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OPINION 4A

Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

Farmers' Market set for Friday

By Melanie Schwartz Despite the heat, the **Howard County Farmers** Market stayed strong last Friday with a great turnout — and the arrival of watermelon season!

While a few vendors took a break due to the high temperatures, shoppers still found plenty to love under the shade of our pavilion. This week's offerings are expected to include peaches, watermelons, tomatoes, okra, purple hull peas, hot peppers, cucumbers, local honey, farm-fresh eggs, pasture-raised beef, our usual assortment of canned and baked goods, and crafts.

Glory 2 God Café will be back with smoothies, breakfast favorites, and some new cold lunch items like chicken wraps

perfect for a hot day. The market is open Friday mornings from 7 until 12 noon at 110 S. Washington St.



MS church soup kitchen to be open July 23

The Mineral Springs Church of Christ soup kitchen will be Wednesday, July 23, from 2-5 p.m.

The menu includes chicken salad, croissant, chips and cookies.

This will also be a pantry box day. Meals will be available by carry-out only. Those picking up meals must have a current ID.

The soup kitchen is open the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 2-5

The church is located at 318 Bridgeman Drive in Mineral Springs.

For more information, call 870-451-4441.

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School to be involved in America 250 celebration

The Nashville School District has announced a yearlong celebration in honor of America 250, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, marking America's Semiquincentennial.

In partnership with the Mine Creek Paraclifta Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter members Elizabeth Overton (chapter regent) and Fran Strawn (chapter registrar and America 250 Committee chair), the district has received the DAR Legacy Grant to support a community-wide initiative highlighting patriotism, pride and unity.

Throughout the 2025-26 academic year, Nashville schools will integrate the spirit of America 250 into every aspect of school life - from athletic events and school musicals to art shows and classroom activities. The goal is to honor the nation's history while inspiring a renewed sense of civic pride and patriotism in students, faculty and the community at

The year's theme, "Home of the Brave, Heart of a Scrapper," reflects both national values and local identity. The Scrapper - the school's beloved mascot - represents grit, resilience and a never-give-up spirit. By combining this mindset our country's heritage, and teach



PLANNING A CELEBRATION. Nashville School District administrators, board members and DAR representatives met Monday, July 21, to announce the district's participation in America 250, the Semiquincentennial of the Declaration of Independence. The group includes (seated) Hannah Topor, Beverly Tedford, Miranda Serrano, DAR chapter registrar and America 250 Committee chair Fran Strawn, DAR Regent Elizabeth Overton, Ashley Riggs and Tyra Hughes; (standing) Superintendent Doug Graham, Tate Gordon Michael Coffee, Nick Britt, Tem Gunter and Nathan Evans.

with a celebration of American ideals, the district aims to create a powerful message of unity and perseverance.

"This is more than just a celebration," said Superintendent Doug Graham. "It's a chance to bring our community together, honor our students the value of courage, character, and commitment. We want to create a program that doesn't just leave a mark on our schools, but leaves a legacy for our entire town."

The district invites parents, alumni, community leaders and local organizations to join in the celebration. Special events and community collaborations will be announced throughout the year.

With the support of the DAR and the dedication of educators, students and families, Nashville School District is ready to lead a year of pride, patriotism, and purpose - the Scrapper way.

School board wraps up preparations for 2025-26

By John R. Schirmer News-Leader staff

With faculty and staff in the Nashville School District set for their first meeting Thursday, July 24, the school board adopted the 2025-26 budget, employed staff, adopted state-required policies Monday night, July 21.

The board approved a budget of about \$24.2 million for the coming year.

Revenue includes about \$5.5 million carried over from 2024-25. about \$6.1 million in local revenue and \$12.5 million in state revenue.

Expenditures include \$10.1 million in operating and special

funds, \$7.9 million in the teacher salary fund and \$717,500 in debt service payment for a total of about \$18.78 million.

"This budget is very similar to what we had in 2024-25," Superintendent Doug Graham said.

The budget includes a \$2 per and took care of other business hour raise for all classified personnel at a cost of \$142,105.

The document isn't "set in stone. We're not locked in," according to Graham. "We can modify it next month" if necessary.

For more on the budget, see related story on this page.

In other business, the board

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Board members review budget during workshop

By John R. Schirmer News-Leader staff

Nashville School Board members and Superintendent Doug Graham discussed the district's budget for 2025-26 during a workshop Thursday, July 17.

The session was informational only, with no action taken.

Graham presented a proposed budget for members to review and ask questions. The board approved the budget during the regular meeting Monday, July 21.

At the workshop, Graham outlined review and expenditure projections for the coming academic year. The budget includes a balance of about \$5.5 million from 2024-25, local revenue of about \$6.1 million and state revenue of about \$12.5 million.

Total expenditures are projected to be about \$18.78 million, leaving a balance of about \$5.4 million June

"The 2026 budget is very similar

to 2025," Graham said. The district recently transferred \$1.5 million from the operating balance into the building fund to comply with state law. Districts may not carry over more than 20 percent of their revenue from year

During the discussion, Graham said it is "time to do something with the old gym" at high school. "We can't let it deteriorate. We use is for job fairs, pep rallies" and other activities.

He showed the board a bid of \$77,000 from Doyle Howard Construction for repairs and improvements. The bid was accepted July 21.

Graham discussed the possibility of giving classified staff a \$2 per hour raise.

School nurses, all RNs, are paid from a different fund, and Graham said he would like to raise their

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Thursday, July 17. The budget was approved Monday night.

BUDGET DISCUSSION. School board members and administrators consider the district's 2025-26 budget during a workshop



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER FOOTBALL CAMP. Youngsters hit the field for the first night of the Future Scrapper Football Camp Monday, July 21, at Scrapper Stadium. About 100 kids grades 1-6 attended the opening session. Nashville coaches and players are leading the camp, which ends Thursday, July 24.

HMH to receive sales tax until end of year, then funds to be divided among entities

By Louie Graves News-Leader staff

Money from a sales tax which went to pay off a bond for Howard Memorial Hospital will continue to go to the hospital even though the bond was paid off in June.

County Judge Brent Pinkerton told the quorum court Monday, July 21, that the bond attorneys had recommended that money continue to go to the hospital until the end of the year, when the sales tax is set to expire.

Howard County voters earlier this year enacted another one cent sales tax to be split per capita among the county, the four incor-

porated cities, the hospital and Developing Howard County, the economic development agency. At Monday's regular meeting for July, JPs also heard from Stacy Harberson, the hospital's CEO, and

Bill Craig, CFO, making their semi-

annual report to the court.

Harberson submitted the names of Julie Rhodes, Johnny McJunkins and Mark Kitchens to be renamed to terms on the hospital board. The JPs unanimously approved the nominations.

Craig gave the hospital's financial report and opened his remarks saying: "We've had a really good year.'

Later he responded to a question from Judge Pinkerton who said he read in a state newspaper article that a number of rural Arkansas faced possible closure. Craig denied that the hospital was among the state hospitals in

In other action by the JPs:

A bid of \$9,371 for a new air conditioner unit for the senior citizens center was approved. The bid is from Jimmy Mixon, one of three local air conditioner vendors that

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FINANCIAL FOCUS You have an Estate Plan -- whether you know it or not

By Josh Tice Edward Jones Investments

Think estate planning is only for the wealthy or elderly? Think again. If you own anything — a home, a car, a savings account, even a pet — you already have an estate plan. The only question is: Did you create it, or will your state do it for you?

When someone passes away without an estate plan, state laws take over, deciding who gets what and when. This legal process may not reflect your wishes. That's why taking control of your assets through a personal estate plan should be a top priority.

At its core, estate planning is about clarifying your wishes and making things easier for your heirs. It ensures your assets are distributed according to your preferences, designates who will make decisions on your behalf if you can't and provides guidance for your care in a medical crisis. Most plans include four key components:

A Will – This document outlines how your assets should be distributed after your death and names an executor to oversee the process in probate court. It can also designate guardians for minor children. Keep in mind that a will doesn't cover everything — certain transfer on death (TOD) accounts and jointly held property may bypass your

Power of Attorney - If you become incapacitated, you'll want someone you trust to be able to make decisions on your behalf. A durable power of attorney designates such a person, helping to ensure your bills are paid, your business continues (if you have one) and your wishes are honored.

Health Care Directive – Sometimes

called a living will, this document spells out your preferences for medical treatment if you're unable to speak for yourself. It can also designate someone to make health care decisions for you.

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Beneficiary Designations - Accounts like 401(k)s, IRAs, and life insurance policies transfer directly to the people you name, regardless of what your will says. It's essential to review these beneficiary designations regularly, especially after significant life events such as marriage, divorce, death of a spouse or the birth of a child.

One common myth is that a will is all you need. But wills only take effect after death; they don't help if you're alive but unable to make decisions. Another misconception is that estate planning is only for the wealthy. In truth, planning is about more than money it's about making things easier for the people you love during difficult times.

An effective estate plan can prevent costly legal battles, reduce confusion and give your loved ones a clear roadmap to follow. It also allows you to leave a legacy that reflects your values and priorities.

As your life changes, your estate plan should change along with it. Review your documents every few years or after major life events. It's often a good idea to seek help with such reviews. Your financial advisor or attorney can guide you through the process, ensuring your plan fits your unique circumstances.

In the end, estate planning isn't just about planning for what happens when you are gone. It's about feeling confident, knowing that what matters most — your family, your purpose, your legacy — is protected.

Friday at the Busy Farmers' Market in Nashville



IT'S A FAMILY EFFORT. Robert Bailey, with nephew Tatum John holding melon, and grandson Dylan Kilgore, brought a truckload of melons, tomatoes, peas and other produce from Bailey's garden at Bodcaw to the Farmers' Market in Nashville, Friday.



FRESH BREAD AT FARMERS' MARKET. Jodi Hostetler of Mineral Springs brought fresh-baked bread to the Farmers' Market in Nashville, Friday.

Center Point Baptist Church annual revival will be July 27-30

Services will be at 6 nightly. Evangelist

Center Point Baptist Church will hold its is John David Watson; pastor is Bro. Jaron

The public is invited.

Operation Christmas Child 'garage sale' set for August 1-2

Operation Christmas Child's semi-annual garage sale will be held Friday, Aug. 1 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

The sale will be in the Family Activities Building of First Baptist Church in Nash-

Organizers ask for donations of no longer wanted but still usable furniture, tools, dishes, lamps, decorations, art, collectables, electronics, toys, jewelry, books, clothing, etc.

OCC volunteers will accept donations at the activities building July 28-31.

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•or other fund-raiser

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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG", HARRIS MEMORIAL

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

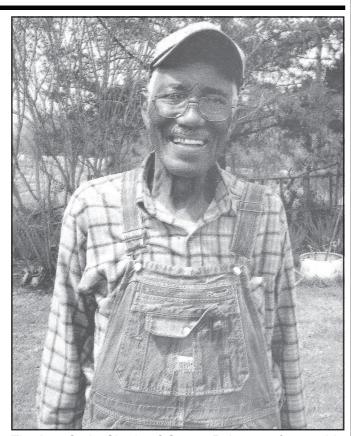
122 years ago: July 1903 The De Queen Democrat said that a crowd of white mill men, who are employed near Lockesburg, undertook to run the black laborers off, together with their foreman. There were twenty-five or more persons in the crowd. They succeeded in scaring the workers out, and after doing some damage to the camp and fixtures, went to the foreman's headquarters and requested him to leave. He refused and the party retired without offering any further violence. Steps have been taken to punish the offenders. The trouble came up over the employment of black men on the work which the whites declared

they will not tolerate. Patsy McGee, the aged mother of Marion McGee of this city, was found dead at the home of the latter yesterday afternoon. The other members of the family were away from the home attending a picnic, when one of the daughters of Marion McGee returned home, and found the old woman lying dead on the floor.

79 years ago: July 1946

Misses Aloyise Ferguson and Imogene Hutchinson went to Fayetteville Saturday to attend a Kappa Sigma dance and spend the weekend with friends. They were accompanied home Monday by Mrs. Mary Sue Williams, who has been studying at the university there this

I want to thank the pastor and all members of the First Baptist Church for the nice check given me Sunday for my work as Scout master. Walter Balch.



The late Omie Clardy of Center Point was featured in "Meet your Neighbor," a regular column in the Nashville

me test your watch, free! All watches repaired here are tested on the Watch Master. It tells us immediately what is wrong when you bring your watch in. Toland, Jeweler, Withrow Building

63 years ago: July 1962

The Elberta, king of peaches, will be ready for harvest sometime this week, with the harvest time waiting on some needed rain.

Arkansas highway officials were honored Thursday at Umpire where State Highway 4 is being groomed for paving. They found barbecued chicken, grown in that broiler area, a delectable dish, with a long table of

(Adv.) Come in and let tempting cakes and pies prepared by the housewives of North Howard. The honored guests included Commissioner Glenn Wallace of Nashville and District Engineer Jim Lowder of Hope.

42 years ago: July 1983

Air Life, a program designed to better meet the emergency medical needs of the Four States area, has been established in Texarkana. Service and will be available beginning Wednesday,

The helicopter will travel to within a 150-mile radius of Texarkana to the scene of an accident or emergency or a 300-mile radius for hospital transports.

The Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period July 9-16, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

Marriage Licenses

(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office) July 11. Randy Jefferson,

Jr., 36, Mineral Springs, and Diana M. Diaz, 39, Mineral Springs.

July 14. Michael Shane Sullivan, 57, Nashville, and Jenna Shay Ezelle, 47, Nashville.

Civil Court

No new Civil Court cases

filed since CV25-81, July 09. **Domestic**

Relations Court No new Domestic Relations cases filed since DR25-

60, July 02. **Criminal Court** (NOTE: POCS = possessionof controlled substance; PODP

= possession of drug parapher-

nalia; DOCŠ = delivery of controlled substance) CR25-65, July 14. State of Arkansas vs. Heather Marie Bailey, 41, white female,

Ozark, Ark.; theft of property, class D felony. Alleged theft from Cash Saver.

Land/Property **Transactions Quitclaim Deeds**

July 10. Clifton Ward and

wife, Brenda Ward; to John Kirby Allen and wife, Morgan Ľean Allen; 8.64 ac. in S7 T8S R28W.

July 11. Kevin Smith and Shera Smith, husband and wife; to Kevin Smith; aggregate 20 ac. in S24 T10S R28W. July 11. Kevin Smith and

Shera Smith, husband and wife; to Shera Smith; 4.66 ac. in S30 T9S R27W. July 14. Kathy A. Ewing;

to Gary W. Ewing; 10 ac. in S17 T9S R27W.

July 16. Ronnie and Pamie Sue Bevill; to Adam D. Bevill; aggregate 1.26 ac. in S14 T9S Ř28W, 501 Blue Bayou Road, Nashville.

Heir's Deed

July 14. Melissa Hughes, et al; to Lawrence Family Properties, LLLP; 10 ac. in

S24 T9S R38W. \$32,000.

Administratrix's Deed July 10. Lizann Bell, Administratrix of the Estate of Clyde Anderson Bell, deceased; to Ruby Jefferson; part of Lot 58, McCullough's

Commissioner's Deed

Addition, Town of Mineral

Springs. \$11,000.

July 15. Angie Lewis, Commissioner in CV21-16; Tameika McLaughlin vs. Sandy Branch, LLC; Lot 1, part of lot 2, Block 2, aka 503 Elm St., Summit Addition, City of Nashville.

Mortgagee's Deed

July 11. Danny Bradford: to Mortgage Research Center, LLC; Lot 25, Toland Heights Subdivision, Nashville, aka 209 Clermont St.

Executor's Deed July 11. Kevin Smith,

Executor of the Estate of

Lawrence Smith, deceased; to Charles A. Smith, et al; 2 tracts in S25 T10S R28W. **Warranty Deeds** July 10. David Blubaugh and Donna Blubaugh, husband and wife; to Scott

Douglas Lowrey and Kari Brooke Lowrey, husband and wife; property in S31 T6S R28W. \$204,075.

July 10. (Special) Lakeview Loan Servicing; to 145 ac. in S7 T8S R28W.

Secretary of Veteran Affairs;

property in S25 T9S R27W. July 11. Claire Bennett; to Marlin D. Masey; Lot 1, Pleasant Mountain Addition, Town of Nashville,

Town of Nashville. \$225,000. July 14. Joe William Whisenhunt and Mary Frances Whisenhunt, husband and wife; to Joe William Whisenhunt and Mary Frances Whisenhunt, Trustees of the Whisenhunt Family Trust; 4 tracts in S22 T8S R27W.

July 14. Suzanne Montgomery and Gary Gills, Successor Co-Trustees of the Nobie Muriel Gills Revocable Trust; to Daniel Myers; part of Lot 12, Block 1, North Greenwood Addition, City of Nashville. \$308,000.

July 15. (Special) PennyMac Loan Services, LLC; to Villabaldo Hernandez, spouse of Maria L. Hernandez; part of Lot 33, all of Lots 34-36, Block 4, R.L. Hayes Addition, aka 704 W. Henderson St., Nashville. \$82,500.

July 16. Kenneth Wayne McAlister, et al; to Kenneth Wayne McAlister and Michael Lynn McAlister, tenants in common; aggregate

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At 17 years old, in the wake of 9/11, I had the honor of enlisting in the U.S. Air Force to serve our country. After receiving an honorable discharge from active duty, I used the G.I. Bill to attend college and then law school. I understand the meaning of commitment, hard work, and personal responsibility, and I will carry those values into the job of Prosecuting Attorney.

As a service member, I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. As a trial attorney, I've carried that same oath into the courtroom, supporting and defending children who've been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, and fighting to ensure everyone is given the protections guaranteed by our Constitution.

I took my oath to defend this country seriously. I will take my oath to defend the people of Pike, Little River, Howard, and Sevier counties just as seriously.

As your next Prosecuting Attorney, my focus will be simple:

- Protect kids and families
- Hold offenders accountable for their actions
 - Restore public trust in the courtroom

I'll bring the same work ethic and sense of duty to this office that I've carried throughout my life. Justice should be fair, honest, and rooted in common sense. That is exactly what I will fight for.

— Clayton Tinkes (Political ad paid for by Clayton Tinkes)

Point of view

Holocaustly Israelis should let aid get thru to Palestinians

A YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I want to recognize, first, that the war in Israel was started by a sneak $\,$

Mine Creek

Revelations

By

Louie Graves

attack by Hamas soldiers upon a peaceful Israeli rock concert, followed by rape, killing and hostage-taking by those Palestinian Hamas soldiers.

Having said that, I believe that the starvation of Palestinian children is tragically the same horror as the Holocaust. It will live in memory forever of what NOT to do, even to

I am not smart enough to suggest a resolution to the ongoing conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis.

But blockading the Palestinians from medical and food relief is a

sin. Period.



USELESS INFORMATION? If you hang two pendulum clocks sideby-side and start their pendulums swinging, after about 30 minutes the pendulums will be swinging in perfect time with each other but in opposite directions.

This really important bit of information as discovered by a Dutch physicist named Christiaan Huygens in 1665 as he lay in his sickbed with nothing to do other than study a couple of clocks on the wall.

Let me back up to tell you a little bit about this guy, Huygens. He was a physicist, astronomer, musician and a whole bunch of other things. He was real important; so important that they named something after him.

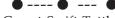
I can't remember exactly what it was, but I know for a fact that somebody named something 'Huygens.' And HE was the Huygens that 'they' named something after, not some other Huygens.

For 350 long years after the day that Perfesser Huygens was sick, other smart guys tried to figger out why and or how those pendulum clocks did what they did.

Finally some REALLY smart people ciphered that it was sound pulses that gradually put the pendulums in opposing sync.

Maybe you have your own idea why the clocks go into syncopation. And maybe you believe that the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection was merely a bunch of peaceful patriotic citizens interested only in seeing the inside of the US Capitol.

FURTHERMORE. If you put two grandfather clocks side-by-side after about 30 minutes will they argue about which has the smartest granddaughter?



HEAVENS ABOVE. Comet Swift-Tuttle makes a complete circle around the Sun every 133 years. It won't swing by Earth again until

Sometimes on its pass it gets nervously close to Earth. Some astronomers have called it the single most dangerous object to mankind.

Its next flyby may be a year off, but each July and August the Earth plows through the debris trail left by the comet.

The resulting meteor show -- called the Perseid Meteor Shower -- is the best and most famous of all of our meteor showers. We're already nudging through the edge of that debris trail, but best viewing of the Perseids will be on nights in the middle of August.

I'm telling you this now so you can dust off your lawnchairs and get ready. I am pretty sure it will be overcast many of those nights so we'll all just have to imagine what the Perseids look like above the clouds.

Just imagine seeing one or two Shooting Stars every minute. Doesn't

that make you feel better? Me neither.



ANIMAL CRACKERS. Remembering absolutely one of the wildest things I've ever witnessed in nature. It happened a couple of years ago whilst on a Sunday afternoon countryside cruise with the Navigator. We had a close encounter with a huge hawk that had a small bird

clinging to its back. Honest.

The big bird flew out a copse of roadside trees and winged parallel to us at passenger side window height for maybe 100 yards. I was driving at hawk speed down a narrow country lane.

The hawk appeared without success to try to shake the little black and white bird off its back by flying close to tree limbs. Moments later, another small bird joined to pester the hawk, and they all flew off out

Never before had I seen one bird hitch a ride on another one. I always laughed off stories about hummingbirds riding on the backs of geese

on their way south. Now, maybe? I know that mocking birds annoy crows, but it wasn't a mocking bird that was hitching this ride.

MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.

WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: His new prison tattoo was Pretty

Ugly.

HE SAID: "There are two ways of exerting one's strength: one is pushing down, the other is pulling up." Booker T. Washington, educator

SHE SAID: "This conflict is one thing I've been waiting for. I'm well and strong and young -- young enough to go to the front. If I can't be a soldier, I'll help soldiers." Clara Barton, Civil War hospital nurse who founded the American Red Cross

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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Back-to-school sales tax holiday to be held Aug. 2-3 in Arkansas

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr. and fingernail remover, bath salts,

The Arkansas sales tax holiday this year will be on the first weekend in August, Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3.

Consumers will not have to pay sales tax on any articles of clothing that cost less than \$100.

The exempted items include pants, shirts, dresses and shoes. Also free from sales tax are bathing suits, baby blankets, underwear, raincoats, uniforms, hats and caps, aprons, neckties, scarves and steeltoed boots.

Diapers, even disposal diapers, are included on the list of exempt

However, sports equipment will not be exempt, so you will pay sales tax on cleats, baseball gloves, goggles, life preservers, shin guards and shoulder pads.

Accessories are also on the list of exempted items, as long as they cost less than \$50. The list of articles is extensive, and includes handbags and purses, sunglasses, jewelry, hair notions, wallets, watches and wigs.

More than 65 categories of cosmetics are exempt from the sales tax, such as mascara, many types of hair products, fingernail polish

artificial eyelashes, perfume and stretch mark cream.

School supplies will be exempt from the sales tax. Officially the first weekend of August is called the sales tax holiday, but many people refer to it as the "Back to School" sales tax holiday. That's because the legislature intentionally scheduled it for early August, to benefit families with children going to school.

School supplies include pens, pencils and paper as well as art

Thanks to Act 944 of 2021 some electronic and computer equipment were added to the list of tax exempt items.

Laptops, desktops, tablets, printers, keyboards, calculators, cell phones, e-readers and monitors are exempt from the sales tax. However, video games, stereos and televisions are not included.

Arkansas families will save an estimated \$2.6 million on purchases of electronic and computer equipment.

The sales tax exemption applies to single articles, and is not based on the overall cost of everything you buy. For example, you can buy

three shirts \$25 each and a pair of pants for \$50 and you will not be charged the sales tax, even though the total is \$125. Because each item is less than \$100, the exemption is

However, if you buy a pair of shoes for \$120, you will have to pay the sales tax on the full amount of

the purchase.

When you take advantage of a sale that allows you to buy one item and get another for a reduced price, the holiday exemption applies only to the items costing less than \$100. For example, a store may offer a pair of jeans for \$120 and you can get a second pair for half price, or \$60. The sales tax exemption will apply only to the second pair.

The exemption applies to all sales taxes, not just state sales taxes. That means exempt items are free of all city, county and local sales taxes.

All retailers have to participate. Articles cannot be separated in order to lower their price under the \$100 and \$50 thresholds.

Men's suits and pairs of shoes, which normally are sold as one unit, cannot be split into separate

Veterans' stories vital to state

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Across a century of military engagements, from World War II through the Global War on Terror, Arkansans have upheld a proud history of serving in our nation's uniform. Some of their stories have garnered national attention and praise while others have been less heralded, but no less honorable.

The Natural State is home to served during international conflicts and times of peace. These men and women have unique perspectives and experiences to offer us and future generations, but we can only benefit from hearing their stories and firsthand accounts if they are invited to share them and then they are cataloged.

Fortunately, there is an initiative dedicated to collecting and preserving these reflections that is celebrating over two decades of effort.

The Veterans History Project, a Library of Congress program, has been working to catalog veterans' oral histories for 25 years. Unanimously founded by Congress in 2000, the VHP has collected over 114,000 individual stories, becoming home to one of the largest such collections in the world.

My office has been actively in-

undertaking, as well as interviewing Natural State veterans, for more than a decade. This passion project stems in part from my own family's experience, having realized we didn't learn enough about my WWII veteran father's time serving our country while he was still around to share.

This is exactly what the VHP was established to correct. And I over 200,000 veterans who have am pleased it is doing so with the help, enthusiasm and dedication of Arkansans.

I'm incredibly proud our team has been able to interview and submit the stories of more than 100 Arkansan veterans as well as train over 1,200 people to compile and document these riveting, revealing

In celebration of the quartercentury anniversary, my office partnered with the Library of Congress directly this year, hosting some of its staff in our state to learn about our progress and train more Arkansans to participate.

Working together, my team and the VHP personnel collected nine new veteran interviews to submit in just two days, including that of 93-year-old Leonard White, a former Navy pilot responsible for patrolling the skies around Bikini Atoll for enemy ships in the 1950s, volved in promoting this worthy Albert Morgan, who served as an

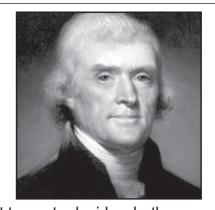
infantryman in combat during Vietnam, and Victoria Magdefrau, a school teacher who enlisted and deployed around the world during her thirty years of service.

With the help of local leaders and partnerships with the Jacksonville Museum of Military History and Fayetteville Public Library, we also conducted VHP interview training sessions. These sessions provided resources, tools and information to empower Arkansans of all ages to conduct their own veteran history interviews for submission.

I am optimistic that we will spur even more interest in this special project in communities across our state in the weeks and months

My dad isn't the only veteran who didn't speak at length about his military service. From the last of the Greatest Generation to today's cohort - many more have the same proud but private humility.

We cannot stop inviting them to share their untold stories so Arkansans and all Americans reap the benefits not just of their defending our freedoms, but also the wisdom and insights their service brought out. My office and I will proudly continue to pursue these opportunities as well as mark the VHP's milestone and all it represents.



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Budget

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pay from \$27 per hour to \$30 per hour. "They will be at \$41,000 a year with the

The proposal was included in the final budget approved Monday.

Three possible facilities projects were discussed.

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the county uses on a rotat-

Gardeners presented the

court with a request to spend

grant funds to enclose the

A delegation of Master

ing basis.

Graham had earlier men-

Graham has looked at

several options for new turf

Kidz Klub building near the

Farmers' Market for storage.

dinance which uses grant

money to make some court-

house improvements, in-

cluding keyless entries and

half-door barriers for some

The ordinance also set

the amount for schools to

The JPs approved an or-

tioned adding restrooms to

the visitors side at Scrapper

Stadium. The estimated cost

at the time was \$370,000.

"Now they will do it for

\$270,000. We need to look at

stadium will enter its tenth

to replace it," he said. The

turf has an eight-year war-

The artificial turf at the

"Sometime, we will have

it," he said.

season this fall.

Parking would be available at the lot serving the

when it becomes necessary.

consider building a softball

field. The Scrapperettes cur-

rently play at the Nashville

a new facility would be the

soccer field across from the

high school, according to

One possible location for

City Park.

The district continues to

An advantage would be having the school's baseball

reimburse the county for expenses incurred by the May school elections.

JPs acknowledged receipt of a legislative audit report for 2023 which noted no

Constitutional officers present included Judge Pinkerton, who conducted the meeting, Sheriff Bryan

Board member Nick Britt mentioned the construction of a performing arts center. "We've talked about it before. We need to keep it in

The current Sixth Street Auditorium "has served its purpose," Graham said.

At the end of the onehour workshop, Graham asked board members to review the proposal and ask questions at the meeting July 21.

McJunkins, Circuit Clerk Angie Lewis, Tax Assessor Cindy Butler, County Clerk Keri Teague, and County Treasurer Sheri Mixon.

The JPs included D'Ann Rogers, Don Marks, Jerry Harwell, Kerry Strasner, Juanita Jackson, Andy Hogg, Liz McDaniel and Janet

and softball fields together. School

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accepted the resignation of sixth grade science teacher Macy Brecheisen and ESL aide Amber Perez.

Employment of staff included the following:

Mark Higgins, bus driver Crystal Perez, high school secretary effective July 14

Shanna Berriquin, special education para-professional Kaylynn Sharp, sixth grade science 5/8 full-time

equivalent.

Several model policies from the Arkansas School Board Association were discussed and adopted.

Most were fairly routine. However, Policy 4.64, student use of artificial intelligence, "is scary to me," Graham said. "It's a big deal. We have to try to get a handle on what we will do with AI and adopt a policy."

In coming weeks, the district will form a committee of teachers and patrons to develop the policy.

The board accepted a bid of \$77,000 from Doyle Howard Construction for repairs and improvements at the high school gym.

The work will include floor tile, ceiling, restrooms, painting, new LED lights in restrooms and the lobby, and mirrors in restrooms.

"We want the gym to be a nice facility when we have a career fair, pep rallies" and other events, Graham said.

Classes in the Nashville district will begin Monday,

"It's a fun, exciting time," Graham said. "We're looking forward to it. We welcome our kids and teachers

All board members were present Monday night, including Jerry Wilson, David Hilliard, Nick Britt, Tem Gunter and Anthony Whit-

Back-to-School in Nashville Thursday, July 24 - General faculty

and staff meeting, NHS cafeteria Friday, July 25 - Building level meetings Thursday, July 31 - Registration/Meet the Teacher, 12 noon until 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4 - First day of school Friday, Aug. 8 - Back-to-School Bash Saturday, Aug. 9 - Media Day Sept. 1-5 - No school

The Nashville News-Leader's back-to-school preview for Nashville will be Wednesday, July 30.

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this year by the Arkansas General Assembly will help Arkansas landowners protect against property fraud.

Act 752 of 2025 which changes the requirements for filing deeds will become effective Aug. 5. In the future only the grantor (seller) will be allowed to bring a deed to the circuit clerk's office for recording. The grantor must present a governmentissued photo identification card or driver's license.

copy of the valid identification card or driver's license.

Deeds recorded in person or by mail that are not accompanied by an identification card or driver's license, proving the identity of the grantor or person who signed the deed on behalf of the grantor, will be rejected.

According to Howard County Circuit Clerk Angie Lewis, "This law was passed in order to help protect the landowner against property If the deed is mailed in, it fraud. So many scams are

citizens that we have had to come up with a solution. Even when I know who you are, I will have to have a copy of the ID, in order to be in compliance with the law. Even though no one in Howard County has been a victim of one of these crimes, it is only a matter of time before someone here could be a victim too.'

This requirement does not apply to deeds that are electronically recorded through the county's e-re-

Also exempt will be: deeds recorded by an attorney; real estate broker or agent; representative of a bank, mortgage company or lending institution; title insurance agent, agency or person affiliated with a title insurance agency; the Commissioner of State Lands; a person representing the state or a political subdivision of the state; or the state, an Arkansas Municipality or political subdivision of the

Heritage event set at Washington

State Park will host the 19th Annual Red River Heritage Symposium on Saturday, July 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's theme is "Trail of Tears in the Red River

The event will focus on the removal period of the Choctaw tribe as they traveled from Mississippi into southeastern Oklahoma and the impact that had on the Great Bend Region of the

Specific topics and speakers will include the follow-

"Washington, Arkansas

'Choctaw and Chickasaw National Research Center at at Little Rock.

"Indigenous Experimental Archeology at Choctaw son of the Choctaw Nation

"Documenting Choctaw Ancestors" by Mallory Covington of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

The cost of attendance at

As part of the symposium, an all-day Friday and Saturday workshop for teachers and researchers will take place on July 25 and 26, beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch is included on both days.

Teachers can earn a total of 12 credit hours by attending both days of the workshop and symposium.

Saturday morning of the workshop will include a bus tour to sites in southwest Arkansas related to the Choctaw removal route, sponsored by the Arkansas State Archives.

Workshop presenters will include staff from Historic Washington State Park, Arkansas State Archives, Sequoyah National Research Center at University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Arkansas Trail of Tears Association, and Fort Towson Historic Site.

Sessions will incorporate Washington, Arkansas, and 19th-century-related topics into curriculum standards for the classroom.

A discount price of \$50 will be offered to those who wish to attend both the workshop and symposium.

Historic Washington Josh Williams and Chris Ad-Register by July 23 by The cost of attending the contacting the park visitor workshop is \$40. ams of Historic Washington State Park. center at 870-983-2684.

Removal Stories through southwest Arkansas" by Dr. Dan Littlefield of Sequoyah the University of Arkansas

Nation" by Dr. Ian Thomp-Archeological Survey.

and the Trail of Tears" by the symposium is \$20.

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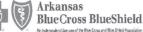
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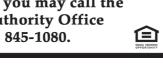
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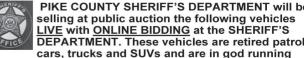
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• Have the knowledge to service and maintain equipment

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KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH. Participants at Pike County Library's summer reading program got a visit last week from Casey Hardaway of Grandview Prairie Nature Center who brought along a cast of critters including this American alligator.

Area counties get in on \$1.4 million in funding for fairs, livestock shows

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture today announced more than \$1.4 million in funding to support Arkansas' local fairs and livestock shows.

The funding — awarded through the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Fair Funding Program — will assist with operational costs, facility improvements, and livestock-related expenses at 80 different fairs and livestock shows across the state. North Franklin County Fair Assoc. - \$13,218.59

Arkansas State Fair - \$84,000 Arkansas Youth Expo - \$48,000 Arkansas County Fair Assoc. Inc - \$12,564.48 Ashley Co Fair Assoc. - \$12,927.18 Baxter County Fair Assoc. - \$15,336.66 Benton County Fair Assoc. Inc - \$17,109.17 Boone County Fair - \$17,335.57 Bradley County Fair Assoc. - \$14,208.45 Calhoun County Fair - \$13,678.08 Carroll County Fair & Livestock - \$14,611.26 Chicot County Fair Assoc. - \$12,392.26 Clark County Fair Assoc. Inc - \$14,311.12 Clay Co Agricultural Fair Assn Inc - \$15,542.56 Cleburne County Fair and Livestock - \$14,838.81 Cleveland County Fair Assoc. - \$14,407.40 Columbia County Fair & Livestock - \$11,493.69 Conway County Fair Assoc. - \$13,257.46 Crawford Co Fair Assoc. Inc - \$15,150.29 Dallas County Fair Assoc. - \$12,651.33 Drew County Fair & Livestock Assoc. - \$12,097.00 Faulkner County Fair - \$15,794.98 Fulton County Fair Assoc. - \$18,048.70 Garland County Fair and Livestock - \$14,487.19 Grant County Fair Assoc. - \$13,525.21 Greene County Fair Assoc. - \$14,839.92 Hempstead Co Fair Assoc. - \$13,455.46 Hot Springs Co Livestock Exhibition - \$14,667.09 Howard County Fair and Livestock - \$13,642.83 Independence County Fair Assoc. - \$15,598.16 Izard Co Fair Assoc. - \$13,595.99 Johnson County Fair Assoc. - \$13,713.10 Lafayette County Fair & Livestock - \$13,347.23

Lawrence Co Fair Assoc. - \$13,148.39

Lincoln County Fair Assoc. Inc - \$13,777.81

Little River Co Fair Assoc. Inc - \$14,962.23

Lonoke Co Fair & Livestock Assoc. - \$12,338.28

Madison County Fair Assoc. Inc - \$19,599.02

Marion County - \$14,556.26

Miller County Fair Assoc. - \$11,761.33

Mississippi County Fair Assoc. - \$11,108.51

Montgomery County Fair Assoc. - \$12,946.76 Nevada County Fair - \$16,208.76 Newton County Fair and Rodeo Inc - \$14,301.22

Poinsett County Agricultural Fair - \$12,323.44 Polk County Fair & Rodeo Assoc. - \$15,137.21 Pope County Fair Assoc. - \$12,460.22 Randolph County Fair Foundation - \$13,991.55 Saline County Fair Assoc. - \$14,288.22 Scott County Fair Assoc. - \$14,025.38 Searcy County Fair Assoc. - \$14,197.13 Sevier County Fair - \$13,798.67 Sharp County Fair Assoc. Inc - \$14,730.60 South Franklin County Fair Assoc. - \$9,035.43 South Logan Livestock & Fair - \$13,329.89 South Sebastian County Fair - \$13,202.64 St Francis Co Fair Assoc. - \$11,108.51 Stone County Fair Assoc. - \$12,829.74 Logan County Fair Assoc. - \$11,684.21 Prairie County Fair and Livestock - \$12,932.38 White County Fair Assoc. - \$11,559.08 Three Co Fair Assoc. Inc - \$22,837.91 Tri County Fair - \$22,260.62 Union County Fair Assoc. - \$12,158.50 Van Buren Co Livestock Show & Fair - \$15,695.37 Washington County Fair Assoc. - \$13,449.89 Yell County Free Fair Inc - \$15,481.46 Arkansas-Oklahoma Fair - \$54,000.00 Four States Fair - \$54,000.00 North Central Arkansas District Fair and Livestock Show Inc - \$54,000.00 Northeast District Fair - \$54,000.00 Northwest District Fair - \$54,000.00 South Arkansas Livestock Show - \$54,000.00 Southwest Arkansas District - \$54,000.00 Buffalo Island Ne District Jr Livestock - \$5,400.00 North Arkansas Jr District Spring Livestock - \$5,400.00 Southeast District Jr Livestock Show - \$5,400.00

Southwest Arkansas District - \$5,400.00

Ouachita County Livestock & Fair - \$13,598.60

Perry County Fair Assoc. - \$13,430.35

Pike County Fair Assoc. - \$13,169.20

Howard County District Court

July 17, 2025 BF=Bnd Forfeited **Howard County**

Coalson, Jennifer G., 44, Nashville, guilty of defective equipment on vehicle, fined \$120

Damian, Jose Miguel, 24, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$270; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Dean, Gary L, 54, Amity, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to present insurance, fined

Eason, Rebecca A., 54, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$580 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Halsdorf, Alex K., 27, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Hawthorne, Torneshia, 41, Nashville, guilty of nonpayment of fines, \$370 owed City of Nashville

Bush, Johnathan W., 36, Norman, \$345 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$245 BF, fictitious vehicle tag/license; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Cook, Frederria D., 28, Ashdown, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345

Corbell, Robin Machelle, 57, Nashville, guilty of thirddegree battery, fined \$660

Coulter, Jemarcus, 48, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat

Furr, Chalres Thatcher, 22, Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags Inman, WIliam L., 49,

Dekalb, Texas, \$220 BF, possession of one container of alcohol in motor vehicle; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Jones, Xavier, 30, Mineral Springs, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$710 and sentenced to 30 days in jail

Mays, Elvin, 46, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to protect from secondhand smoke, fined \$220; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

Quaterion, Matrice Green, 27, El Dorado, guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$225 owed

Rather, Dylan R., 27, Delight, \$185 BF, no vehicle license

Stewart, Dwight, 56, Nashville, guilty of nonpayment of fines, \$1,800

suspended conditions

Swopes, Tina M., 43, Nashville, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Tipton, Timothy W., 41, Ashdown, \$230 BF, speeding City of Dierks

Maxwell, Juane, 30, Lockesburg, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, find \$245

Porter, Michael J., 60, Hot Springs, \$240 BF, speeding

City of Mineral Springs Hawthorne, Torneshia, 41, Nashville, guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220; guilty of obstructing government operations, fined

Hollingsworth, Lonnie, 32, Nashville, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$75; guilty of failure topper, fined \$245

Hughes, Johnie D., 49, Mineral Springs, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345

Kelley, Justin, 32, Nashville, \$145 BF, use of wireless phone while driving Sims, Jessica M., 33,

Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195

Ward, Adam L., 44, Dierks, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560

Bench Trials Howard County

Russell, Bryant K., 44, Nashville, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50

Sloan, Kassie, 45, Nashville, guilty of leaving scene of accident fined \$95 cost only

> City of Nashville Russell, Bryant K., 44,

Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

City of Dierks

Byrum, William Andrew, 34, Murfreesboro, guilty of drinking on highway, fined \$150

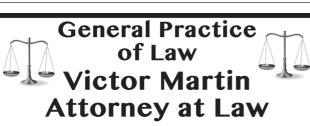
Eason, Rebecca A., 54, Dierks, guilty of drinking on highway, fined \$150

Mitchell, Lauren M., 33, Dierks, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50

City of Mineral Springs Valdez, Braden, 19, De Oueen, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$50 BF, failure to present liability insurance

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BF=Bond Forfeited **Pike County**

Alexander, Garrett Anthony, 21, Arkadelphia, \$125

Barksdale, James Benjamin, 18, Amity, \$135 BF,

Boyd, Kolton Lee, 18, Kirby, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$125 BF, improper muffler; \$125 BF,

careless prohibited driving Burrus, Logan Dean, 17, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat

Camacho, Brayan, 18, Hope, \$185 BF, speeding

Cogburn, Larissa R., 21, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$570 owed

Collins, Zachary R., 38, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,591 owed

Crabtree, Jared W., 19, Murfreesboro, \$135 BF,

Dewsbury, Bryce G., 53, Shawnee Mission, Kan., \$135 BF, speeding

Dixon, Ronald G., 64, Delight, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months

Easttam, Kimber Elaine, 17, Camden, \$135 BF, speed-

Eoff, Holly A., 44, Delight, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$70 Fagan, James Tristan, 22,

Bigelow, \$125 BF, speeding Fannin, Charles Nathan, 43, Delight, \$220 BF, disor-

derly conduct Files, Katelyn Leigh, 24,

Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$800 owed

Flores, Jose Irene, 69, Crosby, Texas, \$125 BF, violation of permit

Garrett, Timothy Scott, 53, Deer Lodge, Mt., guilty of failure to pay, \$795 owed

Hathcock, Hanna Grace, 26, Prescott, guilty of failure to pay, \$650 owed

Hawthorn, Lucas Wayne, 21, Mount Ida, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/ex-

pired; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license

Hudson, Howard Lee, 73, Nardin, Okla., \$125 BF, over height-over wide; \$205 BF, failure to appear

Hutcheson, Lucas Bankston, 46, Taskwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125; guilty of no prof of liability insurance, fined \$70

Hutchings, Jeffrey Jack, 49, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$135 BF, speeding

Keek, Zachary Andrew, 27, Broken Bow, Okla., \$125 BF, speeding

Lamb, Curtis D., 37, Delight, \$135 BF, speeding Lowery, Charles Wayne, 60, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF,

non seat belt Lowery, Steven D., 68, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, no child restraint device; \$45

BF, no seat belt Martinez, Kayle Aylin, 26, Hot Springs, \$135 BF,

Maxfield, Alexandra H., 36, Arkadelphia, guilty of speeding, fined \$135; guilty

of violation of Ignition Interlock Device Act, fined \$170 McCormick, Sydney Nicole, 17, Glenwood, \$125 BF,

speeding Murray, Jefffery K., 41, Wickes, \$423.38 BF, violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law; \$245 BF, violation of AHCL

Murray, Leah Marie, 21, Queen City, Texas, \$135 BF,

Nuthulapati, Stanley S., 37, Dallas, Texas, \$135 BF,

Oliver, Tony Parker, 51, Newhope, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance Pate, Cliffton M., 29, Am-

ity, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$580; guilty of fleeing, fined \$630; guilty of resisting arrest, fined \$500; guilty criminal impersonation, fined \$655; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty

of fictitious tags, fined \$125 Perez, Valeria Marie, 36,

Mount Ida, \$125 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to ap-

Pipkins, Warner, 32, Kirby, \$125 BF, speeding

Porter, Kinsey Leigh, 30, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,380 owed

Purtle, Valerie Miranda, 40, McCaskill, \$125 BF, speeding

Qualls, Allen Jay, 29, Mount Ida, guilty of failure

to pay, \$910 owed Saldana, Judy K., 61, Murfreesboro, \$135 BF, speeding

Sanchez, Heriberto Pina, 26, Nashville, \$205 BF, failure to pay

Smillie, James D., 35, Delight, \$480 BF, third-degree

Snell, Tempest Michelle, 35, Nashville, \$125 BF, defective tires

Staggs, Toney Adell, 41, Nashville, \$125 BF, speeding

Thomas, Princess Sadie, 23, Mineral Springs, \$205 BF, failure to pay Vanuaken, Brianna S., 42,

Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,285 owed Wakefield, Matthew Q.,

26, Mountain View, \$185 BF, speeding

City of Murfreesboro

Alden, Ashley C., 41, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345

Allen, John D., 26, Saratoga, \$145 BF, obstruction of interior prohibited; \$225 BF, failure to appear; \$225 BF, failure to appear

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toys

hat

6. grab beach

7. find a _

10. put on

finish at the pail

for drying off

8. grab fun beach

9. pour cold water into

with a brim

Treasure hunt! Comb the beach for the

5 treasures below. Start at the shovel and

_ to shade eyes

sun lotion

blanket

thermos

Get ready for the beach:

5. wear flip-flops to protect

Hunting for

Treasure

1. fold the beach

4. gather folding

3. rub on

2. pack a lunch into a

Anderson, David J., 58, Murfreesboro, violation of city dog/cat ordinance, fined \$165

Atterberry, Robin A., 49, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$620 owed

Dean, James Charles, 50, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of running stop sign, fined \$145; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225; guilty of failure to pay, \$1,660 owed

Gastelum, Rogelio, 28, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,010 owed Hudson, Ryan James,

25, Murfreesboro, guilty of third-degree battery, fined Terwilliger, Lacey Re-

nay, 36, Nashville, guilty of failure to register tags/ expired, fined \$145; \$45 BF, no seat belt

White, Cecil Ray, 46, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$120

Wooten, Curley Junior, 19, Amity, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$145 BF, nondriver's license

Wright, Kevin C., 42, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$145; \$250 BF, obstructing government operations, fined \$250

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Broach, Richard, 40, Hope, \$220 BF, failure to display registration

City of Glenwood

What will happen

wood, \$145 BF, speeding Bush, James Charles, 32,

Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,935 owed

Castro, Jose Guillermo, 53, Springdale, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$145 BF, no driver's license

Cogburn, Nathaniel Ray, 46, Nashville, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Cook, Austin Cooper, 17, Olustee, Okla., \$145 BF, failure to transfer Arkansas license; \$90 BF, failure to present insurance

Driggers, Patie Ann, 61, Bonnerdale, \$155 BF, speed-

Drye, Matthew Edward, 17, Amity, \$145 BF, defective lights; \$145 BF, improper muffler; \$45 BF, no seat belt

Duggan, Zane Walker, 27, Amity, \$145 BF, fictitious

Graves, Logan Michael, 16, Norman, \$145 BF, failure to present insurance

Hafeed, Hafid H., 41, Barling, \$145 BF, failure to stop or yield

Hathcock, Hanna Grace, 26, Prescott, guilty of speeding, fined \$150; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Hernandez, Resendiz G., 57, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Hudson, Howard Lee, 73, Nardin, Okla., \$205 BF, striking fixtures open highway; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Martinez, Oscar, 34, Di-Baker, Nedra E., 58, Glenerks, \$145 BF, no driver's

at the Beach

are stationed

and surf on your board

from the cooler and share

Do I spy a fry?

Head for the beach, excited and happy:

1. carry your share of stuff to the spot

6 sea gulls

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you choose on the

4. check out where the

7. feed bread crusts to the

5. bob in the

6. unpack

set up blanket, chairs and 3. blow up the beach

license; \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Meziere, Jole Mason, 25, Haughton, La., guilty of DWI, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must compete DWI educational course

Moran, Arturo F., 24, Glenwood, \$145 BF, operat-

ing ATV on public roads Pacheco, Lauriano, 30, Dierks, \$155 BF, speeding

Richard, Joey Lee, 26, Vandervoort, \$145 BF, speeding

Sharp, Taylor Scott, 33, Little Rock, \$155 BVF, speed-Staggs, Gracie Nicole, 25,

Norman, \$205 BF, speeding Stewart, Destiny Faith, 26, Glenwood, guilty of passing stopped school bus, fined \$655 Stracener, Isaac T., 21,

North Little Rock, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/ex-Sutter, Daniel, 31, Bon-

nerdale, \$145 BF, speeding Vanuaken, Brianna S., 42,

Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,005 owed

Whishenhunt, Nancy, 33, Amity, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$145; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335 Wilson, Amber K., 36, Hot

Springs, \$145 BF, running stop sign Wilson, Christopher Lee,

46, Hot Springs, 145 BF, running stop sign Wood, Alyssa Renea, 21,

Kids: color

8. put on more sun lotion and drink

10. read a chapter of your new

14. walk along shore to find cool

trash

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2. w __ t __ r

3. sh __ v __ ls

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15. gather all your stuff and carry out your

Head for home, exhausted and happy!

9. throw and

11. walk on the

12. watch the

13. shovel

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caught your lunch.

the beach ball

and ships sail by ; dig moat around sand castle

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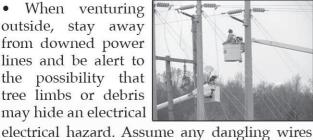
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Participants at the First United Methodist Church multigenerational one-day Vacation Bible School July 19 try their luck with fishing rods provided by Dr. Donald Sitzes.



The First United Methodist VBS provided attendees the opportunity to paint rocks for themselves and to place at the base of the church's carillon tower in the courtyard.

Home&Heart

The Heartbeat of Our Town: **Supporting Local Businesses**

By Angie Freel

Howard County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Science

In the fabric of small-town America, local businesses are more than just places to shop or eat; they are the heartbeat of the community. From the coffee shop that knows your usual order to the hardware store where the owner offers expert advice, these establishments contribute to our town's unique character, economic vitality, and overall well-being. Recent studies and economic analyses highlight the profound impact local businesses have on their communities. When residents choose to spend their money at locally owned establishments, a larger portion of that money remains here, in the local economy. This phenomenon, often referred to as the "multiplier effect," means that dollars spent locally circulate multiple times, supporting other local businesses and strengthening the overall economic base. For instance, research by the Small Business Administration indicates that for every dollar spent at a local business, two to three times more money stays in the community compared to spending at a national chain.

Beyond the direct economic impact, local businesses are pivotal in fostering a vibrant community spirit. They are often the first to sponsor local sports teams, contribute to school fundraisers, and participate in community events. These businesses are run by our neighbors, friends, and family members, people who are personally invested in the success and prosperity of our town. Their presence helps maintain a diverse and unique commercial landscape, preventing the homogenization that can occur when only large chains dominate.

However, local businesses face significant challenges, particularly in an increasingly competitive market dominated by large online retailers and big-box stores. They often operate with smaller marketing budgets, fewer employees, and less purchasing power than their larger counterparts. This makes community support not just beneficial, but often crucial for their survival. So, how can we actively support these vital members of our community? It's easier than you might think:

* Shop Local First: Before turning to online giants or driving to larger cities, check

if a local business offers what you need. Dine Locally: Choose local restaurants and bakeries for your meals and treats.

* Utilize Local Services: From mechanics to plumbers, accountants to hair stylists, seek out local professionals.

* Spread the Word: Share your positive experiences on social media, leave good reviews, and recommend local businesses to friends and family.

* Attend Local Events: Support farmers' markets, craft fairs, and other events that showcase local entrepreneurs.

By consciously choosing to support our local businesses, we are not just making a purchase; we are investing in our community's future. We are helping to create jobs, sustain local families, and preserve the distinct charm and character that makes Howard County a wonderful place to call home. Let's continue to nurture the heart of our town, one local purchase at a time.

Recipe of the Week

I wanted an easy, cool recipe for this week. I have way too many cookbooks and I found this gem in a cookbook called "The Farmer's Daughter Cookbook" by Kandy Norton Henely published in 1971.

Old-Time Kidney Bean Salad 1 1/2 cups kidney beans, drained 1 ½ cups chopped celery

½ cup chopped sweet pickle ¼ cup chopped onion 1/3 cup French dressing

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THIS PACK INCLUDED THE WINNER OF THE FEMALE DIVISION Kynlie Snyder #159



News-Leader photos by John Balch



AT LEFT REPRESENTING KIRBY PJ Cox, Rhonda **Harmon and Sherry** Whisenhunt. Not pictured: Kristy Wolfe.



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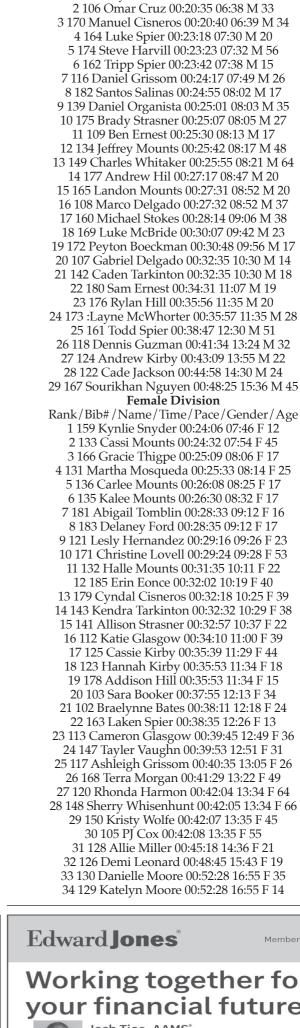
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FIRE CHIEF CHASE QUINN not only cooked chicken dinners but he helped Danielle Moore escort her daughter, Katelyn, to the finish line

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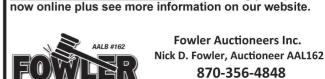
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Three sentenced Monday in Pike County court

Two defendants entering guilty pleas were sentenced in the Monday session of Pike County Circuit Court.

Zachary Simmons, 30, of Traskwood, entered a guilty plea to possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to three years in

Man arrested for stealing church van in Hempstead Co. Center where he is being held on breaking

On the July 12 the Hempstead County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 314 Highway 332 East in reference to a stolen church van from the White Oak Grove Church.

On July 16, deputies arrested former Delight resident David Leroy Hill, 48, of Hope, in connection with the theft. Hill was transported to the Hempstead County Detention the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) with a juridical transfer approved to the Arkansas Community Correction.

Michael Kinder, 36, of Lineville, Ala., entered a guilty plea to fleeing and was sentenced to three years of probation and fined \$1,500.

or entering, theft of property, possession of drug paraphernalia and parole violation. Hill is awaiting a first court appearance. Hempstead County investigators recov-

ered the church van on July 17 in a wooded area in the Delight. The van suffered damage and will be processed and returned to the church.

Lockesburg mayor abruptly resigns from office

By Patrick Massey De Queen Bee

Long-time Lockesburg Mayor Danny Ruth abruptly resigned following a special meeting of the Lockesburg City Council last night.

According to social media posts made by both Ruth and Lockesburg Alderman William Roberts, Mayor Ruth - who has served as the mayor of Lockesburg over 15 years - tendered his resignation effective immediately, and that was confirmed by the city council last night.

The council then appointed Chuck Martin to serve as interim mayor until the

Roberts stated in a Facebook post that Ruth will remain involved with city operations under a temporary contract as the city works to fill a recent staff vacancy. Ruth said in his own post on Facebook that his efforts will concentrate on the city's water system.

Roberts said in his post that the city is "sincerely grateful for Danny Ruth's many years of dedicated service to the City of Lockesburg. His leadership and commitment to our community will be greatly missed."

Ruth has been the mayor of Lockesburg for many years and faced more than his fair share of challenges

– for one the loss of the Lockesburg School District in 2010 when it consolidated with De Queen, and also working to restore the city's aging water and sewer infrastructure.

Ruth, who previously served as the city's water supervisor, strove to ensure the city had access to clean and safe water.

During his initial years in office the city was constantly plagued by water line breaks and boil order alerts. Ruth worked diligently by all accounts to secure local and outside funding to tackle this critical but vastly expensive issue.

Man's suicide death reported in Pike County

By John Balch

News-Leader staff

A Murfreesboro man charged last week with felony domestic violence died by his own hand two days after the charges were filed, according to information from the Pike County Sheriff's Department.

Benjamin Thomas Stevens, 48, died of a selfinflicted gunshot on Friday, July 18. He had been charged in Pike County with two counts of felony domestic battery and misdemeanor terroristic threatening on July 16. Stevens had

been held in the county jail until his release on \$30,000 bond and his first court appearance was scheduled for Monday, July 21. The charges against Stevens were officially dismissed Monday.

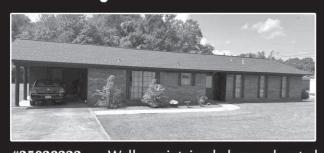
According to an incident report, the Pike County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call on July 18 around 11:30 a.m. from a 39-year-old female who reported she had been beaten by Stevens and that he allegedly had threatened to

The incident was report-

ed to have happened at the home of a Stevens' relative.

The victim also stated that Stevens was intoxicated and had allegedly mentioned killing another woman and himself. The victim eventually left the home and waited at a nearby intersection for law officials to arrive. She refused a several requests for medical treatment and informed officers of Stevens' possible whereabouts. Around 12 noon, law officials found Stevens' body in the home's carport. The relatives were not at home at the time.

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This notice first published 16th day of July, 2025.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

DARBIE HUGHES PLAINTIFF CASE NO. 31DR-25-44

GREGORY LYNN HUGHES

WARNING ORDER

STATE OF ARKANSAS **COUNTY OF HOWARD**

The defendant is hereby warned to appear in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this Order and answer the Complaint for Divorce file

against him by the Plaintiff. Failure to file a written answer within 30 days may result in an entry of judgment by default against you or otherwise bar you from answering or asserting any defense you have.

WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, this 10th day of July,

Angie R. Lewis Howard County Circuit Clerk (VM: 4, 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIOLET H. STAGGS, DECEASED

NO.31PR-25-34

DEFENDANT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Name of Decedent: Violet H. Staggs Last known address: 2571 Hwy. 980, Nashville, AR 71852 Date of Death: January 15, 2024

On June 18, 2025, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distribute was filed with respect to the estate of Violet H. Staggs, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever

barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate. The name, mailing address, and telephone number

of the distributee or distributee's attorney is: Chad Staggs, c/o George M. Matteson, 1206 North State Line Avenue, Texarkana, Arkansas 71854.

This notice first published the 23rd day of July, 2025.

/s/ Chad Staggs c/o George Matteson Moore, Giles & Matteson, LLP 1206 Stateline Avenue Texarkana, Arkansas 71854 george@mgmlawllp.com 870-774-5191 (MGM: 5, 6)

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Ms. Firecracker 2025 Pageant @ The Springs at Mine Creek Nursing Home



Ms. Firecracker 2025 Christina Glasgow



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Jacoby Hopson (15) and Davonte Gilliam (3) break up an Arkansas High pass.



Cortez Cooper hauls in a TD reception in front of the Razorback defender.



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