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August in Howard County means change is in the air. School buses are back on the roads, football season is gearing up, and the Friday morning market is showing signs of shifting from summer's heat toward fall's harvest.

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Come shop, visit, and be part of this special time of year when the seasons — and the community — come together.

The Howard County Children's Center board of directors will meet in a called session on Friday, Aug. 15.

Howard County Children's Center Board of Directors and officers: Josh Tice, president; Riley Jamison, vice-president; Lisa Chandler, secretary; Donny Woods, treasurer; and Carol Murray, Bill Craig, Dena Tollett, Sarah Myers, Andy Troutt, Zack Pinegar and Melissa Hamilton.

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They were rewarded with football from grades 7-12, introductions of student-athletes in all fall sports, performances by junior and senior high bands and cheerleaders, and a patriotic observance of America 250.

He also told the crowd about America 250, the yearlong observance of the signing of the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776.

Chesshir thanked those who attended on a hot August night. "I can't say enough about the support of the community. I never had any doubt about the turnout. This town is phenomenal. The players and I are very appreciative of the support we had. A big 'thank you' to all who came."

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The tournament included three days of competition, with participants divided by how they qualified. The Nashville duo finished the first two days of in 20th place overall and in first place among the Arkansas teams.

For the third day, the weights out the support."

Wisconsin is a delightful state to visit with all of its hills, forests, and pastureland. It's also a long way from Arkansas. It's a tough two-day drive of more than 900 miles to Oshkosh, but if you add another day, then it's a breeze.

Go through St. Louis on day 2 and then head straight north to Illinois. If you like corn and soybean fields, then you just entered heaven. Rockford is a good place to spend your second night on the road.

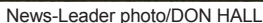
Wisconsin. You're still in farming country, but many of the hills are too steep to be cleared and planted so you'll see lots of trees.

If you're willing to drive out of your way a little, Milwaukee is a town that's worth seeing. It's also a town that's hard to see. From the interstate, there are so many tall trees throughout the suburbs that you literally can't see the houses. Get off the interstate for a bit and enjoy a surprisingly clean, beautiful city.

Finally, an hour and a half from Milwaukee, you're in Oshkosh, a town of 67,000. Except for the last week of July. This year's Air-Venture set a record with 704,000 visitors, more than 10,000 aircraft, and 40,000 campers on 15,000 sites. It's a big deal.

Boeing Plaza is at the heart of AirVenture. There are fighter jets, jumbo jets, and cargo jets on display. But the most popular place—the spot everyone wants to go to—is just a few steps away.

Called the Flight Line, it's the



west side of the runway. Thousands of planes are tied down there by folks that flew their own plane in; many have a tent pitched under a wing, and there are tens of thousands of people sitting on the grass or in camp chairs just watching what's happening on the runway.

The first couple of days of the fly-in, people sit along the Flight Line for hours on end to watch behind each other.

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the arrivals. For one week in July, Oshkosh is the busiest airport in the world, with its own unique set of rules.

There is a conga line that is up to 40 miles long of aircraft coming in to land, flying at 1,700 feet of altitude with a half-mile of separation behind each other.

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OBITUARIES



Olene Stokes Efird
Mrs. Olene Stokes Efird, age 98, a resident of Dierks, Ark., died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2025, in Bear Creek Healthcare in De Queen.

She was born Jan. 30, 1927, in Dierks. She was a homemaker and a media member of Sunlife Broadcasting Network (Jimmy Swaggart).

Mrs. Efird was preceded in death by her parents, Buck and Florence Greenhaw Stokes; her husband, Ellis Ed Efird; daughter, Louise Efird; grandson, Kevin Efird; four sisters, Hazel Wilson, Dottie Bagley, Denver Cornish, and Robbie Nichols; three brothers, Boy Stokes, Vernon Stokes, and J.B. Stokes.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Karen Efird of Umpire, Ark.; four grandchildren, Todd Linville, Dana and Jerry Manasco, Kyle and Lesli Efird and Sarah Frachiseur; five great-grandchildren, Brady Manasco, Bailee Manasco, Trey Frachiseur, Payton Frachiseur, and Lexi Efird; two great-great-grandchildren, Tuf Frachiseur and Tilley Frachiseur; her special caregiver, Pat Ashbrooks; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Efird will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025, in Fellowship Cemetery, under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home.

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



Joe Robert Smith
Joe Robert Smith, 82, of Nashville passed away on Friday, Aug. 8 at his home. He was born on July 11, 1943 to Charley Watson Smith and Beyrel Metts Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charley and Beyrel.

Joe is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marjorie Chambers Smith; Daughter, Lisa (Ricky) Griffith of Tyler, Texas; Daughter, Julie (Jarrett) Rhodes of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Three grandsons, Andrew Rhodes of Altus, Okla.; Benjamin Rhodes of Ketchikan, AK.; Eli Rhodes of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; His sister, Jean Jones and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Leo Hughes and Marsha and Joe Paul Stuart.

Joe was a hard worker and loved working for Southwest Arkansas Electric and worked there for 39 years. He grew pullets for

Tyson Foods for 37 years. He was a member of the Chapel Hill Church of Christ.

The family would like to thank Howard Memorial Hospital and Dierksen Hospice for their excellent care and support during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Arkansas Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 2222, Little Rock, AR 72203-2222.

The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 11, 2025 at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

A graveside service will follow at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 11, 2025 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery with Philip Turner officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

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



Kimberly Woodruff
In Loving Memory of Kimberly Woodruff

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Kimberly Woodruff, who left this world on Aug. 10, 2025, at the age of 64, in Nashville, Ark. Born on June 14, 1961, in Amarillo, Texas, Kim was a beacon of light and love to all who knew her.

Kim was the cherished daughter of Ronny and Deronda Woodruff. She was preceded in death by her beloved sister, Sherry Roberts, whose memory Kim carried close to her heart.

She is survived by her cherished nieces, Shera Smith of Nashville, Ark., and Tarren Riley (Andrew) of Sterling, Colo., along with her great-niece, Kynsleigh Smith, and great-nephews, Ian and Liam Riley. Kim was also a devoted sister to her brother, Michael Woodruff (Patty) of Nashville, Ark., and a loving aunt to her nephew, Johnathan Lee.

For over 40 years, Kim dedicated her life to caring for others, working alongside her mother, Deronda, to babysit and nurture countless children. Their bond was exceptional, grounded in their shared love and compassion for every child they welcomed into their lives. This selflessness extended to her volunteer work at Immanuel Baptist Church, where she spent years in the nursery, treating every child as if they were her own.

Kim had a passion for crafting, often spending her time making beautiful crocheted blankets and other handmade gifts for her family. She found joy in the simple pleasures of life, such as watching Gordon Ramsay's culinary adventures and immersing herself in the gripping stories of John Grisham novels. Despite her own struggles, including a courageous three-year battle with end-stage renal failure, Kim embodied kindness

and resilience. Her spirit remained unbroken, and she faced each challenge with remarkable strength and grace. Her family is immensely proud of her indomitable spirit and the way she fought until her last breath.

Kim will be laid to rest at County Line Cemetery, where friends and family can gather to celebrate the life she lived so beautifully. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the County Line Cemetery Fund, a testament to Kim's love for her community.

A special note of gratitude goes out to those who cared for Kim during her illness. Heartfelt thanks to Deb Cowling, Barbara Scott, Edith DeLoney, Bro. Ben Jones of Central Baptist Church, and her friends at the Retirement Village. The compassionate team at DaVita in Hot Springs, including Erica, Christa, Megan, Kelly, Misty, Dr. DeSoto, and others, provided Kim with the tender care she deserved. We are also grateful to Dr. Caldwell and staff, Cheri Craig, Dr. Glasgow, and Dr. Shaw of Howard Memorial Hospital, as well as her caring aide and friend, Flo Belcher, and the exceptional Dierksen Hospice team, including Alisa, Jaide, and Amanda, who made Kim's final moments as comfortable as possible.

Kimberly Woodruff will be remembered not only for her unwavering love and kindness but also for the impact she made on the lives of everyone she encountered.

Her legacy of compassion, creativity, and resilience will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her. Rest in peace, dear Kim. You will be forever missed and always cherished.

A graveside service for Kim will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, in the County Line Cemetery with Bro. Glen Green officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

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

Clarence 'Tonk' Edwards

Clarence "Tonk" Edwards, 76, formerly of Nashville died Aug. 11, 2025, in Texarkana.

He was born Nov. 15, 1958.

He was a noted guitarist and in 2000 was inducted into the Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame. In his career he performed with many famous vocalists and musicians with whom he toured nationally and internationally.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Edwards; his daughters Kellie Dembicki, Cathy Gallen, and Julie Ann Hartfield; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A private celebration of life was held Wednesday.



AT THE FARMERS' MARKET. "Aunt" Fern Dixon's entire offering of fried pies was purchased by another vendor, Friday, but she still had jars of pickled squash and 'chow-chow' to sell. This is the 10th year she has sold her homemade products at the market in Nashville.

Regional library board will meet 19th

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 August.

The system serves 10 public libraries in Howard, Little River and Sevier counties.

Children's Center officers to meet

The Howard County Children's Center board of directors will meet in a called session on Friday, Aug. 15.

The meeting will be in Building 2 conference area

of HCCC at noon.

The meeting is open to the public.

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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Voncile Bullock, left and Katy Dedner of Center Point with Kenneth Wilson at the Coca-Cola/Dr Pepper Bottling Co. as part of the per capita celebration, summer of 2004.

123 years ago: July 1902
The Supreme Court Saturday heard the case of D. Nollin vs. the state from Hempstead County. Nolin was convicted of choking his wife to death. His own evidence convicted him. He said they quarreled and he choked her with one hand and discovered when he let her go she was dead. Nolin has claimed all along that he did not kill her intentionally, but yesterday morning he said that after he choked her, he cut her throat. His execution will occur at Washington.

During the havoc of a disastrous fire in Nashville Wednesday night, considerable thieving was committed during the progress of the fire, but everyone was too busy fighting the flames to attempt to apprehend the thieves.

79 years ago: July 1946
Lt. Col. Frank F. Ingram of the State Military Department announced a unit of the state guard is available for Nashville. The unit proposed is the 153rd Rifle Com-

pany, which would have seven officers and 188 men and would have an annual salary of \$38,000. The company would have 48 armory drills a year and a 15-day encampment each year.

Strayed: From my farm last Thursday. One brown mule, eight years old, one ear turned down. Reward for recovery. Notify Earl McClure , Nashville or George Clindinin, Columbus.

(Adv.) To help you feel and look better! Squibb Mineral Oil, 59¢ per bottle. For Malaria, Chills and Fever, Grove's tasteless Chill Tonic, 50¢, Nashville Drug Company.

63 years ago: July 1962
Army PFC Robert F. McCarly, whose wife lives in Nashville, recently was assigned to the 129th Military-Police Battalion's Company D in Korea. McCarly, a military policeman was last stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Nobody knows who put in the fire call but firemen answered a false alarm Monday morning to the Earl Bradford home on South

Main where folks were burning refuse in a ditch. No damage, just a dry run for firemen.

Roast pig, black-eyed peas and cornbread will be the featured items on the menu when hundreds of Alaskan families, originally from Arkansas, gather on Sunday for "Old-Fashioned Arkansas Picnic." The picnic will be held at the carnival grounds in Chugiak, near Anchorage, and will feature, old-fashioned fiddling, square dancing and "Hawg" calling.

42 years ago: July 1983
Jerry Bowden reported a break-in at the Masey Pulpwood Company on Russell Street. There was nothing missing apparently, but someone had attempted to force entry into a soft drink machine.

There was a substantial increase in the city's official dog population for the fiscal year 1982-83.

According to city clerk June Floyd, all dogs over four months old must be registered.

Three receive sentences

Sentences were handed down for several defendants who pleaded guilty during a busy day of criminal court last Wednesday.

On the bench was Judge Tom Cooper.

Guilty pleas
Dennis Fox, 54, white male, Nashville; charged in 2024 with possession of controlled substance. He was sentenced to two years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), plus four years suspended imposition of sentence.

Erma Miller, 55, white female, Emmet; charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. One felony charge was dismissed. She was sentenced to three years of probation; 90 days in a regional punishment facility; and a \$2,500 fine.

A no contest plea was given by Joshua Haygood, 43, white male, Ashdown, charged with open container in vehicle, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and possession of controlled substance.

One charge was not pursued; he was sentenced to three years of probation, 120 days in rehab, and a \$500 fine.

Xavier Jones, 30, black male, Mineral Springs, charged with aggravated assault and interference with communications. He was sentenced to a year in the ADC with five years suspended imposition of sentence, with credit for jail time.

Dalton Jordan, 35, white male, Nashville, charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to two years in the ADC with a further three

years suspended imposition of sentence.

Not guilty pleas
John Mark Cox, 49, white male, Nashville, charged with drug possession. Motions will be heard Aug. 20.

Gregory Dixon, 56, black male, Nashville; charged with possession with intent to deliver.

Pretrial motions will be heard Oct. 1.

Steven Gilliam, 37, black male, Nashville; charged

with delivery of controlled substance. Motions will be heard Aug. 20.

Charles Roger Pounds, 73, white male, Ashdown; two separate charges of possession with intent to deliver and with delivery of controlled substance. Motions will be heard Oct. 1.

Lonnie Coulter, 24, black male, Nashville; facing weapons and possession charges. Motions will be heard Oct. 1.

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Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period July 31-Aug. 6, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)
Aug. 1. Bobby Ray Wilkerson, 55, Nashville, and Lauren Rae Hix, 35, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV25-87, July 29. Capital One N.A. vs. Marcus Johnson. Debt.
CV25-88, Aug. 1. Navy Federal Credit Union vs. Alex D. Faulkner. Debt.
CV25-89, Aug. 1. First National Bank of Omaha vs. John Colbey. Debt.
CV25-90, Aug. 1. Ally Bank vs. Bridget Poindexter and Ashley Smith. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-65, Aug. 6. Tiffany Pounds vs. Johnathan Pounds. Divorce.

Criminal Court
(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)
No new Criminal Cases filed since CR25-69, July 22.

Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deeds
July 31. Ricky L. Brake, surviving spouse of Linda Dianne Brake, deceased; to Ricky L. Brake; property in S10 T9S R27W, aka 15 Dogwood Circle, Nashville, Ark.
July 31. Gregory Dean Manasco and Janette Ray Manasco; to Gregory Dean Manasco and Janette Ray Manasco, and Kimberly R. Manasco, joint tenants; Lots 9-10, Block 3, Dierks Heights Addition, Town of Dierks.
Aug. 4. Michael Sullivan; to Michael Sullivan and Deede Reed, joint tenants; 3 ac. in S4 T10S R27W.

Redemption Deeds
Aug. 01. State of Arkansas; to Eartha W. Springer; Patricia A., c/o Victor Walker, Bourbonaise, Ill.; 1 ac. on Schaal Road, S36 T10S R28W.; payment of delinquent taxes and penalties of \$1,163.54.

Beneficiary's Deeds
Aug. 01. Billy R. Wynn and Pamela Wynn; to Jeremy T. Wynn and Angela R. Wynn; 1.97 ac. in S35 T8S R27W.
Aug. 05. Dennis Horn and Martha Horn, husband and wife; to Tony G. Horn, Kimela Ann Horn and Tara

Michelle Horn, tenants in common; aggregate 151.6 ac. in S4/S9 T10S R27W.

Warranty Deeds
Aug. 01. Shirley F. Godfrey, surviving spouse of Daniel C. Godfrey, deceased; to Nollie Launius; 3.55 ac. in S20 T9S R28, life estate reserved.
Aug. 01. Samuel Lee Westbrook, Trustee of Sawmill Property Trust, and Samuel Allen Westbrook and Ashley Leann Westbrook; to Daryl Headings and wife, Evelyn Headings; property in S27 T9S R27W with exceptions. \$185,000.
Aug. 05. (Special) Phoenix Nashville AR Industrial Investors, LLC; to Cantex Arkansas, LLC; properties in S35/S2 T9S/T10S R27W. \$17,500,000.
Aug. 05. Brandon L. Chambly and wife, Wittney R. Chambly; to Maria Elena Melo Hernandez; 1.64 ac. in S36 T5S R29W. \$4,000.
Aug. 06. Daniel T. Dupree and Wendell W. Ward, a married couple; to Joshua David Klein and Santana Marie Klein, husband and wife; Lot 7 and part of Lot 8, Block 5, Murray's 2nd Addition, Town of Dierks. \$51,190.11.

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Point of view

Foodie stories

Someone please help those poor chickens at the fair!

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I unable stop myself from commenting on some news items seen in other publications.

ITEM #1

Like the ‘Clover Crews News’ publication for Howard County 4-H’ers.

An item there alerts the kids that there will be a mandatory ‘Chicken Bleeding’ before the judging of all poultry which has been brought to the County Fair by local kids.

The bleeding is NOT a competition, I have been assured by a local 4-H adult.

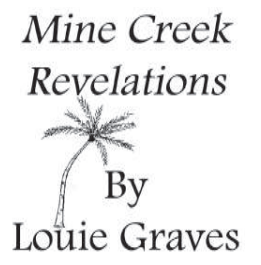
No chicken will get a red, white or blue ribbon for how well it does in a bleeding contest.

Truth is -- an adult associated with 4-H or the county fair board will ‘draw’ the blood to check for any chicken-born disease.

The kid must firmly hold the unhappy bird during this event.

The kid is not penalized for crying when the chicken is bled.

‘Chicken Bleeding’ just sounds like a competition some really sicko adult would have thought up.



ITEM #2

A couple of years ago one of our local food experts who was speaking at a public event made an astounding claim: “You’d be surprised,” she said, “at the number of persons who have never eaten asparagus.” Fine. That just leaves more for me.

Being unwilling to try certain things is not a fatal flaw. Even Plump Louie discriminates. Sometimes.

There are certain things which I am not man enough to put into my mouth. Like Beets, English Peas or Calf Fries.

I went to a Cajun festival once with one of my Loooisiana relations. He bought some stuff at the food stand sponsored by the FFA Dads. “Here, try this and then I’ll tell you what’s in it.” (The FFA Dads also sold cold beer which we had already sampled.)

Lucky for me it was ‘boudin,’ a sausage casing which includes every thing from rice to chicken lips. You know, the Cajuns just don’t waste anything.

It was my first taste of boudin, and boy am I glad that he tricked me into trying it!

So I am now sometimes adventurous about food. I’ve eaten sushi, snails, prickly pear cactus petals, and rooster fries.

I actually liked three of the four. Guess which.

All of this talk reminds me that, while a lot of you haven’t eaten asparagus, there’s also a few of you who haven’t been to the Farmers’ Market.

You’ve got to go early before your smart neighbors buy up all of the garden-fresh produce.

I go every Friday morning, and I feel guilty when I walk past a booth without buying something. I wish the vendors wouldn’t give me ‘that’ look.

ITEM #3

Assault with a deadly chopped pork sandwich?

Proof that the Kingdom of Pulaski is the world’s nuttiest place -- the daily paper a couple of years ago carried a story about a North Little Rock man who was thrown in the hoosegow after hitting his wife in the face with a sandwich.

Let that sink in.

The police report didn’t include details, such as: “What kind of sandwich was it?”

I’m guessing it could have been a Club Sandwich.

But if either the ‘striker’ or the ‘strikee’ was a Latino, the sandwich could have been a Torta.

Or, if either person was Greek, the sandwich could have been a Gyro.

Or, if they were Japanese it could have been a Sushi Roll.

Or, if either was from The Continent it could have been a French Dip.

Or if either was Chinese it could have been a Cabbage Roll.

I could go on and on. But I’ll spare you.

The hubby is probably facing a misdemeanor charge of second or third degree battery -- depending upon details like whether the lettuce was wilted or if the toasted bun was multi-grain or gluten-free.

The article also did not mention if fries, chips or pickle came with that assault.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. I’m bragging. Early signs are that Mom and Pop Bluebird are back for a third round of patio nesting.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

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WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: Open Secret. For example, it’s an Open Secret about the name we all quietly think is on the Epstein List in a bad way.

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HE SAID: “We can no longer take our own way of life for granted -- we know that it may be challenged. And we know this, too -- and know it ever more deeply -- we know that freedom and democracy are not just big words mouthed by orators but the rain and the wind and the sun, the air and the light by which we breathe and live.” Stephen Vincent Benet, American poet

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SHE SAID: “People say that money is not the key to happiness, but I always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made.” Joan Rivers, comic

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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Court challenges filed against 2 laws enacted by Legislature in 2025 session

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

Earlier this year the legislature approved Act 302 to allow executions by nitrogen hypoxia. The act took effect on August 5, the same day 10 inmates on death row filed suit to challenge its constitutionality.

Execution by nitrogen hypoxia occurs when the inmate is forced to breathe nitrogen and therefore is deprived of the oxygen required to live. Alabama has executed five men using the method, but its law is being challenged in federal court. Louisiana has executed one inmate. Oklahoma and Mississippi, like Arkansas, have passed laws allowing executions by nitrogen hypoxia but have not used it.

The new Arkansas law is being challenged in a Pulaski County Circuit Court. The Arkansas attorney general said he would vigorously defend Act 302.

There are 23 men on death row. Seven were convicted and sentenced in the 1990s. Two of the inmates who filed the lawsuit to strike Act 302 were convicted in 1992 and 1993, and two other inmates listed in the suit were

convicted and sentenced in 1994.

Arkansas has used lethal injection since 1990, which was the last year an inmate was executed in an electric chair. Lethal injection requires three separate drugs that are difficult to obtain. The most recent executions in Arkansas were in 2017, when four men were killed by lethal injection before the Correction Department’s supply of drugs was due to expire.

Act 302 had 20 Senate co-sponsors and was passed by a vote of 26-to-9. It passed in the House by a vote of 67-to-23.

Attorneys for the 10 inmates argue that their death sentences were originally supposed to be by lethal injection and cannot be changed retroactively. At the date of their sentencing for capital murder the only legal sentences were death by lethal injection and serving life behind bars without parole.

The lawsuit asks for a judicial declaration that Act 302 should apply only to offenders who are convicted and sentenced after August 5, the date the law took effect. Also, attorneys for the inmates argue that Act 302 is unconstitutional

because it amounts to legislative overreach into functions of the executive branch and the judicial branch.

10 Commandments in Classrooms

Act 573, another new law that was scheduled to take effect on August 5, would require public school classrooms to display a copy of the Ten Commandments. However, it has been challenged in federal court and the judge called it “plainly unconstitutional.”

He issued a preliminary injunction that prevented it from going into effect, based on his conclusion that plaintiffs were likely to win their challenge. The attorney general, who is defending the act, said he is reviewing the state’s legal options.

The judge wrote that about 45 years ago the United States Supreme Court struck down a law that was very similar to Act 573.

The act would require the display to be at least 16 by 20 inches in size, with large enough lettering so that a person with average vision can read it from any place in the classroom.

Engaging with state’s future leaders

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

The Natural State can be overwhelmingly proud of the next generation of leaders it is cultivating. From elementary school to college, our youth have earned national recognition for community service, athletic and academic achievements and even heroic actions in emergency situations. The dedication, skills and talents we see demonstrated every day are inspiring and offer hope and confidence in the future for Arkansas and our nation.

I always enjoy interacting with young Arkansans and seeing their passion and personal growth come alive.

Recent interactions with youth involved in agriculture, health care, civic engagement and journalism have all showcased the same desire to learn, better themselves and their communities, and make a mark on the future.

As Chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, I was pleased to meet with Arkansas’s Future Farmers of America State Officer Team and the Arkansas 4-H’ers recently. They represent our next generation of agricultural leaders, and I am confident their experiences, as well as the lessons they are learning and the friendships they are building, will last a lifetime.

I have personally witnessed the benefits of active involvement with my own daughters who were 4-H

members and state record book winners.

Lawmakers have many opportunities to engage with students who have a wide variety of interests and causes.

This year, I have met with resilient young people who came to share their personal experiences living with diabetes while pushing for continued research, discuss the impact that performing arts involvement has had on Arkansas Educational Theatre Association members, and visit with aspiring environmental sciences students as they look forward to exciting future careers.

Just last week, I was impressed by the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation and American Legion Boys Nation students who were selected to participate as senators in a mock legislature to learn about civic engagement.

These outstanding and bright high school students demonstrated their enthusiasm for public policy and were excellent ambassadors for our state.

My offices in Washington and Arkansas also host opportunities for young Arkansans to learn more about the legislative process and serve our state.

College students and recent graduates leave their mark as congressional interns who spend time learning more about the federal government by working closely with our policy and communica-

tions teams, while participants in Arkansas assist my state-based staff with advocating on behalf of constituents to federal agencies and representing me out in local communities.

High school juniors may apply for my office’s Congressional Youth Cabinet (CYC) or participate in the Senate Page program.

Kicking off in October, the CYC provides the opportunity for exciting public policy dialogues and the pursuit of legislative solutions that are presented to me and my team. Senate Pages serve in the halls of Congress on Capitol Hill, playing an important and unique role in supporting the day-to-day workings of the Senate chamber and witnessing debates and interactions among our nation’s leaders.

Meeting and learning about the young men and women who pursue these opportunities is truly rewarding.

It is a pleasure to play a small part in their journey to cultivate knowledge and skills that not only serve them well, but help my staff and I better serve our state.

As a U.S. Senator, I have the privilege of interacting with many of the leaders of tomorrow. I am grateful to students who take the time to involve themselves in these and other outlets for civic and academic enrichment.

We can be very proud of them, as well as confident about our future in their hands.



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Oshkosh

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The tower controllers land them at up to three planes at once on different spots on the runway and at the same time. That’s something you’ll not see anywhere else in the world but at Oshkosh.

Check out “Oshkosh arrivals” on YouTube and you’ll see why many people, even pilots, choose to drive.

Then, each afternoon and evening, there are the air shows. The best aerobatic pilots in the world perform at Oshkosh, doing things in modern, high performance aircraft that you would think impossible. And then come the warbirds, including the

F-22 and F-35. Cover your ears when you see the after-burners light up.

If you have any interest in airplanes at all, you’ll be overwhelmed by AirVenture.

There are hundreds of acres of aircraft from tiny 1-seat homebuilts to fighters and bombers. This year there were 361 warbirds registered, and a total of 2,543 aircraft participating in the daily air shows.

Upon arriving at Oshkosh by car, you’ll be directed into one of the many massive parking areas (\$25 per day, cash only). From there you’ll get on one of the huge fleet of school buses being used to ferry people. Get off at the main gate and enter, then catch one of the shuttles—pulled by John

Deeres, of course; this is Wisconsin—and ride to one of the main areas: the museum, the helicopter park, the seaplane site on Lake Winnebago, and the Flight Line. And everywhere you look, airplanes.

One final thing. Something you won’t see at AirVenture? Litter. Not a gum wrapper will you find on the ground, and that’s with 700,000 people in attendance. Even at the food trucks, no trash at all except in trash cans.

If you have any interest in aviation, then you should put Oshkosh and AirVenture on your bucket list. You won’t be disappointed.

And while you’re planning your trip, put in some extra days to see what else the Midwest has to offer.



F-22 Raptor in Boeing Plaza, guarded by airmen with auto rifles



One of two remaining B-29s still flying



P-51 Mustang on the flight line

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BUILDING PLANS. Global Methodist Trinity Conference Superintendent Jason Burnham and operations officer Rev. Ben McGehee were in Nashville Friday, Aug. 8, to discuss plans for the construction of the Nashville Global Methodist Church. The group includes Jim Kuykendall, Rev. Burnham, Gerald Moses, Rev. McGehee and Nashville Global Methodist Church pastor Wade Eggers.

Bash

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feedback about it,” Chesshir said.

The senior high Scrappers ran 51 plays at the Bash. “It didn’t keep everybody out too late. We were finished at 9:40. Everything went smoothly.”

The scrimmage “was productive on both sides. We wanted to see success on both sides of the ball. There were good things on offense and defense, and there’s a lot to do better. That’s expected at this point,” according to Chesshir.

“The kids were excited about the success they saw. They got to see what we could do. Now, we have to continue to get bodies in shape and play a four-quarter game,” Chesshir said.

The Scrappers will get their first look at another team when they visit Hot Springs Lakeside Tuesday, Aug. 19, for an Arkansas Activities Association benefit game starting at 7 p.m.

Chesshir said the Scrappers’ performance at the Bash was “the best practice of the week. We moved the ball better.”

Tucker Dixon opened the scrimmage on a 60-plus yard touchdown run. “He’s consistent every single day at practice and in the weight room,” Chesshir said.

Karson Chambers at tight end and receiver “made some big-time plays,” including a block which turned Dixon loose for his scoring run.

Quarterback DJ Jefferson “had his best practice of the week. He ran the ball better and made plays when something wasn’t there. His

decision making improved.”

Coach Todd Ledford “has worked with DJ in meetings and watching film. We’re starting to see that on the field.”

Defensively, the Scrappers “ran to the ball well. Effort was good” from a number of players.

“Overall, we left the Bash thinking we have an identity on both sides of the ball to work out of,” Chesshir said.

With the season set to open Aug. 29 at Magnolia, “I encourage and challenge the community to be here for this team. It means a lot to our kids. This community will have a team to be proud of,” Chesshir said. “We want every person to be all in. We’re fighting for all the players who wore the Scrapper Star before and those still to come. We want to go all in as Scrappers fighting together.”



AT NATIONALS. Boat captain Michael Howard (center) visits with his son Halton (left) and Garrett Westfall at a national fishing competition where the two Nashville High School sophomores finished eighth. (Related story, page 1A)

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Home&Heart Tips for New Parents

By Angie Freel
Howard County
Extension Agent-Family
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There happens to be a baby boom in my family right now. Nieces, nephews, and friend’s kids are all having children of their own.

I thought it would be timely to offer some tips for new parents as you begin this new chapter of your lives.

Foundational Tips for New Parents

Trust your instincts: You know your baby better than anyone. Advice is helpful, but your gut often knows best.

Accept imperfection: There’s no such thing as a perfect parent. Messy moments are part of the journey.

Sleep when you can: The classic advice holds true—nap when the baby naps, even if it’s just 20 minutes.

Ask for help: Whether it’s a meal, a diaper change, or just someone to hold the

baby while you shower—lean on your village.

Keep it simple: Babies don’t need fancy toys or elaborate routines. Love, warmth, and basic care go a long way.

Feeding & Care
Learn baby’s hunger cues: Rooting, sucking motions, and fussiness often signal hunger before crying starts.

Don’t stress over feeding methods: Whether you breastfeed, formula-feed, or

both—what matters is that your baby is nourished and thriving.

Diaper changes = bonding time: Talk, sing, or make eye contact during changes—it builds connection.

Emotional Well-being
Give yourself grace: Postpartum emotions are intense. It’s okay to cry, feel overwhelmed, or not love every moment.

Talk about it: Share your feelings with your partner, a friend, or a counselor. You’re not alone.

Celebrate small wins: A successful burp, a quiet nap, or a clean onesie—these are victories worth cheering.

Routines & Sleep
Stick to an early bedtime: Babies thrive on routine, and you’ll benefit from a little evening downtime.

Create a calming bedtime ritual: A warm bath, soft lullaby, or gentle rocking can signal sleep time.

Be flexible: Sleep regression and growth spurts happen. Adapt and breathe through the chaos.

Relationship & Connection
Stay connected with your partner: Even 10 minutes of uninterrupted conversation can help you feel like a team.

Find your crew: Surround yourself with people who support you, not judge you.

Make mini traditions: A silly handshake, a bedtime song, or a morning dance party—these little rituals build lasting memories.

Recipe of the Week
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Ingredients:
1 ripe banana
1 tablespoon peanut butter (or almond butter)
1 cup milk (dairy or plant-based)
½ cup Greek yogurt (adds protein and probiotics)
¼ cup fresh spinach

• Optional: a dash of cinnamon or honey for flavor

Instructions:
1. Toss everything into a blender. 2. Blend until smooth. 3. Pour into a glass and enjoy immediately—or freeze in popsicle molds for a cool treat later.



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FARM FIRE. Firefighters from County Line Volunteer Fire Department, with mutual aid provided by Center Point and Nashville, responded to a chicken house fire on Jacques Road off Highway 278 on Thursday afternoon, according to Fire Chief Lavon Hostetler. The structure was a complete loss and was not occupied at the time. Hostetler said a possible gas leak was the cause but no official cause was determined.

MS church sets events for pastor,gospel singing

Corinth First Missionary Baptist Church of Mineral Springs will host two special events in August and September.

On Sunday, Aug. 24, an anniversary celebration for Pastor Maurice Henry, Sr., and First Lady Gracie Henry will be held at 2:30 with special guests Pastor Alonzo Henry of True Faith Ministry of Hope.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the church will host a “Gospel Explosion” at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Cynthia Miller, 870-557-5157; James Salton, 870-331-0394; or Tonja Stewart, 870-331-2017.

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Flags, fireworks and football were all part of the Back-to-School Bash

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Junior high players watch as fireworks explode over Scrapper Stadium during the Back-to-School Bash Friday night, Aug. 8. Junior and senior high band members, cheerleaders and athletes from all fall sports were introduced during the event. About 2,000 fans attended.



DJ Jefferson finds a receiver at the senior high scrimmage during Friday night's Back-to-School Bash at Scrapper Stadium.



Senior high football players and cheerleaders carried American flags through the stands as "God Bless the USA" played at Scrapper Stadium Friday night. The patriotic celebration kicked off the Nashville School District's observance of America 250.



NHS cheerleaders perform Friday night during the Back-to-School Bash to begin the 2025-26 academic year and to introduce participants in fall sports to about 2,000 fans at Scrapper Stadium.



Bo Dean (2) runs the ball during the junior high scrimmage at the Bash.



Makhi Jefferson (9) slips by a tackler on his way to a touchdown Friday night.



Jacoby Hopson (right) closes in on DaVonte Gilliam Friday night.



Senior high Scrappers are set for the snap during their scrimmage Aug. 8.



Junior and senior high cheerleaders take the field Friday night during the Scrapper Back-to-School Bash.



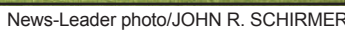
Tucker Dixon (2) takes the handoff from DJ Jefferson and scampers 60-plus yards for a touchdown on the first play of the high school scrimmage during the Back-to-School Bash.



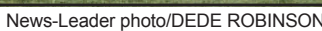
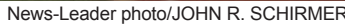
Trendon Northcross (1) runs the ball in the high school scrimmage.



Coach Brad Chesshir speaks at the Bash.



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Culinary Clovers

Howard County 4-H Food Challenge Team Wins State

By Rebekah Hall
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For the Howard County 4-H Culinary Clovers, their first-place win at the 2025 Arkansas 4-H Food Challenge came as the result of quick thinking, teamwork and months of practice.

“Our secret ingredient today was Spam, and that was a difficult ingredient,” said team member Abi Webb, 16. “You can never go wrong with a pasta, so we came up with a few ideas and made sure to include all of the MyPlate food groups, and here we are.”

The Arkansas 4-H Food Challenge was held Aug. 1 at the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Institute at University of Arkansas-Pulaski Technical College. The competition tested 34 teams from 18 Arkansas counties on their cooking skills and knowledge of MyPlate, the nutrition guide developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Contestants had 40 minutes to prepare and cook a dish in the fruit and vegetables, dairy, protein or grains category and were required to incorporate a mystery ingredient. From the contest’s “pantry,” teams could purchase common ingredients found at dollar stores to use in their dishes, including canned fruits and vegetables.

Teams then presented their dishes to a panel of judges and answered questions about their teamwork and the nutritional value of the dish.

“The 4-H Food Challenge is a great opportunity for youth to get competitive while honing their cooking skills and learning how to create healthy meals on a limited budget,” said JeAlberne Smith, extension 4-H healthy living program technician for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. “Kids who participate in the Food Challenge emerge with more confidence in the kitchen and in themselves, which is what 4-H is all about: preparing our youth to be beyond ready for the future.”

The winners were:

Senior Division
First place: Howard County Culinary Clovers — Payeton Bagley, Brody Cupples, Anna Kate McKinnon, Abi Webb

Second place: Grant County Rolling Scones — Amanda Berryhill and Aubrey Ottens

Third place: White County Culinary Clan — Cora Fry, Madalyn Johnson, Jewel Stewart

Junior Division
First place: Grant County Chop, Drop & Pop — Savannah Connelly, Isabella Klinedinst, Carmen Ruiz, Karli Walton

Second place: White County Battle Bakers — Reid Allen, Sophie Allen, Saige Ramsey

Third place: Union County Saucy Bosses — Harley Cardin, Makena Saffold, Sadie Saffold

Skills for the future
As the winning senior team, the Culinary Clovers will advance to compete at the National 4-H Food Chal-

lenge, held Sept. 30 at the Texas State Fair.

McKinnon, 16, said each member of her team had “our own special part.”

“Abi, she is our main chef,” McKinnon said. “Payeton, she’s our sous chef, Brody is our designated chopper, and that leaves me. I am the official writer of our team, so I write all our speeches for the judges, and I write our MyPlate information: the steps, the ingredients, the food safety, recycling, how it can benefit us in our daily lives as teenagers and also the cost.”

Samantha Horn, Howard County Extension staff chair, said the team began practicing for the competition earlier this spring.

“We would have two practices a week, and we treated each practice like it was the actual contest,” Horn said. “When we went to the district contest, this team won. When it was time to go to state, we practiced every single day the week before, working on things we were weak in. Every kid showed up and gave it their all in preparation.”

“Communication is key,” said Cupples, 18, of their teamwork.

“We’re all friends outside of just this cooking team,” McKinnon added. “We all know each other, and we can get along with each other, and this isn’t the only time we talk. So, I think that helped us.”

Webb said the competition is a “great opportunity to learn, work on your public speaking skills and work as a team to approach a chal-



4-H FOOD CHALLENGE TEAM MEMBERS
Payeton Bagley, Abi Webb, Anna Kate McKinnon and Brody Cupples.

lenge.”

“I think those are big things we need in life,” she said.

McKinnon said the experience is crucial to developing knowledge that she and her fellow teenagers will need in the future.

“You’re not always going to live with your mom and dad, so they can’t cook for you for the rest of your life,” she said. “These are all dollar items that we cook with, so having those life skills of knowing how to cook a meat, or maybe just a soup, that can help you.”

“The fruit, the grains, the vegetables, the protein and the dairy, we need that every day,” McKinnon said. “That is a key thing that we have worked on, that is one of our main points in this competition that we talk about, is MyPlate, because it’s so important in our lives. Especially for us as teenagers, getting older.”

Horn said her 11-year-old son also participates in the contest, and along with many other parents in Howard County, she has seen how the program impacts the 4-H members’ skills.

“These kids are preparing meals and dishes at home from absolutely nothing, and as parents, we’re like, ‘You want to cook what for dinner?’” Horn said. “But we let them do it, and it turns out well. I think that is really the definition of hands-on learning and taking what we’re teaching them from start to finish.”

“That’s what we want,” Horn said. “That’s what we’re supposed to be doing, so that’s a huge win.”

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Back to School @ Dierks

New elementary principal back where it all started

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

The new principal at Dierks' JoAnn Walters Elementary School has made a pledge to her alma mater and its students - and signed it in Outlaw Blue.

"I will always bleed Blue," said Beth Shelton (Dierks High School class of 2000) about her return to the district as an administrator. "I am honored to be able to serve in this new role. I will never take it lightly and I hope to leave it better for future generations of Outlaws."

"Blue runs deep" in the Shelton family with husband Trey (DHS class of 2003) and daughter Ali, a ninth-grade cheerleader and Lady Outlaw basketball player.

"Trey and I have a long line of Dierks graduates in our families" and being able to return to where it all started is not lost on the Outlaw mom.

"The opportunity I have been given to come back home is literally a dream come true," she said.

Shelton has worked extensively in the educational field since 2005. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree

from Henderson State University (2004) and a Master of Education degree from Harding University (2009).

Her first job was teaching kindergarten at De Queen where she later taught second and fourth grades.

"I loved my years of experience teaching in the De Queen School District," Shelton said of the predominantly Hispanic district. "I learned to meet the needs of the English Language Learners that I plan to use to support our teachers while they support our students."

Shelton returned to the Dierks School District in August 2015 to teach kindergarten before taking a job as Dean of Students at Horatio Elementary School in July 2023.

At Horatio, Shelton served the elementary in an "administrative capacity" and she said the knowledge gained during her two-year tenure will certainly translate into her new job. "The experience that I gained has increased my capacity to serve our community better," she said.

Shelton is already very confident in her staff and looks forward to the start

of school this week to get students into the equation.

"I have high expectations for my staff and students, but I also love to have fun," she said. "School climate plays such an important role in how our teachers teach and students learn. We are a family at Dierks and we are a team. We will work together to make sure our students reach their goals and also make a lifetime of memories while they are in our building."

Shelton said she learned the importance of education early from a picture painted by grandmother many years ago. The painting is titled "Education is the Key to Freedom" and it now hangs in her new office.

"We find freedom in many ways with a good education," said the granddaughter.

As Shelton enters her 21st year in education, she said she will continue to "strive daily to help our school become more competitive in academics while also building our elementary school culture."

"It's time to rise up and meet the high expectations we have set for ourselves



TRUE OUTLAW BLUE. The Shelton family - Trey, Ali and Beth.

and our kids," Shelton added. "Great things are ahead for us at JoAnn Walters Elementary."

Around 315 elementary students were expected when doors opened this week. According to Principal Shelton, three qualities required to work with elementary students are "patience, kindness and energy."



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Murfreesboro Diamond photos

WRAPPED UP. A safety covering for the elementary playground fence, as well as buildings at the high school and the elementary, will welcome students this week.

Back to School @ Murfreesboro Students to arrive this Thursday

By PJ Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond

As students return to the South Pike County campus this Thursday for the 2025-2026 school year, Superintendent Tanya Wilcher said she was excited for the start of her fourth year as head of the schools.

She said the school was bustling with new employees and she was “excited about all of them.”

She said they all fit in to the core values of the school -- family, pride and growth. Those three terms were selected by the school staff prior to the 2024-2025 school year.

“Those three words will be a part of everything we do this year as we keep them in mind. It’s not a me thing -- it’s faculty driven as part of a collective ownership.”

A new look is abounding around campus as the elementary playground fence now features a wrap.

Also, new window coverings have been added for safety as a security measure at the activity room and elementary front doors.

Additionally radios will be on all school busses -- with antennas installed in Murfreesboro to reach Delight and one in Delight to reach Antoine.

“All of our busses will be able to talk to

us on a hand-held [radio] ... we’ve been trying to get that in place so we are excited.”

Wilcher joked “I’m not sure we’ll ever be completely done” but said that the baseball/softball complex was progressing with the road from campus to the fields completed as well as extending the parking lot and completion of the perimeter fence.

She said the campus will also be adding two new storage facilities for the track program. The district’s agri program will construct the storage units as part of a hands-on learning experience.

Wilcher added the agri instructor Blake Simmons received a grant to deck out the facilities on campus with new equipment.

The new statewide cell phone policy for schools won’t be a huge deal for the district according to Wilcher.

In fact, she said the parents of students may have a bigger issue with it than the students themselves.

She did say that since it was a state law, any student caught violating the policy will have the phone taken and must be collected by a parent.

Last year elementary schools students began depositing their phones in a pocket of the homeroom

For high school students the devices -- including bluetooth headphones and smart watches -- must be turned off and put away, such as in their cars or lockers. They will not be able to carry the phones on their person.

“We’ve been using technology in other ways [iPads] in the classrooms, so the students are used to other means, and we have a student phone in the high school office. I don’t think it will be a huge change here ... the biggest adjustment might be for parents not being able to text their kids for scheduling. I think it will open up communication, that’s what I’ve been told by some schools that have already started, that the big thing.”

Wilcher said it was incumbent that parents sign up for ROOMS -- the district’s communication app. She said every person in the district has been trained to get messages out to parents so they are apprised of situations.

“That will be the place to get all communication -- we need to make sure all parents have that app on their phone and using the communication tool.”

She added that providing up-to-date cell phone numbers to the school will send out all messages as a text to the parent.

“It’s really important that parents have their correct cell phone number in our e-

school, and then they’ll start getting our messages with their phones.”

Wilcher said the school times will remain the same as last year -- 7:55 a.m. to 3:22 p.m.

She did note the district will move from nine bus routes to seven, making some of the routes a little longer. They will also ask that some residents utilize bus stops to collect multiple students at one location.

Stating that it will cost the district less in drivers, fuel and bus costs, she asked that parents be patient initially until routes gets smoothed out.

While the district is increasing fees for athletic events to \$7, attendees will now be able to use cashless options at both the gate and concessions stand.

This season the district is offering paid season passes at a discount to either MJHS or MHS football games, as opposed to the all football pass sold last season.

Passes, bus route and all other school information for the new year, can be found on the school’s website at www.rattlers.org/article/2334220.

It was also noted that the district’s first football action -- the annual Red-White game -- will be held this Friday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. The cost of attendance will be a donation of laundry soap, towels or water.

South Pike County School District

School Calendar

The district’s schedule for this year is as follows:

August 14 First Day of School

September 1 Labor Day – No School

September 3 Early Release/Professional Development (2:12 pm)

September 11 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-6:00)

October 1 Early Release/Professional Development (2:12 pm)

October 10 End of 1st Quarter (41 days)

October 13 Columbus Day – No School

November 5 Early Release/Professional Development (2:12 pm)

November 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-6:00)

November 24-28 Thanksgiving Break – No School

December 17-18 Semester Test Days

December 19 Make-up Semester Test Day End of 2nd Quarter (44 days)

Dec 22-Jan 2 Christmas Break – No School

January 5 Professional Development Day- No Students

January 6 Students Resume School

January 19 Martin Luther King, Jr Day – No School

February 4 Early Release/Professional Development (2:12 pm)

February 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-6:00)

February 16 President’s Day – No School

March 4 Early Release/Professional Development (2:12 pm)

March 6 End of 3rd Quarter (42 days)

March 23-27 Spring Break – No School

April 1 Early Release/Professional Development (2:12 pm)

April 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-6:00)

May 1 No School

May 8 No School

May 15 No School

May 18-19 Semester Test Days

May 20 Make-up Semester Test Day End of 4th Quarter (45)

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Rattler head football coach back at it after weekend hospital stay

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

Murfreesboro Rattler head football coach Jay Turley was back on the practice field Monday afternoon with his junior and senior high teams after having been hospitalized over the weekend with a heart issue.



Jay Turley

The coach told the newspaper that he played softball Saturday at the Hope Watermelon Festival and when he got home he began to experience pain that wouldn't go away and thought he was possibly suffering from indigestion. Early the next morning, he was taken to the hospital in Nashville and was "pretty much immediately" shipped out to the Arkansas Heart Hospital in Little Rock. He underwent a routine procedure for a blocked artery which required a stent and two nights in the hospital.

Turley, 53, was released Monday and was back in Murfreesboro in time for the 4:00 junior high practice followed by the seniors at 6:00.

He reported the doctors told him there was no

damage to his heart and ordered him to "take it easy for the next couple of days." He coached from a chair Monday.

Turley was hired last December to lead the Rattlers and make his return to coaching after more than six years away from the game. He replaced Brad Chesshir, who left the head coach position open after three seasons to accept the head coaching job at Nashville. Turley has previously coached the Rattlers, leading them from 2006 to 2009 with a record of 30-15. He also serves as the district's athletic director.



Photo courtesy of CDSP
FOX-BALLOU DIAMOND. This 2.30-carat white diamond was found this month at the Crater of Diamond State Park in Murfreesboro by Micherre Fox of Manhattan, N.Y. The finder plans to have the diamond set in her engagement ring.

Murder charge filed in Montgomery County case of missing person

By Dewayne Holloway
Montgomery County News

MOUNT IDA – Billy George Walden, age 54 of Mount Ida, was formally charged with one count of murder in the first degree, a class Y felony, kidnapping, a class Y felony, and abuse of a corpse, a class C felony, Friday, Aug. 8, in Montgomery County Circuit Court in Mount Ida.

Walden appeared with his attorney, Bobby R Digby II, for arraignment Friday in front of Judge Andy Riner. Digby acknowledged the charges made against his client and entered a not guilty plea on his behalf. He also stated that it was his understanding that the prosecuting attorney was planning to ask for Walden's \$1 Million bond be changed to no bond. To this he objected and stated he planned to call for a bond hearing at a later date.

Prosecuting Attorney Debra Buschman asked that his bond be changed to no

bond. In her written request she stated that Walden had been charged with capital murder, a class Y felony, which is punishable by death or life imprisonment without parole; kidnapping, a class Y felony; and Abuse of a Corpse, a class C felony. She added in the request that Walden is not entitled to a bail as a matter of right and requested that he be held in the custody of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office without bail until a hearing on the state's motion can be held.

Judge Riner approved her request and changed the bond to no bond. A bond hearing was set for November 3, 2025.

Walden was arrested June 7 for the alleged murder of Kevin Smalling, a resident of Mount Ida. According to facts constituting reasonable cause affidavit filed with the Montgomery County Clerk's Office, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was notified Sat-

urday, June 7 that Smalling, 53, was missing and had not been in contact with anyone since the late hours of June 5. Upon arrival at Smalling's residence, MCSO officers allegedly located signs of a possible struggle and foul play.

MCSO Sheriff Neal Thomas sought the assistance of the Arkansas State Police as they continued their investigation. Through the course of the investigation Walden was identified as a suspect. Search warrants were obtained by the Arkansas State Police for Smalling's property as well as Walden's property.

The report states that when law enforcement officers arrived to execute the search warrants Walden fled from the residence on foot into the South Fork River where he was apprehended by members of the ASP SWAT team after a brief struggle.

Law enforcement officers located a kayak and items

and equipment that could be used to aid Walden in his alleged escape.

The report states that on Sunday, June 8 the search was expanded to the South Fork River area that bordered Walden's property. Black trash bags were reportedly found several hundred yards downstream of Walden's property. In the bags were allegedly found a human torso believed to belong to Smalling. Other trash bags were located as the search continued which allegedly contained other body parts believed to belong to Smalling.

A search of Walden's vehicle found signs of an alleged struggle along with what is believed to be blood evidence inside the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

Walden is being held in the Montgomery County Detention Center without bail. His next scheduled court appearance will be Nov. 3.

Prayer circle, benefit planned for former Delight resident

DELIGHT -- A prayer circle and benefit for Stephanie Cox-Ivy will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Delight School cafeteria beginning at 12:15, immediately following church services.

The menu will consist of spaghetti (regular or chicken), salad, bread, dessert and a drink. Take out will be available.

Event organizers ask that the community join to support Cox-Ivy on her cancer journey. She has had multiple surgeries, suffered from sepsis, been on a wound vac and has a colostomy bag. She has developed a high output fistula which makes it difficult to leave her home.

Stephanie is on IV nutrition for 16 hours per day to help with hydration. She will have test in September to determine if she is cancer free. If her scans are clear, she will have another major surgery.

There will also be an online auction in the days prior

as well.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Celeste May, Pam Hayward or Carrie Tidwell.

There is an account at the Bank of Delight for Stephanie's benefit.

"Although Stephanie has moved from our community, let's remember the countless hours she has selflessly volunteered helping with community events. She has been a Teen Group leader at the Delight First Missionary Baptist Church, Delight Cemetery Dinner volunteer, local benefits and fundraiser helper, community supporter, all sports bookkeeper, original Prom Promise organizer, class sponsor, homecoming coordinator, carnival worker and the ultimate Bulldog and Rattler fan. Now she needs our help.

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Did you know that years ago:

- housewives taught children their alphabet, and about religion, in their kitchens for a small fee? These were called "_____ Schools."
- teachers in schoolhouses were almost always men and were called _____?
- _____ working hard just to survive had to teach their children at home?
- _____ was very expensive and scarce?
- students used a flat, wooden board with a handle called a _____? A paper with a lesson was placed on it.
- wealthy families hired _____ to teach in their homes?
- some students had to _____ many miles in all kinds of weather to get to school?
- _____ often stayed home to learn skills for running a household: sewing, cooking, the alphabet, etc?
- students were lucky to have charcoal or _____ pens to write with?
- one way to teach reading was by using pictures in stories, called _____?

Today:

- _____ like painting, dancing, music are taught in all schools
- students may have handheld _____ computers
- _____ education helps kids learn about keeping fit
- classes go on _____ trips to visit places: museums, zoos
- classrooms are _____: students, teachers of many cultures
- _____, as a child, has to attend school
- many students ride on a _____
- _____ schools teach useful trades for work
- _____ gives students access to information from all over the world
- after school _____ teach teamwork

Draw a ring around 11 things we have or do...

one room school	spankings for bad behavior!	computers
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Draw a ring around 11 things we have or do...

NOW!

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Walker, Billy L., 53, Ashdown, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
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Golston, Christopher, 41, Ozan, guilty of fictitious vehicle tag/ license, fined \$245; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Hernandez Jimenez, Francisco, 34, Murfreesboro, \$195 BF, no driver's license/ expired license
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Walker, Stacia, 34, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of violation of Ignition/ Interlock device, fined \$345; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$345
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Montiel, Gabirel F., 30, De Queen, \$240 BF, speeding; \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
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Wise, Josephine, 32, Vilonia, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$195 BF, running stop sign or light



KARATE COMPETITION. The local P.H.F. Karate Club students recently competed in Lead Hill where (from left) Canon Ellen (second-degree green belt) won second place in forms and third place in sparing; Emily Byers (fourth degree blue belt) also placed second in forms and second in sparking; and Skylar Oge (fourth degree green belt) placed second in forms and second in point sparing and third in continuous sparing. The students are pictured with instructor R.C. Austin, a third-degree black belt.



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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.
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Attorney for the Estate
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This notice first published August 6, 2025.
(PNA: 7, 8)

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3	49,303	4,109	949	34,645	2,888	667
4	59,478	4,957	1,144	41,795	3,483	804
5	69,653	5,805	1,340	48,945	4,079	942
6	79,828	6,653	1,536	56,095	4,675	1,079
7	90,003	7,501	1,731	63,245	5,271	1,217
8	100,178	8,349	1,927	70,395	5,867	1,354
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Investigating probiotics as new poultry hatchery disinfectant that keeps good bacteria

By Maddie Johnson

University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture
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Researchers have shown that probiotics can protect hatching chicks from bacterial diseases without destroying beneficial microorganisms.

Bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*, *Enterococcus* and *Staphylococcus* can be devastating intruders in incubating and hatching eggs. As chicks develop, harmful microorganisms can enter eggshells through pores or tiny fractures, and their overgrowth can eventually cause eggs to burst, spreading the microorganisms throughout egg incubators, also known as hatch cabinets.

The industry standard for disinfecting hatch cabinets is to use formaldehyde, which kills all bacteria — good and bad — across the board.

Scientists with the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science at the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences sought a way to eliminate harmful microbes while preserving the beneficial ones.

Their study showed that some strains of probiotics reduced harmful bacteria similar to formaldehyde fumigation.

Danielle Graham, assistant professor of poultry science with Bumpers College and the Division of Agriculture’s Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, led the study published in *Poultry Science*, an official journal of the Poultry Science Association, this spring.

Stopping the spread

“When you provide a warm, moist environment and put thousands of eggs in the same location, it creates the perfect environment for microbial proliferation and transmission of pathogens,” Graham said.

Two probiotic strains of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* were chosen to be applied in small-scale experimental hatch cabinets, with results showing one of the strains reducing gram-negative bacteria in the hatcher as compared to a control.

Researchers generated spore-based products from the two probiotic strains. The probiotics were applied into the hatch cabinet environment using compressed air with a placement of about 10 inches in front of the hatch cabinet’s ventilation fan during the chicks’ hatching phase.

“More recent studies have indicated that gram-positive bacteria such as *Enterococcus faecalis* could also be mitigated using one of the strains,” Graham said. “This translated to reduced colonization by *E. faecalis* in the chicks’ gastrointestinal tract post-hatch.”

The same probiotic strain of bacteria had similar performance to formaldehyde in terms of harmful bacteria reduction.

The study noted that using probiotics had another positive effect: reducing the risk of respiratory tract damage in the chicks sometimes caused by formaldehyde.

“A multi-faceted approach will be necessary to replace formaldehyde in commercial poultry hatcheries,” Graham said. “Right now, it is the most effective tool industry has. Our hope is to continue our research to identify additional solutions that may be additive to the probiotic approach we have been optimizing.”

The research was supported in part by U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, project number F096.



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NEW HARDWOOD SURFACE AT DIERKS. Thanks to donations gathered by the Dierks Athletic Booster Club, the Dierks School District’s gymnasium received a flashy makeover.



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NASHVILLE SCRAPPER SCHEDULE DELIVERY. This group of Nashville Scrappers were recently out on Main Street delivering this year’s football schedule poster. The players included Jace Wright, Erik Sanchez, Trendon Northcross, Jailyn Staggers, Hayden Crabtree, Colby Hopsonm and Jay Don Williams.



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