







**PIKE COUNTY CRASH SCENE MONDAY.** The damaged helicopter piloted by Anthony White remained at the crash scene off Fowler Road Monday afternoon awaiting arrival of Federal Aviation Administration officials.

# Helicopter pilot walks away from crash in Pike County

**By John Balch**  
News-Leader staff

A local helicopter pilot was miraculously unhurt but his aircraft was completely destroyed Saturday evening while attempting a landing in the Highland area of Pike County, according to Pike County Sheriff Travis Hill.

Hill reported the pilot to be Anthony White, who operates A&E Aerial LLC, along with wife, Emily. The crash happened Aug. 30 on the White's land off Fowler Road and involved White's helicopter reportedly striking a power line and then a guide wire during a night landing.

"I don't know how, but he walked away," said Sheriff Hill, adding that part of the guide wire was inside the

helicopter's cockpit.

Monday, the damaged helicopter remained at the crash site at the base of a utility pole.

The Arkansas State Police and Pike County Sheriff's Department responded to the crash scene and the accident was reported to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Hill said that possibly due to the Labor Day holiday, when county and state officials attempted to contact the FFA Saturday evening the phones were answered by an automated system. He noted that the only damage involved was to the aircraft and utility lines.

As of Tuesday morning at 10:00, the FAA had not listed any preliminary information about the crash on its

website.

According to the aircraft's identification number, the helicopter is a 2006 model built by the Robinson Helicopter Company and is registered with the FAA to A&E Aerial LLC with a Texarkana, Texas address.

A&E Aerial offers helicopter tours over Murfreesboro and Lake Greeson, as well as agricultural spraying and fertilizing and aerial hog hunts. The company has been in business since July 2023.

Monday morning, Emily White told the newspaper her husband was indeed uninjured and, at that time, FAA had yet to arrive on the scene. No other details were offered by the White family.

## Football contest underway with first winner of season

Pete Walker of Nashville was the winner of the first week in the newspaper's 2025 'picking' contest. He was correct on 8 of 10 picks, including Ohio State's upset of Texas.

His prize is a combo meal at Starz Family Restaurant.

Scores of the games in the contest:

- Murfreesboro 50, Centerpoint 22
- Fouke 41, Dierks 14
- Arkadelphia 17, Camd. Fairview 14
- Auburn 38, Baylor 24
- Ohio State 14, Texas 7
- Florida St. 31, Alabama 17
- Miss. State 34, So. Miss. 17
- Texas A&M 42, Texas San Antonio 24
- Arkansas 52, Alabama A&M 7
- Magnolia 30, Nashville 6



**WITH MINT FROM WASHINGTON.** At the Howard County Farmers' Market in Nashville, was Joseph Barry who brought a selection of mint from his garden located between Ozan and Old Washington

Howard County District Court			
<b>Aug. 21, 2025</b> <i>BF=Bond Forfeited</i> <b>Howard County</b> Camal, Meashyia Al-lazaeen, 25, Hope, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245 Iureskul, Anatolii, 40, Kingsburg, Calif., \$230 BF, speeding; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$245 BF, failure to appear Lopez, Fernando, 80, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt Ratliff, Nathan L., 36, Hot Springs, \$195 BF, driving left of center Rigsby, Nevaeh Grace, 22, Nashville, guilty of selling tobacco to minor, fined \$220 Smith, Charles, 36, Lockesburg, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,200 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245 Smith, Kevin W., 51, Mineral Springs, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course Thorne, Nicolas, 25, Delight, \$270 BF, speeding Wickliffe, Travis Allen, 32, Chelsea, Okla., \$240 BF, speeding <b>City of Nashville</b> Almond, Evertt G., 34, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,145 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245 Balleza-Turrubiartes, Ange, 33, Carrollton, Texas, \$260 BF, speeding Baton, Dillon M., 20, Texarkana, Texas, possession of marijuana, deferred adjudication for six months to dismiss, fined \$1,075; guilty of speeding, fined \$230; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285 Bennett, Charlie A., 59, Mineral Springs, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$45 BF, no seat belt Butler, Nykeistra, 28, Mineral Springs, \$345 BF, leaving scene of accident; \$215 BF, improper or prohibited passing Corbell, Robin Machele, 57, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt Couch, Cameron A., 31, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$125 Cox, Jenny, 52, Nashville, \$195 BF, running stop sign or light Eason, Tamarques, 19, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt Flowers Ervin B. Jr., 46, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,393 owed Green, Lesia, 56, Nashville, \$175 BF, parking in handicapped space Haddan, Peyton C., 24, Mineral Springs, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months Hamilton, Amanda, 29, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$185; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245 Jackson, Troy, 29, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260 Martin, Brandon Rashad, 38, Prescott, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,185 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245 Matlock, Alex, 64, Gary, Ind., \$260 BF, speeding McGoogan, Sheryl, 58, Nashville, guilty of theft by receiving, fined \$410 Mettie, Melissa, 38, Lockesburg, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course Moreno, Juan Antonio, 22, Ashdown, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$770 owed Riley, Charles R., 55, Ozan, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,150 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285 Sunderman, Aaron, 27, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt Thomas, Maneeya, 32, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345 Vaughn, Donnie Ray Jr., 27, Newhope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445 <b>City of Dierks</b> Barker, Carly Nicole, 33, Horatio, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445 Powell, Justin Keith, 44, Horatio, \$45 BF, no seat belt Wright, Tanner B., 31, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$260; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245 <b>City of Mineral Springs</b> Bevill, Adam, 42, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of fictitious vehicle tags/license, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$300 Marlow, Jason, 35, Mineral Springs, \$270 BF, disorderly conduct Martin, Brandon Rashad, 38, Prescott, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445 Morrison, Ashawntiara D., 28, Texarkana, guilty of speeding, fined \$255 Turner, Gareth K., 55, Mineral Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license or registration, fined \$395 Westbrook, Bridget D., 22, Siloam Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$95 <b>Bench Trials</b> <b>Howard County</b> Morris, Larry R., 44, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$855 owed <b>City of Nashville</b> Boarman, Jazmyne E., 19, Dierks, possession of controlled substance, deferred adjudication for six months to dismiss, fined \$1,075 Jackson, Jesse C., 26, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445 <b>City of Dierks</b> Cruz, Robert M., 63, Temple, Texas, leaving scene of accident, deferred adjudication for six months to dismiss Morris, Larry R., 44, Dierks, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50 Morris, Wanda S., 54, Dierks, 'no contest' plea entered to possession of controlled substance, fined \$500 and license suspended for six months <b>City of Mineral Springs</b> Michael, Christie Edith, 50, Oklahoma City, Okla., guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course			

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## Area beekeeping business partners with Hives for Heroes

A Washington, Ark., enterprise has announced its partnership with Hives for Heroes, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to sustainability, conservation, and providing support to the nation's heroes.

Hives for Heroes involves service members, veterans, first responders and their families by providing access to resources, funding, and a network of experienced beekeepers to enable them to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for beekeeping.

Kevin Nason, a Marine Corps veteran and co-owner of Southern Yankee Homestead, a local beekeeping business, has joined the Hives for Heroes mentorship program. Their invitation is to any local law enforcement, fire department, first responders, or veterans that would be interested in beekeeping.

For more information, email: SYHomestead2020@gmail.com

On Monday, Sept. 15

Good Ole #63

will be 82!

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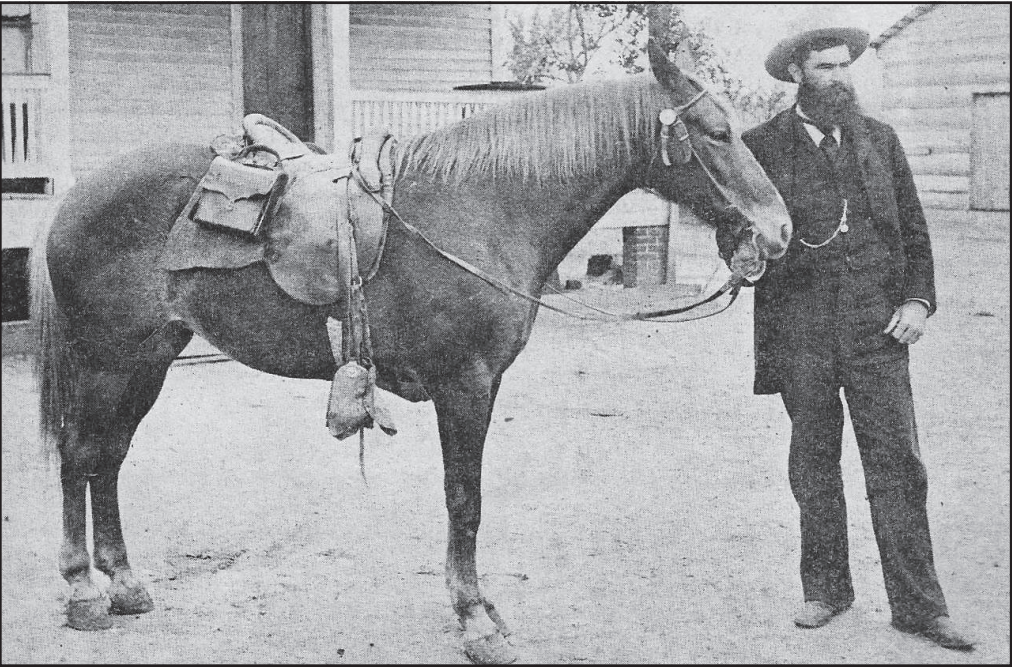


THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Dr. W. H. Toland, circa 1900

123 years ago: September 1902

A message was received this morning from a United States marshal at South McAlester, stating Zeb Hallman, who is wanted in this county for multiply criminal charges and has been at large for several months, has been captured at Eufaula, Indian Territory, and is now in jail. Hallman is the man who some time since stole a drove of horses in Sevier County and took them to the northern part of Howard County and traded them for a herd of cattle. Hallman formerly conducted a saloon in Sevier County.

Gov. Davis and a group of friends will leave Little Rock tomorrow at 1 p.m. in a special car over the Choctaw for Sayre, Okla., and Amarillo, Texas and other points in the West for the purpose of spending a few days shooting prairie chickens. Mr. L. E. Cowling of Washington will be with the party.

79 years ago: September 1946

The Elberta Theatre, latest addition to the K. Lee Williams chain of motion picture theatres, will open for its first show Sunday using “Centennial Summer,” a Technicolor film, for the opening feature. Located at the corner of Main and Hempstead streets in Nashville, the theatre building is 50x142 feet, and was originally a two-story structure.

Work is expected to continue until December. When rebuilding is finished, the Elberta will be one of the most modern and spacious motion picture theatres in Southwest Arkansas, and will have all the refinements usually found in the theatres of the largest cities.

(Adv.) New, Elberta Theatre Sunday Jean Crain and Cornell Wilde in “Centennial Summer” with Lana Turner, in Technicolor.

63 years ago: September

1962

Two completely new hardtops and three new station wagons feature Ford’s pace-setting middle weight line of Fairlane cars for 1963. The two new hardtop models capture the Thunderbird spirit with a lower profile. The new cars are on display at Nashville Auto here.

Soybeans lodged in a bin at a local feed mill fell on an employee Saturday injuring his back and side, but not seriously. L. D. Scantling, 33, was the injured man. Scantling said he was trying to dislodge some soybean overhead when a chunk fell on him.

43 years ago: September 1982

A state archeologist has examined a construction site on Hwy 71 near Ogden and determined the fragments of two caskets and human bones found are apparently part of a family burial plot estimated to be at least 100 years old.

## Two defendants receive trial dates

Trial dates have been set for two defendants who are charged here with a variety of sex crimes.

Setting the dates for pre-trial motions and jury trials was Judge Bryan Chesshir who was on the bench, Wednesday, Aug. 27, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

The two defendants included:

Justin Whisenhunt, 35, white male, Nashville who is charged with multiple counts of distributing, possessing, or viewing matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, class C felony. Whisenhunt has an Oct. 1 date for pretrial motions and an Oct. 13 date for jury trial. He pleaded not guilty Wednesday.

Katie Winer, 35, white female, Umpire, is charged with 1st degree sexual assault, class A felony; engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print medium, class Y felony. She pleaded not guilty and had dates set Nov. 19 and Dec. 16, respectively for motions and trial.

More trial dates

Also pleading not guilty

were:

Allan Markcum, 49, white male, Nashville, who is charged with violation of an order of protection. Motions will be heard Nov. 5. He also has a probation revocation hearing scheduled for Oct. 8.

Patrick Williams, 43, black male, Sherwood, Ark., has a Nov. 5 date for motions. Among his charges are possession of controlled substance, along with possession of weapon during a controlled substance event; felon in possession of firearm.

Kerry Reed, 53, white male, Dierks, has an Oct. 1 courtroom date for motions. He is charged with drug possession; simultaneous possession of drugs and firearm; felon in possession firearm.

One defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced.

Dannael McCray, 25, black female, Mineral Springs, was charged with theft of property connected with cash taken from the Dollar General store in Mineral Springs where she had been employed. In addition to a sentence of four years of probation, she must pay

a total of \$3,523 to Dollar General by a multi-month schedule set by the court.

A trial date of Sept. 9 was set for Edward Walker, 65, black male, Nashville, who was charged Oct. 3, 2024, with maintaining a drug premises, class C, and a class A felony charge of controlled substance possession.

An order for mental evaluation was issued for Phillip Janes, 35, white male, Dierks, who is charged with a terroristic act and 1st degree criminal mischief, class B and D felonies, respectively. His date for trial was continued to Nov. 5.

Failure to appear arrest warrants were issued for two defendants who missed court dates.

John Dynes, 50, black male, Nashville was charged May 13 with felon in possession of firearm, possession of controlled substance and furnishing prohibited articles.

Nick Lemons, 32, white male, Nashville, missed his court date for a charge of felon in possession of a firearm. His bond was revoked and will not be reset when apprehended.

## Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Aug. 21-27, 2025, unless noted otherwise:

Marriage Licenses

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

Aug. 21. Lucky Cole S. Larson, 28, Nashville, and Bobbi Lee Parker, 28, Nashville.

Aug. 25. Justin Wayne Swecker, 27, Texarkana, Texas, and Arlie Storm Richard, 27, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV25-98, Aug. 22. LVNO Funding LLC vs. Derek Brewer. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court

DR25-67, Aug. 21. Jorge L. Vargas vs. Diana Laura Hernandez Escobar. Paternity.

DR25-68, Aug. 26. Aleigha Fisher vs. Alvin Coulter, Jr. Divorce.

Criminal Court

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

CR25-76, Aug. 21. State of Arkansas vs. Patrick Dashad Williams, 43, black male, Sherwood; POCS, class B felony; POCS, class D; Felon in possession of firearm; weapons possession during substance offense, class Y.

CR25-77, Aug. 25. State of Arkansas vs. Brandon Michael Bruno, 45, white male, Prairieville, La.; weapons possession during substance offense, class Y; POCS, class D; resisting arrest and possession of controlled substance, both misdemeanors.

CR25-78, Aug. 25. State of Arkansas vs. Katherine Winer, 35, white female, Umpire; 1st degree sexual assault, class A; engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print medium, class Y.

CR25-79, Aug. 25. State of Arkansas vs. Justin Ray Whisenhunt, 35, white male, Nashville; 20 counts distributing, possessing or viewing sexually explicit images with children, each class C.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds

Aug. 21. Chad Lites and wife, Tammy Lites; to Chad Lites, Tammy Lites, Caitlin Collins and Cody Lites, Joint Tenants; part of Block 1, Murray’s 2nd Addition, and part of Block 18, Murray’s 1st Addition, all in the Town of Dierks.

Aug. 22. Jose L. Flores and Maria Sanchez Hernandez, husband and wife; to The Jose L. and Maria Sanchez Hernandez Living Trust; Lot 3 and part of Lot 4, Block 2, Rigsby Addition, Town of Nashville.

Aug. 25. Debra Holder; to Debra Holder; 3.19 ac. in S36 T8S R29W.

Aug. 26. Porshia Worley; to Jackie Don Worley; 4.21 ac., part of Block 20 in S19 T10S R27W, 1265 New Pine St., Mineral Springs.

Aug. 27. Linda Powell; to the Linda Powell Living Trust; property in S23 T9S R27W.

Beneficiary’s Deeds

Aug. 26. Gloria Wright Benson Goertz; to Michael Scott Benson; property in S25 T10S R27W.

Aug. 26. Jackie Don Worley; to Porshia Worley; 4.21 ac., part of Block 20 in S19 T10S R27W, 1265 New Pine St., Mineral Springs.

Warranty Deeds

Aug. 21. Colton Walker Swain; to Catherine Gail Davis and Colton Walker Swain as Joint Tenants; 0.46 ac., part of Block 4, Town of Saratoga, plus use of water well in adjoining property.

Aug. 22. Carol Ann Flowers, surviving spouse of

Henry Flowers, deceased; to Wynn A. Miller and Della J. Miller, as Co-Trustees of the Wynn A. and Della J. Miller Family Trust; property in S29 T11S R27W.

Aug. 25. Brandon Kyle Smith and Carrie Ann Smith; to Zachery Crawford and Journey Crawford, husband and wife; property in S35 T8S R28W. \$265,000.

Aug. 25. Rita Nell Simpson and husband, Clark Simpson; to Holly G. Couch; 0.92 ac. in S11 T9S R27W. \$3,000.

Aug. 25. Holly G. Couch, survivor of an estate by the entirety with Gary Eugene Couch, deceased; to Billy Wrinkle and wife, Lynn Wrinkle; 1.92 ac. in S11 T9S R27W. \$289,000.

Aug. 25. Clifton D. Ward and wife, Brenda K. Ward; to Kristopher McWhorter and wife, Jynson McWhorter; 13 ac. in S6/S7 T8S R28W. \$78,000.

Aug. 25. Charles Pierson and wife, Toni Pierson; to Steven Barbre; 3.07 ac. in S13 T9S R28W. \$132,800.


Aug. 26. Ricky Paul Pinkerton and Mariel Pinkerton, husband and wife; to Adam Charles Pinkerton, Hannah Pinkerton Starwalt, and Matthew Paul Pinkerton; properties in S7/S8/S18 T6S R28W.

Aug. 26. Kenneth R. Dove and wife, Donna P. Dove; to Todd Moore and wife, Kelly Moore; 3 ac. in S18 T9S R27W. \$60,000.

Aug. 27. (Corrected, Special) Janice Fontaine, aka Janice Jane Shurden; to Murline Bethel Jackson; 1.24 ac. in S32 T11S R27W.

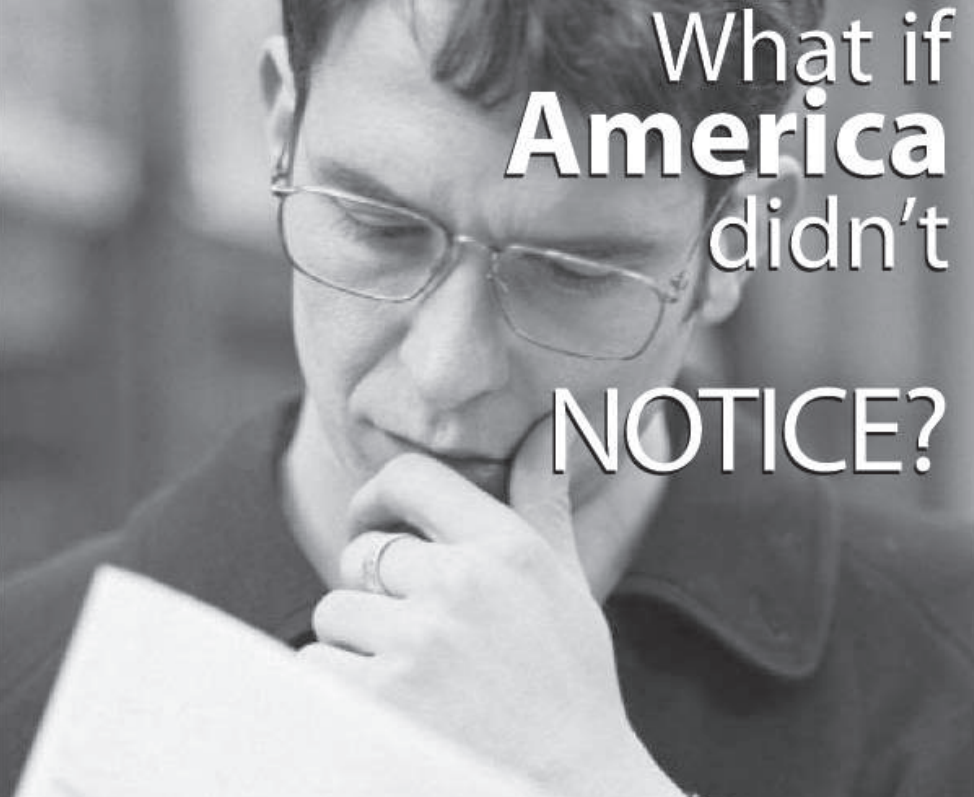
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# Point of view

## Fighting crime

### Did the targeted cities ask for President’s help?

AYES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I realize many of you have a different opinion of President Trump than mine.

I am frankly worried about him putting troops in cities that have not asked for assistance in fighting crime.

The main reason, in my humble opinion, is that the particular city or state did not support President Trump in his most recent Presidential election

He is a vindictive person, and he’s got the power to do just about anything he wants.

Except release the Epstein List.

Everything that I see or read is that the targeted Blue cities or states have lower crime rates than certain Red cities or states that DID support President Trump. Even so, he sends the troops to the Blue and not the Red.

I think that some of his cabinet appointments have been disastrous. Especially Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Health and Human Services.

I admit to being wishy-washy. I’ve voted for more Republican candidates than Democrats. Neither side would claim me.

I support border control and I use gender specific pronouns -- he and she.

But the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection and subsequent Presidential pardons have me wearing a blue Gulf of Mexico cap.

I hope we remain friends. We’re Americans.

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MORE FOOTBALL. I have resumed wrapping myself in the lofty mantle of #1 Fair Weather Razorback Football Fan, and this week I have predicted Arkansas State to win the long-awaited football matchup with the Hogs (see our contest in this newspaper issue).

It’s a longshot, I know.

In addition to my lingering negative confidence in the Hogs, I have a nephew who is an assistant coach at ASU. So, there is a blood connection.

In addition, I know that my sister will stop speaking to me if she sees me rooting for the Raz.....ks. So, I will root for the Raz.....ks whilst out of her sight.

After watching the Arkansas-Alabama A&M game, this past weekend, my clarity of judgment was obviously influenced by my own celebration resulting from the Texas and Alabama losses.

Those losses were against teams I normally root against -- Ohio State and Florida State, respectively. Hate ‘em. Usually.

But they were playing Texas and Alabama, respectively, so I got on the Buckeye and Seminole bandwagons, respectively.

Politics and football make for strange bedfellows. Someone once made that wise observation.

When it comes to the Raz.....ks, I am naturally pessimistic resulting from decades of being disappointed only a few weeks after sportswriters and sports broadcasters had me thinking National Championship.

This pessimism has extended to all sports including women’s gymnastics.

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FREE ADVICE. This is for those people like me who enjoy hard-boiled eggs and who are thinking about buying that device advertised on Facebook which hardboils six eggs at a time with no problem whatsoever. Just pour in some water, press a button, and walk away.

If it sounds too good to be true then it IS too good to be true.

Keep your money.

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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. I have run out of ‘thoughts and prayers’ following the most recent school shooting. I beg our national legislators to show the nation they are willing and able to at least talk about the issue of gun availability.

These awful acts are all too common nowadays, and I believe it is part of a national illness.

We -- meaning our state and national officials -- need to sit down and shout at each other about some solution that could save innocent lives. It would be a start.

It might not make the gun lobby happy.

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

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WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: What you think I said about President Trump was Clearly Misunderstood.

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HE SAID: “Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.” Pope John XXIII, religious leader

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SHE SAID: “Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.” Helen Keller, author, advocate and teacher

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek  
Revelations

By  
Louie Graves

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## School districts face soaring costs for insurance premiums, deductibles

**By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.**

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, superintendents and school boards will learn to adjust to a new system of property and casualty insurance.

It’s called SCIP for short. That stands for the State Captive Insurance Program that was created by legislation enacted earlier this year in Act 779 to create a new Office of Property Risk, which will manage insurance for schools, institutions of higher education and state-owned property.

Legislative sponsors, school administrators and officials at the state Insurance Department spent a long time writing the bill, and since its passage they have worked long days transitioning to the new system.

Severe weather events and damage they cause were the driving force behind Act 779, and its companion measure, Act 560. Dramatic increases in the cost of insurance was the reason that in 2023 the state distributed almost \$11 million to help school districts pay premiums. Many schools did not have viable options in the private insurance marketplace.

A consultant for the legislature

reported that insurance programs for Arkansas school districts had seen their premiums triple in cost between 2021 and 2024.

In short, the property insurance programs for public schools, state-supported institutions of higher education, and state-owned properties “are in a state of crisis.”

The legislature approved Act 779 to provide a long-term solution to ensure the stability of property insurance programs. The effect of natural disasters on the insurance marketplace resulted in the need for legislators to restructure and unify the insurance programs that previously covered schools, colleges, universities and state agencies.

For the current school year the deductible will be \$25,000 per occurrence, except if the school district has a total insured value of more than \$100 million. In that case the deductible is \$50,000.

The director of the new Office of Property Risk told legislators that his staff would continue working in the coming months to achieve the right balance between deductibles and premium prices. “If you want a lower deductible, you are going to have a higher premium,” he said.

Evaluations are continuing, so schools may see changes in minimum deductibles being phased in over the next couple of years.

Many properties owned by institutions of higher education have traditionally been undervalued and need to be reappraised by independent adjusters.

From last year to this year the deductible for athletic facilities at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville is increasing from \$250,000 to \$1 million per occurrence. If a single natural disaster damages the football, basketball and baseball stadiums, the university would have to pay only one deductible.

Earlier in August the Legislative Council approved the addition of seven new positions for the new Office of Property Risk. The new office is within the larger Department of Shared Services. The new employees will have salaries ranging from \$58,000 to \$87,000 a year.

The new SCIP insurance program concluded that the replacement value for Razorback Stadium Bud Walton Arena, Baum Stadium and a long list of other athletic facilities on campus would be \$1.37 billion.

## Congress acts to support veterans

**By U.S. Sen. John Boozman**

One thing all Americans can agree on is that those who have served our country in uniform deserve the best care and benefits we can provide in return for their sacrifice.

While representing The Natural State, I have been blessed to engage with countless Arkansan servicemembers and veterans, as well as their families. Their courage, dedication and resilience are inspiring.

Visiting with these heroes has a direct impact on my legislative priorities, and earlier this summer, I was pleased the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee passed legislation I authored with veterans and families in focus.

One frequent concern often brought to my attention involves the difficulties veterans experience when attempting to schedule and coordinate healthcare appointments.

That burden should be addressed, which is why I was proud to work with my colleague, Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH), to co-lead the Improving Veteran Access to Care Act.

This legislation would establish a centralized platform that streamlines the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) scheduling system while also allowing multiple visits to be arranged at one time, ultimately simplifying the process

and improving access and ease for our veterans.

Additionally, legislation I championed to expand the External Provider Scheduling Program (EPS) to reduce the time necessary for veterans to find and create medical appointments with community providers was also approved by our panel with strong support. Combined, these two bills prioritize empowering those who have served to take control over their healthcare with the help of shorter wait times and increased efficiency.

Combating the mental health and veteran suicide crisis has also been a longtime priority of mine. I am pleased my colleagues also advanced a measure to not only reauthorize, but expand the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program that I designed alongside Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) to provide essential funding for mental health outreach in veteran communities. Without action, funding for this crucial program was set to expire. Instead, we took a key step to continue and enhance this life-saving initiative.

Other significant measures I am championing were also approved by the committee. The Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2025 seeks to raise compensation and benefits rates so they keep pace with inflation, while the Fallen Servicemembers

Religious Heritage Restoration Act aims to identify and ensure American-Jewish veterans’ headstones correctly reflect their religious affiliation. Both bills demonstrate our dedication to upholding the dignity of the men and women of our armed forces and appropriately respecting their sacrifices.

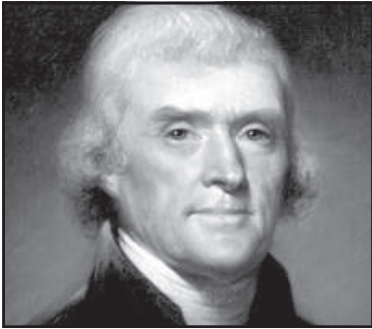
Fortunately, progress to support veterans is not limited to the work of our committee.

I was very encouraged by VA Secretary Doug Collins’ recent announcement that the department has set an all-time record for claims processing.

We owe former servicemembers the highest quality of care and service without delay, so it is heartening to learn the backlog of veterans waiting to receive earned benefits is down over 37 percent since late January.

The full Senate has also confirmed three more nominees for positions at the VA as we continue working with the administration to ensure leaders are in place to promote accountability and clear direction.

Taking care of veterans is not a partisan issue. It is our duty to honor those who have sacrificed so much for our nation’s safety and prosperity, and I am pleased to see meaningful progress in fulfilling the promises made to them with strong support from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle.



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# Bread

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Tyson Foods also kicked in \$100,000 toward the project, and former State Rep. Danny Watson was a big supporter, as Pinkerton hopes new State Rep. Dolly Henley will be, too.

On the building’s outside entrance is a new custom-made orange metal sign donated by longtime supporter and volunteer Cary Lott. Inside the Bread of Life building, Walton said, “everything you see is donations” with the exception of an industrial kitchen vent. All the furnishings were donated by Ivan Smith Furniture in Nashville.

Walton “guess-timates” the Bread of Life has served up 150,000 meals so far, averaging 800 meals

monthly with approximately 175-180 carry outs and the remainder dining in.

The service also currently has eight volunteer drivers who deliver meals to those in need, and, if available, sacks of groceries are distributed to those who dine in on Tuesday nights.

Walton said that before meals start at the Bread of Life, a short devotional is held with a goal of making everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

“Hugs and fellowship” are commonplace.

Bread of Life is also looking for sponsors this year that will each cover the cost of 200-250 carry out meals, which could include hot meals or sack lunches. Pinkerton said the estimated cost of a sponsorship is \$400-\$500.

Bread of Life is open every Tuesday evening for a 5 o’clock meal at 201 South

Washington, Nashville.

With the exception of utility and groundskeeping costs, all financial donations are used solely for carrying out the Bread of Life’s mission and dedication “to providing nourishing meals and support individuals and families in need.”

Food donations should include nonperishable items. Some items needed at Bread of Life include large carry-out trays, 55-gallon trash bags, utensils and cleaning supplies. The service also accepts clothing.

For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, contact Walton at (870) 557-8237, Pinkerton at (870) 845-7034 or visit the Bread of Life website.

Donations may also be mailed to:

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News-Leader photo/DON HALL  
Jaree Hall of Nashville and Neka Horton of Jackson, Tenn., visit at the Century Farm Winery.

# DHC

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One academy session will be held in person, with two others offered via Zoom.

Weeks presented the monthly financial report, which showed a balance of about \$51,750. “Payments are coming in on invoices,” Weeks said.

Board members talked about the feasibility study conducted earlier this year to determine if the Nashville area can support a new, 60-plus room hotel. The study determined that the facility would receive the necessary support.

A hotel developer has shown an interest in a Nashville location.

DHC will hold its annual meeting Oct. 23 at Midtown

Social. A meet and greet will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the business session at 6 p.m.

Board members present at the Aug. 27 meeting included the following: Britt, Harrison, Smith, Deb Marshall, Kelly Chambers, and *ex officio* members Gary Dan Futrell, Nashville Mayor Larry Dunaway and Howard County Judge Brent Pinkerton.

## Winery

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working farm has been in Bart’s family since the 1830s.

Designated a “Century Farm” by the state since it has been in the same family for more than 100 years, there are large fields of corn, cotton, and soybeans. And something else you wouldn’t expect—grapes.

Bart’s parents retired, and in 2004 they started the winery as a hobby.

His step-dad planted the first vine. Then another. And another. Until finally there were 10 acres of grapes.

Bart wasn’t around. He had graduated from college and moved to the midwest, working for several different companies in logistics.

While in Illinois, he met and married Neka. All was good, but then the land called him back to Tennessee.

“My mother-in-law hires an outside farming company to take care of the farm,” Neka says, “And we take care of the vineyard.” That’s a lot of vineyard, but Bart and Neka have three sons who grew up working in the family business. Two of their sons are now in college, and the youngest son, Miles, begins college this fall. His goal is to earn a degree in agri business, and then to return and eventually take over the winery.

And the winery is quite a business. In addition to the 10 acres of vineyards, there is a new, beautiful tasting room with a large sitting area inside and an even larger deck outside.

They’re open 7 days a

week and have live music and food trucks every other Saturday. You can find their hours of operation at [www.centuryfarmwinery.com](http://www.centuryfarmwinery.com).

“What would you like people to know about Century Farm Winery?” we ask Neka.

“We believe in great customer service,” she replies. “Everything is done in-house. We grow eight different varieties of grapes. My husband makes all of the wines, and I think he’s pretty good at it!”

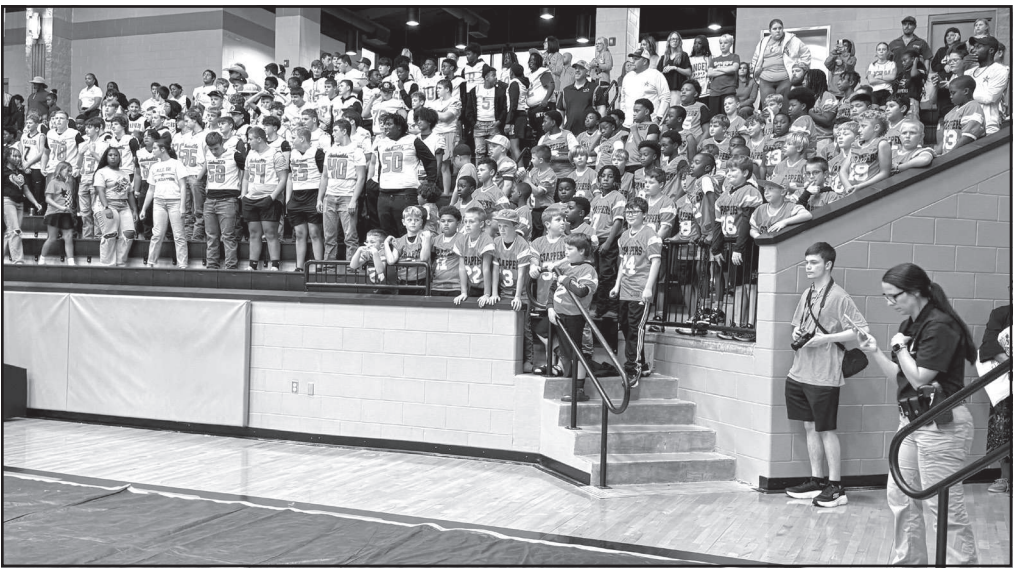
Stop by Century Farm Winery when you head to Nashville (the other one), but don’t be in a hurry.

Sit down, relax for a while, and get to know Neka and Bart. They are delightful, and they’ll make you feel like family.

You’ll have trouble leaving!



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER  
Members of the Scrapper band perform at the community pep rally Thursday night, Aug. 28, in Scrapper Arena.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER  
Current and future Scrappers and fans await the start of last week’s community pep rally. The event was held the night before the football season opened at Magnolia Aug. 29.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL  
A large deck is part of the Century Farm Winery in Tennessee. The winery is part of a 330-acre working farm that has been in Bart Horton’s family since the 1830s. The farm grows corn, cotton and soybeans and includes 10 acres of vineyards. Century Farm is located about a mile off Interstate 40 between Memphis and the “other Nashville.”

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### Hempstead/Highway, Hope, AR - \$1,450,000

**#25033022 :** Poultry operation in Hempstead County offers 10 house broiler farm on approx. 46 acres. Property offers a brick home with approx 1,650 sq ft of living space. Current Tyson Contract, two generators, two incinerators, extra fans, three wells, emergency rural water available, extra cool cells, poultry houses were totally updated in 2019. Some equipment and supplies will convey to new owner, including a tractor

and two farm trucks. Property also offers a 3 bed/2 bath mobile home. Contact our office for more details.



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**#25020261:** Poultry operation located in McCaskill, offers (2) 43x500 broiler houses built in 2020. situated on approx 76 acres includes a nice brick home w/approx. 1,764 of living space. Property has 1 large deep pond with 3 additional ponds, fenced and cross fenced for

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### LR 51, Foreman, AR - \$650,000

**#25012707:** 3 - 40x400 Broiler Farm, updated in 2022 situated on 40 acres, fenced for cattle with room to build more. Property includes litter shed, compost shed, generator with shed utility space, additional barn and storage. 10,000 gal water

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The Scrappers take the field for their first game of the season Friday night, Aug. 29, at Magnolia. The Panthers won the contest 30-6. Nashville will host the Hope Bobcats Friday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m.



Members of the Scrapper band play in the stands during the game last week at Magnolia. They wrapped up a busy week after playing at the "All In - All Scrappers" pep rally the night before. Klaire Hendry is the drum major. Jacob Happy is the NHS band director.



Scrapper fans await the start of the season last week at Magnolia.



Nashville students dressed in white, as requested by Coach Brad Chesshir, for the game Friday night.



Nashville High School cheerleaders perform at the first Scrapper game Friday night, Aug. 29, on the road against Magnolia. Erin Askew is the cheer coach.

# Season opener last Friday night at Magnolia

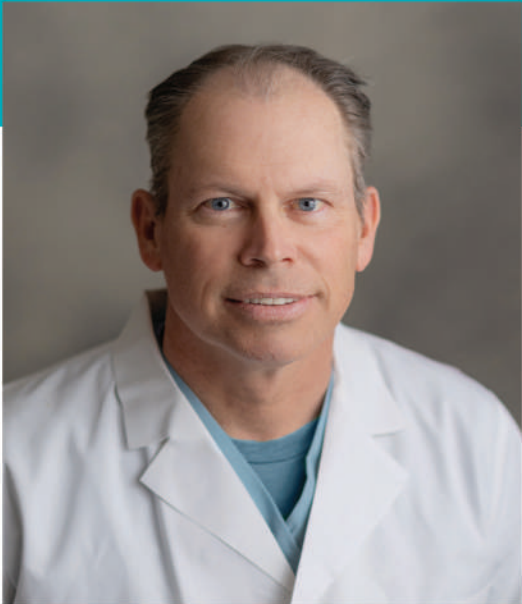
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# Scrappers fall to Panthers in opening game of season

**By John R. Schirmer**  
News-Leader staff

MAGNOLIA- The Nashville Scrappers opened the season with a 30-6 loss Friday night, Aug. 29, at Magnolia.

Miscues plagued the Scrappers throughout the game, including two turnovers and 46 yards in penalties.

During the handshake line at the end, a fight broke out between the teams.

The Nashville School District issued a statement Saturday about the altercation. The statement may be found on this page.

“This is not the way we want to represent our school and community,” Coach Brad Chesshir said of the incident Monday afternoon. “I’ve handled it internally. We want to learn from it and make sure it never happens again.”

As for the game itself, “Offensively, we never could get anything going,” Chesshir said. “We had one drive that scored” on a run by Tucker Dixon. The PAT was no good.

“On offense, you can turn on the film and see some good things, but there are more negatives than positives,” according to Chesshir. “When you lose the turnover battle and have negative plays, there’s a good chance you’re not going to win any game.”

The Scrapper defense “played well,” Chesshir said. “We gave up two passes, both touchdowns, and that’s on me. I put our safety in a bad position on both plays. Other than that, our defense played okay. We tackled well and held our ground up front. We controlled the line of scrimmage and found ways to get off the field,” including a goalline stand.

Defenders forced a Magnolia turnover on downs, but the Scrappers couldn’t





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Offensive coordinator Todd Ledford confers with quarterback Jacoby Hopson before Friday night's game against Magnolia. The Scrappers fell to the Panthers 30-6 in the first game of the season.

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capitalize on it.

“We got the ball in the red zone, then dropped one snap and another one got away. We shot ourselves in the foot,” Chesshir said. “We have to get a lot better this week on offense. We have to prevent penalties, move the football effectively and create explosive plays.”

Chesshir said the offense “was in quick sand” Friday night. “Nobody is more frustrated than I am. There’s not a kid to blame. I didn’t have them prepared to move the football. We have to have a good plan this week” and execute it.

Starting quarterback DJ Jefferson was lost for the season on an injury in practice last week. “With DJ going down and finding out the results that he’s out for the season a day before the game, that affected us. We have to have the next man up and be sure every kid is prepared,” Chesshir said.

“DJ worked so hard the last nine months. This is a tough time for him.”

Senior Karson Chambers took most of the snaps Friday night. Chambers, last year’s starter, moved to tight end and receiver for much of the spring, summer and fall camp.

He’s back at QB now, along with sophomore Jacoby Hopson.

The Scrappers “had a very good crowd Friday night,” Chesshir said. “I knew our people would show up. I apologize to our community and fans for not performing better than we did. Don’t give up on this team. We’ll continue to grow and improve our culture. These kids need your support. All In - All Scrappers,” he said, reiterating the theme for the season.

“Our coaches and players are all in. It’s easy when everything is going good. When adversity strikes, we need everybody to be all in,”

Nashville Scrappers		
Date	Opponent	Site
Aug. 29	Magnolia	L 30-6
Sept. 5	Hope	Home
Sept. 12	Dardanelle	Away
Sept. 19	Open	
Sept. 26	Arkadelphia	Away
Oct. 3	Fountain Lake	Home
Oct. 10	Bauxite	Away
Oct. 17	Ashdown	Home
Oct. 24	Haskell HG	Home
Oct. 31	Malvern	Away
Nov. 7	Genoa Central	Home

Murfreesboro Rattlers		
Date	Opponent	Site
Aug. 29	Centerpoint	W 50-22
Sept. 5	Fouke	Home
Sept. 12	Open	
Sept. 19	Genoa Central	Home
Sept. 26	Gurdon	Home
Oct. 3	Foreman	Home
Oct. 10	Dierks	Home
Oct. 17	Lafayette County	Away
Oct. 24	Junction City	Home
Oct. 31	Spring Hill	Away
Nov. 6 (Thurs.)	Mineral Springs	Home

Mineral Springs Hornets		
Date	Opponent	Site
Sept. 5	Bismarck	Away
Sept. 12	Fordyce	Home
Sept. 19	Quitman	Away
Sept. 26	Spring Hill	Away
Oct. 3	Junction City	Away
Oct. 10	Foreman	Home
Oct. 17	Gurdon	Away
Oct. 24	Lafayette County	Home
Oct. 31	Dierks	Home
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August 30, 2025

The Nashville School District wishes to address the events that occurred following last night’s high school football game against the Magnolia Panthers. As a school we will only address the conduct of our students. Unfortunately, we recognize that our student athletes engaged in behavior that was unsportsmanlike and unacceptable.

We want to be clear: this type of conduct will not be tolerated. On behalf of our district and our students, we sincerely apologize. We do not condone what occurred, and we are deeply disappointed in the actions that took place. While we recognize that young people make mistakes, this does not excuse behavior that fails to reflect the values of respect, sportsmanship, and integrity that we expect from our student athletes.

We are conducting a full investigation into the events following the game and will take the necessary steps to hold individuals accountable. This is not who Nashville is. This is not who our students are. As a school district, we will continue to set high expectations and ensure that such conduct is not repeated.

We extend our sincerest apologies to the Magnolia School District, their students, staff, and community. We also apologize to our own town, our community, and our fans. We are embarrassed by what occurred, but we are committed to turning this moment into an opportunity for growth.

At Nashville School District, we are proud of our students and believe in their potential. While they are not perfect, we will continue to work with families to guide them toward becoming responsible young adults who represent our schools and community with pride.

We remain committed to ensuring that our athletic programs and extracurricular activities reflect the very best of who we are as a community.

– Douglas Graham, Superintendent

– Ashley Riggs, High School Principal

– Bunch Nichols, Athletic Director

– Brad Chesshir, Head Football Coach

Dierks Outlaws		
Date	Opponent	Site
Aug. 29	Fouke	L 41-14
Sept. 5	Mountain Pine	Away
Sept. 12	Parkers Chapel	Home
Sept. 19	Open	
Sept. 26	Lafayette County	Home
Oct. 3	Spring Hill	Home
Oct. 10	Murfreesboro	Away
Oct. 17	Junction City	Away
Oct. 24	Foreman	Home
Oct. 31	Mineral Springs	Home
Nov. 6 (Thurs.)	Giurdon	Away

Arkansas Razorbacks		
Date	Opponent	Site
Aug. 30	Alabama A&M	W 52-7
Sept. 6	Arkansas State	LR
Sept. 13	Ole Miss	Away
Sept. 20	Memphis	Away
Sept. 27	Notre Dame	Home
Oct. 11	Tennessee	There
Oct. 18	Texas A&M	Home
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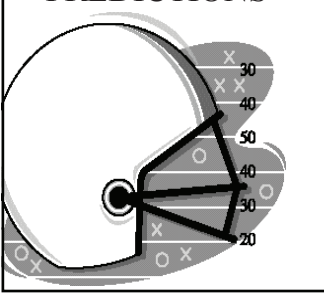


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Mineral Springs at Bismarck

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Arizona State at Mississippi State

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Coach Brad Chesshir and Coach Tyler Clift instruct the Scrap-pers Friday, Aug. 29, at Magnolia.

# Nashville News-Leader Football Contest

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# Rattlers win big in season debut

## Ready to host Fouke Friday

**By PJ Tracy**  
Murfreesboro Diamond

The Murfreesboro Rattlers opened their 2025 season with a 50-22 victory over the Centerpoint Knights last Friday night.

“It was a convincing win,” said Rattler head coach Jay Turley. “We feel good about it.”

However, of course the head Rattler feels there is still room for improvement.

“We still have some things to clean up ... we had some penalties stall some drives. Also, we need to clean up our screen game blocks – we should have broken two to three more big plays. If you’re not improving, you’re getting worse.”

After the Rattler shot out to a 22-0 lead after the first quarter, Centerpoint would score a touchdown before half to make the score 30-6.

“We allowed their only real drive in the third quarter,” Turley said after the Knights cut the lead to 30-14 in the third quarter. “We have to have more of a killer mentality with the lead,” he said of not letting teams gain any momentum.

However, Turley was complimentary of the team’s overall defensive effort.

“We played extremely hard – we often had 10 hats around the ball on almost every play – if we continue to play like that we can be successful.”

Turley said the team may have the two best defensive ends in conference – Logan Burris and Garrett Lamb. He said that fellow defensive linemen Corbin Hoover and Cameron Braden were getting confidence after a good game.

“We did a great job of controlling the line of scrimmage and tackled well. What we have to work on more is getting off blocks – we will start on that [Monday].”

In the game, the Rattlers held the Knights to 246 total yards on 60 plays (59 passing on 5/11 attempts and 187 rushing). The Knights were able to total 17 first downs, going 4/11 on third down efficiency and 2/4 on fourth down plays. Murfreesboro did force two Centerpoint turnovers, a fumble and a interception.

Centerpoint also returned a kickoff 60 yards for a touch-down in the fourth quarter.

He said that the passing game was improving but still needed some work.

“Koooper [Caldwell] had a big game, but would have had an even bigger game after some missing some open receivers and opting to try to fit a ball into a tight window. Otherwise, he played great on both sides of the ball. He avoids pressure well by sliding his feet and then setting to throw. Our receivers need to execute their routes better – they are improving – but we need to sit down in holes of the zone better.”

He said that Centerpoint was a blitzing team – and his team did well with most of them, but twice missed leading to sacks.

“Our running backs ran hard,” he said of Aiden Stinson, Alex Parker and Cale Humphry.

In the game the Rattlers ran 59 plays for 446 total yards (289 passing/157 rushing) with 18 total first downs. MHS was 4/8 on third down plays and 0/2 on their two fourth down gambles. The Rattlers did not commit a turnover in the game.

Centerpoint committed five penalties for 37 yards, while the Rattlers were flagged four times for 28 yards.

Caldwell was 21/32 on the night for 289 yards and three touchdowns passing and he would rush for another.



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Stinson had 69 yards rushing on nine attempts with a touchdown and would add 45 yards and a touchdown on five receptions.

Humphry rushed for 56 yards on five rushes with a touchdown on the ground and added a two-point conversion reception.

Parker gained 23 yards on two rushes and a two-point conversion.

Kale Burns led the receiving corps with 142 yards on six receptions with a TD and a two-point conversion.

Isaac Kuykendall (five receptions for 58 yards) and

Cayden Ballard (four receptions for 41 yards, TD) also made their mark on the game.

**Vs. Fouke**

This week the Rattlers will host Fouke on Friday night at home. Fouke defeated Dierks 41-14 last Friday night.

Turley said Fouke was a “good team, very physical” stating that the Rattlers would have to have a good week of preparation.

“They put 41 on Dierks – they have some explosive players and rely on the big play. They like to attack the defense and run the ball well.”

He said coach Buddy Ray would have the Rattler defense ready come Friday night.

“They run a spread offense -- a lot like us, and look somewhat like us on defense with the same four front,” Turley said of Fouke.

Turley said Fouke coach Jerry Littleton was doing a good job of coaching the team.

“They are not going to beat themselves ... they don’t turn the ball over. Much like last week against Centerpoint, we are going to have to win the game. We have to be able to control the line of scrimmage like we did last Friday night.”

He said the Rattlers should be “pumped” about playing in the first official home game of the season, he would caution his team against feeling too good about themselves after a blowout victory. “We can’t get the big head – it’s one week at a time. We have to get better every week. We played well last week, and I am proud of them ... but now it’s on to the next one.”

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- I am the "perfect" pet. I chase mice away. I may not get along with the dog!
- I have a long neck like a camel. My soft fur is used to make clothing and blankets. I can help carry things up mountains. I am calm, but watch out – sometimes I spit!
- If I am a rooster, I crow at sunrise. If I am a hen, I lay eggs.
- I might eat hay, grass, barley or corn. My milk can be made into butter, cheese, yogurt and ice cream. I even have a type of bell named after me!
- I have long ears and great hearing. I may freeze when frightened, then thump the ground to warn others.
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## Fouke Panthers muddy up Dierks opener

### Howard County Outlaws look to clean up for Friday's road game

The season got off to a muddy start for the Dierks Outlaws.

The Outlaws dropped their game Friday night at Fouke to the 7-3A Panthers, 41-14, on a messy night in Miller County that included the weather and Outlaw game plan execution, according to Coach Paul Ernest.

The team will hit the road again Friday, Sept. 5 to face 1-2A Mountain Pine. The Red Devils opened the season with a 28-16 loss to the Poyen Indians of 4-2A. The Dierks junior Outlaws will host Mountain Pine Sept. 4.

“We have to get better in all three phases,” said Ernest following the Panther win. “This group of seniors has taken their lumps through the years but they’ve shown up, put in work and have a chance to be better. Offensively, we need to eliminate negative plays and not hurt ourselves with drops and busted assignments. Defensively, we have to do a better job of securing the edge and tackling.”

The coach said he saw glimpses of what the Outlaws could be this season and acknowledged Fouke’s efforts in the win. “Fouke is a good football team and they executed well and beat our tails. We had a turnover on special teams and a couple penalties that hurt us but overall they were just better prepared and better coached than we were. We have to do a better job of disguising or masking our deficiencies or take some chances to help in those areas.”

Ernest said he expects practice to be “more focused on corrections and moving forward than anything else. We have to make sure the hangover from Fouke doesn’t get us beat by Mountain Pine.”

Dierks gave up more than 300 yards of offense at Fouke while their offense gained 176 total yards with 142 on the ground and 34 yards passing. Maclane Smith rushed for 93 yards and one touchdown and had 19 yards passing while Drake Thatcher rushed for 72 yards and scored one TD.



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**OUTLAWS@FOUKE FRIDAY NIGHT.** (Above) Dierks Quarterback Maclane Smith takes the snap from center Brayson Talley; (below) Outlaw offensive linemen Cooper Smith (#66) and Treven Hill (#50) clear a patch for runner Drake Thatcher.



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# Pike County teen sentenced

A Glenwood teen was sentenced on Aug. 25 in Pike County Circuit Court on an amended charge of making felony threats and possessing of a defaced firearm. Kaiden Evans, 18, was original charged in February with intimidating a witness but plead guilty to an amended charge of terrorist threatening and the firearm charge. He was sentenced by Judge Bryan Chesshir to a total of six years in the Arkansas Department with two years suspended. The charges stem from an Arkansas State Police investigation in December 2024 involving a home at 625 South Second Street in Glenwood that had been shot at least 15 times while occupied by Kierra Stenstrom,

who was hit in the upper torso. The victim’s injuries were described as non-life threatening, according to case information. On Jan. 31, Evans was arrested in relation to the shooting case after state police found a Taurus Millennium G2 handgun that had its serial numbers scrapped off. The charge of terroristic threatening was filed after Evans admitted to texting a potential witness in the case, Lindsey Brooks. Also on Aug. 25 in Pike County court, Brianna Vanauken, 43, of Glenwood, plead guilty to possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to six years of probation and fined \$2,500 plus court costs.

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All written comments will be carefully considered, and no action concerning the project shall be taken until the agency has completed an environmental review and issued a final decision. The Final Environmental Assessment will be made available and underlying documentation may be examined upon request. (FSB: 10, 11)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION**

**DEERE & COMPANY, PLAINTIFF**  
**VS. No. 41CV-25-74**  
**CLINT D. LANSDELL, DEFENDANT**

**WARNING ORDER**

**TO THE DEFENDANT: CLINT D. LANSDELL**

You are hereby warned that a Complaint for Replevin and Other Relief (the “**Complaint**”) seeking an *in personam* judgment against you and possession of the following described equipment to wit:  
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has been filed and you are to appear in this Court within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of the Warning Order and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff wherein the property to be affected is located in Little River County, Arkansas:

Your failure to file a written answer within thirty (30) days may result in the entry of a judgment by default and bar you from answering or asserting any defense you have.

Given under my hand and seal this 27 day of August, 2025.

**Bryan L. Chesshir**  
**LITTLE RIVER COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE**  
Submitted By:  
Randy L. Grice  
Hilburn & Harper, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 5551  
N. Little Rock, AR 72219  
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Attorneys for the Plaintiff  
(HH: 11, 12)

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(BD: 11)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE IRENE KIRBY, deceased NO. 31PR-25-47**

Name of Decedent: MARJORIE IRENE KIRBY  
Last Known Address: 209 Kirby Rd, Dierks, Arkansas 71833  
Date of Death: December 4, 2024

**NOTICE OF AFFIDAVIT FOR COLLECTION OF SMALL ESTATE BY DISTRIBUTEES**

On the 6th day of August, 2025 an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributees was filed with respect to the estate of, MARJORIE IRENE KIRBY, deceased, with the clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas under Arkansas Code Ann §28-41-101.

The Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributees described the following real property located in Howard County, Arkansas:

Legal description: The South ½ of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ ) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ ) Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 29 West, Howard County, Arkansas, containing 20 acres more or less. All persons having any claims against the estate of, MARJORIE IRENE KIRBY, deceased, of 209 Kirby Rd, Dierks, Howard County, Arkansas 72833 shall exhibit them, promptly verified, to the distributee or his/her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.

The name and mailing address of the distributee is, JANIE R. LOYD, 2093 Cherry Rd, Cabot, AR 72023. This notice first being published on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

Janie R. Loyd 2093 Cherry Rd, Cabot, Arkansas 72023

(PNA: 10, 11)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Howard County is now accepting bids on Asphalt and Chip & Seal jobs for approximately 4 miles of Howard County Roads.

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Howard County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Brent Pinkerton, Howard County Judge

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Scrapper defenders Jaydon Wiliamson (50), Abari Williams (33) and Brayden Erby (20) tackle the Magnolia Panther during the season opener Friday, Aug. 29, in Magnolia. The Panthers won the game 30-6.

# Scrappers fall to Panthers in first game of '25 season

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Karson Chambers runs the ball for a big gain Aug. 29 against Magnolia. Chambers, who played at tight end and receiver in 7-on-7 and fall camp, was the Scrapper quarterback for most of the game following an injury earlier in the week to DJ Jefferson.



Tucker Dixon (2) gets the ball over the goalline for the Scrappers' only touchdown of the night against Magnolia. Dixon rushed 13 times for 66 yards and the touchdown. He also caught three passes for 15 yards.



DaVonte Gilliam (3), Josh Walker (16), Hayden Gray (7), De'Shawn Hawkins (68) and Abari Williams (33) converge on the Magnolia ball carrier in the first game of the season Aug. 29.

Magnolia 30, Nashville 6

### Up next

Junior Scrappers @ Genoa Sept. 4 -  
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# ‘All In’ at Scrapper pep rally

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Nashville Primary School kindergartners lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the community-wide “All In - All Scrappers” pep rally Thursday night, Aug. 28, at Scrapper Arena. The pep rally also included performances by the junior and senior high cheerleaders, high school band and a speech by Coach Brad Chesshir, who introduced the “All In” theme for the season.



The pep rally concludes with the Nashville High School Alma Mater led by the junior high and senior high cheerleaders and the high school band. The event was held at Scrapper Arena.



Pee Wee Scrappers cheer as the senior high team enters Scrapper Arena for the pep rally.



Drum major Klaire Hendry leads the Scrapper band at the community-wide pep rally Aug. 28.



Junior and senior high cheerleaders perform Thursday night, Aug. 28, during the pep rally to kick off the new football season.

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Abari Williams, Nashville

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