

Obituaries



Hazel Romie
Hazel “Mrs. Red” Romie went to her eternal home on

Aug. 21, 2025, surrounded by her family.
She was a loving wife, mother mother-in-law, sister, Meems, and friend. She was an active member of Grace Country Church in Lockesburg.
She was preceded in death by her parents, John David and Olma Brent Champion, her sister Janelle Cross, two precious angel babies and her niece Robin Westerfield. She leaves behind her loving husband of 40 years, Jeff Romie, son

Jeffrey Romie (Wife Melissa Romie), daughter Brittany Bennett (husband Justin Bennett); grandkids: Gabriel Hanson, Aslynn Miller, Marleigh Reese, and Havyn Romie; siblings: Marilyn Morgan, Russell Champion, Keith Champion, and Bobby (Gnome) Champion; along with a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.
Celebration of life service will be held at Grace Country Church in Lockesburg, Ark., on Saturday Oct. 4, 2025, at 3 p.m.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

By Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments

When investing, one of the best abilities is durability

You’ve probably heard about “genius” investors or those who got in on the “ground floor” of a company that grew to be a huge success. These stories may be interesting, but they are also rare — and sometimes not even true.

The truth is that successful investing isn’t glamorous, and it isn’t necessarily quick. Instead, a well-founded investing strategy is a durable one — one that can withstand the test of time.

Here are some actions that can help you build durability.

Take your time: Most individual investors make their money over time, not overnight. Despite stories about fortunes made on one or two trades, you’re more likely to be successful making money over time. You’ll want to own a well-diversified portfolio of quality investments — and plan to own those investments for the long term.

A long-term perspective can help you ignore the constant noise in the markets and stay invested. When you hear about the latest “hot” investment tip, especially if it’s already performed well, the best advice is this: Ignore it. Although it may be tempting to buy a popular investment, it may not fit with the rest of your portfolio, it may have already peaked and it may be riskier than you expect. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Invest in quality: When building your investment portfolio, quality should be a top priority. For stocks, quality is frequently measured by the steadiness of earnings and dividend growth over time. For bonds, one measure of quality is an investment-grade credit rating, which indicates that the borrower has a good track record of making its promised interest and principal payments and the bond has a relatively low risk of default.

Quality investments are more likely to overcome temporary challenges, which is why a good track record can be an indication of quality. Don’t reach for yield by looking for investments offering the highest dividend or interest rate without considering the risk. Remember, there is no perfect investment — a higher rate generally means higher risk.

Stick to your strategy: Building a long-term strategy can anchor your decisions and provide a roadmap for your investment choices. Your strategy should consider your goals, tolerance for risk and the time needed to save toward each goal.

Within that strategy, you can be flexible. Buy and hold, for example, doesn’t mean buy and forget. Over time, your goals may change, or you may choose to hold more conservative investments. But it’s important to make changes for the right reasons, not simply because stocks or your other investments may have dropped in price.

Perhaps one of the biggest mistakes you can make is trying to time the markets, moving in and out in response to short-term declines or the latest prediction. This often results in getting into and out of the market at the wrong times, costing time and money — and resulting in lower returns over time.

Remember that investments don’t all move up or down at the same time but portfolio diversification can help smooth the ups and downs of the market. A long-term perspective can help you see past short-term fluctuations in some investments.

Successful investing isn’t about making dramatic moves or chasing the latest trends. It’s about developing a durable strategy personalized for your life, then sticking with it through market ups and downs. In investing, as in life, slow and steady could help win the race.



AT THE RUSTY RELICS TRACTOR SHOW. (Above) One of the attendees is almost hidden behind the exhaust stack of a restored rusty relic while he surveys the rows of tractors and old trucks, Saturday morning. (Below) One of the whimsical entries.



Sunday dinner is a fund-raiser for MS community project, Oct. 5

Sunday dinner will be traded for a \$10 donation on Oct. 5 at Mineral Springs Town Hall.

The dinner is a fund-raiser to help fund the Mineral Springs Fall Festival. All proceeds will go to the festival.

Hours for the Sunday dinner are from

noon until all dinners are gone. Participants can get a to-go dinner, or eat at the Town Hall.

The menu includes chicken with dressing; turkey; green beans; corn; rolls; cranberry sauce/ gravy; tea or water.

The public is invited.

Frequent entrant overcomes upsets to win weekly football contest

With some upsets in the college ranks, Pete Walker of Nashville was correct on only six on 10 picks and won the week’s newspaper contest.

He wins a combo meal at Starz.

None of the entries picked Nashville’s upset win over Arkadelphia.

Scores of the games in the contest:

Dierks 47, Lafayette County 15

Gurdon 48, Murfreesboro 22
Spring Hill 16, Mineral Springs 6
Harding 24, Ouachita Baptist 7
Southern Arkansas 24, Henderson 21
UA-Monticello 31, Arkansas Tech 24
Ole Mss 24, Louisiana State 19
Alabama 24, Georgia 21
Notre Dame 56, Arkansas 13
Nashville 24, Arkadelphia 23

COUNTY’S NEW GAME WARDEN.

TraeMichael Samuel was among cadets who recently completed 18 weeks of training and received their work assignments. The new officer for Howard County is shown here presented with his badge and diploma by Lt. Col.

Joe Williams, interim Chief of Enforcement for the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. The badging ceremony took place in the sanctuary of Antioch Baptist Church in Conway. Photo furnished by Arkansas Game & Fish



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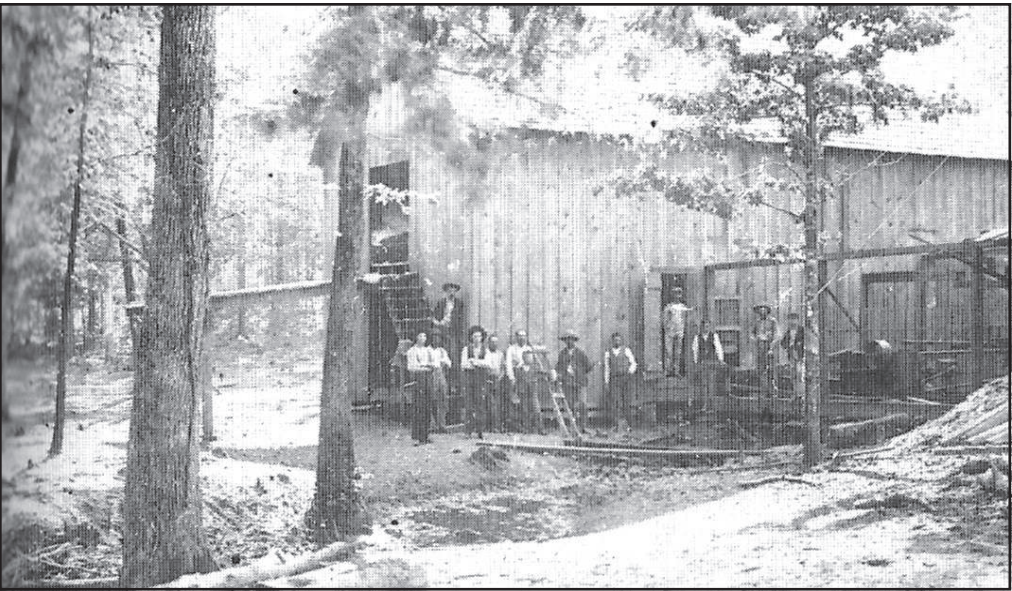


THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Cotton gin and sawmill at Blue Bayou

123 years ago: October 1902

A white man named Anderson met a horrible death at a gin at Spring Hill, six miles from Hope, last Saturday. One of his arms was caught in the gin saws and he was drawn into the machinery; his arm being cut off and his ribs on one side being sawed out. His death was instantaneous.

Last Monday Ada Singleton swore out a warrant against Minnie Langford, charging her with grand larceny. The woman is charged by Ada with stealing two silk skirts and three silk handkerchiefs valued at \$10.

Otis McClendon, who was recently convicted in the Howard Circuit Court for the illegal sale of wine, and fined \$100, has been pardoned by Gov. Davis, the pardon arriving in the mail Saturday.

79 years ago: October 1946

Clyde Shuffield is in City Hospital recovering from

wounds; and Burfon Oakley, Calvin Oakley and Earl Robinson are out on \$150 cash bond each as a result of a gang fight at Mineral Springs Saturday night. Shuffield was cut and beaten over the head severely.

Henry Lawson, age 18, was fatally wounded and Sonny Jones, 16, a member of the Nashville High School Scrapper football team, was badly bruised when a lumber truck driven by Albert Powell struck them as they were repairing an automobile on the side of Highway 4 near Mine Creek bridge here Saturday night.

Powell was arrested on a charge of manslaughter and was released Sunday on \$1,000 bond, pending preliminary hearing Tuesday afternoon.

63 years ago: October 1962

A bus bearing ten Nashville college students slammed into steel railings of a bridge near Mineral Springs early Monday

morning, seriously injuring the driver, Tommy Calbaniss, 18 years of age, and a 1962 graduate of Nashville High. Nine classmates suffered cuts and bruises.

Students in the bus included Leo Hughes, Jerry Bowden, David Wilson, Brenda Bratton, Margaret Spurgeon, Peggy Icenhower, Martha Jewell, Monte Turbow and Eugene Taylor.

43 years ago: October 1982

“I would have shot him,” Louise Dillard said emphatically Monday morning. “I’m fed up.”

The man she would’ve shot Sunday night had sneaked up behind her, pushed her into her car and grabbed the night’s gate receipts of the Howard Auto Theatre.

She reached for her .22 pistol, but the white male robber was even quicker. He whipped it out of her hand, fled the outdoor theatre on foot and was not found in the ensuing police search.

Court dates set for four defendants

Trial dates were set for four defendants who gave “not guilty” pleas during last Wednesday’s regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

The presiding judge was Judge Tom Cooper.

In addition to the not guilty pleas, a failure to appear warrant was ordered for Demario Scoggins, 37, black male, Nashville, who missed his assigned court appearance date. He is charged with felon with firearm and with a misdemeanor drug possession charge. Also, a bond hearing was held for Brandon Bruno, 45, white male, Prairieville, La., who was being held on charges of weapons possession during a controlled substance offense, class Y felony; a class D charge of possession; and misdemeanor or charges of resisting arrest and possession of controlled substance. His bond was reduced to \$75,000.

Not guilty pleas

Dates for jury trials and for pretrial motions were set for four.

Angel Yanez, 32, white male, Gurdon, is charged with theft of property and with breaking or entering, both felony offenses. Pretrial motions will be heard Nov. 19.

A Jan. 14, 2026, date was set for pretrial motions for James Younger, 44, white male, Nashville, who is charged with furnishing prohibited articles along with a misdemeanor drug possession charge.

El Malik Shabazz-Goodspeed, 46, black male, Texarkana, Ark., has a Nov. 19 date for pretrial motions. He is charged with possession of controlled substance with purpose of delivery.

Edward Walker, 66, black male, Nashville, has a Nov. 5 date for pretrial motions. He

is charged with three counts of delivery of controlled sub-

stance with enhanced penalties for habitual offender.

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Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Sept. 18-24, 2025, unless noted otherwise, include the following:

Marriage Licenses
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)
No marriage licenses issued during the period.

Civil Court
CV25-105, Sept. 17. Capital One vs. Darryl Jordan. Debt.

CV25-106, Sept. 17. Sallie Mae Bank vs. Trevon Lee, Debra A. Thompson. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-75, Sept. 17. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Alex Nolan. Support.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)
CR25-84, Sept. 23. State of Arkansas vs. El Mark Shabazz-Goodspeed, 46, black male, Texarkana, Ark.; POCS with intent to deliver, class D felony.

CR25-85, Sept. 23. State of Arkansas vs. Demario Laquinn Scoggins, 37, black male, 619 McCrary St., Mineral Springs; POCS, misdemeanor; felon with firearm, class B felony.

CR25-86, Sept. 23. State of Arkansas vs. James Younger, 44, white male, 184 Blue Bayou South, Nashville; furnishing prohibited articles, class B; POCS, misdemeanor.

Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deeds

Sept. 19. Jessica Gonzalez Reyes and Mercedes Rendon-Felix; to Jessica Gonzalez Reuyes and Jonathan Daniel Gonzalez Perez, Joint Tenants; Lots 5-6, Block 2, SREDC Addition, town of Nashville.

Sept. 23. Jeremy Lee and wife, Jeanie Lee; to Jeremy Lee and wife, Jeanie Lee, and Brandi Squires, Joint Tenants; Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, Block 6, Greenwood Addition, City of Nashville.

Sept. 24. Benjamin Honolka; Andrea Farrington (fka Andrea Gautney) and husband Paul Farrington and Beau Honolka and Kristi Cox and husband Paul Cox; to Tom Honolka and wife Leslie Honolka; 1.475 ac.

Sept. 22. State of Arkansas; to Vicente A. Ramirez, De Queen; Lot 12, part of Lot 13, Block 3, Holly Addition, aka 608 Allen St., City of Dierks; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$742.03.

Sept. 23. (Special) Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; to Jeremy Lee and wife, Jeanie Lee; Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, Block 6, Greenwood Addition, City of Nashville. \$168,300.

Sept. 23. (Special) Gloria Gary Futrell Revocable Trust; to Hughes Family Revocable Trust; 11.75 ac. in S18 T9S R27W. \$58,750.

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Nation goes nuts

HoHum; Just another shooting in a church

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and --- HoHum --- is America getting to the point where there is an acceptable church, school, mall, bar or grocery store shootout every day?

The shooter always seems to kill himself before we can ask “Why?”

Is all of the anger between left and right a part of the same mental illness?

Disagreeing with me is your right and privilege. So, you might not like this:

I am fearful that when the President sends troops to ‘maintain order’ in some towns it is just a run-up to him declaring martial law and establishing himself as Beloved Leader for Life.

I voted for him the first time he ran.

I think it is wrong for any President to use the military against civilians.

I believe that when the cameras aren’t rolling Republican and Democrat legislators are not so far apart on some issues. I hope and pray that they get together off-camera and brainstorm about the shootings which have become so common-place in our country.

And I want to have a strong Congress not afraid to act as a check against whoever is President.

Mine Creek
Revelations
By
Louie Graves

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NATURALLY the #1 Fair Weather Razorback Football Fan has an opinion on the recent dismissal of Head Coach Sam Pittman and a whole bunch of defense coaches.

Hate to cheer someone else’s misfortune.

It is interesting to note that another former Razorback coach who was invited to leave Fayetteville -- Burt Bulimia -- is having a good year as head coach at Illinois.

I do not want him back, however.

I really liked Coach Pittman and I am so sorry he went out under a cloud like this.

Reserved for my anger are the sportswriters and podcasters who convince me every year that the Hogs have recruited a busload of future All Americans who will bring a national championship to Fayetteville.

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ROUND ‘N ROUND. I drove through school traffic one day recently, and I gave thanks once again that Mayor Dunaway put the skids to some engineer’s plan to put in a Traffic Circle on North 8th Street near the Primary School.

If the traffic engineer had been successful I would have had to move to Midway, McNab or some other place that is not likely to get a Traffic Circle.

I had a bad experience at a Traffic Circle once.

Got stuck in one in Alexandria, La., for several days. Finally, a member of the Louisiana National Guard shot out one of my tires. My buggy and I were towed to safety on the side of the road.

I had gone around and around and around so many times that I was dizzy and couldn’t sit up straight for two days.

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THE GOOD EARTH. Popping up in unsuspected places everywhere are some red flowers which I once erroneously called Snapdragons. I got some heat from both of my regular readers, and I was gently corrected by my late buddy Jimmy Dale who said the flower species was correctly called Spider Lily and/or Magic Lily.

Then I was further corrected. The flowers are sometimes called Naked Ladies. A lady reader told me this. I blushed.

Just my luck. My empty head would probably stupidly write something like “There are a bunch of Naked Ladies in my side yard.”

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AND MORE GOOD EARTH. I have managed to get up and moving for pre-dawn walks after a couple of months of extreme laziness.

I walk in the dark so I can marvel at the night sky. In those precious minutes my neighborhood also has a heavenly smell. Something is blooming.

And as a bonus I get to listen to the birds waking up.

The melodious tweets are probably from Mockingbirds, but maybe not.

It’s an opportunity to thank the Almighty for sights, sounds and smells.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: “Dust -- mud with the juice squeezed out.”

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WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: “His recent newspaper column went over like a Lead Balloon.”

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HE SAID: “I didn’t want to be short. I’ve tried to pretend that being a short guy didn’t matter. I tried to make up for being short by affecting a strut, by adopting the voice of a much bigger man, by spending more money than I made, by tipping double or triple at bars and restaurants, by dating tall, beautiful women.” Mickey Rooney, short actor

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SHE SAID: “Sometimes being a friend means mastering the art of timing. There is a time for silence. A time to let go and allow people to hurl themselves into their own destiny. And a time to prepare to pick up the pieces when it’s all over.” Octavia E. Butler, author

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Embracing Local Journalism

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National Newspaper Week

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Local newspapers keep communities strong

By Dean Ridings
America’s Newspapers
Strong communities don’t just happen. They rely on connection—residents knowing what’s going on, businesses reaching the customers who keep them open, and citizens having the facts to make good decisions. Local newspapers provide that connection in ways no other source can.

In today’s fractured media environment, trust is the rarest commodity. Confidence in “the media” is low. Only 18% of Americans say they trust news on social platforms, and fewer than one in four trust cable networks. But nearly two-thirds say they trust their local newspaper—more than double the confidence placed in most other outlets.

In an era when anyone can post anything online, that clarity makes newspapers stand apart. Newspapers provide the facts that keep civic life running: city budgets, school board debates, and local elections that rarely make national headlines but matter most to daily life.

They also highlight the stories that make a community feel connected: high school sports, neighborhood events, new restaurants, and profiles of people who make a difference.

Your local newspapers have

evolved to meet readers where they are—on websites, mobile apps, and email newsletters. What hasn’t changed are the standards. Accuracy, ethics, and accountability still guide the work. That combination of modern delivery and traditional integrity is why people continue to turn to their local paper.

The same trust strengthens the local economy. Research shows consumers act on newspaper ads more than on ads delivered by TV, radio, or digital platforms. People see local business advertising as part of the same reliable package as the news. For a small business competing with national chains and online platforms, no other channel delivers the same impact. When residents trust the paper, they trust the businesses that support it.

The absence of a local paper leaves a mark. Voter turnout declines. Fewer residents attend public meetings. Government oversight weakens and borrowing costs rise. Small businesses lose their most effective way to reach local customers. And without a trusted source tying things together, misinformation and partisan spin spread faster, fueling confusion and division.

The opposite is true when newspapers are strong. Residents are

better informed, more engaged, and more connected to each other. Businesses grow because they can reach customers in a trusted environment. Communities share a common set of facts that helps debate happen on the issues—not on whether the information is real.

But this role depends on support. Subscriptions, advertising, and community engagement make it possible for newspapers to continue earning the trust that communities depend on. A strong local newspaper doesn’t solve every challenge a town faces, but it makes civic life, local culture, and the local economy all work better. Healthy communities are stronger when their local newspaper is strong. Supporting the paper is one of the most direct ways residents and businesses can invest in their own future.

About America’s Newspapers

America’s Newspapers is a national trade association representing nearly 1,700 members across the country. Our mission is to educate the public about the value of newspapers, protect the First Amendment, advocate for newspapers’ interests at the federal and state levels, and provide resources to help newspapers grow audience and revenue. We are committed to ensuring that newspapers continue to play a vital role in informing, connecting, and strengthening local communities.

State releases school report cards; results align with new ATLAS tests

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.
The state Department of Education has released letter grades for all public schools in Arkansas. They can be found on the Department’s web site.

The Internet address for the school report cards is quite lengthy. Perhaps the simplest way to access them is to conduct a search for “Arkansas school letter grades 2025.”

Here is the address of the web page: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/public-school-accountability/school-performance/school-letter-grade>.

The letter grades were given to 1,032 schools in Arkansas and 352, about a third, were given a “C” while 291 received a “B.”

A total of 122 schools received an “A,” 137 received a “D” and 130 received an “F.”

The grades of elementary and middle schools were based on three categories. The first is the percentages of students who scored at proficient or better on standardized tests in English, math and science. The second category measured how much students’ test scores had improved in those three subjects. The third category mea-

sured improvement by students at the bottom fourth of the rankings.

Those three categories were also used to grade high schools, along with a fourth category that measured the percentage of graduates and the percentage of graduates who went on to college, the military or employment. When an official of the Education Department appeared before a legislative committee in August, she was asked if the diversity of the population within a school district affected how its grades were calculated. The official said it did not.

Department officials were careful to ensure that measures of student growth did not correlate to any particular demographic, she said. It should fairly allow districts to demonstrate academic growth no matter what the socio-economic breakdown of their student population.

Two-thirds of elementary and middle school ratings will be based on the extent to which students are meeting their individualized growth targets each year. More than a third of high school ratings will be based on individual student growth.

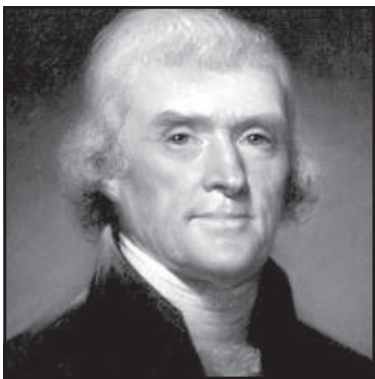
The formula for calculating this year’s school letter grades is new, and education officials say it allows parents to better draw comparisons among different public schools.

One reason the Education Department devised a new system of letter grades for schools is that students are taking different standardized tests than previously.

Also, the Education Secretary said some superintendents had concerns that the old system of school report cards did not accurately reflect what was being achieved in their schools.

Letter grades enhance school choice for parents by allowing them to compare schools. They also enable educators to identify areas that need support, with the ultimate goal of not having a school that fails.

Since the spring of 2024 students have been taking the Arkansas Teaching, Learning & Assessment System (ATLAS). Earlier this year the legislature approved Act 474 instructing educators to change the accountability system so that it aligns with the LEARNS Act and with new standardized testing.



“Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.”
Thomas Jefferson, 1787
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Landon

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“I loved it,” Bob says. “I went home and asked my dad if I could start making wine. He thought about it for a minute, then said, ‘Yes, but you have to make it in the garage.’”

Here’s the surprising part — Bob’s dad is a Southern Baptist pastor in Missouri. His brother is also a preacher, and Bob’s an ordained Southern Baptist deacon himself.

“The Bible doesn’t prohibit alcohol; not at all,” he says.

Bob never stopped making wine as he got his undergrad and graduate degrees, began a professional life, married, and started a family.

He became a corporate CPA and traveled the world. “I had the chance to drink a lot of good wine in a lot of countries,” he says with a grin.

Bob was transferred to Texas 30 years ago. He and his wife, also a CPA, decided to stay in their adopted state of Texas when the company tried to move him back to Kansas City.

He left the corporate world and started the first Landon Winery in downtown McKinney, Texas, 20 years ago. Since then, he’s opened the winery in Greenville—the largest, with 50,000 square feet—as well as Landon wineries in Wylie, Grapevine, Dallas, Dennison, Gainesville and another in Grapevine under a different name.

“A few months ago I bought another winery. I’ve never done that before. It’s cheaper for me to go start my own. I can buy the buildings, I can build them out the way I like them. But he had a nice building that I wanted, so I bought another winery. It wasn’t very expensive, but we’re not calling it Landon,” he said.

It’s called Red Dirt Cellars, and it’s his second winery in Grapevine, which, incidentally, is a great name for a winery town. “I have a whole bunch of new brands, and new products and I run them through that location for testing.”

There’s no such thing as a tasting room license in Texas, so all eight Landon-owned locations have to be involved in production. “A barrel here, a tank there, small stuff, and we hand bottle. Here [Greenville] is where all of the big stuff happens,” Bob says.

And big stuff definitely happens in Greenville. Most



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Jaree Hall of Nashville in front of barrels of wine

of the bottling is done here. When we walked in, we had to step around a tanker truck that was pumping wine into the bottling area. A tanker truck. Full of wine.

“We have 2,000 bottles on display in here,” Bob states with a smile, “and another 70,000 in the back.” There are also 600 barrels of wine in the barrel room, tanks where wine that’s brought in is stored, like from the tanker outside, and the bottling plant.

Last year Landon sold, in the eight wineries, 360,000 bottles of wine. This year will surpass that. The tanker truck was full of wine being pumped into vats to be bottled for an order of 40,000 bottles for a new customer.

The new customer is setting up a wine club, where people join and the corporation or sports star or celebrity has a company that sends club members a set number of bottles of different wines each month or two at a good price.

Fox News has just started a wine club, and of 1,000 wineries in Texas, only one made the cut. Landon.

The *Wall Street Journal* Wine Club also decided to have just one Texas wine in its lineup. Landon won.

Landon Winery also made the cut in international competitions. One of his wines recently won #1 in the world, a feat that landed him on the cover of *Forbes* magazine.

Head winemaker Jason Dodson apologetically interrupts us. “Try this,” he says to Bob, “and see what you think.”

Bob takes a sip of a Cabernet Sauvignon-Barbera blend. “I think it needs a little more Cab,” he says.

Jason smiles and looks at us. “Is this a great job, or what?”

Where do the all of these grapes come from, we ask?

“We have 200 acres in Terry County, in west Texas,” Bob tells us. “We also have some growers that grow grapes for us west of Amarillo.”

How can they grow them in West Texas? “Grapes don’t like rain; it needs to be arid,” he says. “They like sandy, rocky soil. When you go to Napa Valley in California in the summertime, everything looks green, but it’s just the vines. All of the grass is dead. Grapes don’t like rain. When it rains, they mold and mildew.”

There’s a show vineyard outside the door to the winery in Greenville, two rows of grapevines about 40 feet long.

“I spent \$10,000 dollars digging out the dirt and bringing in sand and rock just for that little vineyard,” he says with a smile. Bob does everything in a big way.

So how did a Southern Baptist preacher’s kid end up being on the Board of Directors of the Texas Wine & Grape Growers Association, and being one of the biggest wine producers in a state that’s #3 in the nation in wine production?

“Well,” he says, as the grin comes back. “The name of my corporation that owns all of the wineries? First Miracle, Inc.”



News-Leader photos/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

The Nashville Global Methodist Church held groundbreaking services Sunday, Sept. 28, for its new building to be constructed off South Fourth Street in Nashville.



Hunt

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About a dozen young fishermen will also participate in the event, according to Michael Howard, who works with Coach Jimi Easterling and the Nashville High School fishing team.

They will fish for about four hours, Howard said.

The youth will be learning about fish management, Howard said.

Some have never ridden in a boat before and will learn about safety on the water.

Last year’s event saw the anglers catch more than 70 fish. “I expect to do that again,” Howard said.

“The fish we catch are put in the Game and Fish Commission tank and relocated to a lake” as part of conservation efforts.

Anyone interested in sponsoring one of the fishermen may contact Howard.

The cost is \$100 per person.

Proceeds from the weekend help support wildlife officers, Howard said, along with promoting G&FC work on area lakes.

“The event teaches kids about safety and conservation,” Howard said. “It’s been a good project. I hope to continue it.”

The hunting and fishing activities also reinforce the importance of mentorship, with game wardens and local law enforcement guiding the youth through each step of the process, instilling the values of safe, ethical hunting and a respect for nature.

The River Ranch Mentor Hunt would not be possible without the support of numerous sponsors, state agencies, volunteers, and donors.

Sponsors include the following:

Conservationist - York Gary, Weyerhaeuser and Futrell Marine

Sportsman - DDK Forestry and Real Estate, First State Bank, State Rep. Dolly Henley, O’Reilly Auto Parts, Diamond Bank, Red River Credit Union and Bumper to Bumper.

Hunter - Farmers Bank and Trust, Lawrence Termite 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, according to organizers.

Shelter

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Dunaway also informed the cities, “I will ask that you hold payment to the City of Nashville beginning with the October payment until we are able to resume normal operations.”

The current annual contract amounts paid to Nashville by the cities include the following:

- Nashville \$57,644
- Prescott \$43,042
- Murfreesboro \$20,750
- Mineral Springs \$15,060
- Dierks \$12,714
- Washington \$3,150

The city contracts help fund the two-person animal control operation, including the salary of Gregory and longtime co-employee Suzanne Gathright, who was hired soon after Gregory in January 1998 and will remain with the shelter “at this point in time,” said the mayor.

Mayor Dunaway added that he “hates the way it happened” with Gregory’s departure and noted that Gregory had been “involved in every nut and screw” during construction of the shelter, its completion and operation, and was also nearing the retirement mark of his career. “He’s always been there for us.”

The City of Nashville is currently advertising for the open position. Interested applicants may call the Mayor’s Office at (870) 845-7400.

Gregory’s resignation came on the heels of a Nashville City Council meeting held Monday, Sept. 22

when about 30 members of Southwest Arkansas PAWS showed up with offers to volunteer at the pound and a list of recommendations on how to cut down on or slow the pound’s current euthanasia rate.

SWA PAWS is a new organization in Nashville that formed after its members learned that more than 82 percent of the animals that had been taken in at Nashville Animal Control during 2024 had been euthanized.

Mayor Dunaway said any work currently taking place at the shelter is being handled by Gathright and several SWA PAWS volunteers.

SWA PAWS, which encourages people to “adopt rather than shop” for their pets, is also currently fundraising to provide free or low cost spay or neuter clinics.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

A tanker of wine is parked beside Landon Winery in Greenville, Texas. Landon has received a number of national and international honors and iproduces the only Texas wine to be included in the *Wall Street Journal* Wine Club lineup. One of the wines recently was named number one in the world, leading to recognition in *Forbes* magazine.

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There will be a fee of 3.6% to use a debit or credit card added to your total.

It will be the taxpayer’s responsibility to make sure that they pay all the
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WILL NOT be responsible for any parcels that were not paid.

BRYAN McJUNKINS

Sheriff and Collector of Howard County

Home&Heart

It’s Pumpkin Time!

By Angie Freel
Howard County Extension Agent/FCS

When most people think of fall, they may think of cooler weather and fall decorations, including pumpkins. In the past several years, there has been much debate over pumpkin spice foods and drinks in the fall. People seem to either love it or hate it, and they have strong opinions about it one way or the other!

But pumpkins are great for your health and are plentiful this time of the year. Choose small, immature pumpkins for the most flavorful dishes. Pumpkins smaller in size are more tender and less stringy than the larger varieties. Select one between five and eight pounds if you are going to use it for cooking purposes.

When purchasing a pumpkin, look for one that feels heavy for its size with a stem of 1 to 2 inches. If the stem is cut too low, the pumpkin will decay quickly or may already be decaying at the time of purchase and avoid pumpkins with blemishes and soft spots.

While most pumpkins are orange, they also come in white, blue, yellow, and other colors. The bright orange color of a pumpkin is a dead giveaway that it is loaded with an important antioxidant - beta-carotene. Beta-carotene is one of the plant carotenoids converted to vitamin A in the body. In the conversion to vitamin A, beta carotene performs many important functions in overall health like reducing the risk of developing certain types of cancer and heart disease.

Pumpkins are low in calories, fat, sodium and high in fiber and are good sources of Vitamin A, Vitamin B, potassium, protein, and iron. One cup of pumpkin can give you 200% of your recommended daily vitamin A intake. The pumpkin seeds, which provide protein and iron, make a great snack or lunch box item once roasted.

The colonists made pumpkin pie, of course, but not pie as we know it. They often didn’t have wheat for crust, nor cane sugar,

nor pie tins, nor even ovens to bake their pies. The origin of pumpkin pie occurred when American colonists sliced off the pumpkin top, removed the seeds, and filled the insides with milk, spices, and honey. The pumpkin was then baked in hot ashes.

Recipe of the Week
Pumpkin Praline Cake is a great way to use your pumpkin. You can use 1 can pumpkin puree in place of fresh pumpkin. Make sure it is pumpkin puree not pumpkin pie filling as they are different. Pumpkin puree is pure pumpkin that has been cooked down and pureed with no spices added. Pumpkin pie filling has spices added like cloves, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg.

Pumpkin Praline Cake
1 box yellow cake mix
1 can (16 ounces) pumpkin puree or 2 cups fresh cooked pumpkin, mashed
1/2 cup oil
3/4 cup dark brown sugar
1/4 cup water
1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon allspice
3 eggs*

Topping:
1 cup chopped pecans
1 stick margarine or butter, softened
1/2 cup of brown sugar

Combine first eight ingredients in order given. Add one egg* at a time, beating a full minute between each addition. Pour one fourth of the batter into a greased tube pan that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray or greased with flour and shortening. **Topping:** In small bowl, combine nuts, butter and sugar; mix well. Place on top of batter in pan; carefully pour remaining batter over top of nut mixture. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees or until toothpick or cake tester comes out clean. Remove from pan and place on cooling rack to cool.

Special thanks to Carla Due, former FCS agent in Miller County for her contribution to this week’s article.

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Week

October 5-11, 2025

Monday October 6th - Go Green - Wear green and take a picture of you in your green and post on social media and tag Howard County 4-H on Facebook.

Tuesday October 7th - Food Drive - Collect canned and non-perishable items to be put in the blessing boxes around town. Youth will meet at 3:30 at the EH House and go put items they collected around Howard County.

Wednesday October 8th - Post a picture with your pet - Take a picture of you and your pet and post to social media be sure to tag Howard County 4-H on Facebook.

Thursday October 9th - Beyond Ready - A day to recognize those in the community that promote doing good and making positive impact. Take a video or video this person and post on social media. Be sure and tag Howard County 4-H Facebook.

Friday October 10th - Promote 4-H through a local school tell your story as a way to encourage others to join your local 4-H.

Howard County 4-H would like to invite you to participate in National 4-H Week Oct. 5-11.

The theme for this year is **Beyond Ready**, highlighting how 4-H prepares young people for success in college, careers, and life. Howard County has one of the strongest 4-H programs in the state and is proud of all the young people involved. For anyone interested in joining 4-H, contact the Howard County Extension office at 870-845-7517, and ask for Mrs. Samantha. Be sure to follow The Howard County 4-H Facebook page when you join Howard County 4-H.

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BY JOHN LEHTI

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FOR THE WOMAN, THIS BEAUTIFUL SISTER OF HIS, MUST BE MINE!

SEND TO THIS ABRAM, JEWELS, AND WINES, AND MANY SERVANTS, SHEEP, OXEN, AND CAMELS!

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fix our extra point and field goal problems. We have to spend a lot of time on the kicking game."

Overall, though, Chesshir was "proud of how we ran. We had three sophomore on the O-line and a sophomore quarterback and still moved the ball well."

Senior Carson Kirby was out with an injury last week. "We expect him back" on the offensive line for this week's Homecoming game against Fountain Lake.

The Scrappers defense "played well. They did a lot of positive things. They got the quarterback off his spot," Chesshir said.

Nashville defenders accounted for two touchdowns, one when Josh Walker intercepted a Badger pass and returned it for a TD, the other on a scoop and score by Jailyn Staggers on a turnover forced by Abari Williams.

"The defensive line

causes problems for our opponents. We forced a lot of third downs," Chesshir said.

For the game, Scrapper defenders allowed three explosive plays.

"I love their resiliency," Chessher said, including a touchdown-saving tackle on an 85-yard Arkadelphia pass reception. Walker and Myles Hawthorne tackled the receiver on the three-yardline. "That drive resulted in a field goal, not a touchdown. I'm proud of our resilience. We didn't give up. We didn't let a negative situation define. That says a lot about this team. I'm extremely proud to be on this journey with them."

Going forward, "We have to stay humble. We can't let Arkadelphia be the most exciting moment of the season. We have to create more in November and hopefully December. We have six conference games left and can't take anybody lightly. We have a long road ahead," Chesshir said.

For the night against Arkadelphia, the Scrappers posted 11 first downs. Nashville ran the ball 43

times for 199 yards, led by quarterback Jacoby Hopson with 101 yards and Tucker Dixon with 98 yards and two touchdowns.

Hopson completed 9 of 12 passes for 108 yards and no interceptions.

Karson Chambers caught three passes for 57 yards. Dixon had three catches for 35 yards, and Davonte Gilliam had three receptions for 16 yards.

The Scrappers fumbled twice and lost the ball both times.

Defensively, Lucas Aylett made 10 tackles. Williams had 10 tackles with 2 TFLs, 2 sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Makhi Johnson made 8 tackles, had 3 TFLs and 2 sacks.

Walker recorded 5 tackles, 2 interceptions and a touchdown off an interception.

Hawthorne had five tackles.

Other Scrapper tacklers included Brayden Erby, Jaydon Williamson, Hayden Gray, Gilliam, Staggers, Trenton Northcross, Kishon Jefferson, Cortez Cooper and Demetrius Shelley.



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The Nashville Junior Scrappers take the field before their District 7-4A home game against Arkadelphia Sept. 25. The Scrappers defeated the Badgers 44-30 to remain undefeated with a season record of 4-0. They will travel to Fountain Lake Thursday night, Oct. 2, to take on the Cobras. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Junior high Scrappers defeat Badgers

The Nashville Junior High Scrappers ran their record to 4-0 after defeating Arkadelphia 44-30 Thursday night, Sept. 25.

The Scrappers had 402 yards total offense, including 276 rushing and 126 passing.

Quarterback Mack Arnold ran the ball 9 times for 37 yards, completed 8 of 9 passes for 125 yards and accounted for 2 touchdowns.

Jakari Starr had 18 carries for 239 yards. He also caught one pass for 24 yards and was in on 4 touchdowns.

Other receivers included Bo Dean, 1 reception for 46 yards; Zee Beasley, 5 catches for 46 yards, and Al Green, 1 reception for 10 yards.

Dean was Nashville's leading tackler with 10.5. Kiron Johnson and Malik Gilliam had 6 tackles each.

Parker Webb recorded 5.

Other tacklers included Beasley, Royce Johnson, Kallen Horn, Jahce Curry, Green, Ace McKinnon, Bay Nolte, Shane Keaster and Braiden Friend.

Kiron Johnson made 1 sack, with 2 for Gilliam.

Friend recovered a fumble.

The seventh grade Scrappers won 14-0, and the eighth graders defeated Arkadelphia 25-8.

The NJHS teams will play at Fountain Lake Thursday night, Oct. 2, with the seventh grade game at 5, eighth grade at 6 and junior high at 7 p.m.



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Jakari Starr (1) goes up for a 24-yard reception Sept. 25 at home against Arkadelphia. Starr also ran the ball 18 times for 239 yards. He had 4 total touchdowns in the 44-30 win over the Badgers.

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Scrappers to host Cobras at Homecoming

The Nashville Scrappers will host Fountain Lake Friday night, Oct. 3 in the annual Homecoming game.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Homecoming activities for Queen Jayla Hendrix and her court will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Nashville comes into the game after a 24-23 win over Arkadelphia Sept. 26.

The Scrappers are 2-2 overall, 1-0 in District 7-4A.

The Cobras are 2-2 overall, 0-1 in 7-4A. They lost to Bauxite 46-39 Sept. 26.

Fountain Lake quarter-

back Cooper Buss is "very good," according to Nashville Coach Brad Chesshir. He has "a good arm and can also beat you on his feet."

The Cobras have "quite a few skill kids back" from a year ago, Chesshir said, including two receivers who are "very good, with good speed."

The Scrappers "will have to be very good defensively when it comes to the passing game," Chesshir said.

On defense, Fountain Lake is "pretty multiple. They'll go man-to-man quite

a bit. The defense has a lot of moving parts."

The Scrappers "will have to be very disciplined on offense. We'll have to get better at throwing the ball this week" as well.

To be successful against the Cobras, the Scrappers must "have a good week of preparation. We'll have to overcome the festivities of the week and get ready to compete," Chesshir said.

The game may be heard on KMTB, B99.5-FM. Bunch Nichols and Mark Trout will have the call.

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OUTLAWS IN ACTION. Senior quarterback Peyton Boeckman (at left) throws for one of his seven touchdown passes Friday, including this one to Treaton Alexander.

Outlaws throw all over LC Cougars

The Dierks Outlaws went pass-heavy on the Lafayette County Cougars Friday night on Ayers Field, resulting in a 47-15 conference win and a school record for touchdown passes. Boeckman connected with 15/28 passes in the win.

The Outlaws racked up 389 yards of offense with all but 13 yards coming via the passing game. Senior quarterback Peyton Boeckman set a new Dierks High School record for a single game by hitting seven touchdown passes. Boeckman connected with 15/28 passes in the win.

“Our defense showed a big improvement, particularly in tackling and running to the football,” said Outlaw Coach Paul Ernest about the win. “We still have to be more violent at the point of attack but it was a big improvement from the previous week against a better group of athletes.”

On offense, the coach said he did not intend to throw as much as we did “but they dictated that with their defensive philosophy for the night.” The Outlaws were expecting a 4-4 cover 3-man free look but LC played a 5-2 zero look all night.

“We were able to hit some big plays on screens and took shots when they presented. The O-line did a great job handling the pressure and Peyton Boeckman delivered some good balls. Sophomore Maclane Smith had a great night and Drake Thatcher blocked well all night and was rewarded with a couple balls for touchdowns.”

Ernest added that Eligah Hawthorne played extremely well on defense and fellow sophomore Jason Bailey made some great plays. Lucas Allen, Tristen Godwin and Brayson Talley disrupted all night and each recorded a sack. Ben Ernest had a pick six that was called back but set up Kolton Gadbury’s touchdown reception.

“A beautiful thing was junior tight end Treaton Alexander getting into the endzone on a long pass play on our second possession. He has played offensive tackle until this year and it was great to see him get a touchdown.”

The Cougars were held to 258 yards of offense with 35 rushes for 175 yards and two TDs and 4/11 passes for 83 yards. The Cougars were penalized 15 times for 93 yards and gained 10 first downs.

The Outlaws were flagged five times for 108 yards and earned 10 first downs.

The Outlaw receivers were led by Maclane Smith with seven catches for 160 yards and three TDs followed by Drake Thatcher with four catches for 67 yards and two TDs, Treaton Alexander with one catch for 79 yards and one TD, and Kolton Gadbury with five catches and one TD. Ben Ernest also pulled in two passes for 18 yards.

The limited running game was headed up by Jason Bailey with two carries for 19 yards, Maclane Smith with two for 13 yards and Thatcher with two for 11 yards.

On defense, Ernest had an interception and Brayson Talley had a force fumble.

The tackle chart was led by Ernest and Eligah Hawthorne with five solo stops each.

The Cougars were kept scoreless until the third quarter while Dierks put up 20 first-half points followed by 27 points in the third quarter. LC scored all 15 points over the third and fourth quarters.

The Outlaws will host the Spring Hill Bears Friday night for anotehr conference game. The Bears are coming off 16-6 win over the Mineral Springs Hornets.

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Murfreesboro Rattlers vs. Gurdon Go-Devils Friday night on Holloway Field @ Rattler Stadium Murfreesboro Diamond photos

Rattlers even record to 2-2 after 48-22 conference loss to Gurdon

The Murfreesboro Rattlers (2-2, 0-1) dropped their first conference game of the season 48-22 to the visiting Gurdon Go-Devils (2-2, 1-0) last Friday night.

Head coach Jay Turley said the team was simply “not ready” to play the game and it showed in their performance.

MHS trailed Gurdon 21-8 at halftime, with the touchdown coming on a long kickoff return by Alex Parker.

“We thought we could just walk on the field and beat Gurdon, and we simply were not mentally prepared or focused for the game. I could see that [Gurdon] had that look in their eyes when they got off the bus – and we didn’t. Gurdon is a tradition rich school and has pride about what they do.”

He said that the offense was generally able to move the ball, but that penalties and turnovers constantly killed any momentum and positive drives.

“They hit us in the mouth and we simply didn’t respond. This should be a wake-up call and a learning lesson for us going forward.”

Turley added that while changes were needed, it was not the time to get extreme over a single bad performance.

“It’s just one conference loss ... one game. It’s not the time to panic ... but we cannot look forward to another game, to winning the conference, to the playoffs ... we have to focus on this week and this week alone. You have to respect every team you play and fear no one.”

He said this week the team would see some changes in their approach, both in preparing for the game in practice over the week, but also their mental approach on Friday’s gameday.

“We have to remove distractions and get refocused,” Turley said simply.

Vs. Foreman

This week the team will travel to Foreman to take on the Gators (2-2, 0-1).

Foreman has alternated win and losses this season, beating Parkers Chapel 38-16 in week one and Horatio 34-14 in week three. Their losses have been at Hampton 38-14 in week two and at home versus Junction City 43-6 last week.

Turley said that the Gators are a much improved team over the past couple of years that saw them as the conference’s doormat.

“They are in the second year with coach [Edwin] Baker – after changing coaches year after year there for a while, they now have stability and it’s showing. They have figured out their identity and it is showing. They play very hard for coach Baker.”

He said they gave Junction City a much better game than the score indicated.

“They were able to move the ball against Junction City ... but the [Dragons] finally got the best of them.”

Turley said the Gators employ a disciplined offense that features the flexbone, with a big fullback that is hard to bring down and a quarterback that makes the team go.

“We just have to refocus – this week I’d look forward to playing anyone after last week’s result. We have to get that mentality that we are going to be ready for who we play, no matter their record. Good football teams take all opponents seriously, gameplanning and practicing all week with urgency all week. Mentally we have to be there – we have to play disciplined team football in order to win. We don’t have enough superior athletes to just go out there and out-athlete most teams.”

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Coach Brad Chesshir congratulates Josh Walker after Walker intercepted an Arkadelphia pass and returned it for a touchdown Friday night, Sept. 26.

Scrappers earn win over Badgers



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Josh Walker picks off a Badger pass and takes off for the endzone for a touchdown in Nashville's 24-23 win Sept. 26 at Arkadelphia.



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Jailyn Staggers scores off a Badger turnover.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Hayden Gray (7), Abari Williams (33) and Makhi Johnson (9) converge on the Arkadelphia Badger in last week's 7-4A victory for Nashville.



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Former offensive line coach Michael Howard (right) congratulates his son, O-lineman Halton Howard.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Tucker Dixon (left) takes the handoff from Jacoby Hopson during the Scrappers' road win over Arkadelphia.



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Scrappers run onto the field at Badger Stadium Sept. 26 for the conference opener against Arkadelphia.



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Myles Hawthorne returns an Arkadelphia kickoff as Cortez Cooper keeps the Badgers away.



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Fans join the Scrappers in singing the Nashville High School Alma Mater following the victory over Arkadelphia in the first District 7-4A game of the season.



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Drum major Klaire Hendry directs the Scrapper band's halftime show.

Scrappers 24, Badgers 23
First Nashville win over Arkadelphia since another one-point victory, 22-21, in 2019. Scrapper defensive backs coach Dontrell Robinson played in the 2019 game.

Decibel level goes off the scale at district-wide pep rally Sept. 26



Students, faculty and staff from all four Nashville campuses join for the Alma Mater at the district-wide pep rally Sept. 26 before the Scrappers' game at Arkadelphia.



Nashville Elementary School students show their support for the Scrappers during the pep rally at Scrapper Arena.



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Josh Walker, Nashville

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SENIOR NIGHT. Seniors on the Scrapper and Scrapperette tennis teams were recognized during Senior Night Sept. 29 at Nashville High School's new tennis courts. The seniors and their families include Millie Sanchez, Allie Sartin, Rylee Backus, Irene Bustos, Jareth Perez, Joshua Howard, Luis Bustamante, Peyton Fritts, Edwin Pizarro and Orfael Rosas. Coach Maddie McRae said this is the largest group of seniors she has coached.



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS. The Scrapperette golf team won the District 7-4A championship for the eighth year in a row. Parker Tate was District Medalist for the fourth straight year. For the fourth consecutive year, the Scrapperettes finished 1, 2, 3, 4 overall, made All-Conference and will advance to state. The girls include Kinley Martin, fourth overall; Parker Tate, District Medalist; Rayleigh Harmon, third overall; Molly Marion, second overall; and Cassie Stephenson. Aaron Worthen coaches NHS golf.



SCRAPPER GOLFERS. The Scrapper golf team competed at last week's District 7-4A tournament. The group includes Colton Brown, Madden Arnold, Manning Goff, Zeus Hutchinson and Luke Wallis. Goff will advance to the state tournament as an individual qualifier, and Wallis won a playoff to advance as a qualifier.

Nashville harriers compete at DQ meet

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Bouley, Paul L., 44, Denver, Colo., \$240 BF, speeding; \$260 BF, failure to appear
Carrigan, Anita R., 38, Camden, guilty of no proof o liability insurance, fined \$160
Combs, Jeremy, 36, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,787 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Curry, Aaron Lee, 38, Farmersville, Texas, \$230 BF, speeding
Diaz-Jimez, Marcos, 32, Saratoga, \$195 BF, no driver’s license/expired license
Dowell, Glendon Daryl, 62, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,170 owed
Gills, Kara L., 63, Nashville, \$265 BF, speeding
Gosnell, Taylor D., 34, Dierks, guilty of no driver’s license/expired license, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Hollingsowrth, Mackenzie, 25, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Hupp, Brandon C., 39, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
James, Richard A. Jr., 19, Texarkana, \$220 BF, public intoxication
Johnson, Chase Mitchell, 37, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Johnson, Jennifer, 44, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$870 owed
Kelly, Jason Lee, 46, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,310 owed
Lawrence, Megan, 27, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Lewis, Brenna Claire, 22, \$195 BF, failure to yield
Lowery, Amanda D., 41, Hot Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Lowery, Robert Jess, 46, Lockesburg, \$145 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Messinger, Caleb Eric, 25, Hot Springs, \$16 BF, use of wireless phone while driving
Myrick, Shelby L., 34, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,080 owed, committed to jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Nunally, Omareon D., 20, Nashville, \$270 BF, speeding
Parks, Brandon K., 31, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$690 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Pena Murillo, Cristhian, 25, Nashville, \$260 BF, speeding
Phillips, James H., 66, Henderson, Nev., \$230 BF, speeding
Smith, Macy Gail, 24, Nashville, \$240 BF, speeding
Walker, Fandra Marchall, 62, Texarkana, \$195 BF, fictitious vehicle tags/no tags; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Wallace, Marcus E., 33, Nashville, \$235 BF, protection from secondhand smoke
Womack, Christopher R., 37, Ashdown, guilty of speeding, fined \$290; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$170

City of Nashville
Allen, Jadakiss Ramon, 22, Texarkana, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Bay, Joshua G., 20, Winona, Mo., guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560
Benitez, Jose, 47, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver’s license/expired license
Benson, Akilah Asha, 29, Nashville, \$160 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$210 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Boyles, Makiye, 19, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver’s license/expired license
Britton, Rajay, 22, Okanogan, Wash., \$540 BF, violation of city ordinance - no door to door sale permit
Chism, Tanner, 24, Ozan, guilty of possession marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Collins, Amber L., 36, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$505 owed
Delfino, Barragan, 30, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver’s license/expired license
Duran, Angel, 22, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver’s license/expired license
Fields, Taliyah, 21, Texarkana, Texas, \$255 BF, speeding
Fontenot, Brandon Joe, 29, McCaskill, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Griffin, Nicholas David, 42, Fulton, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Hernandez, Noe, 24, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$65; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$360
Hill, Kevin, 58, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$450 owed; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Hopson, Charity, 19, Emmet, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Humphry, James D., 49, Delight, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Johnson, Jennifer, 44, Hope, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$200; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Loaexa Kennon, Adriana, 30, Nashville, guilty of no driver’s license/expired license, fined \$210
Luster, Mya S., 26, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of non-

payment of fines, \$600 owed; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
McCoy, Tatiana, 35, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,255 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Milligan, Joey, 20, Texarkana, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Muldrew, Carly S., 32, Wilton, guilty of improper or prohibited passing, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Nava, Miguel Antonio, 35, Dierks, guilty of speeding, fined \$265; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited with time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Nava, Toribio, 32, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver’s license/expired license
Orange, Jazerious O’Neal, 20, Wilmot, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$575
Pate, Ashly, 35, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Shelton, Robert William, 45, Nashville, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Stewart, Terelle, 29, Mineral Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Torrance, Jimmy D., 63, Nashville, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
White, Darrell L., 62, Mineral Springs, guilty of public intoxication, fined \$235
Young, James R., 44, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460

City of Dierks
Bruce, Kendall, 31, Little Rock, \$240 BF, speeding; \$260 BF, failure to appear
Champagne, Aric H., 52, Shepherd, Texas, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Epifanio, Abrham, 19, Shreveport, La., \$290 BF, speeding; \$195 BF, no child restraint; \$260 BF, failure to appear
Heifner, Jeffrey Braden, 35, Dierks, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Martinez, Elizabeth, 44, De Queen, \$255 BF, speeding
Pender, Matze B., 17, Dierks, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$85; guilty of reckless driving, fined \$360
Ramirez, Jorty, 20, De Queen, guilty of speeding, fined \$275; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$360
Smith, Jackson, 24, Fayetteville, \$265 BF, speeding

City of Mineral Springs
Britton, Rajay, 22, Okanogan, Wash., \$360 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Donavan, Jeff K., 60, Cot-



INSIDE WORK. The old Piggly Wiggly building’s transformation to a new grocery store for Murfreesboro is progressing for business owner Jack Bonds.

New Murfreesboro grocery store update

Interior construction underway

Local businessman Jack Bonds shared an update on the new grocery store last week. He said that the inside demolition had been completed and that construction of the inside of the building was now underway. “The tear down is done and the build is on ... it’s definitely coming along.” Projects currently ongoing include re-roofing the building, polishing the floor and painting inside. Framing is currently ongoing for the back wall, and walk-in coolers have been ordered. The meat room is currently under construction, and a sign is being ordered. “This is over 10,000 square feet and there will be nothing small or quaint about it,” said Bonds, who pledged fair, good pricing with no added percentages at the check-out line.

Bonds said the store could be open optimistically by the turn of 2026 if everything happened perfectly, but that a date later into the year -- March perhaps -- was more realistic. He said the store will feature rotisserie chicken, fresh baked goods, a full meat market with butcher and a full produce section. “This will be one of the nicer stores in the area -- perhaps in all of southwest Arkansas,” Bonds concluded. Bonds said he is seeking old pictures of the Piggly Wiggly store from its heyday or pictures of any grocery store in Murfreesboro to help the store connect the town’s past to its future. Should anyone have pictures they would be willing to share, they are asked to bring them to the Gypsy Underground Flea Market in Murfreesboro.

tonwood, Calif., guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$65
French, Shanai, 20, Ashdown, \$245 BF, speeding; \$260 BF, failure to appear
Griffin, Nicholas David, 42, Fulton, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Hill, Kevin, 58, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$560
Looper, Crystal M., 42, Lavonia, Ga., guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Massey, Nancy W., 70, Cordova, Tenn., \$195 BF, no tail or brake lights
McCoy, Tatiana, 35, Hope, guilty of no driver’s license/expired license, fined \$210
Sanchez Cruz, Isidro, 57, Hobbs, N.M., \$360 BF, inattentive driving
Smith, Jacqueline M., 57, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Vincent, Manuel A., 21, Hull, Texas, \$240 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Wade, Renita, 39, Texarkana, \$460 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Pickett, James T., 31, De Queen, guilty of fishing without license

Benck Trials
City of Mineral Springs
Dailey, Holly Dianna, 40, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Finley, Rufus L., 65, Mineral Springs, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Johnson, Melanie S., 41, Mineral Springs, guilty of running stop sign or light

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Plea entered in Pike County murder case

A Pike County man charged with second-degree murder for the shooting death of Daniel Cain Lamb, 44, of Delight, on June 18 entered a “not guilty” plea Monday.

Gage Allan King, 23, of Murfreesboro, was charged Sept. 18 in Pike County Circuit Court and entered his plea Monday in Pike County Circuit Court. A Nov. 3 pretrial date was set but first King will return to court on Oct. 6 for a possible bond increase. King was initially expected to charged with manslaughter in the shooting.

Also Monday in Pike County court , Danny Golden, 60, of Glenwood, plead guilty to the amended charge of possession of a firearm by certain persons and was fined \$2,500 plus court cost and placed on six

Pike County District Court

Sept. 16, 2025
BF=Bond Forfeited
Pike County
Adair, Trace William, 27, Atlanta, La., \$185 BF, speeding
Cogburn, Chase A., 18, Amity, guilty of no driver’s license, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of no driver’s license, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315
Merchant, Selina Rena, 50, Lockesburg, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$140; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125
Sang, Peng Lin, 59, Murfreesboro, \$140 BF, defective equipment
Smillie, David T. III, 37, Prescott, \$205 BF, failure to pay, \$6,250 owed
City of Glenwood
Bishop, George, 65, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125
Cogburn, Chase A., 18, Amity, guilty of no driver’s license, fined \$145; guilty of defective lights, fined \$145
Forga, Dutch Joseph, 41, Glenwood, guilty of driving on cancelled license, fined \$215; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225; guilty of driving vehicle with revoked license/registration, fined \$215; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240
Machucho, Emmanuel, 36, De Queen, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,105, credited with time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Reppo, Jakob M., 38, Little Rock, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,825 owed, committed to jail
Swanger, Austin McCoy, 27, Norman, guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$210;

years of probation.
Jakob Reppo, 38, of Glenwood, also plead guilty Monday to possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to six years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) with three years suspended.

Charges Filed Sept. 26
Brandy Rose Balderson, 52, of Glenwood, charged with possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.
Misty M. Williamson, 39, of Bismarck, charged with nonsupport.
Dakota Welch, 27, of Glenwood, charged with possession of controlled substance and furnishing prohibited articles.
Leah Ann Ransom, 24, of Glenwood, charged with forgery and theft of property.

guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240
Bench Trials
Pike County
Harr, Raymond Tyler, 35, Nashville, two counts of criminal mischief, under advisement for one year to dismiss
Lamb, David K., 71, Delight, guilty of harassment, fined \$210
O’Connell, Alahna Mary, 33, Mablevale, contributing to delinquency of minor, under advisement for one year to dismiss, fined \$350 and no-contact order issued

City of Murfreesboro
David, Jimmy Lamond, 53, Nashville, guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$50; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$50
City of Glenwood
Derrick, Benjamin J., 45, Amity, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$550 and sentenced to 30 days in jail; guilty of harassment, fined \$230; guilty of terroristic threatening, fined \$520 and 30 days in jail-suspended conditions
Wright, Christopher S., 38, Glenwood, \$390 BF, criminal mischief
Yalamarathi, Sai Sashank, 25, Plano, Texas, \$145 BF, speeding
Stolz, Michael Tyson, 40, Glenwood, theft of property, under advisement for one year to dismiss, fined \$922.98; guilty of animal cruelty, fined \$215; guilty of violating animal cruelty ordinance, fined \$115; guilty of violating animal cruelty ordinance, fined \$115; guilty of violating animal cruelty ordinance, fined \$115; guilty of violating animal leash law/at large ordinance



SPECIAL GUEST IN HOWARD COUNTY. U.S. Congressman Bruce Westerman was the guest speaker at the recent Howard County Republican Committee’s “Lincoln-Trump Day” dinner. Here, the congressman is pictured with Howard County Republican Committee Chairman Darin Wood and his wife, Anna, and children.

Misdemeanor case involving woman, 33, messaging boy, 11, now under advisement

A misdemeanor case in Pike County District Court involving a 33-year-old woman who messaged an 11-year-old boy is now under advisement following a Sept. 18 court date.

Alahna Mary O’Connell, 33, of Mablevale, was cited with contributing to the delinquency of a minor in June. During her court date, O’Connell, with her attorney Brent A. Miller, entered a plea agreement on the charge and she was ordered to pay a \$350 fine and a no-contact order was issued for her minor victim.

The misdemeanor charge is now under advisement for one year after which time the charge can be dismissed if O’Connell adheres to lawful conduct conditions, according to the Pike County District Clerk’s office.

According to a Feb. 8 incident report filed on the case by Pike County Investigator Jason McDonald, an investigation into O’Connell began on Feb. 7 when a mother told McDonald she had discovered messages between her young son and O’Connell that dated back to November 2024.

The mother said that despite her efforts to block internet access and prevent the downloading of apps on her son’s phone, the boy had downloaded Snapchat on a relative’s iPad. The relative reported seeing a message between the boy and O’Connell which allegedly included a picture of O’Connell in a tanning bed with the caption “would be a tight squeeze in here.”

McDonald noted that a review of screenshots showed “several inappropriate conversations” and the mother claimed O’Connell was also messaging other underage boys. McDonald said the claim is “unknown due to Snapchat’s deletion feature.”

“Based on the nature of the messages sent to (the son), there is a possibility that the other messages could be inappropriate or sexual on Snapchat due to her son hiding the amount from his parent.”

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WELCOME TO NASHVILLE. New Nashville Chamber of Commerce member Roma Italian Restaurant was welcomed into the city’s business community with the traditional ribbon-cutting, Monday morning. Owners, chefs, employees, chamber representatives and friends joined for the event at 121 N. Main St.

South Pike County School Board hears about state’s letter grade report

By PJ Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond

The South Pike County School Board met on Tuesday, Sept. 23 and opened with a comment period that is open to the public.

Local resident Matthew Humphry used his time to discuss a recent issue at school -- a teacher’s comments -- that made its way to social media.

He asked why the school district labeled a situation as inaccurate and asked why it had been put out there, stating that it made his child appear to be lying.

The pubic speaking period does not allow for students or district employees to be named directly.

In her superintendent’s report, Tanya Wilcher told the board that the school was live streaming games through hudl.com [subscription required] that currently includes football and basketball. They hope to add baseball and softball games to the slate if a reasonably priced wifi option can be installed at the ballfields before the season. The board approved quarterly payments from HUDL.

She credited Diamond Bank with helping partner to build batting cages at the baseball/softball complex and said the school had qualified for e-rate funding, which would make the \$130,000 project cost \$112,892.

She also credited local law enforcement with “really stepping up” during the recent social media fiasco that saw a student make veiled threats against the school.

High School principal Davey Jones begrudgingly confessed to the board that Centerpoint (B) had a better letter grade from the state Department of Education than Murfreesboro (C) did this year.

He said there were three main factors that go into the grade -- graduation rate, concurrent credit courses taken by students as well as standardized test scores.

Jones said last year only seven student participated in concurrent college credit classes -- something that

“comes and goes” year to year. He said that this year will feature a much larger number.

He also has mixed emotions at the graduation rate calculation -- with Murfreesboro holding “what appears to be a terrible” 92% for the class of 2025. He explained that students that leave the district but never enroll at another school count against the original district. “We can’t stop them from moving,”

“We are scored on kids that no longer attend the district -- if parents moved their kids and then homeschool or don’t enter their kids in a new district -- MHS is still held responsible.”

With those two factors against the school, Jones said he knew the school would have “blow the top off the test” and simply couldn’t cover the gap. He said there was still “no excuses” and that he “expects to compete” and “wants to win.”

He said the school will do what it needs to in order to get back as the highest ranked county school, but felt that no major changes were needed to accomplish that fact.

Murfreesboro Elementary principal James Riley said that an enrichment program has been set up for fifth and sixth graders that score a three or better of the math/ELA tests.

Options include robotics, e-sports, educational Minecraft, a crochet club or a podcast club.

He said there was consideration to include third and fourth grade in the perks system as well.

Riley also outlined the school’s “only” fundraiser -- the third annual Fun Run -- would allow all students to participate if they chose to, regardless of funds raised. The event funds a number of things including school field and incentive trips, the school’s house store and classroom supplies.

He said 100% of the proceeds would go toward the kids.

Additionally, MES has established an elementary BETA chapter for fifth and

sixth grade students based on academic standing.

He said there would be a state contest similar to the high school program. Some thirteen students from the two grades were nominated.

The board approved the purchase of a new van to

transport students, a Kia Carnival, at the cost of around \$40,000 as opposed to a mini bus that Wilcher said costs around \$120,000.

The board also approved the projected budget, that according to Wilcher would have an ending balance of

\$881,000 as opposed to the “normally \$300,000.”

“It looks good, looking at all the options, and is on the website for the public to see,” said Wilcher. The school’s website is rattlers.org.

After an executive ses-

sion, the board announced no action on a student discipline issue and that Leah Jones was being hired as a paraprofessional.

The next school board meeting is currently scheduled for Oct. 21.

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- If your clothes catch on fire remember to...

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☐ Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are only for adults to use.

☐ Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly. Change the batteries at least once a year.

☐ Do you know two or more ways out of the house?

☐ Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).

☐ Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.

☐ Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?

☐ Once you are out of the house, stay out of the house.

2 Ways Out

Families check out this list!

Read each of the 15 words and phrases in the list below. Then, find a word or phrase above that means almost the same thing and fill in the puzzle.

1. fireplug

2. home

3. siren

4. fireman

5. getaway

6. steps

7. smoke alarm

8. fumes

9. crisis

10. fire engine

11. way out

12. fire exercise

13. flame

14. firehouse

15. adult

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stairs
fire station
fire
alarm

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hydrant
fire truck
smoke
house

Hmm... I spy a hydrant!

New inventions help fire fighters do their difficult work. One invention is a scanner that can detect faint heartbeats, which can help to find people trapped under rubble. Another is a mask with built-in "thermal imaging" that lets fire fighters "see" people and flames through smoke.

Finish each phrase with the word that makes sense:

In a typical day, fire fighters may:

1. spread fire safety and awareness by visiting

2. slide from the third or second floor to the first on a

3. use scuba gear and a boat for

4. go to public buildings or businesses for a safety

5. clean their vehicles and perform equipment

6. feed, play with and train the

7. teach classes about CPR and other

A. fire pole

B. fire dog

C. schools

D. inspection

E. water rescue

F. maintenance

G. first aid

Match each word to the phrase that makes sense:

To complete the job, fire fighters may use (a):

1. fire truck

2. helmet

3. axe

4. water hose

5. air tank

6. ladder

7. helicopter

8. coat

A. to reach high floors or windows when a door is blocked

B. to protect their heads from flames and debris

C. to spray gallons of water onto the fire

D. to allow them to breathe in a smoke-filled room

E. to get to a fire quickly with all the right equipment

F. to lift water from a lake or pond to put out wildfires

G. to protect their bodies from fire (flame-proof materials) and to be seen easily by others due to reflective strips

H. to chop down doors or walls during a rescue

See the nine words in bold print to the left? Circle them in the fire extinguisher.

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Hempstead County to crack down on illegal school bus passers

The Hempstead County Sheriff’s Office is issuing a strong warning to motorists regarding the illegal and dangerous practice of passing stopped school buses while they are loading or unloading students. Recent reports have indicated an increase in these violations throughout the county, creating serious safety risks for children.

In response, the Hempstead County Sheriff’s Office will begin assigning deputies to ride along on school buses and will place addi-

tional patrol units in school zones and along bus routes. Deputies will be actively monitoring for motorists who disregard school bus stop arms and flashing red lights.

Motorists caught passing a stopped school bus face significant fines, possible license suspension, and other penalties under Arkansas law

The sheriff’s office urges all drivers to stay alert, slow down, and exercise patience in school zones and near bus stops.

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HONOR FOR HOWARD COUNTY FARM FAMILY. Farm Bureau President Brent Talley (at right) presented the Cathren and Jared Smith Family of Dierks with a plaque honoring the family's accomplishment as Howard County Farm Family of the Year at Farm Bureau's recent customer appreciation dinner.

Howard County's Sales and Use Tax Distribution for August 2025

RECEIPTS	HOWARD CO.
Deposit	\$634,335.25
State service charge.....	19,300.06
Interest earned	1,961.84
Vending decals	3.52
Amount distributed	\$626,000.55



Hospital tax collected: \$227,636.57

HOWARD COUNTY DISTRIBUTION

Dierks City Treasurer #1	\$16,305.35
Dierks City Treasurer #2.....	4,077.34
Mineral Springs City Treasurer #1	19,318.39
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Nashville City Treasurer #1	73,944.05
Nashville City Treasurer #2	18,486.01
Tollette City Treasurer #1.....	3,293.92
Tollette City Treasurer #2.....	823.48
Howard County (Jail)	56,909.34
Cossatot Community College UofA.....	56,904.14
Howard County Road	68,862.51
Howard County Landfill	45,908.34
Howard County General fund.....	28,692.71
Total Distributed	\$626,000.55

SOURCE: Howard County Treasurer Sheri Mixon

Place pecan orders now with MCCD

It's that time of the year again as the Mine Creek Conservation District announces its annual pecan sale to support a district scholarship that is awarded each year to a Howard County high school senior.

The district has the following available to order:

Fresh Arkansas pecans - 1 lb bag of halves \$11

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Also available in 1 lb bags for \$11 are dark chocolate pecans, milk chocolate pecans, white chocolate pecans, praline pecans,

mixed nuts, cashews, English walnut, chocolate almonds, chocolate peanuts, cinnamon spiced, honey roasted and pecan brittle.

There will also be fresh fudge available for \$8 per 1/2 lb bag and raw peanuts for \$8 for 2 lb and \$16 for 5 lb.

The deadline to order is Oct. 24. Orders will arrive the second week of November.

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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
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LAURA LINDLY
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The Howard County Housing Authority is seeking a **temporary part-time Admissions Coordinator**, responsible for managing the intake and eligibility process for all applicants to HCHA's Public Housing program. This position ensures fair and efficient processing of applications, oversees compliance with HUD regulations, and works closely with applicants, staff, and community partners to meet housing needs in the region.

Full Job Posting: www.tinyurl.com/hchajobs
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DHS advances to finals for \$1M stadium makeover

T-Mobile has revealed the Top 25 finalist for its Friday Night 5G Lights social media sweepstakes and the Dierks High School has advanced and is now in the running for a “game-changing” stadium makeover.

Dierks’ advancement as a finalist came with a \$25,000 check to be presented during a special event on Friday, Oct. 3 hosted by T-Mobile at Outlaw Stadium.

Dierks is the only school in Arkansas to qualify for the sweepstakes which will include a \$1 million field upgrade and a renovated weight room from Gronk Fitness, a consultation with stadium experience experts, an all-expense-paid trip to the SEC championship football game for 16 school representatives and a tailgate party revealing the finalized upgrades in 2026.

Votes can be cast for DHS to win by scanning the QR code pictured here. Voting will be held through Oct. 24 on the Friday Night 5G Lights website. The community can come back every day during the time period to cast another vote for their favorite school - the more daily votes, the higher the chance of winning the grand prize being announced Oct. 30.

According to a press release from T-Mobile, “For more than 20 years, the Outlaws’ stadium has gone without upgrades, yet their town of farmers, small business owners, welders, teachers and cafeteria workers show up with pride to support the team. Winning the \$1 million grand prize would do more than just replace outdated facilities - it would remind the students that they can be from a small town and still dream big.”

The school was also awarded \$5,000 as part of the sweepstakes earlier this season.

“I’m not sure I can put into words what this means to these kids, this town. To be selected to move on to the Top 25 round woke something inside I’m not sure most of us even knew or would admit was in there,” said Outlaw Head Coach Paul Ernest.

Dierks teacher and cheer coach Adriana Hogg added, “The Holler is special place that holds countless memories. I cheered at this field in high school, my husband and son played football on this field. My two daughters cheered at this field. Most of the community have tons of stories about The Holler. You will find a group of men eating breakfast at our local gas station every morning telling stories about when they played football at The Holler. It is one of the oldest fields that is still being used in the state of Arkansas.”

According to information on the internet, Ayers Field was used a landing strip for small aircraft before becoming a football field.



THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT. Outlaw Coach Paul Ernest addresses those in attendance of last week’s pop up Pink Out pep rally.



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MAKING THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT. Jill Strickling of T-Mobile (at right) announces Dierks High School has made the finals of T-Mobile’s Friday Night 5G Lights social media sweepstakes during a pop-up Pink Out pep rally held last week. The QR code here can be used for daily voting in the sweepstakes.



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