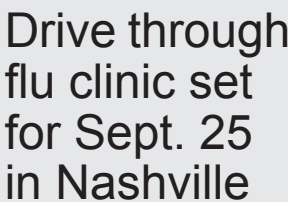


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# MS church soup kitchen to be open on Sept. 24

For more information,  
call 870-451-4441.



The drive through will be around the Farmers' Market shed with both entrance and exit on South Front St. The event is sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Health.

# Farmers' Market to be open Friday

Come shop, learn more about local health resources, and support your community's farmers and makers!



News-Leader photo/CONNIE CASTLEBERRY

**CHURCH FOOD MINISTRY.** Volunteers Lynne Cooley and Lori Harrison help with Harvesting Hope, a food ministry launched earlier this month at First United Methodist Church of Nashville. The church will distribute fresh fruits and vegetables monthly. Individuals may choose from a variety of items in the church's fellowship hall. About 25 families picked up fruits and vegetables at the first distribution. The next date for Harvesting Hope will be Oct. 14. Anyone who would like to participate should contact the church office on Oct. 12 at 870-845-3030 and leave a message.

# District 7-4A race to open at Arkadelphia on Friday night

Coming off the 28-26 loss at



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

"They're a team with a lot of experience from the state

It will be "tough to move the football on them," Chesshir said. Arkadelphia played a tough

non-conference schedule, according to Chesshir. The Badgers defeated Class 5A Camden Fairview and Hot Springs Lakeside before beating Class 6A Lake Hamilton. "They got a lot better in those three games," Chesshir said.

See **Game** • Page 5A

# Classic burgers at Hope restaurant

What you'd call the decor when you step inside is anyone's guess, but it's comfortable, homey and reminiscent of the '70s and '80s, and you didn't come here for the decor anyway.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

It's not fast food, but once you

Cooked on a griddle with all the

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# City council members hold brief meeting

Alderman William Turley asked that the issue be tabled for consideration at the October council meeting.





# Obituaries



**John “Matthew” Stone**  
John “Matthew” Stone, 51, of Mineral Springs, Ark., affectionately know as “Big John” or “Chew” to his close friends, passed away on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025. He was born on Sept. 4, 1974, in Longview, Texas, to Larry J. and Patricia Stone.

Matthew was a 1992 graduate of Nashville High School. In his early years he worked with his father at NRS Consulting Engineers, before starting his own business, MS Auto Sales.

Matthew enjoyed all outdoor activities, but his favorite was deer season when he got to hang out with his buddies, run dogs, and enjoy life. He was truly a people person. He was happiest when he was spending time with his wide circle of friends. He loved to cook, and fire up the grill or smoker. His favorite place to be was in his pool house watching ballgames, telling stories, entertaining, and “trying” to karaoke.

Matthew is proceeded in death by his father, Larry J. Stone, and his dear friend Carroll Powell.

He leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Mandi Gaddis Stone, and one son, Connor Stone of Mineral Springs, Ark., his mother, Patricia Stone of Hot Springs, Ark., one brother, Jeremy and wife Amy, of Hot Springs, Ark., one nephew, Jackson Stone, one niece, Reagan Stone, his father-in-law, Robert Gaddis of Mineral Springs, Ark., along with numerous close friends who were like brothers to him and will miss him dearly.

Matthew loved his family more than anything in this world. He met the love of his life, Mandi in 1998 and they were married Feb. 26, 2000. He loved Mandi with all his heart and for over 25 years built a life with his best friend.

If you ever asked Matthew when the best day of his life was, he would tell you Jan. 17, 2003. This was the day his son, Connor, was born. From the first moment he laid eyes on Connor

his life changed. Matthew loved to spend time with his son, and loved him more than life itself.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at 10 a.m., at Bluff Springs Cemetery in Mineral Springs, Ark. The family will greet visitors 30 minutes prior to the service under the pavilion beside Bluff Springs Church.



**Shirley Yvonne Head Eudy**  
Mrs. Shirley Yvonne (Head) Eudy, age 88, passed away Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, in Hot Springs, Ark. She was born on Jan. 18, 1937, in Norman, Ark., to parents, Raymond George Head and Verna Sylvia (Fountain) Head.

Shirley was a high school graduate of Norman High School, from there she went on to obtain a nursing degree and became an LPN. She was a proud member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Mrs. Shirley Eudy was a longtime member of United Methodist Church and was involved in many local organizations. Organizations like the Ouachita Artist Guild of Mt. Ida also volunteered her time at the Heritage House Museum of Montgomery County, as well as the Norman Public Library. Shirley also took great pride in her role as “bonus mom” to her nephews, Darrell and Alan.

Mrs. Shirley Yvonne (Head) Eudy was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Charles Leo Eudy; brothers, Charnoch Head, George Head, and Eddie Head; and by her sister, Gracie Bea Evans. She is survived by her daughter, Renee Black and husband Jeff; son, Michael Eudy and wife Nicole; grandchildren, Samantha Black Menley and husband, Dalton, Charles Wheeler Eudy, and Jazmine-Rose Eudy; brother, Paul Head and wife Carolyn; special nephews, Darrell Roden and wife Audrey, Alan Roden and wife Linda; as well as by a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, other family, and friends too numerous to mention.

Private burial services for Mrs. Shirley Eudy are entrusted to Beasley-Wood Funeral Home. In lieu of

flowers the family asks you to send donations to the Historic Norman High School in Mrs. Shirley’s honor to the following address: P.O. Box 226 Norman, Arkansas 71960.



**Johnston Wayne Ponder**  
Mr. Johnston Wayne Ponder, age 79, passed away peacefully on Sept. 15, 2025.

Johnston was born in Nashville, Ark., to Henry Ponder and Martha Johnston.

He is survived by his sons, Daniel Ponder (wife Elaine Ponder) and Erik Ponder (wife Juana Ponder), and his daughter, Sandra Ponder. He also leaves behind cherished grandchildren: grandsons Dmitry Ponder, Morgen Ponder, Avery Ponder, Martin Omar Martinez, Aaron Ponder, and Alexander Ponder; and granddaughters Emma Ponder, Lydia Ponder, Ashley Martinez, and Aisha Martinez. Johnston was also blessed with five great-grandchildren.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Ponder and Martha Johnston.

A family viewing will be held on Friday, Sept. 26, 2025, from 6-7 p.m. at McDougal Funeral Home - Chapel, Taylorsville, Utah, followed by the Rosary from 7-8 p.m.

Funeral services will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at 11 a.m. at McDougal Funeral Home, with Father Robin Cruz officiating.

Burial will be Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. at Unity Missionary Baptist Cemetery in Nashville, Ark.



**Carolyn Denise Scoggins**  
Among the wonderful things that were happening in the Fall of that year, just as the leaves began changing colors and gently falling to the ground, something wonderful happened. On Oct. 27, 1964, Carolyn Denise Scoggins was born. She was born in Nashville, Ark., to Frances F. Scoggins, a good mother whom she loved and cherished.

Carolyn was a wonderful person who was known and loved by everyone that she met. She liked to laugh and she loved to have fun. Yes, she lived to meet new people and to make new friends. And people loved her. Most people simply knew her as “Minnow”. She had a loving

and contagious personality that naturally drew people to her.

Carolyn Scoggins attended school in Nashville and was a proud graduate of Nashville High School. Among the places that she worked were Poulan, James Hardie (Briar Plant), Howard County Health Unit, and Nashville Public Schools. She formed a lot of long-lasting friendships with many people at those places.

Mostly, she really enjoyed her work at Nashville Public Schools because of her coworkers and the children that she interacted with. There, she was known simply as “Ms. Carolyn”.

She made some very special lifetime friends that have greatly assisted our family in this very hard and trying time. Our family would like to thank all of you.

In 1987 she met Earl Lollis and they were together until her death. Later, in 1992 AmberShanae Lollis was born to her and Earl. Carolyn was a wonderful mate for Earl and a loving mother to Amber, as well as a dedicated grandmother to Carter Nolen.

In between those years, Carolyn was able to enjoy her favorite pastime, playing softball.

She was a really good player for the ZodiacQueens. She often talked about those being the best times of her life. Her teammates were still also very dear to her and the best of friends.

They have also been helpful to our family as we mourn her loss.

She always tried to be the best sister that she could to her oldest sister Phyllis and her youngest sister Juanita. And she did just that. She was the best sister ever. She cherished her niece, Chasity, and her nephew Brandon, like they were her own children. That’s because she loved family. We will all miss her very much.

As we think of Carolyn, we rely on and meditate on Jesus’ words at John 5:28, 29 where he says -- “Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.”

Carolyn Denise Scoggins passed away on the morning of Sept. 17, 2025. Her death was very sudden and unexpected. She will truly be missed and we will never forget her. We did not have to search for the words to write here. We simply described her and her life. It was a life well lived.

Among the loved ones left to remember her are her immediate family -- Frances F. Scoggins (mother), Earl Lollis (Mate), her daughter Amber Lollis-Nolen (Rondon), Carter Nolen (grandson), her sisters Phyllis Williams (Ricky) and Juanita Sledge, Brandon Sanders (nephew) and Chasity May (niece). She is also survived by three aunts. Willie Mae Cook, Mary Morrison, and Shirley Scoggins.

Those preceding her in death are Paris Scoggins Jr. (father) Ricky Lynn Scoggins (brother), two sisters Sadie Ruth White, and Pamela Scoggins. Her surviving extended family members are Frances Hughes (Leo), Peggy Sue Pryor, Regina Mae Hogle (Earl), Shirley Brewer, and Anna Sue Sanders (aunt).

Carolyn is also survived by a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, brother-in-law’s and sister-in-laws. She also had many close friends, all too numerous to mention. But know that all of you are equally important.

One last thought. As we celebrate Carolyn’s life, we remember that she loved “The Blues”.

She really liked to listen to one of Johnny Taylor’s songs called “Last two Dollars”.

She would always jokingly say something about her last two dollars. Who will ever be able to forget that if she didn’t call you “Sugar” she called you Baby”!

Funeral service will be 1p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at Scrapper Arena, 1301 Mt. Pleasant Dr. Nashville, Ark. She will lie in state 11:30-12:30 prior to the service. Everyone should be seated by 12:45. Interment will be at Graves Cemetery.

## Immanuel Baptist Church to celebrate 100th anniversary Oct. 5

Immanuel Baptist Church of Nashville will celebrate its 100-year anniversary Sunday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m.

The service will include special guests former staff, special music by Measure of Grace, and a catered meal.

“It will be a day of friendship, fellowship and worship,” the church said.

The public is invited to attend.

## 144th Camp Meeting set at Athens church

For the 144th year, the annual Camp Meeting will be held at Mt. Zion Church in Athens.

The camp meeting will be from Sunday, Sept. 28, through Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Services are at 7 nightly, and there will be a different speaker each night.

The public is welcome.

## Ken Young ‘Classic’ scramble golf event is HCCC fund-raiser

The biggest fund-raiser of the year for Howard County Children’s Center -- the HCCC Ken Young Classic golf tournament -- will be Saturday, Oct. 4.

The tournament is named for Ken Young, the late Tyson human resources officer who co-founded the original tournament almost 40 years ago.

The tournament is played on the 18-hole golf links at the Nashville Country Club, and is sponsored by Tyson Foods.

The tournament is a four-person ‘scramble’ event, and prizes will be given to teams which finish best in real score and handicap score.

Tee times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Golfers will enjoy breakfast, lunch and a dinner and auction. For more information call 870-845-1211.



**MORE THAN MUSEUMS.** Freddie Horne, president of the Howard County Historical Society spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club, last Wednesday, about the society’s two museums, vintage firewagon and special collections. The organization relies upon grants, membership fees, and income from last week’s annual Pack the Park Car Show. Membership in the society is \$20 annually. He lauded the society’s board members and volunteers: “We’ve got good people in the right places.” The Rotary Club meets at noon on Wednesdays in Room 101 at UA-Cossatot. Last week the club welcomed new member Bobby Miller.

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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



Lockesburg Quilting Club 1978 includes, from left, Mrs. Viola Fatheree, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Mrs. Annie Cannon, Mrs. Lettie Harris, Mrs. Kate Smith and Mrs. Hyta Lou Brown.

123 years ago: September 1902

Mrs. John Brewer and her daughter, Addie Porterfield, were the defendants in a slander case in a magistrate's court in Muddy Fork township, Pike County, yesterday; and Miss Mattie Lay, a young lady who has always borne an excellent reputation, was the prosecuting witness.

A few days since Mrs. Brewer charged her husband with sustaining improper relations with the young lady mentioned and told him that relatives of the girl were going to shoot him on sight.

Brewer got gun shy and skipped the country and Miss Lay swore out a warrant against Mrs. Brewer and her daughter, Addie Porterfield, charging them with slander.

People who know Mr. Brewer say he does not look like a masher and that Mrs. Brewer's claim that women just cannot resist his charms is entirely imaginary.

79 years ago: September 1946

The Nashville Scrappers together with their dates were entertained with a buffet supper Friday evening after the Nashville-Magnolia game at the home of Coach and Mrs. Lester Bradley on South Main Street. The home was decorated in autumn flowers, and the menu consisted of chicken spaghetti, pickles, potato chips, ice cream and coke.

Tickets for the Dierks-Nashville football game at Scrapper Field Friday night are on sale at the Drug Stores all day Friday for the convenience of the fans who do not wish to wait in line at the ticket window at the field.

63 years ago: September 1962

By Christmas or early 1963, the Barite Plant in Howard County will be in operation.

Financial difficulties closed down the plant last year, but a new organization has been formed to operate under the name

of Minark Company with Harry Metcalf the general superintendent.

Metcalf told a *News* staffer that a period of rearranging the equipment plus some modifications would require approximately three months.

43 years ago: September 1982

Local businesses have taken a cautious approach in the wake of seven deaths attributed to cyanide-laced Extra-Strength Tylenol in the Chicago area. Many local firms began removing the product from shelves when word came last week of the deaths.

A chain-wide directive from Wal-Mart instructed its stores to remove all Tylenol products from its shelves. Charles Moore of M & W said he removed the product when news stories began linking the product to the deaths in Chicago.

Piggly Wiggly stores pulled the product and pharmacies followed in removing the product.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Sept. 11-17, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

Marriage Licenses

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

No marriage licenses issued during this period.

Civil Court

CV25-104, Sept. 11. Citibank vs. Kyle L. Slayton. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court

DR25-73, Sept. 11. Cassandra Cox vs. Caleb Lamphier. Order of protection.

DR25-74. Sept. 12. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Jy'myn S. Cooper. Support.

Criminal Court

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

CR25-83, Sept. 11. State of Arkansas vs. Magdalena Elizabeth Kerns, 19, white female, 115 E. Runnels, Min-

eral Springs; 1st degree terrorist threatening, class D felony.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deeds

Sept. 15. Larry Barnett and Mary Barnett, husband and wife; to Brent and Katie Hostetler; property in S13 T9S R28W.

Deed of Trust

Sept. 12. Jeremy Louis Parker and wife, Casey Renee Parker; to Red River Employees Federal Credit Union; 1.58 ac. in S26 T8S R28W.

Redemption Deeds

Sept. 12. State of Arkansas; to Stephen L. and Kathy J. Linville, Nashville; Lot 2, Block 1, Chapel Hill Estates, aka 1865 Mt. Pleasant Drive, Nashville; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$2,689.44.

Warranty Deeds

Sept. 12. Cynthia Lea Duncan; to Gregory Chance Reed and wife, Sydney Alexandra Reed; 78 ac. in S1 T9S R28W, plus access road 0.504 ac. \$351,000.

Sept. 12. Terry Lee Holbrook and wife, Deanne

Holbrook; to Dana B. Newberg and Don Newberg, Trustees of the Dana B. Newberg Revocable Trust; aggregate 8.006 ac. in S1 T9S R27W. \$10,000.

Sept. 12. (Special) Utley Family Partnership, Ltd.; to Loyd Woodruff and wife, Denise Woodruff; 2 tracts; Lots in Blocks 1-2-3 Glendale Addition, City of Nashville; and aggregate 18.8 ac. in S35 T9S R27W. \$149,500.

Sept. 12. Damon J. Peebles and wife, Crystal M. Peebles; to Diane Anderson; aggregate 57.39 ac. in S3 T9S R27W. \$552,000.

Sept. 16. Danny White and Betty White, husband and wife; to Bryan Mounts and Amy Mounts, husband and wife; Lot 7 and part of Lot 8, Block 12, Holly Addition, Town of Dierks. \$18,000.

Sept. 17. Sharon Elaine Bearden (fka Sharon Bearden, through her attorney-in-fact, Matthew Bearden; to Jesse Woodrow Edge; Lot 14, Timberlane Unit 1 Subdivision, Howard County. \$74,000.

Plea entered via video

One defendant gave his plea via video from the Sevier County Jail last Wednesday, Sept. 17, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

On the bench was Judge Bryan Chesshir.

Defendant Bobby Murphy, 46, white male, Hope, was charged earlier in 2025 with possession of a controlled substance, class D felony. He pleaded guilty, Wednesday.

His sentence was six years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) to run concurrently with his sentence on a charge from Sevier County.

Sentences

Four other defendants pleaded guilty, true or no contest to felony charges, and learned their sentences.

The 'no contest' plea was by Christopher Wright, 39, white male, Nashville, who was charged in early 2024 with 3rd degree domestic battery, a class D felony. He was sentenced to take anger management treatment, was fined \$1,500 and has five years suspended imposition of a sentence.

A guilty plea was given by Ryan Holland, 47, white male, Shreveport, La., who was charged with class B felony possession of controlled substance. A misdemeanor charge was dropped in return for the felony guilty plea.

He was fined \$2,500 and was sentenced to three years of probation. He was also sentenced to time already served for another misdemeanor.

Andrew Alexander, 19, black male, Nashville, was convicted in 2024 for breaking or entering. He was charged this time with failure to meet the terms of probation on that conviction. His probation was extended one further year, and he must serve 120 days in a regional punishment facility. He is to return to the courtroom Oct. 1 for formal sentencing.

Shawn Collier, 44, white male, Nashville, was charged with failure to meet the terms of his probation on a 2017 conviction for two counts of possession of controlled substance. His probation was extended for a year.

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OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>

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It will be the taxpayer's responsibility to make sure that they pay all the correct parcels relating to them. The Howard County Tax Collector's office WILL NOT be responsible for any parcels that were not paid.

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# Point of view

## Liars in the news

### Lots of thought went into entries in ‘Liars’ contest

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and recently something got me thinking about a topic I’ve written about several times before: the Burlington Liars Club.

The club was started by -- naturally -- a couple of newspaper reporters in Burlington, Wisc., who were merely pulling a prank. The actual club was formed a year or so later in 1929. Now people send their entry ‘lies’ from all over the world. Fame spreads.

I’ve had some favorites:

- One guy’s grandson was so smart that at age 2 he could dirty his diaper and convince his mother that someone else did it.
- One year it was so cold in Minnesota that a woman set a teakettle of boiling water outside. She said it froze so fast the ice was still warm.
- There is a bird in Wisconsin whose song is so sweet that diabetics have to wear earmuffs. The bird is called a Saccharine Swallow.
- A woman said that when it comes to math there are three kinds of people: Those that understand math, and those that don’t.
- A man’s grandmother could slice bread so thin that slices only had one side.
- One man said he had some sheep that grazed on grass so rich in minerals that at shearing time he got steel wool.
- My own favorite was about a man whose nephew was so smart he could work the crossword puzzle without reading the clues. Maybe I liked it because I like crossword puzzles.

Not long after the club gained some fame a bar opened in Burlington named the “Liars Club.” It is apparently still open although no one believes the GPS directions to its location.

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NATURALLY the #1 Fair Weather Razorback Football Fan has something to say about the team’s swoon against the Memphis University Tigers.

The team looked so bad that the Fighting Razorback Marching Band has announced that it will not attend this weekend’s game against Notre Dame, but will give up their seats for the overflow crowd which will surely come to see the Hogs upend the Catholics.

Or not.

Truthfully, I have not been able to sit through a Razorback football game in years. I get too nervous waiting for our players to do something stoopid; commit a penalty at the worst possible time; or fumble away a game-saving drive.

But NO. I will not say anything bad about our kids who are trying so hard to earn their NIL salaries. I will not urge them to stop playing like complete imbeciles.

It’s because I am a mature adult.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. I don’t waddle around my yard much these days, but I did last weekend, and I discovered some kind of deep animal den in the root system of a crepe myrtle tree (bush?). Someone suggested that it might be the digging of Louise Fox, a neighborhood favorite that roams through local yards.

The presence of Louise probably keeps the population of rabbits and squirrels down. I don’t know if foxes dig dens under crepe myrtles. It is thrill to see her, though, especially when she is romping with her kits.

There is a story about how she got her name, but I’ll save that for another day.

But this fox episode reminded me today about the famous Aesop’s fable about a fox.

Aesop may or may not have been a Greek slave in 500 BC who told simple tales with morals.

Some of the better known fables include:

- The boy that cried ‘Wolf!’
- The goose that laid the golden egg.
- The race between the tortoise and the hare.
- The fox and sour grapes.

The sour grapes fable was about a fox that desired some low-hanging grapes. It jumped and jumped but could not snag the grapes. So it said (you have to imagine a fox that can talk) that the grapes were probably sour anyway.

I’ll bet you already knew those morals even if you never heard of Aesop.

I was talking about ‘our’ fox one day with the late Crystal Masey who lived in my neighborhood. I said I doubted that foxes ate grapes.

She corrected me and said they loved grapes. She said often put out grapes at a spot on her acres at Bingen, and sat in her truck to watch fox families come up to eat the grapes.

Real life confirmed Aesop’s fable.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: “Committee -- A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.”

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WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: I’m going to the Gulf of Mexico soon. I plan to eat some Jumbo Shrimp.

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HE SAID: “I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend?” Robert Redford, actor and activist

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SHE SAID: “The really frightening thing about middle age is the knowledge that you’ll grow out of it.” Doris Day, singer and actress

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek  
Revelations



By  
Louie Graves

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# Legislature looks for ways to assist caregivers of Alzheimer’s patients

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

Last year about 173,000 Arkansans spent more than 265 million hours taking care of family members or friends who were suffering from Alzheimer’s. They were not paid for those hours.

Measured another way, that amount of care would have cost \$5.4 billion if government or private insurance had paid for it.

An estimated 60,400 people in Arkansas have Alzheimer’s, which represents 11.3 percent of the population older than 65. The deaths of 1,577 people in 2022 can be directly attributed to Alzheimer’s, making it seventh on state Health Department’s list of leading causes of death.

The effect on caregivers can be overwhelming, according to a report presented to the state Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia Advisory Council.

Almost 70 percent of caregivers have chronic health conditions and more than 30 percent report that they must cope with depression. More than 18 percent of caregivers are themselves in poor physical health.

The Council is composed of private citizens with expertise on the topic, and co-chaired by a senator and a member of the House of

Representatives. At a meeting in the Capitol, members reviewed their 2025 annual report.

Providing care to people with Alzheimer’s and dementia is a growing public policy concern for legislators because of its financial cost.

For example, last fiscal year the state Medicaid program spent \$492 million on care for people with Alzheimer’s. The legislature considered several proposals to improve early diagnosis and treatment, but they were put off because of concerns about their potential fiscal impact.

One measure would have mandated insurance coverage of assessments of the cognitive functions for certain patients. It was still in committee when the legislative session ended.

Another measure would have created income tax credits for the expenses of caregivers, and it also was still in committee when the session ended. The Department of Finance and Administration did a fiscal impact in which it estimated that 13.9 percent of the population of Arkansas provided unpaid care for loved ones.

The fiscal impact suggested amendments to the proposal in order to clarify questions that would

certainly arise, such as how to provide tax credits to several different family members who claim a credit for the care of the same person.

A federal pilot project has provided some grant money for respite services that provide relief for caregivers, with about a third of the funding going into rural areas. According to a policy analyst at the Council, making the project into a permanent program would greatly help patients with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers.

Re-entry Training

Little Rock has received \$4 million from the federal government for workforce training of inmates, to better prepare them to be productive after they get out of prison. Some of the money will pay for job training, some will pay the salaries of staff who will run the program and some funding will subsidize the salaries of about 200 inmates who participate.

Training will focus on construction, transportation, hospitality and advanced manufacturing. Every county jail in Arkansas has a stake in the success of the program because prison overcrowding affects the operations of county jails, due to the backup of inmates for whom there is no space in a state prison unit.

# Combating suicide a national issue

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Suicide is a leading cause of death in Arkansas.

This emphasizes the reality that many of our family, friends and neighbors struggle with their mental health. It affects people from all walks of life. Between 2020 and 2023, an estimated 13.2 million Americans seriously contemplated taking their own lives, and 1.6 million attempted to do so.

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, reminding us that behind each of these numbers is a face and story.

Certain groups are especially at risk in this battle, including rural residents, service members and veterans, and our nation’s youth.

Farmers are at the heart of rural America and face unique challenges out of their control such as unpredictable weather, market volatility and even isolation that create hardships for mental well-being.

We have a responsibility to ensure that the men and women who feed, fuel and clothe the world are not facing these burdens alone.

As Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I was proud to join my colleagues Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Joni Ernst (R-IA) to introduce the bipartisan Farmers First Act of 2025 that would authorize \$15 million annu-

ally for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN), which connects agricultural workers to critical stress assistance and mental health services. This measure builds upon previous efforts I championed to establish FRSAN in the 2018 Farm Bill, ensuring our farmers and rural populations can access meaningful support and mental health care.

The increased suicide risk among those who have worn our nation’s uniform is well known, and I have also dedicated much work to find solutions that meet their needs.

I authored legislation alongside Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) that created the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program that provides essential funding for mental health outreach and suicide prevention in veteran communities. This initiative, which we are currently seeking to extend and enhance, is a critical effort to save the lives of veterans who battle mental health challenges. I look forward to Senate passage of our bill after it successfully passed out of committee earlier this year.

At the same time, we’re working to ensure the VA considers a range of factors involving veteran suicide and implements stronger, data-driven policy decisions that

can translate into real-world success preventing that outcome. That’s why I am championing the Not Just A Number Act.

Investing in mental health care for all Americans is more important than ever.

We have made great strides in expanding access to reliable, empathetic help during a crisis. Congress enacted the 988 National Suicide Prevention Hotline that launched three years ago. This toll-free number connects callers to trained counselors for free, confidential care for those confronting a mental health emergency or in need of resources for a loved one.

Arkansas has made significant efforts to further its impact by adding a 988 text-to-chat feature. According to the Arkansas Crisis Center, suicide is the second-most common cause of fatalities among those 10-14 years old. Given young people’s communication preferences, the state launched the chat feature to improve access to support.

Combating suicide is a complex problem with no single solution, but identifying and connecting those struggling with the resources they need is vital. I will continue working with my colleagues on bipartisan efforts to deliver tools and resources that spread hope and result in better mental health.

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# Burgers

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fixings, you're going to get messy.

Lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, and plenty of mustard or mayonnaise, your burger is going to self-destruct before you can finish it, while Bob Seger quietly sings "Turn the Page" and

John Mellencamp croons about Jack and Dianne. Shades of the '70s and '80s.

Madison Patrick is one of the crew that works at Tailgaters. She takes your order and then it goes to the three or four others working at the griddle and putting your burger together.

Madison's been working at Tailgaters for over a year now, and when I ask her what our readers should

know, she doesn't hesitate for a second. "We have the best burgers in the state of Arkansas," she says confidently.

She just may be right, but oh, for the days of the old pool hall.

To quote Joni Mitchell, "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They've paved paradise and put up a parking lot."



Jaree Hall of Nashville stands at the entrance to Tailgaters Burger Co. on South Main in Hope.



Plenty of memorabilia, including a bicycle and a motorcycle hanging from the ceiling, may be found inside Tailgaters Burger Co.

# Golf tourney to benefit HCCC

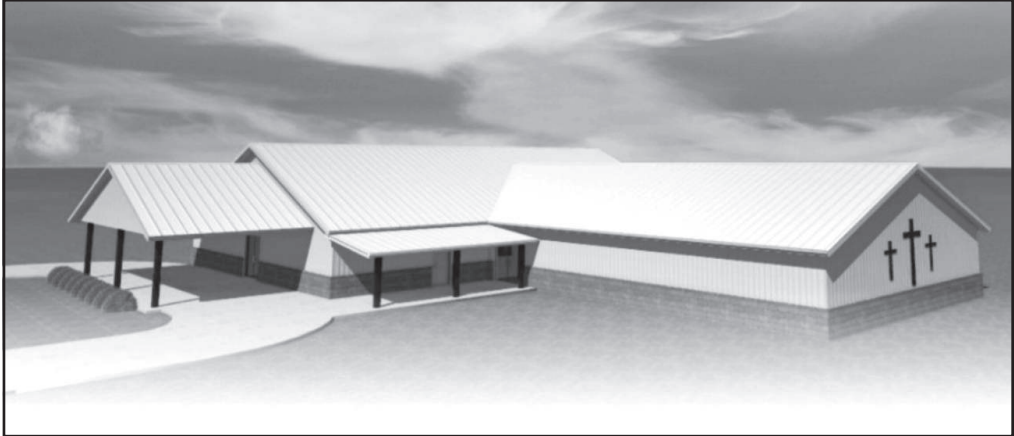
The biggest fund-raiser of the year for Howard County Children's Center -- the HCCC Ken Young Classic golf tournament -- will be Saturday, Oct. 4.

The tournament is named for Ken Young, the late Tyson human resources officer who co-founded the original

tournament almost 40 years ago. It is played on the 18-hole golf links at the Nashville Country Club, and is sponsored by Tyson Foods.

The tournament is a four-person 'scramble' event, and prizes will be given to teams which finish best in real score and handicap score.

Tee times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Golfers will enjoy breakfast, lunch and a dinner and auction. For more information call 870-845-1211.



Architect's drawing of the Nashville Global Methodist congregation's new building.

# Church sets ground-breaking Sept. 28

The Nashville Global Methodist Church will hold a ground-breaking for its

new building Sunday, Sept. 28, at 12:30 p.m. The site is located at 508

Musgrave St. in Nashville near Rehab Specialists. The public is invited.

# Game

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Junior quarterback Bryson McCoy "started as a sophomore. He throws well. He makes throws a lot of high school kids don't make. He can throw on the run. We have to get pressure on him," Chesshir said.

McCoy has "two experienced receivers [Orion Roberts and Maddox Finley]. They're explosive." Arkadelphia's offensive

line has "big kids up front. Their two running backs run hard," Chesshir said.

Overall, "Arkadelphia is just a really good football team," Chesshir said. "They have a good group of seniors on both sides of the ball. They're tough for anyone to beat."

The Scrappers "keep getting better every week. We look forward to the opportunity to go against the best. We're the underdog, and that drives us more. The kids are excited."

Chesshir said the Scrap-

pers "have to create positive plays and consistently move the defense off the field. We can't go 3 and out."

ON defense, "We have to get pressure and get the quarterback off his spot. We have have multiple defensives on coverage and help the offense," Chesshir said. "Field position will be key Friday night."

The game will be live-streamed by Scrap Media and will be broadcast on KMTB, 99.5-FM with Bunch Nichols and Mark Trout.

# Hunt

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River Credit Union and Bumper to Bumper.

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and Pest Control, Bank of Delight, Farm Bureau and R & J Supply.

Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry, the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation support the event.

Bladesmiths Jerry Fisk, J.R. Cook and Ricardo Vilar collaborated to produce a knife that will be auctioned off during the event.

Last year's River Ranch Mentor Hunt raised about \$16,800 and was the largest in the state, organizers said.

# Alzheimer's council releases 2025 report

**State Rep. Dolly Henley**

The Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council met recently to release its 2025 findings, fulfilling the requirements set forth by Act 391 of 2021.

The report serves as both an update on where Arkansas stands in addressing dementia and Alzheimer's disease, and a call to action for where the state must go next.

The numbers are sobering. Today, more than 60,000 Arkansans over the age of 65 are living with Alzheimer's dementia, accounting for over 11 percent of the state's senior population. The impact is not confined to those diagnosed. More than 173,000 Arkansans provide unpaid care for loved ones, contributing an estimated 265 million hours of care each year. Economists value that work at more than \$5.4

billion annually, a figure that underscores just how much families shoulder in the absence of formal systems of support.

Despite these challenges, the Council's report highlights important progress. Public health data collection is expanding, with new survey modules set to capture more accurate information about cognitive decline and caregiving in the coming years. Caregiver education and referral programs are growing, support groups are more widely available, and respite grant programs are helping to provide relief to families who give so much of their time and energy to loved ones. Training for health care providers, first responders, and memory-care professionals is improving as well, ensuring more Arkansans interact with

people who understand the realities of this disease.


The report makes clear that significant work remains. Rural communities continue to face barriers in accessing screenings and specialized treatment. Funding for programs is often limited or uncertain, creating challenges in building sustainable, long-term solutions. Stigma still surrounds dementia, discouraging families from seeking help or talking openly about symptoms until the disease has progressed.

The Council stresses the importance of preparing for the future. Arkansas's aging population is growing, and the number of people affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias will only increase in the coming years.

The report is published at arkansashouse.org.

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# ‘We Make Good’ group recognizes M’boro lady

**By Avonne Petty**  
Pike County EHC reporter

The “We Make for Good” organization recently recognized Connie Dorathy, of Murfreesboro, as a product grant recipient of fiberfill.

The certificate she received states, “The recipient is being recognized by Fairfield Processing Inc, as a crafter whose creations benefit a good cause.” The grant is “to support your charitable efforts for all the good you are doing for others.”

Dorathy enjoys crocheting and sharing her talents with others. Recently she delivered at least 500 toys to Arkansas Children’s Hospital. She says her hobby gives her something to do with her time, and she enjoys knowing others will enjoy her efforts. Earlier she donated 250 toys to the Jones Center and an orphanage in Springdale, 100 to the First Christian Church pre-school. Children of tourist have also enjoyed



Connie Dorathy of Murfreesboro

her gifts from the Diamond City Rock Shop. Now she is working on toys to be distributed by Department of Human Services.

Her dedication to her craft has touched countless individuals in the community. The grant of fiberfill

will allow her to further her mission to bring comfort and kindness through creative giving. Friends and neighbors describe Connie as a quiet force for good, whose generosity has inspired others to find their own ways to give back

## Howard, Pike tax-delinquent land auction Oct. 1

Commissioner of State Lands Tommy Land announced the upcoming auction of tax-delinquent parcels located in Howard, Montgomery, Pike, Polk, and Sevier Counties on Oct. 1.

The regional auction begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Avalon Keep Botanical Gardens, located at 4671 AR-8 in Mena. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Auctions are conducted alphabetically by county. Prospective bidders can find the Public Auction Catalog on the Commissioner’s website at [www.cosl.org](http://www.cosl.org). The website also includes a video tutorial demonstrating how to research information about each parcel available for sale.

Bidders must register for the auction before placing a bid and must have a federal or state ID from within the United States. Purchases must be paid in full at the auction site; bidders may pay with a business or personal check, or a credit or debit card. Cash is not accepted for purchase of tax-delinquent parcels.

Bidding begins at the amount of taxes, penalties and interest owed on a parcel. The 2024 taxes are not included in the bid, since they are not yet delinquent. The winning bidder must pay those taxes to the county tax collector by Oct. 15.

Properties that do not sell at auction will appear on the COSL’s post-auction sales

list 30 days after the auction date. From there, they can be purchased through an online auction system. Another instructional video on the COSL website demonstrates that process to bidders.

## Home&Heart

September is Suicide Prevention Month: Time to Listen, Support, Act

**By Angie Freel**  
Howard County Family & Consumer Science Agent

In our close-knit community, we pride ourselves on looking out for one another—neighbors helping neighbors, churches offering comfort, and families standing strong through life’s challenges. But even in the most caring towns, some struggles remain unseen. September is Suicide Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness, offer hope, and remind everyone that help is available and healing is possible.

Suicide is a difficult topic, but it’s one we must talk about. Across the country, and even here at home, more people than ever are facing mental health challenges. Depression, anxiety, and feelings of hopelessness are affecting people of all ages, including our youth. According to national statistics, nearly 4 in 10 high school students report feeling persistently sad or hopeless, and 2 in 10 have seriously considered suicide. These numbers are heartbreaking—and they remind us that behind every statistic is a real person, a real family, and a real opportunity to make a difference.

The good news is that suicide is preventable. By learning the warning signs, offering a listening ear, and connecting people to resources, we can save lives. Sometimes, just knowing someone cares can be the turning point for someone in crisis.

Here are a few ways we can help:

- Start the conversation. You don’t have to have all the answers. Just asking “Are you okay?” can open the door to healing.
- Know the signs. Withdrawal, changes in mood, giving away possessions, or talking about feeling hopeless are all red flags.
- Share resources. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available 24/7. Anyone can call or text 988 to speak with a trained counselor. Crisis Text Line – text HELLO

to 741741 to connect with a trained crisis counselor. Call 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) to speak to people who can help.

- Support local efforts. Churches, schools, and community groups often host events or offer counseling services. Let’s support them and spread the word.

If you or someone you love is struggling, please know you are not alone. There is help, and there is hope. Our community is strongest when we stand together—and that includes standing up for mental health and suicide prevention.

Let’s make this month a time of compassion, awareness, and action. Because every life matters, and every person deserves to feel seen, heard, and supported.

**Recipe of the Week**  
**Slow Cooker BBQ Chicken**

1 ½ cups BBQ Sauce  
2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar, plus more to taste  
2 Tbsp. packed light brown sugar  
1 tsp. paprika  
½ tsp. salt, plus more to taste  
½ tsp. black pepper  
¼ tsp. ground cayenne pepper  
4 garlic cloves, crushed  
½ medium yellow onion, thinly sliced  
3 pounds boneless, skinless thighs or breasts

Whisk together the BBQ sauce, vinegar, brown sugar, paprika, salt, black pepper, cayenne pepper, garlic, and onion until well combined. Add the chicken, stirring to ensure it is fully coated with the sauce. Cover and cook until chicken is tender and shreds easily, on low for 4-6 hours or high for 2-3 hours. Remove the chicken to a large cutting board.

Remove the garlic cloves, if you like. Using 2 forks, break up the chicken into chunks (or shred it more finely). Return the chicken to the sauce and stir very well. Cover and cook on low for 30 minutes more.

Taste and add more salt or vinegar if you like.

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### Our Town News

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#### Dish Runs Away With Spoon!

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On Thursday, Sept. 29 at 9 p.m. officers responded to a complaint about loud noises in a small suburban kitchen.

On Friday, Mr. James Smith, owner of the home, explained what had happened.  
“There was a rustling noise in the kitchen. I got up to check on it and, to my surprise, one of the dishes was running away with a spoon,” he said.

Eyewitnesses included forks and knives. Most occupants, except the kitchen sink, claimed to have been thrilled by the daring escape.

Who gets important community news, information and stories out to the public? Reporters and journalists. There is a whole team of people behind every item published – from the reporter and video crew in the front to the columnists, editors, printers and publishers in the back. Today, lots of people enjoy the paper version of the newspaper, while many also are reading the news on their tablets, computers and smart phones. People always want to learn about what is going on.

I like to read the news in my newspaper and on my tablet.

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Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle.

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3. businesses pay to put these in the newspaper
4. tells section and page where item is located
5. pictures of people, events
6. advice, opinions
7. person who writes stories for the newspaper
8. often largest words on the front page, newspaper's \_\_\_\_\_
9. for weather, road construction, travel
10. written information

### What's Inside Your Newspaper? (Index)

If you look on the front page of your newspaper you may see an index. An **index** lists where to find each section **inside** the newspaper. **Can you fill in the vowels that are missing in the index? Next, match each listing to what is in it.**

Where can I find the movie listings?

**Inside**

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Murfreesboro Rattlers vs. Genoa Central Dragons Murfreesboro Diamond Photos



## Rattlers pick up 40-12 homecoming win over GC Dragons

The Murfreesboro Rattlers (2-1) struck for a homecoming victory at home last Friday night, defeating the Genoa Central Dragons (1-2) by a 40-12 score.

Head coach Jay Turley said Bubba Stinson was the player of the game, with two rushing touchdowns along with a reception for a score.

He said the team came out a little sluggish, perhaps due to the homecoming festivities, and didn't capitalize on some first half opportunities that saw the team

24-12 at the halftime mark.

"We forced some passes and played sloppy, leading to their two touchdowns in the first half," said Turley.

While admitting the defense played well, Turley said the team would have to play more physical in the future.

"I was proud in the second half that we could run successfully and control the clock. I feel good about that. We have to have the big picture in mind and get better [going into conference play].

Friday night we were just able to out-athlete them, and we took advantage of that. That won't be the case every Friday night though."

He credited the offensive line with quality blocking, including Mason Wilkins who was often able to seal the edge and allow the team to break runs.

"Our screen game is also improving," he said, noting that as opposing teams blitz more in the future to try and diffuse the Rattler passing attack it would be incum-

bent for screens and draws to work efficiently.

His biggest takeaway from the game for improvement was the team developing a "killer mentality" and putting teams away earlier when given the opportunity. "We didn't do that in the first half when we could have."

### Vs. Gurdon

The Rattlers will host the Gurdon Go-Devils (1-2) this Friday night at Rattler Stadium.

Gurdon sandwiched a

31-6 win over Parkers Chapel between a pair of losses on the season – 39-0 versus Magnet Cove and 22-0 at Marked Tree last Friday night.

Turley said "Gurdon is Gurdon ... they are going to run the ball and control the clock, trying to limit our opportunities."

He said they have largely two offensive sets – the wishbone and a gun-t look – that features different quarterbacks based on the look. "Their best player is Uriah

Gatlin (#3, RB) who has the potential to go 80 yards if you let him get going."

While admitting that it did make game planning easier for a one-dimensional team – "they don't throw the ball real well" – he said it was incumbent for the defensive backs to be disciplined in the game to ensure no Gurdon surprises end up costing the Rattlers.

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**INCIDENT REPORT.** According to the Fiscal Year 2025 Hunter Incident Report, 17 injuries requiring medical attention beyond first aid were reported last hunting season.

# Hunting incident report reinforces continued need for treestand safety

By Randy Zellers  
AG&FC

Cooler weather has many deer hunters heading to the woods to set up their hunting stands for the coming archery opener on Sept. 27, and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission wants to remind all hunters to double-check all of their equipment before they climb into a tree and always wear a safety harness when they leave the ground. According to the recently released Fiscal Year 2025 Hunter Incident Report, 11 of the 17 reported hunting accidents in Arkansas were the result of treestand falls.

With more than 307,000 hunting licenses sold last year, 17 injuries requiring medical assistance beyond first aid reinforce the fact that hunting is a safe, enjoyable outdoor pursuit. In the eyes of the AGFC’s Education Division, any injury while enjoying the woods and waters of The Natural State is one too many, especially when most could be avoided with a few simple precautions.

According to Joe Huggins, Hunter Education Program coordinator for the AGFC, only two of the 11 victims involved in falls from treestands were wearing safety harnesses, and those two harnesses were not attached to the tree at the time of the fall.

“That time transitioning from a ladder or step into the stand is one of the most critical times to be wearing a harness, but that’s also when some people temporarily disconnect their harness from the tree to adjust it to the higher level of the platform,” Huggins said. “There are special safety ropes called lifelines that allow a person to stay connect-

ed throughout the climb and transition, and we strongly encourage hunters use one of those to ensure they’re attached to the tree from the time they leave the ground until the time they return at the end of the hunt.”

Most treestand falls resulted in broken bones, specifically damage to the victims’ hips or vertebrae, both of which can be life-threatening or life-changing.

“In my career, I’ve seen where people have been paralyzed or killed from falls as short as 5 feet,” Huggins said. “It may not seem like much of a distance, but if you’re unprepared and fall in an awkward position or on equipment, it can cause major damage.”

For the second year in a row, at least one reported treestand fall came from someone using a tree saddle, a device that substitutes for a traditional platform stand. Saddles are seen by some hunters as being a safer option because the user is essentially tethered to the tree while hunting, but improper use of the equipment can still result in a fall. According to the incident report filed last hunting season, the user involved in the saddle-hunting fall had just completed attaching his final climbing stick to the tree and was reaching back to get his foot platform when he heard a “pop” and his lineman’s belt disconnected from the tree, causing him to fall 25 feet to the ground. Huggins believes user error was involved in attaching the belt to the saddle with a carabiner. The victim was not wearing an additional safety harness during the incident.

A single fatality was re-



**ATTACHING LIFELINE.** A lifeline can keep a person’s harness attached to the tree throughout their climb and hunt.

ported last year. A person who was hunting coyotes in June shot at what he believed to be the back end of a coyote in dense vegetation, but it turned out to be another person who was gathering berries. The victim died at the scene from the injuries sustained.

Huggins points out that additional injuries may have occurred throughout the hunting season, but these were the only ones reported where the victim was actively hunting at the time of the injury.

“We know of a few other incidents, one well-publicized in January, where duck

hunters were involved in boating accidents,” Huggins said. “They were not recorded in the Hunter Incident Report as the victims involved in these accidents were traveling to their hunting destination and not yet hunting. They were, however, reported in the AGFC’s 2024 Boating Accident Year-End Report published earlier this year. It’s still highly doubtful that any incidents regarding serious injury or fatalities are not reported to the AGFC.”

The 2025 Hunting Incident Report is available at the AGFC’s Hunter Education web page, [www.agfc.com/huntered](http://www.agfc.com/huntered).

# 0-3 MS Hornets back on road this Friday

Hornet Head Coach Jarrod Jackson said that despite his team being 0-3, so far, the Hornets have consistently showed improvement, including during Friday night’s 42-12 road loss to Quitman.

Jackson and the Hornets will be back on the road this Friday, headed for a conference game with Spring Hill and then on the road again on Oct. 3 to face the Junction City Dragons for another conference game.

“Our kids played tough for four straight quarters,” Jackson said about the loss in Quitman. “They lined up all night and fired off the ball all night long.”

Jackson said the Hornet offense is starting to trend in the right direction and there are “some things we need to clean up, but we’re feeling good headed into conference play.”

On defense, the Hornets had two players with 10+ tackles - Amarion Maxwell and Christian Matlock - against Quitman.

“I think our tough non-conference schedule has got us right where we want to be heading into conference play.”

The Hornets gained 272 yards of offense with 171 coming from the passing game where quarterback Keithen Dixon completed 7/13 passes, including two touchdowns. Cortney Thomas led the rushing game with 13 carries for 63 yards.

Brayden Collins also toted the ball four times for 20 yards.

Dixon’s receiver corps was led by AK Oden with two catches for 83 yards.

The Hornet tackle chart was led by Maxwell and Matlock.

Upsets steer winner in football contest

Some upsets in last week’s football contest propelled Mike Aylett of Nashville to be a winner.

He hit on 8 of 10 games, and wins a combo meal at Starz Family Restaurant. Another participant, Pete Walker, was also correct on eight picks, but Aylett was closer on the tiebreaker. The notable upsets in the contest were Arkansas Tech over Ouachita, and Memphis over Arkansas.

Outcomes of the games in the contest:  
Murfreesboro 40, Genoa Central 12  
Idabel, Okla., 47, Ashdown 33  
Prescott 28, Hope 20  
Harding 31, SAU 12  
Arkansas Tech 28, Ouachita 23  
Henderson 48, UA-Monticello 18  
Miami 26, Florida 7  
Missouri 29, South Carolina 20  
Memphis 32, Arkansas 31  
Quitman 42, Mineral Springs 12

# Corps of Engineers waiving day use fees Sept. 27

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District is waiving day use fees on Saturday, Sept. 27, at recreation areas in observance of National Public Lands Day.

The waiver covers fees for boat launch ramps and swim beaches only.

The waiver does not apply to camping and camping-related services or fees for specialized facilities and events.

The Little Rock District has led cleanup efforts at

the lakes and rivers it manages across the region for nearly five decades. In 1994, those efforts became part of National Public Lands Day. USACE invites the public to help continue this tradition of service by taking part in upcoming shoreline cleanup events.

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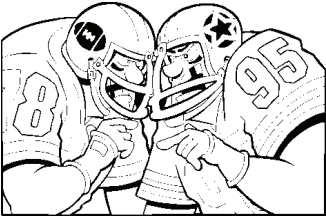
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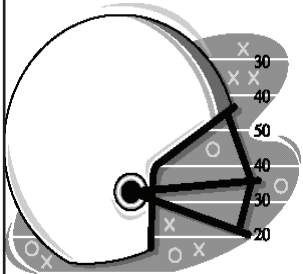
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Lafayette County at Dierks

Gurdon at Murfreesboro

Mineral Springs at Spring Hill

Ouachita at Harding

Southern Arkansas at Henderson State

UA-Monticello at Arkansas Tech

LSU at Ole Miss

Alabama at Georgia

Notre Dame at Arkansas

Nashville at Arkadelphia

John R. Schirmer (63%)

Dierks

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Louie Graves (73%)

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Eddie Cobb (68%)

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Following an open date, the Nashville Scrappers will return to the field Friday night, Sept. 26, on the road at Arkadelphia, the top-ranked team in Class 4A. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.



Circle the teams you think will win in the entry below. Deadline for entries is Friday at 3 p.m. You can drop entry in box in front of the Leader office, or email screenshot of newspaper entry to [tracy@nashvilleleader.com](mailto:tracy@nashvilleleader.com) or mail your entry form to PO Box 205, Nashville, AR 71852 (must be postmarked by Friday). Only one entry per person per week. No copies please.

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# Junior Scrappers earn win over Dardanelle

The Nashville Junior High Scrappers remain perfect on the season after defeating Dardanelle 31-6 in a non-conference game Thursday night, Sept. 18, at Scrapper Stadium.

Quarterback Mack Arnold completed 5 of 9 passes for 59 yards and two touchdowns.

Jakari Starr, Bo Dean, Zee Beasley, Al Green and Bay

Nolte each had one reception, led by Dean's 25-yard catch.

On the ground, Arnold had 6 carries for 36 yards.

Starr ran the ball 8 times for 106 yards.

Davion Gamble carried the ball two times for 24 yards.

Defensively, Dean made 10 tackles for the Scrappers. Malik Gilliam had 5. Kiron

Johnson recorded 3.5 tackles, with 3 for Webb Parker.

Other Scrapper tacklers included Starr, Kallen Horn, Carter Reeves, Gamble, Lucas Lowrey, Thomas Johnson, Caleb Mounts, Nolte, Abraham Valazquez, Zach Hester, Zion Williamson, Royce Johnson, Ace McKinnon, Green, Jalen Shephard, Braiden Friend and Wyatt Chesshir.

Dean and Green made one interception each.

Kiron Johnson, Shephard and Gilliam each had a sack, and Gilliam recovered a Sand Lizard fumble.

The Scrappers (3-0 on the season) will host Arkadelphia Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m.

Seventh graders will play at 5 p.m., with the eighth grade game at 6 p.m.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER  
Bo Dean (2) stops the Dardanelle ball carrier Thursday, Sept. 18, in Nashville's win over the Sand Lizards.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER  
Jakari Starr (1) slips past the Dardanelle defender during the junior Scrappers' 31-6 win Sept. 18.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER  
Third baseman Sofia McCauley awaits the play Sept. 16 during fall ball at the Nashville City Park.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER  
Millie Sanchez (above) and doubles partner Irene Bustos (below) compete against Mena Sept. 22



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER  
Peyton Fritts (above) and Joshua Howard (below) take on Mena on the new tennis courts at NHS Monday.



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Kayla Bretado pitches for Nashville Sept. 16 against Horatio in fall ball action at the city park.



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Nashville and De Queen players make their way through the handshake line after their game.



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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Aiden 'Bubba' Stinson, Murfreesboro Rattlers

Aiden 'Bubba' Stinson, a junior running for the Murfreesboro Rattler, had 3 touchdowns Friday night against Genoa Central, including one receiving and two rushing. The Rattlers won the game 42-12.

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DAR chapter shoe drive underway

The Mine Creek-Paraclyfta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) with the assistance of Nashville High School EAST initiative, is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser through the months of October and November to raise funds for their ongoing projects including: honoring our veterans, scholarships for students, constitution kits for students, flag etiquette and flag replacement program, maintaining the Genealogy Room at the Howard County Library and more.

Mine Creek-Paraclyfta DAR will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes inside the following Nashville locations: Nashville High School, El Kamalito Meat Market, Timeless Treasures, Nashville Family Pharmacy, Rehab Specialists, Diamond Bank, First Baptist Church, and Wild Ivy Salon.

A drive-by box will be conveniently located in the drive-thru at 12 Disciples Coffee Shop.

Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school.

“We are excited about our shoe drive,” said Elizabeth Overton, Chapter Regent, “We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us. By doing so, we raise money for our many projects and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities, as well as keeping these shoes out of the land-field. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

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## The Future of Poultry Processing

### Automation, robotics, virtual reality headsets

**By John Lovett**  
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Robotics, virtual reality and artificial intelligence could be game changers for poultry processors following promising results in research to integrate those technologies, according to Jeyam Subbiah, a professor of food science specializing in food safety engineering with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

When grocery store shelves went short of chicken products during the COVID-19 pandemic due to labor shortages, scientists like Subbiah got to thinking, “How could AI and robotics help?”

“While the pandemic amplified the problem, the labor shortage in the poultry industry is a persistent challenge,” Subbiah said.

“The jobs are physically demanding. It’s cold. It’s humid. The tasks are repetitive and potentially risky, and the turnover rate in the first 90 days can be as high as 50 percent.”

A twist on the robotics technology that has been used in other industrial settings is integrating human assistance with virtual reality headsets and artificial intelligence connected to robotic arms in the poultry processing facility.

“The poultry plant of the future can enable remote work and allow the robot to collaborate with the human

and use that as a database to develop AI algorithms,” Subbiah said.

Another major challenge for poultry processors is maintaining food safety, including sanitization and finding and removing foreign materials like plastics and bone chips in the packaged meat, Subbiah added.

In 2023, Subbiah became the director of a four-year, \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture to develop the Center for Scalable and Intelligent Automation in Poultry Processing.

The center has a team of partners at the Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Fort Valley State University in Georgia.

The experiment station is the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Subbiah and his fellow researchers have shown promising results in adapting the technologies to poultry processing. Developments in the grant-funded research include the following successes:

Teaching volunteer poultry processing employees to use virtual reality headsets and controllers to remotely assist robotic end effectors, or the robotic “hands.”

With the equipment connected to the internet, an operator remotely guides the robotic arm at a poultry processing facility to place chicken carcasses on cones for further processing.

Improving the accuracy of robotic deboning machines with artificial intelligence.

Programming an autonomous vehicle with a robotic arm to assess the effectiveness of sanitation.

Using an inexpensive thermal imaging camera to detect foreign materials in packaged meat.

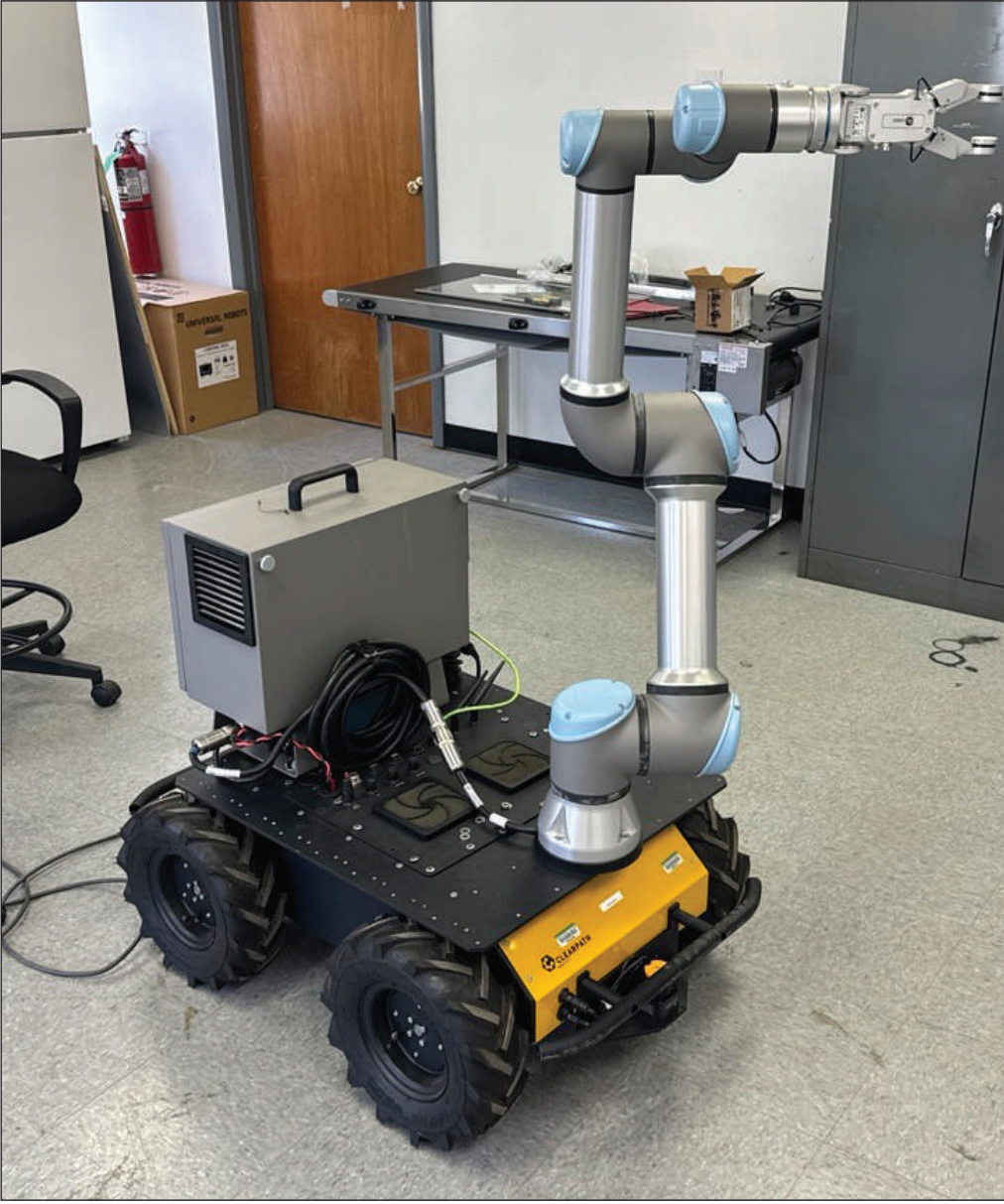
Using AI and hyperspectral imaging to detect a quality defect called “woody breast.”

Hyperspectral imaging “sees” across the electromagnetic spectrum, beyond the visible wavelengths humans can perceive.

Dongyi Wang, an assistant professor in the biological and agricultural engineering department for the experiment station, has been integral in developing the noninvasive method of hyperspectral imaging to detect “woody breast” with an accuracy of 98 percent. Wang, who also has an appointment in food science, also led the development of the autonomous vehicle to detect pathogens in a processing facility.

“Adapting the technologies may be possible for processing of other meat species such as goats and sheep,” Subbiah said.

In addition to Subbiah and Wang, the project’s management team includes Doug Britton, Ai-Ping Hu, and Konrad Ahlin with Georgia Tech, Brou Kouakou with Fort Valley State University, and Julia McQuillan with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



**PATHOGEN DETECTIVE.** An autonomous robot that takes swabs and analyzes them for pathogens in a poultry processing facility was developed by the Arkansas team of the Center for Scalable and Intelligent Automation in Poultry Processing, a project supported by USDA-NIFA. (U of A System Division of Agriculture photo)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

THE 2025 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The 2025 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2024-14 should be Amended as follows:  
Howard County Sanitation, Salaries Full-Time (3009-0701-1001) should increase by \$284.16. The increase comes for reimbursement from Marion L. Scott, Sr., for additional insurance (Aflac and USABLE Insurance) he has through the county.  
Howard County Library, Telephone and Fax-Landline (3008-0600-3020) should increase by \$41.74. The increase comes from a credit from the April 2025 billing for the Tollette Library Branch from Walnut Hill Telephone Company.  
SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.  
Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge  
ATTEST: Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk  
May 19, 2025  
(HCJ: 14)  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-8

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

THE 2025 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The 2025 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2024-14 should be Amended as follows:  
Howard County Juvenile Intake Officer budget, Other Miscellaneous (1000-0415-3100) should be added and increase by \$3,428.57. The increase comes from a 2025 Supplemental Juvenile Officer Funding check for the 9th West Judicial Circuit Court from the Administrative Office of the Courts Supreme Court of Arkansas, Juvenile Justice Division.  
SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.  
Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge  
ATTEST: Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk  
June 16, 2025  
(HCJ: 14)  
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(BD: 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

THE 2025 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The 2025 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2024-14 should be Amended as follows:  
Howard County Courthouse Security Grant, Other Miscellaneous (3509-0421-3009) should be added and increase by \$19,494.95. The increase comes from a 2025 Court Security Grant Award check from Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness of Arkansas. This will be to install security doors for the Howard County Judges Office and the Treasurers office. Also is to install an automatic security unlock system for Howard County Circuit Judges Office.  
Howard County Elections, Other Professional Services (1000-0109-3009) should increase by \$4,651.88, Extra Help (1000-0109-1003) should increase by \$5,333.51, and General Supplies (1000-0109-2001) should increase by \$610.75. The increase comes from reimbursements from Cossatot River School District (\$585.92), Mineral Springs School District (\$751.47), Dierks School District (\$6,585.37), Nashville School District (\$2,649.38) for the School Elections held on May 13, 2025. \$24.00 of the increase comes from Verizon Treasury for reimbursement for WIFI Connection.  
SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.  
Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge  
ATTEST: Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk  
July 21, 2025  
(HCJ: 14)  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

THE 2025 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.


BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The 2025 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2024-14 should be Amended as follows:  
Howard County Search and Rescue, Machinery and Equipment (Other than Vehicles) (3403-0400-4004) should be added and increase by \$16,792.00, General Supplies (3403-0400-2001) should increase by \$7,413.00, Training and Education (3403-0400-3101) should increase by \$795.00. The increase comes from a \$25,000.00 transfer from the County Contingency Fund to purchase a Drone, supplies and training.  
Howard County Senior Citizens Building Budget, Parts and Repairs (1803-0111-2023) should increase by \$9,371.00. The increase comes from a \$9,371.00 transfer from the County Contingency Fund to replace air conditioning unit.  
SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.  
Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge  
ATTEST: Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF: JERRY DEAL

55 PR-25-47

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 2375 Nathan Rd., Nashville, located in Pike County, Arkansas.  
Date of death: August 23, 2025  
An instrument dated February 12, 2024, was on September 10, 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 September 17, 2025

Promise Davis, Executrix, by  
Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138  
Post Office Box 813  
Nashville AR 71852  
(870) 845-4100 – Telephone  
(AB: 13, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF  
ANTOINETTE “TONI” SUE BRADFORD,  
CAUSE NO. : 31PR-25-32  
DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 1407 North Main Street, Nashville, Arkansas, 71852  
Date of death: February 6, 2023  
An instrument dated September 3, 2009, was on September 6, 2025, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named Decedent, and Eva Ann Bradford Hintze has been appointed Independent 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 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. Provided that claims for injury or death caused by their negligence of the Decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.  
This notice first published September 17, 2025  
Respectfully submitted,  
Fredye L. Alford  
Brandon Trueman Eckhart  
Eva Ann Bradford Hintze, Independent Executrix  
(pd. 13, 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
CHESLA ALFRED BEARDEN, DECEASED  
31 PR-2025-36-2

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 418 Caney Creek Road  
Dierks, AR 71833

Date of Death: June 29, 2020  
The undersigned was appointed ADMINISTRATRIX of the estate of the above named decedent on September 17, 2025.  
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 24th day of September, 2025.  
RELINDA RUTH  
ADMINISTRATRIX  
378 Caney Creek Road  
Dierks, AR 71833

LAURA LINDLY  
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(LL: 14, 15)

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The 2025 Homecoming parade has been rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 26, starting at approximately 3:30 p.m. If you would like to participate in the parade, you can register at <https://forms.gle/59J8EUbQoJ3EFZS96>

# 2025 MHS Rattler Homecoming



**Sophomore Maid Macy Gills**  
Attendant Logan Burris



**Sophomore Maid McKinlee White**  
Attendant Ja Mauri Jones



**Sophomore Maid Kyndall Henderson**  
Attendant Garrett Downs



**Sophomore Maid Kinley Fisher**  
Attendant Lucas Carey



**Junior Maid Ramsey Terrell**  
Attendant Reid Jackson



**Junior Maid Charleigh Wheeler**  
Attendants Kale Burns



**Senior Maid Mabree Sweat**  
Attendants John Parker Jackson and Reid Jackson



**Homecoming Queen Sydney Braden**  
Attendants Hawkins Jackson and Caleb Terrell



**Senior Maid Kinleigh Mounts**  
Attendants D'jay Leeper and Liam Eoff

## MURFREESBORO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING QUEENS 1939-2025

1939 -- Juanita Lockey Blanchard	1964 -- Marty Jackson Walls	1985 -- Julie Jackson Young	2006 -- Katelin Hinds White
1940-1944 -- No Record	1965 -- Sandy Johnson Stewart	1986 -- Shannon Campbell Watts	2007 -- Allison Copeland McBay
1945 -- Glenna Jean Cooley	1966 -- Becky Bayless	1987 -- Sara Marshall Ford	2008 -- Rebecca Gatliff Woodall
1946 -- Ina Jo Stewart Willet	1967 -- Sandy Oakley Roberts	1988 -- Sunny Sigman Myers	2009 -- Haley Graves
1947 -- Evelyn Babbitt Chaney	1968 -- Shirley Sweeden Lauderbach	1989 -- Bridgette Humphry Perrin	2010 -- Rylee Burk Wofford
1948 -- Betty Jo Owens Walls	1969 -- Rosemary O'Neal Fritts	1990 -- Wendy York Walker	2011 -- Autumnn Littles Sullivan
1949 -- Mary Garison Smith	1970 -- Debby Walls Scoggin	1991 -- Tina Bufkin Gardner	2012 -- Anna Gatliff Campbell
1950 -- Sue Etchinson	1971 -- Carolyn Sweeden Craven	1992 -- Denise Mounts Stuard	2013 -- Autumn Cox Bromley
1951 -- Sunshine Dillard Smedley	1972 -- Janet Wright Hughes	1993 -- Heather Davis Bennett	2014 -- Kristyn Self
1952 -- Helen Cornish Cox	1973 -- Laurah Folsom Orr	1994 -- Kayla Smittle Martin	2015 -- Tara Humphry Ridling
1953 -- Sonya Cox Nutt	1974 -- Robin Robertson Saunders	1995 -- Ashley Cannon Mounts	2016 -- Hannah Cox Harris
1954 -- Sandra Walker Hodges	1975 -- Patti Watson Graves	1996 -- Lori Ballard Ross	2017 -- Lainy Alexander Bailey
1955 -- Betty Joyce Smith Blackwood	1976 -- Cindy Sweeden Davis	1997 -- Mandy Watson Stone	2018 -- Lindsey Cullen Hanney
1956 -- Jane Evans Yeargan	1977 -- Carol Henderson Lingo	1998 -- Krys Davis Capitain	2019 -- Madison Humphry
1957 -- Carol Hignight Steuart James	1978 -- Genesis Sweeden Sarasin	1999 -- Kitty Teeter Reeves	2020 -- Malaya Graham
1958 -- Martha Rankin Floyd	1979 -- Kim Harris Epperson	2000 -- Sara Ballard Mitchell	2021 -- Denim Lee
1959 -- Martha Mansfield Reese	1980 -- Carle Nutt Gatliff	2001 -- Heather Walls Hainen	2022 -- Dani Synco
1960 -- Emily Frances Darnell Vonk	1981 -- Alisa Cooley Moore	2002 -- Kayla Miller Kuykendall	2023 -- Sydney Lamb
1961 -- Anita Anthony Davis	1982 -- Sarita Corbitt McRae	2003 -- Allison Tidwell McCauley	2024 -- Joccee Holt
1962 -- Donna Kay Hutson Glenn	1983 -- Ladonna Buck Ashbrooks	2004 -- Deidre Stivers Wilson	2025 -- Sydney Braden
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