

# Farmers' Market Week continues in Arkansas

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JUNE 8-14

MS church  
soup kitchen  
set June 11

All who want to sign up for either of the food boxes should have their ID available to present at the soup kitchen. The kitchen will be set up for drive-through pickup.



**RETIREMENT EVENT AT NHS.** Superintendent Doug Graham, NHS Assistant Principal Eric Perez, retiring history teacher Amy Bearden, retiring math teacher John Mark Tollett and Principal Ashley Riggs visit during an end-of-school faculty lunch last week. Bearden and Tollett retired after 38 years in education.



**RETIRING AT NASHVILLE JUNIOR HIGH.** NJHS Principal Hannah Topor and Superintendent Doug Graham recognized retiring math teacher Lori Williams last week. Williams taught 20 years, with 14 at junior high.



**AT NASHVILLE ELEMENTARY.** Jacqueline VanKirk and Janet Jamison were honored at Nashville Elementary School. All of the Nashville School District retirees received "Once a Scrapper. Always a Scrapper" pens.

## Plenty of positives in 2024-25, Graham says

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# Hall of Fame, Hall of Honor inductions set for Saturday



The Class of 2025 will be added.



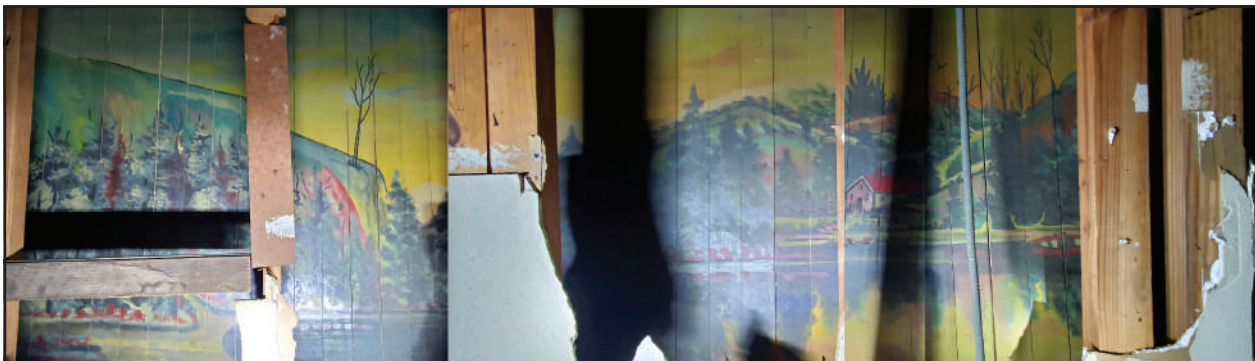
**GOING TO THE PICTURE SHOW.** Workers at the Howard Theater greet guests, including the well-dressed young fans at the right.

# The Howard Theater 86 years later

## A look at the 1939 movie house called 'the best in southwest Arkansas'

## LOOKING BACK

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**LOOKING BACK.** A mural at the Howard Theater depicted scenes found in Southwest Arkansas





# OBITUARIES



**Elbert Wayne Winton**  
Elbert Wayne Winton was born to Elbert and Susie McBride Winton on Aug. 6, 1936, in Muse, Okla.  
He died on June 2, 2025, at his home in Dierks, Ark., at the age of 88 years.  
He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, sisters, Helen Davis, June Johnson, and Alma Faye Winton, and one nephew, Tony Johnson.  
He is survived by: his wife, Sammye, to whom he would have been married 66 years on June 5; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Malinda Winton; two grandchildren, Zack (Leslie) Winton, Hannah (Chase) Peek; five great-grandchildren, Adyson and Mylie Winton and Emmitt, Fletcher and Lexi Peek.  
Wayne's family moved from town-to-town with Dierks Forests, Inc. When he was growing up, he ended up in Dierks when he was in the seventh grade, where he graduated in 1954. After graduation, he and his buddy went to California to make their fortunes. When that didn't happen, he returned home and volunteered for the draft with another buddy on the buddy system. Never saw the buddy again until they both got home.  
He returned from military service in 1958 and went to work for Dierks Forests driving a log truck. He had another buddy who didn't have a car and was dating a girl in Lockesburg, so he fixed Wayne up with a blind date with Sammye Dowdle. First date was October 1958, married June 5, 1959. They always laughed and said how glad they were that Donnie Griffin didn't have a car.  
Wayne continued working in the logwoods until the Briar Plant was built. He went to work there in 1962 and retired in 1994.  
Wayne was an active member of Dierks United Methodist Church and was able to attend until about six weeks before his death.  
Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 5th, at the Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel in Dierks.  
Funeral Services for Mr. Winton will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 6, 2025, at Dierks United Methodist Church in Dierks with Bro. Carroll Jackson officiating. Burial will follow in the Muse Cemetery in Muse, Okla., under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in De Queen.  
The family would like to

thank Dierksen Hospice for their loving care.  
You may leave a condolence online at [www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com)



**Deana Jean Steed**  
Deana Jean Steed, age 49, a resident of Mineral Springs, Ark., passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at her home.  
She was born Jan. 26, 1976, in Texarkana, Texas. She worked at Pop's Bait Shop, was a member of New Mt. Zion Church, and a member of the Glory Bee Ministry soup kitchen. She took a lot of pride in helping with and delivering meals for the ministry. She loved her boys and her grandchildren. She would lend a hand to anyone in need, and she loved the beach.  
Ms. Steed was preceded in death by her father, Royce Gene Steed.  
Ms. Steed is survived by: two sons and a daughter-in-law, Garrett Lanicek and Tabitha of Glenwood, and Royce Gene Lanicek of Mineral Springs; her mother, Judy K. Steed of Mineral Springs; three beautiful granddaughters who are specially loved; one brother and sister-in-law, Chris and Amanda Steed of Fort Smith, Ark., and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends.  
Memorial services are pending.  
Cremation arrangements by Wilkerson Funeral Home in De Queen.  
You may leave a condolence online at [www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com).  
**Phyllis R. Copeland Slaton**  
Phyllis R. (Copeland) Slaton, 92, of Little Rock died Tuesday, June 3, 2025, in Little Rock. She was born Oct. 21, 1932, in Nashville to the late Oscar Copeland and Annie Glasgow Copeland.  
She taught children with special needs and retired from Little Rock School District. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Little Rock.  
She was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, David E. Slaton, and her sister, DeRhonda Woodruff.  
Survivors include: her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah McCabe and husband Stephen; a brother and sister-in-law, Tommy Copeland and Laverne; also grandchildren.  
Graveside services were at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2025, in County Line Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.  
Online at [latimerfuneralhome.com](http://latimerfuneralhome.com).



**A JEWEL FROM THE DUSTBIN.** Friends, Nashville Chamber of Commerce officers, and family joined owners Gail and Dr. John Hearnberger in the chamber's official ribbon-cutting welcome of Midtown Social, a venue for gatherings such as last week's Howard Memorial Hospital Foundation Gala. The building originally housed the Case & Sons knife plant, one of Nashville's first sizeable industries. The building had been abandoned since the 1970s and has been restored by the Hearnbergers. Included in the project is a patio and outdoor bandstand. It is located on East Howard St. in Nashville.



**Steve Walker**  
Steve Walker, age 73, of McCaskill, A., passed away on Monday, June 2, 2025, in Hot Springs, Ark. He was born Aug. 8, 1951, to Archie Ray Walker and Robbie Hall of California.  
Steve is survived by three sisters, Debra Duncan, Marla Burns, Brenda Caldron; one brother-in-law, Sam Henderson; two sisters-in-law, Sandry Coleman and Starlett Wilson. Three daughters, Paige Walker McDowell, Stephani Walker of Nashville and Katherine (Nikki) Walker. Steve had 6 grandchildren Ryan, Kelli, Jay, Gregory Pierce, Darren, James, Jasmine May. He also had 10 great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Pierce, Michael Jr., Jenevieve, Addison Markum, Raylan, Weston, Abigail Brown, Hunter Sigman, Neaveh Pierce, and Elias May. As well as many other family members.  
He was preceded in death by his wife, Suzann Walker; his parents, Archie Ray and Robbie Lou Walker; a brother, Donny Walker; in-laws Raymond and Aline Henderson.  
Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.  
You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com).



**HERBS FROM COLUMBUS.** (LEFT) Among the vendors at the Farmers' Market in Nashville, last week, was Shaye Standokes who brought a variety of plants from Field Farm. She is a former employee of the Old Columbus Herb Farm.

## Fridays at the Farmers' Market in Nashville



**MUSIC AT THE MARKET.** (ABOVE) Clay Sanders, originally from Nashville and now living in Magnolia, provided a musical backdrop Friday at the Farmers' Market in Nashville. He is the son of Nashville Chamber of Commerce board president Kristin Stavelly.



**ART FROM WOOD.** (LEFT) Woodcarver Glenn Shortridge of De Queen comes to the Farmers' Market in Nashville with a wide selection of his wood carvings and an assortment of bluebird houses.

## Center Point blood drive will be June 12

The Moonlighters EHC will sponsor a LifeShare blood drive on Thursday, June 12. The drive will be 2-7 p.m. at the Center Point Community Center. Donors are asked to bring a LifeShare donor card or other identification.  
At the conclusion of the drive the names of donors will be put into a drawing for a prize at the Center Point Store.

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EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Stand Up For America Support at Tyson, June 1994. (Seated) Linda Coleman, Dora Lamb, Kay King, Ruth Hooks, Diane Tollett, Sandy Marshall and Clara Furr; (standing) Kristi Turley, Verna Cox, Brenda Brown, Vickie Jefferson, Sheila Kreul, Clorene Greathouse, Betty Turley, Jessie Fatheree, Joyce Teague, Joy Scott, Eunice Johnson, Annie Lantroop and Geraldine Farris.

**122 years ago: June 1903**  
Ben John and Payton Price charged with complicity in the shooting of Henry Cook are on trial in Justice Stevens court on Muddy Fork today and Honorable W. D. Lee is representing them.

J. E. Shutt was hanged at New Boston, Texas, this afternoon for the murder of J. C. Whitener, which crime was committed in Texarkana on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1902. Just before ascending the gallows religious services were conducted, after which Shutt gave a friendly farewell to all adding that he wished to thank all who had exerted themselves in his behalf and stating that he bore no ill will against anyone.

**79 years ago: June 1946**  
An impressive program at Whiteside Hall tonight at 8:00 by members of the

## Five defendants receive sentences after pleas entered in criminal court

Five defendants were sentenced after pleading guilty or true to felony charges during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County last Wednesday, June 4.

On the bench was Judge Tom Cooper.

The lone true plea was by Brandon Poindexter, 44, black male, Nashville, who also pleaded guilty to a third degree battery charge. That charge and plea meant he violated his probation on a 2022 conviction. In total he was sentenced to two years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) with a further four years suspension of sentence. He was ordered not to have contact with the victim.

Two of the guilty pleas were in felony non-support cases including:

Ricky Golston, 54, black male, Washington, who was facing both class D and class C non-support charges. His total sentence was 20 years of probation and to pay child support.

Eric Hopkins, 42, black male, Nashville, charged with non-support. He received a suspended imposition of sentence of 10 years and must pay \$4,000 in arrears support within 120 days.

A guilty plea was also given by Robert Johnson, 54, black male, Nashville, who was charged with class D felony theft of property. He must make restitution of \$4,460; pay a \$500 fine; and serve six years of probation.

**Trial dates set**  
Gregory Dixon, 56, black male, Nashville, has a pre-trial motions date of Aug.

selected to participate in a seven-week summer language institute at the Women's College in Georgia. The program will be directed by S. C. Mangiafico from June 25<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Byrd, who teaches at Nashville High School, was one of the sixty teachers selected to attend the institute. There will be thirty teachers of Spanish at the college.

**42 years ago: June 1983**  
Rhonda Spigner was the senior high point winner, and Britt Bailey captured the junior division in the Free-Riders 4-H event here.

David C. Teague, son of Herschell and Cay Teague of Nashville, Arkansas, was honored with the undergraduate award in Analytical Chemistry in the Dedman College ceremony at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

6. He pleaded not guilty to a class D felony charge of possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver.

A probation revocation trial date of July 23 was set for Latre Richards, 46, black male, Mineral Springs, who is charged with failure to meet the terms of probation on his 2021 conviction for a pair of controlled substance charges.

Two failure to appear warrants were ordered for persons who missed assigned court dates.

Dalton Jordan, 34, white male, Nashville, is charged with controlled substance possession.

Haley Jewell, 31, white female, Dierks, is facing two controlled substance offenses.

Bail will be denied for both when apprehended.

## Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period May 29-June 4, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

**Marriage Licenses**  
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)  
June 2. Ta'Kris Joshaun Verge, 22, McCaskill, and Shawna Leann Williams, 27, McCaskill.

June 4. Pete Maurice Penney, 50, Nashville, and Sarah Jean Gaddis, 39, Nashville.

**Civil Court**  
CV25-64, May 28. Capital One, NA, vs. James Brett. Debt.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
DR25-49, May 28. Meghan Floyd vs. Joseph Floyd. Divorce.

DR25-50, June 2. Kayla Reynolds vs. Steven Reynolds. Divorce.

**Criminal Court**  
(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)  
CR25-55, June 2. State of Arkansas vs. Gregory Dixon, 56, black male, 3 Evergreen St., Nashville; POCS with purpose, class D.

**Land/Property Transactions**  
**Quitclaim Deeds**

May 30. Gary C. Harris, Trustee of the Dalton and Curtistine Harris Living Trust; to Judy Francis; part of Block 13, Town of Mineral Springs. \$143,000.

June 4. Victor Manuel Pena Chavez and wife Rosa Najera Del Carmen and Caleb Edward Conrad and wife Sunny Lin Conrad; to Victor Manuel Pena Chavez and wife Rosa Najera Del Carmen and Juan Nava; part of Block 1, Town of Mineral Springs plus adjacent strip. \$48,000.

June 4. Sheila Jo LeBlanc and Steve LeBlanc, wife and husband; to Aimee Sutton; aggregate 100 ac. in S26 T10S R28, with reservations. \$73,600.

**Administratrix's Deed**  
June 4. Becky Floyd, Administratrix of the Estate of Betty Ann Floyd, deceased; to Jeffrey D. McRae and wife Julie McRae; part of Lot 5, Block 15, with adjacent strip of land, Original Town of Nashville. \$48,000.

**Beneficiary's Deeds**  
May 29. Gary Efird, aka Gary Don Efird and Sharon Efird, husband and wife; to Gary Brad Efird; 36 ac. in S20 T7S R27W.

June 2. David D. Goodson; to Jeffrey L. Strickland and William D. Strickland, Joint Tenants; 10 ac. in S8 T8S R28W.

**Warranty Deeds**  
May 29. Stan Lee Wroblewski and wife Kassady Nikole Wroblewski; to Matthew Allen Staggs; 0.28 ac. in S26 T9S R27W. \$4,500.

June 2. Robert Scott Byers; to Cody Tedford and wife Kara Tedford, Richard David Nichols and wife Lauren Nichols, Tenants in Common; 3 tracts in S21 T5S R28W. \$150,000.

June 2. Matthew Stone and wife Amanda Stone, and Patricia Ann Stone; to Wayne R. Gardovsky; part of Lot 14, Block 51, McCullough's Addition, Town of Mineral Springs, plus adjacent strip. \$9,300.

June 2. Gloria J. Nation and Johnna K. Smith, Co-Successor Trustees of the Philip G. Waters Revocable Trust; to Kirk Bradley Vines and wife Kristy Vines; property in S21 T9S R28W. \$95,000.

June 2. Sherry Lee Alford, Trustee of the Karon A. Schrader Living Trust; to Mark D. Rhodes II and Julie Ann Rhodes, husband and wife; 46.37 ac. in S1 T10S R28W. \$290,000.

June 3. Cody Wayne Colbey and wife Kaela Colbey; to Asia Kesterson and spouse Heather Lovewell; Lots 1-2 Block 9, Original Town of Dierks. \$56,500.

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# Point of view

## Vacated by ‘aliens?’

### Only in my mind, but I return to Pyramid City

(DEAR READER: it rips my heart out to do this but this week I am repeating parts of two (2) related columns from May of 2018. I promise you’ll love re-visiting them with the obvious changes.)

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AN ARKIE ROAD TRIP.

It’s been awhile, but *[blurred nickname]* and I hit the road again this past weekend to see a rumored semi-local attraction with our own doubting eyes.

It was during a visit with my mother a few weeks earlier that I first heard about the ‘Pyramid City’ somewhere up in the REAL boonies in Montgomery County. Years ago she and my father had once driven there with friends who had property nearby.

As she recalled, the place included seven or eight houses that looked like pyramids, and a big one which was supposedly a ‘town hall.’

The place had been built by a mysterious cult. They were reportedly only there for awhile, and then suddenly -- poof! -- they were gone.

Gone, except for one pointy house that still had occupants at the time of my parents’ visit.

I asked around on Facebook and got a modest description of how to find this place, and we set off to find it.

The *[blurred nickname]* had an explanation about the disappearance of the Pyramid City residents. She has explanations for many things.

“I’ll bet aliens landed and took those people away,” *[blurred nickname]* said. “Either that, or they were really aliens themselves returning to the mother ship.”

She believes that aliens were involved because this place is close to Mena as the crow flies, and she believes that lots of people in Mena are actually from outer space.

I have learned never to argue with *[blurred nickname]*.

To get to the pyramids we drove through Murfreesboro, Glenwood, and Norman, and stayed a ways on Highway 8 past Black Springs. Then we took a paved turnoff marked ‘Sulphur Springs’ and went to the first fork which was Sulphur Springs Road.

All roads turned to bad gravel at this point.

Then to Big Fork Road, and another mile or so down a dusty, dusty, dusty narrow trail.

About the time we were beginning to think we were on a wild goose chase, we spotted the pyramid houses.

They were close to the road, easily seen. There were seven or eight structures, each covered with metal siding painted different colors. They looked more like teepees than pyramids. (Cue the outerspace mystery music: They also looked like a collection of rocket nosecones pointed skyward, but that’s just my opinion.)

Sure enough there was a large pyramid which we figgered was the town hall.

The grounds showed signs of recent mowing. And behind one house there appeared to be an alien working in his garden. Makes me wonder if aliens grow what they eat.

We were too fearful to ask if we could look closer at the place. Instead, we drove back toward Planet Earth.

Once back on the paved Sulphur Springs road I noticed that we crossed over a little bitty creek on a very narrow bridge. A green sign on the bridge announced Caddo River. Wow! It was not even three feet wide at that point, and it was maybe two inches of clear water tumbling over mossy rocks. You could literally step across the river.

It wasn’t much of a bridge; really more of a short, shallow culvert.

When we got back to State Highway 8 we didn’t sensibly turn back toward home. We went on a ways because I wanted to see the community known as Board Camp. We never got there -- or maybe we went thru it and didn’t know. At any rate, we were afraid to get much closer to Mena just in case the town’s ‘human being detectors’ were engaged.

We reversed course back toward Norman. And spotted a small sign that pointed to a narrow road. Shady Lake 15 miles, it announced.

The afternoon was still young and we still had most of a box of Triscuits, so we dared to take the road. It was very rough and narrow and dusty. And lonely. Somehow I got confused and took a fork that turned out to be a hiking trail. Man, it was REALLY rough and narrow. But the upside was that there was no oncoming traffic.

By the time we drove the 15 miles to Shady Lake, we had seen only two hikers and a hen turkey. It took us most of an hour to cover that short distance.

Next time I go to Pyramid City I’ll ask the alien if I can look around. He’ll have to promise not to beam me up to the mother ship. Or ask for any of the Triscuits.

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And here is the second week’s part of the repeat. You’ll see why.

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AN UPDATE ON ‘Pyramid City’ which was a part of this column last week.

My mother remembers walking through the abandoned larger ‘City Hall’ pyramid. She recalls that among the items abandoned inside by the cult were objects representing many religions or denominations.

She recalls a Christian cross, a Jewish Menorah, a Catholic crucifix. There were other items but she’s not real sure what they were, except some were exotic.

I suggested that there might have been a Baptist casserole dish, but she just raised her eyebrows and gave me that look that told me no matter how old I was I could still get a whipping.

Some of you may be familiar with that look. It wasn’t limited to Catholic mothers. Jewish moms have been doing it since Old Testament days.

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

*Mine Creek Revelations*



By  
Louie Graves

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## Arkansas election integrity receives top rankings from conservative panel

**By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.**

Arkansas ranks first in the nation in election integrity, according to the most recent study by the Heritage Foundation.

Last year Arkansas ranked number eight. At a press conference at the Capitol, the Governor, the Secretary of State and members of the legislature announced the newest ranking.

They attributed the state’s moving up in the rankings to prioritizing in recent years the passage of laws that secure the integrity of voter registration and processing ballots.

According to one senator, the Heritage Foundation rankings have long been the gold standard for comparing how well states prevent voter fraud.

Arkansas scored 91 out of 100 on the recent scorecard, including 20 out of 20 in the category of voter ID implementation. We scored three out of three in granting access to election observers, four out of four in verification of citizenship of voters, three out of three in requiring identification of people who assist others to vote and three out of three in prohibiting election officials from receiving pay or benefits from private sources.

Arkansas scored six out of six in how we monitor voter registration to prevent fraud. For example, Arkansas does not allow registration on the same day as elections. Requiring voter registration ahead of an election allows more time to verify the accuracy of applications.

However, Arkansas scored 26 out of 28 in the category that measured the accuracy of voter registration lists. One negative score was for not including photographs of voters on the lists of registered voters, where they are kept electronically.

The legislature’s approval of Act 840 of 2025 may correct a negative score in the Heritage rankings. The act allows the Secretary of State to share voter registration lists with federal courts, which use them for jury selection. In return, the courts will notify the state of ineligible voters such as non-citizens, convicted felons, dead people or non-residents of the state.

The Heritage Foundation scorecard did not include a package of bills enacted earlier this year that prevent deceptive practices when canvassers collect signatures in order to place an issue on the ballot.

However, the governor specifically mentioned several of them,

such as Act 218 of 2025 to require canvassers to inform people, before collecting their signatures, that petition fraud is a Class A misdemeanor. The disclosure could be verbal, or in a separate written document that would be shown to people before they sign.

She also mentioned Act 240 to require canvassers to view a photo ID of each person signing the petition. If canvassers are unable to verify someone’s identity, they may not collect a signature.

The governor mentioned another bill that strengthens the protections of the signature-gathering process - Act 241. It requires canvassers to submit a sworn statement that they have complied with all state laws governing the collection of signatures, and with the Constitution. Unless canvassers submit the sworn statements, any signatures they submit will not be counted.

The Secretary of State listed measures to ensure the accuracy of voter registration lists, such as partnering with credit bureaus to determine that people actually live where they say they do on applications. Agreements with other states reveal whether people are registered in more than one state.

## Bill threatens state healthcare

**By Bo Ryall**

President and CEO

Arkansas Hospital Association

Today, Arkansas hospitals face significant challenges. Analysis from the most recent Medicare Cost Reports data shows that over 40% of Arkansas hospitals and more than 70% of rural hospitals operate at a loss in our state. When hospitals are not adequately reimbursed for providing care, they are forced to reduce services and staff.

Evidence of the current financial strain on Arkansas hospitals is clear: we are down to just 33 hospitals that deliver babies. Only 24 of our 75 counties have a hospital with a labor and delivery department. The closure of even one more would place an unsustainable strain on the remaining facilities that deliver babies and further diminish access to specialized care for moms and babies.

The budget reconciliation bill, H.R. 1 — known as One Big Beautiful Bill Act 119th Congress — recently passed the United States House of Representatives and is now under consideration in the Senate. This bill threatens health care in Arkansas. The Congressional Budget Office projects that 8.6 million Americans will lose Medicaid coverage over the next decade if this legislation becomes law. You might think this won’t affect you, but it impacts every citizen in our state and our fragile

health care system.

Medicaid ensures coverage for more than 880,000 Arkansans, with children and the elderly making up the largest percentage of those enrolled.

Chances are that you, your family, or your neighbors have a loved one who is eligible for and currently receiving Medicaid and is at risk of losing that coverage. An increase in the uninsured rate in our state will directly impact hospital finances.

When more Arkansans lack coverage, hospitals bear the cost of uncompensated care. Arkansans who lose Medicaid will still need health care and will turn to our already overburdened emergency departments for services, increasing wait times for all patients, whether insured, uninsured, or covered by Medicaid or Medicare. Patient care in emergency departments often is more extensive and requires more costly treatments that drive up health care bills. Hospitals are forced to absorb significant uncompensated expenses. When expenses outpace revenue, hospitals are left with no choice but to make more cuts.

We cannot afford to lose more service lines. Hospitals that are already operating at a loss and have already cut services and staff could face closure, leaving Arkansans with decreased access to health care.

It is no secret that Arkansas ranks near the bottom for health care costs mainly because our reimbursement rates for Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial insurance are the lowest in the nation. For Medicaid, specifically, the federal government has allowed certain health care providers — like hospitals, nursing homes, and ambulance services — to participate in supplemental payment programs to at least partially offset Medicaid underpayments.

If the bill passes the Senate as is, these supplemental Medicaid rates for hospitals will remain locked in at the current rate. This legislation unfairly penalizes fiscally responsible, low-cost states like ours by capping rates at the current level, while rewarding high-cost states, such as California and New York, with a higher percentage. As prices for supplies, employees, and pharmaceuticals continue to rise, hospitals will have no way to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to keep up. Unlike other industries, hospitals cannot simply raise prices when governmental payers control more than half of our payments.

As it currently stands, the reconciliation bill will unfairly punish our small state. We urge Arkansans to speak up and let our Senators know that losing coverage and access to hospital care is unacceptable.

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ADDRESSES BY NHS VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN

Win whatever game comes next

**By Caroline Dean**  
NHS valedictorian  
Good evening, everyone.  
I'm Caroline Dean—valedictorian of the Class of 2025, proud Scrapper, and a firm believer that none of us get anywhere alone.

As I stand here tonight, I'm not just thinking about grades or trophies. I'm thinking about God's grace, the support of my family, and the strength of this incredible community. I've learned that the most important victories in life aren't the ones with medals or titles—they're the ones where you show up, put others before yourself, and trust God to do what only He can.

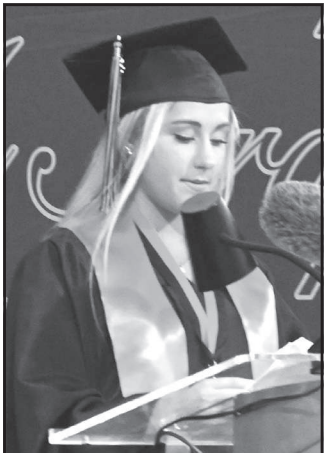
Our journey to this moment wasn't always easy. We faced setbacks, tough losses, long nights, and days when it felt like the finish line kept moving. But through it all, we leaned on each other—and more importantly, we leaned on Jesus Christ, our constant source of strength.

This town—the people in these stands—have shown up for us over and over again. You've reminded us what it means to live with grit, grace, and purpose.

That's the heart of a Scrapper—and the heart of this community.

So before I say anything else, let me say this:  
Thank you.  
To my family, who prayed me through every test and challenge.  
To my classmates, who encouraged and competed with me in all the best ways.  
And to Jesus, who was and always will be my anchor.

We're here tonight not because we were perfect—but because we were loved, we were supported, and we kept going. That's what faith does. That's what community does. And that's what Scrappers do.



Valedictorian  
Caroline Dean

Today isn't just about stats, GPAs, or trophies. It's about what it means to be a Scrapper. And let me tell you—it's not just a mascot. It's a mindset.

Being a Scrapper means showing up even when it's tough. It means diving for loose balls, staying up past midnight to finish that paper, helping someone else succeed even when you're racing for the same finish line. It means refusing to quit—even when you're the underdog and winning seems impossible.

I've learned that success doesn't come from standing alone at the top. It comes from pulling each other up, from teammates who push you harder and from teachers who believe in you even when you don't believe in yourself yet.

Tonight, as we celebrate this major milestone, I want to make one thing clear: We didn't get here alone.

This town? This school? This community carried us all here. Nashville shows up. Whether it's a basketball game, a band concert, an art show, a robotics competition, or a bake sale, you'll find the stands packed, the parking lot full, and someone's grandpa yelling, "LET'S GO!" whether

they know what's happening or not.

In 2022, I had the honor of being part of the first-ever girls' basketball state championship team. But what made it unforgettable wasn't just the win—it was looking into the crowd and seeing our entire town standing, cheering, and wearing more orange than should be legally allowed in one gym. That's the spirit of a Scrapper.

It's not just about how hard you work. It's about how we lift each other up. It's holding each other accountable, friends turning into family, and fans—young, old, and confused about the rules—who never let you forget that you're part of something bigger.

As we head out into the world, I hope we remember what it means to be from Nashville. I hope we show up for people like our town showed up for us. I hope we keep playing like Scrappers—tough, determined, and always with heart.

To the teachers, parents, and coaches who got us here: thank you. We owe you more than just this diploma. We'll never be able to pay you back, but hopefully we can pay it forward.

To my classmates—this isn't goodbye. It's just half-time. We're heading into a new game now, and while we might trade in our Scrapper jerseys for new titles—college students, employees, husbands and wives—I hope we carry the heart of a Scrapper with us wherever we go.

So go chase dreams, go make mistakes, and if life knocks you down... get back up.

Because once a Scrapper, always a Scrapper.

Thank you—and let's go win whatever game comes next.



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DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE. Gem Theater and Barton Grocery, 1930s.

Theater

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Williams had recently acquired 10 additional theaters including De Queen and Dierks.

The Gem Theater, which opened circa 1930, closed for about 90 days and reopened as the new Howard Theater, a modernized motion picture house that was described as the best in this part of the state.

**A Rich History**  
The Howard Theater is not the only business that started at 107/109 S. Main St. It began in 1903 as a general goods store, housing the Wilson & Galloway Grocery Store. The modern-day Nashville Coca-Cola Bottling Co. started here in 1911. A permanent wall was added in the late 1920s and divided the building into two businesses.

Photos depict Barton Grocery in what is now the Elberta Arts Center.

The Gem Theater opened and operated until 1939 at what is now the Nashville Chamber of Commerce location.

Many interesting things can be found at the chamber, if you know where to look. Look closely enough above the false ceiling, and you will travel back in time to the balcony of the Howard Theater. The original ceiling can be viewed, as well as sev-

eral comfort additions. An art mural can also be found to this day, located in the attic on the south side of the middle wall, depicting a landscape of hills, trees, and even a house.

**Howard Theater Renovations**  
The remodeled Gem Theater included a 42-foot extension on the rear of the building and a 10-foot rise of the ceiling, at an approximate cost of \$10,000. A circular marquee was added to the front of the building, brightly illuminated by neon and incandescent lights. A modernistic tower sign rose above the awning. Updates included new décor, additional seating, RCA wide-range sound, heavy drapes in deep wine velvet, and a modern ice-refrigerated drinking fountain.

*Nashville News* articles described another innovation, a concealed picture screen that would part the curtains at the push of a button.

**Cooling system**  
"The large cooling system which has been installed for the comfort of the patrons during the heated season, is one of the latest and most modern type. Of refrigerated washed air construction, the equipment is housed in a special airtight room atop the theater at the rear, some 25 feet in the air. This room is so constructed that germs and dust cannot possibly get into the air, which is brought into the theater. The air is washed through a series of pumps and discs, then delivered to

the auditorium through two large tumbler type fans. The washed air enters the auditorium through a six-foot opening in the ceiling. This equipment is controlled by an automatic system which keeps the temperature in the house at the range of 70 degrees in the hottest weather."

**Advanced Lighting**  
"Aisle lights placed at intervals provide convenience in seating patrons... the walls and ceiling of the theater have been decorated in contrasting pastel shades and four pilasters on each side carry tubular glass lighting fixtures that are controlled from the projection room. The lighting may be bright, dim, or colored, according to the need."

**Nashville Pride**  
Articles noted that the Williams organization left nothing undone that would provide comfort and pleasure for the patrons of the Howard. They wanted the theater-going public to have an institution of which they would be proud.

The movie house opened with a screening of Myrna Loy and Robert Taylor in "Lucky Night." Admission ranged from ten cents to twenty-five cents, plus tax.

The Howard Theater was closed in 1953 as the auto drive-in and Elberta Theater opened. This location is now the office of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce.

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Life is a highway - don't slow down

**By Tanner May**  
NHS salutatorian  
Good evening teachers, family, friends, and welcome to the Class of 2025 graduation ceremony. My name is Tanner May, and I have the honor of being selected as the salutatorian.

Tonight, we gather not just to celebrate a graduation, but a transformation. We arrived here thirteen years ago uncertain, untested, and—let's be honest—slightly shorter. And now, we leave stronger, wiser, and equipped with knowledge that goes far beyond textbooks.

Some people compare their high school experience to "High School Musical." But in reality, high school wasn't always as pretty. It was messy, complicated, and full of unexpected characters. But we were all just trying to find our place. And in the end, it wasn't about the destination—it was about the friends we met along the way. The ones who stood by us, made us laugh, and reminded us we weren't in it alone.

It's easy to look at graduation and see it as an ending—but really, it's a doorway. Behind us are the memories we made: late-night study sessions, hallway conversations, victories in the classroom and beyond. But the road ahead will not always be easy. We will fall down, but we will overcome our challenges. Because we are ready for the fight. We are not the weak—we are warriors.

We are entering a world that needs thinkers, doers, creators, and most of all—kind people. And while we each walk a different path from here, we carry the same roots. We are a class shaped by chal-



Salutatorian  
Tanner May

lenge, bonded by shared experience, and now launched into possibility.

We owe thanks to many—To our teachers, thank you. Your guidance and belief in our potential have shaped us into the individuals we are today. You've pushed us to excel academically and as thinkers, creators, and leaders. To our families, thank you for your unwavering support. Your encouragement has been the foundation that allowed us to keep going when we wanted to give up.

And to my fellow graduates, thank you. Each of you has shown incredible strength and resilience, whether in the classroom, on the field, or in personal struggles. Together, we have proven that we are not a group of individuals who merely made it through high school—we are warriors who fought for every achievement and overcame every obstacle that stood in our way.

This class has endured. We've overcome. We've grown. And now we are ready—not for perfection, but for purpose.

And if there's one thing I've learned, it's this:  
Life is a lot like a Subway sandwich. It won't be handed to you perfectly wrapped and ready.

You have to build it yourself—one choice at a time. It can be messy. It might not look like someone else's. But in the end, it's yours. So stack it high, and make it something you're proud of.

Whether your future holds college, work, travel, service—or something completely unexpected—I hope you run toward it with the same energy you used to bolt out the doors on the last day of finals.

Because in the end, life isn't about being the best. It's about being bold, staying curious, and making it count.

Life is a highway—don't slow down.

Live long and prosper. And as Mr. Horne would say: May the force be with you.

Thank you, and congratulations to us all.

School

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new requirements at its next meeting.

One of the biggest changes will involve students' cell phones.

A new state law requires that students not have access to the devices during the school day.

Districts "have to enforce it," Graham said.

The state has provided little guidance on dealing with phones.

"I have second thoughts," Graham said. "We live in a world of phones. I don't know if cell phones are a big issue when I go to junior high and high school."

Early last fall, the state recommended that districts purchase pouches to put the

phones in all day.

"They kind of turned into a bust," Graham said. "One superintendent who bought them says they are stored in a closet. I'm glad we slow played it and didn't spend a lot of money."

The district "will have to come up with a plan and consequences" for students who have phones.

One issue from 2024-25 will be back for the coming year, Graham said. "That's getting a handle on enrollment. Between private and home schools and four-day weeks, I don't know how it will play out."

Nashville's enrollment was "way down in August, then came back. Is that a trend? We worked up to 1,794 by the end of the year after we dropped to 1,690. It got better the longer the year went," according to Graham.

Jobs lost when Husqvarna closed "had an impact. We knew that would be a reality."

With summer well underway, Graham said maintenance is an "immediate issue." School will be back in session in less than two months. "There's lots of painting, waxing, carpet cleaning" and other matters to take care of before classes begin August 4.

"It will be here before we know it."

Along with the first day of school, the football season also kicks off in August, with the first game set Aug. 29 at Magnolia.

"Right now, we're zero and zero," Graham said. "I'm enjoying what Coach [Brad] Chesshir has brought to the Nashville School District so far. The kids are working hard. We're hoping for the best."

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

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**FIRE CLOSES MURPHY USA PUMPS FOR REPAIRS.** The accident that happened on Tuesday, June 3 at Murphy USA's Nashville location has temporarily closed the gas pumps for major repairs. The store part of the business will remain open during the repairs. The accident involved driver Joe Bill Scoggins, 85, of Nashville, who apparently lost control of his 1996 Dodge Dakota while attempting to get gas. A witness reported that Scoggins' truck had started to roll back once he had exited at the pump and was dragging him backwards as he held on to the steering wheel. Scoggins was able to get the vehicle stopped and put it in drive but was then unable to get it stopped again before it hit the gas pump and ignited the fire, according to a report by the Nashville Police Department. Damage to the building is estimated at \$100,000. Scoggins' truck burned in the incident was declared a total loss. No citations were issued.

## Four Murders in Four Wars by Four Authors Delight author hosting book launch June 14

GLENWOOD - Veteran author Penny Richards of Glenwood, would like to invite the public to the book launch of *The July Fourth Murders*, an anthology collection co-authored with three Texas friends: Janis Patterson, Sandy Steen, and James Gaskin.

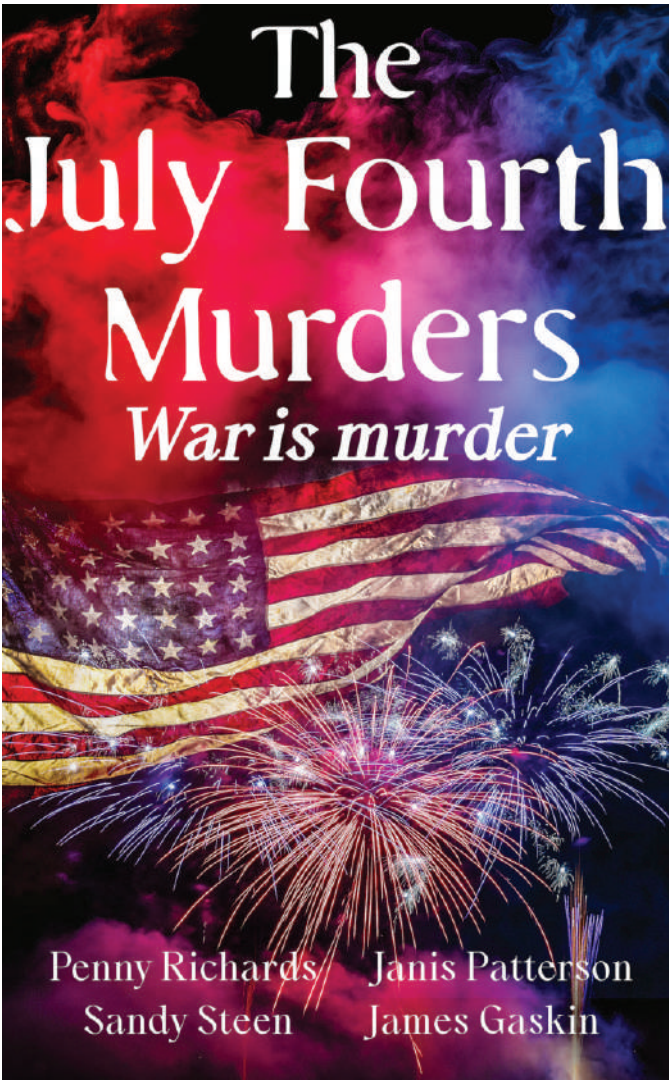
The patriotic mystery collection, honoring America's ongoing fight for our freedoms, unfolds during four separate time periods and four different wars.

*Independence Day*, by Penny Richards, offers her version of the Revolutionary War's question of who really fired "the shot heard round the world."

Janis Patterson uncovers the person behind the threat to General George Pershing's life in her WWI story, *Lafayette, We Are Here*. Sandy Steen's *Murder Is Riveting*, is set against the backdrop of an airplane factory during WWII and deals with both murder and treason, and James Gaskin's *Saigon Sucks* paints a vivid, disturbing picture of a soldier's life in Vietnam and the murder of a visiting band manager.

The book launch will be celebrated in *Delight*, June 14, Flag Day, from noon until 3:00 at the Sweet and Salty on Antioch Street.

Other launch events include a reading of *The ABCs Of Being B.R.A.V.E.* (Building Respect and Values for Everyone) at 1:00 by Miss Natural State Elementary, eight-year-old Annslee Sutton, followed by a flag raising ceremony at 2:00 by the Pike County 4-H, to honor and thank our veterans. [www.JulyFourthMurders.com](http://www.JulyFourthMurders.com)  
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## NPD issues warning about text message scam making rounds

A recent text message scam has resulted in the Nashville Police Department to issue a warning online:

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**The contents of the scam text message is as follows:**

Arkansas Vehicle Administration(DMV) Final Notice: Enforcement Penalties Begin on June 8.

Our records show that as of today, you still have an outstanding traffic ticket. In accordance with ARKANSAS Administrative Code 15C-16.003, if you do not

complete payment by June 7, 2025, we will take the following actions:

1. Report to the DMV violation database
2. Suspend your vehicle registration starting June 8
3. Suspend driving privileges for 30 days
4. Transfer to a toll booth and charge a 35% service fee
5. You may be prosecuted and your credit score will be affected

Pay Now: <https://ardot.gov-zjxm.life/pay>

Please pay immediately before enforcement to avoid license suspension and further legal disputes.

(Reply Y and re-open this message to click the link, or copy it to your browser.)

## ASP investigating Mount Ida death, needs help locating vehicle

MOUNT IDA - On Saturday, June 7, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Arkansas State Police (ASP) Criminal Investigation Division (CID) with a missing person's case.

When Special Agents arrived, they found evidence of foul play. A suspect was identified and taken into custody on Saturday, June 7, 2025. Human remains were discovered near the suspect's Mount Ida property.

The suspect has been charged with second-degree battery, kidnapping and tampering with physical evidence and is being held at the Montgomery County Detention Center. Additional charges are pending.

ASP is asking for the public's help in locating a black 2011 GMC Terrain with Arkansas plate AEV 26R. Anyone with information about the vehicle's location should call ASP Troop K at (501) 767-8550.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available. The investigation is ongoing.

## Murfreesboro Juneteenth event starts Friday night, ends Sunday

The City of Murfreesboro and the Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring the second annual Juneteenth celebration in Murfreesboro.

Juneteenth is actually Thursday, June 19, but activities will be held in advance starting this Friday, June 13.

That night a meet and greet will be held for all attendees and the public at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building starting at 5 p.m.

On Saturday morning, June 14, the festivities will kick off with a parade down Washington Avenue to the Murfreesboro City Park. The parade will begin its procession starting at 10 a.m., with lineup beginning at 9:45 in the Harvill Insurance parking lot.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. activities will be held at the park.

Later that night, at 8 p.m., a street dance will be held on Mauney Street in Murfreesboro.

On Sunday, all attendees and the public will be invited to church services at the Mauney Street Church of Christ starting at 9 a.m.

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The dates are **June 9, 2025 thru June 30, 2025. Monday-Friday.**

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## Howard County District Court

**May 29, 2025**  
*BF=Bond Forfeited*  
**Howard County**  
Batson, Harry L., 76, Mineral Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$250; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course  
Brown, Jason E., 45, Lockesburg, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Clayton, Jerry, 28, Fulton, guilty of speeding, fined \$270; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$345  
Combs, Austin B., 23, Nashville, \$220 BF, drinking in public  
Dixon, Gregory D., 56, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,715 owed, committed to jail  
Donato, Sabrina L., 42, Lockesburg, \$230 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Garcia, Remedios Perez, 45, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Isham, Kenneth De-wayne, 33, Mineral Springs, \$405 BF, speeding  
Jefferson, Miltja, 27, Nashville, \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Marlar, Brett Suzanne, 43, Prescott, \$185 BF, no splash guards  
McMillian, Brandon R., 46, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Peden, Kelly, 50, Umpire, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license  
Peer, Kathleen M., 67, Nashville, \$230 BF, speeding  
Petatan, Edward, 40, De Queen, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Puga, Fortino J., 66, De Queen, \$250 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Ritter, Melissa, 45, Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags  
Rogers, Timothy, 35, De Queen, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$125; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70  
Sanders, Almen D., 38, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Seavers, Debra A., 58, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$250; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$345  
Stoll, Austin Jared, 18, Blossom, Texas, \$290 BF, speeding  
Taylor, Ashton Leon, 21, Ashdown, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Williams, Anita, 43, Washington, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

**City of Nashville**  
Burruss, Darrell E., 70, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,585 owed  
Chandler, Talen Grant, 34, Horatio, \$270 BF, over-width  
Gosnell, Stanley, Jr., 52, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Lopez, Jose, 35, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$195 BF, failure to appear  
Lorenzo Rivera, Richard A., 38, Carlsbad, N.M., \$240 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Mays, Nickie A., 44, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$5,246 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions  
Pryor, Dariyona R., 19, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Sanders, Almen D., 38, Nashville, guilty of first-degree criminal mischief, fined \$100 plus \$3,430 restitution  
Seavers, Debra A., 58, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$150  
Shields, Reginald Kentral, 27, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Shorter, George R., 56, Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Speech, Kaquanta, 53, Foreman, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$755 owed  
Thornton, Christopher

D., 19, Saratoga, guilty of minor in possession/consumption, fined \$220 and ordered to complete alcohol educational course; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months  
Wiley, Warren M., 45, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

**City of Dierks**  
Bruce, Christopher D., 46, Newhope, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Horton, Alexas, 29, Little Rock, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Kesterson, Tiffany D., 36, Dierks, \$195 BF, no child restraint; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Pollard, Bruce G. Sr., 60, Lockesburg, \$270 BF, failure to maintain/repair/access  
West, Robert Wayne, 68, Maypearl, Texas, \$270 BF, overwrite

**City of Mineral Springs**  
Batson, Harry L., 76, Mineral Springs, guilty of DWI #2, fined \$1,660, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course  
Sanders, Almen D., 38, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285



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**BACK TO THE TOP.** Workers returned last week to cap off the work on a cell tower located alongside the water tower near Fourth Street in Nashville.

**Juneteenth Celebrations Saturday**  
**Mineral Springs**  
Juneteenth in the Park  
11:00  
**Schaal Community**  
Freedom Day Celebration  
Theme: Black Men Unite

### Blood drive this Friday at Pike County Health Fair

A "Give The Spice Of Life" blood drive will be held in Murfreesboro on Friday, June 13.  
The drive will be a part of the Pike County 4-H Health Fair from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
The Pike County Extension offices are located at 100 Court Street, Suite A.  
If a interested party wanted to schedule their blood donation for a specific time, visit [donor.lifeshare.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/281364](https://donor.lifeshare.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/281364).

### Community tribute June 14 for Scrapper legacies

There will be a community drop-in tribute to Scrapper legacies on Saturday, June 14 at the New Light CME, located to 1301 S. Mill, Nashville.  
The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will honor Rev. Willie Benson, Maurice Johnson, Jamie Erby and La'Michael Pettway.  
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**Find and circle these words that tell about Dads:**

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Dad and I are going to wash and wax the car.

I'm designing and sewing a new tie for my father.

dessert math swim windows stars K television game jokes car bike

**1. First, fill in the blanks below with the word that makes sense.**  
**2. Next, match each sentence's beginning to its ending.**  
**3. Last, put each word in the crossword puzzle!**  
(Be a sport – let Dad help you! The first one is done.)

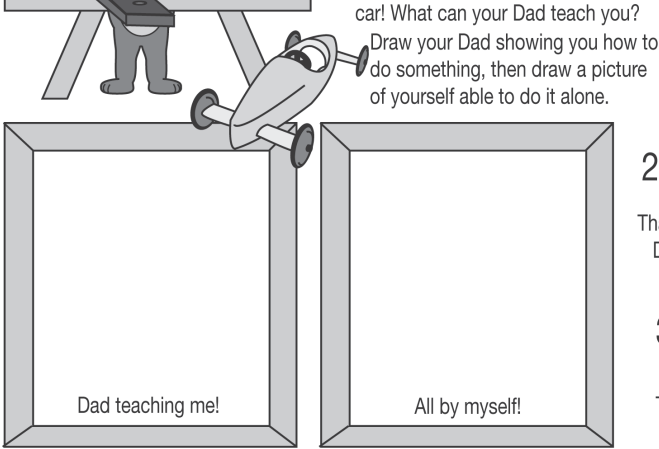
#### Thanks, Dad, for ...

- closing my bedroom windows
  - whipping your special \_\_\_\_\_ and letting me
  - taking me to \_\_\_\_\_ at the lake
  - sledding in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - teaching me how to ride my \_\_\_\_\_
  - showing me how to \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool
- A. and putting the worms on the hook for me.  
B. lick the spoon.  
C. then getting me a band-aid for my small scrape!  
D. and teaching me water safety.  
E. and keeping out thunderous storms.  
F. and later giving me warm, dry clothes.

- helping me to study my \_\_\_\_\_
- playing a \_\_\_\_\_
- setting up the family \_\_\_\_\_
- telling me some of your favorite \_\_\_\_\_
- taking me where I need to go in the \_\_\_\_\_
- letting me stay up late to study the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. and cheering for me when I understand the lessons.  
B. and making me laugh so hard.  
C. and helping to pick up the pieces.  
D. and making sure I've buckled up.  
E. and showing me the constellations.  
F. and untangling all the wires.

### Picture This!



My Dad worked with me to make wooden frames for our family's favorite photos. Then, we tackled a bigger project and built a soapbox car! What can your Dad teach you?  
Draw your Dad showing you how to do something, then draw a picture of yourself able to do it alone.

### Secret Messages For Dad!

Add and subtract letters from the names of the pictures to fill in the blanks and see 3 messages for Dad:

1. - E + - R U = \_\_\_\_\_  
Thanks, Dad, for ... \_\_\_\_\_ !

2. + CH in the - STICK \_\_\_\_\_  
Thanks, Dad, for playing ... \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ !

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# Home&Heart

## Ahhh, Peaches!

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

Peach season is here! Peaches are a classic sign of summer, and many love the sweet, juicy flesh found inside. Folks around here are no strangers to peaches, but I was surprised about the rich history and versatility the delicate fruit offers.

Peaches originated in China where they were considered a source of longevity and good luck. Christopher Columbus was probably the person responsible for bringing peaches to America on his second or third voyage. Then settlers and Native Americans spread peaches to many regions in the US that would support the growth of the fruit.

The scientific name for the peach, *Prunus persica*, literally means “Persian plum,” and the Romans called the peach a “Persian apple.” The French translated that name to “pêche,” which ultimately led to the English name for the peach today.

You’ll find the tastiest peaches at local farmers markets, roadside stands and u-pick farms until August. If you buy from a market or stand, they were likely picked the day before.

Supermarket peaches may not be as appetizing, because they are often picked before they are fully ripened and shipped to the store. If you buy peaches that are

too firm, let them sit out on the counter in a brown paper bag until they are soft and have a sweet fragrance. Peaches should not be refrigerated before they are ripened because this could cause them to lose flavor and have a mealy texture. Avoid green peaches because they will not turn sweet even if their skin changes color.

Once you have chosen the type of peach, look for a yellow or creamy color. The amount of “blush” on the skin is representative of the variety, not ripeness. Peaches are delicate, so handle them carefully. The fuzz on a peach’s skin, known as trichomes, helps protect the fruit from pests, insects, and even sun damage. This protective layer helps ensure the fruit develops properly and resists premature rot.

Peaches are classified as clingstone or freestone. In clingstones, the flesh adheres tightly, or “clings” to the pit and are more suitable for processing and preserving into jams, jellies and preserves because they better retain flavor and soft texture during processing. Freestone peaches easily separate from the pit or easily become “free,” and many people eat them fresh, or they can easily be frozen or dried.

One large peach has only 68 calories, 17 grams of carbohydrates, 3 dietary fiber and 2 grams protein. They are fat free, cholesterol free,

sodium free, and a good source of vitamins A and C.

Here is a recipe that I know you will enjoy using fresh peaches! Special thanks to Carla Due and Extension publication FCS502 (Arkansas Fresh Peaches).

**Fresh Peach Salsa**  
3 1/2 cups of diced peeled peaches (about 2 1/2 pounds)  
1/4 cup diced red onion  
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro  
1 tablespoon minced seeded jalapeño pepper  
1 tablespoon white vinegar  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
1 garlic clove, minced  
Combine all ingredients in a bowl and stir well. Cover and chill. Serve with tortilla chips, pork, chicken or fish.

Serves 14. Serving size: 1/4 cup  
Calories: 22 Carbohydrate: 6 g Protein: 0 g Fiber: 1 g Fat: 0 g Cholesterol: 0 mg Sodium: 1 mg.

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SHOT WORK

Emma Manasco works on her shooting

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**Avery’s Chapel to celebrate annual ‘Fourth Sunday’ in June as part of 170th year observance**

As part of Avery Chapel’s 170th year observance, the chapel will celebrate its annual “Fourth Sunday in June” homecoming on Sunday, June 22.

**Public invited to Milford Union Church all-day singing on June 15 near Lockesburg**

The public is invited to an all-day singing on June 15 at the Milford Union Church which is located near Lockesburg. The singing will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch at noon. Singing will resume after the lunch. The church is located southeast of Lockesburg off Highway 317 at Milford Road. For more information call Frankie Slaton at 870-784-6272.

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## Locals graduate from Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts

### Mineral Springs student honored as guest speaker

HOT SPRINGS — The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts held its 31st annual Commencement celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2025 at the Oaklawn Event Center on Saturday, May 17.

A coed from Mineral Springs was chosen as one of the commencement speakers.

The ceremony honored 95 graduates from 36 counties. The graduates earned \$25.2 million in scholarship offers, pushing the overall total to \$353.7 million over the school’s history.

Giuseppe “Seppy” Basili, the executive director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, served as Commencement speaker. Karilynn Arellano of Mineral Springs and Hailey Judkins of Benton, both members of the Class of 2025, were student speakers.

Arellano spoke to her classmates about the challenges they have faced during their time at ASMSA, acknowledging that it isn’t just the good times that define them as people. When she first arrived at ASMSA, Arellano thought she had a future career in engineering planned, but she began to question that after taking calculus. The class never clicked for her as she had hoped.

“And then the thoughts came: What if this one class ruins everything I’ve worked so hard for? I was scared that one bad grade

meant I didn’t deserve the future I dreamed of,” she said.

But the challenges of the class and her ASMSA experience helped her realize something — the desire to be a pilot. “Coming to ASMSA made me realize that I shouldn’t give up on my passion just because it’s different from what I originally planned,” Arellano said, adding that while she may not have made it into her initial dream school that she still planned to study engineering while pursuing a career in aviation.

Area grads included: Howard County -- Karilynn Arellano of Mineral Springs, Berto Garcia Jr. of Nashville, Katherine Quintanilla of Nashville.



**MJHS CHEER BRINGS HOME FIRST PLACE.** The Murfreesboro Junior High School cheerleaders recently brought home a first-place trophy from Junior High Game Day Cheer. The team also received the following awards: Technical Excellence in Jam Stunts, and Stay SAFE award for stunts along with eight members being nominated for All-American. Lainey Beene and Addy Silva were selected for the honor. Silva also won the Top Gun Dance event and the team had an overall Superior Rating on all material. Team members include (front) Jacee Chaney, Lainey Beene, Kaydee Kuykendall, Amaya Zacarias, Abby Howard; (back) Larsyn Tidwell, Carsyn Ballard, Kyndahl Posey, Addy Silva, Alyx Clark, Graisyne Roberts, Madi Drapper, Kailani Cox and Ava Harr.

## Glenwood man facing charges after punching police chief

A Glenwood man has been charged in Pike County after an intoxicated incident on the river last month when he allegedly punched the local police chief.

Kevin Taylor, 39, was charged with second-degree battery Monday involving a May 13 incident where the Glenwood Police Department was called to the Highway 8 bridge over the Caddo River about two males who were intoxicated and causing a disturbance.

When an officer arrived, he located one male lying face down in the river and the other male attempting to drag him out. One of the males involved, later identified as Caleb Cates, fled the scene toward Elm Street. The officer reported Cates was “highly intoxicated” and stated his friend, Kevin Taylor, needed help under the bridge.

Taylor was also “highly intoxicated” when he was located and was trying to fight his friend.

When Glenwood Police Chief Greg Harmon arrived to de-escalate the situation, Taylor allegedly punched the chief.

With the help of two officers and a first-responder, Taylor was placed in handcuffs. Harmon was slightly injured in the ruckus including bruised ribs.

After an evaluation by an ambulance crew, Taylor was transported to the Pike County jail. Taylor has yet to have a court date.

On June 5, Robert Glen Wells, 37, of Mena, was charged in Pike County with felony forgery.

According to case information, Wells is accused of passing counterfeit money, all with the exact same fake serial numbers, at the John Plyler Home Center, and possibly other places in Polk County.

Surveillance video led the Glenwood Police Department to Wells.

Wells had yet to have a court date.

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

TO: **TANYA DAVIS**  
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**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  
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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.

Administrator, Charles Littlefield  
332 County Line Road N  
Nashville, AR 71852  
870-557-2408  
(pd. 50, 51)




3 bedroom, 2 full baths, log home situated on approx. 36 wooded acres. Central A/C and Heat (Heat Pump). Home has built in vacuum system. Property has mother in law quarters with central A/C & Heat. Property has raised planting beds and various fruit plants. RANGE / MICROWAVE / REFRIGERATOR / WASHER-DRYER / UPRIGHT FREEZER convey with sell of home. Home and all utility buildings have metal roofing. shop has AC/Heat.

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(BD: 51)

### 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.

Jaise McIntosh, Administrator  
BY: Victor Martin, ABN 2018116  
Attorney at Law  
420 N. Main, Suite One  
P. O. Box 922  
Nashville, AR 71852  
(870) 845-5256 phone  
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(VM: 50, 51)

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**LENDING A HAND TO PAWS.** The Senior Adult Center in Murfreesboro has made donations to PAWS in Glenwood to help care for the many animals that were confiscated in an abuse case from Montgomery County that was detailed in last week's newspaper. Some of the center's senior members carried such items as cat and dog food, paper towels, bleach, towels, bowls, gloves, wormer, puppy pads, scrub pads, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, sheets, collars, flea spray and monetary donations given on behalf of the senior center participants. Pictured with a donated load of items are (from left) Marlene Steen, Mary Hill and Debbie Whisenhunt.

All A&B -- Easton Adams, Lia Gracia, Niomi Heard,

Hignight, Esynce Hopkins, Matthew Longtin, Jackie Matthews, Adalyn Moore, Taylor Spoo, Mylie Winton.

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or visit **[howardmemorial.com/our-services/robotic-surgery](http://howardmemorial.com/our-services/robotic-surgery)**







Nashville Junior Orange was the state runner-up at the Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Tournament. The group includes Coach Ashley Hale, Rhett Young, Jacob Hale, Ace McKinnon, Ethan Hamilton, Tyler Castleman and Nick Adams from Grandview.



The Nashville senior trap team was 32nd at state. The group includes Carter Ewing, Will McGough, Caney White, Brady Dixon and Creed Foster.



Shooting sports team members were recognized at a banquet last week. Coach Ashley Hale presented Straights on the Season Awards to Corban Perez, 25; Taylor Bush, 25; Zac Hester, 25; Tyler Castleman, 25 & 50; Ace McKinnon, 50; and Jacob Hale (50). Not pictured: Landen Arbuthnott, 50 & 75.



Coach Ashley Hale presents the 2025 Top Shot Female Award to Emily Wescott during the team banquet.



Hayden Harrison (right) receives the Newcomer of the Year Award from Coach Ashley Hale.

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**Bus Location and times**

- 10:45 - 10:55 - DAB West Clark Street
- 11:00 - 11:10 - Brentwood Apartments (7th and Gulch)
- 11:15 - 11:25 - Dilford St Apartments (Ordway Center Circle)
- 11:30 - 11:40 - Talend Heights Park (Evergreen and Frisco)
- 11:45 - 11:55 - Williams Memorial Church
- 12:00 - 12:05 - Corner of Henderson and Washington
- 12:10 - 12:20 - South Pine St and Kirtle (Smedley)
- 12:25 - 12:30 - McLaughlin Trailer Park
- 12:30 - 12:35 - B and W Trailer Park
- 12:40 - 12:45 - Roadtree Trailer Park
- 12:50 - 1:05 - Diamond Lodge Trailer Park
- 1:10 - 1:20 - Admin Building

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Pizza on Tuesday and Thursday (only served at Primary)

**Pick up at Primary School and go to choose between 2 different options!! 11 - 12:30**

**June 9th - July 18th**  
Monday - Friday

- Must be 18 or under to receive a meal. Parents and/or guardians can pick up for children.

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Nashville teachers with a three-year average student growth rate of 80 percent or higher on state-mandated tests were recognized at a recent school board meeting. The group includes Joanna Howard, Kathryn Hughes, Sydney Howard, Amanda Brown, Tabitha Jones, Lindsey Moore, Ashton Conrad, Mindy Brinkman, Ginny Schwope, Heather Harmon, Kynnedi Parnell, Jennifer Johnson, Valerie Gillaspay, Superintendent Doug Graham and Jason Newton.



Superintendent Doug Graham joins teachers with district-wide highest individual growth scores in 2024. The group includes Mindy Brinkman, Ashton Conrad, Ginny Schwope, Karlie Worley, Tabitha Jones and Graham.



Teachers with 80 percent or higher student growth in 2024 include Deidra Murphy, Viviana Bustamante, Ashley Simmons, Becky Fortenberry, Nicole Ray and Superintendent Doug Graham.

79 days remaining in the Countdown to the Scrappers' season opener at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at Magnolia



## The City of Mineral Springs

### HONORING JUNETEENTH CELEBRATING FREEDOM

**Theme: Honoring your Past to Advance your Future**

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

**Guest Speakers**

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## SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

**Area football teams**

**Football players** at Dierks, Mineral Springs, Nashville and Murfreesboro have completed spring practice and are settling in to their summer schedules. Activities for most will include workouts, team camps and 7-on-7 competition. Fall camp will begin Aug. 4, with benefit games between Aug. 17 and Aug. 30. Zero Week will be Aug. 25-29, with many teams across the state playing their season openers.

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