

OBITUARIES



Point Cemetery with Eric Perez officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville. The family received friends after the service at the Center Point Baptist Church.

Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.

Glen Douglas Holland
Glen Douglas Holland, age 80, of Mineral Springs, Ark., passed away on Sunday May 25, 2025, in De Queen, Ark. He was born on Dec. 27, 1944, in Murfreesboro, Ark., the son of the late Tom Holland and Ethel Wright Holland.

Glen was a proud United States Army veteran. He loved sports, especially football. His favorite team was the Arkansas Razorbacks. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and working in the yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Survivors include: his wife of 57 years, Janice Cook Holland of Mineral Springs, Ark.; three sons Brad Holland, of Mineral Springs, Ark., Chris Holland of Nashville, Ark., Todd Holland of Nashville, Ark.; one sister-in-law Betty Smith and husband Larry of Nashville, Ark.; three cousins Donna Grisham of Texarkana, Jean Martin of Texarkana, and David Womack of Hope, Ark.; extended family that have always been there for us, Gaudencio and Silvina Hernandez children Angel and Leslie all of Blevins, Ark.; and Gustavo Hernandez of Mineral Springs, Ark.

Mr. Holland requested there be no funeral services.

Thank you to Elite Home Health and Elite Hospice for their service during his illness. Thank you to Mark Hartness and Larry Hartness for their kindness and for being there when needed. We appreciate everyone so much.

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



Helen Fay Friend
Helen Fay Friend, born on April 11, 1948, went to be with the Lord on May 27, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clayton Friend, Sr.

Helen is survived by her loving family, including her mother, Virginia Friend of Dierks, Ark.; her son, Rusty Chism (Tisha) of Hope, Ark.; her granddaughter, Laney Scroggins (Corey); and her three great-grandsons, Bryce, Raylan, and Kase, all of Hot Springs, Ark. She is also survived by her brother, Clayton Friend (Rhonda) of Prescott, Ark.; her niece, Michelle Chambers (Bob); and

her great-nephew, Clayton Chambers, all of Prescott, Ark.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Brazzel-Oakcrest Funeral Home of Hope.

Online condolences can be made at www.brazzelfastfuneralhomes.com.



Randall James Hunter
Randall James Hunter, age 64, a resident of Newhope, Ark., passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at his home.

He was born on July 25, 1960, in Nashville, Ark. He was a farmer and loved deer hunting, working in his garden, and taking care of his pets.

Mr. Hunter was preceded in death by his parents, QD Hunter and Velron Murphy Hunter Young; one brother, Ricky Hunter; nephew, Chip Ward; grandparents, Roy and Virgie Parsons Hunter, James and Gracie Hughes Murphy.

Mr. Hunter is survived by: his brother and sister-in-law, Ronald "Red" and Rhonda Hunter of Newhope; three nieces, Casey Bissell and husband Dustin of Newhope, Erin Hunter and husband Stephen Sprick of De Queen, Tracy Stone of Gurdon, Ark.; one nephew, Todd Hunter of Hazen, Ark.; one great nephew, Levi Sprick; four great-nieces, Presley Sprick, Wyatt and Blair Bissell and Kaylie Stone.

Graveside funeral services for Mr. Hunter will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at Saline Cemetery in Athens, Ark., with Raymond Dees officiating, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in Dierks.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at the funeral home in Dierks.

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

Steven Lavell Snell, Sr.
Steven Lavell Snell, Sr., 53 of Nashville died June 1, 2025.

He was born Nov. 27, 1971 in Nashville, the son of the late Esau and Nellie Bell (Brewer) Snell.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Keith, Mickey, Mark and Idak Snell.

Survivors include: his one son and daughter-in-law, Steven Snell, Jr. and Megan; a daughter, Oceana Snell; a brother, Leonard Snell; two sisters, Charolotte Snell and Edna Snell; also a grandchild.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

Online sympathy messages at latimerfuneralhome.com.



NEW MEMBERS OFFICIALLY WELCOMED. The newest members of the Nashville Rotary Club, Samantha Horn, left, and Angela Freel, were presented membership certificates by acting president Glenn Lance, last week at the club's meeting at Patacakes.



SCRAPPER FOOTBALL COACH VISITS. Brad Chesshir and several of his assistants visited the Nashville Rotary Club, last Wednesday. The coach promised to return in August for the traditional football coach's pre-season visit with the club. He said he had 60 athletes in the off-season programs, including 14 seniors-to-be. He will begin 'recruiting' sixth-graders to be a part of the program which he says he wants to be the best in Arkansas. He said the town would see a team that was well-coached, disciplined and play hard.

Mineral Springs plans celebration

"Honoring your past to Advance your future" is the theme of the celebration of 'Juneteenth' in Mineral Springs.

The city is sponsoring a celebration in the city park a few days early -- on Saturday, June 14.

The actual June 19 federal holiday is sometimes called Emancipation Proclamation Day. The event at Mineral Springs will begin at 11 a.m., and there will be food, entertainment, games and special speakers. The public is invited.

Christian School honor rolls told

Honor rolls have been announced for the fourth quarter at Grace Christian School in Nashville.

Kindergarten
All A -- Laylee Adams, River Maxey, Draycen Mendieta, Aiden Reed, Leo Wall, Abigail Zylks.
A&B -- Dylan Hale.

1st Grade

All A -- Daniel Mendieta
A&B -- Maggie Dyer, Kullen Launius, Avah Vaughn.
2nd Grade
All A -- Carter Cochran.
3rd Grade
All A -- Eryn Sartin.
A&B -- Carmen Henderson, Jayden Sage.

Ribbon-cutting set for Thursday

The Nashville Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting for Midtown Social on Thursday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m. The performance and event venue is located at 117 East Howard in Nashville.

County Line Cemetery donations

Donations to the County Line Cemetery for 2024-25 have been reported.
\$25-50: Barbara Ennis, Gayle Castleberry.
\$100-25: Betty White, Leo Hughes, Tammye Copeland, Joe and Bobby Dallas, Tommy Copeland, Wayne Copeland, Stanley Stewart, Max Tackett.
\$300-635: MK March, Debra Oliver, David Ray.
Donations may be sent to County Line Cemetery Assoc., 174 County Line Rd. S., Nashville, AR 71852.

Church youth fund-raiser June 7

The New Light CME Youth Department fundraiser will be Saturday, June 7, from 11-6 at the church. The church is located at 1217 S. Mill, Nashville.

The menu includes: rib plates, \$12; chicken plates, \$10; hot dogs, \$1. The public is invited.

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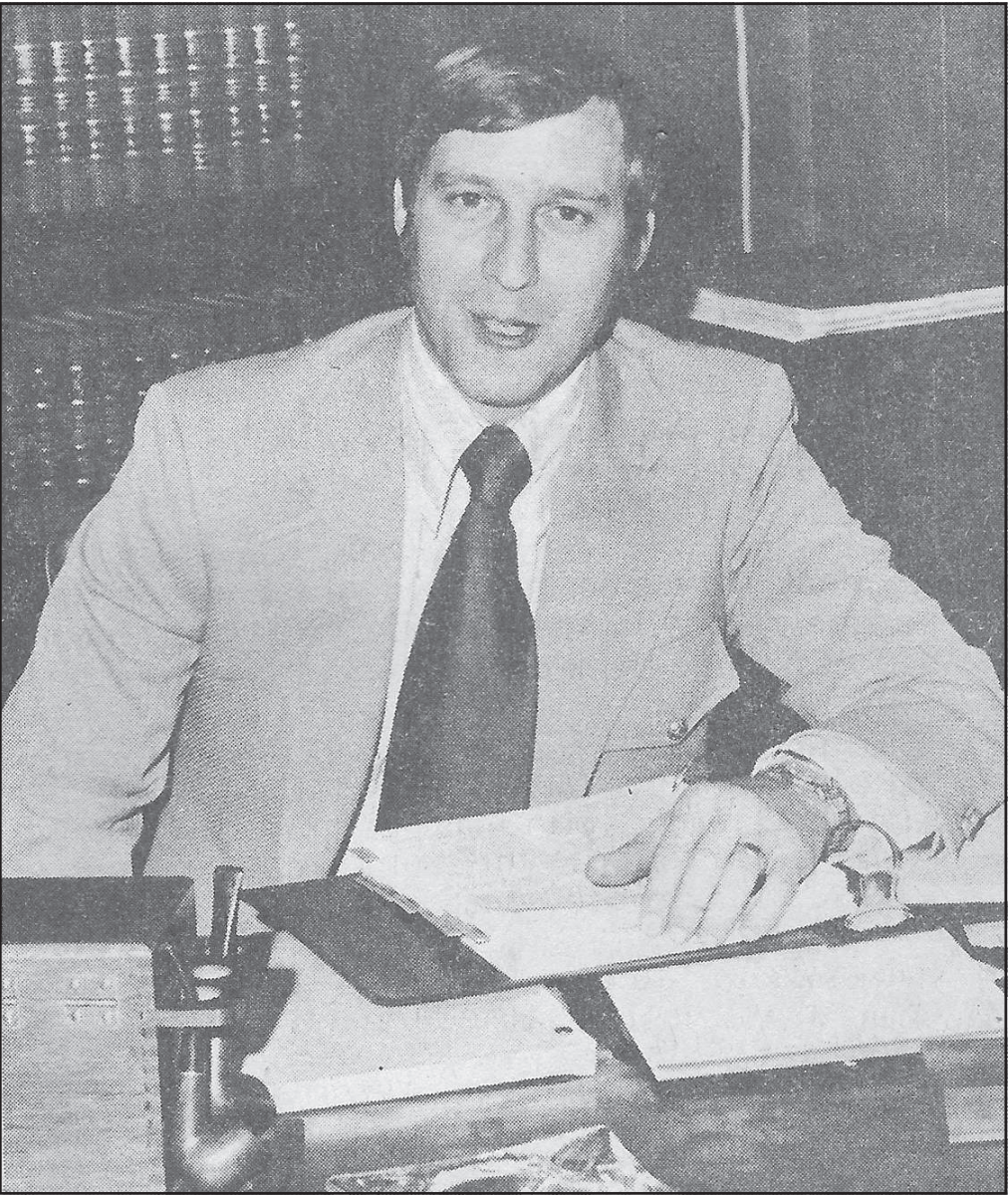


THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



New lawyer for Nashville. Edwin Alford opened his office on Main Street in June 1972.

122 years ago: May 1903
Si Creviston visited the distillery across the creek Saturday evening, and returning with more booze than was good for any man, he fell down while wading the creek and no doubt would have drowned if not for being assisted out by a man who happened to be passing and saw him fall.
The water was no more than fifteen or eighteen inches deep, but it would have been too much for Si in his condition.
Jas McDougale, who was fined \$200 for violating the liquor law in Nashville about three years ago but who escaped from the officers and was only recaptured this fall, has been pardoned

by Governor Davis.
79 years ago: June 1946
Two research workers in Cleveland, Ohio have shown that growing teeth can be transplanted successfully in one kitten’s jaw to another.
A complete roster of the Davis Blues, a company of infantry of the Confederacy which was organized in Nashville, is being sought for historical purposes and the *News* has been asked to aid and secure any information that older people of this section may have concerning the organization.
The Davis Blues, a company of infantry, Arkansas state troops was organized in Nashville, Hempstead,

now Howard County, Arkansas, June 18th, 1861.
63 years ago: May 1962
Patsy Bradford was selected senior sweepstakes winner at the 4-H county baking activity held in Nashville Saturday at the Home Economics cottage. Geneva Russell and Kathy Sullivan tied for the Junior sweepstakes honor.
From a recent *Arkansas Gazette* story from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, “Sex is good in and of itself,” the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church declared at its meeting here today.
The assembly voted unanimously for its Sunday schools to begin teaching the Christian view of sex.

Three sentenced after guilty pleas


Judge Bryan Chesshir received three guilty pleas and pronounced sentences last Wednesday, May 28, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.
In addition, there were two “true” pleas from defendants who were charged with failure to meet their terms of probation on felony charges.
A true plea was received from Hunter Leach, 24, white male, Nashville, who was sentenced to three years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), to be served with the sentence in another case. His conviction had been on a 1st degree criminal mischief charge.
The guilty pleas were from:
John Allen, 26, white male, Saratoga, who was charged with felony counts of drug possession and paraphernalia. His sentence of six years in the ADC is held in abeyance upon completion of Drug Court.
Meagan Hill, 30, white


female, Nashville, pleaded guilty to a class C felony charge of 3rd degree domestic battery. She was sentenced to five years of probation, a \$2,000 fine, and get counseling for parenting and anger management.
Joe Hendrix, 39, black male, Mineral Springs, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, class D felony, and driving on an invalid license, a misdemeanor. The traffic charge was not pursued and he was sentenced to three years of probation and was fined \$1,500 on the primary charge.

Two defendants entered not guilty pleas and had dates set for jury trials and pretrial motions:
Richard Gates, 54, white male, Murfreesboro, is charged with possession of controlled substance. Motions will be heard Aug. 27.
Dennis Moten, 57, white male, Fulton, is charged with delivery of a controlled substance, a class Y felony. Motions will be heard Aug. 6.
A failure to appear warrant was ordered for Jeremy Pugh, 35, black male, Nashville, who missed his assigned court date on a charge of theft of property.

After the storm:

- When venturing outside, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical electrical hazard. Assume any dangling wires you encounter are energized and dangerous. Warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility.
- 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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Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period 22-28, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:
Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office*)
May 23. John Brady Manasco, 28, Dierks, and Klair McKinney Castleberry, 22, Nashville.
May 28. Morris Hulen Voan, 3rd, 42, Nashville, and Dusty Marie Dinger, 31, Nashville.
Civil Court
CV25-61, May 23. Sheree Cox, et al, vs. Noel Davis, Jr., N&M Davis, LLC. Adverse possession.
CV25-62, May 25. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Shasta Dansby. Debt.
CV25-63, May 25. Crown Asset Management vs. Benjamin Wallace. Debt.
Domestic Relations Court
DR25-45, May 22. Nastassi Scoggins vs. Gemyko Scoggins, Jr. Order of protection.
DR25-46, May 23. Amber Burchette vs. Benjamin Williamson. Order of protection.
DR25-47, May 27. Kevin Gosnell vs. Tanya Gosnell. Divorce.
DR25-48, May 27. Bryan Waldrop vs. Grayson Townes. Order of protection.
Criminal Court

(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)
CR25-54, May 27. State of Arkansas vs. Richard Edward Gates, 54, white male, 19 Mt. Moriah Rd., Murfreesboro; POCS, class C felony.
Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deeds
May 22. Twyana Bohn; to David Bohn; property in S15 T5S R28W.
Administratrix’s Deed
May 27. Ginger Malmberg, Administratrix of the Estate of George Elmer Malmberg, deceased; to Ginger Malmberg and Cynthia Malmberg, each 1/4 interest; 30 ac. in S29 T7S R27W.
Fiduciary’s Deed
May 27. Sheila Baker, et al; to Sheila Baker and Angie Edwards, tenants in common, equal shares; 3.033 ac. in S13 T9S R28W.
Beneficiary’s Deeds
May 22. Billie Jean Dalrymple, surviving spouse of Eulis Smith Dalrymple; to Karen Efird, et al, Tenants in Common; 2 tracts in S34 T5S R29W with exceptions.
May 22. Judge Thurman, Jr.; to Joey Thurman, et al; property in S23 T9S R27W.
Warranty Deeds
May 22. J.C. Thurman, surviving spouse of Shelba Thurman; to Jason Thurman Jr., Trustee of the Judge

C. Thurman, Jr., Irrevocable Trust; 4 tracts, Lot 1, Block 2, Spencer’s addition; Part of Lot 4, Block 10, Wommack Addition town of Nashville; Lots 5-6, Block 10, SREDC Addition City of Nashville; and Lot 5, Block 10, Wommack Addition (Old Nashville).
May 22. Shayla Diane Jester and husband Davin Glen Jester; to James David Bohn; property in S15 T5S R28W. \$35,000.
May 23. Victor Glenn Hartness, Jr., and wife, Lindsey Hartness; to Rachel Ann Reese; Lots 11-12-13, Block 6, R.L. Hayes Addition, City of Nashville. \$143,000.
May 23. Bill Launius and wife, Michelle Launius; to William J. Hendry III and Lynn Hendry, Co-trustees of the William J. and Lynn Hendry Living Trust; aggregate 40 ac. in S21 T9S R28W.
May 27. Robert Hansen and wife, Dawn Hansen; to David Scott Martin and wife Heidi Beron; 5 ac. in S33 T8S R27W, plus easements. \$263,000.
May. 27. Antonio C. Rogers and wife Kimberly Rogers; to Matthew Cade Carver; Lots 7-8, part of Lots 6 & 9, Block 77, Town of Nashville. \$157,400.
May 28. Jerry Green and Orbelinda Green, his wife; to Modesto Antonio Medina; property in S26 T9S R27W. \$13,750.

Area students on ATU honors lists

RUSSELLVILLE -- Arkansas Tech University has announced its President’s List and Dean’s List for undergraduate students on its Russellville campus for the spring 2025 semester.
A student must record a 3.5 grade point average or higher and complete at least 12 hours of college-level coursework to be named to the Dean’s List.
Students who achieve a 4.0 grade point average and

complete at least 12 hours of college-level coursework also earn the President’s List distinction.
A total of 1,550 Arkansas Tech students qualified for the spring 2025 Dean’s List, including 728 students who achieved a 4.0 grade point average and were named to the spring 2025 President’s List.
ATU students who completed spring 2025 with a 4.0 grade point average

and earned a place on the President’s List are noted as such below.
The members of the spring 2025 Arkansas Tech University President’s List and Dean’s List, include:
Murfreesboro - Alexander Adolphus Trombley.
Nashville - Alexis Michelle Byers (4.0), Taylor Leanne Darling, Sophie Glyn Kuykendall (4.0), Allie Elizabeth McConnell, Ellen Payne Spigner.

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Point of view

#1 fan re-appears

Background sounds from pair of Creighton alumni

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I am following the college baseball championship as a part of my duties as #1 Fair Weather Razorback Fan.

We are doomed to come up short again, but Wooo Pig Soooley, anyway.

I fully expected we'd lose in the Regional tournament to Creighton University which is a small church school located in Omaha, Neb.

I expected to lose because of the lingering influence upon our town by a Blue Jay alumni -- the late, great Larry Renard.

I'm not sure if his wife, the late, great Ann Renard, was also an alum, but she probably was. The two of them had enormous impact upon our town -- if the hospital, the Children's Center and the chamber of commerce are important to you.

I'm sure Mr. Renard was spiritually rooting for his Blue Jays in this tournament though the Renards had a passel of kids get degrees from Hog Land.

Another Creighton connection -- the late, great Eddie Sutton made basketball important at Hog Land.

Giving me many chances to be disappointed.

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

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THE GOOD EARTH. A part of the Good Earth of the Sahara Desert will be dumped on us this weekend and next week. It's from a dust storm in the Sahara. Events like this happen occasionally.

Folks with allergies and asthma are forewarned.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the City of Mineral Springs for putting on a 'Juneteenth' celebration in the city park.

One of the three keynote speakers, I notice, is Skip Bell of Lockesburg who is high on my Hero List.

The MS celebration will actually take place (for convenience sake) on Saturday, June 14, beginning at 11 a.m.

The REAL 'Juneteenth' is on Thursday, June 19, which is a federal holiday commemorating President Lincoln's announcement of the end of slavery. It is sometimes called Emancipation Proclamation Day. It actually commemorates the arrival of Union Troops in Galveston, Texas at the end of the Civil War and the subsequent proclamation that the slaves were freed.

These days I celebrate St. Paddy's Day, Columbus Day, Cinco de Mayo and Juneteenth just like a good American should.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. This is either ominous or celebratory.

For a couple of weeks I've written about watching as a pair of bluebirds set up housekeeping in a previously-unused birdhouse on my patio fence.

In fact, during a recent heavy rain I watched as Mom and Pop Bluebird made trips through the aforementioned rain to feed the chicks which I imagined were snuggled warm and dry inside the birdhouse.

But Saturday morning I returned from my walk at about 6:30 -- daylight was firmly upon us. I emptied a large cup of coffee without seeing the parents. And I was watching closely.

I was gone for about a half-hour to shower. Returned to my spot with another large coffee. Probably sat there for a good 30 minutes without seeing the parents.

Either their checks are fledged and gone, or something bad has happened.

I'm afraid to peek into the box. I have learned from other bluebird watchers that the chicks grow up and fly off quickly, so I've got my hopes, like the return of Bluebird Mom and Pop and another brood.

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OKAY, I COULDN'T resist.

Anyone else happy to see Elon gone? During the time he ingratiated himself in the White House he did enormous damage to many institutions. There exists such a thing as False Economy and his army of 'experts' apparently didn't know everything about the agencies they were taking apart.

I really hate to see what Robert Kennedy, Jr., is doing to medical science and research.

You should only worry if you're concerned about cancer or Alzheimer's. Maybe there's some other animal medicine that Alzheimer's patients can take.

I'll rely upon science and real medicine any day before I resort to quackery.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from the Universal Classroom of Life: "The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The realist adjusts his sails."

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WORD GAMES. Distant relations: Hot and Bothered.

Time to chill out. It doesn't do any good to get all Hot and Bothered about the Razorbacks in the NCAA baseball playoffs.

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HE SAID: "The evil that is in the world almost always comes of ignorance, and good intentions may do as much harm as malevolence if they lack understanding." Albert Camus, philosopher and Nobel Prize winner

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SHE SAID: "Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, it's at the end of your arm, as you get older, remember you have another hand: The first is to help yourself, the second is to help others." Audrey Hepburn, actress and humanitarian

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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DHS works with University of Arkansas to fill gaps in state healthcare coverage

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The state Department of Human Services has contracted with experts at the University of Arkansas to update the current health care system, in order to fill the gaps in coverage for people who face the gravest health risks.

The Department has identified three groups who face higher risks for poor health. One group comprises people who suffer from mental illness or who abuse substances. The second group are senior citizens and people with physical disabilities. The third group is made up of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Public health officials have identified the most significant gaps in coverage for the three groups. One gap is a lack of early diagnosis and intervention. Another is coordinating care so that they can recover and stabilize in the least restrictive environment, rather than in an institution far from home. Integrating care is especially difficult for people leaving jail, prison or a behavioral health care facility.

The contract with the university is for \$10 million. The project will be led by its School of Social Work, with input from the university's Department of Sociology and Criminology. They will work with existing providers. A partner will be the Human Services Department's Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

The goal is to develop a statewide model for prevention, early treatment and follow up. One issue will be recruiting and retaining staff. Workforce shortages for mental health professionals exist in 72 counties. Only Faulkner, Pulaski and Saline Counties are not short of health care professionals.

The workforce shortage is particularly acute because adults in Arkansas experience anxiety and depression at a rate higher than the national average. The suicide rate is higher too, according to public health agencies. They estimate that 12 percent of the state's population, or 380,000 people, has had a medical visit with a primary diagnosis of mental illness or substance abuse.

Public health and elected officials in Arkansas have worked hard to make sure most residents have health coverage. In 2022 about 90 percent of Arkansans below the age of 65 had coverage, and 94 percent of children had coverage, either through private health insurance or public programs like Medicaid, which is the largest single source of health care payments in Arkansas.

About 17.5 percent of the Arkansas population are age 65 or older, and of those 10 percent live in poverty. The university team and DHS officials will work to expand the availability of services so they can live independently at home.

DHS has a separate agreement with Arkansas State University to improve training of workers who provide those services.

ASU also administers a program to help service organizations navigate the business aspect of providing care to senior citizens and people with disabilities. The program helps them adjust to changes in regulations so they can stay current with the long-term goals of Medicaid. According to DHS, which administers Medicaid, there is a "burgeoning demand" for home and community-based services.

DHS recognizes that Arkansas needs more comprehensive screening of children, so they are diagnosed earlier for disabilities and behavioral problems. Early treatment reduces the severity of the disabilities and reduces the long-term costs of later interventions.

Legislature addresses human trafficking

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

Every day, across Arkansas and our nation, human trafficking silently preys on the vulnerable, exploiting innocence and eroding lives. It is a crisis that hides in plain sight—within our communities, along our highways, and behind closed doors.

In the 2025 Regular Session, the Arkansas House of Representatives took decisive action to confront this scourge and protect those at risk.

One of the key measures we passed, Act 484, mandates that nail salons, massage businesses, and privately owned facilities offering food, fuel, showers, or sanitary services within 1,320 feet of an interstate must prominently display information about the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

In addition, Act 629 strengthens oversight of massage therapy establishments, requiring them to register all therapists working at their facilities with the Arkansas Department of Health. This move aims to prevent illicit operations that can serve as fronts for trafficking and ensure a higher standard of accountability.

Recognizing the particular danger traffickers pose to vulnerable populations, we also passed Act 366. This law introduces enhanced penalties for individuals convicted of recruiting trafficked persons from specific high-risk locations such as shelters for runaway youth, correctional facilities, foster homes, childcare institutions, and detention facilities for delinquent children.

Further strengthening victims' rights, Act 316 expands the definition of sex offenses to include trafficking persons and grooming minors for future sex trafficking.

Since its inception, the National Human Trafficking Hotline has identified 770 cases of human trafficking in Arkansas, involving 1,929 victims.

Just last year, 80 cases were reported, with 153 victims. These are not mere statistics; they represent lives interrupted, families broken, and futures stolen. Our work in the legislature is a commitment to stand with survivors and ensure justice is served.


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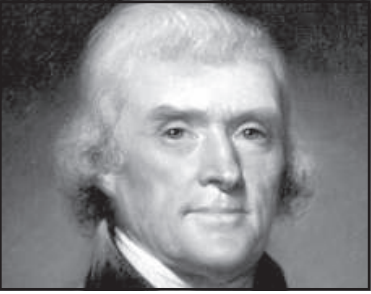
ACT 629
REQUIRES MASSAGE THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS TO LIST ALL EMPLOYEES WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

ACT 484
MANDATES THE DISPLAY OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT SPECIFIED LOCATIONS.

ACT 366
INTRODUCES AN ENHANCED PENALTY FOR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF RECRUITING TRAFFICKED PERSONS FROM SPECIFIC VULNERABLE LOCATIONS.

ACT 316
ADDS THE OFFENSES OF TRAFFICKING PERSONS TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF SEX OFFENSE FOR THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS IN A CRIME.





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Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Strappin' young men from York Gary Autoplex unload the 400-pound, 10-foot tower for the carillon speakers at First United Methodist Church of Nashville.

Carillon

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the courtyard, a task that turned out to be ... well, impossible. With two custom-made brackets that weighed more than 40 pounds each and two speakers on each bracket that weighed 48 pounds each, it wasn't going to happen without, over time, damaging the wall.

Then Tom Dupree had an idea. Tom retired from the computer business and moved to Howard County a few years ago from the Dallas area. Tom has been a part of the carillon project from the beginning, as has his friend Mike Myers, another big-city refugee to Howard County.

"After the first attempt to put it on the church didn't work out," Tom said, "I was doing some research online and started seeing wooden bell towers, and that's what made me think maybe that was the way to go."

Tom is a very technical person. Instead of grabbing a circular saw and a handful of nails, he drew to-scale plans for a tower.

Another anonymous donor at FUMC paid for the materials, and Tom began constructing at his home in Highland what turned out to be a 400-pound, 10-foot high tower.

"I was his work force," says Michael, who lives next door to Tom. "It keeps me out of trouble if I'm doing something."

Tom's son Mark helped with the heavy lifting, and before you know it, there was a tower in the front yard of the Dupree home. Now, how to get it to Sunset Street in Nashville?

"We were wondering how we could move the tower in a trailer," Michael said, "and I said, 'Big yellow straps, a tractor (to load it), and a lot of luck!'"

Fast forward. The tower arrives at FUMC but still on a trailer, and still weighing more than 400 pounds.

That's a lot for a couple of retirees.

Enter Gary Dan Futrell, owner of York Gary Autoplex. A call to Gary Dan and five strappin' young men, including his son Turner, showed up and picked the tower up like it was a feather and carried it into the courtyard, setting it upright like it weighed nothing.

After Michael Myers bolted the speakers on and Mark Pack ran the wires, First United Methodist Church had a new carillon.

If you live near Holy Hill (Methodist, Assembly, and Church of Christ all in a knot on Sunset) and you hear chimes that make you think of Big Ben in London, it's the new carillon at FUMC. And special thanks to the anonymous donors that made it possible, and to the diligence of Tom Dupree and Michael Myers.

"Give me a quote for the paper, Tom?" I asked.

With no hesitation, he responded, "Thank God, it's over!"

Awards

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Improved

Orfael Rosas, 2024 district team runner-up, Boys Doubles Team of the Year, two-year letterman, All-District

Edwin Pizarro, 2024 district team runner-up, Boys Doubles Team of the Year, two-year letterman, All-District

Colby Clay, 2024 district team runner-up, three-year letterman, Boys Singles Player of the Year, All-District

McRae announced the teams' Most Valuable Players.

They included:

Girls - Lettered all four years, two undefeated conference seasons, four-peat conference champion, two-time team state runner-up, two-time All-District, Workhouse Award Winner, girls MVP Addison Tate.

Boys - Lettered all three years, four-time district runners-up, district doubles champion, singles district runner-up, played through painful injury throughout his whole senior year without once considering not playing, competed at state in singles and doubles, two-time All-District, boys MVP Colby Clay

Boys golf - Coach Aaron Worthen made the following presentations:

Manning Goff, All-Conference, Outstanding Male Golfer

Zeus Hutchinson, Most Improved, state tournament qualifier

Girls golf - Worthen presented the following awards:

Parker Tate, All-State, All-Conference, District Medalist, district champion, Outstanding Female Golfer

Rayleigh Harmon, All-Conference, District runner-up Medalist, district champion

Kinley Martin, All-Conference, district champion, Newcomer of the Year

Cassie Stephenson, All-Conference, district champion, Most Improved

Cross country - Coach Mikayla Clift made the following presentations:

Katelyn Giddens, senior high girls Top Runner Award

Seth Feltenberger, senior high boys Top Runner Award

Daniela Hernandez, senior high girls Most Improved Award

Nathan Jacoby, senior high boys Most Improved Award

Jazmyne Thompson and Luke Dowdy, Scrapper Star Award

Katelyn Giddens and Seth Feltenberger, All-Conference

Boys basketball - Coach Aaron Worthen made the following presentations:

Demetrus Shelley, All-State, All-State Tournament Team, All-Conference, team leader in scoring and two-point field goal percentage

Kasen Morgan, All-Conference, team leader in rebounding and steals

Johnie Taylor, All-Conference, team leader in free throw percentage and charges taken

Bo Bell, All-Conference, team leader in three-point percentage and assists

Channing Scott, Senior Leadership Award, team leader in

assist/turnover ratio

Jailyn Staggers, Newcomer of the Year

Cortez Cooper, Most Improved

Roochie Wiley, Outstanding Practice Player

Girls basketball - Coach Paul Dean presented the following: Caroline Dean, All-State, Arkansas Basketball Coaches Association Top 5, All-Conference, FCA All-Star Showdown, AAA All-Star. She received a basketball with her stats on it.

Kennedi Scrivner, All-Conference, FCA All-Star Showdown

Mercy Hagler, All-Conference

Karstyn Scrivner, All-Conference, All-State, ARBCA Top 5

Angel Watson, All-Conference

Sofia McCauley, All-Conference

Ava Basiliere, All-Conference, All-State Tournament Team

Kiyanna Stewart, All-Conference

Girls track - Coach Magen Scrivner presented the following:

Kennedi Scrivner, Karstyn Scrivner, Ava Basiliere, Angel Watson, Juliya Burchette, Kimora Carter, Destiny Hendrix, Emma Hill, Kinley Martin, Daniela Hernandez, Paola Hernandez, Ella Westfall, Cheyanne Marshall, Tomireye Hale, Cheyenne Adams, All-District

Kennedi Scrivner, Karstyn Scrivner, Ava Basiliere, Angel Watson, Class 4A All-State

Juliya Burchette, Most Outstanding Thrower

Cheyenne Marshall, Most Outstanding Jumper

Ava Basiliere, Most Outstanding Sprinter

Emma Hill, Most Outstanding Distance

Kennedi Scrivner, Betty Ann Floyd Award

Boys track - Coach Kirby Adcock made the following presentations:

Roochie Wiley, Khaleel Canady, Jailyn Staggers, Rees Davis, Lucas Muncy, Landon Morris, Leonel Hernandez, Kasen Morgan, Myles Hawthorne, Demetrus Shelley, DJ Jefferson, Karter White, All-District

Roochie Wiley, Outstanding Sprinter and Outstanding Jumper

Jailyn Staggers, Outstanding Thrower

Leonel Hernandez, Outstanding Distance

Roochie Wiley, Joe Lee Goodrum Award

Boys soccer - Coach Ahren Turner presented the following:

Adolfo Puente, Manager of the Year

Bayron Murillo, Newcomer of the Year

Armando Perez, Most Improved

Seth Feltenberger, Teammate of the Year

Orfael Rosas, Defensive Player of the Year

Enrique Bearden, Offensive Player of the Year

Alexis Brizo, Scrapper Mentality Award

Armando Perez and Alex Wade, Honorable Mention All-Conference

Marco Sanchez, Bayron Murillo, Santiago Moreno, Samuel Camacho, All-Conference

Booz Vazquez, Orfael Rosas, Jonathan Perez, Honorable Mention All-State

Enrique Bearden, Luis Flores,

Alexis Brizo, All-State

Luis Flores, All State Tournament

Jonathan Perez, All-Star First Alternate

Alexis Brizo, All-Star

Girls soccer - Coach Clarissa Brizo made the following presentations:

Natalie Talley, Offensive Player of the Year and All-Conference

Keylin Pineda, Defensive Player of the Year and All-Conference

Mercy Hagler, Top Scorer of the Year

Ariana Alfaro, Most Improved Player

Lucy Hagler, Newcomer Award

Marie Keyes, Honorable Mention

Hayley Soto, Honorable Mention

Cheerleading - Coach Erin Askev presented the following:

Maddie Rodgers, captain and 2024-25 All-State cheerleader

Leigha Thompson, captain

Taylor Watts, co-captain

Hannah Myers, Sanaa Hooks, Baylee Scoggin, senior awards

Parker Tate, Jayla Hendrix, Kinley Martin, Rising Scrapper Star

Landree Green, Kailyn Scott, Caylen Ellis, Scrapper Spirit

Taviley Hughes, S.C.R.A.P. Award

Madi Brinkman, Team First Award

Baseball - Coach Zac Stewart presented the following:

Brett Fritts, Newcomer of the Year

Carson Kirby, All-Conference

Luke Boon, Most Improved, All-Conference

Gage Green, Offensive Player of the Year, All-Conference

Mason Honea, Defensive Player of the Year, All-Conference, All-State

Karson Chambers, MVP, Pitcher of the Year, All-Conference, All-State Tournament, All-State

Halton Howard, Garrett Lance Teammate Award

Softball - Coach Brian "Boomer" Brown made the following presentations:

Natalie Nolte, Jacee Martin, Maddie Rodgers, Addison Tate, Gabby Williams, Harleigh Hill, Nadia Bretado, Adison Moore, the Elite 8 senior awards

Landyn Tompkins, Class 4A All-State, 4A All-Tournament team, First Team 7-4A All-District, Team MVP, Offensive MVP

Natalie Nolte, 4A All-State, First Team All-District, Most BB 18, Most SB 13, Most Runs 34

Adison Moore, Honorable Mention 4A All-State, First Team All-District, Most Hit by Pitch 6

Harleigh Hill, 4A All-State, First Team All-District, Defensive MVP

Gabby Williams, 4A All-State, First team All-District, Fewest KS 1

Rayleigh Harmon, Honorable Mention 4A All-State, First Team All-District, Most 2B 9

Elli Wallis, First Team All-District, Fewest ES 0, Top FLD% 1.000

Sofia McCauley, First Team All-District, Most K 64

Baylee Smith, First Team All-District, Most IP 55, Top ERA 1.57

Kinley Martin, Second Team All-District

Jacee Martin and Maddie Rodgers, Caitlin Spradlin Teammate Award

DHC

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recently approved extension of Howard County's one-cent sales tax.

County Judge Brent Pinkerton said the money would be allocated after the first of January 2026. "We'll check with the state toward the end of the year" for more information, Pinkerton said.

Several entities will receive money from the sales

tax, including the county, incorporated cities, Howard Memorial Hospital and DHC.

Board Chair Paul Britt said DHC will need a finance committee "with additional money coming in."

Economic Development Director Vanessa Weeks discussed the Arkansas Community Assistance Grant Program. Applications are due by July 31.

The amount of funding available to any one project in any state fiscal year "shall

not exceed \$1.5 million," according to program rules. "The amount of the grant award shall be determined by [the Arkansas Economic Development Commission] based upon eligibility criteria, availability of funding, and program demands for funds, which may result in grant offers that are less than application requests."

In board-related business, Deb Marshall was named secretary-treasurer. Hector Cortez and Greg Pryor attended their first meeting.

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I PRAY THEE, DEAL KINDLY WITH ME AND LET ME TAKE THE MAIDEN!

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...AND LABAN, SPEAKING FOR THE FAMILY, ANSWERS...

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NAY NOW! STAY A WHILE LONGER—DO NOT GO!

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NHS athletes honored at banquet

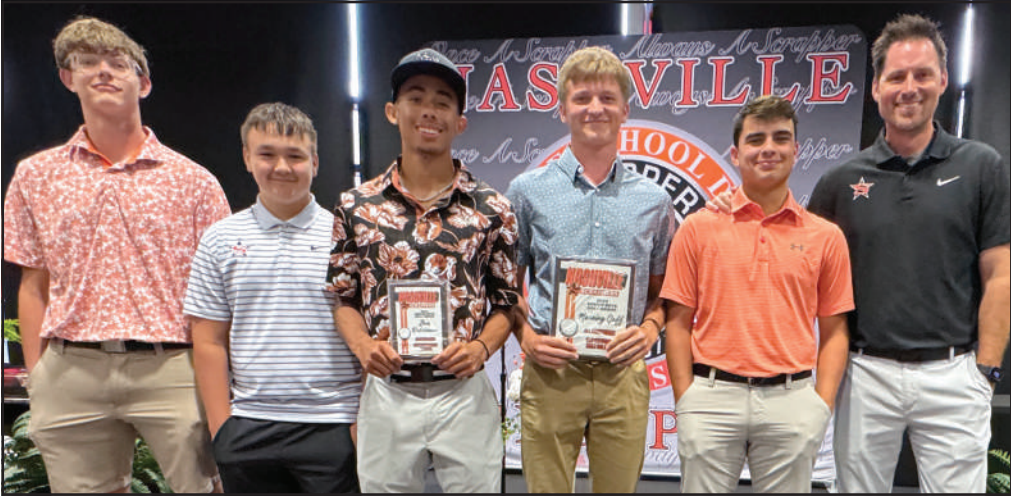
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Scrapper and Scrapperette tennis



Scrapperette basketball



Scrapper golf



Scrapperette track



Scrapperette golf



Scrapper track



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Scrapper soccer



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Scrapper basketball



Scrapper baseball



Scrapperette soccer



Scrapperette softball

Sports banquets May 27 and 29
NHS cafeteria



Coach Brad Chesshir explains the importance of “The Hill” to youngsters who visited Scrapper Stadium last week.

Scrapper Showcase

News-Leader photos/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

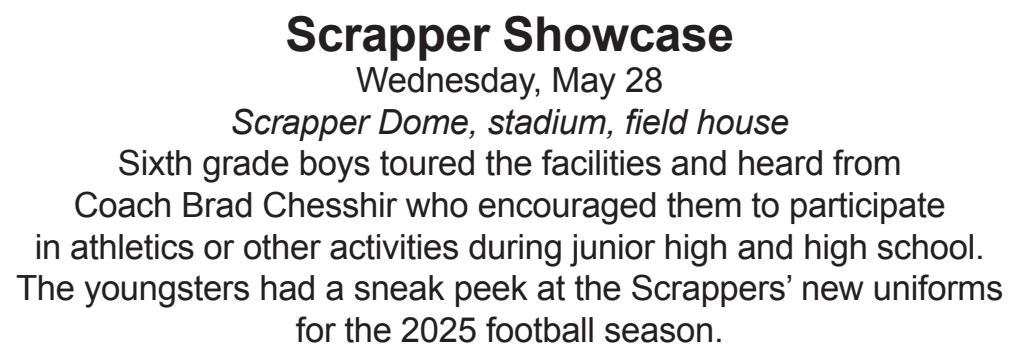


Scrapper jerseys, helmets and footballs were popular props for sixth graders to use in photos at last week's visit to the field house.



A large group of students and a teacher are in a gymnasium. The students are sitting on the floor in front of a row of orange and black 'LEGEND' brand weight machines. A teacher is standing on the left, facing the group.

The Showcase concluded with a reveal of the Scrappers' new uniforms for the upcoming season. High school players modeling the new look include MJ Johnson, Tucker Dixon, Hayden Gray, Cortez Cooper and Jamison McIntosh.





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FIND NEW ROADS

Jason Lenderman, CPA

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Sixth grade boys toured the facilities and heard from Coach Brad Chesshir who encouraged them to participate in athletics or other activities during junior high and high school. The youngsters had a sneak peek at the Scrappers' new uniforms for the 2025 football season.

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The Howard County 4-H Clubs and the Cooperative Extension Service, in cooperation with the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association, Howard County Judge, and Howard County Health Nurse is sponsoring this program.

First State Bank announces new assistant VP, USDA portfolio manager

The Nashville branch of First State Bank is proud to welcome its newest employee, Jamie Doss, as Assistant Vice-President and USDA Portfolio Manager.

In this newly created position, Doss will be aiding the local farming community with applications and packaging of FSA loans.

Doss has been in the banking industry since 2013 and has experience in all aspects of banking from teller work to loan processing, as well as executive loan operations.

Doss will be located at the Nashville branch but will be serving all the First State Bank locations. With her experience in banking, Doss will be able to assist our farm and agriculture customers with all their USDA needs.

She is married to J.C. Doss and they reside in Delight with their two-year-old son, Johnny. Doss said she is excited to be joining First State Bank, and is ready to meet her new customers and start conquering new challenges.



Jamie Doss

Arkansas State Parks offering free fishing weekend June 6-8

Arkansas State Parks invites everyone to join in for Arkansas Free Fishing Weekend from noon on Friday, June 6, until Sunday evening, June 8.

The state parks provide access to 12 rivers and 29 lakes, making Arkansas a renowned destination that draws anglers for unparalleled opportunities for both seasoned anglers and weekend adventurers. With clear waters and well-managed habitats, The Natural State stands out as one of the nation’s top destinations for exceptional fishing experiences.

Whether casting for bass or trolling for stripers, you’ll find exciting fishing adventures in our parks. Full-service marinas and boat docks are available, offering boat rentals, fishing supplies, fuel and more for your convenience. Free Fishing Weekend is made possible by a proclamation by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

Free Fishing Weekend, sponsored by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, is an annual event in June that allows everyone in the state, both residents and non-residents, to fish without the need for a license or trout stamp. While all daily limits and fishing regulations remain enforced, the license requirement will be waived from noon on June 6 until 11:59 p.m. on June 8.

“Arkansas Free Fishing Weekend is a fantastic opportunity for families, friends and nature enthusiasts to reconnect with the great outdoors and experience the thrill of fishing in The Natural State,” said Shea Lewis, secretary of Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism. “Whether casting a line from the shore of a tranquil lake or wading through a babbling stream, Arkansas offers endless possibilities for unforgettable fishing adventures.”

Dierks High School receives \$8,861 modernization grant from De Queen Mena Educational Co-op

Dierks High School has been awarded a Modernization Grant in the amount of \$8,861.25 by the De Queen Mena Educational Cooperative.

Modernization grants are designed to focus on Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways that fulfill the criteria of high-demand and high-wage (H2) occupations.

The funds from the grant are earmarked specifically for purchasing items listed in the “minimum equipment list” and are designated solely for enhancing equipment with an already established H2 pathway, according to information from DQMEC.

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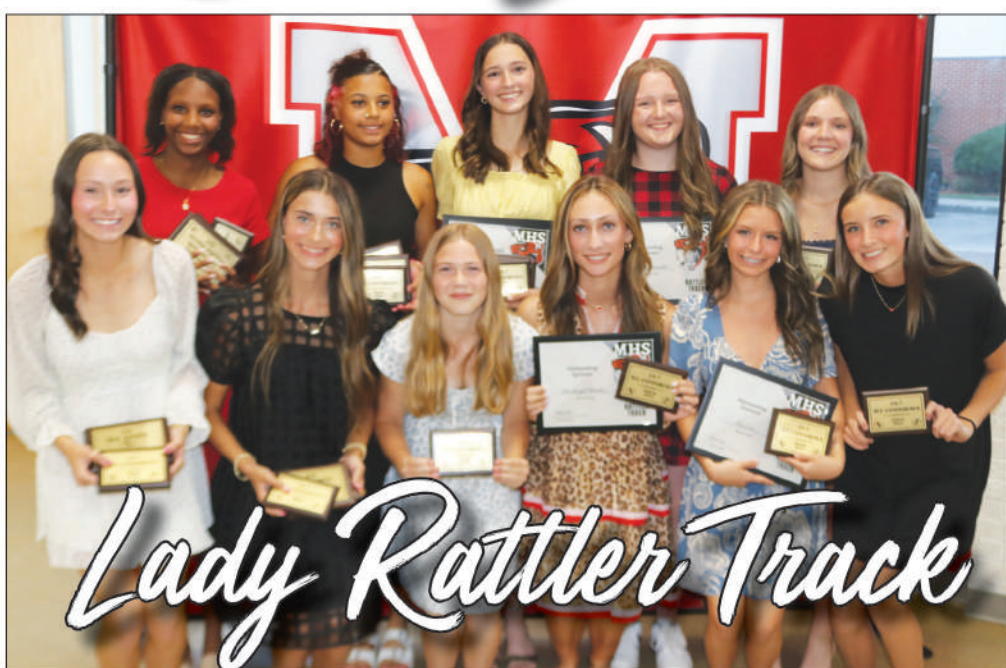
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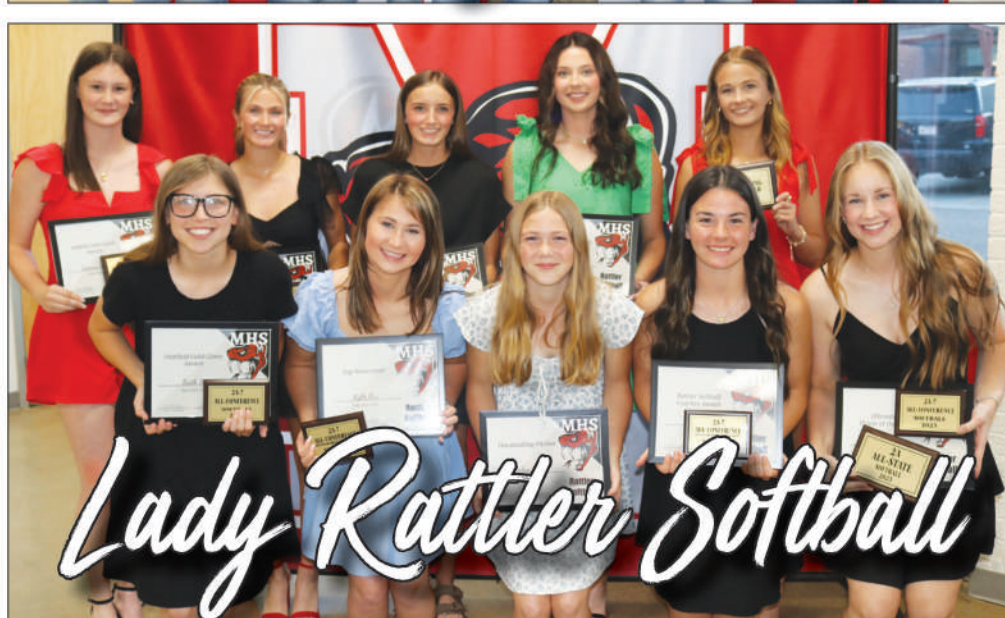
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Rattler Basketball



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Benjamin, Robert Warren, 53, Strong, guilty of impeding or delaying traffic, fined \$150; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Brooks, Ricky, 61, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Brice, Brandy N., 44, Langley, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$495 owed
Cruz, Marlene, 49, Nashville, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Garland, Logan Kai, 21, Dierks, \$250 BF, speeding
Gibson, Jason A., 50, Dierks, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Hollingsworth, Lonnie, 32, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Lemons, Nicholas E., 32, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$990 owed; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Poole, Jonathon R., 35, Lewisville, \$195 BF, running stop sign or light; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Rocha, Alexander, 37, Ozan, \$240 BF, speeding
Rosenbaum, Joshua Duane, 35, Waldron, \$185 BF, no splash guards; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Smith, Christian, 20, Mineral Springs, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Spray, Timothy Dwayne, 48, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$2245
Stockdale, Darrick L., 41, Nashville, \$260 BF, speeding
Swift, Connie Lee, 65, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding
Webb, gage Russell, 26, Nashville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance

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Acosta, James, 17, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Belcher, Jaylan, 22, Wilton, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Bennett, Zackery, 35, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Brown, Derrick, 43, Mineral Springs, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195; guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50
Bruce, Brandy N., 44, Langley, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Burns, Ricky D., 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$645 owed
England, Kory L., 26, Prescott, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Fizer, Jacqueline, 32, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$710 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Green, Tesean, 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$730 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Hernandez, Gracilea, 53, Batesville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Jefferson, Kiera, 34, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,925 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of the County of Howard's Board of Commissioners has been called. The meeting will be held as follows:

**HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE COUNTY OF HOWARD
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Bobby Keaster Community Center
Housing Authority
Adminstrative Building
1010 S. Pope St., Nashville, AR 71852

insurance, fined \$345
Lewis, Derrick Lashay, 34, North Little Rock, \$240 BF, speeding
Lorenzo, Roberto, 18, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Reese, Roger D., 42, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Sage, Brandon D., 31, Ozan, guilty of speeding, fined \$250
Wesson, Dondra, 30, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Williams, Heath, 20, Texarkana, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185
Yerger, David S., 66, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195
City of Dierks
Craig, Charles E., 38, Jacksonville, \$345 BF, tire-ply or belt material exposed
Hooker, Trevor James, 36, De Queen, \$250 BF, speeding
Siddia, Aisha, 36, Little Rock, guilty of speeding, fined \$260; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
City of Mineral Springs
Wetherwax, Brett J., 36, De Queen, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Bench Trials
Howard County
Schaberg, Troy A., 60, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$215

Fomer Blevins school employee officially charged with possession of child sexual abuse meterial

A former Blevins School interim principal and counselor has officially been charged in Hempstead County with possessing child sexual abuse material following a three-month investigation.
Justin James Mishler, 34, of Nashville, was charged May 23 with one count of possession or use of child sexual abuse material and one count of selling, loaning or displaying pornography to minors.

Pike County Circuit Court Report

Felony drug charges have been filed in Pike County against two people following undercover operations by the 9th West Drug Task Force.
Charles Christ, 63, of Glenwood, was charged May 28 with delivery of methamphetamine. Christ pleaded innocent to the charge Monday and his bond was set at \$50,000 with a Sept. 29 pretrial date.
Christ allegedly sold methamphetamine during a controlled narcotics investigation involving confidential informants at his home on Opal Street in Glenwood.
Sandra Kay Jarvis, 68, of Amity, was charge June 2 with delivery of a controlled substance (adderal). Jarvis allegedly sold an undercover agent 60 pills for \$300.
Jarvis was arrested June 2

Mishler resigned his positions with the Blevins School District on Nov. 11, 2024.
At that time, the school notified the public regarding "potentially inappropriate conduct by an employee, specifically concerning images sent to students" and that the Arkansas Department of Human Services had been contacted.
Mishler was arrested in February after a coordinated effort by the Hempstead


and has yet to make a court appearance and remains in county custody, as of Tuesday morning.
May 30 court
John D. Allen, 26, of Saratoga, entered a guilty plea in Howard County May 28 on Pike County charges of possession of marijuana and Oxycodone pills and probation revocation. He was sentenced to six years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) and had his probation extended for an additional year.


June 2 court
Jeremy Rankins, 44, of Murfreesboro, pleaded guilty to the charge of delivery of a controlled substance and was sentenced to 15 years in the ADC with five years suspended.
Michael Griffith, 38, of


County Sheriff's Department and the Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children Task Force.
The investigation involved multiple search warrants for social media platforms and electronic devices used by Mishler, who allegedly used an online computer service, mainly Snapchat.
Soon after the charges were filed, the case was seal to protect the alleged victims.


Caddo Gap, pleaded guilty to the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to three years in the ADC with three suspended.
Christopher Gibson, 43, of Murfreesboro, pleaded guilty to the charge of fleeing and was sentenced to three years in the ADC with three years suspended.
Carlton A. Breazeale, 42, of Murfreesboro pleaded guilty to an amended charge of possession of firearms by certain persons and was sentenced to four years in the ADC with two years suspended.
Cameron Stevens, 21, of Amity, pleaded "true" to violating the terms of his probation and was sentenced to 120 days in the county jail and six years of probation.

Always wear protective...






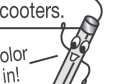





...gear when riding bikes or scooters.




Kids: color stuff in!







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When school is out, you will have to *take care* of yourself a little more. Make sure that **safety** is in your day as well as *fun, fun, fun!*
During vacation there is more free time to enjoy, and there are lots of things you can do outside every day. Thinking about safety is smart. For example, protective equipment is a "no-brainer" when skateboarding and practicing tricks. I ***always*** wear a helmet and I don't mind wearing the knee and elbow pads either.

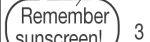









Read the clues to fill in the safety puzzle:
1. Stay in the shallow end of a _____ until you learn to swim.
2. Pack picnic food away in the _____ after you are done eating (help prevent food poisoning).
3. Head indoors at the first sign of lightning or thunder when a _____ is coming.
4. At the _____, climb on equipment using two hands. On the slide, wait for the person in front of you to finish sliding before taking your turn.
5. Before you have friends over to play outside, ask them if they have any _____ to bee stings, plants or any foods.
6. Offer your _____ water often and don't leave them in the car.
7. Wear your _____ when bicycling – plus pads when riding a scooter or rollerblading.
8. Drink plenty of _____ when out in the heat to avoid heat stroke.
9. Never leave a burning _____ unattended.
10. Before hiking, learn what poisonous _____ such as poison ivy look like.
11. At the beach, pay attention to the tides and stay in the view of your _____.
12. Where _____ are being used, keep at a safe distance.

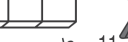














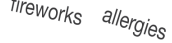




















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Keep safety in mind while having fun.
Match three safety tips to each picture:
1. Learn how to float and swim.
2. Make sure a campfire is out before leaving it.
3. Get off seesaws, swings carefully.
4. Obey all the traffic rules.
5. Never play with matches or lighters.
6. Wear a safety helmet.
7. Share and take turns on equipment.
8. Don't swim out over your head.
9. Don't show off - you might fall off.
10. Always go swimming with a friend.
11. Fire! Leave quickly and call the fire department.
12. Reflectors and lights are needed so others can see you.

A. Playground


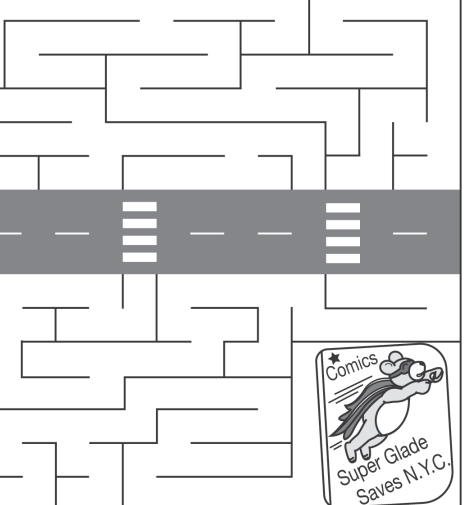
B. Water Safety



C. Fire Safety


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FIRE AT THE GAS PUMPS. No details were available Tuesday morning concerning a fire at Murphy Oil’s gas pumps at Walmart in Nashville. There were no injuries in the incident, which apparently caused heavy damage to a truck parked at the pump at the time of the fire, according to Nashville Mayor Larry Dunaway

U.S. Marshals return Delight man to Pike County

A Delight man who allegedly absconded before he could be arrested on felony charges has been arrested by the US Marshals Service, according to Pike County Investigator Jason McDonald. McDonald said James

David Humphry, 49, was arrested in Hot Springs the night of May 30.

Humphry is a convicted felony on parole and is now facing an absconding warrant, which will be sepa-

Town meeting set in Murfreesboro for Thursday

The City of Murfreesboro’s Mayor’s Office has announced that on Thursday, June 26, a town hall

meeting will be held at the Municipal Building at 6 p.m. The featured speaker will be state senator Steve Crow-

rate from his existing felony charges.

Humphry was charged last month in Pike County with felony theft and first-degree criminal mischief following an alleged property dispute in Murfreesboro.

ell, who will be discussing and answering questions about the recent state legislative session.

June family activities scheduled at Cossatot State Park-Natural Area

- Thursday, June 5**
Leave No Trace Hike
9a.m. Harris Creek Trailhead

Friday, June 6
The Life of a Fish
10a.m. Visitor Center
Fishing Information Table
1-3p.m. Cossatot Falls
Stop by the Falls to get information and handouts all about the fish of Cossatot River and how you can enjoy Free Fishing Weekend 2025 in Arkansas! This is a come & go station.

Saturday, June 7
Technology in Nature Walk
9a.m. Visitor Center
Fishing Information Table
1-3p.m. Cossatot Falls
Stop by the Falls to get information and handouts all about the fish of Cossatot River and how you can enjoy Free Fishing Weekend 2025 in Arkansas! This is a come & go station.

Sunday, June 8
Water Wildlife
9-11a.m. Sandbar Day-Use Area
Every Sunday
Crittter Feeding
3p.m. Visitor Center

Thursday, June 12
Reptile Residents
2p.m. Visitor Center

Friday, June 13
Mammals of Cossatot River
9-11a.m. Low Water Bridge
Wildflower ID Hike
1p.m. Cossatot Falls

Saturday, June 14
Birding Hike
8:30a.m. Harris Creek Trailhead
Track Identification
2-3p.m. Sandbar Day-Use Area

Sunday, June 15
Salamander Search Hike
9a.m. Cossatot Falls Entrance

Thursday, June 19
Backyard Insect ID Hike
9a.m. Harris Creek Trailhead
Bees of Arkansas
- 3p.m. Visitor Center

Friday, June 20
Birding Walk
8:30a.m. Visitor Center
Benefits of Bats
10a.m. Visitor Center Amphitheater
Friday, June 20
Make a Track Station
1-3p.m. Cossatot Falls

Saturday, June 21
Unlikely Pollinators
10a.m. Visitor Center
River Safari
1p.m. Sandbar Day-Use Area
Bird Feeder Fun
3:30p.m. Visitor Center Amphitheater

Sunday, June 22
Plant Parts
9a.m. Visitor Center
Micro Hike
10a.m. Waterleaf Trailhead
Pollinator Gardening
1p.m. Visitor Center Amphitheater


Thursday, June 26
Kayak Tour
9a.m. Visitor Center

Friday, June 27
Technology in Nature Walk
9a.m. Visitor Center
River Safari
12p.m. Brushy Creek Rec. Area
Toads vs Frogs
3:30p.m. Visitor Center

Saturday, June 28
Owl Pellet Dissection
3p.m. Visitor Center
Owl Prowl
8:30p.m. Cossatot Falls

Sunday, June 29
Mammals of Cossatot River
9-11a.m. Cossatot Falls
A Home for a Black Bear
2p.m. Visitor Center Amphitheater
For More Information about these programs, please call Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area: (870) 385-2201. Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area, 1980 Hwy 278 W, Wickes, AR 71973.


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PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

/s/: Tisha L. Martin
TISHA L. MARTIN, ABN 2018105
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(TM: 48 - 51)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD L LITTLEFIELD, DECEASED NO. 31PR-25-23
Last known address: 3678 Highway 371 W, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: February 2, 2021

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT ADMINISTRATOR

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published this 4th day of June, 2025.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BENNIE JOE MCINTOSH, DECEASED NO. 31PR-25-30
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 312 Nutt Road, Mineral Springs, AR 71851
Date of death: June 2, 2024
The undersigned, Jaise McIntosh, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent on the 16th day of May, 2025.

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

This notice first published this 4th day of June, 2025.
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Healthy Snack for Kids

By Angie Freel
Howard County Family & Consumer Science

Summers in Arkansas are hot, and kids need significant fuel to keep up with their growth and development.

Where that fuel comes from is important. So, what's the best way to fuel and hydrate your child so they don't spend the entire summer hopped up on sugary snacks?

Snacks can fill kids' bellies with the vitamins, minerals and nutrients they need. Specifically, healthy snacks should be nutrient-dense to keep them full and satisfied. They should also be high in protein, fiber and unsaturated fat while low in sugar. Meaning healthy snacks, tend to be real, whole foods.

Snacking healthy also offers a variety of benefits for your child's physical well-being.

As nearly 1 in 3 American children suffer from childhood obesity, healthy snacking can help prevent obesity while promoting a lifetime of healthy eating. Besides the physical benefits there is an array of cognitive benefits as well. These include healthy brain functioning, optimal brain development and neurotransmitter formation.

It can even help your child with better concentration, mood, and behavior. Remember, swapping out processed foods for healthy whole foods is a *gradual* process.

A few tricks to help kids grab healthy snacks:

- Keep family-favorite fruits and vegetables in the house, prepped and ready to be eaten. Wash and cut fruits and vegetables and place in a visible spot on the counter or in the fridge. Try to organize your fridge so the healthiest choices are

- front and center, in plain sight. Pre-portion snacks and make them portable. Keep unhealthy snack options out of reach of your kids, or better yet, don't keep them in your house.
- Nuts and nut butters are a good source of unsaturated fat. Try pairing them with fruits for an appealing sweet-savory combo. Some options are banana or apple slices with peanut butter, strawberries and almonds, grapes and pecans, orange slices and pistachios or try making some homemade trail mix.
- High-Protein Snacks: lunch meat roll-ups, yogurt, boiled eggs, mixed nuts, hummus.
- High-Fiber Snacks: apples, bananas, bell peppers, grapes, cucumbers and carrots are great choices.
- Dairy-filled snacks: Greek yogurt, cheese, cottage cheese, string cheese (cheese is also high in protein).
- Portable veggies: carrots, celery, sugar snap peas, cucumbers, mini bell peppers.

It is important to look for packaged snacks that contain less than 3 grams of saturated fat per serving, have 0 grams of trans fat, include 3 to 5 grams of fiber per serving and have less than 10 grams of added sugar per serving.

Fruity Necklaces

MATERIALS

- Elastic Cord (cut in 2-foot sections) - you could also use yarn or embroidery floss and an embroidery needle.
- Large Yarn needle
- Fresh fruit (blueberries, strawberries, grapes)

INSTRUCTIONS

- To begin, wash the fruit.
- Cut two-foot lengths of elastic cord and thread each onto the needle.
- Please, always supervise children for this step. Set out plates for each child to work



GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. The 2025 Kindergarten graduating class at Grace Christian School includes: front row, from left, Davilia Chavarria, River Maxey, Laylee Adams, Abigail Zylks. Back row, Draycen Mendieta, Kolson McJunkins, Leo Wall, Dylan Hale, Lazaro Chavarria, Aiden Reed.

on. Tie a knot about 3 inches from the end of one side of the cord. Beginning on the side without the knot, thread the fruit on the cord (fruit should stop when it hits the knot). Encourage kids to create their own interesting pattern. Continue threading fruit until the cord is full or until about 3 inches of the cord is left. Tie the ends of the cord together to make a necklace.

Enjoy!

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We were honored to attend the **Howard Memorial Hospital Gala** this weekend — an incredible evening hosted at the beautiful Midtown Social venue.

HMH GALA 2025



We enjoyed a delicious dinner, a silent/live auction, and plenty of great company — all in support of a fantastic cause. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community and support the vital work HMH continues to do.

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Graduation 2025 at Nashville High School



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Graduation ceremonies for the Nashville High School Class of 2025 were held Friday, May 23, at Scrapper Stadium. The senior class included 147 students. Caroline Dean was valedictorian; Tanner May was salutatorian.



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Valedictorian Caroline Dean delivers her address during NHS graduation.



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Salutatorian Tanner May makes his speech May 23 at the Nashville High School graduation.



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History teacher Amy Bearden gives the faculty charge to graduates.



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Members of the Class of 2025 sing the Alma Mater at the conclusion of Nashville High School graduation ceremonies May 23 at Scrapper Stadium.



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The line extends from the stadium video board to the 50-yardline as seniors begin their march to graduation.

Farmers Bank & Trust welcomes agri loan officer, regional farm loan specialist

Farmers Bank & Trust is proud to welcome Celina McLelland as Agri Loan Officer and Regional Farm Loan Specialist in the Nashville, Ark., market. In this role, McLelland will focus on providing agriculture lending solutions and assisting with Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan packaging for area producers.

Celina brings 11 years of agricultural finance experience to FB&T. She was previously employed at the USDA Farm Service Agency of Howard County, where she worked with agricultural program enrollment and loan applications. In 2019, she moved to banking and began assisting clients with farm lending services.

A southern Arkansas native, McLelland grew up on

a small dairy farm and has a lifelong connection to the agriculture industry. She is a graduate of Centerpoint High School and studied agricultural business at Southern Arkansas University.

She currently resides in Nashville with her husband, Matt McLelland, who serves as Agri teacher at Nashville High School. They have two daughters who are actively involved in 4-H and FFA livestock showing and compete in the junior rodeo circuit.

McLelland volunteers with local agriculture organizations, including the Howard County Cattlemen’s Association and the Southern Junior Rodeo Association (SJRA), where she serves as secretary. She is also a member of the

Howard County Farm Family Committee.

“Celina’s deep understanding of the agriculture industry and her commitment to serving farm families make her an incredible asset to our team,” said Kelly Chambers, Nashville Market President at Farmers Bank & Trust. “Her expertise will help us better support and understand the needs of the producers who are vital to our region’s economy.”

To reach Celina for farm lending opportunities or to set up an appointment, call her office at 870-912-6306 or email her at Celina.McLelland@MyFarmers.Bank. Lobby hours of the Nashville branch, located at 420 S. Main Street, are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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