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#### **OPINION** 4A

Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

#### **National** Farmers' Market Week underway

By Melanie Schwartz The Howard County Farmers' Market is more than a place to buy groceries — it's a community hub where neighbors connect, small businesses thrive, and healthy habits take

Each week, shoppers have the chance to meet the people who grow, raise, or make their food. That connection helps us all make more informed choices, eat more seasonally, and support our local economy.

Our little market has more than 40 registered vendors hailing from Howard, Sevier, Hempstead, Pike, Little River and Nevada counties. Each week they get up early and strive to bring you the best of what is in season, proudly defining what it means to be honestly local.

Join us this Friday from 7 a.m. until 12 noon under the pavilion, at 110 S. Washington St. in Nashville, to be part of something bigger your local food system. Follow us on Facebook to see the full list of vendors for this week's



#### Scrapper Bash

Friday, Aug. 8 Scrapper **Stadium** Introductions, Junior and senior high scrimmages, Bands and cheerleaders. America 250 See page 6A

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THEIR LAST FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. About 100 members of the Nashville High School Class of 2026 gathered for the traditional senior breakfast Monday morning, Aug. 4, at the First Baptist Church Family Activities Building. Classes began Monday in the Nashville School District.

## Nashville gains new industry

#### Fort Worth company acquires former Husqvarna warehouse

By John Balch News-Leader staff

Nashville Mayor Larry Dunaway was quick to give credit where credit is due last Thursday morning, July 31, when announcing a major manufacturer had acquired the warehouse portion of the now-vacant Husqvarna plant with plans to invest \$120 million and bring more than in 2023 it was closing its 100 jobs to Nashville.

Cantex Inc., a Fort Worth, Texas-based manufacturer of American-made electrical conduit, fittings and boxes, has acquired the warehouse and plans to invest millions in new equipment and make "significant upgrades to the facility in order to support the production of electrical products," according to a news release Dunaway read from during the impromptu meeting inside the Nashville City Hall.

The big announcement was made at 10:01 a.m., just moments after the Arkansas Economic Development Commission issued the press release to make the \$120 million investment news official.

"I am so proud of this opportunity that has come out of the situation that none of us saw coming with Husqvarna making that announcement they were leaving," Dunaway said. "The situation has led

to a lot of good things over the last two years. Our Developing Howard County [DHC] group was put together as a result of that announcement, and bringing Cantex into Nashville was very much a joint effort. Everyone came together, and we were able to work towards this goal."

Husqvarna announced Nashville facility at the end of 2024. The closure resulted in the loss of an estimated 700-plus jobs, including several associated industries and workers from surrounding areas.

The Developing Howard County economic panel was "literally born out of this bad situation" and its members immediately went to work on reviving the local economy, Dunaway said.

"I think we have definitely hit a home run, but we are still early in the game," Dunaway added.

Husqvarna first came to Nashville in 1977, moving from Shreveport, La., to the local facility for manufacturing lightweight gasoline-powered chainsaws and weed trimmers.

The former Husqvarna 300,000 square-foot manufacturing plant remains vacant, and Mayor Dunaway is hopeful Cantex

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AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT. Among those attending the July 31 Cantex announcement were (seated) Paul Britt and Tim Pinkerton; (standing) Dr. Steve Cole, Todd Moore, Deb Marshall, Charlie Smith, Larry Dunaway and Brent Pinkerton.



GOOD NEWS FOR HOWARD COUNTY. Nashville Mayor Larry Dunaway (right) makes the announcement that Cantex, Inc., of Fort Worth has acquired the former Husqvarna warehouse in Nashville and plans to invest more than \$120 million locally and create more than 100 jobs.

#### Pro Football Hall of Fame offers something for all fans of the game

By Don Hall

when I grow up!'

News-Leader staff Many a little boy has grown up watching NFL football on TV, thinking, "I'm gonna play pro ball

If you're a child of the 1960s, then you probably remember the first Super Bowl (1967, the Packers defeated the Chiefs) and the first Monday Night Football game (1970, the Browns over Joe Namath's Jets).

You've seen a lot of football history on countless Sundays, Mondays,

know about.

Pro football dates to the 1890s.

Over the following decades, new football teams were being formed all across the country and in many different leagues.

One of the best teams in the nation was in Canton, Ohio, and featured legendary athlete Jim Thorpe, an Olympic gold medalist in the decathlon and a former New York Giants professional baseball player.

In August of 1920 four

a lot of history you don't met in Canton to form a

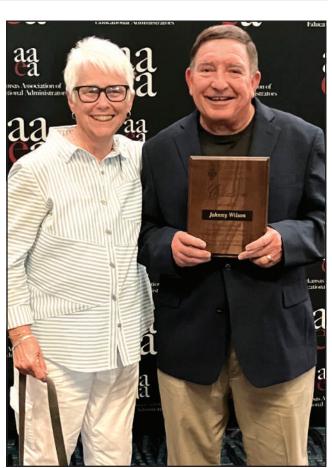
new league. Three weeks later they met again, with seven other representatives from teams in Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, naming Jim Thorpe as its first president and adopting the name of the American Professional Football Association.

In 1922 they changed the name to the National Football League, and, as they say, the rest is history.

Having grown up watching pro football, I



PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME. Jaree Hall of Nashville points to the photo of the Philadelphia Eagles and their Super Bowl trophy during a recent visit to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.



STATE HONOR FOR 'MR. WILSON.' Johnny Wilson (right) and his wife Ruth display the citation which he received from the Arkansas Activities Association in Little Rock. The citation recognizes Wilson's service to athletics in Nashville and statewide for more than 50 years. The presentation was made during the AAA governing board meeting July 28. Wilson has been a coach and teacher in the Nashville School District throughout that time and is a member of the Scrapper Hall of Honor. He is the stadium voice of the Scrapper football team and announces Scrapper baseball on KMTB, 99.5 FM, and on the Scrap Media livestream. He also teaches junior high math. More pictures, 6A.

### **OBITUARIES**



Patsy Ann Lites

Patsy Ann Lites, age 77, a resident of De Queen, Ark., passed away on Friday, Aug. 1, 2025, at her home.

Mrs. Lites was born on July 5, 1948, in Pike City, Ark. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She enjoyed vacationing, traveling, shopping, and loved spending time with her family, especially her greatgrandchildren.

Mrs. Lites was preceded in death by her parents, Doyle Fox and Vera Gardner Forbes; her husband, Stephen Lites; one sister, Linda Mounts; and stepfather, Robert Forbes.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Tammy Lites of De Oueen; grandchildren, Caitlin and her husband, Michael Collins of De Queen, and Cody and his wife, Ashton Lites of Centerton, Ark.; and three great-grandchildren, Paisley Grace Collins, Sofia Kate Collins, and Stevie Eric Lites.

Graveside funeral service for Mrs. Lites will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, at Dierks Cemetery with Michael Collins, minister, officiating, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in Dierks.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. in the Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel in Dierks.

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



Kelly Ray Scott, Sr.

Kelly Ray Scott, Sr. passed away peacefully at his home in Nashville, Ark., on Monday, July 28, 2025, surrounded by family.

Born on Feb. 4, 1941, in the small community of Stapp Zoe, Ark., Kelly shared a birthday with his beloved mother, Alice. He was the son of John Peter Kelly Scott and Alice Wilson Scott.

Kelly and his devoted wife, Maggie, were married for 64 years and together raised three children, instilling in them lasting values such as a strong work ethic and the belief that "you're only as old as you feel."

He spent many years

working throughout Arkan- death by her mother, Evsas, finishing sheetrock and elyn "Snooks" Reecer, as cabinetry in homes across the region. Later, he completed his career at Tyson Foods in Nashville, where he formed many lifelong friendships.

Outside of work, Kelly found joy in cheering on his grandchildren and greatgrandchildren at their sporting events, always their biggest fan. He also loved to fish and golf whenever the opportunity arose.

He is survived by his of Nashville; three children, Kelly Scott, Jr. (Ramona) of Nashville, Danny Scott (Teresa) of Nashville, and Sara Sullivan (Danny) of Nashville; his grandchildren, Kelly Ryan Scott (Mariana) of Nashville, Derek Scott (Kamron) of Texarkana. Texas, Ashley Turner (Cole) of Springhill, Ark., Brady Scott (Alayna) of Nashville, Autumn Sullivan of Prescott, Ark., Addison Sullivan of Nashville, Clay Sullivan of Nashville; as well as 10 great-grandchildren, and many other family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2nd at 10:30 a.m., at Unity Baptist Church, 381 Buck Range Road, Nashville, Ark. There will be no graveside service.

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

**Verna Marie Citty** 

Verna Marie (Horn) Citty, 94, of Sparkman, formerly of Ozan, died July 28, 2025.

She was born March 31, 1931, in Hope, to the late James Lewis and Martha

She was a member of Hickory Street Baptist Church in Texarkana, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Citty, and a son, W.H. 'Billy' Citty.

sister, Bobbie Payne of Texarkana; grandchildren and Homemaker Extension club great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Friday, Aug. 1, 2025, at Saint ents she was preceded in

Paul Methodist Church

Cemetery in Ozan. Arrangements are by Latimer Funderburg, her son, Robin

Jimmy Clyde Baggs

Jimmy Clyde Baggs, 82, of Murfreesboro died Sunday, July 20, 2025. He was born Aug. 20, 1942, in Bismark to the late JR Baggs and Irene Finney Baggs.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen Wooley Baggs.

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

#### Ella Patricia Graves

Ella Patricia "Pat" Graves, 84, of Murfreesboro died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025.

She was born May 2, 1941, in Memphis, Tenn., to the late William Henry Buck and Lena Bell Hill Adams.

She had been a teacher's aide and bus driver in the Murfreesboro Public School System for 33 years.

well as two sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include: her husband of 65 years, Larry Graves; her three children and their spouses, Pam Pipkins and John of Mayflower, Gary Graves and Patti of Murfreesboro and Penny Lamb and Randy of Murfreesboro; two siblings, Andy Buck and Margie Spence; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family received wife, Maggie Stafford Scott friends from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro. A funeral service was at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, in the Latimer Funeral Chapel in Murfreesboro. Interment followed at Shockey Chapel Cemetery near Norman under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.

> You may send an online sympathy message at www. latimerfuneralhome.com.



**Elizabeth Ann Funderburg Stuart** 

Elizabeth Ann Funderburg Stuart, age, of Ozan, Ark., passed away Thursday, July 31, 2025, at her home in Ozan.

She was born June 21, 1939, in Mineral Springs, Ark., the daughter of the late William Cecil Funderburg and Evelyn Green Funder-

Mrs. Stuart was a graduate of Mineral Springs High School. A lifetime member Survivors include: her of Liberty Baptist Church, as well as a member of the in Nashville.

In addition to her pardeath by a sister, Brenda Sue James, a brother, William Lee Funeral Home in Nashville, Stuart and grandson, Dallas Abadie.

> Survivors include: her beloved husband of 67 years, Robert "Bob" Stuart of Ozan; three children, Terry Butler (Bob), Kimberly Silverthorn (Brian) and Michael Stuart (Kerry); daughter-in-law Wendy Stuart; grandchildren Mirandy White (Mark), Kristin Butler, Emma Stuart, Bobby Butler (Hillary), Justin Butler (Rachael), Justin Stuart, Haley Stuart (Glen), Aidan Stuart (Elyssa); as well as seven great-grandchildren.

> Graveside service will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 4, at St. Paul Cemetery, with Mike Campbell, Keith Mays, and Johnathan Mays officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.

You may send an online sympathy message at www. She was preceded in latimerfuneralhome.com.



AT THE FARMERS' MARKET. In Nashville, Friday morning, for the Farmers' Market was Taylor 'Tay' Cothran who brought a variety of cookies she baked in her kitchen at Washington.

#### Nashville church will host forum on race, language, religion and ethics

Ebenezer United Methodist Church will host a language, race, ethnic and religious forum Thursday, Aug, 7, at the church in

The church is located at 318 W. Dodson

St. and the pastor is Ellis Ray Floyd.

The forum will begin at 1 p.m. and the presenter will be Rev. Dr. Ulyssess Washington of Little Rock.

The public is invited.

## Drawdown of lake has begun in special study ASHDOWN -- The U.S. Army Corps boost fish production and provide valua

of Engineers, Little Rock District has begun lowering Millwood Lake to improve shoreline vegetation and promote sediment

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has requested that Millwood Lake be lowered 24 inches this summer to allow planting of Japanese millet. The Southwest Arkansas Water District, which owns the conservation pool rights, has approved the use of its storage to support the request.

The drawdown will expose a large area of shoreline for re-vegetation. Planting millet will help improve water quality, boost fish production and provide valuable habitat for wintering waterfowl. The lake will be held near an elevation of 257.2 feet until Sept. 15, 2025, when it will be raised six inches. The lake will be raised to the top of its normal conservation pool of 259.2 feet on Nov. 1, 2025.

Boaters are encouraged to wear a life jacket and exercise caution during the drawdown as submerged stumps and shallow areas will be more prominent, especially

For more information, contact the Millwood Tri-Lakes Project Office at 870-898-

#### FINANCIAL FOCUS Why rebalancing your portfolio matters -- and how you should do it

By Josh Tice **Edward Jones Investments** 

In life, balance is everything — whether it's finding time between work and family or maintaining a healthy diet. The same goes for your investments. Keeping your financial portfolio balanced is a smart way to stay on track toward your long-term goals, even as the markets shift.

That's where portfolio rebalancing comes in. Rebalancing is the process of adjusting your investments — like stocks, bonds and cash — so they stay in the right mix for your needs. This mix, known as your asset allocation, is designed to reflect your comfort with risk, your investment goals and how long you have until you'll need to use the money for a major life event like retirement or the purchase of a new home.

For example, let's say your target portfolio is made up of 60% stocks, 30% bonds and 10% cash. Over time, as the value of each investment changes, your portfolio may become unbalanced. If stocks have a great year and rise in value, they could end up making up 70% of your portfolio. That means you're taking on more risk than you originally intended.

To get back to your 60/30/10 target, you would sell some stocks and possibly buy more bonds or cash investments. This helps bring your portfolio back in line with your goals.

Markets go up and down. That's normal but it also means your portfolio can shift without your even touching it. If you don't rebalance regularly, you might be taking on too much (or too little) risk.

Rebalancing offers several benefits. It The system serves 10 public libraries in helps keep your investment plan on track and manages your exposure to risk. It also

encourages disciplined decision-making, rather than chasing trends.

It might feel strange to sell investments that have been doing well and buy ones that haven't. But this strategy can help you "buy low and sell high," which is one of the key ideas behind successful investing.

You may be wondering how often you should rebalance your portfolio. There really is no one-size-fits-all answer. Some people rebalance once a year. Others do it more frequently based on how far their investments drift from their target percent-

What's important is that you check your portfolio regularly — at least annually and make adjustments when needed. After big market movements, whether up or down, it's a good idea to take a closer look.

Keep in mind that if you rebalance by selling investments in a taxable account, you might owe capital gains taxes. Also, some brokers charge fees for trades. But if you own similar investments in a retirement account like an IRA or 401(k), you can often rebalance without triggering taxes. A financial advisor can help you choose the best approach — and may even be able to help you avoid or reduce costs.

Your ideal investment mix will probably change as your life changes. Younger investors might favor stocks for growth. As you near retirement, you may want to focus more on income and stability. Rebalancing helps you adjust as your goals evolve.

Think of your portfolio like a car on a road trip — regular check-ins and small course corrections will help you stay on the right path. A financial advisor can help you design a strategy that keeps your investments aligned with your goals every step of the way.

### Library System board to meet Aug. 19

The quarterly meeting of the Tri-County

Regional Library System Board will be Tuesday, Aug. 19. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at the

Sevier County Library in De Queen.

The budget of 2025-26 will be discussed along with agendas for both May and

Howard, Little River and Sevier counties.

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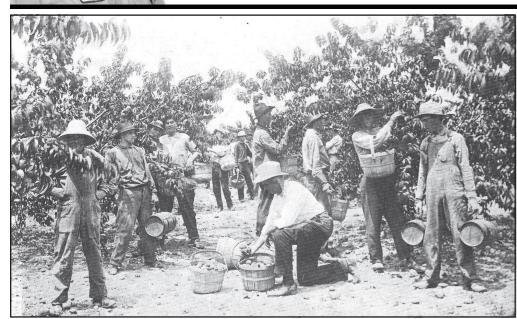
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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG", HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Howard County peach harvest from yesteryear

123 years ago: July 1902

Elder W. G. Sparlock of Hope started an anti-Mormon crusade in Little Rock today. He is holding a series of meetings at the Christian church in Little Rock and distributing a tract on the "Origin of the Book of Mor-

He is traveling all over the state in this cause and says he considers Mormonism is threatening the state. He stated they have a strong congregation at Euclid in Howard County.

Chas. Williams was put in jail at Washington Monday afternoon, upon the charge of assault with intent to kill. The man's offense was the shooting of a man named Pole on the Oglesby farm in Hempstead County about two months ago. After shooting Pole, Williams allegedly skipped out and remained away until Monday, when he returned and

79 years ago: July 1946 After a lay-off of two weeks because of the peach harvest, it was announced

Thursday morning that a softball game had been arranged for Thursday night at Scrapper Field with the Nashville Orange Jerseys matched against a De Queen team. The single game will be called promptly at 8 o'clock.

The admission fee will be 10 cents for everyone, and all attending should be home before 10 o'clock.

(Adv.) Keep Your Cars and Trucks Mechanically O.K. Visit us today! Dodge Job-rated Trucks, Phone 450, Nowell Motor Co. North Main Street.

63 years ago: July 1962 Parking meters were back on the agenda Monday night. City aldermen voted

at the regular monthly meeting to invite the representative of the Duncan Parking Meter company to appear before the council again. The city several years ago voted down a proposal to install parking meters.

Nashville's peach picture was a bit fuzzy at mid-week, with some Elbertas moving to market, with others not

ready until next week.

Shipper Bob McClure said he had difficulty fixing a price range. "We're getting what we can for them," he said, in a price range from \$2.25 for lesser peaches to \$3.75 for good quality

42 years ago: July 1983

An Ozan man has been charged with murder for allegedly beating his 85-yearold stepfather to death Sunday morning.

Charged with second degree murder is James Floyd Adams of Route 1, Ozan. He allegedly beat his stepfather, Remous Taylor, at the family home in Ozan.

A traffic accident near Texarkana Monday took the life of Sam Carrigan, 58, who worked for the Arkansas Highway Department.

He was killed almost instantly when a truck crashed into the rear of a highway truck on Highway 71, crushing Carrigan. Burial was in the Mineral Springs Cemetery with the Mineral Springs Masonic Lodge in charge of services.

### Public Record of Howard County

were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period July 23-30, 2025, unless noted otherwise include the following:

Marriage Licenses

(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office) July 25. Colton Wayne Gilbert, 19, Nashville, and Taylor Rae Buttrum, 20, Nashville.

July 29. Gregory Scott Torrey, 37, Nashville, and Tabitha Renee Richards, 50, Dierks.

**Civil Court** 

CV25-86, July 21.

**Domestic** 

**Relations Court** 

DR25-62, July 24. Misty Maynard vs. Wayne Crossno. Order of protection.

DR25-63, July 24. Latembra Shanea Jones vs. Tremayne Devon Jones. Divorce.

DR25-64, July 29. Crystal Leyva vs. Charles Myrick. Order of protection.

**Criminal Court** 

(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of

No Criminal Cases filed

since CR25-69, July 22 Land/Property **Transactions** 

**Quitclaim Deeds** 

July 24. Michael Sullivan; to Michael Sullivan and Deede Reed, Tenants with right of survivorship; property in S4 T10S R27W.

July 24. Larry Don Shelton; to Jeffery Andrew Shelton; 1/4 interest in property in Block 23, Center Point,

July 28. Jacky Don Worley; to Porshia Worley; 4.21 ac in S19 T10S R27W, aka No Civil Cases filed since 1265 New Pine St., Mineral Springs.

Trustee's Deed

July 29. The David and Ann Fricks Trust; Stanton Lee Miller; 30 ac. in S33 T11S R27W. \$75,000.

Distributee's Deed July 28. Shirley F. God-

frey; to Shirley F. Godfrey; 3.655 ac. in S20 T9S R28W.

Beneficiary's Deeds July 23. Kenneth Turner

and Wilda Turner, husband and wife; to Krista Gregory and Douglas Gregory, wife and husband; aggregate 33.13 ac. in S31 T5S R28W and S1 T6S R29W.

and Wanda Sirmon; to Gregory B. Sirmon and Michael Gene Sirmon, plus second beneficiaries; each undivided 50% interest in property in S26 T5S R29.

July 24. Gene A. Sirmon and Wanda Sirmon; to Gregory B. Sirmon and Michael Gene Sirmon, plus second beneficiaries; properties in S2 T8S R29W and S35 T7S

July 30. Harla Dave Beavert; to Harla Dave Beavert, Trustee of the Dave Beavert Revocable Trust; 10 tracts in S33/S34/S4/S12/S2/S11/ S14 - T8S/T9S -- R27/R28/

#### **Warranty Deeds**

July 25. Jeremy Leedale; to Bryan Chesshir and wife, Kayla Chesshir; Lot 6, Blue Bayou Estates; \$158,631.23.

July 29. (Special) Union Bank of Mena; to Ben Youngblood; 4 ac. in S28 T5S R30 W. \$68,000.

July 29. Janet L. Bobo, surviving spouse of Alfred G. Bobo; to James Gary Bobo, Jana Deann Strode and Jennifer Rose Bishop, tenants in common; property in S11 T7S R29W. \$10.

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### Two enter pleas in criminal court

Two defendants gave tion revocation hearing and changed his plea to true and pleas before Judge Bryan had a date of Aug. 27 set for was sentenced to two years

Howard County. Allen Lee Markcum, 50, white male, Nashville, pleaded not true in a proba-

Chesshir July 30, the regular the trial. day for criminal court in

He is charged with theft of Correction.

of property, a felony, while on probation.

Brandon Joseph Williams, 39, white male, Nashville,

in the Arkansas Department

He was on probation for an April 2025 conviction for possession of controlled



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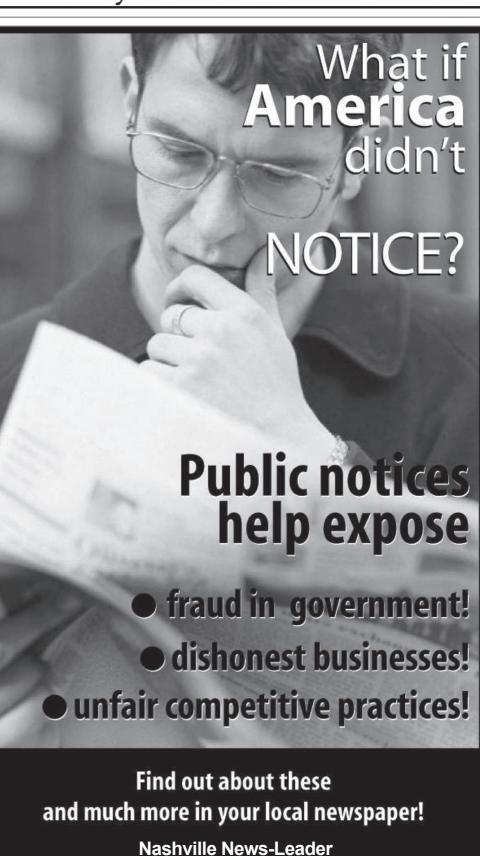
electrical hazard. Assume any dangling wires you encounter are energized and dangerous. Warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility.

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



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## Point of view

## Transgender essay A column aimed only

## at liberated adults

"Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" was a pretty good idea until ex-male swimmers competed against women. Count on humanity to carry just about every idea too far, ruining something

Mine Creek

Revelations

Louie Graves

that was shamefully needed in the first place.

So, I am thinking about DEI as I peek out of my window on Main Street.

WE'RE ALL adults here so surely we can mention an adult topic: LGBT. As both of you know, the letters stand for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender.

I warned you this was adult.

Boiled down, in the case of the first three letters, it's just a matter of personal prefer-

ence. Which gender appeals to you sexually? Don't answer that -- it was just a rhetorical question. Like President Clinton said, "Don't ask,

But the fourth letter, T??? I don't fully comprehend Transgender. The way I see it, it's someone in a male body who identifies as being female and wants to become a genuine female. Or visa-versa.

If you are sincerely Transgender you've got to be willing to undergo costly, extreme medical and surgical treatments to achieve your goal. Not to mention suffering barbed remarks from smartypants newspaper

I do not want to sound completely unsympathetic about persons who are helplessly gripped by Transgender leanings. I feel like I can help you understand by revealing something deeply intimate and personal

#### I am Trans, hear me roar

I, myself, am a Trans-Species. I am trapped in the body of a human, but I strongly identify with the Siberian Gray Wolf.

I have already begun hormone and other medical treatments out at the Center Point Animal Hospital, and I am scheduled to begin taking fur implants soon. Please don't ask the staff at Center Point about my progress. I may be going to the dogs, but I am still enough human to be covered by HIPPA.

Learning to run on all fours has made me more flexible. I am getting faster with every Trans-Species hormone treatment, and with every nocturnal run with the pack. I am not looking forward to running nekkid through the snow this winter but maybe I'll grow extra fur before then.

I am learning to like an all-meat diet. I now want my elk steaks really rare and still quivering. I prefer fresh kill, but I will eat something that has been dead at the side of the road for a few days if there's nothing else.

Another thing: It's hard to pass by a fire hydrant without lifting my left leg. Wolves are, after all, the ancestors of dogs. I hope to get better at balancing on the other three legs.

I am pretty sure that I am becoming a male Siberian Wolf because whenever I see a cute female I start baying at the moon.

I have no argument with LG or B. They were formed in the womb by the Almighty. Not true for the T.



LOOK UP. We are entering the best viewing period for the annual Perseid Meteor Shower. Which means that for the next couple of weeks, our nights will probably be overcast, but if you get a chance to be up after midnight, look up.

The Perseids are generally the best meteor show of the year. The streaking bits of space debris are leftovers in the trail of the Comet Swift-Tuttle and the Earth is now plowing through that debris field.

The actual best nights for viewing are expected to be mid-August, although we are already wading into the litter of the comet.



 $HOW\ COME?$  In the morning, flocks of Cattle Egrets fly overhead on their way to work from a rookery somewhere. They are high in the sky and are flying fast in a tight V formation. They look fresh and excited!

In the late afternoon, the birds labor slowly overhead on the home from the fields. They are barely clearing the treetops and look like they are struggling to fly fast enough to maintain level flight. The sloppiest looking V formations I ever saw were SW Arky Cattle Egrets trudging home after a day's work.

Why? Couple of explanations spring to mind: (1) They're full of bugs and are tired at the end of a hot day; (2) Staying low because the Mississippi Kites are quietly drifting over the buffet table.



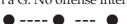
IT'S NUTRITIOUS and Biblical. When the Almighty rained down

manna for the wandering Israelites, was it gluten-free?

Living solely on desert baked manna and a few scrawny lizards for 40 years is hardly what I call a well-balanced diet, but as you know I do not argue with the Provider



WORD GAMES. The famous and talented Sal Quintuplets: Salami, Salome', Salmonella, Saliva and Sal Mineo. Some of you may not have even heard of the latter. He was a B-level movie actor back in the 1960s. I think he may have been a G. No offense intended.



HE SAID: "There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love." Washington Irving, diplomat and



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### Arkansas colleges set expenditures on athletics for new academic year

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr. is at Arkansas State University

Arkansas colleges and universities will spend about \$279 million on athletics during the upcoming school year.

State law requires all statesupported institutions of higher education to certify their budgeted revenues and expenditures for athletics. The results are submitted every summer to the state Higher Education Coordinating Board.

State law also requires that institutions must clearly define all student fees used to pay for athletic programs.

On statements to students, institutions must list athletic fees separate and distinct from tuition and other student fees

The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville is one of 11 institutions that do not charge athletic fees. According to their submissions to the Board of Higher Education, they expect to meet the costs of their athletic programs without assessing fees.

The Razorback athletic program is by far the largest in Arkansas, with budgeted expenditures for next year of about \$181 million.

The smallest athletic program

in Newport, which will spend about \$195,000 on athletics next school year. The second smallest is at Phillips community College of the University of Arkansas, which has budgeted about \$215,000 for

The second largest athletic program is at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, which has a budget of \$24 million for next year. The third largest is at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, with a budget of \$17 million.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock will have an athletic budget of almost \$13 million. The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff budgeted \$7 million for athletics. Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia budgeted \$6.8 million for athletics and Henderson State University in Arkadelphia budgeted \$6.7 million. The athletic budget at Arkansas Tech in Russellville is \$6.2 million.

The Razorback program generates revenue from ticket sales, licensing fees, concessions and contributions that no other campus in Arkansas can match. Besides not assessing student athletic fees, the campus does not transfer into its athletic program any money from its state educational and general

If the University at Fayetteville is excluded from the calculation, student fees generate 29.4 percent of the athletic program budgets for 22 two-year colleges and nine four-vear universities.

Workforce and Career Educa-

At a recent meeting the Higher Education Board heard a presentation on the status of workforce education in Arkansas at colleges and universities.

Students do not get credit for taking the courses, but they learn skills in demand at the top companies in Arkansas.

The most popular course is in business, management and marketing. The second most popular is in engineering and related technologies. The third most popular is in health professions.

In the 22 two-year colleges in Arkansas, only half the courses are open enrollment for any student registered at the college. The other half are limited to employees of specific industry partners.

## Scrapper is a mindset

The following is an excerpt from Superintendent Doug Graham's backto-school comments to the Nashville School District faculty and staff at their general meeting July 24.

Good morning, Scrapper Fam-

Welcome back! It's a brand prouder or more excited to stand before the people who represent the very best of our district - our educators, our support staff, our leaders, and most importantly, our Scrapper family

This year, we carry forward a theme that is bold, inspiring and deeply meaningful: "Home of the brave, Heart of a Scrapper."

Let's take a moment to reflect on what that means.

"Home of the Brave" is a tribute not just to our nation, but to the brave hearts sitting in this room. As educators, you show courage every single day. The courage to face challenges head-on. The courage to try something new.

The courage to stand in the gap for students who need more than just a teacher - they need a hero.

And then there's the "Heart of a Scrapper" - That relentless, fighting spirit that defines our school, our students and our staff. A Scrapper isn't just a mascot - it's a new school year, and I couldn't be mindset. Scrappers fight hard and never give up. They show up with grit, grace and purpose. Whether it's pushing through a tough day, finding a new way to reach a struggling student, or simply refusing to settle for less than your best - that's Scrapper spirit.

This year, I want us to ignite that spirit like never before. Be proud of who you are. Be proud of where you teach. Be proud of the school colors you wear and the legacy you build every day. Patriotism isn't just about flags and anthems - it's bout loving and serving your community with everything you've got. And that's exactly what Scrappers do.

Let's make this clear: You are the

good in the lives of your students. You are their safe place. Their encourager. Their guide. Their example. You are the reason they keep trying. You are the ones who see what they can be, even when they can't see it yet.

Teachers are heroes.

You may not wear capes, but you wield superpowers every day. The power to uplift. The power to inspire. The power to change the direction of a life.

So as we begin this new school year, let's lead with heart. Let's teach with grit. Let's serve with purpose. And above all, let's never forget who we are:

We are Scrappers.

We are the Home of the Brave. We are the Heart of the Scrap-

Thank you for the sacrifices you make, the love you give, and the difference you create. Let's make this year one to remember - for all

the right reasons. Welcome back. Let's go to work.

### Impact of fed changes on work force looked at

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

Last week, members of the Arkansas House and Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Committees received an important update from the director of Arkansas Workforce Connections on potential changes at the federal level that could impact how workforce development programs are administered in our state. Arkansas Workforce Connec-

tions, formerly known as the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, is the state's lead agency for workforce development. Its mission is to provide support

and guidance to help individuals succeed in their careers while offering companies incentives to maintain a skilled and technically trained workforce, meeting industry demands now and in the future.

The agency operates under the federal Workforce Innovation and

Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA may soon be replaced by a new federal initiative called Make America Skilled Again (MASA). The presentation focused on what this shift could mean for Arkansas workers, employers, and the state agencies that support them. The FY 2026 President's Budget

proposes the potential consolidation of 11 existing federal workforce grant programs into a single MASA grant program. This new approach aims to

streamline administration, improve outcomes, and give states and localities more flexibility to address their own unique workforce needs.

While the intention is to simplify funding and reduce administrative burden, the potential impact on Arkansas is still being evaluated. An ongoing legislative study may help our state prepare for these changes.

The Arkansas General Assembly passed Act 145 during the most recent legislative session. Known as the Legislative Study of Workforce and Social Services Act, this law requires the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee to examine the effectiveness and structure of our current workforce and social service programs.

This study is expected to identify areas where legislative action may be needed to ensure Arkansas remains competitive and responsive to the evolving national workforce landscape.

A final report detailing the findings and recommendations must be submitted by October 1, 2026. As the federal government considers final decisions on MASA, Arkansas lawmakers will continue to monitor developments closely and work with state agencies to protect vital services.

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER NEW FACULTY, STAFF. New employees in the Nashville School District include (seated) Kaylynn Sharp, Macy Evans, Erica Hawthorne, Phylicia Chesshir and Rachel Sparks; (standing) Jessi Dugger, Brittany Moore, Michael Blackwood, Hadley Lewis, Shanna Berruquin, Britney White, Tessa Dean, Lori Chambers, Courtney Kessler, Bravyn Bell and Blaine Erwin.



CAMPUS ADMINISTRATORS. Nashville assistant principals and principals include NHS Assistant Principal Eric Perez and Principal Ashley Riggs; NJHS Assistant Ben Wallis and Principal Hannah Topor; Primary Principal Nathan Evans and Assistant Miranda Serrano; Elementary Assistant Michael Coffee and Principal Tyra Hughes.



MERIT PAY. Nashville teachers who received merit pay under that Arkansas Department of Education's program include (front) Allison McCauley, Kim Reed, Kathryn Hughes, Mindy Brinkman and Clarissa Brizo; (second row) Erin Bell, Krista Williams, Ashton Conrad and Heather Harmon; (third row) Tabitha Jones, Ginny Schwope, Sydney Howard and Megan Stanton; (fourth row) Doyle Green, Scott Horne and MiKayla Clift; (back row) Virgil Hellums, Tami Westfall, Alayna Scott, Deidra Murphy and Valerie Gillaspy.

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Friday, closed on Wednesday afternoons. For questions, you may call the **Housing Authority Office** at (870) 845-1080.



New employee Samantha

#### **Nashville** School **District** First day of school

was Aug. 4 Back-to-School Bash Aug. 8 Scrapper Media Day Aug. 9 Labor Day break Sept. 1-5



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The former Husqvarna warehouse in Nashville

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will "grow in to" the other facility or some other business will come along and make an offer.

"I want to say, this is just the beginning of economic development in Nashville and Howard County," the mayor said. "We are going to continue to work to get the rest of the facility filled up with business and others, as well."

Dr. Steve Cole, Developing Howard County ex officio board member, agreed with Dunaway about the group effort involved in bringing the new industry to town and reminded those in attendance that Nashville was likely not the only place Cantex considered before making its decision.

"I'd be willing to bet that Cantex would not be coming if they didn't see us working together so closely and having our act together - locally, that really resonates with corporations like that," Cole said.

The 350,000 square-foot warehouse, built in 2017, and plant are both owned by Wisconsin-based Phoenix Investors, which purchased the property the summer of 2024. The investor group also owns Husqvarna's properties at 139 Old Airport Road north of Nashville, which were constructed in 1998-2000.

DHC Director Vanessa Weeks was unable to attend Thursday's announcement but was quoted in the AEDC release as saying, "The arrival of Cantex in Nashville is a strong step forward for Howard County. It reflects our mission to grow opportunity and improve quality

of life, and it highlights the value of our skilled workforce and business-ready community. We look forward to supporting their success here.

Dave Meker, president of Cantex Inc., said the company is ready to get to work in The Natural State.

"We are excited to expand our footprint in Nashville, Ark. This property will enable us to better serve our customers and support our long-term growth strategy. We look forward to integrating this new manufacturing facility into our operations and leveraging its potential to drive innovation and excellence. We're also thrilled to work alongside the State of Arkansas and the City of Nashville as we invest in the region's future and create new opportunities together."

Clint O'Neal, executive director of the AEDC, also weighed in on the big announcement via press release: "Nashville had everything that Cantex needed: available real estate, a supportive business environment, and a strong workforce. This is a big win for the City of Nashville and the State of Arkansas."

Cantex has been in business for more than 70 years, and Nashville's facility will be the company's first in

No exact start date has been determined, but AEDC said the company plans to start its Nashville operation in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2025.

Apply for positions

According to AEDC, the company will be hiring for a range of positions, including manufacturing and distribution operators. To learn more and to apply for positions, visit: cantexinc.com/careers.











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had to make the trip to the

It was a little surprising when we got there, seeing dozens of 18 wheelers with the ESPN logo parked all around the stadium.

It turns out that we arrived during the most popular week of the year, Enshrinement Week, when the Hall of Fame game is played, and the week when the new

The good news is that we arrived on Tuesday, when

the normal price of admission to the Hall of Fame is reduced for senior citizens from \$45 to \$15, but even if you have to pay full price, it's worth every penny.

The three stories of the Hall of Fame in Canton, Hall of Fame have exhibits, galleries, and interactive

displays. There are more than 25,000 physical artifacts from the most famous players in NFL history, and footballs from the most memorable games.

There are also some quirky exhibits, like a heating coil from Lambeau Field (failed during the Ice Bowl, Hall of Famers are inducted. New Year's Eve, 1967), and Coach Paul Brown's Ball Warmers—a failed idea from

Entrance to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton. Ohio

s Cowboys won two Super Bowls in

signed after their victory in Super Bowl XII.

the '50s on how to keep footballs warm in wet, freezing weather. Instead of helping, the Ball Warmer cooked the balls, making them hard as a rock, almost injuring the

Brown's place-kicker. Name vour favorite pro football players from the past. Their jerseys, helmets, and cleats are probably on display in the Hall of Fame.

You'll learn more about them than you'd expect. There are 382 members of

And your favorite teams?

the Hall of Fame, including this year's inductees, Sterling Sharpe, Eric Allen, Jarod Allen and Antonio Gates.

If you're a football fan, do yourself a favor and plan a trip to Canton.

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### Scrapper Bash set Friday night

The Nashville Scrapper have a meet and greet Back-to-School Bash will be Friday, Aug. 8, at Scrapper

Stadium. Gates will open at 6:45

Athletes participating in fall sports will be introduced at 7:15 p.m., including golf, cross country and tennis.

Stadium announcer Johnny Wilson will welcome the crowd at 7:25, followed by the National Anthem.

Nashville Junior High Scrappers will scrimmage at 7:30.

Senior Scrappers will America 250.

throughout the stands. More introductions will

follow the junior high scrimmage, including seventh grade football, junior high cheer, junior high band and junior high football.

America 250, the national observance of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, will follow.

Senior high football players will enter the stands carrying flags.

Wilson will explain

Afterward, Wilson will introduce high school cheer,

band and football. Head Coach Brad Chesshir will speak after

players are introduced. Following Chesshir's speech, everyone will sing

the NHS Alma Mater. Junior and senior high bands and cheerleaders will perform before the high school scrimmage concludes

the evening. The concession stand will be open.

Scrapper merchandise will be for sale.



ceived a citation from the Arkansas Activities Association July 28. The group includes Nathan Evans, Mirando Serrano, Ben Wallis, Ashley Riggs, Johnny Wilson, Hannah Topor, Doug Graham, Tate Gordon, Eric Perez and James "Bunch" Nichols. Wilson was honored for his service to athletics locally and statewide during the past 50-plus years.



Long-time friend and colleague Dr. Tom DeBlack congratulates Johnny Wilson following Wilson's recognition by the Arkansas Activities Association last week. Wilson received a citation honoring his 50-plus years of service to athletics both locally and



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Peyton Manning's Denver Broncos jersey

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23 days remaining in the Countdown to the Scrappers' opener Aug. 29 at Magnolia.



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#### A Guide to Staying on Your Feet: Fall Prevention for Senior Citizens

**By Angie Freel Howard County** 

Extension Agent – FCS We recently had an Extension Homemaker's lesson about the risk of falling as we age. It is a legitimate fear for those living alone especially. Falls are a serious health concern for older adults, often leading to injuries, a loss of independence, and a decline in overall quality of life.

But the good news is that many falls are preventable. By understanding the risks and taking proactive steps, senior citizens can significantly reduce their chances of a fall and continue to live

active, confident lives. **Understanding the Risks** 

Fall risks are a combination of personal health factors and environmental hazards. Some factors that can cause falls include:

Medications: Some prescription and over-thecounter drugs can cause dizziness, drowsiness, or changes in balance.

\* Physical Changes: As we age, we may experience changes in vision, hearing, balance, and muscle strength. Conditions like osteoporosis, arthritis, and nerve damage can also increase the risk of a fall.

Footwear: Ill-fitting shoes, high heels, or floppy slippers can all lead to a

\* Fear of Falling: Paradoxically, the fear of falling can cause a person to become less active, leading to weaker muscles and poorer balance, which in turn increases the risk of a fall.

**Making Your** 

Home a Safer Place The home is where most cost changes you can make to create a safer living environment.

Clear the Clutter: Keep floors, stairs, and walkways free of tripping hazards like books, newspapers, electrical cords, and stray pets.

Secure Rugs: Use double-sided tape or a non-slip backing on area rugs and runners. Better yet, remove them entirely if they are a major hazard.

Light It Up: Ensure all areas of your home are welllit. Install nightlights in bedrooms, bathrooms, and hallways. Place a lamp within reach of your bed.

Bathroom Safety: This is a high-risk area. Install grab bars in the shower and next to the toilet. Use non-slip mats or strips in the bathtub.

Stairwells: Make sure there are sturdy handrails on both sides of staircases.

Store Smart: Keep frequently used items within easy reach so you don't have to stretch, bend, or climb on a chair or step stool.

**Staying Strong** and Steady

Physical activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent falls. Regular exercise can improve strength, balance, and flexibility, which are all crucial for staying on your feet.

Balance and Strength Training: Gentle exercises like Tai chair yoga are excellent for improving balance and building muscle. Even simple movements like standing on one leg (with a sturdy support nearby) or doing heel-to-toe walks can

make a big difference. \* Keep Moving: Walking, falls occur. Fortunately, there swimming, and other low-

are many simple and low- impact activities are great for overall health and can help maintain muscle strength and bone density.

Join our community exercise class! We will be beginning a new class soon on chair Yoga, but we currently have an exercise class Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 am at the Extension Homemaker Educational

Email me for more information at afreel@uada.edu

Fall prevention is an ongoing process. By working with healthcare providers, making simple changes at home, and staying active, senior citizens can reduce their risk of falls and continue to enjoy their independence and well-being.

Recipe of the week:

This concoction is always in my fridge in the summer during tomato season.

You might experiment with fresh ingredients that you love! My handheld veggie chopper with interchangeable blades makes quick work of dicing the

**Southern Summer Pico** Two garden fresh tomatoes - diced

Two cucumbers – diced 1 bell pepper (I prefer yellow or red)

One onion (I prefer sweet) diced

One clove garlic - minced ½ apple - diced

3 Tbsp. Cilantro (to taste) Salt & Pepper to taste Mix all ingredients and

refrigerate. The longer the pico has to "get acquainted" the better it gets. Sometimes I add

a bottled Greek, Italian, or Caesar dressing which is delicious too.

AR DUI

**New laws now** in effect on state highways

During the 2025 Arkansas Legislative Session, several laws passed that Arkansas travelers should now. These laws go into effect Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Fines Double in Mobile Work Zones

House Bill (HB) 1596, now Act 327 of 2025, doubles fines for moving traffic violations in mobile work zones. Previously, traffic fines were only doubled in static (or stationary) work zones.

**Green Lights on ARDOT vehicles** 

HB1475, now Act 209 of 2025, authorizes the use of green lights on official roadway construction and maintenance vehicles used by ARDOT, cities, counties, or contractors.



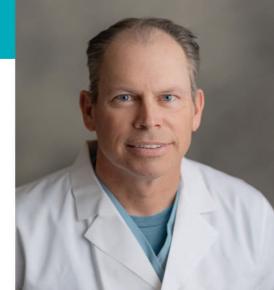
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### Three Howard County officers complete law enforcement training certification

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Special recognition and awards were presented to the cadets who attained the highest scores within the respective training categories listed as follows: Academics:

- 1. Jonathan Jones, Franklin Co. S.O.
- 2. Travis Johnson, Pottsville P.D. 3. Matthew Pate, Fulton Co. S.O.
- Physical Fitness:
- 1. Osbaldo Martinez, Nashville P.D.
- 2. Jordan Woods, Magnolia P.D. 3. Isaiah Burleson, Harrison P.D.
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- 2. Adrean Lee, Polk Co. S.O.
- 3. Easton Koller, Hot Springs P.D. Emergency Vehicle Obstacle Course (EVOC):
- 1. Aaron Murray, Camden P.D.
- 2. Caleb Emry, Montgomery Co. S.O.
- 3. Isaiah Burleson, Harrison P.D. Servant Leadership Award:
- Jonathan Jones, Franklin County S.O. The graduates and their agencies are as follows: Adrean Lee, Polk County S.O. - Class Leader

Jordan Baker, Columbia County S.O. - Assistant Class Devon Amerson, Searcy P.D. - Squad A Leader

Kyra Brown, Booneville P.D. - Assistant Squad A Leader

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Devin Bohannon, Jefferson County S.O. Alejandro Camarillo, Sevier County S.O.

Isaiah Burleson, Harrison P.D.

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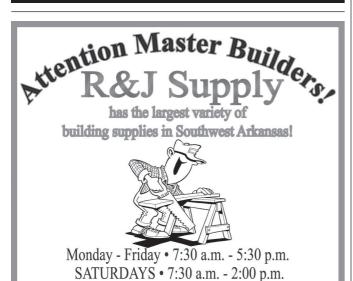
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#### Sevier County reports shooting, vehicle crash on Provo Road

The Sevier County Sheriff's Department has reported that a gunshot victim crashed his vehicle while fleeing a shooting on Friday, Aug. 1 in Lockesburg.

Sevier County deputies were dispatched to the 600 block of Provo Road in response to a reported gunsĥot victim. Wĥile en route, a separate 911 call came in reporting a vehicle accident

Upon further investigation, deputies determined the incident originated in the 1400 block of Provo Road and that the gunshot victim, Justin Massingill, was the driver of the vehicle that had just wrecked and caught fire while reportedly fleeing gunfire.

Two unnamed passengers - an adult female and a juvenile - were also in the vehicle and sustained serious injury.

Massingill and the two passengers were all transported to hospitals for further treatment.

An alert was issued and the Dierks Police Department located suspect Robert Massinggill, brother of Justin, and took him into custody without incident. He was booked in the Sevier County Jail on felony charges of second-degree domestic battery and possession of firearms by certain persons.

The Arkansas State Police is conducting the official investigation into he vehicle

#### Amity man facing charge after alleged sexual assault

An Amity man has been charged in Pike County with second-degree sexual assault.

Cody Lynn Smith, 31, was charged July 28. He pleaded innocent to the charge Monday, Aug. 4 and a public defender was appointed with a Nov. 3 pretrial date set. Smith remains in the county jail this week on \$15,000 bond.

According to case information, a woman reported in June to the Pike County Sheriff's Department that her juvenile daughter had disclosed that she had allegedly been sexually assaulted by Smith. The proper steps were followed to report the incident to the child abuse hotline and an investigation led to the charge against

Smith allegedly told investigators that the child "always had a crush on him" and he admitted to inappropriately touching her on one occasion, according to case information. He is also accused of sending the child a Snapchat message the following Monday while she was at school to question if she enjoyed the encounter.

#### Five sentenced Five defendants were

sentenced Monday in Pike County Circuit Court after entering guilty or "no contest" pleas. They included: Megan Davidson, 39, of

Amity, guilty of two counts of first-degree endangering the welfare of a minor; sentenced to five years of probation and fined \$2,500; Nathan Hoover, 24, of

Glenwood, guilty of possession of a controlled substance and drag paraphernalia; sentenced to 12 years in the Arkansas Department of Correction with six years suspended;

Kevin Taylor, 39, of Glenwood, guilty of seconddegree battery; sentenced to five years of probation;

Zachary Ŵammach, 39, of Antlers, Okla., guilty of possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia; sentenced to five years of probation and fined \$2,000; and

Brandon Parks, 31, of Mineral Springs, "no contest" to residential burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to five years of probation and fined

#### No charges yet in June Pike County shooting

there has been no charges filed, no pleas and two court appearances for the Pike County man accused in the shooting death of another man in June, according to Pike County Circuit Clerk Sabrina Williams.

Gage King, 23, is expected to be charged with manslaughter in the shooting death of Daniel Cain Lamb,

As of Tuesday morning, 44, of Delight, according to an affidavit of probable cause completed June 19 by a special agent with Arkansas State Police Criminal Division.

Williams said King has basically made "two first appearances" but since no charges had been filed at either he has now been given an Aug. 11 court date.

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SHE'S BACK AT HOME. K-12 principal Stacey Gaddis is in the lobby of the 'old' high school campus, now used for a variety of administrative offices. She is a 1987 graduate of the school.

## K-12 principal found her way to dream job at her old high school

It has been a long march for Mineral Springs' second year K-12 principal Stacey Gaddis. Gaddis, a 1987 Mineral Springs graduate, held several out-of-town teaching positions and a 12-year stint in banking before she managed to get to the job she says always wanted

-- in schools at Mineral Springs. Along the way she earned a bachelors degree in business, a masters degree in gifted &

talented education, and a masters in educational leadership.

Also along the way, she taught at Hope and at Horatio. The stint in banking might have been the most exciting. She was the teller that robbed at gunpoint at the Mineral Springs bank. She didn't know until later that the robber's firearm was a BB pistol.

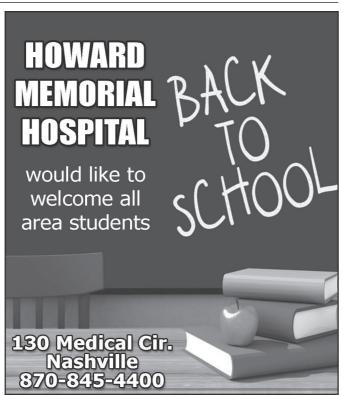
She looks forward to calmer times and her second year as MS principal for grades K-12. "I want the students -- and teachers -- to know that I'm here to help and support. I'm looking forward to a great year."

Unlike her first year when she was thrust into the position just before classes opened, she'll have an assistant principal, Gene Strode, formerly at the school.

As if she needed it, Gaddis has another connection to Mineral Springs schools. Her

parents, Wayne and Linda Gaddis, are both Hornet grads.

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5th grade -- Melissa Johnson, Mary

6th grade --Katelyn Kirkham, Amanda

Special ed -- Nicole Bell, Jacque McJunkins, Rhonda Conway, Tara Green.

Literacy specialist -- Janet Cook, Tamara Hankins.

Dyslexia specialist -- Tasha Fan. Physical education -- William Dixon.

Music, Richard Gamble.

Art -- Heather Hainen.

Counselor -- Amy Westfall. District wide -- Superintendent JonDavid

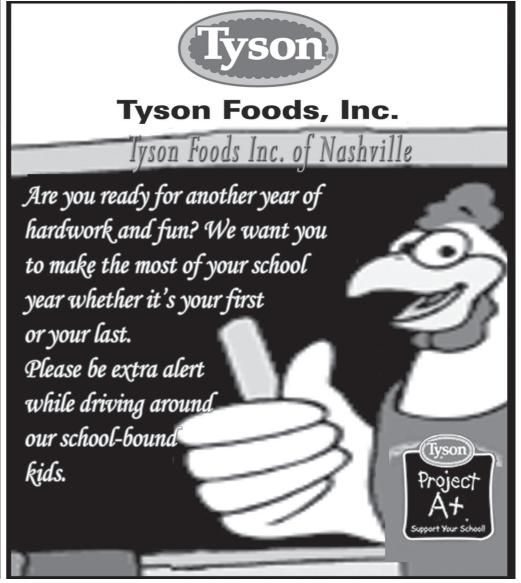
Principal K-12 -- Stacey Gaddis. Nurse -- Nakesha Canady-Green. Federal coordinator -- Wendy Reed. Treasurer -- Frankie Tollett.

Bookkeeper/Human resources -- Marla

Administrative secretary -- Stacy Turner.

### 2025 Football Schedule Mineral Springs Sr. Hornets

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Sept. 5	Bismarck	Away
Sept. 12	Fordyce	Home
Sept. 19	Quitman	Away
Sept. 26	Spring Hill	Away
Oct. 3	Junction City	Away
Oct. 10	Foreman	Home
Oct. 17	Gurdon	Away
Oct. 24	Lafayette County	Home
Oct. 31	Dierks	Home
Nov. 6 (Thurs.)	Murfreesboro	Home



#### **Howard County Housing Authority** provides backpacks, school supplies to students in Nashville, Dierks

Special to The Nashville News-Leader

The Howard County Housing Authority (HCHA) recently took a proactive step in supporting local families by distributing new backpacks, water bottles, and pencil holders to every child aged 5 to 10 residing in its housing communities.

The giveaway, held on Wednesday, aims to ease the financial burden many families face as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

For families throughout Howard County, the rising cost of school and daycare supplies often presents a challenge.

By providing these essential items, HCHA hopes to ensure that children are equipped and ready for a successful start to their academic year.

"Back-to-school season can be stressful for parents,

especially when basic supplies are difficult to afford," said Ross Allen, executive director of the Howard County Housing Authority.

"We want to make sure that every child in our community walks into their classroom feeling prepared and confident."

"Mae Lewis, HCHA admissions manager and tenant services lead took this initiative and ran with it," according to Allen.

This distribution event reflects the Housing Authority's ongoing commitment to supporting resident families beyond housing assistance.

HCHA partnered with local small businessman Warren Clemons to provide the school supplies.

HCHA staff personally handed out the colorful backpacks last Wednesday, each filled with durable water bottles and pencil holders designed to meet the daily needs of young students.

For many parents, the gesture provided both financial relief and peace of

"It may seem small, but for my family, it's a big help," said one resident par-ent. "These supplies mean my kids are starting school with what they need, and that's a blessing."

The Housing Authority plans to continue offering similar support initiatives throughout the year, recognizing the broader needs of families living in public housing.

"We're about more than providing a place to live," Allen added. "We're here to create pathways to selfsufficiency and invest in our community and the future of our children."



MAKING THE ROUNDS. Employees of the Howard County Housing Authority deliver backpacks and school supplies last week in Nashville and Dierks.



#### SWEPCO switching to 'smart meters'

Southwestern Electric Power Co. is installing smart meters in Arkansas.

Smart meters empower customers with more control over their energy use, as well as provide improved customer service. They use secure wireless technology to provide timely and accurate meter reading data, which customers can use to better understand and manage energy usage at a home or business. In addition, smart meters provide real-time outage information to SWEPCO teams that can speed up power

Installations for approximately 126,000 Arkansas customers are underway in Mena before moving to other parts of SWEPCO's Arkansas service territory. Deployment of smart meters will continue across the state through the rest of the year and potentially into 2026.

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**Christian Trombley** 

#### **Howard County 4-H** member elected State 4H President for 2025-2026

By Samantha Horn **Howard County Extension Agent** 4-H/Staff Chair

On July 21-24, Howard County 4-H member Christian Trombley attended the State 4-H O'Rama as the Ouachita District Vice-President.

Trombley has represented the Ouachita district the past year while attending the National Farm Bureau meeting in San Antonio, Texas, 4-H Day at the Capital, and many other events across the state. In early spring, he filled out his application to be re-elected for a state officer position for the 2025-2026 4-H year, knowing this would be no easy accomplishment.

When all the applications were turned in, and approved, Trombley was notified that he had been selected to run for re-election. The state 4-H officer team is made up of three district Vice-Presidents, a Reporter, Secretary, First Vice-President, and President.

During the week of July 21 candidates campaigned to

secure votes for their office.

On July 24, after ballots were tallied, the new 2025-2026 State 4-H officer team, with Trombley being elected as President, was introduced at the final awards ceremony.

Trombley will travel the state and to other states representing Arkansas 4-H next year

We are proud of all the hard work and drive he has for our 4-H organization.

#### Rural fire departments can now apply for wildland fire suppression kits

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for wildland fire suppression kits through

Through a grant from the U.S. Forest Service, the Department plans to distribute 75 wildland fire suppression kits to

rural volunteer fire departments across the state this year. The necessary equipment and gear in the kits include lightweight wildfire-resistant coveralls, wildland gloves, rakes, backpack water pumps, and leaf blowers.

Rural volunteer fire departments are encouraged to apply online, but paper applications are available upon request. Fire departments should contact Kathryn Mahan-Hooten at kathryn.mahan@agriculture.arkansas.gov with any questions.

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#### Scrapper anglers take 8th place at High School World Finals

Members of the Scrapper Fishing Team Halton Howard and Garrett Westfall finished eighth place out of 375 teams at the Student Angler Federation TBF High School World Finals at Grand Lake in Oklahoma, according to Coach Jimi Easterling.

The eighth-place finish is Howard and Westfall's most impressive feat in their high school fishing career, earning

The tournament was one that anglers qualified for by two ways: They either earn a state spot by finishing top three in your state tournament or they fish a qualified event. The two local anglers did not finish in the top three in the state tournament but felt like they had something to prove.

This tournament had a unique format. Three days of competition and the teams were divided by how they qualified for the tournament. The first two days of competition the boys were in 20th place overall and was in first place out of the Arkansas teams.

For the third day the weights zeroed, and the teams were divided into three categories and they had to get a top 10 in their pool to go into the final day. The Scrappers squeezed in with a ninth place finish.

Then the final day, there were 30 teams left and our Scrappers earned the eighth spot. They had three-fish limit for 10 lbs 14 oz and first place was three fish limit for 15lbs 2oz. Over the four days of competition they had 45 lbs of bass caught on 12 fish with each day was a three fish limit.

Grand Lake was also in a unique position as a lake due to all of the recent rain Oklahoma has received. The lake had not been at level pool since the spring. When the Scrappers arrived, the lake was 10 foot high and fluctuated from 8 feet back up to 10. This added a curveball in preparation but the boys overcame the tough conditions, said Coach Easterling.

After the tournament, Howard and Westfall expressed thanks to the school, community, and the business that support the fishing team. They wanted to give a "special thanks" for their parents and Michael Howard for taking them and being their boat captain.



NHS FISHERMEN. Halton Howard and Garrett Westfall.

#### Texarkana man arrested for death of highway worker in Hope

A 64-year-old Texarkana man has been charged with leaving the scene of a collision involving death, a Class B felony, in connection with the July 21 death of a road worker.

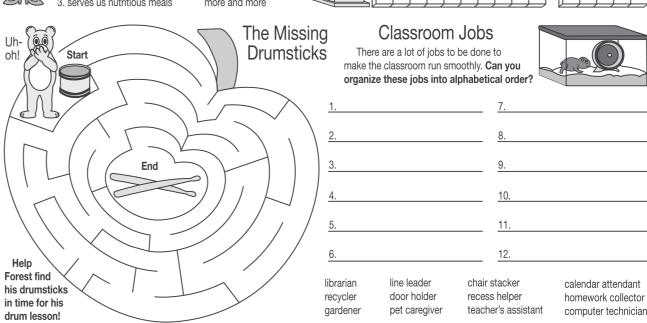
Arkansas State Police Special Agents identified the suspect as George Willis, 64, of Texarkana, and made arrangements for him to turn himself in at the Hempstead County Detention Center. He was taken into custody at 12:55 p.m. today. His bond has been set at \$25,000.

At approximately 1 a.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025, ASP

Troopers responded to a fatal hit-and-run collision near the 18-mile marker of I-30. The victim, Jonathan Gary Williams, 44, of Sherwood, was working as an Arkansas Department of Transportation contractor at the time of the incident.

Williams was operating from a specialized trailer, applying reflectors to the roadway center line, when he was struck and killed by a 2004 Buick Century. The Buick was disabled at the scene and abandoned. Witnesses said the driver fled on foot.





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#### **Pike County District Court**

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Bankston, Trent Gage, 18, Murfreesboro, guilty of thirddegree domestic battery, fined \$550

**Arkansas Game & Fish Commission** 

Coulter, Anthony L., 66, Mineral Springs, \$220 BF, insufficient PFD

City of Glenwood

Faas, Tony A., 56, Arkadelphia, guilty of expired vehicle license-tags, fined \$145; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$250

Huddle, Marvin E., 43, Glenwood, guilty of Clean Air Act violation - smoking in vehicle with children under 14,

**Bench Trials** 

**Pike County** 

Roberts, Danielle Faye, 20, Mineral Springs, guilty of failure to maintain control with accident, fined \$225

Steele, Derrick Preston, 49, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

**City of Murfreesboro** 

Dean, James Charles, 50, Murfreesboro, guilty of neglect of minor resulting in delinquency, fined \$390

Johnson, Judd Eugene, 37, Texarkana, guilty of thirddegree battery, fined \$540; guilty of first-degree criminal mischief, fined \$375

Pantoja, Alejandra, 48, Murfreesboro, guilty of harassment, fined \$230; guilty of public intoxication, fined \$240

#### Community worship series continues in Delight

The Delight Community Worship Service will begin on Monday, Aug. 4 through Saturday, Aug. 9.

The services will be held at the Delight Cafeteria starting each night

Each night will feature a different Delight Methodist Church

speaker from our surrounding areas.

Wednesday night -- Brent Alexander -- Delight Church of Christ

Thursday night -- Travell Green Harrison Chapel- Antoine

Friday night -- Jim Henderson --

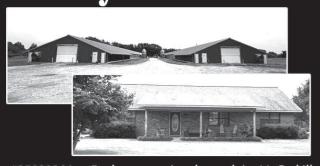
On Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m. a breakfast service will conclude the Community Worship service at the Delight Cafeteria.

The speaker for Saturday's breakfast meeting will be Brian Doyle --Murfreesboro First Christian Church.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, AKKANSAS PKOBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARSAILE FRANCIS GATHRIGHT a/k/a PETE GATHRIGHT, DECEASED NO. 31PR-23-28

Last known address: 114 Ridgeway Drive, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas 71852

Date of Death: March 7, 2023

The undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named decedent on April 29, 2023.

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

This notice first published the 30th day of July, 2025. RHONDA KAY MOSES, Personal Representative

214 Barton Bethel Road

Nashville, Arkansas 71852

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MOSSIE SHEPARD, DECEASED CASE NO. 31PR-25-43

Name of decedent: Mossie Shepard Last known address: 474 Jordan Rd., Nashville, AR 71852 Date of Death: April 14, 2025

#### NOTICE OF FILING OF AFFIDAVIT FOR THE **COLLECTION OF SMALL ESTATE OF DISTRIBUTEES**

On July 22, 2025, an affidavit for collection of small estate

by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Mossie Shepard, 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's 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.

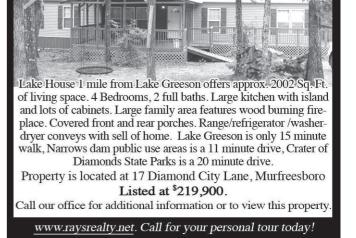
The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee's attorney is:

Ashley Stepps Attorney for the Estate Rippy, Štepps & Associates

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All interested parties should note their scope of works

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Plans and specifications may be viewed at the following locations: https://drive.google.com/ drive/folders/1Ki6OztgUIwJ-ecZqa1bhz8cpY-8P6qH?usp=drive\_link

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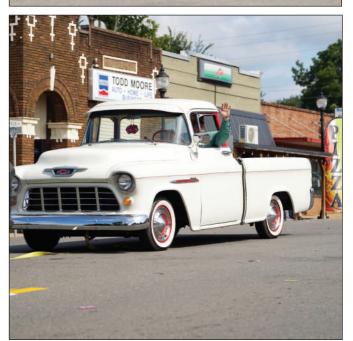












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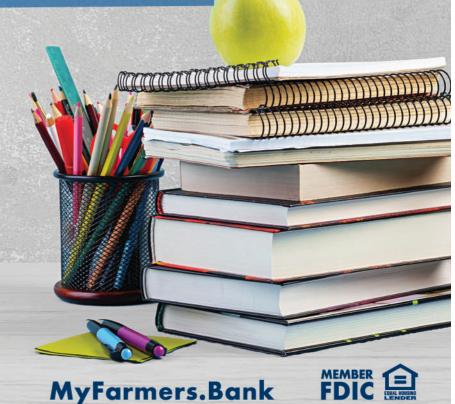
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