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# Hospital Gala set for May 31 in Nashville

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Midtown Social, 117 E. Howard in Nashville.

The cost of a single ticket is \$150. A table for six will be available for \$1,000, with a table for eight at \$1,500.

Nick Brooks donated a four-wheeler valued at more than \$6,000 to the gala. The vehicle is a CF Moto Cforce with electronic power steering, 4 x 4 and a winch.

Tickets for a chance on the four-wheeler are \$100 each.

For more information on the gala, sponsorship packages or tickets, contact Sandy Webb at 870-845-8006 or send email to [sandyw@howardmemorial.com](mailto:sandyw@howardmemorial.com).

# Farmers' Market to be open on Friday

There's always something new to discover at the Howard County Farmers Market — and last week's late additions didn't disappoint! Shoppers picked up fresh-cut flowers and farm eggs alongside an already great lineup of local goods.

This Friday, May 30, you can expect even more seasonal favorites, including the first blackberries of the year! Come early to shop fresh produce, meats, baked goods, handmade items, and other homegrown treasures from local farmers and makers.

The market is open from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 110 S. Washington Street in Nashville.

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**Salutatorian Tanner May, Valedictorian Caroline Dean**

# Scholarship total for grads at \$3.4 million

**By John R. Schirmer**  
News-Leader staff

The Nashville High School Class of 2025 received nearly \$3.4 million in scholarships and military offers, Counselor Beverly Tedford said at the school's scholarship program May 20 in Scrapper Arena.

The total included \$52,800 in local scholarships.

Tedford and Career Coach Natalie Sherman recognized the recipients during the program.

Local scholarships, the amount per student and the recipients

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**THEY'RE GRADUATES, NOW.** Members of the Class of 2025 toss their caps into the air at the conclusion of graduation ceremonies Friday, May 23, at Scrapper Stadium. The grads were in kindergarten the last time the stadium hosted graduation, 2013. The class received \$3.4 million in scholarships.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**MEMORIAL DAY.** Nashville Junior High students Eden Sartin (right), Sophie Dale (center) and Natalie Alexander read Honor Flight letters from the school at the Memorial Day program Monday, May 26, on the Howard County Courthouse lawn.



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**REMEMBERING.** Nathan Evans, Nashville Primary School principal, plays "Taps" during the Memorial Day program Monday in Nashville. The ceremony remembered those who have died defending the United States.

# Crop dusters hit the skies over SWARK

**By Don Hall**  
News-Leader staff

Every year in May, the air in Howard County is filled for a few days with the roar of 1,300-horsepower ugly yellow airplanes flying low and loud. These chunky planes are owned by Crop Doctor, a company in Lake Village in the southeastern corner of the state, and they're up here to fertilize trees for Weyerhaeuser.

Rex Lester, the senior of the two pilots working here this year, explains: "One way to look at it

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News-Leader photo/DON HALL

**GETTING READY.** A crop-duster is loaded with fertilizer before taking off for Weyerhaeuser forests north of Nashville.





OBITUARIES



**Linda Joyce McGuire Stone**  
Lynda Joyce McGuire Stone, age 85, of Murfreesboro, Ark., passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2025, in Nashville, Ark. She was born on Feb. 11, 1940, in Prescott, Ark., to the late Clifton Alexander McGuire and Wilma Grimes McGuire. Lynda enjoyed living her life to the fullest. She loved to go on road trips and see places she's never seen. She enjoyed meeting new people and learning something new from each person she interacted with. She enjoyed going antiquing and marveling at the beauty of old handmade primitive furniture and the designs and colors of carnival glass. She loved her family dearly and with a devotion and loyalty that knows no bounds. But Lynda's main passion was spending time in her

greenhouse working with her plants. She was a free spirit who will forever be missed. Lynda was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Rhonda Elaine Stone. Those left to mourn her loss yet cherish her memory include: her daughter, Dana Stone; special son-in-law, Jack Bonds; her brother, Don (Janie) McGuire; her grand-kittens, Tinky, Merlin, Elton, Grayson and Sissy; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Friday, May 30, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, May 31, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, with burial to follow at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Prescott, Ark., under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro. You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneral.com](http://www.latimerfuneral.com). **Patricia A. 'Trish' Lingo** Patricia A. Lingo, 65, of Nashville, Ark., died Monday, May 26, 2025. She was born on Feb. 15, 1960. Arrangements are pending with Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville. Online at [latimerfuneralhome.com](http://latimerfuneralhome.com).

Decoration, meeting for Old Liberty Cemetery scheduled for June 8

Old Liberty Cemetery will hold its first formal decoration and cemetery meeting Sunday, June 8. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. Donations for continued upkeep and cemetery maintenance can be made to the cemetery account at Farmers Bank & Trust. The cemetery is located on Kesterson Road, Dierks, in the Liberty Hill/Blue Ridge community.



**FARMERS' MARKET VENDOR FROM MCCASKILL.** For the second year Jill Parker has brought her freeze-dried candies and fruit, wood-burning art, and other items to the Farmers' Market in Nashville. On a recent Friday the number of vendors overwhelmed the stall space under the shed, and were set up on the surrounding grounds.



**COMMUNITY COFFEE MARKS EH MONTH.** At Wednesday's coffee to mark Extension Homemakers Month were hostesses: from left Margie Green, Dana Newberg, Shirley Wright, Jean Ann Flaherty, Joy Barr, EHC Advisor Angie Freeland, Deb Kreul, Pam Wynn, Perlie Snell, Laura Dupree, and Corliss Lewis. The county's three EH clubs were represented -- New Horizon EH Club; Moonlighters EH Club; and Twilight EH Club.

Area students are awarded degrees, certificates from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

LITTLE ROCK — 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 audiology, doctor of physical therapy, master of physician assistant studies, master of science and bachelor of science. **UAMS College of Medicine** The following graduates received their Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree. 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. Delight -- Summer Nicole Lee. Nashville -- Shelby Ortiz. **UAMS College of Health Professions** The following graduates are listed by degree program. **UAMS College of Pharmacy** The following graduates received their Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. Murfreesboro -- Jordan Raye Myers. Nashville -- Peyton Mackenzie Dodd; Jazmine Shy'Keil Scoggins. **Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Informatics** Aaron S. Kemp -- Nashville.

FINANCIAL FOCUS  
By Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments  
Observe 'Save for Education Day with a 529 plan

Whether your children are in grade school or high school, they'll be leaving for college or trade school before you know it. With the cost of education rising, now is the time to prepare for that day. Starting to invest when your child is born is often a great way to build a strong financial future. Even if your children are older, you can still make progress and potentially reap tax benefits by contributing to a 529 education savings plan. Contributions are made with after-tax dollars, accumulate with no federal income tax and can be withdrawn for qualified education expenses federally tax free. Unfortunately, half of Americans don't know what a 529 plan is, and fewer than a quarter have one, according to 2024 research from Edward Jones and Morning Consult. One way to keep a 529 plan top of mind is to recognize May 29 (5/29) as Save for Education Day. Benefits of a 529 plan

- **Tax Advantages.** Your withdrawals are free from federal income tax when you use them for elementary or secondary school tuition — including vocational schools and some online courses and degree programs — registered apprenticeships, and qualified higher-education expenses such as housing, books and more.
- **Flexibility.** The variety of qualifying expenses may surprise you. For example, you can pay for off-campus housing (up to the cost of on-campus room and board), student loan repayments (up to a \$10,000 lifetime limit), and computers and computer-related accessories, including printers, internet access and educational software used primarily by the plan beneficiary. You may even be able to roll over unused funds to a Roth IRA for your beneficiary, switch beneficiaries or roll it over to another 529 plan.
- **Control.** As the account owner, you — not the beneficiary — control how the funds are used, as you planned and intended.

MS Soup Kitchen with pantry boxes will be Wednesday, May 28

The Mineral Springs Church of Christ soup kitchen with pantry boxes will be Wednesday, May 28, from 2-5 p.m. Those picking up boxes must have their IDs with them. Meals will be picked up in a drive through. Organizers remind those who pick up meals to watch for signs. The menu will include hot dogs, chips and cookies. The soup kitchen is held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 2-5 p.m. at the church building, 318 Bridgeman Drive in Mineral Springs. Call 870-451-4441 for more information.

Strategies for building 529 savings

If you set aside money every month, it can make a big difference toward funding your child's best educational path forward. So, how can you budget for a 529 for your child, when you have competing financial priorities?

- **Save early and regularly.** Consider setting up automatic transfers into a 529 account, even if it feels like a small amount. Taking a few minutes to set it up now can help pay for four years of your child's education in the future.
- **Increase over time.** You could reallocate your day care expenses once your child enters school, which could be a substantial amount each month.
- **Review your savings over time.** Many things can change over time — your available dollars, education costs, investment performance, choice of college, financial aid options and the number of children you're providing for.

You have the flexibility to change your contributions.



**FARM FRESH EGGS.** Janice Bagley of Lockesburg says that her hens "are really laying right now." She keeps the eggs refrigerated at the Farmers' Market in Nashville while waiting to be sold. Once again, Friday, the number of vendors overwhelmed available stall space under the market shed, and they spread out in tables under the large oak trees.

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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

Tales from Howard County's history reprinted in honor of longtime staff historian and photographer, Cecil Harris.  
September 19, 1938 - December 15, 2012

Compiled by Patsy Young



Honored by Sons of Confederate Veterans in June 1994. Jewell Goodson (seated) of Dierks holds a picture of his Confederate father James K. Polk Goodson. His wife Edith Goodson is seated on right. Standing left to right Kyle Chastain, Jewell's great-grandson; Grace Harberson, daughter; and grandson Dennis Harberson.

**122 years ago: May 1903**  
Last Sunday John Nelson, Tom Gorham, Roy Weaver and Bob Gosnell attended singing at Blue Bayou Church and returning in the afternoon, they got below the ford at Temperanceville Creek and fell into deep water. The hack in which they were riding struck the bank with force and both single-trees broke and the horses left the hack standing in the water with the foot wheels upon the bank.

John Nelson and Tom Gorham were sitting on the back seat which was not fastened down and when the front suddenly raised their seat toppled over and both of the young men fell out backwards into the deep water.

**79 years ago: May 1946**  
Texarkana residents waited tensely tonight fearing the next blow from the sadist killer who

has murdered five persons, wounded a sixth and brutally assaulted two others in this section in recent weeks. They have been told the mad killer is a resident of this section and his uncontrollable mania will force him to strike again.

Lost: Large dark yellow Cur dog with white tip tail. Answers to the name Joe. Strayed near Nathan. \$25 reward, Mrs. Alma Townsend.

**63 years ago: May 1962**  
Elwood Brooks, the Mineral Springs flyer, has another year of schoolboy competition which should lessen the future for class B track hands elsewhere. The Junior Hornet captured the high hurdles at the Big Meet at Little Rock Saturday. He was running against the best from all high schools in the state.

(Adv.) At the Howard Auto Theater. Last showing, Thurs-

day night, buck nite one dollar a car load, on the big screen, Fredrick March and Dick Clark in the "Young Doctors."

**42 Years ago: May 1983**  
Nashville High School honor graduate Billy Hockaday did not miss a single day of school from the 9th through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

His attendance record won him faculty praise and a certificate during the annual NHS awards assembly.

Two Nashville High School seniors were selected for parts in the Sixth All-State Honors cast of "Stardust." Wayne Toliver and Teresa Boozer were chosen for the honor which recognizes talented and hard-working high school students in the theater. Both were recommended for parts by NHS drama club sponsor Karan Hughes.

# Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period May 15-21, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

**Marriage Licenses**  
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)  
May 15. Kenneth Dewayne Isham, 33, Mineral Springs, and Sabrina L. Donato, 42, Mineral Springs.

**Civil Court**  
No new civil cases filed since CV25-60, May 13.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
DR25-44, May 15. Darbie Hughes vs. Gregory Lynn Hughes. Divorce.

**Criminal Court**  
No new criminal cases filed since CR25-53, May 13.

**Land/Property Transactions**

**Quitclaim Deeds**  
May 15. Arthur G. Halstead and Angela R. Halstead; to Charles A. Walker and Tammy L. Walker, husband and wife; property in S17 T9S R27W.

May 16. Charles E. Robertson and Karen J. Robertson, husband and wife; to the Charles and Karen Robertson Family Trust; 12.35 ac. in S21 T8S R27W.

May 19. Lorena J. Mauldin; to Cody Q. Mauldin; 2 ac. in S25 T5S R29W.

May 21. Sandra Leigh Hallmark; to Timothy Wayne

Beene and Michael Neil Beene and Steven Chance Weaver; 3 ac. in S24 T9S R28W, removing life estate.

**Redemption Deeds**  
May 20. State of Arkansas; to Christine Ellis, Murfreesboro; 0.54 ac. in S26 T9S R28W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$1,165.64.

May 20. State of Arkansas; to I E and Opal Hobbs, c/o Judy Walston, Dierks; 0.12 ac. in S30 T7S R28W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$80.59.

**Beneficiary's Deed**  
May 19. Joyce Walters, Widow of M. W. Walters; to Karen Fant and Pam Jeanes; 2 tracts, aggregate 123.57 ac. in S27 T9S R28W with exceptions.

**Warranty Deeds**  
May 16. John Howard Wesson, Trustee of the Zelda Orr Trust; to Derrick A. Simpson and wife Alexandra M. Segura-Simpson; aggregate 44 a. in S30 T9S R27W. \$465,000.

May 16. Christopher S. Graham and Cody Tedford, Managers of Graham and Tedford Properties, LLC; to Ernest Trent Fields and wife Kimberly Fields; Lots 1 thru 4, Murray's Second Addition, Town of Dierks. \$88,000.

May 16. William Recitor Rather and Kayla Liles, husband and wife; to James Ross; Lots 1-2-3, Block 12, Pine View Addition in S11

T11S R28W.

May 19. James E. Mullen and Rhonda Mullen, Trustees of the Mullen Family Trust; to John Bailey and Shelly Bailey, husband and wife; 1.01 ac. in S23 T5S R28W with easement.

May 19. Christopher S. Graham and Cody Tedford, Managers of Graham and Tedford Properties, LLC; to Casey Roberts and wife, Savannah Carver; Lots 7-8, Block 3, Murray's 2nd Addition to Dierks.

May 19. Cody Q. Mauldin; to John Gurley; 2 ac. in S25 T5S R29W. \$103,000.

May 20. Marvin Gilbert and wife Kathryn Gilbert; to Harla Dave Beavert; 2 tracts, aggregate 40 ac. in S2 T9S R29W. \$260,000.

May 20. (Correction) Emmett Ray Rogers and wife, Mary Kathleen Rogers, individually and Emmett Ray Rogers as president of Ray Rogers Timber Co., Inc.; to Jonathan Morgan Mixon; 3.5 ac. in S36 T9S R28 along with access road.

May 20. Jonathan Morgan Mixon; to William Lee Worley and Cheyanna Jewel Johnson, Joint Tenants; 3.5 ac. in S36 T9S R28, along with access road. \$153,900.

May 21. James Richard Gray and wife, Doris Kay Gray; to Randy Pennington; Lot 30, Rolling Hills Subdivision, Howard County. \$15,000.

# Only two pleas entered on light day in Howard County Criminal Court

Just two pleas were taken here last Wednesday, May 21, during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

On the bench was Judge Tom Cooper.

A tentative date of May 28 was set for the probation revocation trial of Hunter Leach, 24, white male, Nash-

ville. He was charged in August 2024 with first degree criminal mischief. He is now charged with failure to meet the terms of his probation on his conviction. He has pleaded not true to the charge.

The sentence was pronounced for Amanda Cox, 40, white female, Nashville,

who pleaded guilty to two felony counts including delivery of controlled substance and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Her total sentence was three years in the Arkansas Department of Correction with a further three years suspended imposition of sentence.

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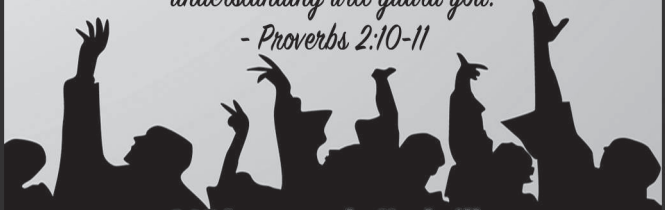


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# Point of view

## Names in stone

### What were final thoughts of those who died for us?

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I want to tell you about a short walk I take every Thursday morning.

It's from the newspaper office; crossing Main Street; and up the shortcut sidewalk to the war memorial monument.

At this spot I stop and make it a point to pick out at least one name from the many names that are blasted into the granite. I speak the name to myself.

They all died in wartime military service for our country -- a bullet wound in combat, maybe poison gas, an airplane crash, a torpedoed ship going down.

God bless the memories of all fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen. I think about the person represented by that name on the monument and I wonder how his family recovered from the loss. I wonder how life would be different even now in our community had these soldiers, sailors and airmen been allowed to live long productive lives.

But I never cease to be grateful that they fought for you and me. Looking at the names I recognize the husband of a NHS classmate; the father of another.

Monday, Memorial Day, was a time to remember those who died for us. The event at the monument went on despite the earlier rain. It didn't dampen our need to remember.

In November we'll salute and thank all who served in uniform in times of war or peace, but on Memorial Day we concentrate on those who died mostly violent and painful deaths in an effort to keep our country safe and free.

What were their last thoughts before going to their Maker?

This Memorial Day I will also think about our President who would've been the best soldier ever except for those pesky bone spurs. He wants to be honored by a flashy parade on his birthday. Of course this parade is being 'spun' as a celebration of 250 years of the U.S. Army.

I love the Army, but in our hearts, you and I both know that the big military parade is what Dear Leader wants to reflect his own glory.

He'll finally have a big parade, just like the dictators of Russia, North Korea and the Third Reich.

THE GOOD EARTH. Some people can smell privit, some can't. Some people love the taste of cilantro, some hate it.

It's taken Daughter Julie and me many many years to learn that Mimosa blossoms do have a scent. It's one of those things like cilantro. Some humans' olfactory receptors do not recognize mimosa.

Mimosa blossoms apparently have a smell sorta like honey.

I wouldn't know.

I'm still trying to understand why asparagus makes my pee smell like asparagus.

CONGRATULATIONS to all area high school and college grads. Now thank the ones that made it possible for you to reach this milestone.

ANIMAL CRACKERS. The fancy bluebird box has hung at the same spot on the fence for at least seven or eight years. It has never had bluebird occupants. My daughter Julie gave me that box, and she painted it.

Even though it looks so enticing it has remained empty year after year.

Had some stinging bugs one year. I think they were wasps or hornets. I stayed away when they were buzzing around the small round entrance.

But this year it finally has bluebirds.

Mom and Pop take turns bringing delicious juicy morsels to whatever is inside

Well, they'd bring delicious juicy morsels if that durned mockingbird stopped divebombing long enough for Mom and Pop Bluebird to get safely through to those hungry chicks.

Why does that mockingbird harass the bluebirds?

Must be something in its nature.

I DID notice that in the heavy rain of early Monday morning -- as I sat under patio cover sipping coffee and counting blessings -- there were regular streaks of blue darting to that bluebird house.

OKAY, I COULDN'T RESIST.

Anyone else uneasy by the President accepting a new Air Force One from a foreign nation? We'll have to check for listening and tracking devices. It's nice to save money, but what will we owe Qatar in return?

Of course, 45-47 has announced that the billion\$ aircraft will be used as Air Force 1 until he is out of office.

Then, 45-47 says the aircraft will be his.

MORE THINGS I LEARNED from the Universal Classroom of Life: "If only Noah had swatted those houseflies when he had the chance."

WORD GAMES. Distant relations: More or Less. Admit that you use them pretty often. Even more or less daily.

HE SAID: "One of the key problems today is that politics is such a disgrace, good people don't go into government." Donald Trump, 45th and 47th President of the United States of America

SHE SAID: "When it comes to social media, there are just times I turn off the world, you know. There are just some times you have to give yourself space to be quiet, which means you've got to set those phones down." Michelle Obama, First Lady

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

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fully immunized, remember to get the booster shot.

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## Arkansas awaits federal approval of proposed restrictions to SNAP

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The Arkansas legislature and the governor agreed earlier this year that food stamps should not be used to buy candy, soft drinks and junk food.

Now it appears that the federal government also agrees. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently approved a waiver that allows Nebraska to impose the first ever restriction against using food stamps to purchase soda and energy drinks.

Arkansas officials are waiting for approval of a similar waiver, but one that would go even further. It would allow Arkansas to prohibit food stamp purchases of soft drinks and candy. The candy prohibition will extend to confectionary products made with flour. The soda prohibition will include fruit and vegetable drinks with less than 50 percent natural juice.

If approved, the waiver would allow people to buy hot rotisserie chicken with food stamps, which they cannot do now. In a letter to federal officials the governor said that allowing rotisserie chicken is a common sense reform because it is high in protein, easily affordable

and can feed a family.

The food stamp program is officially known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). It does not pay for alcohol and tobacco products. The changes in the Arkansas food stamp program would take effect July 1, 2026.

In February, about 239,000 Arkansas residents received SNAP benefits. The average benefit last year was \$299.36 a month for each household.

The governor used forceful language in her letter to the Secretary of Agriculture urging his agency to approve the waiver.

"It is clear that the current system encourages and subsidizes the overconsumption of unhealthy, highly processed, and addictive food and beverages," she wrote.

The legislature supports the change. Earlier this year, during the regular session, lawmakers approved Act 969 of 2025 to require state officials to seek the waiver.

According to state officials, about 23 percent of SNAP benefits are spent on soft drinks, snacks, candy and desserts. National surveys indicate that Americans are consuming more sweet drinks

every year. Obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes and other chronic illnesses cost Arkansas Medicaid about \$300 million a year to treat.

State officials will work with retailers to help them make changes in cash registers so that they can identify which foods can be paid for with an EBT card. It's like a bank card except it is loaded with SNAP benefits. EBT stands for Electronic Benefits Transfer.

Community Assistance Grants

Cities, counties, unincorporated communities and non-profit organizations have until July 31 to apply for grants of up to \$1.5 million from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

The grants can pay for renovations, equipment and new construction of public buildings and facilities such as parks, ball fields, picnic areas and trails. They can pay for training expenses related to workforce development. They cannot be used for private fairgrounds, lobbying, entertainment or the purchase of alcohol. They cannot pay off debt or any expenses incurred before the grants are awarded.

## Legislature supports state veterans

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

Each year on Memorial Day, Arkansans come together to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. We remember their courage, their dedication, and the deep debt of gratitude we owe to them and their families.

The Arkansas House of Representatives has made supporting veterans, military families, and active-duty service members a top priority. In the 2025 Regular Session, we passed a wide range of legislation aimed at strengthening the support network around our military community.

We created the Joint Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs through Act 1056. This new committee ensures that the unique

needs of our military community are addressed consistently and comprehensively. Act 506 sets up a notification system so the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs is alerted when a veteran is incarcerated, ensuring timely outreach and support for veterans during a particularly vulnerable time.

Through Act 341, the Arkansas ACCESS Act, we established the Arkansas Heroes Scholarship for Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipients. The law also allows colleges and universities that support service members to earn Purple Star Campus designations.

Act 501 significantly improves how Arkansas supports military-connected children. It expands the Military Child School Transitions Act, ensuring smoother transitions

for students from Gold Star families and those of medically retired service members. Act 355 ensures that military recruiters are granted access to public high schools and state-supported post-secondary institutions, reinforcing opportunities for students and strengthening our military pipeline.

Sometimes, honoring service means the simple things that matter deeply to those who've worn the uniform. That's why we passed Act 51, authorizing the creation of a special license plate for women veterans. On Memorial Day this week, we paused to remember those who gave all. And as we did so, we recommitted ourselves to honoring their memory by taking care of those who served alongside them and came home.

### 2025 VETERAN AND MILITARY LEGISLATION

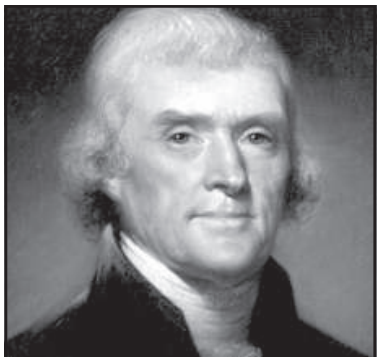
**ACT 341**  
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**ACT 501**  
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**ACT 1056**  
CREATES THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.

**ACT 355**  
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**ACT 506**  
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# Grads

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Honor graduates included the following:

Summa cum laude (with highest distinction) - Valectorian Caroline Dean, salutatorian Tanner May, Crystal Pallares, Miriam Rios, Nathaniel Bauer, Mackenzy Lowery, Addison Tate, Kaden White, Lizbeth Pioquinto Ortiz, Marisol Perez, Natalie Nolte, Samuel McAlister, Blakely Reich, Samuel Camacho, Emily Wyman and Jacquelyn Cuellar

Magna cum laude (with great distinction) - Colby Clay, Brady Dixon, Nadia Bretado, Taylor Watts, Seth Feltenberger, Chloe Keeton and Walker Chesshir

Cum laude (with distinction) Lana Walker, Jacee Martin, Harleigh Hill, Hannah Myers, Kathryn East, Austin McGilberry, Ava Ragar, Jamie Wallace and Samuel Carter

Honor graduates - Gabrielle Williams, Haylee Gammage and Stacy Padilla

NHS seniors included: Cheyayn Adams, Ari-

ana Xithlali Alfaro, Landen Christopher Arbuthnott, Mariia Barajas, Alena Barnett, Nathaniel Bauer, Kaylee Bree Baxley, Caleb Joseph Bennett, Adam Jay Berruquin, Natividad Berruquin, 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, Sariyah 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, Tormierye 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 Alexandra 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, Addison Brooke Moore, Daniel Alejandro Moreno, Kasen Keuntre Morgan, Abbygale Morris, Hannah Lynn Myers, Juan Nava, Kevin Nava, Jordan Navarrete, Madison Nelson, Mason Nelson,

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, Roochie Lil Vernon Wiley, Gabrielle Amaya Williams, Emily Brooke Wyman.



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Pilots Rex Lester and Rob Roberson

# Planes

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would be we're providing plant food. Forty-year pine trees can reach full maturity in 20 years."

Rex has more than 15,000 hours of flying time, all of it in crop dusting. "I started flying during the Lincoln administration," he claims with a straight face.

The "junior" pilot, Rob Roberson, has more than 9000 hours in the cockpit.

How did you guys get into flying crop dusters?

"Just a lapse of judgment," Rex says with a grin. "I grew up in farming and aviation with a grass strip in my back yard."

Rob says his first opportunity was 20 years ago when some friends got him a job offer. He's been crop dusting ever since.

Before you turn green with envy of these two, consider this: they begin flying at 6:30 a.m. and finish at 8:30 p.m. six days a week. The only break they get is for a few slices of take-out pizza at lunch, and then it's back in the air again.

More than 11 hours a day of back and forth, back and forth, and any lapse in attention and judgment would probably be fatal. Still, they keep on flying.

While they fly to all points of the compass around Nashville, they spend a lot of their time flying to the Weyerhaeuser forests around Dierks. A 35-mile, 20-minute round-trip, they'll load up the airplane and make 35 flights a day.

Their airplane isn't made for beauty. It's a turbine-powered, 1,300-horsepower Air Tractor which can carry more than 9,000 pounds of

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Robert Murray, also of Lake Village, is the head of the ground crew. A large part of his day is spent waiting for the planes to return from a run, and then it's his job to fill that hopper as quickly as possible so they can get back in the air.

"We start with the pine tree contracts in February and go through early June," he said.

Then the whole crew heads to the horizon-to-horizon fields of Illinois.

"We'll fertilize corn for about five weeks," he says, "then for another four weeks we'll spray corn, beans and other crops with insecticide."

They'll finish out the spraying season when the crops are harvested, and then they'll go home to Lake Village for a short visit.

In October the pine tree contracts start up again and continue until December. "We're usually on the road about 10 months out of the year," says Robert.

With springtime, it all starts over.

The next time you hear an engine growl overhead and you look up to see a low-flying yellow tank of an airplane, think about what a tough, dangerous job those guys have, and about how, in timber country, so many jobs depend on what they do, flying round-trips for 11 hours a day.

As they're finishing their last slice of pizza and getting ready to strap in again, I ask the pilots, Do you guys fly for fun when you're not working? Both shake their heads.

Rex answers for both: "I'd rather drive."

# Funds

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include the following:

Scrap Media, \$500 per student - Hailey Garcia-Cano, Nadia Bretado, Jacee Martin

Charles Hubbard Sports Media, \$500 - Logan Pennington

FBLA, \$300 per student - Stacy Padilla, Jacquelyn Cuellar, Addison Tate, Mackenzy Lowery and Marisol Perez

Revive, \$300 per student - Maddie Rodgers and Mackenzy Lowery

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Mattie Harper Ball, \$1,000 - Haylee Gammage

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Betty Ann Floyd Memorial Scrapperette, \$1,000 - Kennedi Scrivner

Nashville Band Boosters, \$500 - Kaden White, Sarah Lamb, Nathan Bauer and Madison Nelson

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Pafford Medical Services Healthcare, \$500 - Caroline Dean

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Dr. A.L. Smith "Papa Doc" Memorial, \$1,000 - Chloe Turbeville

Nashville Junior Auxiliary, \$1,500 each - Kathryn East, Samuel McAlister

Howard County Fair Board Association, \$500 - Sarah Lamb

Robert Chism Memorial, \$500 - Chloe Turbeville

Howard County Farm Bureau, \$1,000 - Hannah Myers, Chloe Turbeville

Scrapper Alumni Future

Nurse Award, \$1,000 - Brady Dixon

Deacons Joe Goodwin and Paul Haynes from Ridgeway Baptist Church, \$200 - Samuel Carter

Latimer Funeral Home, \$500 - Jacee Martin, Mason Honea

Don Cooley Memorial, \$500 - Joe Branch, Jacee Martin

First State Bank, \$1,000 - Ava Ragar

Bishop Birlon Washington, \$50 - Raymond Jones; \$150 KeShala Flowers

Robert E. and Mary Frances Schirmer Memorial, \$300 - Miriam Rios, Natalie Nolte, Caroline Dean, Kennedi Scrivner, Colby Clay, Addison Tate, Ava Ragar, Jacee Martin, Jamie Wallace, Hannah Myers, Harleigh Hill, Samuel Carter, Maddie Rodgers and Stacy Padilla

York Gary, \$250 - Addison Tate, Jacee Martin and Ava Ragar

Forrest Wilson Memorial Coca-Cola Scholarship, \$200 - Jacee Martin

Ramon Wilson Memorial Coca-Cola, \$250 - Walker Chesshir

Nelda Wilson Memorial Coca-Cola, \$200 - Madalynn

Rodgers

Rick Castleberry Memorial Dr Pepper, \$200 - Addison Tate

Kenneth and Tiffany Wilson Coca-Cola, \$200 - Banks Ray

Swampy Graves Memorial Coca-Cola, \$200 - Kaylee Baxley

Coca-Cola, \$100 - Joe Branch, Lana Walker and Colby Clay

Drew Walston Memorial, \$1,500 - Harleigh Hill and Mason Honea

John Shaddox Memorial, \$300 - Clayton Wakley

Class of 1969, \$500 - Maddie Rodgers

Teague and Teague, \$250 - Chloe Turbeville

Sue Marshall 4-H, \$8,000 - Sarah Lamb

Dwight Jones Honorary Memorial, \$1,000 - Taylor Watts

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**SPECIAL GUESTS.** Howard County Sheriff Bryan McJunkins (at right) and Chief Deputy Joey Davis were guests at the May meeting of the county's RSEA.

## County law officials discuss protecting vulnerable senior citizens at school employee association's meeting

"Everyone straighten up and listen." Howard County Sheriff Bryan McJunkins said he had always wanted to tell that to a room full of teachers since he as a student had heard that several times directed at him. He and Chief Deputy Joey Davis told the room full of retirees much more than that during a meeting of the Howard County Retired School Employees Association. On May 14 at Patacakes, they discussed the numerous scams floating around in technology that target older people and personal stories of attempts by scammers to take advantage of vulnerable senior citizens that might be lonely or suffering from dementia. McJunkins, a 1993 graduate of Saratoga

High School, was elected sheriff in 2014 and has been with the Sheriff's Department for 26 years. Davis is a 1993 graduate of Dierks High School and has worked with the Howard County Sheriff's Office for 21 years. After the presentation the last meeting of the association for this academic year was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Judy Cassady. The minutes were read by Secretary Ruth Ann Jacobs, and Treasurer Linda Campbell gave the financial report. Plans were discussed for the October ARTA Regional Meeting which will be held in Nashville, hosted by the Howard County association.



**WELCOMING THE VETERANS.** Bob Williams, director of Pike County Office of Veteran Services, welcomes veterans and members of the community during Pike County's Memorial Day celebration held Saturday. The event was planned to take place on the Pike County Courthouse lawn but was moved to the Murfreesboro Municipal Building, due to inclement weather.

## Pike County District Court

<b>April 15, 2025</b> <i>BF=Bond Forfeited</i> <b>Pike County</b> Barron, Jason M., 42, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$755 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205 Huey, Jamie L., 60, Glenwood, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course Lamb, Danny Ray, 65, Okolona, \$125 BF, no vehicle license	Provence, Randall G., 47, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,101 owed Singh, Akramjeet, 43, Cypress, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$215	<b>Bench Trials</b> <b>City of Glenwood</b> Barron, Jason, 42, Glenwood, guilty of criminal trespass-occupied, fined \$365; guilty of disorderly conduct-hazardous, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245 Bishop, George, 64, Glenwood, guilty of public intoxication, fined \$345 Guerrero, Jose M., 64, Bossier City, La., \$150 BF, failure to pay, \$1,665 owed
<b>City of Murfreesboro</b> Horn, Tanya Nicole, 41, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt	<b>City of Glenwood</b> Barron, Jason M., 42, Glenwood, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$240	

## Murfreesboro Nursing Center land, building to be sold in public auction June 24

The Murfreesboro Nursing Center building and the real state it sits on will be sold to the highest bidder next month on the steps of the Pike County Courthouse, according to a public notice of a commissioner's sale that appears in this week's *Murfreesboro Diamond*. The commissioner's sale is scheduled for June 24 at 10 a.m. The sale stems from a mortgage foreclosure complaint filed Nov. 25, 2024 by Chambers Bank against the nursing center, described as a "limited liability company," Reliant Management Group, LLC, State of Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and Internal Revenue Service. The lawsuit states that Murfreesboro Nursing Center executed and delivered to Chambers Bank it's promissory note in the principal sum of \$1,384,048.65, payable in semi-monthly payments beginning, Feb. 5, 2009. The terms of the note were adjusted 12 times with the last change in July 2019. "The defendant, Murfreesboro Nursing Center has failed to make the payments as provided by the terms" set forth in the agreement with Chambers Bank. As of October 2024, there was a balance due of \$575,548 in principal, \$16,307 in accrued interest and late charges and fees of \$59,140 and daily accrual of \$135. A foreclosure was granted to Chambers Bank on April 21. The public notice was filed by Pike County Circuit Clerk Sabrina Williams, commissioner of sale.

## Pike County couple charged with fraud in theft of \$65,000

A Pike County couple has been charged with fraudulent use of a credit or debit card and are accused of stealing approximately \$65,000 from one's family member. Shana Nicole Pickrell, 31, of Murfreesboro, and Andrew Pipkins, 36, of Kirby, were both charged May 23 with one count of fraudulent use of a credit or debit card with Pipkins also being charged with financial identity fraud. The charges are the result of a Pike County investigation that began on May 8 when a Pipkin's family member reported that a large amount of money had been fraudulently withdrawn from his personal bank account and that he suspected Pickrell and Pipkins, as both were living at his residence at the time. The family member had discovered unauthorized transactions, including several connected to Pickrell's PayPal account. When confronted by the family member, Pickrell admitted to the theft and requested two days to return \$25,000. Overall, there were 515 disputed transactions, totaling approximately \$65,000. During the investigation, three audio recordings of calls made to the bank by a person fraudulently identifying himself as the family member were reviewed. The family member later identified the voice as belonging to Pipkins. Pipkins is currently under active supervision with the Arkansas Probation and Parole Division, according to case information. On May 21, drug charges were filed against Brianna Vanauken, 42, of Glenwood. She is charged with possession of methamphetamine with purpose to deliver, Vanauken was the passenger in a vehicle involved in a traffic stop by the Glenwood Police Department on April 19. Pike County Deputy Brett Reid and K9 officer Omar conducted an open-air check around the vehicle and alerted at the passenger door. Officers located a small amount of marijuana and approximately .45 grams of suspected methamphetamine, along with distal scales and syringes. Vanauken admitted to officers that the drugs and paraphernalia belonged to her. The driver was not charged in the case.

## Murfreesboro to host Juneteenth event June 14

The City of Murfreesboro will host "Juneteenth: Freedom Day" on Saturday, June 14 at the Murfreesboro City Park. The event will include a parade, food, face-painting, a bounce house, live DJ, cards and dominoes, a horse-shoe tournament and a guest speaker. For more information, contact Mrs. Burton at (870) 925-0458.

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**MISSING MAN TABLE.** Ahead of Memorial Day, the Mine Creek-Paradise Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution offered area businesses a meaningful way to honor veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice through sponsorship of a “Missing Man Table.” DAR set up the special tables which each featured symbolic elements representing service members who are missing in action or never returned home. Here, DAR member Tracy Hile (seated) is with Jane Terrell and Karen Terrell with the table at Ace of Diamonds in Murfreesboro.

# Area track wraps up with Meet of Champions

At the season ending Meet of Champions in Searcy on May 14, Murfreesboro was represented by several athletes. The Meet of Champions is collected group of athletes that finished at the top of their individual class track meets.

Ma'Shaylia Morris finished eighth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.26.

Macy Gills was eighth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:05.51.

The 4x200 meter relay team was twelfth in their race with a time of 1:50.96.

Other local schools were represented at the meet, including:

**MINERAL SPRINGS**  
Jakayla Walker, eighth place 100 meter hurdles, 15.72

4x100 girl's relay team, ninth place, 51.54

Jericho Gamble, tenth place discus, 149'0"; ninth place shot put 50'2.5"

**DIERKS**

Milee Harrison, tenth place 300 meter hurdles, 49.76

**NASHVILLE**  
Roochie Wiley, third place 200 meter dash, 22.16; third place 400 meter dash, 50.22

**CENTERPOINT**  
Alyssa Spurlin, twelfth place discus, 90'11"

**CADDO HILLS**  
Cameron Sliger, ninth place 300 meter hurdles, 43.82; tenth place pole vault, 13'6"

**Keith Stone Memorial Car Show Sept. 12-13 in M'boro**

The fourth annual Keith Stone Memorial Car Show will be held Sept. 12-13 around the Pike County Courthouse square.

The event will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and will conned \$500 drawing after awards, door prizes, 50/50 pot and DJ Matt Gunter.

Friday night will include show and shine, cruise and poker run, starting at 6 p.m. on the square.

There is a \$20 entry fee for competitors.

# Arkansas hunters post nine-year high in turkey harvest

Turkey hunters in The Natural State reported 11,332 turkeys harvested during Arkansas's turkey hunting season, which ended Sunday.

The harvest increased 22 percent from the 2024 season and stands as the best turkey season since 2016.

David Moscicki, AGFC Turkey Program coordinator, says the increase is likely the result of two factors: good weather and more birds on the landscape from previous years.

"This is the fifth year in a row of increasing turkey harvest, so it wasn't done overnight," Moscicki said. "The vast majority of the birds hunters harvested this year hatched at least two years ago. Annual turkey harvest variability is highly linked to weather, both during the hunting season and during the brood-rearing season two years prior."

Moscicki said Arkansas has had a good string of turkey hatches for the last four years, which has fed the steady increase in harvest.

"Two years ago was a good hatch, and fortunately, last year's hatch was excellent in many areas of the state, according to brood survey data," Moscicki said. "We hope to see the trend continue as there should be a good amount of carryover from those Jakes to adult gobblers for next spring."

Fantastic weather throughout this year's hunting season also played a key role in the excellent harvest.


Jake harvest remained extremely low, as has been the trend since the institution of the "no jakes" rule established in 2011.

Moscicki explained that in 2003, during Arkansas's record harvest year, 4,610 of the 19,934 turkeys harvested were jakes.

Moscicki says keeping tabs on the hatch is critical to monitoring the good trend Arkansas turkeys have taken. Every hunter and wildlife enthusiast can help by participating in the AGFC's Wild Turkey and Northern Bobwhite Population Survey as eggs begin to hatch and hens begin taking their poult to bugging grounds.

"Right now is the critical time for nest success," Moscicki said. "And again, weather will play a big role. Hens can protect eggs from rain and cold, and they can even re-nest with limited success if a nest floods or is taken by predators early, but once poults hatch, there is a period when they can't thermoregulate and are very vulnerable to cold, wet weather and there's not much that we can do. Peak nest initiation hits in Arkansas around April 18, and it takes 28 days for eggs to hatch."

"That puts us right in the middle of that critical time for most nests in the state right now."



## Nashville's City Sales and Use Tax For April 2025

Deposits.....	\$148,285.25
State Service Charge .....	4,448.56
Interest Earned (Act 513 of 1983) .....	428.47
Vending Decals Sold .....	0.12
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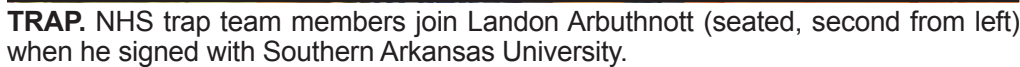
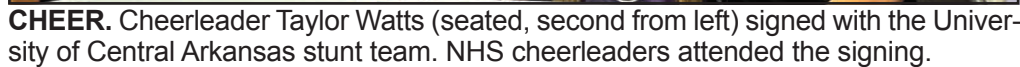
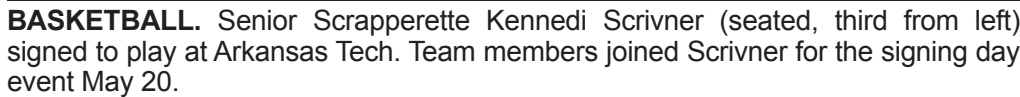
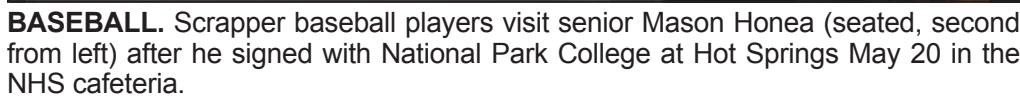
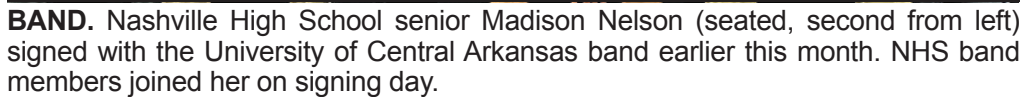
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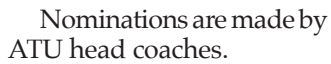
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# Nashville seniors receive numerous scholarships

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**SCRAP MEDIA SCHOLARSHIPS.** Recipients are Jacee Martin, Hailey Garcia-Cano and Nadia Bretado. NHS seniors received a host of honors during the scholarship recognition program May 20 at Scrapper Arena.



**REVIVE SCHOLARSHIP.** Recipients are Mackenzy Lowery and Maddie Rodgers.



**BARRY WRIGHT MEMORIAL.** Tanner May accepts the scholarship from Jennifer Wright Cunningham.



**CHARLES HUBBARD SPORTS MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP.** Recipient Logan Pennington.

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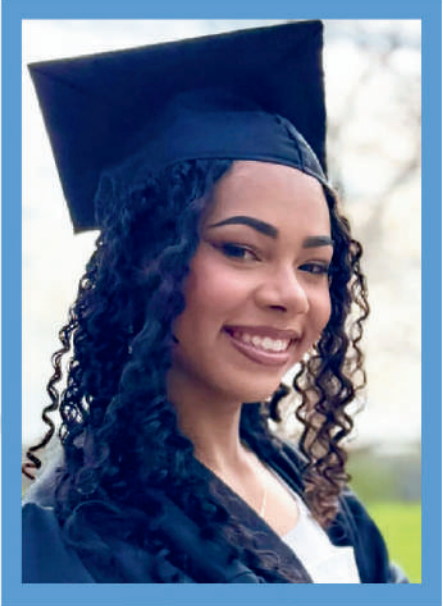
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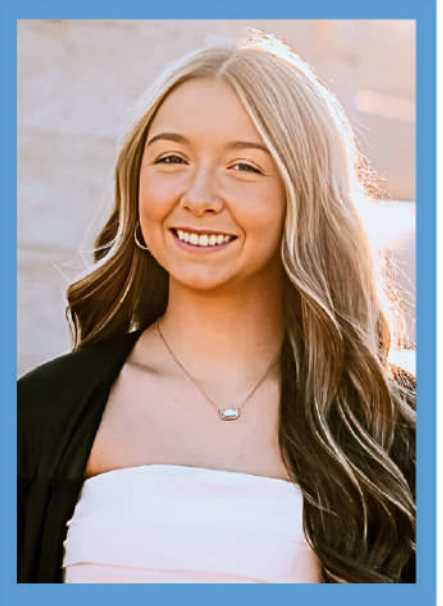
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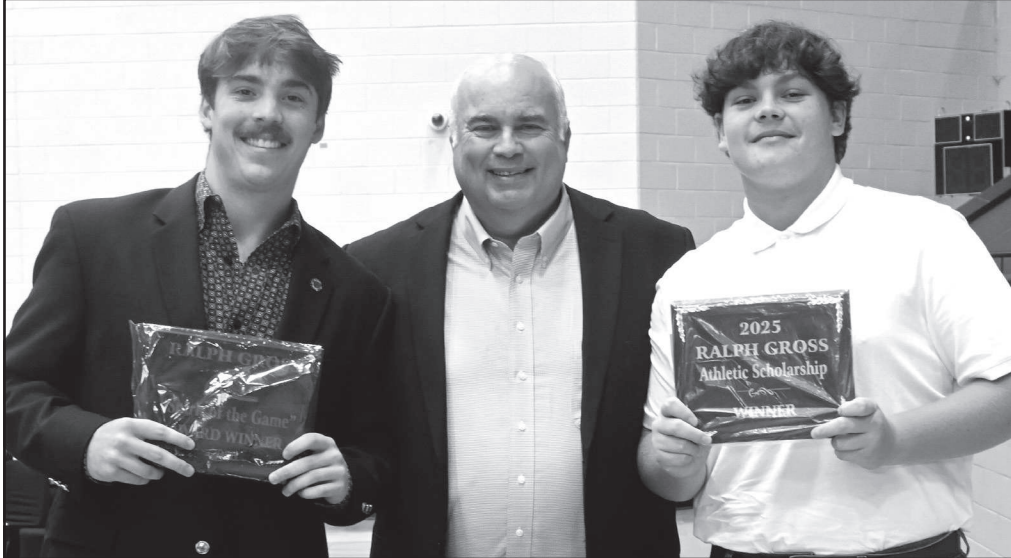


**Leigha Jade Thompson**  
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**Braden Alan Wright**  
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**RALPH GROSS MEMORIAL.** Presenter Jeff Gross (center) with Ralph Gross Athletic Scholarship recipient Mason Honea (right) and Spirit of the Game winner Gage Green.



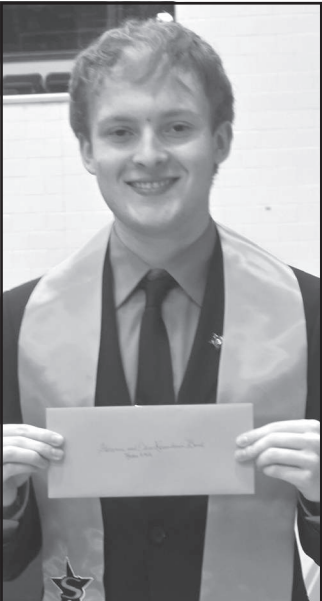
**NASHVILLE BAND BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP.** Presenter Scott Horne and recipients Madison Nelson, Nathan Bauer, Sarah Lamb and Kaden White. Scholarships were presented Tuesday, May 20, at Scrapper Arena.



**ANTHONY QUINN MEMORIAL.** Samuel Carter accepts the scholarship from Cathy Quinn.



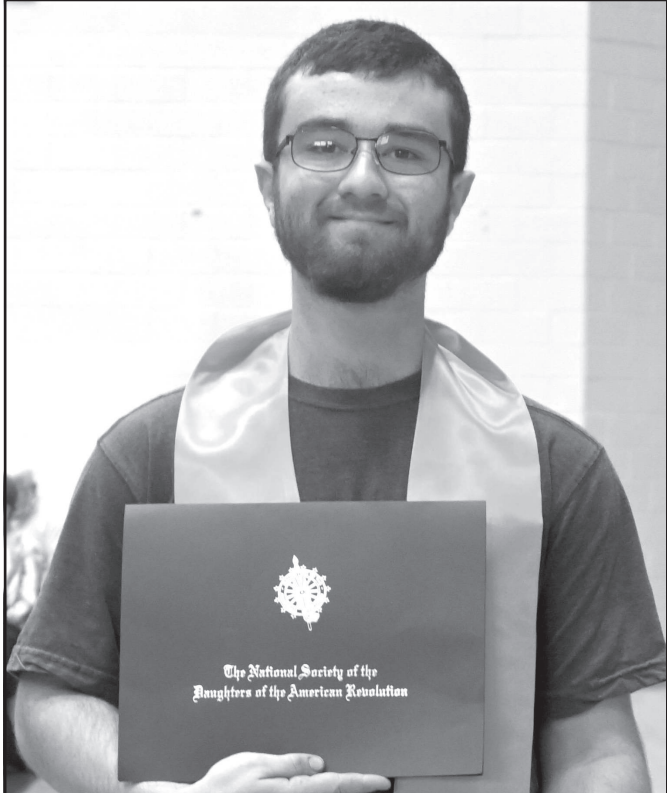
**BETTY ANN FLOYD MEMORIAL SCRAPPETERETTE SCHOLARSHIP.** Recipient Kennedi Scrivner (center) and presenters Rosemary Spigner Cloud (left) and Karen Shofner.



**FLORENCE AND ODIE ROSENBAUM BAND SCHOLARSHIP.** Recipient Kaden White



**HERMAN E. STAVELLY MEMORIAL.** Chloe Turbeville accepts the scholarship from Kristin Stavelly.



**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HONOR.** Recipient Blakely Reich



**MATTIE HARPER BALL SCHOLARSHIP.** Recipient Haylee Gammage

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**HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU.** NHS seniors Hannah Myers (left) and Chloe Turbeville (right) accept the scholarship from Jonathan Canaday at the scholarship program May 20 in Scrapper Arena.



**NASHVILLE ROTARY CLUB.** Nashville Rotarians Carol Murray (left) and Rev. Pam Estes (right) present the scholarship to Marisol Perez and Samuel Carter Tuesday, May 20.



**DONYELL KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.** Samuel Carter accepts the scholarship from Shaunelle King.



**PAUL TOLLETT MEMORIAL.** Dena Tollett (right) makes the presentation to Maddie Rodgers.



**DR. A.L. SMITH "PAPA DOC" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.** Chloe Turbeville receives the scholarship from Lori Harrison.

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**HOWARD COUNTY FAIR BOARD ASSOCIATION.** Sarah Lamb accepts the scholarship from Beth Lamb at the NHS scholarship program May 20.



**PEO SCHOLARSHIP.** Kristin Stavely makes the presentation to Miriam Rios Tuesday night, May 20, at Scrapper Arena.



**PAFFORD MEDICAL SERVICES HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP.** Caroline Dean received the scholarship at the honors program last week.



**ROBERT CHISM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.** Family members of the late Robert Chism present the scholarship to Chloe Turbeville (second from left) at the Nashville High School honors program last week.



**NASHVILLE JUNIOR AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP.** Nikki Boyce (center) presents the scholarship to Kathryn East (left) and Samuel McAlister Tuesday night, May 20, at Scrapper Arena.



**GARRETT JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.** Chloe Turbeville (left), Samuel Carter, Hannah Myers (second from right) and Sarah Lamb accept the scholarship from the family of the late Garrett Jones.



**SCRAPPER ALUMNI NURSING SCHOLARSHIP.** Brady Dixon accepts the scholarship from Jenisa Johnson.

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# Home&Heart Debunking 8 Myths of Foodborne Illness

**By Angie Freel**  
Howard County Family & Consumer Science

When I was in college earning my Family and Consumer Science degree, my professor told a story of a family who sat down to eat dinner and none of them lived to stand up from the table.

It is a shocking, but true story that could have been avoided. Someone had not properly prepared the food, and botulism was later found in the green beans that were served. This is a very extreme example, but one that stuck with me about the importance of safe food handling.

I would like to debunk eight myths about foodborne illness:

**Myth #1 – You can tell when food is safe to eat because it looks and smells bad.**  
**Fact:** Food can look, smell, and taste fresh but still contain harmful microorganisms (pathogens).

**Myth #2 – Foodborne illness comes from something I ate at a restaurant.**  
**Fact:** Foodborne illness can happen wherever food is prepared or served. Foodborne disease outbreaks have been linked to food that has been mishandled in many places including home kitchens, picnics, barbecues, restaurants, cafeterias, and church kitchens.

**Myth #3 – Foodborne illness happens quickly, and it is caused by the last food or meal I ate.**  
**Fact:** Most often, illness occurs within one to three days after eating the contaminated food, but sometimes it happens within 20 minutes or as long as six weeks. Therefore, it is difficult to determine which food caused the illness.

**Myth #4 – Foodborne illness is no “big deal.» If I get it, I’ll get over it in a day.**  
**Fact:** Foodborne illness has many symptoms, depending on the pathogen and on the health of the individual. Symptoms can be flu like and include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps and fatigue. Often, foodborne illness is not life threatening, and symptoms will subside within one to three days, but sometimes, symptoms are serious and can include bloody diarrhea, fever, blurred vision, confusion, chest pain, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), seizures, paralysis, and even death.

**Myth #5 – Only infants and young children get severe cases of foodborne illness.**  
**Fact:** Some groups of people are at high risk of long-term complications and even death from foodborne illness. In addition to infants and young children, this includes older adults, pregnant women and people with chronic illnesses (for example, diabetes, cancer and HIV /AIDS), because of weakened immune systems that cannot fight

off pathogens.

**Myth #6 – You can’t catch foodborne illness from another person.**  
**Fact:** Hepatitis A, a serious form of foodborne illness that affects the liver can be spread from person to person. Hepatitis A is shed from the body of an infected person through the stool. It is spread by putting something in the mouth that has been contaminated with the stool of a person infected with Hepatitis A. This usually involves unclean hands, which is why proper hand washing is critical to controlling the spread of foodborne illness.

**Myth #7 – If food is handled properly, it is safe to eat.**  
**Fact:** This is not true for some people. It is recommended that people at high risk for developing foodborne illness not eat the following foods: raw or undercooked meat, poultry, or seafood; refrigerated smoked fish; precooked seafood; unpasteurized milk; foods containing raw or undercooked eggs; unwashed fresh vegetables; soft cheeses; hot dogs and deli meats that have not been reheated; and unpasteurized, refrigerated pâtés or meat spreads.

**Myth #8 – Foodborne illness only affects pregnant women, not their unborn children.**  
**Fact:** Foodborne illnesses can seriously harm the mother and unborn child, because they can cross the placenta. The infected unborn child can experience a wide range of health problems.

Foodborne illness is commonly referred to as “food poisoning.”

Foodborne illness comes from eating or drinking a food or beverage that is contaminated with a disease-causing bacterium, virus, parasite, toxin, or chemical.

Approximately 76 million Americans get sick and 5,000 die from it each year.

Handwashing (for at least 20 seconds) is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of foodborne illness.

**Recipe of The Week**  
**Garlic Butter Shrimp & Corn Sheet Pan Dinner**  
4 Ears of corn, shucked and kernels removed  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
¾ teaspoons of Kosher salt, divided  
½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, divided  
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted  
4 cloves of garlic, minced  
Zest of 1 lemon, plus wedges for serving  
1 ¼ pounds large peeled and deveined shrimp, tails removed  
1 pint cherry tomatoes (about 10 ounces)  
½ cup crumbled feta cheese  
½ cup lightly packed fresh basil leaves, torn  
Preheat oven to broil and line a rimmed baking sheet

with aluminum foil.

Toss the corn, olive oil, ½ teaspoon of salt, and ¼ teaspoon of the red pepper flakes on the prepared baking sheet until evenly coated and combined. Spread into an even layer. Broil until crisp-tender and starting to brown in spots, tossing halfway through, about 8 minutes. Remove from the oven.

Meanwhile, stir the melted butter, garlic, lemon zest, 1/4 teaspoon salt and remaining 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes together in a medium bowl until combined. Add the shrimp and tomatoes and toss to combine. Spread the shrimp mixture on top of the corn and fennel, then broil until the shrimp are opaque throughout and the tomatoes start to burst, about 6 minutes.

Top with the feta and basil. Serve with lemon wedges for squeezing.

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Little River	6,670	5,126	2,427	149,326	698	962	3,030	1,218	3,588	173,045
Pike	366	158	7,503	152,772	1,732	1,606	4,069	2,459	4,166	174,831
Sevier	6,270	120	3,515	184,153	1,348	1,710	3,854	1,579	5,492	108,401
State Total	\$1,099,903	\$578,402	\$1,255,497	\$40,328,505	\$381,994	\$621,938	\$1,242,948	\$542,672	\$1,504,093	\$47,555,952

Some figures are rounded up to nearest dollar/State totals are estimates

SOURCE: Arkansas Lottery Commission

## Spring in Arkansas Bear sightings almost a certainty

**By Spencer Daniels**  
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

Spring is in full swing in The Natural State, and Arkansas black bears are out and about. Seeing a wild bear can be an exciting experience, but it is far from unique in the state formerly nicknamed The Bear State, especially in late spring.

Black bears emerge from their winter dens beginning in late March in Arkansas. When they do, they do what bears do best: look for food. Black bears are generalist omnivores, meaning they can eat just about anything, including leaves, grass, berries, nuts, insects and meat (meat makes up a very small portion of most black bears' diets and is often acquired opportunistically).

When bears come out of their dens, they need to make up for a lot of time and weight lost during winter. This makes them more active as they search for food to regain as much body mass as they can.

Yearling male bears, in particular, are highly mobile in spring. These young bears stayed the winter with their mother, but were kicked out of her territory to start their lives on their own. They can travel very long distances in search of a new place to call their home. This uptick in bear activity makes seeing a bear walking on the side of the road or through a wooded area near a home fairly common in Arkansas.

This means bears are more likely to get into trouble as they look to take advantage of any easy meals they can

find. Wildlife feeders (deer, birds, etc.), unsecured trash with food scraps, and pet and livestock foods left outside are major attractants for bears trying to stock up after a long winter. Young male bears are even more likely to take advantage of these foods as they travel to new locations and try to determine if the area holds adequate resources.

Unfortunately, this often leads to property damage and nuisance activity. Wild bears are used to tearing apart logs to find insects to feed on, and a birdfeeder, trash can or food bag is no different to a bear. They don't know they are destroying property. They just know there is something they can eat inside of something they can break into.

The best way to avoid conflicts with black bears is to be BearWise. Remove all attractants from your property or secure it safely, and, especially, never intentionally feed bears.

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Bears that are fed by people will begin to lose their natural fear of humans and view them as a food source. It can be fun and exciting to see bears up close, but it is much less fun when they climb through a window or break through a screen door to see what else is available to eat.

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Can you find and circle these baseball words in the puzzle?

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southpaw	pitcher	run	glove
grand slam	pop up	bunt	bullpen
bleachers	batter	steal	bench
umpire	inning	team	catcher

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infield  
outfield  
foul line  
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How many parts of the baseball field can you name? Fill in the blank spaces (the ones with arrows) with the names from the list above.

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E. help out someone  
F. immediately

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hear			

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the batter warm up for a turn at bat
- the crack of the bat hitting the ball  
the cheer of the crowd
- the aroma of hot dogs in the air  
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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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PUBLIC NOTICE

CERTIFICATE OF HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS ASCERTAINING AND DECLARING RESULTS OF SPECIAL ELECTION HELD MAY 13, 2025

STATE OF ARKANSAS )  
COUNTY OF HOWARD )

We, the duly commissioned and acting Election Commissioners of Howard County, Arkansas, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct abstract of votes cast in the special election held in Howard County, Arkansas (the "County"), on the 13th day of May, 2025.


The results of the vote upon the question submitted are as follows:

1% SALES AND USE TAX

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEVY OF A 1% SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ORDER PROCLAIMING RESULTS OF SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS ON May 13, 2025

On this \_14\_ day of \_May\_\_\_, 2025, being a day which this Court hereby determines and declares to be a day when it is duly and legally convened for the transaction of business, comes on for consideration the question of proclaiming the results of the special election held in Howard County, Arkansas (the "County") on May 13, 2025, on the question of the levy of a new 1% sales and use tax within the County, and the Court, being fully advised in the premises and after due consideration thereof, finds:

1.

There was held a special election in the County on May 13, 2025, on the question of the levy of a new 1% sales and use tax within the County.

2.

There has been presented to the Court, and the Court has examined, a Certificate of Election signed by the members of the Howard County Board of Election Commissioners certifying the vote at the special election held in the County on May 13, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

Section 1. The results of the special election held in the County on May 13, 2025 on the question of the levy of a new 1% sales and use tax are hereby proclaimed as follows:


1% SALES AND USE TAX


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# Nashville 4-H member running 2.2 miles every day in May for veteran PTSD awareness

By Rebekah Hall

U of A System Division of Agriculture  
NASHVILLE — For 11-year-old Guy Cooper Kroll, running 2.2 miles a day during the month of May is a way to honor his late uncle, Ben Kroll, a military veteran who died in 2023 after struggling with PTSD.

“My uncle did this, and I wanted to do it,” Kroll said. “My uncle, he would do 2.2 miles every day of May, wearing a backpack with the weight of what they would carry in war. And each day, he would run in a different place. He fought and lost his battle with PTSD, one he was battling for 17 years.”

Kroll began his effort to raise awareness in May 2024, as May is recognized as National Military Appreciation Month. Kroll’s mother, Samantha Horn, Howard County Extension staff chair for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said Ben Kroll enlisted in the military on his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2003. He then served from 2004 to 2007. During the last two years of his service, he was deployed to Afghanistan.

PTSD, or post-traumatic stress disorder, can occur after a high-stress or terrifying event like war, assault, or disaster. An estimated 12 million people in the United States have PTSD, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Center for PTSD.

In 2012, the VA compiled the Suicide Data Report, which analyzed data from 147,763 suicides in 21 states in 2010. The report found that 18.3 percent of those suicides were people with a history of U.S. military service, as noted on their death certificates. Factoring in that veteran status was listed as “unknown” on many death certificates, and assuming this same prevalence estimate to be constant across all U.S. states, the VA stated that an estimated 22 veterans died from suicide each day in 2010. This statistic has since prompted many awareness campaigns, including those by Guy Kroll and his late uncle.

More recently, the VA stated in its 2024 Suicide Data Report that in 2022, the average number of veteran suicides per day was 17.6.

Horn said her son has challenged friends and other community members to do either 2.2 miles, 22 pushups or pull-ups, then post about it on social media and challenge someone else using the hashtag #bensheart22 or #BH22.

Horn said Kroll’s 4-H project focuses on healthy living. Since Ben Kroll’s death, Horn said she has had discussions with her son about the mental health elements of healthy living.

“When his uncle lost his battle, it affected his whole family,” Horn said. “I think at 11, we still try to protect Guy from some things, but this was very real for him. It was an eye-opener, and we’ve been talking with him about how healthy living is not just exercising and going to baseball practice and doing his gardening. There are also mental health components that we are now talking about and sharing with him that are age appropriate.”

### Raising awareness, one run at a time

Kroll said his grandmother, mother of Ben Kroll, hosts a bi-monthly meeting at her church for families who have lost loved ones to PTSD, which Guy has attended.

“For veterans with PTSD and families who have had people who have lost their battles, they can just come and all talk about it. It’s so they have an outlet,” Kroll said.

Horn said the meetings are the first and third Saturday of each month at Life House Church and Outreach Center in Texarkana, and both youth and adults are welcome.

“It’s for the wives, husbands, children, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, grandparents, or anyone who was affected by a loved one who lost their life to PTSD,” Horn said. “It is a space for youth to come in, sit, make a craft and have a snack with other youth who are going through the same thing, a place for them to talk and not be judged and feel safe. Those who attend have a community of people who are there to support them.”

Kroll said he wants fellow 4-H members and other young people to recognize that they can use their voices to speak up, and it may help people like his uncle.

“Even a kid can be an influence and make a difference,” Kroll said. “I want to raise awareness about this, so other people don’t end up like him. If I’m not able to do 2.2 miles a day because I get home from baseball too late, I do 22 pull-ups or sit-ups, or you can do 22 minutes of prayer.”

In addition to his healthy living project, Kroll is also active on the Howard County 4-H SeaPerch team, shows pigs, and is a member of the Food Challenge Team.

Horn said she is proud of the discipline her son has practiced in his efforts to raise awareness.

“I really, truly believe that what he’s doing at his age is pretty impressive, whether he was my kid or any kid,” Horn said. “There are certain things that 11-year-olds shouldn’t know, but he lived it. He and his uncle were very close.”

For more information and resources related to veterans experiencing PTSD, visit [ptsd.va.gov](https://ptsd.va.gov).



**RAISING AWARENESS.** Guy Cooper Kroll, 11, is running 2.2 miles a day during the month of May to honor his late uncle, Ben Kroll, a military veteran who died in 2023 after struggling with PTSD. Guy stands with his grandmother, Suzy Kroll, and wears the #bensheart22 written on his arm. (Photo by Samantha Horn, Howard County Extension staff chair)

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The City of Mineral Springs will be hosting Juneteenth in the Park on June 14, 2025 at 11 a.m. for all that want to come out and join us. We will have food, entertainment and games for all. Don't let race, religion or age keep you at home, we welcome all to join in and share what God has given us all: CHANGE

<p>Jaquet Guilbeau</p>  <p>Right Worshipful Grand Sr. Warden Jurisdiction of Arkansas, F.H.A.</p>	<p>Guest Speakers</p> <p>Skip Bell</p>  <p>DeGoussou School Board</p>	<p>Supt. Rufus Robinson</p>  <p>Pastor of Northside Church of God In Christ</p>
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