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**Love your
neighbor
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vaccination.**

Pet adoption campaign to continue in August

"Since July was such a successful month, Southwest Arkansas Paws is extending its sponsorship of all animal adoptions at Nashville Animal Control through the month of August," according to organizers.

All spay and neuter services will be provided free of charge.

Adoption will cost individuals \$20 per dog and \$10 per cat. Animals must be age-eligible to qualify for surgery.

Spay/neuter sponsorship does not include a general vet health check. While not required, SWA Paws recommends a vet visit at the individual's own cost to ensure the new pet starts off on the right paw.

Thirty-nine animals were adopted in July (21 dogs and 18 cats); however, many are still looking for a home.

A total of 64 cats and 66 dogs were taken in during July, and 43 cats and 38 dogs died while in the shelter, whether from natural causes, disease or euthanasia.

Failure to spay or neuter pets results in overpopulation and ultimately death of many animals. "We at SWA Paws want to help the community do better. SWA Paws' low cost spay and neuter clinics will be coming in the near future. In the meantime, adopt, don't shop."

Farmers' Market set Friday

This Friday, Howard County FCS Extension agent Angie Freel will be at the Howard County Farmers' Market with a healthy cooking demonstration, showing how to prepare fresh, local produce in simple and delicious ways.

Shoppers are likely to find farm-fresh eggs, honey, baked goods, canned items, and hand-made crafts. In-season produce will include muscadines, okra, peppers, squash, cucumbers, and peas.

We also have new market T-shirts available for purchase — a fun way to show your support for local growers and makers.

The market is open every Friday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 110 S. Washington in Nashville. Stop by, shop local, and take part in a community tradition that keeps getting better each week.



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NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP. The Nashville School Board Monday night recognized junior high FCCLA members who earned silver medals in national competition at Orlando, Fla. The group includes Emily Watts, Anna Renteria, Telena Hill, Chloe Gathright, Adviser Christy Hanney and Superintendent Doug Graham. (Not pictured: Khloe Reich and Seonna Thompson)



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TOP EIGHT NATIONALLY. Two Nashville High School fishermen were recognized at Monday night's school board after finishing eighth in national competition at Grand Lake, Okla. The group includes school board member Jerry Wilson, boat captain Michael Howard, anglers Garrett Westfall and Halton Howard, and Superintendent Doug Graham.

JPs approve drone order for county

By Louie Graves
News-Leader staff

Howard County will provide \$25,000 for a drone and pilot training to be used in search and rescue situations locally.

Sheriff Bryan McJunkins was spokesman for a group including the county's fire chief association and his own department.

After a discussion centering about storage and protocols, members of the quorum court voted unanimously for JP Kerry Strasner's motion to purchase the drone.

Justices were told that the city of Nashville was going to purchase a similar drone which could be used with the sheriff's drone to service the entire county.

The JPs tabled a resolution concerning taxes for the industry which has purchased the old Husqvarna warehouse and will provide 100 jobs here.

The Quorum Court members wanted to get a full explanation of how the resolution concerns the county.

Present for the meeting were JPs Juanita Jackson, Don Marks, Janet O'Neal, Kerry Strasner, Liz McDaniel, D'Ann Henderson, Andy Hogg and Jerry Harwell. County Judge Brent Pinkerton presided.



File photo

Howard County Judge Brent
Pinkerton



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A TRIP TO THE NORTH. Jaree Hall of Nashville stands in front of a mural welcoming visitors to Algoma, Wisc.

Wisconsin offers Lambeau, lakes and historic winery

By Don Hall
News-Leader staff

Last week we left you in Oshkosh, Wisc., the home of OshKosh B’Gosh bib overalls for the kiddos and AirVenture for the parents. Now it’s time to head north.

No trip for first-timers to Wisconsin would be complete without a visit to Green Bay, a city half the size of Little Rock that's about an hour north of Oshkosh and home of the world's most rabid football maniacs.

The Green Bay Packers are the only team in the NFL that's owned by its fans through a non-profit, with more than 500,000 shareholders who can each claim partial ownership, and they're all proud of THEIR team.

Green Bay, described as a "cold, gray place to die" by some, knows how to do winter. But with temperatures often falling well below freezing during game time, Packers fans don't stay home just because of



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AT THE MARINA. Tom Ulatowski works at the city-owned marina in Algoma, Wisc. A Milwaukee native, Ulatowski has been at the marina for about 10 years.

OBITUARIES



Charles Edwin Wilhite
Charles Edwin Wilhite, 86, of Tallahassee, Fla., passed away on Aug. 15, 2025.
Born on May 15, 1939, in Nashville, Ark., Charles was the son of Icile D. and Anna Lee Wilhite.
He is preceded in death by both parents and his sister, Linda. Charles is survived by his beautiful wife of 66 years, Betty Kennedy Wilhite; his son Rodney (Barkley); his daughter Sherry Scott (Robert); and

his three grandchildren, Kennedy Watters (Jordan), Emory Wilhite, and Nell Wilhite (Sam Rodriguez, fiancée). He also had two precious great-grandchildren, Addy Jane and Charlie Watters.
Charles attended schools in both Mineral Springs and Nashville, Ark., before marrying Betty in 1959. His strong work ethic and love of all things automotive guided his interesting 59-year career where he traveled to nearly every state in America for business. Trucking, automotive and heavy equipment manufacturing and sales took him and his family from work in Hope and Ash-down, Ark., to Fort Worth, Austin, and Texarkana, Texas. He and Betty returned to Charles' family farm to raise cattle in Mineral Springs, Ark., in 2010 before retiring to Tallahassee in 2018 to be close to family.
A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Aug.

21, 10 a.m., at County Line Cemetery, US Highway 371, Nashville, Ark. Under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.
You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.
Melinda Smith
Melinda Marcilla Privett Smith, 90, of New Hope died Aug. 11, 2025.
She was born June 15, 1935, in Madison, Ark., the daughter of the late Chester and Zora Privett.
She was a member of the New Hope Freewill Baptist Church.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Smith; brothers Chalmes Privett, Darnell Privett, and Chester Privett.
Survivors include: her sons, Steve Smith and wife Tammy of New Hope, Calvin Smith and wife Debbie of Mena; a brother, James Privett; also grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.
Services were Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025, at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Roger Harper officiating. Burial followed at Liberty Cemetery.

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Does the 4% rule still make sense for you?

You may have heard of the "4% rule" when it comes to retirement. The idea is simple: After you retire, you withdraw 4% of your investment portfolio each year. In theory, this helps ensure your savings last for your lifetime. While this rule can be a helpful starting point, it's not a one-size-fits-all — and it's definitely not a substitute for a plan tailored to your specific needs, wants and wishes.
The truth is, how much to withdraw in retirement depends on factors like when you retire, if you'll work part time, how long you expect retirement to last, your lifestyle goals, inflation and whether you want to leave a financial legacy to heirs. So, the 4% rule should be viewed as more of a guide than a strict rule.
Let's start with age. The 4% rule is often based on someone retiring at 65 and expecting to live until about 92. But if you retire earlier, you may want your portfolio to stretch further. In that case, you might need to start with a lower withdrawal rate, maybe closer to 3%. And if you retire later, you might safely withdraw a little more — perhaps 4.5% to 5% — depending on your financial situation.

Your retirement lifestyle also plays a big role. Are you planning to travel the world or spend more time at home? If you expect higher spending in the early years of retirement, you may need to adjust your withdrawal rate or plan to reduce spending later to balance things out.
Your financial flexibility matters too. If you have less wiggle room with your expenses, rely heavily on your portfolio for income or want to preserve wealth for your heirs, a more conservative approach might be wise. In this conservative scenario,

your portfolio withdrawals may be met from interest and dividends. Think of your withdrawal rate as existing on a spectrum from more conservative to less conservative, with your personal situation determining where you land.
Being flexible can improve the chances your money will last.
It's also important to understand what's known as your "portfolio reliance rate" — how much of your retirement income comes from your investments versus other sources.



AN IMAGINARY DRIVE. Savannah Taylor, 14, behind the wheel, and co-pilot Emerson Thompson, 11, both of Nashville, sat in Freddie Horne's 1953 MG sportscar which was part of the car show, Saturday, at the grand opening of Nashville Truck Plaza.

Happy Retirement. D'Ann!



Congratulations, D'Ann on your well-deserved retirement! You have been a part of our community, our history and our hearts. May your days be filled with laughter, relaxation, and cherished moments.



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Liz Tomerlin, D'Ann Henderson, Maira Couch, Laci Gray, and welcome new salesperson DeAnna Amonette. Not pictured: Lynn Tollett

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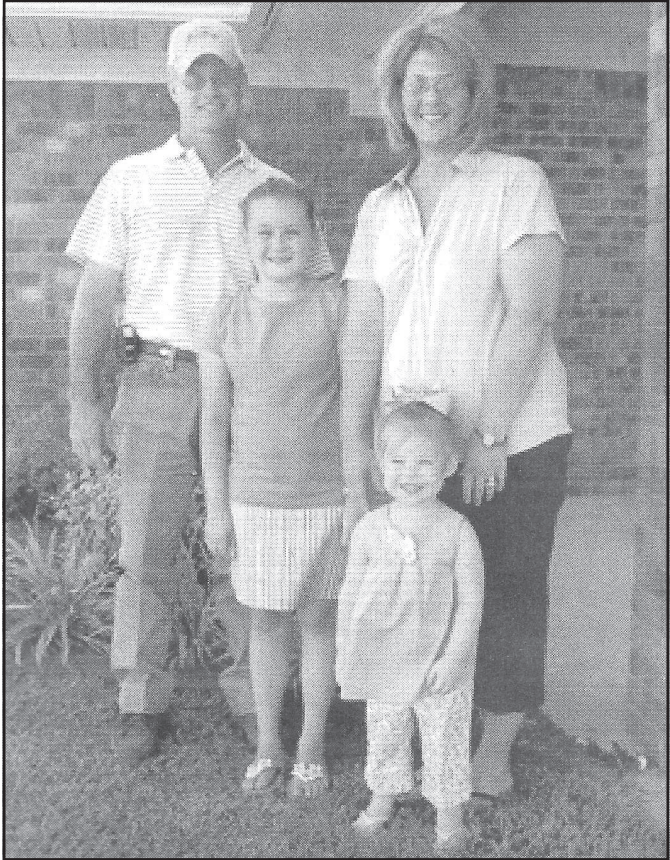
EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young

123 years ago: July 1902
F. J. Manning, who is charged with obtaining money and goods under false pretenses and is under bond for his appearance at the August term of the Howard Circuit court, left the home of his father-in-law, Tom Russell, some time since with the avowed intention of employing a lawyer to represent him when court convened, but failed to return, and his bondsmen are now uneasy and doubtful whether he will return.
Gov. Jeff Davis will be the guest of Mr. I. E. Cowl- ing at his country home near Washington on July 9th and will enjoy an outing on Beard’s Lake. The citi- zens of Ozan are planning a barbecue at their town for the entertainment of Gov. Davis, who will thereafter have an exalted opinion of the hospitality of Southwest Arkansas.

79 years ago: July 1946
The \$3.75 billion loan to Great Britain was approved by the House today. The fund, previously authorized by the Senate and now up to the White House, is intend- ed to rehabilitate England’s war-disorganized interna- tional trade.
Great Britain will begin negotiations with empire countries particularly India and the Middle East for a reduction in the \$14 billion debt which Britain owes there.
(Adv) W.A. Mills, op- tometrist of Hope, will be at Hale & Hale’s Wednesday, 17th - one day only - to fit spectacles.
(Adv,)At the Howard, the coolest spot in town, Friday and Saturday, “Live Wires,”



Steve, Christi, Ellen and Taylor Spigner, the 2006 How- ard County Farm Family of the Year.

The Bowery Boys with Leo Grocey and Huntz Hall. They will short-circuit your funnybone.

63 Years ago: July 1962
An alert woman in Clarksville, Texas, solved a drive-in theater burglary in Nashville this week. The woman, unidentified here, called the sheriff’s depart- ment in the Texas county when four youths attempted to swap cigarettes and candy for gasoline and food. Under questioning, Howard Coun- ty Sheriff Jack Jennings said the four admitted breaking into a theater between Nash- ville and Murfreesboro in Arkansas.
Cecil Callaham, the the- ater manager, said some 20

to 30 cartons of cigarettes, candy and some gum were taken after entry was forced into the concession stand Sunday night.

42 years ago: July 1983
An experimental comput- er instruction program de- signed to help small school districts expand their course offerings has received a fa- vorable response in North Howard County.
The Umpire School Dis- trict was one of ten in the state to try a program de- veloped by the University of Arkansas and funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. Through the use of comput- ers, the students were able to take courses not offered by their school.

Court dates set for defendants

Last Wednesday, during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County, trial or pretrial motions dates were set for five defendants who pleaded not guilty or not true.
On the bench was Judge Bryan Chesshir.
Tamara Cheatham, 35, black female, Mineral Springs, has a trial date of Oct. 13 on a class D felony charge of second degree domestic battery.
Thomas Miller, 30, white male, Lockesburg, also has a date of Oct. 13 for possible jury trial.
Jason Pettit, 47, white

male, Dierks, is charged with possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$25,000 and a Nov. 5 date was set for pretrial motions.
Two defendants pleaded not true to failure to meet the terms of their probation sentences on felony convictions.
Salvador Gastelum, 38, white male, Nashville, was convicted in 2020 of theft by receiving. His probation revocation trial was set for Sept. 3.
Andrew Alexander, 19, black male, Nashville, was convicted in 2024 of break-

ing or entering, class D fel- ony. His probation trial was set for Sept. 3.
The sentence was official- ly pronounced for Michael Watkins, 53, white male, Conway, who was convicted earlier of class D felony sub- stance possession. He was sentenced to two years in the ADC with a further four years suspended imposition of sentence.
Gerry Graham, 42, black male, Nashville, was sen- tenced to 10 years probation and a fine of \$1,500. The sentence is held in abeyance upon successful completion of drug court.

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Damon & Michelle Peebles have sold their home of many years and are moving into a smaller home and not able to take everything. There are a lot of nice items in this auction.
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Gun Lot and Description: **#3737** - Browning 22 Buckmark 22L Semi-Auto, **#3738** - Marlin 17 HMR Bolt Action w/Sightron 3x9x40 Scope, **#3739** - Marlin 22 Magnum w/Simmon Scope 3x9-Bolt Action, **#3740** - Remington 270-Synthetic Stock- Model 710 Bolt Action w/Busnell 3x9 Scope, **#3741** - Marlin 30/30 Model 336 Lever Action w/Nicon 3x9 Scope & Sling, **#3742** - Browning 22 Semi-Auto, **#3743** - Browning 12g Pump Field Model 26 - 2 3/4 & 3 Inc, **#3744** - Remington 12g Mohawk48 - 2 3/4 Auto, **#3745** - Mossberg 12g Model CC660 Pump 2 3/4 & 3 Inch, **#3746** - 410 Remington R310 410g - Western Auto Pump, **#3747** - Herrington & Richardson 20g Single Shot, **#3748** - Knight 50 Cal Inline MK 85 Muzzle- loader Lupeol 4 Fire, **#3749** - 50 Cal Thompson Center Muzzleloader - Missing Ram Rod, **#3750** - Tra- dition 50 Cal Muzzleloader, **#3751** - Synthetic Stock for Browning A Bolt 270 Cal, **#3752** - Air Rifle, **#3753** - Crossbow. **Must Be 21 Years of Age And Resident of Arkansas To Purchase Firearms.**

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Items or documents that were filed, issued or record- ed at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Aug. 7-12, 2025, unless noted otherwise, in- clude the following:

Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office*)
Aug. 08. Tristan Cole Ew- ing, 20, Nashville, and San- tana River McMillian, 19, Nashville,
Aug. 08. Kelavara Green, 49, Mineral Springs, and LaQuita Renee Heard, 48, Nashville.
Aug. 08. Cesar A. Portillo, 41, Texarkana, Texas, and Sarah Nicole Jarman, 37, Nashville.
Aug. 12. Wyatt Andrew Talley, 21, Nashville, and Rachel Morgan Sparks, 22, Searcy.
Aug. 13. Amador Men- doza Valdovinos, 51, Nash- ville, and Maria Guadalupe Del Carmen Organista, 50, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV25-91, Aug. 07. Bank of America vs. Harold Jones. Contract.
CV25-92, Aug. 07. Gary Coulter vs. Unknown per- sons, Katie Malone, et al. Quiet title.
CV25-93, Aug. 08. Ci- tibank, N.A. vs. Ryan Reid. Debt.
CV25-94, Aug. 13. Arkan- sas Department of Finance & Administration vs. Shelby D. Jones. Register Arkansas judgment.

Domestic Relations Court
No new Domestic Rela- tions cases filed since DR25- 65, Aug. 6.

Criminal Court
(*NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug parapher- nalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance*)
CR25-70, Aug. 08. State of Arkansas vs. Tamara Sharell Cheatham, 35, black female, Mineral Springs; 2nd degree

battery, class D felony.
CR25-71, Aug. 11. State of Arkansas vs. Thomas Miller, 36, white male, Lockesburg; possession of controlled substance, class D.
Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deeds
Aug. 08. Patricia Carroll Coleman, widow of Charles Hubert Coleman; to Cheryl Roberts, Christie Hanney, and Charles J. Coleman, Joint Tenants; 10.53 ac. in S21 T10S R28W.
Aug. 12. Elder Daniel Maldonado Pineda; to Elder Daniel Maldonado and Perla Gracia, Joint Tenants; prop- erty in S26 T9S R27W.
Warranty Deeds
Aug. 07. (Special) Wey- erhaeuser Forest Holdings, Inc.; to Arkansas State High- way Commission; 2 tracts, aggregate 1.39 ac. in S24 T5S R30W. \$9,900.
Aug. 07. Jay Spoo and Rachael Spoo, husband and wife; to Jay Brent Spoo, Sr. & Rachel Dawn Spoo, Co- trustees of the Spoo Fam- ily Trust; 104 ac. in S23 T9S R28W.
Aug. 08. Jay Spoo and spouse, Rachel Spoo; to Jay Brent Spoo, Sr. & Rachel Dawn Spoo, Co-trustees of the Spoo Family Trust; 5 tracts, properties in S11/

S25/S35 T9S R27W/R28W, and Lots 18-19-20, and part of Lots 1-2-3-4, and Lots 21-22-23-24, all in Block 122, Town of Nashville.
Aug. 11. Loralie Daniel and husband Larry Dan- iel, Hulet Jacobs and wife, Kerry Jacobs, and Ruth Ann Jacobs; to Kera Hinds; 4.5 ac. in S10 T8S R28W.
Aug. 12. Larry Barnett; to Veteran Land Buyers, LLC; 1 ac. in S17 T11S R27W. \$3,087.
Aug. 12. George Hayes Halcombe and Caroline Mae Halcombe; to Bill J. Wilde and JoAnn Rodriguez Wilde, Co-trustees of the Wilde Living Trust; 26 ac. in S31 T8S R29W. \$245,000.
Aug. 12. Kayla Cogburn Chesshir and husband Bryan Chesshir; to Mason Greene and wife, Lindsay Greene; property in S15 T5S R28W. \$64,500.
Aug. 12. Joyce J. Walters, survivor of an estate by the entirety with W.M. Waters, deceased; to Elder Daniel Maldonado and Perla Gra- cia, Joint Tenants; part of Block 2, Wilson & Ferguson Addition, Town of Nash- ville. \$25,000.
Aug. 13. Veteran Land Buyers, LLC; to The Mat- thew R. and Kendra J. Head- ings Family Trust; 1 ac. in S17 T11S R27W. \$12,000.



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Point of view

Medical fashion

They dress in familiar ‘scrubs’ in many countries

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and a Nashville momma promised me that this is a true story that needed to be retold.

She has a relative who recently made a medical mission trip to a South American country.

While there he foolishly got into a soccer match in order to try to impress some of the folks he was hoping to bring to Jesus.

No good deed goes unpunished, I’ve heard, so naturally he got hurt.

My informant told me that he broke his wrist. My informant also told me she thought he fell, but I think he was probably tripped on purpose and kicked by those ungrateful, unchurched soccer heathens.

But that’s another story and I’m sure you wouldn’t be interested.

THIS story is about the medical attention he received.

Help cometh!

He was still conscious when *los personales medicos* wheeled him into the local operating room. His wrist was throbbing from the break and his head was swimming due to the painkillers which came from a bottle with a worm at the bottom.

His head might have been swimming, but he STILL managed to notice that the operating room doctors and nurses were wearing colorful and color-coordinated ‘scrubbs’ just like the operating room doctors and nurses do on the American TV soap opera ‘General Hospital.’

But over their shoes, instead of matching blue or green ‘booties,’ they were wearing Walmart sacks secured with duct tape. Necessity really is the Mother of Invention.

Speaking of booties After my informant finished telling her story I remembered an old song, “The Hokey Pokey.”

Put your right foot in

You remember the song, don’t you? “You put your right foot in; you put your right out; you put your right foot in and you shake it all about; you do the Hokey Pokey and you Something-Something, and that’s what it’s all about.”

You know that song, right”

Isn’t this just another way to get *los personales medicos* to shake their booties?

How do you say Hokey Pokey in Español, anyway?

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. The only good spider is a dead spider, I always say.

Matter of fact I’ve said that for more than half of a century.

A perfesser at the American Museum of Natural History recently had some really really REALLY good news. I can hardly wait to tell you.

Entomologists now know of 43,000 species of spiders but there are *at least an equal number* of undiscovered species.

Thanks, perfesser. You’ve made my day.

He sez that the known species range in size from some so tiny that you need a microscope just to see their eight itsy-bitsy wittle legs, up to some so large that they can catch and carry away birds, snakes, scorpions, mice, frogs and Igloo Coolers (just joking about the last example).

I am not a bug perfesser, but I can tell you which kind of spider is the most dangerous.

It’s the kind that chased me around my shower stall earlier today.

I’ve recovered, thank goodness, but in protecting myself I may have damaged the shower stall.

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MORE ANIMAL CRACKERS. I swear every afternoon I hear cicadas crank up. I thought they were supposed to be happening earlier in the summer. Maybe the summer heat has driven them out of their 17-year nap.

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SURELY SOMEONE IS hooked bad on dope in order to even THINK of DJ Trump nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. Surely there are more deserving citizens on Epstein’s List.

Pardoning the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrectionists does not qualify someone for the Nobel Peace Prize.

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TEXAS FLOODING. Remember you might get what you ask for. But, it really is sooooo dry. In August we’ve had a grand total of 0.17-in. of rain. Normal for the period is 1.67-in.

July was better, but all of the rain was near the first of the month. In fact, the last sizeable rain measured on the lawn at the radio station was 2.13 inches on July 13-14.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right, and exercise daily. But that was five hours ago when I was younger and full of hope.

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WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons. Sometimes my column goes over like a Lead Balloon.

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HE SAID: “By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and Third by experience, which is the bitterest.” Confucius, Chinese philosopher

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SHE SAID: “Right now I think censorship is necessary; the things they’re doing and saying in films right now just shouldn’t be allowed. There’s no dignity anymore and I think that’s very important.” Mae West, American actress

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations



By
Louie Graves

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fully immunized, remember to get the booster shot.

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Partnership among agencies offers improved services to many Arkansans

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The director of the state Division of Children and Family Services told lawmakers that much of the agency’s improvements in recent years is due to greater involvement on the part of faith-based groups, churches and private sector organizations.

For example, CarePortal is a program that the Arkansas Family Alliance uses to recruit volunteers, churches and potential foster care families. When the director of the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) described CarePortal, several legislators expressed interest and asked how to promote the program in their districts.

The division director said the program is operating in five of the largest counties in Arkansas, and the agency is working to add four more.

DCFS also partners with the state Health Department on a program titled “Baby and Me” for families who receive benefits through Women, Infants and Children, or WIC. It teaches parenting skills to mothers and fathers of newborns.

In late June it expanded from 15 to 18 counties. Lessons can be as simple as how to breastfeed. They’re designed to reduce the

stress of parenting and thus to prevent possible abuse or neglect. There is no cost to the family.

The director of DCFS, alongside the Secretary of the Department of Human Services, updated the legislative Hospital, Medicaid and Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee. Legislators were so interested that the committee co-chairs plan to invite leaders of CarePortal and several other private organizations to next month’s meeting.

DCFS now uses evidence-based prevention services, and one result has been that the re-victimization rate for children remains low, at 7 percent. That is better than the national average.

From 2022 to 2024 the number of children in foster care decreased by 971 children. As of July 1, 2025, there were 3,390 children and youths in Arkansas foster care homes.

DCFS has more than 1,000 employees and the agency “continues to experience significant challenges with staff turnover,” the director told legislators.

However, it is better than a few years ago when turnover among frontline staff was 60 percent to 70 percent. Since 2022 the turnover rate has improved by 19 percent, the director said.

Maintaining appropriate staffing levels has enabled the agency to lower case loads to an average of 17 cases per employee. In the recent past the work load has been significantly higher, which has negatively affected case management.

For example, when the agency opens a case, family services workers are supposed to complete their findings and schedule regular visits to the home. High caseloads make it difficult to make scheduled visits on time.

Of all the children who went through the foster care system last year, 43 percent were reunited with their parents or a close caregiver. Another 30 percent were adopted, either by foster parents, by a relative or by families recruited by DCFS.

The agency has a budget of \$261 million this year. Of that, \$81.5 million is for salaries and benefits of staff. About \$70 million is for room and board for children in the system. The state pays foster families, relatives and others with whom foster children are placed.

About \$59 million is for contracts for services such as mental health counseling, therapy, substance abuse treatment and prevention and teaching parenting skills.

Legislative committees stay busy

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

The Arkansas Legislature had a full schedule last week, as the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) and its subcommittees met, as well as the House and Senate City, County, and Local Affairs Committees.

The ALC approved the recommendations from the Employee Benefits Division for 2026 health insurance rates for state and school employees.

Rates will remain unchanged for active employees, while Medicare-eligible retirees in United Healthcare’s Medicare Advantage and Health Advantage supplemental plans will see a \$6 monthly increase.

In response to recent flooding in Texas, the Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee will conduct a study on Arkansas’ emergency flood preparedness. Arkansas State Police Director Col. Mike Hagar also briefed the subcommittee on the recent homicide at Devil’s Den State Park.

The Council approved proposed changes to how public school letter grades and performance awards are determined. Under the new rules, grades will be based on:

Elementary/Middle Schools: Proficiency in English, math, and science; individual growth; and growth of the lowest-performing 25%.

High Schools: These measures, plus graduation rate and diplomas of merit/distinction tied to enrollment, enlistment, or employment.

Grades will be assigned relative to the performance of other Arkansas schools, not strictly by raw percentage scores.

The House and Senate City, County, and Local Affairs committees met in Rogers during the week and reviewed prison capacity needs.

The state’s inmate population—currently about 20,000—is projected to grow 2% annually, reaching roughly 25,000 by 2035.

Members were told the Protect Arkansas Act will require 1,500–2,000 additional beds by 2040.

Recognizing Arkansas’s heroes

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Arkansas is home to many incredibly brave and skilled service members who pledged an oath to protect and defend our country. These heroes are part of our families, in our friend groups and comprise upstanding citizens that our communities depend on.

I am always proud to share my support and gratitude with them, and for them, every chance I get.

But it is especially rewarding to have the opportunity to applaud their expertise on a national stage, which we recently had occasion to do following an exceptional achievement by a local Air National Guard unit based in Fort Smith.

These guardsmen call Ebbing Airbase home and were recently honored with the 2024 General Atomics Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Trophy.

Known as the “Flying Razorbacks,” the 184th is part of the 188th Wing and merited recognition for its outstanding performance contributing to our national defense and providing cutting-edge, resilient air capabilities.

Awarded to the top RPA squadron across all U.S. Air Force Active Duty, Reserve and Guard units, the servicemembers of the 184th consistently demonstrate their critical skills and effectiveness.

The squadron completed 314 combat sorties, providing nearly 6,000 hours of intelligence, surveil-

lance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions.

This footage is extremely important for monitoring and identifying threats, protecting civilians and ground forces, and can provide real-time updates that enable immediate response.

These efforts are crucial to achieve mission success and protect our nation and interests.

The squadron has fostered a reputation for excellence. In 2024, it became the first presidentially selected unit to ensure the security of humanitarian airdrops by protecting cargo and forces dispensing aid as well as ensuring safe and precise delivery. This distinction represented confidence in the 184th as a hallmark of mission readiness and professionalism.

Additionally, the Flying Razorbacks led the U.S. Air Force in conducting MQ-9 Reaper operations, utilizing the remotely piloted aircraft to complete 66 percent of all non-traditional defensive counter-air and counter-small unmanned aerial system engagements.

These Arkansans are certainly worthy of such distinguished recognition, and I was also pleased to mark their success in the Congressional Record so it is memorialized in the official proceedings of Congress for years to come.

In a visit to Ebbing this month, I spoke directly with these personnel and leaders who represent

themselves, fellow citizen-airmen and our entire military incredibly well.

It is an honor to acknowledge the men and women of the 184th Attack Squadron for earning this prestigious award and the trust of our national security leaders. Arkansas is proud to commend their dedication and hard work as well as congratulate them on their world-class commitment to bolstering the defense of our country.

Like their colleagues across the 188th Wing, they are carrying out vital missions with great success. In recent years, Ebbing Air National Guard Base has transitioned from an installation on the brink of closure to a vital national security asset. The 184th Attack Squadron, which has been supporting real-world operations for over a decade, along with the new Foreign Military Sales mission training U.S. allies and partners on the F-35 are testaments to the support and investment directed at ensuring it remained viable.

Sharing our gratitude and pride with the 188th Wing personally is always fulfilling. We can be extremely proud of the job they do and the reflection of our state that their efforts embody. I look forward to further supporting these Arkansans, and the policies and resources they need to continue performing their duties with competence, confidence and courage.

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the weather. Who could forget the Ice Bowl in 1967, with an air temperature of -13 and a wind chill of -48? Still, the game was played in front of a sold-out crowd. In fact, every single game at Lambeau Field in Green Bay has been sold out since 1960, and if you want season tickets, you'd better be patient. There's a 50-year wait.

Just east of the city of Green Bay is a peninsula that separates the Bay from Lake Michigan. Home of Door County and known as the Door Peninsula, it is a hugely popular destination for Wisconsinites as well as for travelers. With almost 300 miles of shoreline there are lots of beaches, bays and bluffs.

But there's more to the Door Peninsula. You'll also find dairy farms with barns that were built before your grandfather was born, and cheese factories, wineries, corn fields, apple orchards,

cherry orchards and quaint towns like Sturgeon Bay and Egg Harbor. Something else you'll find in abundance that's a bit surprising: salmon fishing.

The town of Algoma is on the eastern side of the peninsula, on Lake Michigan. Everywhere you look in this town of 3,000 there's a shop, a bar, an old hotel, or a charter fishing service.

Tom Ulatowski is a Milwaukee native who retired 10 years ago to Algoma, his wife's home town.

Since then he's worked 12-18 hours a week at the city-owned marina. "It gets me out of the house," he laughs. "My wife is happy to see me go every morning!"

Boats surround the marina. "All of these boats you see are owned by charter fishermen," Tom says, "And 90% of the people who fish here are from out-of-state. Tourism and salmon fishing are the two big things for Algoma."

But there is one more thing Algoma is known for. "The Von Stiehl winery is the oldest in the state of

Wisconsin," Tom says with a note of pride.

Housed in a beautiful old building that began as a brewery, it's like a step back in time as you walk through the polished door and go up the carved staircase into a darkly paneled, thickly carpeted room that feels as though you've been transported to Victorian England.

"They have a long tradition of lots of entertaining at the back of the building overlooking Lake Michigan," Tom said.

Then, smiling, he adds, "In September, they have the Wet Whistle Wine Festival, with women stomping grapes." Those crazy Wisconsinites.

Arkansas is the best place on the planet to live (shh—don't tell anyone), but Wisconsin is a great state to visit.

Just make sure to slow down, get off the interstate, take your time, enjoy the slow pace of the natives, and see what the area has to offer.

Oh, and be sure to go before October or after March. Arkansans are too smart to do "cold, gray places..."



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

PRE-SEASON TRADITION. Heath Wallis puts the finishing touches on 55 steaks at the 56th Diamond Bank pre-season cookout for the Scrapper coaching staff, chain gang, press box crew and other volunteers who work games on Friday nights. Wallis estimated that he has grilled at least 900 steaks in the 16 years he has cooked for the event. Several other Nashville banks sponsored the cookout before Diamond.

School

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The final policy will be presented to the board for approval.

Earlier in the meeting, two student groups were recognized during the board's Scrapper Moment. Junior high FCCLA members received silver medals in two competitions at their national convention in Orlando during the summer.

Adviser Christi Hanney and four students attended the meeting and told about their experiences in FCCLA and at competition. They included Emily Watts, Anna Renteria, Elena Hill and Chloe Gathright.

They received gold medals at regionals and state and silver at nationals.

Some flew for the first time. They went to Universal at Orlando and attended numerous conferences. Hanney told them to keep up with their "firsts" during the trip.

"I'm proud of their medals, but those experiences teach life skills. That's what they will take into adulthood," Hanney said.

NHS fishing team mem-

bers were also recognized. Sophomores Garrett Westfall and Halton Howard finished eighth out of 31 teams at their national competition in early July at Grand Lake in Oklahoma. Boat captain Michael Howard also attended the meeting.

The students told about the competition and thanked the school board and community for their support.

Michael Howard said that the Oklahoma lake and the other teams provided tough competition. "This was a great accomplishment," he said of the duo's national finish. "They represented the Scrapper Star well."

In business discussion at Monday's meeting, the board approved the purchase of a new school bus, a 72-passenger 2026 diesel, at a cost of \$143,187. It will be used on one of the district's routes.

"We hope we get it by the first of the year," Graham said.

Assistant Superintendent Tate Gordon gave the academic update for the month.

Teachers and administrators are reviewing the state ATLAS test scores from last spring. They will develop a plan for students performing at Level 1 and 2 and form

an intervention program for them.

Graham told the board that bleachers for the school's new tennis courts have been ordered.

"We don't know when they will arrive, but we'll enjoy them when they get here," he said.

The courts are located between the Scrapper Dome and Scrapper Arena.

The district's Labor Day break will be Sept. 1-5, Graham said. Enrichment classes will be in place to help students and parents during the break. Two meals will be provided each day, and the classes will be led by the district's teachers.

So far, about 25 students have signed up, according to Graham.

In personnel matters, the board accepted the resignation of Dustin Huddleston, IT.

Noelia Ferretiz was hired as an ESL paraprofessional effective Aug. 4.

Mark Higgins was hired for maintenance retroactive to Aug. 4

All board members were present Monday night, including president Jerry Wilson, David Hilliard, Nick Britt, Tem Gunter and Anthony Whitmore.



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Jaree Hall of Nashville in front of the Von Stiehl winery in Algoma, Wisc.



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Boats owned by out-of-state charter fishermen at the city-owned Marina in Algoma.

Coming next week

The Nashville News-Leader's annual high school football preview. You'll find stories and pictures of your favorite area teams in our Aug. 27 issue. The season will open Aug. 29.



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THEY CUT THE RIBBON. Friends, management, Nashville Chamber of Commerce representatives gathered for a ribbon-cutting photo at the grand opening of Nashville Truck Plaza, Saturday morning. The plaza includes multiple gasoline pumps, truck parking, convenience store and restaurant.



BIG SMILE FOR RETIREMENT DAY. After 30 years on the job at Ivan Smith Furniture on Furniture Corner in Nashville, D’Ann Henderson was recently honored with a retirement celebration. Henderson called her retirement “bitter sweet” and that she is excited to be able to spend more time with her grandkids. “But I will miss my loyal customers and my sweet work family so, so much. But, I’ll be back to visit,” Henderson posted on social media.

Elementary teacher arrested for sexual assault, exchanging nudes with 16-year-old

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

A former special education elementary teacher with the Dierks School District was arrested Aug. 13 on suspicion of sexual assault and exchanging nude pictures with a 16-year-old high school student.

Kathryn Elizabeth Winer, 35, of Umpire, was arrested following an investigation by Howard County investigators Casey Parker and Jake Eudy, who interviewed Winer about allegations between her and the juvenile. Winer reportedly disclosed during the interview that she and the juvenile had had sexual intercourse in the past and they had exchanged nudes with each other via Snapchat.

According to an affidavit for warrant of arrest, Winer is under investigation for first-degree sexual assault, a Class A felony, and engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print medium, a Class Y felony.

The affidavit noted that Winer is a teacher at JoAnn Walters Elementary School and the victim is a student at the high school.

Winer was still listed as a special education teacher on the school district’s website the morning of Thursday, Aug. 14. On Aug. 18, the



Kathryn E. Winer

Dierks School Board voted to terminate her employment.

As of Tuesday morning, no charges have been filed in the case and Winer remains on the Howard County Jail’s inmate roster with no bond information listed.

The Dierks School District posted the following statement on Facebook after Winer’s arrest: “*The safety and well-being of our students is the district’s top priority. We are aware that a teacher in our district has been arrested. This matter is currently under investigation by law enforcement, and we are fully cooperating with their process.*”

“*While we are unable to share additional details at this time, please know that appropriate measure have been taken to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We understand that this news may be concerning, and we remain committed to providing a safe, supportive learning environment to all.*”

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Adkins, Colby, 27, Winthrop, guilty of speeding, fined \$250; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Barrett, Russell K., 52, Kirby, \$215 BF, speeding
Bouley, Paul L., \$240 BF, speeding
Brown, Shaniqua C., 24, Ashdown, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Cannon, Olivia C., 29, De Queen, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Ewert, James B., 69, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70
Funderburk, Coby D., 31, Mineral Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Harstad, Mark A., 64, Nashville, \$395 BF, driving on suspended or revoked vehicle license or registration
Humphries, Mark C., 66, Amity, \$230 BF, speeding
Hunter, Regina Lynn, 43, Fulton, guilty of fraudulent use of credit cards, fined \$470
Jackson, Jesse C., 26, Murfreesboro, guilty of speeding, fined \$270
Jones, Bobby R., 48, Atlanta, Texas, \$195 BF, following too close
Jones, Xavier, 30, Mineral Springs, no contest, third-degree battery, fined \$675 and sentenced to 30 days in jail
Lemons, Nicholas E., 32, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$1,465 owed
Lowrie, Brett D., 32, Dierks, \$240 BF, speeding
Manning, Tristan N., 27, Park, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
McClain, Elissa M., 55, Memphis, Tenn., \$260 BF, speeding
Morris, Larry R., 44, Dierks, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Purcell, Cody L., 31, Prescott, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Santos, Felipe, 51, Amity, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Sepulveda, Jose Barron, 31, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Simmons, Clemmon S., 24, Sims, guilty of fleeing, fined \$510; guilty of reckless driving, fined \$345
Toney, Marcus J., 53, Pine Bluff, \$230 BF, speeding
Weaver, Ivy, 40, Nashville, guilty of second-degree criminal mischief, fined \$410
Williams, Robert Lee, 31, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,2905 owed; sentenced to jail-suspended conditions
Wooten, Alicia M., 52, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
City of Nashville
Bernard, Kristian N., 40, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Campbell, Lucetia A., 56, Hope, no contest, DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70
Cooper, Ebony L., 40, Nashville, \$145 BF, use of wireless phone while driving
Flores, Joanna, 21, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Fox, Dennis S., 55, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$715 owed
Gastelum, Salvador, 39, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,985 owed
Harris, Marc, 50, Ozan, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Jackson, Jesse C., 26, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Knox, Antonio, 38, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Lemons, Nicholas E., 32, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of carrying a weapon, fined \$725; guilty of fictitious vehicle tags/license, fined \$245; guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Lusk, Tanya A., 50, Nashville, \$145 BF, use of wireless phone while driving
Maldonado, Lesly Y., 42, Nashville, \$195 BF, no child restraint
McElrath, Tami Christina, 39, McGehee, \$145 BF, use of wireless phone while driving
Mejia, Tracy, 39, Gilliam, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,580 owed
Ray, Levi D., 18, Mineral Springs, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance; \$195 BF, running stop sign or light
Reed, Joshua C., 31, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$145 BF, use of wireless phone while driving
Reeves, Raymond Anthony, 68, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$355 owed
Robinson, Freddie L. Jr., 35, Murfreesboro, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,160 owed; sentenced to jail-suspended conditions
Rosenbaum, Phillip Allen, 52, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt
White, Shuntell T., 31, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,503 owed; committed to jail-suspended conditions; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
City of Dierks
Clingan, Dedra, 48, Star City, guilty of driving left of center, fined \$195; guilty of driving on restricted license, fined \$125
Morris, Laddy R., 44, Dierks, no contest, no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
City of Mineral Springs
Hollingsworth, Makenzy, 25, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$95
Hunter, Regina Lynn, 43, Fulton, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Lemons, Nicholas E., 32, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of fictitious vehicle tags/license, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Strawn, Tucker G., 20, Daingerfield, Texas, \$215 BF, speeding
Williams, Robert Lee, 31, Mineral Springs, guilty of first-degree criminal mischief, fined \$1,251; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$195

Bench Trials
City of Nashville
Drent, Edward N., 42, Lockesburg, guilty of carrying weapon, fined \$725
Robinson, Freddie Lee, Jr., 35, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
City of Mineral Springs
Pope, Graham Conner, 33, Malvern, possession of controlled substance, deferred adjudication with three months to dismiss, fined \$1,075

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Rattler coach reviews annual Red-White game

By PJ Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond
Following Friday's Red-White scrimmage, Rattler head coach Jay Turley was pleased with the team's effort.
"It was good to see what they could do when they went full out," he noted, stating that the scrimmage provided more intensity than a regular practice. "We saw some good things and some things we need to work on."
He said the team would review the film ahead of their scrimmage this week versus Ashdown.
"You still expect to see mistakes at this point," he reasoned, noting that some of the positives from the scrimmage included good pass blocking by the offensive line.
He credited QB Kooper Caldwell with good decision making and passing, and said WR Caleb Terrell showed good catching skills at the scrimmage in his opportunity to fill in for injured starting WR Kale Burns.
He added the receiving corps still needed to shore up their route running in the next week.
Turley said the defense played well until they tired in the hot and humid conditions on Friday night that was only exacerbated by the short rain prior to play began.
"Cameron Braden was a force on the line," he said of the defensive lineman's effort.
Overall, he was proud of the team's effort to "compete under the lights in front of people and step up their level of competition."
While the format had yet to be officially finalized for Friday's scrimmage versus



Murfreesboro Diamond photo
RED-WHITE ACTION. The Murfreesboro Rattler offense goes through the paces during the annual Red-White game on Holloway Field at Rattler Stadium.

Ashdown, Turley said he expected that it might look like a half of football and then a "controlled second half featuring JV players" depending on the game time temperatures.
"It will be nice to not be hitting each other this week," Turley said of the upcoming scrimmage.
He said Ashdown was chosen specifically for their overall team speed, something that would help the Rattlers down the road.
"I think we are fast for a 2A team, but Ashdown is a 4A team, and that's another level of speed."
Turley said the experience against the Panthers would help the team down the road against the likes of Junction City and Gurdon.
"It will be good to get adjusted to [the speed] now."
He said outside of the experience the team would gain in the scrimmage he simply hoped to come out of the contest "without injuries."
"We will look to execute or base offense, but it will be very vanilla," he said in reference to not going deep in the playbook. "We will just go out and do what we do best ... I just want to get better, I don't care at all about the score."
The junior high Rattlers will start their scrimmage at 5:30, while the high school will begin at 7 p.m. this Friday at Rattler Stadium.
"It would be nice to see the community come out to support us," Turley said, noting that he expected Ashdown to bring a number of fans to the contest.
As a benefit scrimmage game, much of the gate receipts will go to the Arkansas Athletic Association's catastrophic insurance program.

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September Activities

Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area

Saturday, Sept. 6
Track Making Station
10a.m.-12p.m.
Sandbar Campground
Many critters live and pass through Cossatot River State Park. Stop by the Falls to create your own track casting to take home of an animal from the area. This is a come and go station.

Saturday, Sept. 6
Technology in Nature
3p.m. Visitor Center
Ever wish you could identify any plant or animal at the push of a button? Join an interpreter for a short information session followed by a hike on the Waterleaf Trail. We will discuss popular nature identification apps and how you can utilize them on the trail! Please bring your smartphone or tablet that is able to take photos and connect to Wi-Fi.

Sunday, Sept. 7
Leave No Trace Watercolors
1p.m. Low Water Bridge (below Visitor Center)
Do you know the 7 principles of Leave No Trace? Join a park interpreter to make your very own artwork and learn about the different ways we can help keep our park clean and healthy for other visitors and the critters that live here. All supplies provided.

Sunday, Sept. 7
Critter Feeding
3p.m. Visitor Center
Stop by the visitor center to join a park interpreter in feeding our resident critters— snakes, frogs, turtles and more!

Saturday, Sept. 13
Snakes of Cossatot River
10a.m. Visitor Center
Join a park interpreter to get acquainted with our resident snakes and learn about the many snakes of the area. Paint your very own wooden snake to take home!

Saturday, Sept. 13
Tree Identification Hike
1p.m. Brushy Creek Trailhead
Black oak, waterleaf oak, American sycamore, and sweetgum are all common trees in the Cossatot River

Corridor. Tree leaves, bark, and buds are all useful hints to tell us what kind of tree we are looking at. Join a park interpreter as you learn how to identify different tree species, no matter the time of year. This is a 0.75-mile round trip hike, rated easy to moderate.

Sunday, Sept. 14
Birding Walk
9a.m. Cossatot Falls
Bring your binoculars and rise with the birds for a morning birding walk! Join a park interpreter and identify common species of birds at Cossatot and sharpen your birding skills. All levels of experience are welcome. This is a 0.5-mile round trip walk rated easy.

Sunday, Sept. 14
Critter Feeding
3p.m. Visitor Center
Stop by the visitor center to join a park interpreter in feeding our resident critters— snakes, frogs, turtles and more!

Saturday, Sept. 20
River Safari
2p.m. Brushy Day Use Area
Explore the underwater world of the Cossatot River with a park interpreter! Snorkel in search of macroinvertebrates and learn how to assess water health based on our finds. All supplies provided. Dress water ready!

Sunday, Sept. 21
Micro Hike
9a.m. Waterleaf Trailhead
Have you ever imagined the world from the perspective of a bug? Join a park interpreter as we slow down and observe the smaller elements in the landscape— you never know what you might find! This is a 0.5-mile round trip hike rated easy to moderate.

Sunday, Sept. 21
Critter Feeding
3p.m. Visitor Center
Stop by the visitor center to join a park interpreter in feeding our resident critters— snakes, frogs, turtles and more!

Saturday, Sept. 27
Salamander Search Hike
9a.m. Cossatot Falls En-

trance Sign
Join a park interpreter on a section of the River Corridor Trail as we search for salamanders by a waterfall! Get ready to get your hands dirty as we search under logs, rocks, and near the water. This is a 3-mile round trip hike rated easy to moderate.

Saturday, Sept. 27
Survival Skills
11a.m. Cossatot Falls
Do you know the rule of 3? Join a park interpreter and learn basic fire starting skills, orienteering, and more!

Sunday, Sept. 28
Silent Flight
9a.m. Sandbar Campground
Silently, swiftly and skillfully, owls fly over our heads at night. Have you ever wondered why owls are so different from other birds? Learn about the interesting adaptation of owls that help our nocturnal feathered friends to hunt after dark.

Sunday, Sept. 28
Critter Feeding
3p.m. Visitor Center
Stop by the visitor center to join a park interpreter in feeding our resident critters— snakes, frogs, turtles and more!

For More Information about these programs, please call Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area: (870) 385-2201. Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area, 1980 Hwy 278 W, Wickes, AR 71973.

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Hey Peak! Did you know that insects can be found on land almost everywhere in the world? Even in the usually frozen Arctic and Antarctica during their warmest season? Look at all of these ants in the ground and inside of this old tree trunk!

Here are some fun clues about different insects. Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with the names of insects:

- beetles: colorful, spotted, liked by farmers for eating pests
- more of these than any other insects (40%); eaten by some people
- live on stored honey all winter and huddle into a ball for warmth; are found on every continent except Antarctica
- really caterpillars; spin cocoons made of one long strand of silk
- grown males chirp faster as it gets hotter; longer antennae than grasshoppers; out at dusk, they "sing" by rubbing wings together
- four stages: egg, caterpillar, pupa (the resting stage while they are changing - cocoon) and adult; seen during the day; large wings
- eggs to adults in 5 days; wings beat 300-600 times per second; hear "buzzing" as they get close to bite us; carry diseases
- come out during the day; "sing" by rubbing their long hind legs against their wings; have "ears" on their "stomach" areas to hear
- live near water; large eyes on head view a wide area; double-winged; can move up, down, hover like helicopter
- flat, brown, oval bodies; like warmth; out at night, light will scare them
- live in nests; use antennae to touch and smell; can lift 10 to 50 times their own weight
- taste with feet; walk upside down; only 2 wings; live 2-4 weeks; carry diseases

Insect Checklist!
Does it have (or is it):
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Insects bug us, but they fascinate us too! Sometimes, countries even put artwork of insects on stamps. A Connecticut artist, Steve Buchanan, designed one of the most popular sets of stamps of all time, called "Insects and Spiders." The U.S. Post Office sold 61 million of these stamps.
Butterflies, beetles and this insect are seen on many stamps. Follow the dots to see it. Then fill in the blanks to spell its name:
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Studying Insects
Did you know that *insects* make up 75% of all animals on earth? Scientists, called *entomologists*, who study insects have documented over a *million* different *species* of insects. They learn how insects *interact* with the world around them. These scientists study *pests* and helpful insects. They *teach* us about these tiny creatures.
Find and circle the words above in bold print in the puzzle below:

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Umpire School scores 'A' on state's 2023-2024 report card

Howard County's Umpire School, a member of the Cossatot River School District, has announced the school has earned an A grade on the Arkansas Department of Education's 2023-2024 report card.

"This outstanding accomplishment reflects the dedication, perservance,a nd heart of our incredible students, staff and faculty," the district posted on social media.

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NOT MUCH LEFT BUT THE VIEW. In this photo provided by the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department, a firefighter hoses down the cove hillside off of Lake Village Drive.

Firefighters battle ‘challenging’ house fire on Lake Greeson

Murfreesboro joined by Delight, Bingen, Nathan in fight

A home that has become somewhat of a landmark on the south end of Lake Greeson was completely destroyed by fire the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 17, according to Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Chief Ricky Branch.

Branch said the fire department arrived at the scene on Lake Village Drive, located on the hillside point of the cove across from Swaha Marina, around 3:30 p.m. and fought the fire for more than five hours. He said the department’s response time was around 23 minutes and involved loaded tanker trucks and personnel having to navigate Dynamite Hill and the winding roads that lead around to the lake estates.

The local department was assisted by firefighters from Murfreesboro, Bingen, Nathan and Delight, as well as many who brought water and Gatorade to the scene. “We simply can’t thank them enough,” Branch said, adding that the scene was literally littered with hundreds of empty bottles.

Branch said that upon arrival firefighters first had to deal with a nearby home’s roof that was smoldering and the grassfires spreading on the point. “Once we had that under control, we went on the defense to contain the fire.”

“This fire was very challenging and difficult, given the heat and being on a hillside with little access and limited water supply, but with everyone’s help we were able to contain it and keep it from spreading to other homes,” Branch said in a social media post.



BEFORE HELP ARRIVES. Alan McRae of Murfreesboro shared this photo of the fire on Lake Greeson before firefighters arrived to contain the blaze.



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M’boro tourism group now looking for grants for possible ATV trail

The Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission met last week with a very short agenda, with the only action taken was the passage of the minutes and financials from July’s meeting.

Board member Caleb Howell gave a short update on the recent diamond find by a New York resident’s diamond find that was featured in last week’s paper.

As of July 31, the commission has \$65,164.30 in their coffers.

Commission chairman Jamie Terrell told the newspaper after the meeting that the group was in the process of filling out paperwork for matching grants for local ATV trails.

At the July 8 meeting the group hosted Becky Flynn, the Deputy Director of the state Office of Outdoor Recreation and Susie Cowan, Industry Relations Manager for the Arkansas Parks, Heritage and Tourism office.

After presenting some of their ideas for ATV trails locally that would include some county roads, the group was told of existing matching grant opportunities for rural road recreation.

The group also decided at that meeting to develop a plan including definitive streets and roads that would be used in a ATV trail plan.

It was also noted in discussion that a partnership with the Corps of Engineers would be necessary for access to land around Lake Greeson.

CADC comodities coming to Pike County this week

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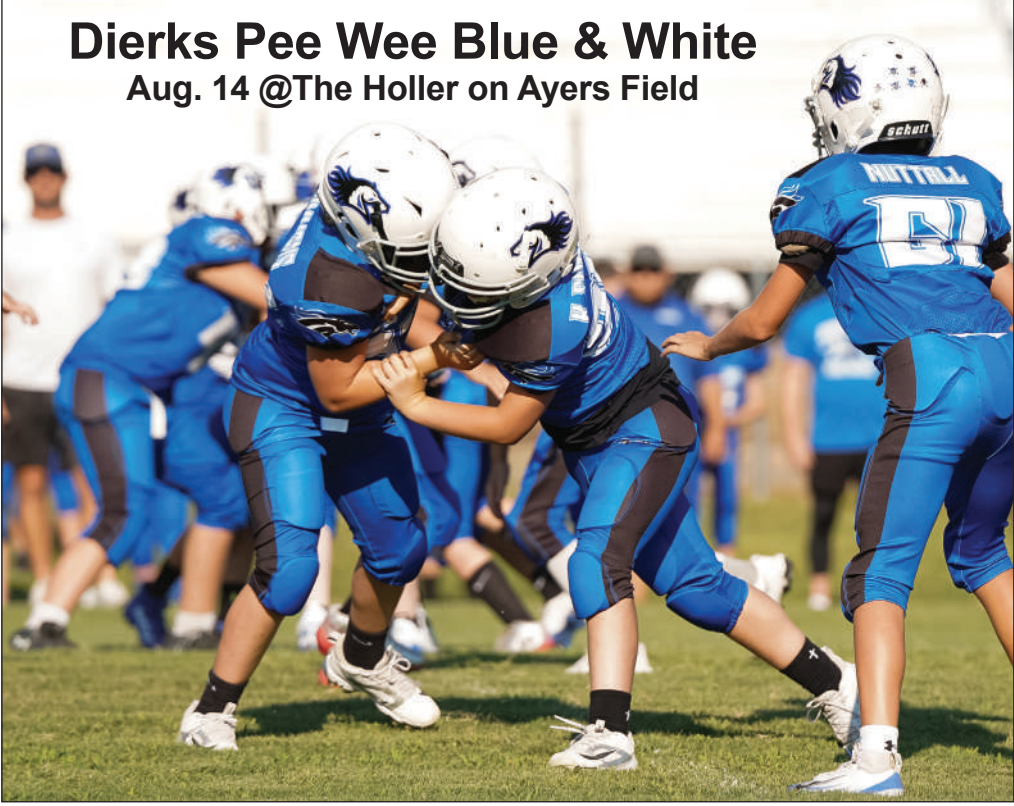
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Brent Pinkerton
Howard County Judge
August 8, 2025

This publication was paid for by the Howard County Judge. The amount paid for this publication is \$39.60. (HCJ: 8, 9)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: KENNETH WAYNE ACKLEY
31 PR-25-24

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 261 Old Center Point Road, Nashville
Date of death: July 25, 2024

An instrument dated May 20, 1998, was on April 21, 2025, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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 August 20, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: JOYCE LAVERNE BISSELL
31 PR-25-4

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 214 North Street, Nashville, Arkansas
Date of death: November 9, 2024

An instrument dated July 21, 1998, was on June 13, 2025, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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 August 13, 2025

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DIERKS OUTLAW HOMECOMING ROYALTY. The Dierks School District will host homecoming activities on Friday, Sept. 12 with the homecoming court to be reigned over by Queen Lilly Hogg. This year’s court includes (front from left) Sophomore Class Maid Payeton Bagley, Junior Class Maid Ally Sayre, Maid of Honor Ryleigh Simmons, Homecoming Queen Lilly Hogg, Senior Football Maid Carlee Mounts, Junior Football Maid Raylie Walston and Sophomore Football Maid Emma Manasco with senior football players (back from left) Thomas Salgado, Kolton Gadbury, Connor Bailey, Mason Smith (Co-Captain), Ben Ernest, Peyton Boeckman (Co-Captain), Alex Roberts, Brayson Talley, Russell Ramirez, Jaydon Chapman. The attendants are Briggs Kesterson and Avie Allen.

Dierks High School among ‘Friday Night 5G Lights’ sweepstakes finalists for stadium makeover

The Dierks Athletic Booster Club is reporting that Dierks High School has won \$5,000 in the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights sweepstakes and is now in the running for a complete football stadium makeover.

The social media contest is “a nation-wide competition that gives small-town high schools a chance to upgrade their football

stadiums with state-of-the-art technology, enhanced lighting and improved facilities,” according to promotional material.

“Our stadium has been the heart of Dierks for generations,” said Booster Club member Krystal Greene. “Friday nights under the lights brings our town together. Winning this contest would not only transform our facilities but also honor the pride and spirit

that define the Outlaws.”

Greene added, the opportunity goes far beyond a contest.

“It represents a chance to bring long-needed updates to the school’s stadium, creating a safer and more exciting environment for athletes, students and the entire community.”

Community support will play a vital role

in winning the contest.

“This is about showing the nation the heart of Dierks. We need everyone to rally behind our school, share our story, and cheer on the Outlaws as we compete for this incredible opportunity,” Greene added.

The online contest urges participants to tag posts @TMobile and use hashtags #FN5GL and #Sweepstakes.

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America 250 begins in Nashville schools

The America 250 patriotic observance was introduced to Scrapper fans during the Back-to-School Bash Aug. 8 at Scrapper Stadium

America 250 is a nationwide celebration to mark the 250th anniversary of signing of the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776. Events will be held in Nashville and across the United States starting this fall and continuing until July 4, 2026.

Locally, Nashville faculty and staff members had an early look at America 250 at their general meeting with Superintendent Doug Graham July 24.

Cheerleaders and football players entered the NHS cafeteria with American flags as Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" played.

During the Bash, football players and cheerleaders took the flags through the bleachers at Scrapper Stadium as fans stood and "God Bless the USA" played.

Stadium announcer Johnny Wilson told about America 250 and encouraged fans to participate.

"Our incredible Nashville High School football team and cheerleaders proudly paraded through the stands, waving the flags of our great nation," Wilson said.

"This moment, set to the melody of ['God Bless the USA'], was a powerful reminder of our shared values and patriotism as we kick off a new school year.

"As we celebrate America 250, we honor the spirit of resilience and determination that defines our beloved country.

"Just like our mascot, the Nashville Scrappers, who embody the fight and tenacity of a true champion, we carry that same spirit in our hearts as we face the challenges of the year ahead.

"This year's school district theme is 'Home of the Brave, Heart of a Scrapper,' and we're excited to cultivate a sense of community, pride and school



Flags line the stands at Scrapper Stadium Aug. 8 during the America 250 introduction at the Back-to-School Bash.

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spirit throughout the year. So, let's keep that energy alive tonight as we cheer on our athletes and show our Nashville Scrapper pride," Wilson said.

America 250 activities are planned throughout the academic year.



Seniors Madi Brinkman and Josie Clark lead the procession of American flags carried by cheerleaders and football players into the first meeting of the academic year for the Nashville School District faculty and staff July 31. "God Bless the USA" played and district employees stood as the students carried the flags around the NHS cafeteria as part of America 250, celebrating the Declaration of Independence.

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Football players and cheerleaders carry American flags into the stands Aug. 8 at Scrapper Stadium.

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Junior high Scrappers and cheerleaders watch the fireworks display at the Back-to-School Bash.

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After working through off-season, spring practice and summer drills, area football teams are set to begin the season. Many will play their first game during Zero Week on or before Aug. 29 and will have an open date during the regular season. Others will wait until Sept. 4 to begin. Arkansas Activities Association benefit games are underway this week. Nashville played at Hot Springs Lakeside Tuesday night, Aug. 19.

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