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News-Leader photos/DEDE ROBINSON



A young woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a red dress with a white floral pattern, is speaking into a microphone. She is standing on a stage. In the background, three men are visible. The man on the left is wearing a plaid shirt and has his hand over his heart. The man in the center is wearing a black t-shirt with 'AIR FORCE' and an American flag graphic, and also has his hand over his heart. The man on the right is wearing a dark shirt and also has his hand over his heart. There are green trees and pink flowers in the background.

A large, vibrant firework exploding in the night sky. The central burst is a dense, bright yellow and orange, with numerous smaller sparks radiating outwards. The sparks are primarily yellow and orange, but there are also many smaller blue and red sparks scattered around the main burst. The background is a solid black, making the bright colors of the firework stand out.

A photograph of a bluegrass band performing on stage. The band consists of seven members: a man in a red shirt playing a double bass, a man in a white shirt playing a banjo, a man in a plaid shirt playing an acoustic guitar, a man in a floral shirt singing into a microphone while playing an acoustic guitar, a man in a white shirt and hat playing a mandolin, a woman in a white shirt playing drums, and a man in a red shirt playing an electric guitar. A large American flag is in the background. A longhorn head is in the foreground.

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'Closest thing to a general store'

A blue mailbox with the text "HOSTETTLER SALES" at the top, "1426" in the middle, and "YOUR FAMILY STORE" at the bottom. The mailbox is mounted on a wooden post and has a red flag on the side. The background is a grassy field.

News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Friday, July 11-Thursday, July 17
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OBITUARIES



Joe Wayne Harmon
Joe Wayne Harmon, age 90, passed from this life on June 19, 2025, in Waxahachie, Texas, surrounded by his loved ones.

Joe was born Oct. 16, 1934, in Rector, Ark., to William and Fannie Harmon and was the last living of eight Harmon children.

Joe met Mary Frances Evans at a small town picnic in Rector, Ark. They were married on Nov. 10, 1956, at the Jennings church of Christ in St. Louis, Missouri. They were blessed with two children, Vickie Beene and Kevin Harmon.

Joe was always proud of his family and beamed with joy when it continued to grow. Over the years, he welcomed husband to Vickie, Eddie Beene, and wife to Kevin, Tamberley Harmon. Joe gained his favorite title “papaw” when the family grew even more adding Amy Dutile and husband Scott, Erik Harmon and wife Kaylee, and Kourtney Hodge. Joe had four great-grandsons: Carson and Riley Dutile, Krew Hodge and Kize Harmon.

Joe was a hard worker and enjoyed his job as maintenance machinist at many locations. He served in the United States Army and earned medals for Rifle Marksman, Pistol Sharpshooter, Carbine Marksman and the Good Conduct Medal. Joe eventually retired from Coca-Cola Bottling of



TIME TO RETIRE. Amy Hanney, project manager for 21 years with Southwest Arkansas Development Homes, Inc., has resigned from the organization which is charged with housing for people with developmental disabilities, including the Howard County Children's Center and Rainbow of Challenges in Hope. Here, at the board's meeting in June, she receives a plaque of appreciation from SADHI board president Trevor Coffee. Vice-president of the board is Deborah Marshall of Nashville.

Nashville and began working at Cruizzers Car Wash until he was 88.

Joe enjoyed listening to old country music, playing his guitar and banjo, tinkering in his shop and watching RFDTV. He loved being outdoors taking in the nature around him in his lawn chair with a cold coke.

Joe's faith as a devoted Christian was the cornerstone of his life. He was an avid studier of scripture and strove to be a guiding light to all who knew him. His love for God and his faithful legacy will live on through his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

His meek and quiet spirit will be missed by all who were blessed to know him.

“Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes, but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.” I Peter 3:4

Linda Ruth Cornish Nivens
Linda Ruth Cornish Nivens, 80, of Taylor, Ark., died July 3, 2025.

She was born April 30, 1945, in the Nathan community, the daughter of the late Carl M. Cornish and Katie Tolleson Cornish.

She was a member of the Ball's Chapel Church of Christ, and was retired from Husqvarna.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ruff Nivens.

Survivors include: her two children, Stephaine Tucker and husband Jerry of McCaskill, and James Nivens and wife Leona of

Taylor; a brother Carl D. ‘Doug’ Cornish of Nathan; also grandchildren.

The family received friends at Nashville Funeral Home, Monday from 6-8. Services were Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home. Burial followed in Sweet Home Cemetery near Prescott.

Lucille Elizabeth Clark
Lucille Elizabeth Clark, 78, of Texarkana, Ark., died Saturday, July 5, 2025, in Little Rock.

She was born Oct. 29, 1946, in Texarkana, Ark., the daughter of the late Milburn Franklin Fowler and Frances Ray Cheatwood Fowler.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Clark.

Survivors include: her children, Kristy Leigh Newton of Baltimore, Md., Thomas Nichols and wife Abby of Little Rock; and a grandson.

Zoella Smith
Zoella Smith, 70, of Nashville died Friday, July 4, 2025.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 12, from 12-2 at McFadden & Hitchye Memorial Chapel, Hope.

Funeral service will be Sunday, July 13 at 2 p.m. at Roadside Church of God in Christ, Ozan, followed by burial at Academy Cemetery, Ozan.



AT THE FARMERS' MARKET. Kevin Nason, left, Ty Woodall and Angie Nason brought honey and bee products from their Southern Yankee hives at Old Washington. The market welcomed many vendors and customers, Friday, in spite of it being July 4th.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

The importance of strong financial goals

By Josh Tice
Edward Jones Investments

There's a quote about the importance of setting goals that says, "If you don't know where you're going, any path will take you there." You probably have dreams about retirement, vacations, hobbies and more. But if you don't have a strategy with financial goals in place, you may not make the choices that can best set you on the path to achieve those dreams.

Setting goals helps define and showcase your purpose, passions and priorities. And establishing your own strong financial goals can help you earn and enjoy a wide variety of short- and long-term achievements throughout your life. When you reach your financial goals, you can feel a sense of accomplishment in seeing your efforts literally pay off. But how do you get started?

Prioritize your needs and wants. Think about the things that are most important to you and then outline them as financial "must-haves" and "wish-list" targets. Start with the big-ticket items and work through to ideas that may not cost as much. A must-have for many people is having enough to live comfortably through retirement. Being able to afford the college of your child's choice, without incurring mounds of debt, is another. Your wish list, on the other hand, may include things like saving for vacations, hobbies or entertainment expenses.

Create detailed short- and long-term goals within your financial strategy. It's important to be specific about the goals you want to achieve and how much you'll need to achieve them. One way to do this is by making your goals measurable. Assign estimated dates and costs to each goal so you can plan how much to save and how much time you have before you need the money. For example, for your retirement goal, be specific about how many years before you want to retire. And once you do, how you plan to spend your time — perhaps traveling the world, turning your hobby into a business or taking your grandkids on outings. These can have vastly different price tags.

Be willing to compromise. Reaching one, or more, of your goals may mean compromising. If your must-have is building your dream home but it's not looking quite affordable, you may need to make a trade-off — build it a bit smaller, work a year or two longer or trade in some of your wish-list goals so you can stay focused on your must-haves.

Hold yourself accountable to stay on track. Once your

strategy is in place, it's not a set-and-forget exercise. Actively tracking your progress and managing your decisions and actions can help you be better positioned to reach your goals. Use time-tested principles for making financial decisions, not predictions. Diversify, own quality investments and keep a realistic perspective, especially for your long-term goals. Maintain your focus and don't let your emotions control your investment decisions. It can be helpful to meet with a financial advisor at least annually to review your full financial strategy, address any changes in your life or your goals, and discuss your progress and new ideas.

As you achieve certain milestones, celebrate them. You may even want to refresh your outlook with new goals. Take pride in your ability to strategize and accomplish a personal financial goal for yourself by following the path you envisioned and created.

First United Methodist VBS will be July 19

Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2025 at Nashville's First United Methodist Church will be on Saturday, July 19, from 9:30-2:00.

The event is for all ages and will feature Bible stories, music, crafts, games, gardening, a water slide, fishing and food.

The church is located at 1403 W. Sunset St., Nashville. The public is invited.

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THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



The first Dierks Logging Camp was located about four miles east of Dierks. circa 1915

123 years ago: July 1902
Joel Chandler, an old citizen of this section, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Fate Ludnum yesterday afternoon.

The shooting occurred during the progress of a picnic at Garner’s Mill, five miles west of this city, and the weapon used was a revolver.

The ball entered the upper part of the left breast, and the wound is considered very dangerous.

After the shooting occurred, Ludnum, whose home is in Sevier County, mounted a mule and made his escape.

Otis Conley, Prescott’s marshal, suffered a serious accident yesterday which may result fatally.

He was in the act of placing some papers in a safe, when his pistol fell from its holster, and striking the floor was discharged.

The ball entered the groin and passing through the

body came out at his back.

79 years ago: July 1946
First Lt. Rufus E. Beene was killed in a plane crash near Chungking, China, on November 14, 1944. Lt. Beene was flying “the Hump” with a cargo plane at nights, and it was on one of these missions that his plane crashed.

Sim and Sam Ellis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Ellis of Nashville, Arkansas, are being returned to civilian life through the Navy’s Personnel Separation Center in Memphis. They were in the Navy 13 months, nine months of which were sea duty in the Pacific Theatre.

(Adv.) We now have battery radio tubes and new and used radios. Logan-Flournoy Radio Service, phone 60.

63 years ago: July 1962
Road improvements for North Howard got an unexpected bit of support

Thursday. Johnnie Gray, professional photographer with the Arkansas Highway Department, was driving to Umpire when the county honored department and commission officials.

Johnnie had a flat on his car near the Saline Bridge, replaced it in the broiling sun and arrived dusty and dog tired at the barbecue dinner. Now he is for more paved roads in Howard County, he said.

42 years ago: July 1983
Card of Thanks: We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the County Line and Center Point Volunteer Fire Departments for the efforts made during the recent loss of our home.

Also, our deepest appreciation to our many friends for their concern and many acts of kindness shown us since our tragedy. May God richly bless you, Barbara Yates and Family

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse in Nashville during the period June 26-July 2, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

Marriage Licenses

(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office)

June 30. Cristian Pioquinto-Ortiz, 26, Nashville, and Jessica Lizet Luna, 28, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV25-74, June 26. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Edwin Valente. Debt.

CV25-75, June 26. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Ashleigh Smith. Debt.

CV25-76, June 26. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Ocie Newton. Debt.

CV25-77, June 26. Resurgent Receivables, LLC vs. Nadine Johnson. Debt.

CV25-78, June 30. Bank of America vs. Sherri Taylor. Contract.

CV25-79, July 01. State of Arkansas vs. Cornelius Moore. Property forfeiture.

Domestic Relations Court

DR25-57, June 26. Laci Wright vs. James Goolsby. Divorce.

DR25-58, June 30. Samantha Pham vs. Loc Qui Pham. Divorce.

DR25-59, July 02. Riley Wooten vs. Brady O’Neal. Order of protection.

DR25-60, July 02. Isaac Connell vs. Samantha Connell. Divorce.

Criminal Court

No new criminal cases filed since CR25-62, June 23.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds

June 30. Julie Bowman; to Tiawana Rouse; 1.5 ac. in S31 no further land description.

Executor’s Deed

June 30. Noel Dion Adanson, executor of the estate of Helen J. Adanson, deceased; to Klair Castleberry; 1 ac., part of Block 17, old town of Center Point. \$140,000.

Warranty Deeds

June 26. (Corporate) Indian Creek Pork and Cattle Co, Inc.; to Cody Tedford and wife, Kara Tedford; 50 ac. in S35 T5S 29W. \$250,000.

June 26. (Special) Jarrett and Rachael Tucker, a married couple; to Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission; 2 tracts in S22/S15/S10/S11/S14 T5S R30W plus easements. \$6,242,510.75.

June 26. Darla Gail Hunter, survivor of an estate by the entirety previously held with Ricky L. Hunter, now deceased; to Indian Creek Pork and Cattle Co., Inc.; 4.15 ac. in S25 T5S R28W. \$550,000.

June 27. James R. Wilson, Jr., et al; to James R. Wilson, et al; property in S24 T11S R27W. \$0.

June 30. Mike Delaney and wife, Kelly Delaney; to Ricky Lynn Westfall and Gloria Ann Westfall, trustees of the Westfall Family Trust; 20 ac. in S34 T8S R27W. \$100,000.

June 30. Chad Kesterson and wife, Kristin Kesterson; to Ricky Lynn Westfall and Gloria Ann Westfall, trustees of the Westfall Family Trust; 20 ac. in S34 T8S R27W. \$100,000.

June 30. (Special) Danny Daniel; to Dana Elizabeth Snow; properties in S15/S21/S22 T8S R27W with exceptions.

July 02. Gwen Whitmore, et al; to Atypical Acres, LLC; 5 ac. in S4 T9S R28W. \$9,000.

July 02. (Special) Dierks Health and Rehab, LLC; to S Arkansas Avenue Property, LLC; property in S31 T7S R28W. \$6,464,886.00.

Three defendants enter ‘not true’ pleas

“Not true” pleas were taken from three defendants last Wednesday, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

Each is charged with failure to meet the terms of probation sentences for previous felony convictions.

Probation revocation trials were set by Judge Tom Cooper who was on the bench.

Trial dates were set for:

Blake Seavers, 37, white male, Mineral Springs, who was on probation for a class Y felony, possession of controlled substance. His trial will be July 23.

Kartavious Eason, 25, black male, Nashville, was convicted in 2024 of breaking or entering. His trial will be July 23 when he faces another trial.

Dustie Faulkner, 24, white female, Hope, was convicted

in 2021 of possession of controlled substance, class D felony. The revocation trial will also be July 23 unless there is a plea change.

A new trial date of Oct. 13 was set for Haley Jewell, 31, white female, Dierks, who was apprehended on a failure to appear warrant. She is charged with possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Football camp for grades K-5 set

The Future Scrapper Football Camp will be July 21, 22 and 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Scrapper Stadium.

The camp is for players currently in grades K-5 for 2025-26.

The registration fee is \$50,

including a T-shirt.

The camp will be led by the Nashville Scrapper football coaching staff and current players.

Campers will learn and develop the basic skills and fundamentals of football.

They will interact with current players and coaches “as we build a foundation on pride and fun,” according to Coach Brad Chesshir.

For more information, contact Chesshir at 870-845-3261, ext. 521.

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We’d like to recognize and congratulate this outstanding group of craftsmen from Weyerhaeuser Dierks and Idabel who successfully completed the Essential Craft Skills: Precision Assembly & Installation course this week. This course not only enhanced their technical knowledge but also emphasized craftsmanship, attention to detail, and the importance of doing things right the first time.

At Weyerhaeuser, we are committed to investing in our people, and this training is just one example of how we continue to develop the skills and capabilities of our maintenance teams. Congratulations again to the team we’re proud of your hard work and the dedication you bring to your craft every day.

Robert (Bobby) Lambert Estate Auction

171 Nevada 270, Emmet, AR 71835

Saturday, July 12th at 9:00 a.m.

****Concessions and restrooms available****

Directions to auction: From I-30 take exit 36, take Hwy 299 S. toward Emmet at stop sign, go straight over railroad tracks and turn left, take right on S. Main Street (by Prince Patterns) go 4.7 miles go straight on Nevada 14 .8 miles take left on Nevada 270 go .4 miles. Auction site at shop on right side of road. Watch for Signs!

Due to the untimely passing of Robert (Bobby) Lambert, Todd Morris Auction Co. has been commissioned to sell welding shop equipment, tools and a lifetime of welding and farming equipment.

Kubota M6080 w/Kubota LA1162 Loader, 4642 hours w/pallet forks & bucket hay spear, Remington 742 Woodmaster 30-06, automatic w/scope - nice, Remington 742 Woodmaster 270 automatic w/scope - nice, JD DX6 3 pt. cutter, 2020 19 Ft. Puma camper “nice” ultralight camper, misc. tires, fish cleaning table, Lincoln SA200 gas welder, Quincy air compressor 60 gal. 3.5HP, JD Loader w/bucket, 14 Ft. trailer frame, fuel tank on stand 500 gal overhead, (2) Miller Trailblazer welder/generator 325 gas - 550 hours - 840 hours, JD riding mower, old ice boxes, antique Philco w/old wrenches, ‘98 Chevrolet Ext. Cab 4x4 - 198,533 miles - runs, ‘09 Ram 3500 Diesel 4x4 Crew Cab flat bed w/welding boxes - automatic, 239,268 miles, Cake feeder - Bar 6, Bush Hog 3 pt post hole digger 6 & 9, Deer Stand - Tripod, 7 Ft. Woods 3 pt. cutter new PTO shaft, Adams ground drive ss/fertilizer buggy, 12 Ft. box deer stand, 16 Ft. pipe top HD, 15 Ft. modern batwing bush hog, welding trailer w/boxes & racks, 25 Ft. GN duel tandem w/ramps, WWV squeeze chute like new, (2) 15 Ft. flat bottom boat, roll of rubber, HD grates, 7 Ft. Taylor Way 962 3 pt. tiller, (3) 3pt. hyd. hay unroller, misc. bottles, misc. 3 pt. hay spear, 3 pt cone seeder, Mineral feeders, Approx. 1/2 pallet stock salt, salt & mineral feeder, misc. electric fence supplies, tubs of sweet potatoes, empty tubs, food plot mix in tubs, misc. metal - new angle iron, new 2x6 tubing, flat steel, sucker rod, pipe racks, used rake wheels, new rake wheel, Blade HD metal tool boxes with tools, Miller AC/DC Dialarc HF electric welder, lots of misc hand tools, welding leads, oxy hoses, metal cutting Chop Saw, electric fence supplies, 5 rolls of silage wrap, several misc. ton feed bags, new Champion 10K wench (in box), 420CC Predator engine, ladder, Snap On Tool Box w/tools, Norpole ice maker (electric), chest type freezer, refrigerator, Aquila AS912TI tire machine, Coats 700 Direct Drive Balancer, Continental HD drill press, 3 saddles, Earthway seed planter push, misc. chains & binders, insulated storage on wheels, Schmaker battery charger, transit stand, cattle dehorners, cse of aluminum cans, 500 gal. poly tank, oxy cart w/hoses, (3) creek feeder, (2) 4 wheel hay wagon, rack for welder, ‘84 Toyota pick up - no title (doesn't run), ‘80’s Chevy pickup 2500 parts only - no title (doesn't run), galvanized walk through gates, new cattle & hog panels, 4 Shank 3 pt ripper, (2) approx. 1,000 gal fuel tank w/pump, approx. 500 gall fuel tank w/pump, plastic water tank, WWV squeeze chute trailer, misc. 2 7/8 pipe, 1/2 stics of sucker rod, misc. hay feeders, 12 ft alley way, approx. 30 6’x10’ HD cattle panels, misc. gates, (4) concrete troughs, 16 Ft. bumper pull w/solid sides - steel floor, JD hay spear, (3) licktubs new cattle 4 row hipper, HD 3 pc 16-18 steel pipe, misc sheet metal, I beams, bundle new panels, sucker rods, (3) T post, concrete wire - 2 rolls, metal ladder, trusses, misc. plastic piep - 18 , cutter for parts, pile of scrap metal, (2) feed binds, pull behind roller, (2) lick tubs, pipe - 2 7/8, 100+ bales of hay, hay rings new & used, 16 Ft. fold up disk, salt tubs, electrical boxes, John Deere double hay spear, 7 Shark tiller, 9 tooth tiller, 3 pt. middle buster, 3 Pt. sprayer, 3 Pt. stump grinder, dirt pan, JD Tractor 2030, (2) totes on trailer, Kuhn speed rake SR113G11, Krone easy cut 3200 cv single pt - works, Krone easy cut 3200 cv 2 pt -works, horse drawn plows, 200 gal fuel tank, trusses, International flat bed - doesn't run, wrought iron gate, go -cart, Milwaukee Deep Throat band saw, Bosch hammer drill, Hugen Mag Drill, Stihl MS311 chainsaw, Milwaukee metl cutting circular saw, DeWalt electric circular saw, Case 13A freon, Milwaukee cordless grease gun, lots of misc. tools, socket sets, battery tester Milwaukee cordless impact, new gloves, Johnson digital level, Honda Blackmax 7000watt gas generator, misc. new welding supplies, and many more items!!

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Point of view

Marching music

Unbidden melody fills gap between my ears

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and right now I'm having trouble thinking straight because there is a melody lodged firmly between my ears.

Lodged loudly.
I cannot shake it, and I am unable to move on to another tune or to blessed silence.
I'm just stuck with the music until for some reason it just goes away. When this happens sometimes the mental tune is great; sometimes it is equal to Islamic water torture at Guantanamo.

Early, early Sunday morning while out on my neighborhood stroll, I realized I was trying to walk in a military marching cadence to the theme music from an old television show.

The tune was firmly in charge before I even realized that I was in its grip even tho I can't march anymore and I walk at a leisurely pace. It is easier to march with music.

The tune was from a television series named "The West Point Story," Sometimes it was just called "West Point." It was aired 1956-57 on CBS; and 1957-58 on ABC.

I was in junior high.
How on earth can such an old melodic memory suddenly -- and firmly -- pop up like that?

Mr. Google says that the show was "Real life stories of the cadets at the nation's military academy." A number of actors who would later become real stars made appearances. Steve McQueen, Clint Eastwood, among them.

There were few female roles because the service academies of the day were strictly male.

The show was pretty popular, and it apparently inspired a number of young men to join the Army. And it may have spurred some young women to say "Why can't I march, too?"

The popularity of the show really upset the Navy, so a year later on another network a series, "Men of Annapolis," was born. It was about --- guess what --- "Real life stories of the midshipmen at the nation's naval academy." A number of actors who would later become real stars made appearances. You wouldn't recognize many of the names, though.

The Annapolis series was written almost completely by a guy named Gene Roddenberry. Heard of him? Star Trek? This COULD be the reason most of our nation's astronauts have been Navy or Marines.

But the Annapolis show's music isn't the one that got stuck between my ears, Sunday. It was the music from 'West Point.' Golly, at this point I can't even recall the music from 'Men of Annapolis.'

The main difference in the two shows, other than the uniforms the Cadets and the Midshipmen wore to class, was their relationship with the townie girls.

See, most of the weekly plots of both shows dealt with academy's students and their ladies.

For the West Point cadets, theirs were chaste encounters with the townie girls.

But the Midshipmen were just junior sailors, after all, and so the chaste part just got tossed over the fantail (that's some Navy jargon and I'll have to explain it some other time).

Taaaaaaa, ta ta taaa, taaaaaa.

I'm sure you recognize the tune by now, and I hope it gets stuck firmly between your ears, too. I will be glad to hum it for you.

Mr. Google helped me find the theme music for both shows. West Point's music was far superior to Annapolis's.

This is one heck of an admission because I am an old sailor. Emphasis on the 'old.'

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TEXAS FLOODING. That tragedy reminds many of us of the flood at Camp Albert Pike a couple of summers ago.
Inexpressible sorrow at the loss of children .

At the end of the last Ice Age I was a student at the University of Arkansas. A couple of buddies and I shared a duplex apartment.

Across the 'cul de sac' from our apartment was one that was the residence of four lively coeds. One of the coeds was from Houston, Texas.

That next summer she got them all jobs as counselors at one of those Texas girls' camps that was destroyed by the flooding last week.

I am party to their text messages back-and-forth about their long-ago summer job.

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THE GOOD EARTH. With the heat of this summer I've been scrambling to keep plants alive.

Back in late May I purchased a couple of those pre-kinked garden hoses. I've stopped wasting my imaginary money on the ones that promise to be kink-proof because, you know

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

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WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons. This one is for aviators: Crash Landing.

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HE SAID: "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." Thomas A. Edison, inventor

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SHE SAID: "Do what you feel in your heart to be right -- for you'll be criticized anyway. You'll be damned if you do, and damned if you don't." Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady

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Additional funding approved by state to shore up school voucher program

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

Due to its growing popularity, legislators allocated an additional \$90 million to Educational Freedom Accounts.

The chief financial officer of the Education Department said that without the additional funds the state would not be able to make first quarter payments before the upcoming school year.

The governor proposed and the legislature approved the creation of Education Freedom Accounts in 2023, phasing in the program over three years. The 2025-2026 school year will be the first in which all students are eligible, and the number of families applying for the accounts shows that it is very popular.

Education Freedom Accounts provide families who home school, or who send their children to a private school, with 90 percent of the amount that state government and local school districts would spend for each pupil enrolled in public schools. In the 2025-2026 school year that will be \$6,864 for each student who is eligible for an Education Freedom Account.

According to the state Educa-

tion Department, it has received applications for more than 44,000 students, and almost 40,000 have already been approved. About 28,000 applications are from families who send their children to private schools and 16,000 are from families who home school their children.

The legislature anticipated higher demand for Education Freedom Accounts and earlier this year approved Act 1017, which set aside the additional \$90 million for the program.

Earlier this year the legislature increased funding for Education Freedom Accounts from about \$97 million to about \$187 million. Last week's allocation of \$90 million will bring the total amount of funding to \$277 million for the upcoming school year.

School Insurance

In the 2025 regular session the legislature created a sustainable, new system of property insurance for schools, higher education institutions and state agencies. It was the result of several years of work.

A legislative subcommittee approved the creation of a captive insurance plan last week that would

hold rates unchanged next year. Deductibles next year for schools will be \$25,000 if they have less than \$100 million in insured assets. For school districts with more assets the deductible will be \$50,000.

State agencies will have a deductible of \$250,000. A consultant's report cautioned that schools and state agencies can expect deductibles to increase the following year.

The state Board of Finance has approved the plan. Another state agency, the Department of Shared Administrative Services, will operate the insurance program, known as a captive plan. The state will operate the program as if it were its own insurance company.

The governor and lawmakers have been shoring up school finances with one-time disbursements, after they had experienced rising costs for property insurance. Last fiscal year the state provided \$11 million to help pay for higher insurance premiums that were driven up by claims after severe storms.

Consultants reported to lawmakers that rates had tripled from 2021 to 2024, in large part due to wind and hail damage.

Lyon College's new dental school an important step for health care

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Many factors contribute to the ability of Arkansans to live full, healthy lives, with one of the most important being access to quality medical care and treatment from well-trained professionals who live and work in local communities.

Dental hygiene and preventive treatment are important components in attaining that goal. In fact, oral disease can lead to serious health complications like heart disease and endocarditis, as well as pneumonia and even complications with pregnancy that can result in premature birth and low birth weight.

This reality clearly demonstrates the need to prioritize oral health, but it can be hard to do so without convenient access to dental care.

That has been a challenge in our state historically.

The America's Health Rankings 2024 Annual Report showed that just 55.6 percent of adult Arkansans reported visiting a dentist in the last year, and that number was even higher for high school students: 69.2 percent.

An Arkansas Center for Health Improvement finding indicated that in 2019, eleven of our counties experienced a dental provider shortage including two – Cleve-

land and Lafayette – that were without a single active dentist.

Until just recently, there were no dental schools in our state to train the future providers of this vital care.

Fortunately, we have just made an important and encouraging stride to help ensure our communities have the opportunity to receive affordable, reliable and quality oral health care and treatment. And I am proud to have played a role in this tremendous progress that is finally coming to fruition.

Earlier this year, as the first dental school in Arkansas prepared to launch, it received accreditation. In even more exciting news, it has now welcomed its inaugural class of students.

This day was only made possible through a great deal of vision, planning and hard work. The result of that effort has brought a dental school to Arkansas, with Batesville's Lyon College establishing the new home for its School of Dental Medicine in Little Rock. This historic moment is worth pausing to reflect on and celebrate.

The inaugural class boasts 80 students, 43 percent of whom are Natural State natives hailing from communities as diverse as Bentonville and Jonesboro to McGehee, Atkins and Ozark. Seventeen of

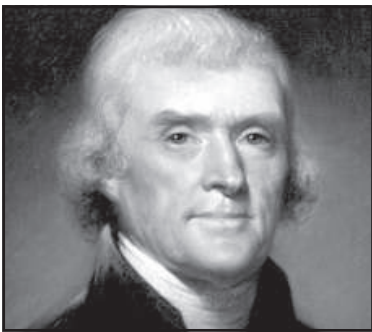
these native Arkansans are also first-generation college students. We are thrilled to keep them inside our own borders with a campus that will boast state-of-the-art facilities and cutting-edge technology.

The school is committed to tailoring the curriculum to emphasize both education and community care, ensuring students benefit from a hands-on clinical experience and have many occasions to provide comprehensive dental care to the surrounding community.

Last year, Congress passed, and the president signed into law, legislation that delivered funding including \$15 million for Lyon's dental school. That investment into our state, which I was pleased to secure, represents a positive step forward on the priority to train and retain health professionals who will likely provide care in Arkansas throughout their careers.

The first class at the Lyon College School of Dental Medicine is poised to play an important part in that mission and usher in an exciting new chapter for oral health in Arkansas. I

t will also hopefully inspire more bright young men and women to pursue this profession and grow the ranks of those providing this essential care to our families, friends and communities.



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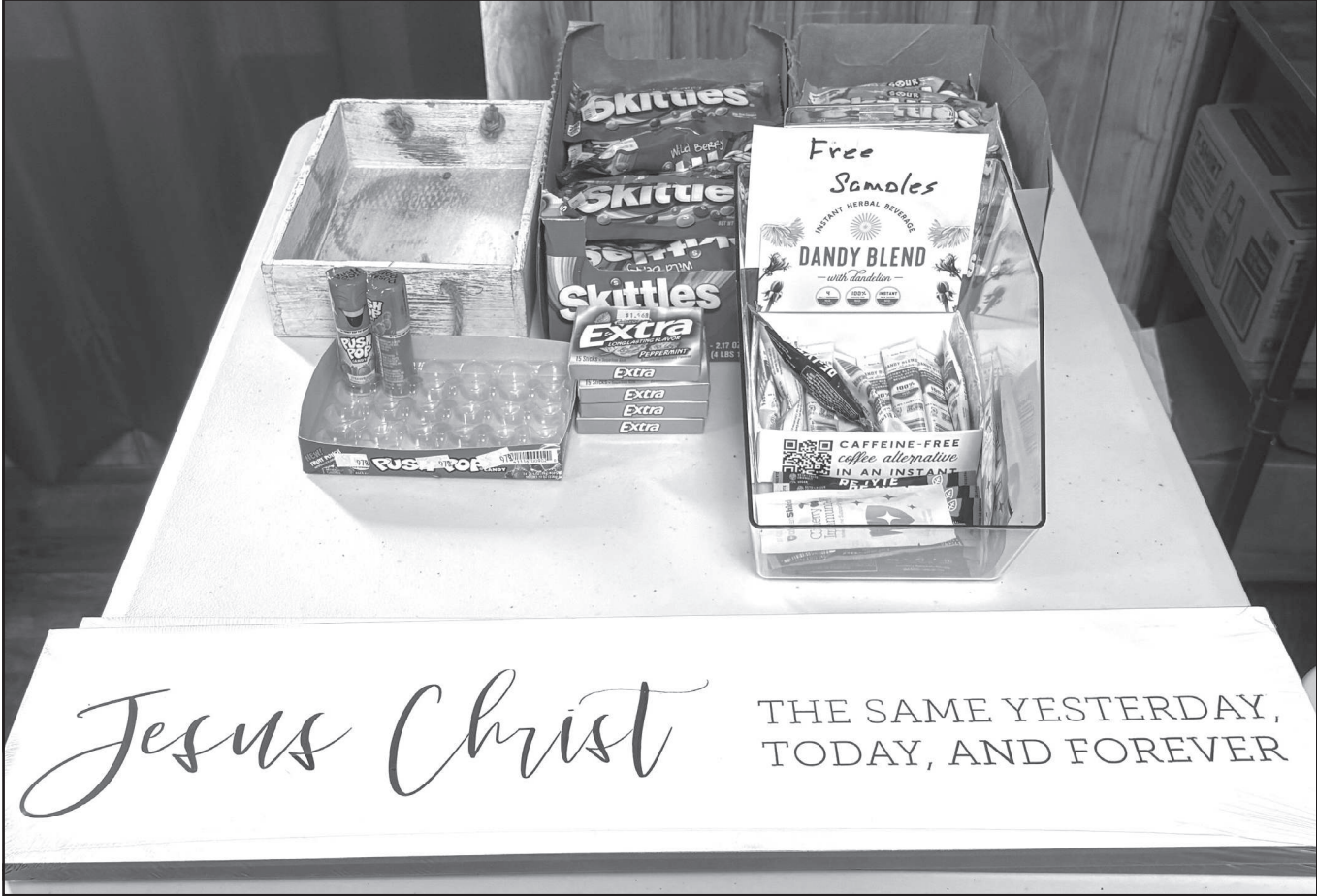
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A host of items fill the shelves at Hostetler Sales, 1426 Mission Drive, Nashville. Perhaps the best route is to travel west on Highway 371, turn left on 355, then left on Mission Drive. The Mennonite school will be on the right, and the small white house on the left is Hostetler Sales. The store is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Hostetler Sales provides shoppers with displays of all kinds, ranging from signs to food and countless other products.

Store

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In 1977, Delbert left Illinois for Arkansas. "I lived in Illinois until I was 30 years old. We farmed corn and soybeans and had some cattle. Most of my family had moved down here," Delbert joined them and became a part of the Howard County Mennonite community.

For more than 50 years, Howard County has had a strong Mennonite presence. With evangelical beliefs that mirror many other conservative denominations, church is of primary importance. "We probably have over 120 or maybe 130, I'm not sure, in our church here," Delbert said.

For years Delbert was what many of us would call the pastor of the Mennonite church in Howard County.

Are you still the pastor? "I'm kind of retired. We ordained another one, my son Rodney is what we call our Presiding Bishop," Delbert and Rodney share preaching responsibilities with several others in the church.

What many people don't know is that the services in the Mennonite church are in German. Most Mennonites, but not all, speak only German at home. The children learn English when they start to school.

"There are some that cannot speak the German language," says Delbert. "I know quite a few of them that cannot." But all of those in our area have German as their first language, and the services at church are in German.

"Our German is what we call 'Pennsylvania Dutch,'" Delbert said. "We use a High German Bible in church. Now, if you'd come, we'd preach in English (not German). We feed everyone."

The local men in the Mennonite community work in agriculture or in the construction trades. Delbert raised chickens for Tyson until last year. His

son Rudy wanted to expand his growing operation, and Delbert sold his chicken houses to Rudy.

But Delbert quickly found that 78 years of age was too young to do nothing. His grandfather's house was available, and Delbert decided to start Hostetler Sales.

"It's kind of in my blood. My mother had a store here and sold some dry goods. I put some shelving in here and started selling a few things."

Books, eggs, cheese, other groceries, jam and jelly, flour, coffee - you name it. It's probably here, or it will be soon.

"I'm only open on Tuesday and Thursday, but I think it would help if I were open on Tuesday through Saturday," he said.

One of his biggest sellers is a new kind of flour, milled without wheat germ, that has an apparently infinite shelf life. "I drive to Illinois to buy that," says Delbert. "Shipping has gotten so expensive."

There's not a sign up for Delbert's store. The best way to get there is to go west on the Lockesburg highway, turn left on 355, then left on Mission Drive.

The Mennonite school is on your right and the small white house on your left is Hostetler Sales.

Hostetler Sales is a wonderful place to visit. Delbert said, with a twinkle in his eye, that if everyone who reads this article would come by, it would certainly help his business!

One thing I would add: Howard County has benefitted from Levi Hostetler's move here in 1972. Anytime there's a fire, a tornado, straight line winds, or any other kind of a natural disaster, you'd be hard-pressed to beat the Mennonites there to help. God never created a finer group of people or a better bunch of neighbors than the Mennonites in Howard County, and we are grateful and blessed that they are here.

Now go shop in Delbert's store on Tuesday or Thursday. Don't be in a hurry; you'll enjoy the visit.



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Jaree Hall of Nashville checks out the merchandise at Hostetler Sales.

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PINE TREE FESTIVAL KICK-OFF. The Dierks Chamber of Commerce's Pine Tree Festival Kick-Off Party will be held Saturday, July 19 at Horseshoe Bend at Dierks Lake. The event will start at 5:30 with a free chicken dinner prepared by the Dierks Volunteer Fire Department. The annual Pine Tree 5K will be a night run this year with check-in at 5:30 for runners and late sign-ups. At 6:00, sign-up is scheduled for the free kids' Fun Run (ages 12 & under), which starts at 6:30. The 5K race will start at 7:00. The annual festival is set for Aug. 2 at the Dierks City Park.

Miss Pine Tree Festival Pageant July 18

The 2025 Miss Pine Tree Festival Pageant will be held Friday, July 18 at the Jo Ann Walters Elementary gym, starting at 6 p.m.

The divisions will be Baby (0-12 months), Toddler (13-23 months), Tiny (2-3 years), Little (4-6 years), Petite (7-8 years), Young (9-11 years), Teen (12-14 years), Junior Miss (15-17 years) and Miss (18+)

The will be a people's choice division where all contestants will be listed at the door and will be voted on when the doors open to the public. The cost will be \$1 per one vote.

Check-in will begin at 4:30 at the table in front of

the stage.

The costs will be \$45 per contestants and \$5 for photogenic.

The deadline to enter is Friday, July 11 with no exceptions.

For more information, call or text Khylla Aylor at (870) 279-0070 or Carlie Bowens at (870) 582-3094.

Murfreesboro man charged with assault, false imprisonment

A Murfreesboro man who has twice been the target of the U.S. Marshal Service has been arrested and charged in Pike County with aggravated assault and false imprisonment.

Neftali Lugo, 33, was charged July 2 with felony false imprisonment and aggravated assault as well as a misdemeanor charges of third-degree battery and fleeing. He remains in county custody on \$50,000 bond, as of Tuesday morning, awaiting a court date.

Lugo was arrested on June 25 following a physical altercation at 423 W. Dixon Street. The victim and property owner, Christie Nance, 58, showed signs of a physical assault and law enforcement she was attacked in the home by Lugo, who allegedly choked her until she began losing consciousness. The victim's daughter, Jaymie Nance, is Lugo's girlfriend and she lives at the home owned by her mother.

The victim also stated Lugo accused her of ruining his life and then blocked her exit with a dresser before attempting to drag her into a bedroom, according to case information. Lugo allegedly said, "I cannot go back to prison..I will take care of you" before instructing the daughter to gather the victim's keys, vehicle and cell phone to make it appear as though she had never been at the residence.

The victim was eventually able to escape after claiming she had already called the police before she came the residence.

Lugo fled on foot from the scene, and soon after, calls were received about a shirtless man running through backyards and hiding in a shed. When officers located Lugo, he fled again and was eventually caught on South Second Street.

Earlier this year, Lugo was arrested twice this year by the U.S. Marshal Service on charges out of Texas and Connecticut, according to Murfreesboro Police Chief Randy Lamb.

Hope bank's ATM robbed Monday

Monday morning at approximately 8:40, officers of the Hope Police Department responded to a report of a robbery at Red River Federal Credit Union on Walmart Drive in Hope, according to the police department.

Officers arrived on scene and learned that two suspects approached bank employees who were servicing a bank ATM and stole money. Suspects are described as two black males wearing dark colored clothing and face masks.

The vehicle, a white Nissan Altima, which had been previously reported stolen in Texarkana, Texas, left traveling North on US Highway 278. The vehicle was located by officers shortly after the incident and is being processed for evidence at this time.

No arrests have been made at this time.

If anyone has any video or other information about this incident, contact Lieutenant Jimmy Courtney at 870-722-2560.

This investigation is ongoing.

NHS grad receives Farm Credit scholarship

Sarah Lamb, a 2025 Nashville High School graduate, is one of 40 western Arkansas students awarded an academic scholarship from Farm Credit of Western Arkansas. Lamb plans to attend NorthWest Arkansas Community College in the fall. She is the daughter of Farm Credit members Jim Bob and Beth Lamb.

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AS JOHN THE BAPTIST CALLED THEM, "A GENERATION OF VIPERS" (MATT. 3:7) SO JESUS CALLED THEM AS HE WARNED THE DISCIPLES AGAINST THEM. AND AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION, THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES JOINED WITH THE PRIESTS AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEMPLE IN THE ACT OF PERSECUTING PETER AND JOHN (ACTS 4:1-22). ALSO, BOTH PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES WERE IN THE SANHEDRIN WHICH TRIED PAUL, BUT THIS APOSTLE, TAKING NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THEY WERE OF TWO OPINIONS, CLEVERLY SET THEM AT ARGUING WITH EACH OTHER, SO VIOLENTLY, THAT THE CHIEF CAPTAIN OF THE ROMANS HAD PAUL REMOVED BEFORE ANY HARM SHOULD COME TO HIM BEFORE HE ARRIVED AT HIS TRIAL IN ROME. (ACTS 23:6-10)

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Q1 2025 U.S. farm bankruptcies exceed 2024

By Mary Hightower
U of Arkansas System
Division of Agriculture
Farm bankruptcy filings are rising in 2025, a sign that agriculture is facing the same high financial pressures it saw pre-pandemic, said Ryan Loy, extension economist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Chapter 12 filings in the first quarter of 2025 have exceeded those in all of 2024. (Image via Pixabay)
“We’ve had 259 filings in the United States so far this year,” Loy said. “And that’s just through the first quarter of this year.
“We’ve already beat last year in terms of national filings,” he said. “Once you

see this on a national level, it’s a clear sign that financial pressures that we saw before in the 2018 and ‘19 are kind of re-emerging.”
Chapter 12
Filing under Chapter 12 of the federal bankruptcy code gives farmers and family fishermen an opportunity to propose and carry out a plan to repay all or part

of their debts. In Arkansas, those seeking to reorganize under Chapter 12 would file a plan with the 8th U.S. District Court. Chapter 12, introduced in 1986 at the height of the farm crisis, was designed with farms in mind and offers an alternative to a Chapter 7 filing, which a farm’s assets are liquidated to pay creditors.
With more than 60 farm auctions in Arkansas since December, there are plenty of Chapter 7 filings.

In 2019, there were 599 Chapter 12 filings across the U.S., which was the highest in at least the past decade. However, by 2021, that number declined to 276.
“That drop was due in part to some of that pandemic-related assistance and stronger commodity prices at that time,” Loy said.
In 2010s, Arkansas accounted for 20. To 22 percent of the Chapter 12 bankruptcy filings in the 8th U.S. District Court. By 2021, Arkansas accounted for just 5 percent of those filings.

“But now, we’ve really reversed course,” Loy said. “In 2024, Arkansas accounted for more than 30 percent of the district’s filings over the whole year. And in 2025, we’re sitting right now at 26.8 percent of those total filings — and we still have three more quarters of data to bring in.
“I would suspect that we’re going to probably outpace or at least be right on the margin of what 2024 looked like,” Loy said.

Financial pressure cooker
A large part of the pressure stems from the fact that “commodity prices are back at levels where they were in the 2018-2019 era,” said Scott Stiles, extension economics program associate for the Division of Agriculture.
Adding to the pressure cooker are input costs — seed, fertilizer, pest management tools and diesel — that never seem to decline much or for a long period.
“There are concerns about the trade environment that

we’re in,” Stiles said. “There have certainly been a lot of weather challenges.”
Stiles said the farmers’ No. 1 response is “holding off on capital purchases right now.”
The last monthly report from the Association of Equipment Manufacturers showed that tractor sales were down 13 percent year over year and combine sales were down 48 percent for the same period, Stiles said.
“There’s a downstream impact on other segments in ag industry,” Stiles said. “Your input suppliers, your equipment dealers, anybody who provides a service to farmers is impacted by this, too.”
“If the farmers are hurting, those communities are going to hurt too,” Loy said.
For a larger discussion on farm bankruptcies listen to the Morning Coffee and Ag Markets podcast: “Chapter 12 Bankruptcies in Arkansas and the U.S.: Trends and Implications for the Farm Economy.”

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Howard County (Jail)	54,108.76
Cossatot Community College UofA	54,108.76
Howard County Road	65,473.93
Howard County Landfill	43,649.28
Howard County General fund	27,280.80
Total Distributed	\$595,196.36

SOURCE: Howard County Treasurer Sheri Mixon

Weekend Activities Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area

Every Sunday
Crittter Feeding
3 p.m. Visitor Center
Thursday, July 10
Birding Hike
8:30 a.m. Visitor Center
Intro to Nature Journaling
2 p.m. Cossatot Falls Day-Use Area
Friday, July 11
Technology in Nature
10 a.m. Visitor Center
The Life of a Box Turtle

12 p.m. Visitor Center
River Rock Identification
2 p.m. Sandbar Day-Use Area
Saturday, July 12
Trailside Talks & Treats
9-11 a.m. Cossatot Falls
This is a come & go station.
Orienteering
9 a.m. Visitor Center Amp.
This program is best suited for adults and kids 12 or older.
River Safari
2 p.m. Brushy Creek Rec Area
Sunday, July 13
Birdhouse Painting
9 a.m. Visitor Center
Why Birds Migrate
12 p.m. Visitor Center Amp.
Track Identification Station
1-3 p.m. Sandbar Day-Use Area

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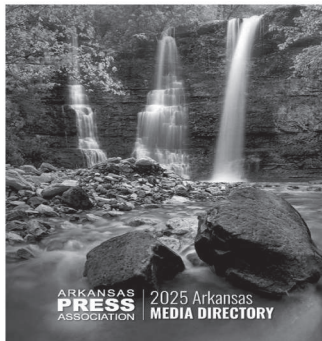
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Nashville Truck Plaza

24/7 truck stop opens on bypass

Nashville Truck Plaza is now open 24 hours a day, seven days a week on the bypass with plans for a grand opening event soon, according to owner Guri Kang of the GDM Group, LLC.

The new business open last week at 407 Highway 27 South in the spot of the former Quick Draw Ultra Stop, which was built in 1996 and has sat vacant for several years.


Kang said Nashville Truck Plaza sells Phillips 66 gas at comparable prices and the gas bay includes a new diesel island.

Inside, food service is available with tacos, burritos, cold cut sandwiches and more, along with ready to go Big Rock Pizza and Bird Shack Chicken.

The business is also an Arkansas Scholarship Lottery retailer and expects to eventually hire 10 to 14 employees for its 24-hour operation.

Kang said that the community will be invited to an all-day grand opening in the coming days.





Charlotte McCauley & Darlene Watson
of Pike County Archives and History Society

PCA&HS history book wins award from publisher

The Pike County Archives and History Society was recently presented with an award from book publisher, Acclaim Press, for the new book the society sponsored entitled “Pike County History & Families 1833-2023.”

This large, hard cover, coffee-table style, 304 page book is well illustrated with hundreds of photos, drawings and maps from all eras of the two centuries it covers. The book was published by Acclaim Press.

Receiving the award was the book project chairman Charlotte McCauly, who’s initiative launched the book, and Darlene Watson, who served in compiling the materials for the book with the publisher for its production from beginning to end.

A special plaque was presented to them for public display at the local Archives Center.

The award is presented each year to one of the many books published by Acclaim Press, based in Sikeston, Mo., for the most outstanding local history book for the previous year.

“The winners are chosen by our own staff, based on aesthetic appeal, literary significance and market acceptance, in all of which Pike County, Arkansas excelled,” relayed Doug Sikes, president of Acclaim Press, who presented them with the plaque commemorating the award.

Sikes added, “Many great people have called Pike County home, so, it is fitting that their story will be so well preserved for future generations. All who worked on it are to be highly commended.”

The book is being sold by the Pike County Archives and History Archives in Murfreesboro.

The CALL prayer meeting July 29 at Glenwood church

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Country artist Payton Howie performs during the Stand Up for America program Friday night, July 4, at the Nashville City Park.

Stand Up for America

July 4 at Nashville City Park

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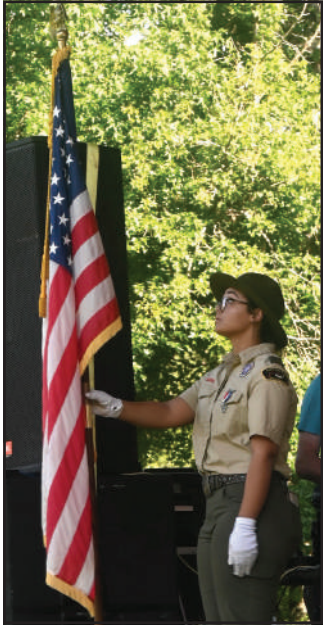
The traditional fireworks display wraps up the Stand Up for America July 4 celebration.



Emcee Loren Hinton visits musician Phillip Young.



Officer Hector Cortez displays the Coast Guard flag during the salute to veterans.



The Girl Scout troop from Hope presented the colors at Stand Up for America.

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Athletes go back to summer workouts

With the Arkansas Activities Association dead weeks completed, high school athletes resumed their summer schedules Monday, July 7. Football players will compete in 7-on-7 tournaments during July as they prepare for their season openers in late August or early September. Basketball players will have summer workouts and team camps during July.

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