, \$345 BF, careless or prohibited driving
Cupp, Michale A., 42, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$295 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Mendez, Emanuel, 19, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding
Morales Reyes, Patricia, 50, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Parker, Kortlan Zane, 21, Nashville, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Rymer, Joey Wyman, 40, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Turner, Jajaun D., 31, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines \$1,410 owed
Wester, Afton Edward, 27, Horatio, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Williams, Larry Darnell, 32, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,165 owed, committed to jail for 30 days-suspended conditions
Woods, Gwendolyn, 70, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$230
Worthy, Mickel, 35, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$415 owed, committed to jail for 30 days-suspended conditions; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
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Aguilar, Irma, 50, Ozan, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Aguilar, Yemser, 25, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,945owed
Angelastro, Eugene P., 57, Nashville, guilty of drinking in public, fined \$220
Armstrong, Sylvester, 34, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$5,072 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Betancourt, Abel Antonio, 29, Nashville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Bradford, Arnetta, 40, Fulton, \$669.25 BF, violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law
Bustos, Briseyhdia I., 24, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Davis, Bridget R., 37, Nashville, guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$270; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Davis, Sierra S., 22, Texarkana, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Delarosa, Marissa, 29, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Duran, Angel, 22, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Gamble, Lernelia A., 48, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license fined \$445; guilty

of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Golston, Earl N., 60, Nashville, \$510 BF, second-degree terroristic threatening
Grant, Jeremiah J., 47, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Guerrero, Christopher A., 24, Nashville, \$230 BF, speeding; \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
Hill, Megan L., 30, Nashville, guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$270
Howell, Larry D., 65, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Johnson, Dean Lee, 63, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Jordan, Dalton, 33, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,417 owed, committed to jail for 30 days-suspended conditions
King, Marquise D., 32, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Kuester, Shaina, 28, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,180 owed
Leeper, Dennis, 61, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$95 costs only
Lewis, Willard R., 59, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Markcum, Dana M., 48, Merkel, Texas, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$270; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Martinez, Jacaline, 20, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Mullins, Seth, 23, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Organista-Bibiano, Daniel, 34, Nashville, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance;

\$45 BF, no seat belt
Pate, Ashley, 35, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$145
Paulino-Silvestre, Juan J., 35, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Peterson, Trinity S., 24, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$855 owed
Piggee, Demarco D., 43, Nashville, \$485 BF, passing stopped school bus
Rios, Heath V., 43, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,260 owed, committed to jail for 30 days-suspended conditions
Robinson, Freddie L. Jr., 35, Murfreesboro, guilty of DWI#2, fined \$1,610, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$310 owed
Rojas Pena, Ernesto, 36, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$195 BF, no child restraint; \$1295 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Snell, Christina, 33, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,029 owed, sentenced to 30 days in jail-suspended conditions
Speech, Taronequel, 34, Mineral Springs, guilty of shoplifting, fined \$390; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,244 owed
Stephens, Wyatt W., 61, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Stewart, Corey, 47, Umpire, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,750 owed, committed to jail for 30 days
Teel, Aaron D., 37, Murfreesboro, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$450.90; guilty of violation of AHCL, fined \$481.22
Thomas, Lavonte, 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$665 owed; guilty of violation of ignition/interlock device, fined \$345; guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$610; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Thompson, Ebony D., 33, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended

ed for six months
Tyler, Nicholas C., 36, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$455 owed; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560
Vincent, Harvey D., 45, Nashville, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Westfall, Ella, 14, Nashville, no driver's license/expired license, under advisement for six months to dismiss
White, Irene, 68, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Xueyan, Ren, 37, Nashville, \$485 BF, passing stopped school bus
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Burrell, Michael J., 27, Grove, Okla., \$240 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Carter, Salena R., 54, Pine Bluff, \$260 BF, speeding
Hanna, Charles N., 30, Hot Springs, \$270 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Lopez, Brian R., 35, De Queen, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license

Nutt, Brett M., 31, Dierks, guilty of violation of city ordinance-code of sanitation, fined \$225
Ramirez, Erica Y., 43, Eulless, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding
Ward, Virginia, 36, Dierks, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
City of Mineral Springs
Butler, Cody E., 27, Rogers, guilty of theft of property, fined \$660; guilty of fleeing, fined \$510
Worthy, Mickel, 35, Texarkana, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Bench Trials
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Thomas, Amie Leann, 36, Amity, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,610, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Townes, James G., 18, Nashville, reckless driving, under advisement to dismiss with community service within 30 days
City of Dierks
Johnson, Kathleen, 30, Dierks, violation of city ordinance-code of sanitation, under advisement for 30 days to dismiss

Shoreline cleanup planned May 31 at Cossatot Falls

Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area will host a Cossatot Falls Shoreline Beautification on Saturday, May 31, from 9-11 a.m.
Volunteers are needed for the project which will include removing litter and debris from the shoreline of the falls area, a high-use area in the park. All supplies, refreshments and snacks

will be provided for all volunteers, who are urged to wear protective, but water-friendly shoes and clothing.
Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help and those unable to traverse the area's rugged rocks can contribute on the nearby trail or campground areas.
No registration is required.

Delight Cemetery meeting June 2

The annual membership meeting of the Delight Cemetery Association will be held on Monday June 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Delight school cafeteria.
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Arkansas battles feral hog invasion: A timeline of eradication efforts

By Randy Zellers
AG&FC

Feral hogs have been a growing menace in Arkansas for decades, wreaking havoc on crops, livestock and the environment. A concerted effort, over a decade in the making, is showing signs of progress.

Feral hogs, descendants of animals brought by early explorers and later supplemented by Eurasian wild boars for sport hunting, have been present in North America since the 1500s.

By 1999, some people recognized the growing problem, but scattered populations, complex issues and a lack of coordinated effort stalled significant action.

These invasive pests, estimated at over 6 million nationwide, cause \$30 million to \$41 million in damages annually in Arkansas alone. They are not just agricultural nuisances, but vectors for human and animal disease and destroyers of native habitats.

The Arkansas State Legislature established the Feral Hog Eradication Task Force in 2017. This unfunded task force, which consisted of 20 federal, state and non-government agencies, was charged with developing an eradication plan. The initial year was spent gathering information, studying successful strategies from other states and crafting a plan. Early efforts by individual agencies were fragmented. Workshops on “do-it-your-

self”; trapping, boots-on-the-ground; removal services and trap-loan programs were scattered across the state, often in areas with the most severe infestations or local interest. These efforts, while helpful, lacked a unified, statewide approach.

The task force identified a critical gap: dedicated personnel for removal efforts. Successful trapping requires specialized knowledge and technology, which can be a barrier for small landowners who can’t justify the expense. The USDA Feral Swine Control Project, created in the 2018 Farm Bill, offered funds to combat this deficiency.

The task force leveraged these funds to hire full-time trappers through county conservation districts and the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services.

In 2019 the USDA Farm Bill awarded \$3.4 million to fund pilot projects. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture, in partnership with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services and conservation districts, took the lead in training feral hog technicians. These technicians learned to use advanced trapping technologies and equipment, working alongside APHIS personnel.

Thanks to local knowledge and landowner connections, this collaboration opened doors to previously inaccessible areas.

By 2024, the efforts were showing results. The Feral

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Swine Control Project, operating in 12 counties across four project areas (North Central Ozarks, West Arkansas River Valley, Southeast and Southwest), assisted on 483 properties covering about 500,000 acres.

More than 13,000 feral hogs had been removed, with nearly 4,500 removed using conservation district resources. Landowners reported more than \$2.5 million in damages caused by feral hogs on these properties. Future damages can be avoided with increased efforts by the agencies involved, and, more importantly, by landowners willing to address this growing issue.

One landowner who has benefited from this project is James Mitchell.

James lives in Yell County and has noticed a drastic reduction in the number of feral hogs around his property. James attributes the reduction of feral hogs to the implementation of whole sounder trapping strategies on his property and, just as importantly, on his neighbor’s property.

One major accomplishment of the task force was designating USDA APHIS Wildlife Services as the initial point of contact for the

statewide removal of feral hogs on private property. Today, landowners can call (501) 835-2318 for assistance. Beyond the pilot projects, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services significantly increased its presence in Arkansas, growing from seven field personnel in 2018 to more than 22 technicians and biologists in 2024.

Special projects like those in the Buffalo River Watershed and the Northeast Arkansas Elimination Project have further targeted feral hog populations.

Aerial operations conducted by USDA APHIS and permitted operators have also played a role. While flights are limited to certain times of the year, they have reduced hog numbers in some areas, especially when combined with trapping programs.

Participation in the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission’s Conservation Incentive Program (CIP), funded by the Arkansas General Assembly in 2023, is a more recent accomplishment of the task force. One of the most popular practices in the 2024 CIP pilot year was a cost share with private landowners for feral hog traps. The agency dedicated \$1.2 million to this practice,

accounting for about 37 percent of the total CIP funds. The feral hog trapping practice was set up on a first-come, first-served basis for applicants, and Arkansans were incredibly interested in it, with more than 400 applications. By the end of the program, 224 applicants had been awarded funding, resulting in hundreds of landowners purchasing approved trap systems.

Before receiving funding, applicants were required to demonstrate they had recently experienced feral hog damage on their property and undergo online training on trapping best practices. Once applicants purchased their selected trap system, they had to submit their first trap event on a mobile application to receive their full reimbursement.

Through the efforts of Arkansas landowners, the practice reported the removal of 6,693 feral hogs, impacting 52 counties and helping protect more than 900,000 acres across the state. These numbers are a baseline, as the traps are still in the landowners’ hands and are being used. The task force expects the actual removal numbers through the program’s efforts to be much higher.

The approach of full-time trappers working across the state and providing landowners with the right tools, such as reliable trap systems, provides a framework for eradicating feral hogs from large areas of the state. Land-

owners in heavily trapped areas have reported reduced feral swine and associated damages. The task force will continue to explore other management strategies and additional tools, such as toxic baits and research into a boar sterilant at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

As efforts continue, the Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Task Force remains committed to its mission. With a united front and a growing toolbox, Arkansas is making strides in the fight against this destructive invasive species.

To track feral hog removal efforts, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture maintains a feral hog dashboard. Users of the dashboard can see the number of hogs removed by county and by year.

The dashboard, a list of task force partners, and additional information can be found on the task force page on the Arkansas Department of Agriculture website (<https://agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture-services/feral-hog>). Additional information can also be found on the feral hog page on the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission website (<https://www.agfc.com/hunting/more-game/feral-hogs>), or the University of Arkansas’s website on feral hog removal (<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/environment-nature/wildlife/feral-hogs.asp>).

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Avoiding Medication Mistakes

By Angie Freel
Howard County Family & Consumer Science

Manufacturers create medications in many shapes, sizes, and colors. While these feature help identify the medication, the unfortunate consequence of bright, colorful shapes is that medications may be attractive to young children, making them a poisoning danger.

Safety Tips for Older Adults and Those with Low Vision

Accidental medication poisoning is not limited to small children. Older adults can also misidentify medication.

Low light and poor vision are common causes of medication poisoning in older populations.

The following steps may help to reduce medication mistakes.

Ask the pharmacy to provide large-print medicine labels and instructions.

Use a “buddy system”: have a reliable relative or friend help fill your pillbox.

Take medications in a well-lit area.

Use glasses or a magnifier to read labels.

Often, there is a description of the color and shape of the pills on the bottle. Be sure the medication matches the description.

Watch Out for Look-Alike Household Products

According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, 92% of calls received are about poisoning incidents in the home and 50% of those involve children. **Think about your**

own home. Do you have lookalike items? Are they stored correctly and properly labeled?

Household products are the second largest cause of poisoning so beware of look-alike poisons, especially if young children are present. It’s easy to mistake some harmful products or substances for safe foods and drinks because the product or packaging looks like a safe product.

Young children associate color with taste. They may gulp down blue windows cleaner because they think it is a blue sports drink or gobble down a handful of gummy vitamins thinking they are candy. Keep cleaners and other potentially dangerous products out of sight and reach of children. Mix-ups happen all the time and we can prevent most of them with some intentional forethought.

Some common mistakes include:

- Unmarked bleach and water bottles
- Blue sports drinks and window cleaner
- Chewing gum and nicotine gum
- Cinnamon candy and cold tablets
- Gummy candy and detergent packets

Anyone can fall victim to poison look-alikes. Taking the time to store food separately from household cleaners, medicines, and personal care products in their original containers. Lock them up from children or pets out of sight. It is helpful to post the Poison Control Center number (800-222-1222) in a visible place or memorize it. The Poison Center is reliable and anonymous, and you can even download an app that has a chat feature which takes less than 3 minutes.

Special thanks to Pamela Turner, Nicole Walters, and Diane Bales from the University of Georgia Extension.

Recipe of the Week

Nelda Barton shared this recipe with me last week and I knew you would want to make it too! Yum!

Nelda Barton’s Peach Cobbler

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

One stick of butter (cut into small pieces)

Fruit

1 quart peeled and sliced peaches dipped in lemon juice water. Place peach slices in a large bowl and let sit with 2/3 cup sugar (taste to see if sweet enough) while making crust.

Pie Crust

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
2/3 cup shortening
1/3 cup cold water

Sift flour into large bowl and add salt. Cut in shortening with pastry blender or fork until crumbly. Add water a little at a time until a ball forms. Divide the ball into two even pieces. Roll out one ball to ¼ inch thick. Cut into strips one inch wide.

Place butter in 9x13-inch pan in heated oven until melted. Add peaches and mix well. Place strips on top of peaches and push them down into peaches. Roll out the second ball of dough to 1/4 inch thick. Cut into one-inch-wide strips. Criss cross strips over the top of peaches until it is covered. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until crust is lightly browned.

For more information, call our office at 870-845-7517 or come to our office located upstairs in the Howard County Courthouse.



Dierks operation named Howard County Farm Family of Year

The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year program has announced its 2025 County Farm Families of the Year.

Since 1947, the Arkansas Farm Family of the Year program has helped to recognize outstanding farm families throughout the state. The objectives of the Farm Family of the Year program are:

- To give recognition and encouragement to farm families who are doing an outstanding job on their farm and in their community;
- To recognize the importance of agriculture in the community and state; and
- To disseminate information on improved farm practices and management.

Selection criteria for the Arkansas Farm Family of the Year includes efficiency of production, conservation of energy and resources, leadership in agricultural and community affairs, home and farm improvement, and home and farm management. Farm Family of the Year participation is open to all counties and is voluntary. Each year participation varies, which is why there’s not always a recipient for each county.

The area county Farm Families of the Year are:

Hempstead – Johnny and Priscilla Johnson, Hope

Howard – Jared and Cathren Smith, Dierks

Little River – Lockeby Farms, Ashdown

Sevier – Julian Dorse family, De Queen

The families will be visited by a set of judges to determine eight District Farm Families of the Year, which will be announced June 9.

The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year will be announced in December at the Farm Family of the Year luncheon, who then represent Arkansas at the Southeastern Expo Farmer of the Year event in Georgia.

Arkansas has had three Southeast Farmer of the Year winners, Brian and Nan Kirksey of Clark County in 2008, Wildy Family Farms of Mississippi County in 2016 and the Cobb, Lyerly and Owen Family / Partnership of Craighead County in 2023.

Locals among UAMS’ 1,186 new health professionals

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) recently held commencement ceremonies to confer degrees and certificates to 1,186 students in its five colleges and graduate school.

UAMS awarded a total of 1,207 degrees or certificates: 168 to students in the College of Medicine, 183 in the College of Nursing, 643 in the College of Health Professions, 85 in the College of Pharmacy, 78 in the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health and 50 in the UAMS Graduate School. Twenty students earned multiple degrees or certificates.

Degrees and certificates conferred at this year’s commencement ceremonies included doctor of philosophy; doctor of medicine; doctor of pharmacy; doctor of nursing practice; master of nursing science; bachelor of science in nursing; doctor of public health; master of public health; master of health administration; master of science in health care data analytics; postbaccalaureate certificate in public health; and a variety of allied health disciplines, including doctor of audiol-

ogy, doctor of physical therapy, master of physician assistant studies, master of science and bachelor of science.

The following are graduates of the UAMS colleges and graduate school who authorized the release of their names and hometowns. Graduates are divided by college and hometown unless otherwise noted.

UAMS College of Medicine

The following graduates received their Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree.

Amity
Larry Thomas Hill

Delight
Madalyn Grace Brannon

Nashville
McKenzie Kay Johnson

UAMS College of Nursing

The following graduates received either a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree; a Master of Science in Nursing (MNSc) degree; a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree; or a graduate certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner or Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

Amity
Suzanne Sorrells

Delight
Summer Nicole Lee

Nashville
Shelby Ortiz

Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Baylee Grace Harder – DeQueen

UAMS College of Pharmacy

The following graduates received their Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree.

Mount Ida
Addison Nicole Black

Dorian Gwinn

Murfreesboro
Jordan Raye Myers

Nashville
Peyton Mackenzie Dodd

Jazmine Shy’Keil Scoggins

Master of Public Health
Emily Dawn Blake – Mount Ida

UAMS Graduate School

The following graduates are listed by degree program.

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Informatics
Aaron S. Kemp – Nashville

Farm Credit announces scholarship recipients

Farm Credit of Western Arkansas has announced the list of 40 scholarship recipients for 2025-26 school year. Scholarship recipients are either members or the child/grandchild of a member.

The scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, extracurricular involvement, volunteer activities, and financial need. \$40,000 in total will be awarded this year.

Local recipients are as follows:

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Rattlers hire alumnus for football, track, youth sports development

By John Balch
News-Leader staff
Former Murfreesboro High School Rattler athlete and coach Chuck Lowery will return to his old campus after being hired Monday night as an assistant football coach, head track coach and youth sports coordinator.

Lowery will replace Darren Horn, who’s resignation was accepted Monday by the South Pike County School Board during its May

meeting. Horn has taken a job with the Mineral Springs School District.

Lowery is currently head girls’ basketball coach and assistant track coach at Prescott High School. His coaching experience includes work at Delight High School (1997-2002), Sparkman (2002-2005), Harmony Grove (2005-2010 & 2015-2021) and Murfreesboro (2010-2015), when he was head baseball and boys’ basketball coach and assistant

football coach.

The board also accepted the resignation of Nicole Martin, who has also taken a job at Mineral Springs.

The retirement of Sarita McRae was also accepted by the board with elementary hirings approved for Monica Riley, Candy Hood and Krista Milner. Also, Kaleb Delarosa was approved as a summer student worker on campus and a revised stipend schedule was accepted.

All votes on personnel were unanimous and were made following a closed executive session that lasted approximately one hour.

Also Monday, board officers were elected and new member Brian Caldwell was welcomed. The new officers include Robert Silva, president; Barbie Baxter, vice president; and Alyssa Duggan, secretary.

The board also approved Steve Martin’s game officials’ assigner fee and

extra pay up to \$5,000 for securing and paying game officials and conducting basketball camps.

The board also accepted the purchase service contract from Chad Brinkley for school technology support. Brinkley was approved for 210 days of work at \$230 per day.

The board also heard an update from math teacher and curriculum coordinator Melissa Jones about the district’s successful High-Impact Tutoring program held from November through April. The program was funded by a \$79,914 grant and utilized what Jones described as “experienced teachers” as paid tutors.

Jones said the tutors worked a total of 638 hours with students at both elementary and high school.

For more information about the High-Impact Tutoring program, contact Jones through the high school.

Murfreesboro loses heartbreaker in semifinals of state tournament

The Murfreesboro Rattlers made a run in last week’s Class 2A state baseball tournament into the semifinal round before losing in an extra inning game to end their season at Palestine-Wheatley High School.

The Rattlers, the number four seed from the south region, matched up against the number one seeded team from region 3-2A Conway Christian in the first round last Thursday.

After Conway Christian jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom half of the first inning, MHS would hold them scoreless the rest of the way to secure a 4-3 victory.

Kooper Caldwell would drive in one and score twice for the Rattlers, while Laytan Wilcher would score once, steal a base and drive in a run.

Alex Bonner added an RBI for Murfreesboro, while Kale Burns scored once.

Starting pitcher Brody Maroon drove in one on the offensive side of the ball, while pitching a complete seven innings for the Rattlers. He allowed three hits, three earned runs and four walks while striking out five batters.

Ace Koehler would also throw a compete game for Conway Christian, allowing four hits, an earned run and two walks while striking out seven batters.

Isaiah Brister tripled for the Eagles and scored a run, while teammate Preston Elliott doubled and drove in a pair.

In the second round on Friday, the Rattlers faced off against Izard County, who won the day previous by a 10-0 score over Westside-Johnson County.

Izard County was the second seed from region 2-2A.

The Rattlers would jump

out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and not look back, racking up a 10-0 win over the Cougars.

Carter Gilmer would drive in three runs and score twice for MHS on his 3/4 day at the plate. Cameron Stevens added a pair of RBIs on two hits.

Both Caldwell (run scored) and Maroon (RBI, two runs scored) would have a double in the game.

The Rattlers were a terror on the basepaths with seven stolen bases as a team, with Gilmer leading the way with two.

Isaac Kuykendall went the complete seven innings for the Rattlers from the mound, allowing only two hits and a walk to go along with his eight strikeouts.

Neither Izard County pitcher was particularly effective against the Rattlers, with Cash Arnhart (5.33 innings, eight hits, six earned

runs, three walks and two strikeouts) and Xander McCandlis (1.67 innings, five hits, four earned runs and one walk) taking the mound for the Cougars.

In the semifinal game on Saturday, it appeared that the Rattlers had gotten a break, drawing the third seed from region 2-A Riverside Rebels. The Colts had upset the region 4 2-A number one seed Woodlawn by a 5-0 score the day previous.

Murfreesboro would jump out to a 2-0 lead with a run in each of the first two innings, while Riverside would tie up the game with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third.

The game would remain scoreless through the bottom of the eighth inning when Riverside added a run to conclude game action and end the Rattlers’ season.

Wilcher would drive in

one with a home run and score twice for the Rattlers, while Lathan Compton drove in a run and Gilmer stole a base and scored once.

Murfreesboro would strand ten baserunners in the game, while Riverside left eight on base in the game.

Gilmer would pitch the complete game for the Rattlers, compiling seven innings in allowing five hits, one earned run and four walks with one strikeout.

Brayson Timms would double for the Rebels and score a run, while Bryce Smith had an RBI, a stolen base and two runs scored.

After Maddox Stone exited the game in the second inning (two innings, six hits, two earned runs, two walks, four strikeouts), Cayden Richardson would control the game the rest of the way for the Rebels while allowing only a pair of hits and

walks while striking out three batters.

The Rattlers complete their season with a final record of 23-10, along with a 13-1 record in the conference that deliver them a regular season 7-2A title.

MS Lady Hornets knocked from first round of tourney

The Mineral Springs Lady Hornet softball team’s trip to the Class 1A state tournament was short-lived after suffering a 0-9 first-round loss to County Line.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HEMPSTEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

CADENCE BANK f/k/a BANCORPSOUTH BANK PLAINTIFF

v. CASE NO. 29CV-24-90-2

IANPOL C. CANLAS DEFENDANT

WARNING ORDER

TO: IANPOL C. CANLAS, DEFENDANT

You are hereby notified that Cadence Bank f/k/a BancorpSouth Bank, whose attorney is Smith, Cohen & Horan, PLC, and whose attorney’s address is P.O. Box 10205, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72917-0205, has filed a Complaint herein against you, a copy of which Complaint and Summons shall be delivered to you or to your attorney upon request. You are also notified that you must appear and defend by filing your Answer or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this Warning Order; and in the event of your failure to do so, you may be barred from asserting your interests in this matter and a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint as circumscribed by the laws of this State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as Clerk of the Court on this 9th day of May, 2025.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF CASHLYNN DAVIS Case No.: 31PR-24-29-I

TO: **TANYA DAVIS**
Aka Tanya Daffern
Aka Tanya McCord

NOTICE OF THE FILING OF AN ADOPTION PETITION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

You are hereby notified that Petitioner, Rosa Darlene Dixon filed a Petition for Adoption of the above-named minor. You are further notified that a HEARING is set in this case for June 18, 2025, at 9:00 am. with Judge Tom Cooper. The Petition for Adoption filed is a formal request for legal action to seek the adoption of the above-listed child and thus termination of your rights. The hearing will be held in the Howard County Circuit Court, Second Floor Courtroom, located at 421 North Main St. Nashville, Arkansas, 71852.

If you object to the Petition of Adoption, you should file a written response with the Clerk of Howard County, Arkansas. If you fail to appear at the hearing, a Judge may enter orders or decrees which terminate your rights to the child referenced above.

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Baylee Smith pitches for the Scrapperettes against Gravette May 15 in the Class 4A state tournament at the University of Arkansas in Monticello. Gravette won the game 4-2.

Season ends at state



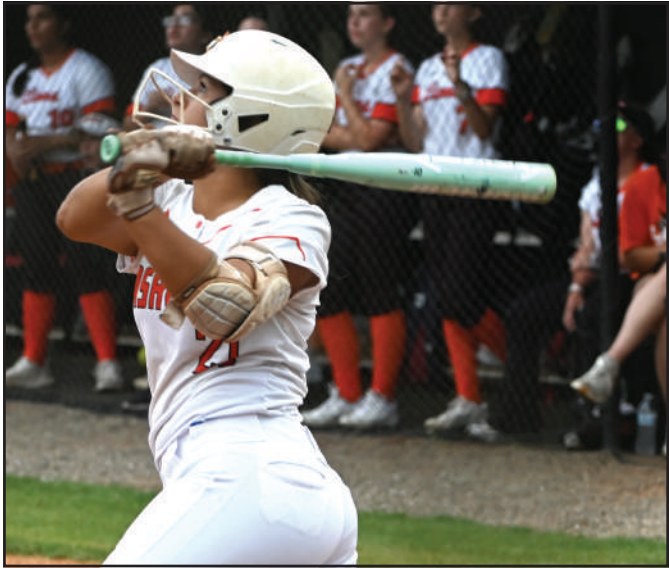
Scrapper baseball photo
Scrapper seniors visit after their game against Shiloh Christian May 15 at the Class 4A state tournament in Monticello. They include Gage Green, Peyton Hill, Sam Carter, Mason Honea and Banks Ray. Shiloh won 2-1 in eight innings.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Addison Tate (right) secures the ball for an out as Elli Wallis follows the play May 15 against Gravette.



News-Leader file photo
Karson Chambers struck out 12 Shiloh Christian batters and hit a home run against the Saints May 15.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Landyn Tompkins hits a home run against Gravette Thursday, May 15 at the state tournament in Monticello.



Scrapperette softball photo
Scrapperette seniors include Kenzy Lowery, Addison Tate, Nadia Bretado, Maddie Rodgers, Jacee Martin, Adison Moore, Harleigh Hill, Gabby Williams and Natalie Nolte.

Scrapper baseball photo
The Scrappers received goodie bags before their trip to Monticello for the Class 4A state tournament.

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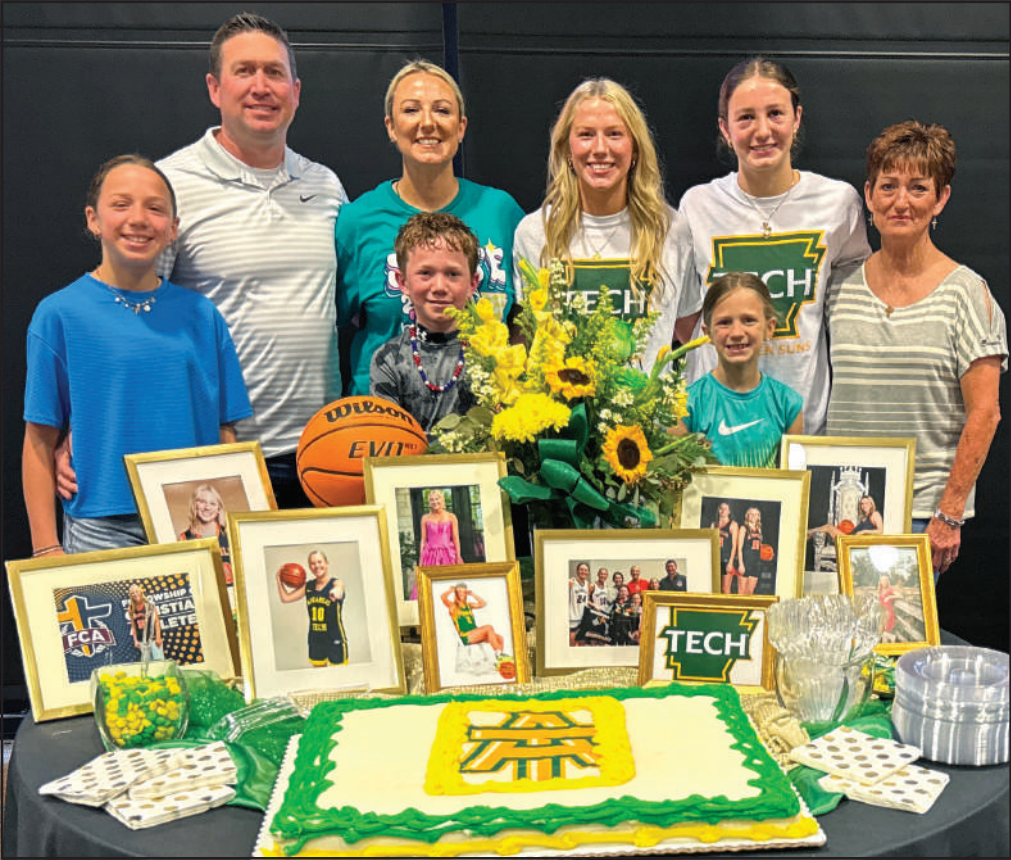
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Signee Kennedy Scrivner (back, third from left), Arkansas Tech, basketball

Signing Day at NHS

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Signee Landen Arbuthnott (back, fifth from left), Southern Arkansas University, trap



Signee Taylor Watts (third from left), University of Central Arkansas, cheer stunt team



Signee Mason Honea (right), National Park College, baseball



Signee Madison Nelson (second from left), University of Central Arkansas, band

Nashville High School Signing Day, May 13, NHS cafeteria

Kennedi Scrivner, Arkansas Tech, basketball

Madison Nelson, University of Central Arkansas, band

Mason Honea, National Park College, baseball

Taylor Watts, University of Central Arkansas, cheer stunt team

Landen Arbuthnott, Southern Arkansas University, trap



Athletic Director James “Bunch” Nichols (right) shows the traditional pen set which he gave to each signee May 13 in the NHS cafeteria. “Once a Scrapper” is written on the case, with “Always a Scrapper” on the pen.

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Players of the Week as selected by
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Karson Chambers, Nashville

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