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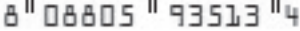
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## By Melanie Schwartz

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# OBITUARIES



**Billy Ray Bean**  
Billy Ray Bean, age 92, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Monday, June 30, 2025 in Texarkana, Texas. He was born on June 21, 1933, in Bakersfield, Calif., to the late Vernon L. Bean and Katherine Garsee Bean. Mr. Bean was a remarkable individual and a man of many talents. He began his aviation career with the United States Air Force. It was during this time that he married his wife, Louise, on Feb. 12, 1955. After leaving the military, he went on to become a commercial pilot for the following 40 years with United Airlines. Following his retirement, he continued to fly his personal airplane, even until the age of 90. An accomplishment he was most proud of was being awarded the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to commemorate safe flight operations for over 50 years. Bill was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Ashdown. He taught classes and played guitar for worship. He also served as treasurer for numerous years. He was deeply rooted in his faith and was an avid Bible student. Conversations with Bill often involved discussion of his faith in God and what He had done for him. Although spending most of their lives in Eatonville, Wash., nearing his retirement Bill and Louise moved to be close to her family in Nashville. Here, they acquired and managed her family's cattle operation,

the Four Sisters Ranch. He served on the Board of Directors for the Howard County Fair and Livestock Association for well over 30 years. He wore many hats in this position including, but not limited to, treasurer, renting out facilities and general handyman. Bill was also involved with the Howard County Search and Rescue and enjoyed beekeeping. After his wife's passing, Bill fell in love with Juanita Sledge and shared many cherished memories with her. He enjoyed spending time with all of his family and friends. He also loved to hunt elk in Oregon with his dear friend, Wade Thuline. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Charlotte Louise Whitten Bean, a grandson, Josiah Robinson Bean, and a brother, Richard Bean. Those left to cherish his memory include his four sons and daughters-in-law: Billy Bean and Jmichele, Walt Bean and Donna, Lynn Bean and Donna and Keith Bean and Katie; his constant companion, Juanita Sledge; a daughter, Chasity May; nine grandchildren, a number of great-grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Nashville. A funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Maranatha Baptist Church with Bro. Donnie Westbrook, and Walter Bean, USAF Col (Ret) officiating. Interment will follow in Bluff Springs Cemetery near Mineral Springs, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville. You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com). **John David Watson**  
John David Watson, 62, of the Tokio community died Saturday, June 28, 2025.

He was born Sept. 4, 1962, in Murfreesboro, Arkansas the son of the late Olen Watson and Johnnie (Greer) Watson. Survivors include: a son, John David Watson, Jr., and wife Allie (Featherston) Watson of Pisgah; a brother, Larry Watson of Murfreesboro; a sister, Patti (Watson) Graves of Murfreesboro; also grandchildren. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Sunday, June 29, 2025, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro. **Daniel Austin Nuttle**  
Daniel Austin Nuttle, age 28, of Austin, Ark., passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2025, in Little Rock, Ark. He was born Oct. 22, 1996, in Hot Springs, Ark., the son of Frank and Milly Cox Nuttle. Firstly, was an amazing father to 3 beautiful girls, Raelynn Nuttle, Sadie Connelly, and Sawyer Cardin, not to exclude his niece he was also like a father to, Abby Cox. He was an amazing girl dad, always present in the moment. He loved being a father to these girls. He had an obsession with his shoes, he stated "he would have a shoe collection bigger than any woman could ever dream". He loved basketball, especially when he could play one on one with Raelynn. He could bust a move like no other, and singing along to whatever song came on. He also favored his hair, in his infamous man bun. Danni Cardin, came into his life years ago, but they didn't put lock to key until February 6th, 2025, the short 4 months they got to spend together was the best Danni

could have asked for. He asked her to marry him all the time, but she would say no it was too soon, in two years time she would say yes, but he knew she was his from the very beginning. Abby was like his own, he was there to cut her umbilical cord, she was his baby before Raelynn was. His best buddy and brother from another mother, Nate Garner, if you seen one the other was right behind, fought like husband and wife, but would do anything for each other. He had over come so much and wanted to prove to everyone what he was capable of, which was great things. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Donna Nuttle Vail; maternal grandparents, John Floyd and Dianna Kay Cox; and one Aunt Christy Staten. Survivors include his daughter Raelynn Marie Nuttle of Goodland, Kans.; fiancé Danni Cardin of Austin, Ark.; two step-daughters Sawyer Cardin, and Sadie Conley both of Austin, Ark.; his parents Frank and Milly Nuttle of Nashville, Ark.; one sister Brittney Cox and husband Hunter of Pike City, Ark.; paternal grandfather Larry Frank Nuttle and wife Debbie of Nashville, Ark.; one niece Abby Cox, three nephews Bentley, Maverick, and Dutton all of Pike City, Ark.; one uncle John Mark Cox and wife Brandy of Murfreesboro, Ark.; one aunt Angie Lingo and husband Junior of Murfreesboro, Ark.; as well as a number of cousin and many, many friends. Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville. You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com). **Eddie White**  
Eddie White, 82, of Nashville died June 24, 2025. He was born Aug. 16, 1942, in Ben Lomond to the late Snoe Belle Graves-Grundy. He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma White; brothers Leon White, Sr., Nathaniel White, Sr., Elton Wayne Chambers, Milton Grundy, Jr., and Terry Grundy; and sisters Betty White and Salina Marshall. Survivors include: his children, Garland (Kim) White, Elton Jones, and Jeff Jones; siblings Jean Dawson and Eleanor White, both of Oklahoma City; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation was Monday, June 30, at M&H Memorial Chapel, Hope. Funeral services were Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Maranatha Baptist Church, Nashville, followed by burial at Sunset Gardens Cemetery, W. Leslie St., Nashville. Arrangements by McFadden & Hitchye Funeral Enterprises, Hope.



**EARLY FOR DUTIES.** New Mineral Springs School Board member Kay Munson arrived early Tuesday evening to read over materials for her first meeting on the board. She replaces veteran board member Dorothy Vaughn who served more than 20 years on the board.



**THE AUTHORITY ON PEACHES.** Lou Jamison of Jamison Orchards spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club last Wednesday about Howard County's famed sweet fruit. "Our biggest gamble is with the weather, she said, but other headaches include equipment, pests and chemical costs. Her enterprise is a third-generation family business. She said she had about 2,200 trees on 11.5 acres, and grows 38 varieties.

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### Stress-test your retirement portfolio in volatile markets

If you're planning to retire within the next few years — or you've recently retired — market volatility may feel especially unsettling. After years of saving and planning, you're now entering a stage where your portfolio may shift from growth to providing income. The five-year window before and after your retirement date is especially critical — when market downturns can have an outsized impact on your long-term financial security. While you can't control the markets, there are meaningful steps you can take to "stress-test" your retirement income, so it is not consumed entirely by market drops before you stop working.

- Explore your short- and medium-term income needs. One of the most important steps to take is to understand how much of your portfolio you'll need to rely on for income. It depends on your other income sources such as Social Security, IRAs, 401ks, pensions and wages if you work in retirement. You'll want to avoid taking too much from your portfolio in response to a decline because that could increase

the likelihood that your money may not last through retirement. A financial advisor can help you determine your threshold for monthly withdrawals, based on your income needs, long-term outlook, inflation and risk tolerance.

- Review your emergency fund. Are you able to set aside at least three to six months' worth of essential expenses in cash or very low-risk investments? That could allow you to avoid digging too deeply into your portfolio or selling stocks or other volatile assets at a loss if the market drops. The income bridge from an emergency fund gives your longer-term investments time to recover and can reduce stress during down markets. You may even find you want more than six months in this fund to help weather emergencies, depending on your risk and your comfort level.
- Review your mix. As you approach or begin retirement, does your portfolio reflect your need for stability and income? You may need to reduce exposure to riskier assets such as stocks and increase holdings in more stable ones, like bonds or cash


equivalents. Your ideal allocation depends on your risk tolerance, spending needs and other income sources. The goal is to shield your savings from major losses just as you begin drawing from them.

- Consider market swings. If the value of your portfolio dropped 20% tomorrow and stayed there for a period of time, would you need to change your lifestyle or spending immediately? Would you need to go back to work? If your answer is yes, revisit your asset allocation or spending plan. A more conservative approach may offer less upside but can provide greater confidence during the early years of retirement.

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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



Polk Meeting House, Muddy Fork. Established by Taylor Polk in the mid-1880s. Used as a church, school and town meeting house until circa 1930.

**123 years ago: July 1902**  
Three boys, about grown, named Turrentine, Graves and Burk held up another person on a street in Hope last Wednesday night and robbed him of all he had - a dime and a pocketknife. They are now in jail at Washington on the charge of highway robbery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Walston, who reside near Daisy, Pike County, boarded a train at this place yesterday morning in route to Paul's Valley, Indian Territory to visit a daughter.

Mr. Walston is 76 years of age and his wife is 56, and yesterday was the first time that either of them ever rode on a railway train, and the second time Mrs. Walston ever saw one. "It is a long trip for two old people to go on a train," said Mr. Walson, "but I guess we will make it all right.

**79 years ago: July 1946**  
Howard County home-makers are being urged

during National Food Preservation Week to preserve their share of the plentiful Arkansas peach crop by Francille Killion, home demonstration agent. Peaches can be preserved by canning, freezing or drying, she pointed out. One bushel of fruit will make 18 to 24 quarts of canned or frozen peaches or about 7 pounds of dried fruit.

The War Department said tonight that in the future it may be necessary to consider the induction of men through age 35, but it has made no such recommendation to President Harry Truman. (Adv.) At the Liberty Theatre Friday and Saturday, Wild Bill Elliott as Red Ryder in "California Gold Rush."

**63 years ago: July 1962**  
Stanley Davis Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Mitchell, Doyle Dean Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle R. Marshall, Larry Johnson Thornton, son of

Mrs. Maggie Thornton, and Delwin Devonne Breedlove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl William Breedlove, all of Mineral Springs, have enlisted in the U. S. Navy.

All four are undergoing basic training at the U. S. Navy Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and all are graduates of Mineral Springs High School.

**42 years ago: July 1983**  
A 75-year old Glenwood woman, Ida L. Welch, was killed in a two-car accident Sunday evening. Manslaughter charges have been filed against the driver, 24-year-old A.J. Cogburn of Caddo Gap, who registered .34 on a blood alcohol test. The accident occurred one-half mile west of Salem on Highway 84.

Ulysses Atkins of 1109 South Mill Street reported on June 30 a break in at his barbershop at that address. Cigarettes and change from a vending machine were reported taken.

## Two defendants sentenced; trial dates set for five others

Two defendants were sentenced after pleading guilty or true last Wednesday during the regular day for criminal court here.

On the bench was Judge Bryan Chesshir.

Kyrell Sockwell, 33, black male, Prescott, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of fleeing, and pleaded true to failure to meet the terms of his probation on a previous conviction. He was sentenced to three years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) on each charge to be served concurrently.

A guilty plea was also given by Samara Griffin, 31, black female, Texarkana, who was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and second degree battery. She was sentenced to two years in the ADC.

**Trial dates**  
Trial dates were set for five defendants who entered not guilty pleas.

Blake Seavers, 37, white male, Nashville, is charged with delivery of controlled substance. Motions will be heard July 2.

Nick Lemons, 32, white male, Nashville, is charged with felon in possession of a firearm. Motions will be heard July 30.

Takendrick Hopkins, 25, black male, Nashville, is

charged with aggravated assault and second degree criminal mischief. Motions will be heard Aug. 27.

Marlon Benson, 51, black male, Nashville, is charged with delivery of controlled

substance. Motions will be heard Aug. 27.

Dalton Jordan, 34, white male, Nashville, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Motions will be heard Aug. 6.

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Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Arkansas, courthouse during the period from June 19-25, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

**Marriage Licenses**  
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)

June 20. Chastin Lee Johnson, 23, Nashville, and Elizabeth Hailey Marie Worley, 20, Nashville.

June 23. Michael Aaron Bunch, 31, Calhoun, Ga., and Tina Ruth Daugherty, 28, Nashville.

**Civil Court**  
CV25-67, June 12. Lakeview Loan Servicing vs. Miranda Chandler. Mortgage foreclosure.

CV25-68, June 18. Capital One vs. Antanell Rowe. Debt.

CV25-69, June 20. Farm Bureau Bank vs. Brenda Day. Debt.

CV25-70, June 20. Farm Bureau Bank vs. Ashton Chambers. Debt.

CV25-71, June 24. Capital One vs. Rita Arnold. Contract.

CV25-72, June 23. Jerry Mullen, et al, vs. Dierks Health & Rehab, et al. Negligence.

CV25-73, June 25. Farm Bureau Bank vs. Kathy A. & Johnny R. Simmons. Debt.

**Domestic Relations Court**

DR25-56, June 20. Tera Brooks vs. Mark Brooks. Divorce.

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

CR25-61, June 23. State of Arkansas vs. Takendrick Hopkins, 25, black male, 1410 S. Main, Nashville; aggravated assault, class D felony; 2nd degree criminal mischief, misdemeanor.

CR25-62, June 23. State of Arkansas vs. Dalton Ray Jordan, 23, white male, 196 Dildy Rd., Nashville; POCS, class D.

**Land/Property Transactions**  
Distributee's Deed

June 24. Harvey D. Vincent, Distributee of the Small Estate of Harvey Vincent, deceased; to Harvey D. Vincent and Jason Vincent; 1 ac. in S31 T9S R27W.

**Quitclaim Deeds**  
June 23. James McAtee and wife Linda McAtee; to James McAtee and wife Linda McAtee; 20.52 ac. in S7 T10S R27W.

June 24. Harvey D. Vincent, et al; to Harvey D Vincent and wife Katherine J. Vincent; 1 ac. in S31 T9S R27W.

**Beneficiary's Deeds**  
June 20. Allen David Vineyard and wife Andrea Renee Vineyard; to Jamie Nicole Waddell, et al; 3 tracts, aggregate 97.75 ac. in S20/S21 T9S R27W.

June 24. Mary Pile; to Cherre E. Wright and Suzan A. Oxley; Lot 3 thru 6, Block 4, Ridgeway Addition, City of Nashville.

**Redemption Deed**  
June 24. State of Arkansas; to Cecil & Clara Bell Reed, c/o David Reed, Arkadelphia; 1 ac. in S1 T11S R28W, aka 264 Reed Ln., Mineral Springs; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$165.06.

**Warranty Deeds**  
June 20. Hayes Hal-

combe and wife Caroline Halcombe; to Marvin C. Gilbert and wife Kathryn Mae Gilbert; property in S31 T8S R28W. \$18,000.

June 20. Sue Scroggins, surviving spouse of Hal D. Scroggins, deceased; to Cam Uan Thi Le; property in S35 T9S R27W. \$12,000.

June 23. Daniel Kitchens and wife Danielle Kitchens; to Konnor Allen Mays and wife Camery Mia Mays; 21.55 ac. in S14 T6S R29W. \$1,200,000.

June 24. Christine Ellis; to Joseph Osborn and wife Amber Osborn; 0.54 ac. in S26 T9S R28W. \$8,000.

June 25. Mike McCullough; to Michael Shane Chandler; Lots 71-83 and Lots 85-98 in Block 5, and Lots 20-33, Block 6, Toland Heights Subdivision, City of Nashville. \$140,000.

June 25. Roy Lee Simpkins, Sr., and wife Connie R. Simpkins; to Rick Johnson and wife Linda Johnson; 0.98 ac. in S19 T10S R27W. \$4,850.

June 25. Jimmy Denzil Hicks, James Scott Hicks and John Michael Hicks, co-trustees of the Hicks Family Trust; to Billy Barton and wife Yolanda Barton; 30 ac. in S27 T10S R27W. \$75,000.

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# Point of view

## It’s a dog’s life

### Best, worst memories are tied to our devoted pets

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and for some reason I’m thinking about Man’s Best Friend this week.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. Every now and then, life gives us an awful and brutal reminder.

I saw in the news recently that a baby girl, dropped off at grandparent’s place, was placed in a ‘bouncy’ chair. Grandparents turned their backs, and their beloved pet pit bull killed the little girl.

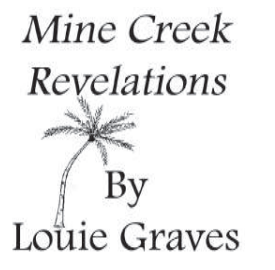
Pit bull fans say that the people who raise the dog determine whether the dog is vicious or not. That may or may not be true -- depending if you want to risk your grandchild’s life.

An outfit called dogsbite.org says that two thirds of all fatal dog attacks are by pit bulls. They also say that children ages 9 and younger make up more than 3/4 of the victims.

For some reason, and at some point, a pit bull breed dog reverts to some inbred killing instinct. It doesn’t need a reason to attack. I swear, three or four times a year I come across a similar article where a pit bull has killed either an old person or a helpless child.

Our city council in Nashville wisely banned pit bull breeds some years ago, but every now and then some bright citizen wants to challenge that ban.

As long as I live and breathe I will oppose elimination of that ban.



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MORE ABOUT DOGS. Just writing this has made me think about friendlier pooches.

He came with us when we first moved to Nashville in the summer of 1950. He was an adult mixed mixed mixed breed dog that belonged to Uncle Jack who gave us the dog because he was shipping out with the Navy. The dog was named Bivens, for the Texarkana area community where he was born.

We -- my siblings and I -- couldn’t say Bivens. We called him Bibby. Classic mutt -- small, short legs and coal black.

Bibby lived in the fenced back yard on College Street and that is where me and my brothers learned our first lesson about dogs -- watch where you step, especially if you’re barefoot.

The gate at the side of the house had a large decorative loop at the top. Bibby -- being a superb athlete and smart, was pretty quick to learn that with a running start he could leap up and through that loop. After that he was free to roam the neighborhood. In fact, there are probably still some dogs in the old neighborhood that carry Bibby’s genes.

I do not remember what happened to Bibby. His disappearance may have had something to do with us uprooting to California for a year while my father was doing Marine Corps Reserve duty during the Korean War.

When we returned to Nashville I was a third-grader, and our dog was Dusty, a collie with extrasensory perception. In the summer when he shed his winter coat, great gobs of hair swung heavily from his undercarriage. I swear, every time we tried to sneak up on him to give him a summertime buzz cut, he knew it. He had a way to get under the house, and he’d stay there in the cool until we forgot about the haircut.

I saw an article about the domestication of dogs which was thought to have happened about 16,000 years ago in China. All dog species are thought to have descended from the gray wolf. Great pony-sized mastiffs, teacup tiny little yap dogs and even Bibby and Dusty -- all from the gray wolf.

The way scientists have been able to tell dog bones from wolf bones in the floor of ancient caves is that one animal is still clutching a cave-man’s leather pennyloafer in its jaws. Ha ha.

There is no animal on earth that loves and serves man as much as the dog.

After Bibby and Dusty there was a procession at our house of dogs of all breeds, sizes and levels of intelligence.

I guess our favorite of all time was Smokey, a male German shepherd, who was Swampy’s constant companion. Smokey roamed the three blocks between our house and the newspaper office freely, and that led to his death.

He was poisoned by a woman who hated dogs and kids. We didn’t have a veterinarian in town in those days, and Swampy had to rush him to Hope. He died on the way.

..... We do love our dogs, don’t we?

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from the Extension Service summer newsletter: July is the best time to plant Bok Choi and Pak Choi.

Please put them in different rows so that you don’t get them confused (this suggestion is my own).

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WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: Some are Seriously Funny.

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HE SAID: “It is in the character of very few men to honor without envy a friend who has prospered.” Aeschylus, Greek playwright

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SHE SAID: “It’s your outlook on life that counts. If you take yourself lightly and don’t take yourself too seriously, pretty soon you can find the humor in our everyday lives. And sometimes it can be a lifesaver.” Betty White, American actress, comedian, and animal advocate (I included the animal advocate description in memory and in honor of Bibby, Dusty and Smokey)

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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## Love Thy Neighbor, and GET THE COVID VACCINE!

Call the Howard County Health Unit -- 845-2208 -- to get your FREE shot.



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# Merit pay awarded to state teachers who meet LEARNS Act requirements

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

More than 4,200 Arkansas teachers will receive merit bonuses averaging \$3,325 as part of an incentive program created two years ago to retain the best teachers and recruit them in subject areas that are most in demand.

The incentive program is part of the LEARNS Act, a sweeping series of education reforms that were proposed by the governor and enacted by the legislature. It raised starting salaries for teachers from \$36,000 to \$50,000.

Last year fewer than 3,000 teachers received bonuses, which averaged \$3,299. Last year the state spent about \$9.8 million on incentive bonuses and this year it will spend \$14.2 million.

To be eligible, a teacher must have three years’ experience. One category is to show outstanding growth in student performance. Another is to teach in a subject that has a shortage of teachers. Those are foreign languages, secondary mathematics, secondary science, middle school mathematics, middle school science and special education.

Teachers also can qualify for bonuses if they teach in areas with

a shortage of teachers, and if they act as mentors to aspiring teachers. Teachers can receive up to \$10,000 in bonuses if they qualify in more than one of the categories, and this year 76 teachers will receive the maximum amount. Last year 47 teachers received \$10,000.

This year the median bonus is \$2,500, meaning the same number of teachers received more than that amount as received less than that amount. Last year the median bonus was \$3,000.

This year 831 teachers received a bonus of more than \$5,000, compared to 52 teachers receiving that much last year.

The state will send money to school districts by June 30 for the incentive bonuses to be distributed to teachers.

Arkansas has almost 33,000 certified classroom teachers. Retention has improved since the pandemic, but still remains a challenge for school districts.

According to a recent report by the Office of Education Policy at the University of Arkansas, last year 12.8 percent of teachers left their classroom. They either left the teaching profession, transferred to a different school district

or switched to a non-teaching job within their district.

According to the university report, 77 percent of Arkansas teachers remained in their jobs, while 2.7 percent retired. The retiring teachers were part of the 9.2 percent who left the teaching profession entirely. The analysis showed that 3.6 percent switched to a non-teaching job within the district and 10.1 percent moved to a different teaching job. Of those, 4.7 percent moved to another job within their district and 5.4 percent took a teaching job at another district.

Retention rates for teachers this year were very similar to last year’s rates, and still not quite as good as before the COVID pandemic. For example, the retention rate in 2017-2018 was 79 percent, or two percentage points higher than this year’s rate.

Retention rates in southern and eastern Arkansas tend to be lower. Seven school districts in Arkansas had a teacher retention rate below 65 percent, and five of those districts are in southern and eastern parts of the state.

This year’s rate of teacher retirements is close to traditional rates.

# The Declaration of Independence

*Note: The following text is a transcription of the Stone Engraving of the parchment Declaration of Independence (the document on display in the Rotunda at the National Archives Museum.) The spelling and punctuation reflect the original.*

In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers, to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here,

by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



# ‘News-Leader’ receives eight awards from APA

MEMPHIS - The *Nashville News-Leader* received eight awards from the Arkansas Press Association at the Tri-State Press Convention June 28 at the Memphis Hilton.

Louie Graves of Nashville was the runner-up for the first Ernie Deane-Brenda Blagg Columnist of the Year Award.

Honors in individual categories include the following:

- First place**  
Health/Medical story - Don Hall
- Sports Action photo - John R. Schirmer
- Sports Feature story - Schirmer
- Second place**  
Education Beat reporting - Schirmer
- Graphic Design portfolio - Schirmer
- Third place**  
Travel Beat reporting - Hall
- Humorous Column - Louie Graves

Judging was conducted by the Tennessee Press Association.

The convention included media representatives from Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi.

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opment Commission discussed Senate Joint Resolution 15, a constitutional amendment dealing with economic development and creating economic development districts in the state.

Neighboring states already have the development districts which enable them to “outcompete Arkansas,” according to Henley. They “leverage flexible tax abatements, [Tax Increment Financing] districts and direct incentives for a broad range of projects beyond manufacturing.”

Possibilities include retail, sports complex, corporate headquarters, entertainment districts, agribusiness and tourism, according to infor-

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taking a 50/50 grant without sponsor money.

Council members present at the meeting included Lynn Dyer, Herbert Turley, Charles Pinkston, Kay

mation from the Arkansas Department of Commerce.

“Neighboring states have long enjoyed these districts. We’re just now getting in the game,” Henley said.

The proposed amendment will be on the Arkansas ballot in November 2026.

If approved, cities, counties and private landowners will be able to “put in requests for Economic Development Districts,” Poindexter said.

The proposal could result in additional money for Developing Howard County and the entire area, according to Poindexter.

Henley said recruiting businesses to move their headquarters to Southwest Arkansas would be a possibility. “There are many advantages here” for companies which make such a move.

Gathright, William Turley, Phil Jones, Brent Thompson, Donna Harwell, Joe Hoen and Freddie Horne. Also present were Mayor Larry Dunaway, Financial Director Kimberly Green, City Recorder Lauren Hoen, Code Compliance Officer David Riggs and Fire Marshal Justin Thornton.

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Wishing you a safe and Happy Independence Day!

Howard County Sheriff

Bryan McJunkins

Adelene Westfall of Nashville stands on the rooftop of FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) Headquarters, overlooking the Roman Forum.

The Castle St. Angelo was a block away from the University of Arkansas Rome Center. Adelene Westfall passed this every day on her mile and a half walk to class. Westfall, a sophomore from Nashville, is double majoring in agricultural communications and agriculture business management with a focus in marketing. She is minoring in agriculture leadership.

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# Home&Heart Happy Independence Day

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

Each year on July 4th, Americans across the country gather to celebrate the birth of a nation—an event rooted in revolution, resilience, and the enduring pursuit of liberty.

While fireworks and parades are now staples of the holiday, the Fourth of July is fundamentally a time to reflect on the values that shaped the United States and continue to define it today.

**The Historical Significance**  
The Fourth of July commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, when thirteen American colonies formally declared their separation from British rule. Drafted primarily by Thomas Jefferson, the document articulated the colonies’ grievances against King George III and asserted the foundational principle that “all men are created equal.”

Though independence was declared in 1776, the Revolutionary War continued until 1783. The Fourth became a federal holiday in 1870, and by the 20th century, it had evolved into a major civic celebration marked by patriotic displays, public ceremonies, and community gatherings.

**Why It Still Matters**  
In today’s fast-paced world, the Fourth of July of-

fers a moment to pause and consider the democratic ideals that underpin American society: freedom of speech, the right to vote, and the rule of law. It’s also a time to acknowledge the ongoing work required to ensure those rights are protected and extended to all citizens.

For small towns like ours, the holiday is more than a national observance—it’s a deeply local tradition.

It’s about neighbors coming together, veterans being honored, and children learning the stories that shaped their country.

**Local Traditions, National Spirit**  
Here in Howard County, Nashville promises an evening full of music, tributes, and family fun, concluding with a grand fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. at Nashville City Park. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a night of family-friendly entertainment!

These events are not just entertainment—they are expressions of civic pride and community identity.

**A Time for Reflection**  
As we celebrate this year, it’s worth remembering that the freedoms we enjoy were hard-won and must be continually safeguarded. The Fourth of July is not only a celebration of independence but also a call to civic responsibility—encouraging all of us to participate in

our democracy, support our communities, and strive for a more perfect union.

From all of us at the *Howard County Extension Service*, we wish you a safe, meaningful, and inspiring Independence Day.

**Mom’s Homemade Barbecue Sauce**  
**Ingredients:**  
- 1 ½ cups ketchup  
- ½ cup apple cider vinegar  
- ½ cup brown sugar (light or dark)  
- ¼ cup molasses  
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard  
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika

- 1 teaspoon garlic powder  
- 1 teaspoon onion powder  
- ½ teaspoon black pepper  
- ½ teaspoon salt

Optional: ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper (for heat)  
Optional: 1 tablespoon of liquid smoke (for extra smokiness)

**Instructions:**  
In a medium saucepan, combine all ingredients.  
Stir well and bring to a simmer over medium heat.  
Reduce heat to low and let it simmer gently for 20–30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thickened.  
Taste and adjust seasoning—add more sugar for sweetness, vinegar for tang,

or cayenne for heat.  
Let cool, then store in a sealed jar in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

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July 4 • 5:30 • Nashville City Park
- Blevins Volunteer Fire Dept. Benefit  
July 4 • 6:30 • Blevins School
- City of Lockesburg  
July 4 • Margaret Coulter Stone Park • Starts at 10 a.m.
- Newhope Volunteer Fire Dept. Benefit  
July 4 • Starts at 12 Noon • Fire Station
- Murfreesboro Rehab & Nursing  
July 4 • Band starts at 7:00
- Lake Greeson/Swaha Lodge & Marina  
July 5 • Fireworks at 9:15

## Attend Church This Sunday!

<div><b>HOLY MASS</b> <b>St. Martin’s Catholic Church</b> 1011 W. Leslie • Nashville</div> <div>Sunday (Eng.) - 9 a.m. Sunday (Esp.) - 11 a.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m. Thursday - 8 a.m. 1st Friday - 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Esp.) - 6:30 p.m. <b>Fr. Salvador Vega, Pastor</b> Welcome • Bienvenidos</div>	<div><i>Facts About The</i> <b>BIBLE</b> <i>BY JOHN LEHTI</i></div> <div><b>HER BEAUTY WAS A BURDEN –NOT A BLESSING!</b> DRUSILLA WAS THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF KING HEROD AGRIPPA I. (BORN C.A.D.36). BEFORE SHE WAS SIX, HER BEAUTY WAS DAZZLING AND SHE WAS PROMISED IN MARRIAGE TO THE SON OF KING ANTIOCHUS OF COMMAGENE. HOWEVER, THE YOUNG BRIDEGROOM WAS TOLD HE HAD TO BECOME CIRCUMCISED AND ACCEPT THE JEWISH RELIGION –WHEN HE REFUSED, THE ALLIANCE FELL THROUGH! LATER, AZIZUS, KING OF EMESA, ACCEPTED THESE CONDITIONS AND DRUSILLA BECAME HIS WIFE. BECAUSE OF HER GREAT BEAUTY, SHE WAS CONSTANTLY PERSECUTED, OUT OF JEALOUSY, BY HER ELDER SISTER BERNICE, SO MUCH SO, THAT DRUSILLA WOULD DO ANYTHING TO ESCAPE HER SISTER’S PETTY TYRANNY! SO, WHEN FELIX, THE NEW PROCURATOR OF JUDEA, SENT BY ROME, FIRST SAW HER, AND WAS CAPTIVATED BY HER BEAUTY, IT WAS NO GREAT TROUBLE AT ALL TO SEDUCE HER AWAY FROM HER HUSBAND –ALTHOUGH FELIX EMPLOYED A CYPRIOTE MAGICIAN NAMED SIMON TO HELP HIM IN HIS SEDUCTION! IN DEFIANCE OF JEWISH LAW SHE LEFT HER HUSBAND AND MARRIED FELIX – A GENTILE AND IDOLATER! AFTER ALL, HER WHOLE FAMILY WAS ALWAYS MIXED UP IN FOUL DEEDS, MURDERS, INCESTS, UNLAWFUL DIVORCES, ETC. – SO WHY SHOULD DRUSILLA BE DIFFERENT?! HOWEVER, KNOWING THIS ABOUT FELIX AND DRUSILLA, ONE CAN UNDERSTAND, WHEN PAUL SPOKE BEFORE THE TWO OF THEM ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGMENT TO COME, WHY IT WAS THAT FELIX TREMBLED SO! (ACTS 24:24,25)</div> <div></div> <div>327 SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK</div>	<div><b>Unity Baptist Church</b> 380 Buck Range Road Pastor: Bro. David Cassady</div> <div><b>Sunday Service</b> <b>10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.</b></div>
<div><b>LOCKESBURG FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ 11:00 A.M.</b> <b>&amp; MT. CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 12:15 P.M.</b> <b>TOMMY HALSELL, PASTOR</b> <i>Everyone is always welcome!</i></div>		<div><b>WOODS &amp; WOODS</b> PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, PA LTD. 118 N. Main - Nashville - 845-4422 Jason Lenderman, CPA</div>
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### Nursing home building, property bought at public auction by current operator

The building and land that houses Murfreesboro’s nursing home has been purchased by the same company currently operating the business, according to information filed in the Pike County Courthouse.

The building and land was sold by public auction on June 24 to Sandra Barnett, who owns the Murfreesboro Nursing Center LLC. Barnett purchased the building for \$575,548.96. Barnett was the sole bidder on the property.

The sale stemmed from a mortgage foreclosure com-

plaint filed Nov. 25, 2024 by Chambers Bank against the nursing center, described as a “limited liability company,” Reliant Management Group, LLC, State of Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and Internal Revenue Service.

The lawsuit stated that Murfreesboro Nursing Center executed and delivered to Chambers Bank its promissory note in the principal sum of \$1,384,048.65, payable in semi-monthly payments beginning, Feb. 5, 2009.

The terms of the note

were adjusted 12 times with the last change being July 2019.

“The defendant, Murfreesboro Nursing Center has failed to make the payments as provided by the terms” set forth in the agreement with Chambers Bank.

As of October 2024, there was a balance due of \$575,548 in principal, \$16,307 in accrued interest and late charges and fees of \$59,140 and daily accrual of \$135.

A foreclosure was granted to Chambers Bank on April 21.

### Hot Springs man charged after alleged threat

A review of recorded inmate communications at the Pike County jail have resulted in a Hot Springs man being charged with terroristic threatening.

Matthew Lee Montgomery, 45, was charged in Pike County Circuit Court June 27. Montgomery remains in county custody this week with a \$20,000 bond. He pleaded innocent to the charge Monday and an Aug. 25 pretrial date was set.

According to case information, Pike County Inves-

tigator Jason McDonald was recently reviewing recorded inmate communications between inmate Anna Davis and Montgomery. During the review, Montgomery appeared distressed concerning a family matter and allegedly made the following comment:

“I have all the gas to blow up the school so they will admit what they did and give us our lives back.”

Montgomery was arrested when he came to the jail to talk with the sheriff on

June 2 about his girlfriend’s criminal charges.

The report does not mention any other details concerning the threat or school.

Davis has been incarcerated since Oct. 27, 2024 and is being held on \$50,000 bond while she awaits trial for failing to meet requirement of being a sex offender.

She has pleaded innocent to the charge in March and a July 7 pretrial date was set.

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State Service Charge .....	4,355.37
Interest Earned (Act 513 of 1983) .....	393.32
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- Before the American Revolution the \_\_\_\_\_ colonies in America were under British rule.
- King George the III was only \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he claimed his throne.
- King George wanted to raise some \_\_\_\_\_.
- He placed too many \_\_\_\_\_ on the colonies, which had no vote in Parliament.
- One day, angry colonists threw rocks and other items at British soldiers. The soldiers shot into the crowd, killing some people and wounding others. This event is called "The \_\_\_\_\_ Massacre." (1770)
- Next, the King insisted that people pay their taxes on tea. Angry colonists dressed up like Native Americans boarded the British ships. They threw the tea into the harbor. This event is called the Boston \_\_\_\_\_ Party. (1773)
- In 1775, the people of Lexington and Concord, Mass., gathered with guns to face arriving British soldiers. These clashes were the first of the \_\_\_\_\_ Revolution.
- George \_\_\_\_\_ became the leader of the American armed forces.
- The colonies of America declared themselves free from British rule on July 4, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The colonies became the United \_\_\_\_\_ of America.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ surrendered to George Washington in October 1781, at Yorktown, VA.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ treaty between America and Britain was finally signed in September 1787!

Tea money peace taxes

Washington Independence twenty-one American

Boston British thirteen States

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### Picnics! Parties!

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pickles

clam bakes

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What do you **see** when you go to the fireworks show?

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SP \_ RKL \_ RS

SK \_

BL \_ NK \_ TS

What do you **hear**?

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B \_ NG

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## Howard County District Court

**June 26, 2025**  
*BF=Bond Forfeited*  
**Howard County**  
Alden, Ashley, 41, North Little Rock, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Bagwell, Gage, 27, Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags  
Bell, Sherman Lee, 53, Donaldson, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Brown, Blevin P., 34, Dallas, Texas, \$240 BF, speeding  
Bunch, Fred Lee, 22, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Byers, Jeremy, 45, Nashville, \$290 BF, speeding  
Casiano, Jose Martin, 41, Lockesburg, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of attempt to defraud drug/alcohol sreen, fined \$710  
Childers, Laquita Marie, 38, Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags  
Cooper, Tony Marcell,, 34, Hope, guilty of fictitious vehicle tags/license, fined \$245; guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Coronada, Juan Carlos, 43, Winfield, Texas, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Cox, Charles J., 46, Estace, Texas, \$210 BF, failure to pay registration  
Edwards, Taurus T., 49, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,470 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Fields, Edmande R., 26, Ashdown, guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$345  
Garcia, Jose Maldonado, 48, Malvern, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Gutierrez, Erika N., 37, Ben Lomond, \$250 Bf, speeding  
Hall, Danyelle Shunnece, 25, Dierks, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Harper, Germain A., 23, Birmingham, Ala, \$250 BF, speeding  
Harris, Mary R., 29, Hern-don, Va., \$250 BF, speeding  
Hawsey, Rex H., 51, Was-kom, Texas, \$250 BF, speed-ing  
Hawthorne, Dion L., 30, Saratoga, \$240 BF, speeding  
Hernandez, Jesus, 23, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding  
Hernandez-Gonzalez, Vanesa, 32, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of speeding, fined \$250  
Hughes, Leo, 70, Mineral Springs, \$45 BF, speeding  
Jacoby, Andrew J., 24, Newhope, \$260 BF, speeding  
Jefferson, Randy, 60, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt

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Knighten, Diana L., 27, Foreman, \$250 BF, speeding  
Lima, David J., 18, Nash-ville, guilty of no proof of li-ability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no motorcycle endorse-ment, fined \$185  
Marable, Michael N., 49, Broken Bow, Okla., guilty of improper or prohibited passing, fined \$215  
Matthews, Mercedes R., 27, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of driving on sus-pended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Mendoza-Hernandez, Sandra, 43, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Morris, Zachery, 34, Ozan, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Morrow, James A., 67, Nashville, guilty of second-degree criminal mischief, fined \$410  
Munoz, Andres, 38, Fore-man, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$325 owed  
Ordonez, Ismael M., 36, Nashville, \$260 BF, speeding  
Ragland, Shannon Renee, 44, Fulton, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Ray, Jonathan Todd, 56, no address listed, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Reed, Benny, 53, Mineral Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Richardson, Michael, 72, Texarkana, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding  
Riestins, Karl, 49, Union, Ky., \$250 BF, speeding  
Roady, Jonathan Jentry, 31, Elmore City, Okla., guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of posses-sion of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560  
Russell, Bryant K., 44, Nashville, guilty of fictitious vehicle tag/license, fined \$245  
Setzer, Keith, 67, Horatio, \$250 BF, speeding  
Sherman, Tyler R., 26, Texarkana, \$240 BF, speed-ing  
Shuffit, Brendon, 22, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210  
Sloan, Kasie, 45, Nash-ville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked li-cense, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of driving on sus-pended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of pub-lic intoxication, fined \$220; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Smith, Ebony, 36, Min-

eral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$975 owed  
Spencer, Chrisaiya, 24, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$760 owed  
Stinnett, Timothy C., 72, Royal, \$240 BF, speeding  
Taylor, Clinton, 40, Salem, \$250 BF, speeding  
Thisted, Jeffrey E., 56, Evergreen, Colo., \$250 BF, speeding  
Thomas, Princess, 23, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Vega, Jaime J., 26, Texar-kana, Texas, \$260 BF, speed-ing  
Walker, Joshua Michael, 18, Ben Lomond, \$145 BF, use of phone while driving  
Ward, Brent D., 54, Mal-vern, \$210 BF, defective equipment on vehicle  
Ward, Jeffrey Sean, 24, Di-erks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,200 owed, com-mitted to jail-suspended  
Ward, Tiffany J., 21, Nash-ville, \$240 BF, speeding  
Williamson, Trey, 29, Fore-man, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
**City of Nashville**  
Beal, Billy R., 56, Nash-ville, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Carver, Cynthia M., 56, Lockesburg, \$195 BF, run-ning stop sign or light  
Centeno Cruz, Henry J., 31, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license  
Cooper, Tony Marcell, 34, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Couch, Huston H., 30, Nashville, \$210 BF, failure to pay registration  
Cox, Summer Dawn, 21, Nashville, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Davis, Lakeya Lovett, 47, Nashville, \$195 BF, running stop sign or light  
Garcia, Alexis Javier, 25, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insur-ance, fined \$345  
Gibson, Ashley N., 39, De Queen, guilty of non-pay-ment of fines, \$2,715 owed, committed to jail-suspended  
Gomez, Geronimo Jr., 23, Hope, reckless driving, un-der advisement, fined \$345; guilty of driving on sus-pended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Green, Tesean, 30, Nash-ville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Greenlee, Ronald Steven, 63, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Hallmark, Christopher M., 45, Nashville, \$145 BF, no motorcycle helmet/eyewear  
Hartline, Nathan P., 31,

Nashville, guilty of pos-session of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspend-ed for six months  
Hernandez-Escobar, Di-ana, 30, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Hopper, Garland G., 76, Murfreesboro, \$250 BF, speeding  
Ireland, Stephanie L., 43, Nashville, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Jackson, George D., 39, Nashville, guilty non-pay-ment of fines, \$2,260 owed, committed to jail; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Jones, Xavier, 30, Nash-ville, \$270 BF, criminal tres-pass  
Kelly, Landon K., 21, Langley, \$195 BF, running stop sign or light  
King, Marquise D., 32, Nashville, guilty of no driv-er's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of pos-session of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspend-ed for six months  
Marshall, Tandell L., 61, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Martinez, Jacaline A., 20, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driv-er's license/expired license  
Mitchell, Phillip C., 56, Fouke, \$195 BF, running stop sign or light  
Morris, Danny Carl, 20, Lockesbrg, \$195 BF, running stop sign or light; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Murphy, Amiyah A., 18, Prescott, guilty of no driv-er's license/expired license, fined \$195  
Murry, Lakeyia, 22, Nash-ville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Padilla, Jose Aristeo, 20, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$660  
Perez, Humbertino, 42, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driv-er's license/expired license; \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Price, Michael J., 47, Hope, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075, license suspended for six months; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Ray, Banks P., 18, Nash-ville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of minor in possession/consumption, fined \$220 and license sus-pended for 60 days  
Reyes, Hugo R., 32, Nash-ville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$660; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,230 owed, committed to jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285  
Ritter, Melissa, 45, Nash-

ville, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210  
Schmidt, Jaqueline, 45, Lockesburg, no contest, pos-session of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspend-ed for six months; guilty of possession of drug para-phernalia, fined \$560; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445  
Shelley, Serenity, 22, Nashville, guilty of disor-derly conduct, fined \$270  
Sims, Jessica M., 33, Nash-ville, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185  
Sloan, Kasie, 45, Nash-ville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked li-cense, fined \$445  
Tedder, Brett M., 47, Am-ity, \$195 BF, running stop sign or light  
Thompson, R. Tavion, 22, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license sus-pended for six months  
Toribel, Saul, 41, Fulton, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Tulles, Brandon Joe, 48, Mena, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Wiley, Shoronda, 47, Nashville, \$185 BF, no ve-hicle license  
**City of Dierks**  
Johnston, Neveah L., 20, Dierks, \$275 BF, banned breed dog; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Reagan, Mary, 31, De Queen, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no driver's li-cense/expired license, fined \$195  
Ward, Mark A., 41, Di-erks, \$275 BF, banned breed dog  
**City of Mineral Springs**  
Cooper, Tony Marcell, 34, Hope, guilty of no driv-er's license/expired license; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of fictitious vehicle tags/ license, fined \$245  
Cruz Hernandez, Octa-vio, 22, Pleasanton, Calif., \$195 BF, running stop sign or light; \$260 BF, speeding  
Gregory, Briana, 30, Fouke, guilty of littering, fined \$370; guilty of pos-session of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspend-ed for six months  
Hignight, Robert A., 33,

Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags  
Hillery, Konisha, 24, Nashville, no contest, pos-session of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspend-ed for six months  
Lanier, Owen, 36, New Boston, Texas, guilty of flee-ing, fined \$510; guilty of careless or prohibited driv-ing, fined \$345; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$610 and sen-tenced to 10 days in jail; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345  
Lindsey, Matthew A., 22, Texarkana, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license sus-pended and must complete DWI educational course  
Lowery, Alexander C., 29, Murfreesboro, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags  
Luster, Mya S., 26, Tex-arkana, Texas, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195  
Mayorga, Miguel R., 40, Mineral Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$145; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Valdez, Braden, 18, De Queen, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195  
Wrightner, Dorique T., 34, Nashville, guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$195  
**Arkansas Game & Fish Commission**  
Heath, Paul D., 42, Mena, \$195 BF, expired boat regis-tration; \$220 BF, restricted boating  
**Bench Trials**  
**City of Nashville**  
Pool, Sarah Tyanne, 23, Nashville, second-degree terroristic threatening, under advisement for six months to dismiss  
Ritter, Melissa, 45, Nash-ville, possession of con-trolled substance, deferred adjudication for one year to dismiss, fined \$1,025  
Sanders, Almen D., 38, Nashville, guilty of first-degree criminal mischief, fined \$1,578  
Strong, Lavon Sean, 32, Texarkana, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$95; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245



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## Pike County EHC member recognized for 60 years of service

**By Eva Langley**  
Pike County FCS Agent

Community service is thriving in Pike County, thanks to the commitment and leadership of devoted individuals like Pisgah Extension Homemakers Club (EHC) President Avonne Petty and EHC Council President Jeanette Deaton. Their dedication was recognized at the annual State Extension Homemakers Conference, held in North Little Rock. Also attending were fellow Pisgah member Susie O’Neal and Pike County FCS Extension Agent, Eva Langley.

The conference carried the uplifting theme, “Shine Bright,” encouraging members to carry the mission of EHC forward for future generations—just as members have done for over a century.

Avonne Petty was recognized for her 60 years of EHC membership. She has often spoken about how welcoming the women in her community were and how much she learned from them. Always one to give back, she has continued the EHC tradition through teaching, mentoring, and leadership in both her local club and neighboring clubs in the county.

Jeanette Deaton was honored for serving two years in her position as Ouachita District Director. Deaton spent her term planning district and state events, traveling across Arkansas, and forming friendships that she says she will treasure forever. During the state gathering, she passed the role on to the new Ouachita District Director, Judy Vann-Hamilton of Sever County.

The annual state conference provides a powerful opportunity for EHC members from all 75 Arkansas



PIKE COUNTY EHC. Jeanette Deaton, Avonne Petty and Susie O’Neal.

counties to connect, share ideas, and bring home valuable information. Attendees participated in educational workshops covering critical topics such as Medicare fraud prevention, the connection between stress and mental health, aging well, health for the mind and body through chair yoga and environmental concerns like forest fires. Creative arts and crafts sessions were also popular, with classes like paper quilling, up-cycling projects, sock penguins, Kime Komi ornament and the whimsical “smashed can art” with several more options available. Evenings were filled with fun and fellowship, including bingo games, board games, cards, live music, and dinners with old and new friends.

This year’s guest speaker was Arkansas Ozark author Tayla Tate Boerner, known for her heartfelt stories that celebrate the heritage of our rural communities. Her books include *The Ac-*

*cidental Salvation of Gracie Lee and Gene, Everywhere*, and her most recent novel “The Third Act of Theo Gruene” all of which capture the beauty, struggles, and enduring spirit of small-town life. She shared that she draws inspiration from the little things in life—old photographs, childhood hymns, and favorite flowers were a few of her examples. Boerner encouraged each person to find their source of inspiration and to daily enrich their life with their own unique creativity.

EHC members consistently say their lives are most meaningful when they are helping others. Whether it’s through organizing events, sharing educational resources, or simply lending a hand to a neighbor, they embody the spirit of service. Members are encouraged to consider how their unique talents can bring peace, joy, security, or

fun to those around them. Working together as a team, their collective impact can be powerful and far-reaching. With service in mind, project books from county clubs are submitted for consideration for awards and to inspire other county clubs by showcasing different ideas and successful service projects. The 2023–2024 Service Project Book for Pike County EHC told the story of much-needed NICU covers that county members made for Children’s Hospital. Pisgah EHC’s project book was titled “*PJ Pants for Seniors*” and shared how members made cotton pajama pants for each of the residents at the Murfreesboro nursing home.

If you’re interested in joining an existing EHC club or starting a new one in your community, contact your local extension office. In Pike County, call 870-285-2161 for more information.

## Re-Entry Simulation program in Glenwood

Walk in the shoes of former inmates as they try to reintegrate into society

Every year, 11 million individuals cycle through local jails in the U.S., with another half-million released from prisons. In Arkansas, county governments allocate more than a third of their budgets to public safety—yet the challenges faced by those re-entering society are often misunderstood or overlooked.

To bridge that gap, the **Montgomery County and Pike County Extension offices** is bringing the **Arkansas Re-Entry Simulation** to Montgomery County on **July 17** at Community Bible Baptist Church, 149 Slate Mill Rd, Glenwood.

This eye-opening event will allow community members to walk in the shoes of a formerly incarcerated person and experience the barriers they face when trying to reintegrate into society.

### What to Expect:

Participants will engage in a “four-week” simulation condensed into 2.5 hours, rotating through **14 interactive stations** that represent real-life post-incarceration tasks—such as obtaining ID, securing housing, finding work, and navigating social services. The exercise fosters empathy, sparks conversation, and highlights the need for systemic support.

“This simulation creates an opportunity for communities to reflect on their resources and policies around re-entry,” said Karalee Black, Montgomery County FCS agent. “It’s a valuable experience for community leaders, landlords, employers, elected officials, students, and agencies.”

### Who Should Attend?

- Community leaders and elected officials
- Employers and landlords
- Students and educators
- Nonprofit and social service organizations
- Individuals impacted by the criminal justice system

### Why It Matters:

This simulation isn’t just an exercise—it’s a conversation starter. It reveals how a criminal record can limit access to employment, housing, transportation, and basic necessities. The goal is not to minimize trauma, but to foster **awareness, understanding, and advocacy.**

### Reserve Your Spot Today

Space may be limited. Register by contacting Karalee Black at **870-867-2311** or [kblack@uada.edu](mailto:kblack@uada.edu)

## Color Our World

HC library’s summer reading program starts today

The Howard County Library in Nashville kicks off its “Color Our World” Wednesday summer reading program today (July 2) and the fun will continue until July 30.

Participants are invited to “make a splash” during the summer program with books, art, snacks, stories and fun. The programs will be held from 1-2 p.m.

The July Wednesday Schedule includes:

- July 2 - Red, White & Blue Fun
- July 9 - Making a Masterpiece
- July 16 - Rick Evans Grandview Prairie Nature Center
- July 23 - What is Considered Art?
- July 30 - Back to School Jam

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# Flight from state police results in 20-year sentence in Clark County

On Monday, June 23, Clark County Circuit Court Judge Blake Batson sentenced Christopher Trentell Penny, 29, of Arkadelphia, to 20 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections for felony fleeing in a vehicle causing danger.

“Flight from law enforcement is a serious threat to our officers and the public at large. We are serious about prosecuting vehicle pursuits and will continue to prosecute these sorts of cases to protect our community and motorists,” Ninth District Prosecuting Attorney Dan Turner said during the trial.

An Arkansas State Police (ASP) Trooper attempted to stop Penny for a traffic violation on Aug. 29, 2024, around 1 p.m., on Interstate 30 eastbound near the 76-mile marker south of Caddo Valley. Penny pulled over into a service station but fled as the Trooper exited his vehicle.

Penny re-entered I-30 eastbound, traveling more than 130 mph while passing vehicles on the shoulder of the interstate, weaving in and out of traffic recklessly, and forcing other motorists into the median and shoulder.

The pursuit continued for approximately nine miles before the Trooper was able to execute a Tactical Vehicle Intervention (TVI) maneuver to bring the suspect’s vehicle to a stop.

Troopers took Penny into custody without incident and transported him to the Clark County Detention Center. The pursuit ended without injury to officers, the suspect, or bystanders.

“Earlier this year, we met with elected state prosecutors and came together to send a strong message against fleeing from law enforcement.

“I commend Prosecutor Turner for fulfilling the commitment to prosecute those who endanger the lives of innocent civilians and Troopers,” said Colonel Mike Hagar, Director of the ASP.



**BIG DAY AT CAMP.** The Murfreesboro High School Rattler cheer squad was highly successful at the University of Central Arkansas Game Day Camp held at Camden Harmony Grove recently. Awards won at the event included the top pyramid award and the top overall camp routine. Team members include (front from left) Macy Gills, Charleigh Wheeler, Chloe Cross, Bella Frazier, Ava Cox, Laini Liggin and Kyndall Henderson; (back) Ma’Shaylia Morris, Teegan Barnett, Gianna Draper, Josey Jones, Kinleigh Mounts, Ramsey Terrell and Kinley Fisher. Draper, Frazier, Wheeler, Terrell and Henderson were named All-American cheerleaders while Draper was also named the camp’s top jumper

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# De Queen man sentenced to 150 years for rape, sexual assault

Thomas Eugene Whitt, 66, of De Queen, has been sentenced to 150 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections following his conviction on multiple felony charges, including three counts of rape and one count of sexual assault. The sentence was handed down by Circuit Judge Tom Cooper after a Sevier County jury returned a guilty verdict on Wednesday, June 25.

Special Agents with the Arkansas State Police Criminal Investigation Division began investigating Whitt in 2023 after receiving information regarding allegations of sexual abuse. The investigation revealed that the crimes began in January 2017 and continued for more than six years, ending in December 2023. Based on the evidence collected, an arrest warrant was issued in January 2024.

Whitt was initially released on a \$150,000 bond but was taken into custody immediately following the jury’s verdict. The sentences for each conviction, including 40 years for each of the three Rape convictions and 20 years for Sexual Assault, will be served consecutively, totaling 150 years in prison.

“These victims were subjected to years of unspeakable acts of abuse by Whitt,” said ASP Col. Mike Hagar. “We are grateful to the great work done by our CID Special Agents, the courage of those who came forward, and the Sevier County jurors who ensured this individual was held accountable.”

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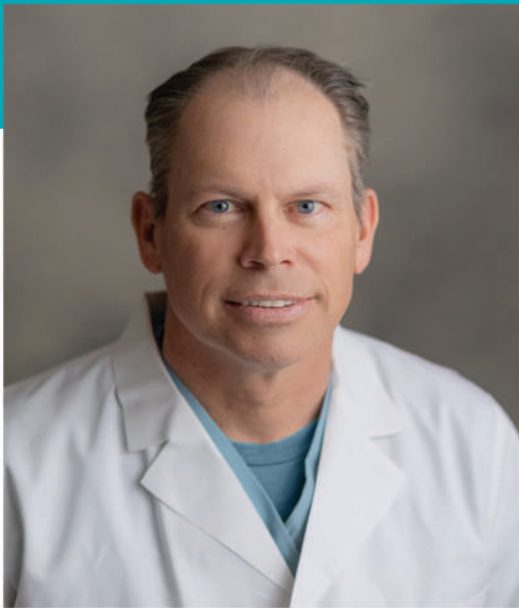
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This Texas trailblazer and Nashville, Tenn., recording artist is branded as the ultimate ‘All American Girl’ by Scenes Media, and is gaining nationwide notoriety with features from CMT, Guitar Girl Magazine, The Boot, Country Rebel, and Fox News.

Payton unapologetically embodies the untamed tradition that country music was built on, and she’s hellbent on bringing her own grit to the honky tonk. She has songs featured on Spotify’s sought after editorial playlists and her EP, “Youngblood,” has attained over two million streams. The accompanying music video for “Never

Go Home” shows off her non-stop party attitude and the music videos for “Keep Her Breathing” and “Freedom” bleed red, white, and blue. Payton is honored to have shared stages with and provided support for Lainey Wilson, Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Ashley McBryde, Chris Janson, Clay Walker, Kolby Cooper, William Clark Green, Pam Tillis, Aaron Watson, Ian Munsick, The Bellamy Brothers, Warren

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