

Obituaries



**Elizabeth Ann
Craig Fricks**

Elizabeth Ann Craig Fricks, age 79, of Saratoga, Ark., passed away on Monday, Sept. 29, 2025, in Shreveport. She was born on July 3, 1946, in Little Rock to the late Alfred H. and Helen Craig. A birth date fitting for a firecracker and a patriot.

Mrs. Fricks was an educator for 28 years. She proudly served Mineral Springs and Nashville School Districts. Her firm but compassionate teaching style touched the hearts of many students. Her goal was to lead her students towards successful and content lives. In this endeavor, she gained many life-long friends. Mrs. Fricks was inducted into the Teachers Who’s Who in 1992 and was also a member of the Arkansas Retired Teacher Association. Not only was she an educator, but she was also a cheerleader and coach to many. There wasn’t a game she wasn’t supporting David, her husband coaching basketball. She valued and pushed her children/grandchildren/great-grandchildren to be the best at anything they attempted. She maintained this with being found at Playdays, Preschool Graduations, 5K Races, and sporting events. There wasn’t a friend or person she came across that didn’t know of her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren’s successes.

Without a doubt, her husband was her best friend, and he was the love of her life. Many of her hobbies were shared with her husband, especially the frustration of watching the Razorbacks. Her love for animals was evident from helping with animal shelters and

spoiling her special needs dog, Bobby Socks. Her dogs and horses never wanted for anything. The vets were on speed dial. On any given day, she could be found on the back of a horse. She was a natural. Majority of her workout exercises were to help her to continue doing what she loved, riding horses. Her mantra for life stemmed from her desire for riding -- “When you get bucked off, you get right back on.” When you did get bucked off, you were a true bucked girl. Ann Fricks has always been a true cowgirl.

She was a devout member of Southside Church of Christ in Saratoga. It was evident that she took her role as a Christian very seriously. She could be seen on a pew close to the front beside her husband. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School, and she constantly studied her bible. She made it her mission to share how great our God is! Her Christian influence strongly impacted all members of her family.

Those left to cherish her precious memory and legacy include her loving husband of 60 years, David Fricks; two children, Kimberly Ann Erwin and husband Tim of Paraloma; David Keith Fricks and wife Sharla of Saratoga; four grandchildren, Sydney Howard and husband Wes, Zack Erwin and wife Rachelle, Trent Fricks and wife Chandler, Jada Darden and husband Dylan; four great-grandchildren, Anson and Bridger Howard, Lydia Erwin, and Kamley Fricks; one brother, Robert Craig and Joann of Little Rock; and a host of many special friends.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 3, 2025, at the Southside church of Christ building in Saratoga with Robert Womack and Garry Stanton officiating. Interment will follow in Saratoga Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

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

**Jessie Marie
Fatherree**

Jessie Marie Fatherree, 87, of Nashville, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2025.

She was the daughter of the late Lake Green Melson and Jessie Davis Melson.

She was a member of County Line Baptist Church and taught Sunday School for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Walter Fatherree; daughter, Linda Ann Lewis; son, Herman Walter Fatherree, Jr; also a grandchild.

Survivors include: grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Graveside services were Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, at County Line Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.

Shelley R. Cheridor

Shelley R. Cheridor, 38, of Jonesboro died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025. She was a native of Lockesburg. Funeral arrangements are with McFadden & Hitchye Funeral Enterprises, Hope.

Patricia Lipps

Patricia R. Lipps, 68, of Nashville died Oct. 4, 2025.

She was born Sept. 27, 1957, in El Paso, Texas, the daughter of Richard Robinson and the late Ysela Robinson.

She had been a clerk for the district court.

Survivors include: her husband, Richard Lipps; her children, Steven Lipps and his wife Tina, and Jennifer Bayles; step-children Richard, Ernie, and Janet Lee Lipps; sisters Melissa and Debroha Robinson; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her father, Richard Robinson.

Arrangements by Nashville Funeral Home.

Services will be announced at a later date.

County had nine parcels sold in auction of area delinquent properties

LITTLE ROCK – The recent auction of tax-delinquent properties in Howard, Montgomery, Pike, Polk and Sevier counties raised more than \$193,000, the Commissioner of State Lands has announced.

The regional auction – the final of the 2025 season – drew 64 registered bidders, who purchased all 22 of the available parcels for \$193,140.21. Results were as follows:

Howard County: 9 parcels offered; 9 parcels sold; \$48,565.27 total; \$5,943.82 taxes collected

Montgomery County: 2 parcels offered; 2 parcels sold; \$10,174.94 total; \$1,039.10 taxes collected

Pike County: 2 parcels offered; 2 parcels sold; \$3,700 total; \$477.47 taxes collected

Polk County: 5 parcels offered; 5 parcels sold; \$44,300 total; \$2,120.16 taxes collected

Sevier County: 4 parcels offered; 4 parcels sold; \$86,400 total; \$4,374.41 taxes collected

The auctions offered real estate parcels with taxes delinquent since 2020.

“Most owners redeem their property by

paying the delinquent taxes; the office only auctions a fraction of the parcels certified for delinquent taxes,” Commissioner Tommy Land said. “Of course we hope property is redeemed if the owners want to keep it, but it is vital that the parcels return to the county’s active tax rolls.”

The Commissioner of State Lands office disburses taxes and interest to the county, whether that money is collected through redemption or sale.

“Last year, the Commissioner of State Lands Office sent more than \$18.7 million to school districts and county governments,” Land said. “Of that, \$276,909.66 went to these four counties, helping fund everything from roads to schools.”

Those turnback amounts were:

Howard County: \$42,166.23

Montgomery County: \$58,745.73

Pike County: \$18,626.54

Polk County: \$103,137.06

Sevier County: \$42,234.10

Auction sales are final.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Retiree’s guide for Financial Security Month

By Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments

If you’re retired, it’s easy to let your finances go on autopilot. Since October is National Retirement Security Month, it’s a good time to revisit some areas that can impact your long-term financial security and help your money last a lifetime.

Consider these suggestions:

- **Manage your withdrawal rate.** You’ll likely need to tap into your retirement accounts — your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But think carefully about how much income you withdraw every year. If you take out too much, especially in the early years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You have the option of withdrawing from these accounts at age 59½. Once you turn 73, you’ll be required to take out at least a certain amount each year based on your age and account balance.

- **Estimate health care costs.** When you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan, both of which will require premium payments. You’ll probably also incur a variety of other unreimbursed expenses for doctor visit copays or deductibles, prescription drugs and vision, hearing and dental care. Additionally, about 70% of adults ages 65 and older will need some form of long-term support, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. This may include a paid home health aide (average cost of \$77,792 per year), an assisted living residence (average cost of \$70,500 per year) or nursing home care (private room average cost of \$127,750 per year). (Cost estimates are from Genworth 2024 Cost of Care Survey.) Over the course of your retirement, these can add up, so be realistic when budgeting for health care expenses in retirement.

- **Consider when to take Social Security.** You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks at age 62, but your payments will generally be larger if you wait until your “full” retirement age of 66 or 67. (The size of your payments will “max out” at age 70.) If you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may well be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.

- **Avoid investing too conservatively.** Once you’re retired, you might think you should take as few chances with your investments as possible — after all, you have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your working years. Nonetheless, it’s important to consider keeping a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.

Fall Festival at Mineral Springs will be Saturday, October 25

Fall Festival at Mineral Springs will be Saturday, Oct. 25, at Bridgeman Park beginning at 11 a.m. The festival is billed as a day of fun and games for adults and youth. There will be line dance lessons, a 360 photo shoot, jump houses, food

vendors and a petting zoo.

Arm bands for participation in events are \$5 per person at the gate. Persons wishing to set up for ‘trunk or treat’ are invited. No candy will be given out before 5 p.m.

The public is invited.

Tiebreaker picks contest winner

Florida’s upset of Texas, along with the Dierks loss to Spring Hill, de-railed most pickers in last week’s football prediction contest.

The best entry was from Mike Aylett of Nashville who was tied with Jerry Bowden with correct picks, but hit the tiebreaker margin on the head -- 36 points. He wins a combo meal at Starz Family Restaurant.

Scores of games in the contest:

Junction City 39, Mineral Springs 0

Murfreesboro 48, Foreman 34

Spring Hill 22, Dierks 20

Arkadelphia 42, Bauxite 21

Malvern 34, Haskell HG 20

Ashdown 48, Genoa Central 18

Florida 29, Texas 21

Texas A&M 31, Mississippi State 9

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Nashville 62, Fountain Lake 26

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EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young

123 years ago: October 1902

Odie Garland and Jerry Hightower of Hempstead County attended a dance at the house of Bob Schaal, five miles north of Hope, Friday night and as a result Hightower is dead and Garland is in jail at Washington to answer for his murder.

The two became involved in a quarrel about a woman who was present, and Garland stabbed Hightower just below the collar bone and an artery was severed. The injured man was put to bed and the dance continued. In a short time, someone went to the bed of Hightower to see how he was doing and found that he was dead.

Garland surrendered to a constable Sunday morning and is pleading self-defense.

79 years ago: October 1946

At a meeting of the Howard County Memorial Committee here Tuesday night, the county organization for raising the funds necessary to erect a memorial for men and women from this county who lost their lives in service for their country, was set up and quotas were assigned to each community.

Arthur E. Hicks of Nashville was chosen to head the county organization with Bobby Steel as secretary-treasurer and Cecil Shuffield as chairman of the school division. The drive is now open and will close on Armistice Day November 11.

(Adv.) Howard, now showing, “The Haunted Mine” starring Johnny Mack Brown plus “Monster and the Ape.”

63 years ago: October 1962

Once again Narrows Lake reverts to us natives. The city folks who lounged



WWII veteran Joseph Benjamin Morris Harwell (1891-1945), son of William Thomas and Margaret Frances Morris Harwell. He married Leila Maude Frey Jan. 12, 1924, in Mineral Springs.

on that shoreline in tents, under strips of canvas and plastics, campers or the open canopy of nature have gone home to Dallas, Fort Worth, Shreveport or chiefly points south, but a few toward other compass points.

This is a lovely time of the year on Lake Narrows or it will be when fall moves in with its brisk air and the leaves turn from green to brilliant gold or burnt orange of the season.

Miss Carol Kirby has been chosen Junior Homecoming Queen for the Dierks Junior Outlaws and will reign at the Homecoming game the night of October 30. She is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Virgil Kirby of Dierks.

Maids in the queen’s court will be Cissie Evans, Judy Hobbs, Kay Walston, Judy Hill, Ester Janes and Helen Chambers. Team captains are Mike Williamson and Danny Miller.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period of Sept. 25-Oct. 1, 2025, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

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

No marriage licenses issued during the period.

Civil Court
CV25-107, Sept. 26. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Crystal Davis. Debt.

CV25-108, Sept. 26. NCB Management Services, Inc., vs. Kristi Lambert. Contract.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-76, Sept. 18. Lasalle Nunally vs. Latoya Davis. Order of protection.

DR25-77, Sept. 25. Denise Woodruff vs. Loyd Woodruff. Order of protection.

DR25-78, Sept. 25. State

of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Dillon Scott. Support.

DR25-79, Sept. 25. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Lakendrick D. Trotter. Support.

DR25-80, Sept. 30. Tiler D. Lane vs. Madeline J. Lane. Divorce.

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

No criminal cases filed since CR25-85, Sept. 23.

Land/Property Transactions

Redemptions Deeds
Oct. 1. State of Arkansas; to Travis Hile, Dierks; 0.66 ac. in S30 T7S R28W on Herman Ave., Dierks; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$2,051.67.

Oct. 1. State of Arkansas;

to Carl D. and Peggy Reese, Texarkana, Texas, c/o Carla Goza; 1 ac. in S36 T9S R27W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$278.33.

Distributee’s Deed
Sept. 30. Harry D. Vincent, Distributee of the Estate of Harry Vincent, deceased; to Harry D. Vincent and Jason Vincent; property in S31 T9S R27W.

Warranty Deeds
Sept. 26. Bobby Hamilton and wife, Amanda Hamilton; to Mark L. Wall and wife, Danita J. Wall; 2.534 ac. in S15 T9S R28W. \$7,600.

Sept. 26. Tandie Ray; to Jerry D. Anderson; Lot 3, Block 11, Greenwood Addition, Town of Nashville. \$290,000.

Sept. 29. Yolanda Marie Green and husband, Marvell Green; to K&K Legacy, LLC; part of Block 40, Town of Mineral Springs. \$170,000.

Pleas entered in criminal court

Pleas were taken and trial dates set here last Wednesday, Oct. 1, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

Sentences were pronounced for three defendants who pleaded guilty. On the bench was Judge Tom Cooper.

Gremyko Scoggins, Jr., 34, black male, Nashville, was charged with a class B felony, furnishing prohibited articles.

He was sentenced to two years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) with a further four years suspended imposition of sentence.

Dennis Moten, 58, white male, Fulton, was charged with delivery of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to five years in the ADC plus a further five years suspended imposition of sentence.

Jessica Ephron, 25, black female, Washington, pleaded guilty to a theft of cash from the Dollar Store in Mineral Springs.

She was fined \$1,000, must make restitution, and was sentenced to six years of probation.

Trial dates set
Dates for trials and pre-trial motions were set for defendants who pleaded not guilty.

Gregory Dwayne Dixon, 60, black male, Nashville, is charged with drug possession with intent to deliver. Motions will be heard Nov. 19.

Kerry Wayne Reed, 64, white male, Dierks, is charged with simultaneous possession of drugs and

firearms, along with a drug possession charge.

Motions will be heard Nov. 19.

Demario Scoggins, 37, black male, has a Feb. 11, 2026, date for motions on his charges of felon with firearm and with drug possession. He also missed his court date for first appearance and a failure to appear warrant was ordered.

The state declined to pursue charges against Jarvis Juniel, 42, black male, Mineral Springs, who had been charged with possession of a controlled substance.

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Preview times for Parcels

Parcel 1 - Monday, October 20th from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Parcel # 001-04628-0000: **68.33AC +/- SCHAAAL RD, MINERAL SPRINGS, ARKANSAS 71851, Howard County** (Located: 23.33 Ac SWSW. SESW ex RR se corner. (39.50 ac) 5.50 ac in SWSE)

Parcel 2 - Wednesday, October 22 from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Parcel# 073-00020-001: **0.36AC +/- WESTMORELAND DR., CALE, ARKANSAS 71828, Nevada County** (- 11-13-21 Cale City Metes and Bounds containing .36ac +/-)

Parcel 3 - Open House viewing Wednesday, October 22 from 10:00 a.m. until noon

Parcel# 073-00046-0017570: **.40AC +/- W/1160 SQ FT FRAME HOUSE, 757 WESTMORELAND DR., CALE, ARKANSAS 71828** (11-13-21 CALE CITY METES & BOUNDS in FRL PT NE NWA, as is

Parcel 4 - Lot open for viewing anytime

OPEN LOT CORNER OF E DIXON AND N OLIVE ST. (Across from Dollar General) WALDO, ARKANSAS 71770.

Open lot located across highway from Dollar General S/2 NW/4 Book 2017 page 4274 Beginning at a point 100 feet West of the point, where centerline of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 21 West, North and South crosses South Boundary line of right of way of SL SW RY. Thence South 80 Feet, Thence East 100 feet, thence South 20 feet, thence West 100 feet, thence South 190 Feet to public highway, thence West 50 Feet, thence North 100 Feet, Thence West 200 feet, thence North to SL SW RY. CO. right of way, thence East along line of said right of way to point of beginning, all East and West lines to parallel R.R. Tracks, same bing a parcel of land in the SE1/4 OF NW1/4 of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 21 West

Parcel 5 - Open House viewing Wednesday, October 22 from 200 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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Point of view

A ‘Grace period’

Stoplight repairs result in zero tickets for J-Turn sins

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I must interrupt this column for an important announcement:
Your Attention Please!

During the period of time while we breathlessly await repairs to the stoplight at the intersection of South Main and Hempstead Streets, the Unofficial Downtown J-Turn Officer has been ordered to cease doling out tickets for J-Turn offenses no matter how flagrant.

That intersection was the second Main Street crossing in Nashville to get a stoplight -- the Post Office intersection being busier, therefore first.

The stoplight was actually previously-owned, and our city got it by bargain-hunting. The light was so out-of-date that color lenses on two sides were in the wrong order, and this caused some problems for color-blind drivers.

However, that oldest light is long gone, making way for the newer one which was zapped out of commission by a lightning bolt in a recent storm.

Please note: Just because you will not get a ticket for committing a J-Turn does not mean you should commit that hateful dangerous maneuver willy-nilly. It could become a bad habit especially if repairs to the light take a long time.

And even if he is the ‘unofficial’ officer and does not yet have his concealed automatic firearm permit, he could be accurately described as having an itchy trigger finger.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Someone or something is noticing and listening and remembering everything.

Some time ago I was innocently surfing on YouTube and found ‘Ancient Dances’ with old old old Greek lyre music and some lovely ladies in long gowns doing the same kind of dance that was illustrated on a Grecian Urn.

The same dancers showed up on my Facebook next day. Without my bidding.

Those dancers have gradually changed. Also without my bidding, and some form of dancers are there every day.

First, they evolved into Sufi Dancers and Whirling Dervishes. Then noble dancers from Caucasus gliding around on tiptoe. Then street dancers in Thailand.

Then children learning tribal dances in Africa. Then Native Americans in dance competition at pow-wows. I don’t think their wildly-colorful costumes were authentic.

Then they were twirlers in parades in Central America. Then Irish tapdancers holding arms stiffly at their sides.

Who am I leaving out? The Irish dancers became graceful swaying hula ladies from Hawai’i.

They became more vigorous hubba-hubba dancers from Tahiti. Then fierce Maori dancers doing something called a ‘haka’ in which they grimace and slap themselves and bulge their eyes and shout angrily at opponents. They are flat-out scary.

Some of those New Zealand dancers have obviously been on Louie’s M&M Peanut Diet.

The saucy Tahitian dancers are obviously NOT on that diet. Next, I suppose, I’ll have boot-scooters and Western swing music.

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DON’T LOOK, ETHEL! On Tuesday of last week an asteroid the size of Aunt Ethel’s living room couch zippped past Earth by about the same number of miles as it is from Nashville to Ft. Worth. If that unnerves you then you won’t be happy to learn that we (us Earthlings) have narrowly missed one that was even closer -- about as far as it is from Nashville to Dallas during rush hour.

As we (us Earthlings) have gotten more knowledgeable about Space, and as our observation equipment has gotten better, we have become more aware of such close flybys. These close calls haven’t occurred just recently, I’ll bet. They were surely happening back before Columbus brought smallpox to the New World. Surely even earlier.

I was also alarmed to see an article (Space.com) that the sun was in a decline. WHUPS! The End Times? But, no, the sun is just in the decline of one of its regular phases. Our sun probably still has several billion more years before it goes out, so don’t be alarmed.

The decline of the phase, however, means more sightings of the Northern Lights farther south than usual. Maybe even visible in Mexico for the next few years, the article said.

I’ve only seen the Northern Lights once. It was on a cold November night driving home from a playoff football game in Mineral Springs.

Luckily I had a witness riding with me. “Honest, we were both sober, officer.”

The Northern sky was a beautiful red color. We drove quickly to my house and I got Jane to step outside to share the sight.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: “The sooner you fall behind, the more time you’ll have to catch up.”

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HE SAID: “Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you’ll start having positive results.” Willie Nelson, country music icon

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SHE SAID: “The tree I had in the garden as a child, my beech tree, I used to climb up there and spend hours. I took my homework up there, my books, I went up there if I was sad, and it just felt very good to be up there among the green leaves and the birds and the sky.” RIP Jane Goodall, British primatologist, ethologist, and anthropologist

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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Many adults can likely recall mornings during their childhood when newspapers were tossed into the driveways of many homes throughout their neighborhoods. Some adults might even have delivered papers from their bicycles each morning.

Such scenes may now be a relic of the past, thanks in large part to wide reliance on the Internet as a source for news. But the benefits of reading a newspaper are no less substantial today than they were when enterprising youngsters could be seen tossing newspapers into driveways in neighborhoods across the nation in the wee hours of the morning.

In fact, the American Journalism Project reports that the loss of local news is adversely affecting democracy by contributing to polarization, a decline in voting participation and less government accountability.

Readers concerned by such a report can take note of the following reasons why it’s so vital to support local journalism.

- Local newspapers drive political engagement, particularly among younger voters. Young people are often characterized as the future of the nation, and that’s

one notable reason to support local journalism. According to the CIRCLE/Tisch College Post-Election Poll conducted between November 3 and December 2, 2020, 50 percent of youth reported feeling more prepared to vote in the 2020 elections thanks to local news media. Local journalism can contribute to a more knowledgeable and engaged electorate, which is an invaluable benefit at a time of waning voter participation and reduced accountability of government.

- Local journalism helps build communities. Community-building is another benefit of strong local journalism. In their book, *News Hole: The Demise of Local Journalism and Political Engagement*, authors Danny Hayes and Jennifer Lawless connect a decline in local news with decreased participation in local elections. When voters participate less in local elections, they’re less likely to learn about issues affecting their communities, whereas greater voter participation increases civic engagement and helps to build stronger communities.

- Local journalism keeps people up-to-date on their own communities. Cable news networks and their affiliated websites primarily

focus on national and international news, leaving viewers and readers who rely exclusively on these media for their news with little or no access to information regarding issues affecting their own communities. Local newspapers have long filled that void, providing an invaluable benefit and a means for readers to learn what’s being done and what can be done about issues affecting their daily lives and the communities they call home.

- Local journalism holds local government officials accountable. In early 2025, the Richmond, Calif., City Council voted to give themselves 80 percent increases in their monthly salaries. Though the merits of those increases were open to debate from both sides, chances are strong Richmond residents might not have learned about the salary adjustments had it not been for local journalists’ reporting. The Richmond example underscores the vital role local journalism plays in relation to keeping an eye on local governments and holding them accountable.

Local journalism is vital to a thriving democracy, and readers are urged to support the many local newspapers working hard to keep their communities well-informed.

State Biosciences Institute promotes public health by extensive research

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The Arkansas Biosciences Institute (ABI) has secured more than a billion dollars in research funding since it was created about 25 years ago, its directors announced at a recent meeting.

They emphasized that the billion dollars did not come from a government appropriation or a large grant that designated a portion to every state. The total amount was secured through competitive applications made by Arkansas researchers to the national organizations such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, or grants from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Arkansas had been one of 46 states that sued the country’s four major tobacco companies, seeking compensation for the costs of treating people whose health was harmed by smoking. In 1998 a settlement was announced that restricted cigarette advertising, marketing and sponsorships. Also, the tobacco companies agreed to pay the states \$206 billion over 25 years.

Arkansas received about \$62 million a year at the beginning of the settlement.

Last year Arkansas received \$47 million, bringing the state’s total

proceeds of settling the lawsuit to more than \$1.4 billion.

ABI receives from \$10 million to \$12 million a year from the settlement, which was not counted toward the billion dollars in total research grants.

Officials calculate that for every dollar invested in ABI, the institute generates a return of about five dollars. For example, in fiscal 2024 the institute had a budget of \$11.5 million and it brought in \$61 million in research funding from out of state.

Arkansas citizens approved the creation of ABI when they passed a referendum in 2000 by a vote of 64 percent in favor of the Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act.

Of all the states that received settlement money from the tobacco companies, Arkansas was unique in how it chose to spend the funds in that we voted to dedicate all the proceeds to health-related programs.

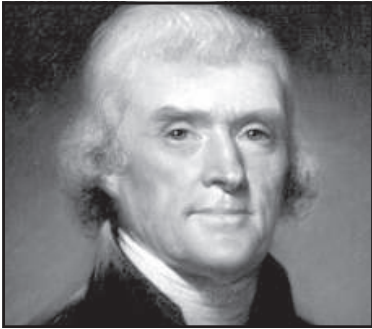
In 2001 the legislature appropriated money from the tobacco settlement for seven health-related programs, including for operations of the newly-created ABI. In addition to the research institute, other programs benefit minority, elderly and under-served populations. Revenue went to an expansion of Medicaid.

The goal of ABI is to promote public health through biomedical and agricultural research. Five campuses have a role. They are Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the Arkansas Children’s Hospital Research Institute.

ABI conducts agricultural research with medical implications, as well as bioengineering research that expands genetic knowledge in medical fields. Some research is tobacco-related with applications in behavioral, diagnostic and therapeutic fields. Other research focuses on nutrition, and other projects are aimed at preventing and treating cancer.

At the annual meeting the institute’s director remarked on the importance of surpassing a billion dollars in research funding, saying “this milestone is about honoring the vision of Arkansas voters who overwhelmingly supported this initiative.”

He said the milestone indicated that the institute was committed to being good stewards of the trust shown by Arkansas voters in 2000 when they approved funding of biomedical research.



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DISTRICT TENNIS. Scrappettes Rylee Backus and Allie Sartin play Arkadelphia in the girls doubles finals at the District 7-4A tournament Monday at Ouachita Baptist University. Backus and Sartin were runners-up at district. They will advance to next week's Class 4A state tournament in Clarksville.

HMH

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use of the tissue has already transformed patient outcomes.

EPIFIX can be used to promote healing with surgical, OB-GYN, diabetic skin ulcers, dermatology or other wounds which resist healing.

A representative of the company which supplies HMH was in Nashville and spoke with reporters.

Sylvain Naud, an account representative with MIMEDX described the product as a miracle which comes from another miracle -- the birth of a healthy child.

The wound care material is the result of medical re-

search and testing, and is accredited by US Food and Drug Administration, and by the American Association of Tissue Banks.

Naud also said that the American public unfortunately was not aware of the availability of EPIFIX and what an important medical advancement it is.

CEO Harberson said, "We are incredibly proud of our Wound Care team. They provide dedicated, compassionate care, and treat patients like family. This extraordinary team was recently recognized for outstanding patient satisfaction -- a reflection of the high-quality care they consistently provide. In June, we expanded our services to include skin substitutes, a cutting-edge treatment that is already

transforming patient outcomes. This innovative therapy has proven to be a game changer for those with complex wounds -- and we've already seen complete healing in one of our first patients to receive it. 'Thank you' to our Wound Care team for continuing to raise the bar and make a meaningful difference in our patients' lives."

Chris Stroud, chief nursing officer, said: "Our Wound Care Team is comprised of highly skilled professionals dedicated to providing exceptional care and ensuring outstanding patient experiences. The addition of our new service line further enhances our ability to deliver superior outcomes, contributing to higher patient satisfaction and faster healing times."

Junior Scrappers win at Fountain Lake

The Nashville Junior High Scrappers made it another 3-0 night Oct. 4 by sweeping Fountain Lake in three games.

The seventh graders won 24-8. Eighth grade Scrappers shut out the Cobras 34-0.

Ninth graders won 28-6. Mack Arnold was 4 of 7 passing for 69 yards. He also ran the ball for 32 yards on 5 carries.

Jakari Starr rushed 12 times for 146 yards and two touchdowns.

Bay Nolte caught two passes for 39 yards and a touchdown. Zee Beasley had three receptions for 31 yards and a TD.

The Scrappers had 247 yards total offense.

On defense, Bo Dean was the leading tackler with 9.5. Malik Gilliam and Nolte had 4.5 tackles each.

Jahce Curry, Kiron Johnson and Parker Webb had 3 each.

Other tacklers included Erik Hernandez, Al Green,

Caleb Mounts, Davion Gamble, Jose Bustamante, Kallen Horn, Lucas Lowrey, Jayden Bernard, Starr and Braiden Friend.

Webb made one interception.

Johnson recorded a sack and forced a fumble.

The junior Scrappers will play Bauxite Thursday, Oct. 9, at Scrapper Stadium.

Seventh graders will play at 5 p.m., followed by eighth grade at 6 and junior high at 7.



CHURCH CENTENNIAL. Former pastor Phillip Dunn speaks during the 100th anniversary celebration Sunday, Oct. 5, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville.

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Game

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Overall, "It was a good win on the Hill in front of the community. I saw some of my teammates who were seniors when I was a sophomore. They had a reunion," Chesshir said.

Fans saw kicker Luis Flores do "an outstanding job on PATs. We had one bad snap, but that's not on him. He was 100 percent on the kicks he attempted. We'll keep putting an emphasis on kicking."

On the list of things to work on, "We need to get better with ball security. We put the ball on the ground too many times. Sloppy moments can't happen. I'm not happy with that," Chesshir said.

Looking ahead to the rest of the regular season, "We want to continue to get better, pay attention to little details, keep growing."

Bauxite

The Scrappers will travel to Saline County to take on the Bauxite Miners Friday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.

The Miners "are very competitive on both sides of the ball. They're 1-1 in district," according to Chesshir, losing to Arkadelphia while defeating Fountain Lake.

Bauxite utilizes a freshman quarterback and a sophomore at the position. "The sophomore throws better. The freshman plays more. He can throw, but he can beat you on his feet."

Evans Goodwin, a 6-7, 320-pound offensive lineman, "looks the part" and has committed to SMU.

The Miners have two receivers "who get in space" and a tight end who is "one of the better ones we'll see," Chesshir said.

"We'll have to be very disciplined" against the Miners.

Defensively, "We don't know what we'll get: 3-3, 3-4, 4-3. We'll have to be disciplined" there as well.

Friday night's game will be heard on KMTB, 99.5-FM, with James "Bunch" Nichols and Mark Trout. It will also be live-streamed on



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

SCRAPPER PAT. Hayden Gray (7) holds as Luis Flores kicks the PAT during Nashville's 62-26 Homecoming win over Fountain Lake Oct. 3.

ScrapMedia.

Scrappers stats

For the Homecoming game, the Scrappers had 398 yards total offense on only 41 plays.

Hopson completed 8 of 12 passes for 57 yards and a touchdown. He also ran the ball 15 times for 174 yards and two TDs.

Davonte Gilliam caught two passes for 20 yards. Gauge Applegate had one reception for 14 yards.

Cortez Cooper had two catches for 11 yards and a touchdown.

Bryce Perrin made two catches for seven yards.

Karson Chambers had one reception for five yards.

On the ground, Dixon had 15 carries for 145 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Bryce Perrin rushed twice for 28 yards.

The Scrappers fumbled twice and lost the ball both times.

Defensively, Abari Williams had five tackles

and a tackle for a loss.

Josh Walker made five tackles, had one TFL and a pass break up.

Trendon Northcross recorded five tackles and a PBU.

Lucas Aylett had three tackles and a TFL.

Perrin had three tackles and a pass break up.

Drew Mitchell made three tackles.

Other Scrapper tacklers included Hayden Gray, Blake Moody, Lyndon Manley, Carsyn Delozier, Jacob Teague, Williamson, Makhi Johnson, Myles Hawthorne, Aiden Bradley, Brayden Erby, Landon McGee, Hayden Crabtree, Lonnie Coulter, Fabio DiFidio, Cortez Cooper and Jailyn Staggers.

Teague and Williamson had one interception each and a defensive touchdown each.

Cooper made one interception. Staggers had a pass break up.

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DIERKS DEFENDER Mason Smith hauls down a Spring Hill Bear runner



SWARM OF OUTLAW DEFENDERS



98-YARD TD RECEPTION by Dierks Outlaw Ben Ernest News-Leader photos/NIKKI FIELDS

Outlaws come up short in Spring Hill conference game

The Dierks Outlaws evened their conference record to 1-1 after losing a close one to the Spring Hill Bears on Ayers Field in The Holler Friday night.

The Bears won 22-20 in a game where Outlaw Coach Paul Ernest said the team “let some opportunities get away from us.”

Ernest noted the Outlaws’ first offensive drive ended inside the 10-yard line and there was another similar drive late in the game.

“I didn’t do a very good job on the drive late in the game,” Ernest said. An Outlaw injury forced a player into a new position and he had trouble getting lined up. “It caused me to use

timeouts and take delay of game penalties that hurt us.”

The Bears also had missed opportunities in the game like when the Outlaw curbed a SH drive inside the 10.

“We had some alignment errors early that really hurt on defense and we gave up two passing touchdowns to a ‘flexbone’ team that will always bite you. We didn’t play very well up front early and I abandoned the run game until after half.”

Drake Thatcher and Maclane Smith ran the ball well in the third quarter giving Dierks a chance for the win.

“Overall, we didn’t play particularly well, but they get the credit for a good game plan and controlling

the clock to keep our offense off the field for most of the first half,” Ernest said. “They did a better job of handling the big moments than we did from coaches to players. It was a big game that we let get away from us. It will have playoff implications at the end of the regular season. Spring Hill is a well coached, good football team and they will have a say in the playoffs from our conference.”

The teams played about an even match with the Bears earning 347 yards of offense compared to the Outlaws’

376. The Bears had 134 passing yards on 8/15 passes and rushed the ball 34 times for 213 yards. The Outlaws had 206 yards in the air with Peyton Boeckman hitting 10/24 passes. The senior quarterback threw one interception against the Bears. Dierks’ ground game gained 170 yards on 36 carries.

Drake Thatcher led the Outlaw rushers with 12 carries for 83 yards followed by Maclane Smith with 13 carries for 75 yards and one TD. Boeckman added 11 carries for 12 yards.

The Outlaw receivers

were led by Ben Ernest with three catches for 99 yards, including a 98-yard TD. Kolton Gadbury had three catches for 82 yards and one TD and Maclane Smith pulled in three for 26 yards.

Mason Smith led the Outlaw tackle chart with 11 solo stops followed by Maclane Smith and Brayton Talley with six each and Jason Bailey and Braydon Foran with five each.

The Outlaws and Bear did not score until the second

quarter when SH posted 16 and Dierks’ had a 70-yard TD pass from Boeckman to Kolton Gadbury. Dierks’ score in the third came when Maclane Smith rushed for a 10-yard score and Thatcher added the two-point run.

Dierks’ final score of the game came on Boackman’s 98-yard pass to Ernest.

The Outlaws will get on the road Friday to Murfreesboro where they will face the 3-2, 1-1 Rattlers.



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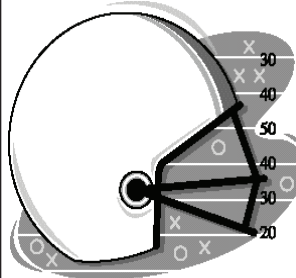
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B-99.5 radio sideline reporter Mike Aylett (right) interviews Jaydon Williamson after the Scrapper lineman intercepted a Fountain Lake pass and returned it for a touchdown in last Friday night's 62-26 Homecoming victory over the Cobras. The big man's pick six had the crowd on its feet as Williamson ran the ball 52 yards for the touchdown, leveling a Cobra along the way. The Scrappers are now 3-2 on the season, 2-0 in District 7-4A. They will visit Bauxite Friday night, Oct. 10, for a 7 p.m. game.



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2025 alligator season sets harvest record

Arkansas’s two-weekend alligator season wrapped up in the predawn light Monday morning, and when the last harvested alligator was checked, hunters had tallied 205 alligators, narrowly edging out the previous record of 202 harvested in 2023.

According to AGFC Herpetologist Amanda Bryant, hunters surpassed the initial quota of 204 with one additional harvest.

“We’re really happy with the outcome this year. We always want 100 percent of the quota to be filled so it’s great when that happens,” Bryant said.

“The quota is exceeded when multiple hunters take an animal in the same night and only one or two animals remain to close the season. It’s pretty common. We set the quota a few animals short of the total needed harvest with this in mind.”

Hunters on public land filled 26 of the 38 drawn public land tags available.

The success rate of 68 percent was an improvement over last year’s 58 percent hunter success on public land.

“Almost every hunter who puts in some time on the water in Arkansas’s public alligator hunting areas will see a legal alligator to harvest. Getting within snare or harpoon range can be tricky, especially with some of the larger ones,” Bryant said.

“And a lot of unfilled tags are the result of hunters holding out for a larger alligator and running out of time; but hunters were actually more successful this year than last year.”

This year’s Millwood Lake hunt totaled seven checked alligators, leaving two tags open at the end of the first year of this area’s quota hunt.

“We tried to get the harvest a little higher there with the addition of the quota, hoping more hunters would mean people wouldn’t pass

up on opportunities,” Bryant said.

“Seven of the nine possible checks is slightly better than last year, but we’d really like to see that harvest goal reached in the future.”

On private land, Alligator Management Zone 3 in southeast Arkansas had the most successful hunters, with 106 checked during the two weekends of the hunt. Hunters in Alligator Management Zone 1 in southwest Arkansas checked 69 alligators, and hunters in south-central Arkansas (Alligator Management Zone 2) harvested four.

“Zone 2 doesn’t have as much habitat for alligators and has a smaller quota for private land hunters,” Bryant said.

“It was the only zone to remain open on the last night of the hunt. Zone 3 closed two days before the end of the hunt, and Zone 1 closed with one night remaining in the scheduled hunting season.”



BIGGEST OF SEASON. David Snowden's 13-foot, 1-inch alligator taken during the first weekend of the 2025 Arkansas alligator hunting season was the largest of the season. Pictured from left to right: Jordan Tortorich, Grant Wynne and David Snowden. Photo courtesy of David Snowden.

Mineral Springs Hornet Homecoming Game vs. Foreman Gators • 7:00 Friday Night

Rattlers improve with 48-34 conference win over Foreman Gators

The Murfreesboro Rattlers (3-2, 1-1) moved their record to the right side of .500 with a 48-34 win over the Foreman Gators (2-3, 0-2) last Friday night on the road.

The game was close throughout in the back and forth affair, with the Gators holding a 6-0 lead after the first quarter.

The Rattlers would gain traction in the second quarter, taking a 20-14 lead into halftime.

Foreman would close the gap in the third, finishing the quarter with a touchdown that cut the lead to 32-28.

Murfreesboro was able to take control of the game with a pair of long touchdown passes from Kooper Caldwell to Kale Burns (52 and 42 yards respectively) for a 48-28 lead before the Gators scored once more late.

As a team, the Rattlers would earn 463 total yards (8.42 yards per play) versus Foreman’s 366. The Rattlers were lethal through the air, netting 319 pass yards, while the Gators predominantly stuck to the ground with 291 rushing yards.

MHS had 19 first downs in the game and was 7-10

on third down plays. The Rattlers failed on their only fourth down opportunity.

Foreman had 18 first downs, was 4-13 on third down, but converted three of four of their fourth down chances.

Murfreesboro won the turnover battle 1-2 with only a fumble on offense, while the defense forced both a fumble and an interception.

The Rattlers were penalized five times for 45 yards versus the Gators’ four penalties for 60 yards.

Caldwell would go 17/24 through the air for 319 yards and six touchdowns, also rushing for 56 yards on seven carries.

Aiden “Bubba” Stinson would lead the Rattlers in rushing with 90 yards on 13 carries with a touchdown and two-point conversion. He would also have 21 yards on three receptions.

Burns had a career night from his wideout spot, collecting four touchdowns on 12 receptions for 231 yards.

“He just had a heck of a night,” said Turley.

Isaac Kuykendall added a touchdown and a pair of two-point conversions on four receptions for 62 yards.

Brody Bearden led the

Gators with 175 yards on 30 carries.

Coach Jay Turley said that unlike last week, the team’s preparation throughout the week was improved.

“I thought we had a good week of practice ... but I still don’t see our intensity on the field like I need to – our sense of urgency [is still lacking] especially defensively. We are giving up too many big plays – we are really good on first and second down, but bad on third and fourth down.

“I don’t know if we are losing focus and just relax, or if [the other teams] have figured out something we are doing and are taking advantage of that. We have to get that fixed, especially as our competition gets tougher.”

Turley credited the Gators with a very good defensive scheme against them, especially in the first half before the Rattlers made adjustments at halftime.

“Once we figured some things out [on the offensive line] and were better able to protect [Caldwell] in the second half it was better ... we didn’t do a good job in the first half. We had a few big plays, but we really couldn’t run the ball in the

first half, but we went to a zone concept and were able to take advantage of some things.”

VERSUS DIERKS

This week the Rattlers will host their longtime rival the Dierks Outlaws (3-2, 1-1) with conference seeding definitively on the line in an important game between the two squads.

The Outlaws dropped their game to Spring Hill 22-20 last Friday night at home.

“We will definitely get their best shot [this week], because they are in the same boat we’re in. Their backs are against the wall as well, because they still have us, Gurdon and Junction City left [on the schedule] and I think they feel like if they don’t beat us, they won’t make the playoffs. Our kids have to understand that and rally around it – if we lose this game we are fighting for our lives to make the playoffs. We have Junction City and Spring Hill still left, both of which are pretty good.”

Turley said he expected Dierks to “sling the ball around” and that he is worried about it.

“That scares me ... because they throw it pretty well, have some pretty de-

cent receivers, and to be honest that probably what we don’t do best [cover the pass]. That’s our weak area – we are pretty good at stopping the inside run, but we haven’t been real good at stopping the outside run and the pass. We have to figure that out – real quick and in a hurry – because [Dierks] is going to sling it a lot, maybe even more than we do. They didn’t run it a lot against Spring Hill, and threw it almost every down. They did run some counters, but they threw for seven touchdowns against Lafayette County two weeks ago. They threw the ball well against Spring Hill – Spring Hill just kept the ball away from them.”

Turley confesses that he hopes they can replicate the Bears’ gameplan against the Outlaws.

“Hopefully we can do that a little bit [extend longer drives] with some things we scheme up a little bit. We’ll try to run the ball a little more than we have, and take advantage of some of the soft coverage that [the Outlaws] play. They like to play a little more prevent coverage than get in your face and dare you to throw it over the top.”

The upside to a rivalry game, according to Turley, is that the Rattlers shouldn’t have to be motivated much over the course of the week.

“If [we] can’t get up for this one, then honestly, I don’t know what to do, to be honest with you. If the Rattlers can’t get up for Dierks, then we can’t get up for anybody. I’m excited about it. Dierks is our rival ... hate is a strong word I don’t like to use, but we dislike them – and they dislike us too,” Turley said with a laugh. “It’s been that way as long as I can remember, it was that way during my first [coaching] stint here – it’s just always a big game, no matter how good we were, [Dierks] played their butts off ... we have to understand they will bring their very best game Friday night. We both have our backs against the wall – who’s going to step up and get the win?”

Ultimately, Turley said he was happy with the fact the team could still control the outcome of the remainder of the season.

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Coach Brad Chesshir and Coach Tyler Clift watch the Scrappier defense against Fountain Lake Oct. 3.



Jacoby Hopson (15) scores in the first quarter of Nashville's 62-26 Homecoming win over Fountain Lake Friday, Oct. 3.



Coach Tyler Clift signals touchdown as defensive lineman Jaydon Williamson (50) runs to the endzone after intercepting a Fountain Lake pass Friday night. Williamson picked off the pass and returned it 52 yards for the TD in the third quarter of the Scrappers' District 7-4A victory.



Tucker Dixon (right) scores against Fountain Lake Friday night, Oct. 3, as the Scrappers ran their District 7-4A record to 2-0 with a win over the Cobras.



A host of Nashville defenders converge on the Cobra ball carrier last Friday night at Scrappier Stadium.



Coach Todd Ledford reviews the previous offensive series with his troops in Friday night's game.



Cortez Cooper (12) clears the way for a big gain by Bryce Perrin on a pass reception from Jacoby Hopson.



Makhi Johnson (9) and Jaily Staggars (0) close in on Cobra QB Cooper Buss.



Hayden Gray (7) comes up with a fumble recovery for the Scrappers.



In full Homecoming attire, drum major Klaire Hendry directs the Scrapper band during halftime of Nashville's win over Fountain Lake Friday night, Oct. 3, at Scrapper Stadium. With some help from band members, Hendry made the climb to the top of her stand in order to lead the musicians in their routine.



Homecoming maids Parker Tate and Madi Brinkman (front) and Queen Jayla Hendrix (at back, right) join their cheer squad to perform during the fourth quarter of last week's game.



Members of the Nashville High School Homecoming royalty welcome the Scrapper football team to the field before their game against Fountain Lake Friday night, Oct. 3. Homecoming Week at NHS included a number of special activities, culminating in a busy day on Friday. The Homecoming ceremony was held at 2 p.m. at Scrapper Arena, followed by the parade from the high school parking lot and on through downtown Nashville. From there, Homecoming maids returned to the stadium, where PA announcer Johnny Wilson introduced them and their escorts before the football game began. Homecoming pictures, pages 1B and 2B.

Homecoming photos by
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Players of the Week as selected by
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Jaydon Williamson, Nashville



Jaydon, a Scrapper junior, intercepted a Fountain Lake pass and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter of Nashville's 62-26 Homecoming win over the Cobras.

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Nashville Junior High Scrapperettes, District 7-4A cross country runners-up
NJHS girls runners-up in district cross country

Nashville hosted the Scrapper Invitational/Jr. High 7-4A Conference meet at the city park Sept. 30. The junior high Scrapperettes were District 7-4A runners-up. Carolina DeLossSantos received 8th place in conference. Annabelle Schooley received 9th place. In junior high boys, Eden Lopez-Mercado received 7th place in conference. Weller Chesshir received 8th place.	Jr. Boys (1.92 Miles) Eden Lopez-Mercado 15th 11:50 Weller Chesshir 18th 11:57 Manuel Hernandez Waiting on time. Xavior Cardona 94th 15:38 Out of 138 runners	Olivia Simmons - PR by 21 seconds Mollie Revels - PR by 44 seconds Eden Lopez-Mercado - PR by 3 seconds Xavier Cardona - PR by 41 seconds Paola Hernandez - PR by 36 seconds Eduardo Hernandez - PR by 35 seconds Tony Aguilar - PR by 27 seconds Landon Morris - PR by 17 seconds Coach Mikayla Clift thanked the following: Lisa Chandler for donating waters for all runners as they crossed the finish line. Nashville High School girls soccer team for helping with the meet. Nashville City Park for use of the facility for the meet. Cornerstone Counseling for providing watermelon and oranges for all runners after the race. Cross country parents for helping with the meet.
Overall Results: Jr. Girls (1.92 miles) Carolina DeLosSantos 28th 14:32 Annabelle Schooley 30th 14:36 Ava Aguilar 38th 14:53 Olivia Simmons 66th 15:46 Kaylee Pizarro 100th 17:09 Ayleen Pioquinto 119th 18:08 Mollie Revels 132nd 18:43 Emely Nava 154th 21:55 Out of 170 runners	Sr. Boys (3.1 miles) Lucas Muncy 17th 19:34 Leo Hernandez 18th 19:38 Eduardo Hernandez 23rd 20:01 Landon Morris 27th 20:05 Luke Dowdy 46th 21:58 Jose Piza 47th 22:07 Anthony Aguilar 77th 24:04 Jaxon Dixon 99th 29:07 Out of 107 runners Eight Nashville runners run a personal record time. They include the following:	



Lyric Treadwell (right) scores on a 15-yard run in the first quarter of Ouachita Baptist University's 35-13 Homecoming win over Oklahoma Baptist University Saturday afternoon, Oct. 4, at Cliff Harris Stadium. Harris was on hand for the game and waved to fans from the press box. Harris played for Coach Buddy Bob Benson at OBU and went on to become an All-Pro safety for the Dallas Cowboys. He is a member of the National Football League Hall of Fame.

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Queen Jayla and her court

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Queen Jayla Hendrix, Homecoming maids and escorts



Queen Jayla Hendrix and Homecoming maids

Homecoming Court

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Maid of Honor Elli Wallis

Escorted by Tucker Dixon and Jareth Perez

Football maids

Landyn Tompkins

Escorted by Carson Kirby and Luis Flores

Madilyn Brinkman

Escorted by Karson Chambers

MyKayla Marks

Escorted by Abari Williams

Genesis Pryor

Escorted by Makhi Johnson

Natalie Talley

Escorted by Josh Walker

Class maids

Klaire Hendry

Escorted by Hayden Gray

Gracie Tollett

Escorted by Jamison McIntosh

Mattie Tollett

Escorted by KJ Coulter

Rylee Backus

Escorted by Demetrius Shelley

Parker Tate

Escorted by Lucas Aylett



Twins Mattie Tollett and Gracie Tollett await the start of the ceremony at Scrapper Arena.



Landyn Tompkins is set for the Homecoming parade Friday afternoon.



MyKayla Marks leaves the NHS parking lot in the Homecoming parade Friday, Oct. 3.



Members of the Homecoming royalty sing the Nashville High School Alma Mater before the game against Fountain Lake.



Queen Jayla Hendrix takes a break before the Homecoming ceremony Friday night at Scrapper Stadium.

Nashville High School Homecoming
Friday, Oct. 3
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Scrapper Stadium 6:30 p.m.

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Homecoming maids Natalie Talley and Rylee Backus join the Scrapper cheerleaders in a dance on the track during last Friday night's game against the Fountain Lake Cobras.

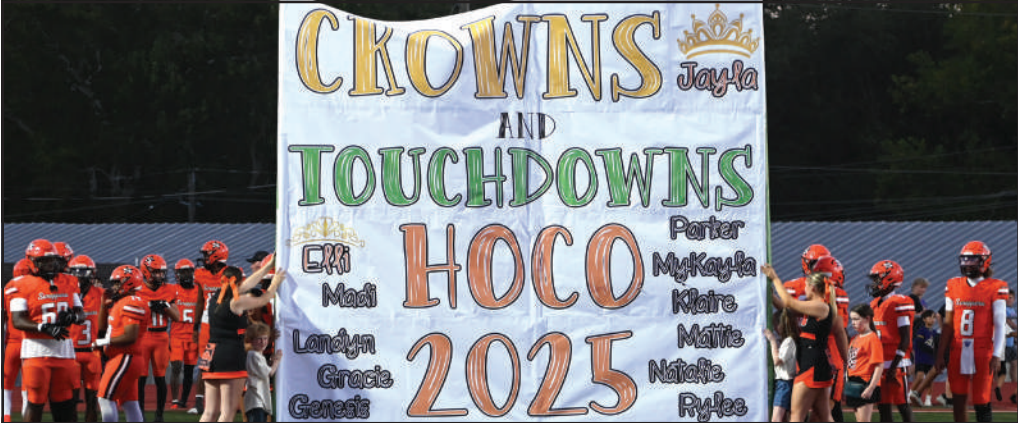


Genesis Pryor leaves the NHS parking lot atop a Jeep in the Homecoming parade Friday afternoon, Oct. 3.



NHS teachers Shawn Dale and Aleshia Erwin were the announcers at the Homecoming ceremony Friday afternoon, Oct. 3, in Scrapper Arena. They introduced the royalty and escorts. PA announcer Johnny Wilson made the introductions during the pre-game ceremonies Friday night at Scrapper Stadium.

More Homecoming pictures, page 2B.



The run-through sign goes up at Scrapper Stadium before the team takes the field Homecoming night, Oct. 3.



Current and past Homecoming royalty have a family visit following the afternoon ceremony at Scrapper Arena, including Shannon Woodward Pugh, Addison Tate, Linda Campbell, Parker Tate, Elli Wallis and Deb Wallis.



Student Council members Sophie Dale (left), Amiyah Pryor (second from right) and Logan Pennington (right) present sportsmanship gifts to game officials before the Homecoming game.

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Howard County man arrested in Pike County for internet stalking of child

A 41-year-old Howard County man was arrested Sunday, Oct. 5 in Pike County after he allegedly took the bait of an undercover social media account portraying a 14-year-old girl.

Dustin Curry, of Nashville, is expected to charged with internet stalking of a child, according to Pike County Investigator Jason McDonald. Curry is currently in county custody and is being held on \$25,000 bond. He made a first court appearance Monday when he was ordered to return to court on Oct. 20 for formal arraignment.

According to “facts determining reasonable cause” in the case, Investigator McDonald was operating the undercover account on Oct. 3 when he was contacted by a user identifying himself as Curry, who started casual conversation with the decoy account.

During the initial conversation, Curry was informed the person he was communicating with was 14. Curry replied that his age was 36 and that he was from Center Point in Howard County.

On Oct. 5, the conversations turned sexual and Curry requested pictures of the child and a meeting was arranged to meet the decoy that evening. Members of the Pike County Sheriff’s Department, the Murfreesboro Police Department and a female decoy were waiting. After being told at the meeting place by the female decoy that she would be right back, Curry reportedly fled the area and was quickly taken into custody without incident.

Curry also admitted to having marijuana in the vehicle and officers also found two open bottles of whiskey and a bed sheet in the rear of the vehicle.

At the jail, Curry was read his rights and he reportedly stated he “knew he messed up” and later asked, “Can I just plead guilty now and get this over?”

Charges Filed
Jesse Curry, 28, of Murfreesboro, was charged in Pike County Oct. 2 with felony aggravated assault. He is also facing misdemeanor charges of leaving the scene of an accident and driving on a suspended license. He pleaded innocent to the charges Monday and a Nov. 17 pretrial date was set.

According to case information, Jackson was reportedly involved in incident that spanned the highway through Howard, Hempstead and Pike counties and ended with a crash outside Murfreesboro.

On Sept. 28, Arkansas State Trooper Micah Brown reported he was called to a scene on Highway 27 where a vehicle, driven by John Woods, was in the ditch. Woods alleged Jackson, who was driving another vehicle, had began ramming the back of his vehicle in Howard County and that he had attempted to run him off the road several times. Once in Pike County, Woods claimed Jackson pushed his vehicle

into the ditch at speeds of 60-70 mph and then left of the scene.

Officers went to Jackson’s home on Maple Street and Jackson was taken into custody after stepping from the passenger side of a vehicle driven by Angelo Quiroz, who lived near where the accident happened. Officers soon found Jackson’s vehicle that was involved in the crash sitting behind Quiroz’s house.

Jackson remains in county custody this week.

Natasha Homan, 39, of Amity, was charged Oct. 2 with possession of drug paraphernalia. She plead innocent to the charge Monday and a Nov. 3 pretrial date was set. Homan is in county custody this week and is being held on \$15,000 bond.

According to case information, Homan, who is on active probation with a search waiver on file, was arrested Sept. 27 after a roadside welfare check resulted in her being detained for suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

A search of Homan’s vehicle allegedly recovered several bottles of alcohol and homemade paraphernalia commonly used for smoking methamphetamine. Homan’s prior drug convictions constituted the felony possession charge, the report noted.

Howard County District Court

Sept. 26, 2025
BF=Bond Forfeited
City of Nashville
French, Christopher, 27, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$675 and a no-contact order issued for victim
Lovelis, Jeffery Scott, 55, Nashville, guilty of third-degree assault on family member, fined \$670 and a no-contact order issued for victim
City of Mineral Springs
Brazil, Kevin Bernard, 60, Nashville, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50; \$245 BF, fictitious vehicle tag/license
Oct. 2, 2025
BF=Bond Forfeited
Howard County
Bevill, Adam, 42, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended DL/CDL, fined \$460; guilty of fictitious vehicle tag/license, fined \$260; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$200; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Eudy, Dalton Lane, 25, Dierks, guilty of third-degree domestic batter, fined \$725
Goodloe, Delphine C., 36, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$7,885 owed, sentenced to jail for 30 days
Green, Quaterion Martice, 27, El Dorado, guilty of use of wireless phone while driving, fined \$160; guilty of failure to obey traffic control device, fined \$225; guilty of use of wireless phone while driving, fined \$210; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Jackson, Jerry, 40, Benton, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Jordan, Montez, 30, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,300 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Lanicek, Royce, 27, Mineral Springs, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines
Launius, Sarah Elizabeth, 26, Texarkana, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Markcum, Allen Lee, 50, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$210; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Parker, Brandon, 40, Pine Bluff, \$230 BF, speeding
Paxton, Tyana, 22, Nashville, guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195
Perez, Crystal Denise, 51, Horatio, guilty of speeding, fined \$255
Pree, Jonathon E., 37, Lewisville, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Smith, Miranda Renea, 23, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$160; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Thomas, Elijah Dean, 24, Nashville, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
City of Nashville
Barron, Daniel Hernandez, 46, Fort Worth, Texas, guilty of no driver’s license/ expired license, fined \$195; \$50 BF, failure to present insurance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Green, Quaterion Martice, 27, El Dorado, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$695 owed, committed to jail-suspended
Harvey, Lane, 21, Brewster, Wash., \$540 BF, violation or city ordinance-no door to door permit
Hawthorne, Torneshia, 41, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Hernandez, Noe, 24, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of drinking on highway, fined \$235
Hughes, Kailus, 25, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Jefferson, Mark W., 54, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,335 owed
King, Markell, 36, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,159 owed, committed to jail for 30 days
Markcum, Allen Lee, 50, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$6,790 owed, committed to jail for 30 days
Miranda Flores, Miguel, 40, Pittsburg, Texas, \$240 BF, speeding; \$195 BF, no driver’s license/ expired license; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Morris, Jose, 24, Nashville, \$235 BF, possessing open container of alcohol in vehicle
Stephens, Shannon Rothen, 20, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Stinson, Teela Teata, 32, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$245
Thomas, Courtney, 35, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,990 owed
Thomas, Elijah Dean, 24, Nashville, guilty of no driver’s license/ expired license, fined \$210; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of fictitious tags/license, fined \$260
Wintersteen, Matthew, 41, Bossier City, La., \$255 BF, speeding
City of Dierks
Hernandez, Maria, 37, Houston, Texas, \$275 BF, speeding; \$260 BF, failure to appear
Lindly, Logan R., 34, De Queen, \$195 BF, no driver’s license/ expired license; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Morris, Wanda S., 55, Dierks, guilty of speeding, fined \$245; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$160
Watts, Holly Nicole, 43, Nashville, \$220 BF, drinking on highway; \$220 BF, possessing open container of alcohol in vehicle; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$245 BF, failure to appear
City of Mineral Springs
Boone, Julian, 45, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Harberson, Melody Annette, 42, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$160
McGhee, Jernesha L., 37, Grand Prairie, Texas, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$210

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The Science of Seasonal Eating: Why Fall Produce Matters for Health, Community

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

As fall settles into Southwest Arkansas, we start to see not only fall foliage, but also beautiful pumpkins, sweet potatoes, leafy greens, and even apples. While these foods are staples of autumn meals, research shows that eating seasonally offers more than just flavor—it provides measurable health, economic, and environmental benefits.

Nutritional Power of Fall Produce

Seasonal fruits and vegetables are often **more nutrient-dense** than their out-of-season counterparts. For example, sweet potatoes—abundant in Arkansas during fall—are rich in beta-carotene, fiber, and vitamin C. Leafy greens like collards and turnips, which thrive in cooler temperatures, offer calcium, iron, and antioxidants.

According to the USDA, produce harvested in season tends to retain more nutrients due to shorter storage times and reduced need for artificial ripening or preservation.

A study from Clemson University Extension found that broccoli grown in the fall contains nearly **twice the vitamin C** as broccoli grown in spring.

Supporting Local Agriculture and Economy

Eating seasonally also supports local farmers and

strengthens the regional economy. The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture emphasizes that fall harvests—including sweet potatoes, pumpkins, greens, and apples—are vital to sustaining small farms across the state.

Local food systems reduce the need for long-distance transportation, which not only cuts costs but helps keep food fresher. The USDA notes that produce picked within 24 hours of sale retains more nutrients and flavor compared to items shipped across the country.

Environmental Benefits of Seasonal Eating

Eating locally and seasonally can reduce our carbon footprint. Transportation accounts for a notable portion of food-related greenhouse gas emissions.

A study published in *Food Science and Technology* found that food production contributes up to **30% of global greenhouse gas emissions**, and reducing transport distances is a key strategy for sustainability.

Tips for Seasonal Eating This Fall

Visit local farmers markets

Cook with fall staples like butternut squash, turnips, and Arkansas Black apples.

Preserve seasonal produce through canning or freezing (call the Howard County Extension office for information).

Recipe of the Week

Here’s a **fall-themed rec-**

ipe that pairs beautifully with this article on seasonal eating. It features **sweet potatoes**, a nutrient-rich fall staple in Arkansas, and incorporates local ingredients when possible.

Roasted Sweet Potato & Collard Green Hash

Ingredients:

- 2 medium **sweet potatoes**, peeled and diced
- 1 bunch **collard greens**, stems removed and chopped

- 1 small **yellow onion**, diced
- 2 cloves **garlic**, minced
- 2 tbsp **olive oil** or **local sunflower oil**
- ½ tsp **smoked paprika**
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Optional: 2 eggs (for topping), hot sauce, or crumbled feta

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Toss diced sweet potatoes with 1 tbsp oil, paprika, salt,

and pepper. Spread on a baking sheet and roast for 25–30 minutes, flipping halfway.

While potatoes roast, heat remaining oil in a skillet over medium heat. Sauté onion until translucent, about 5 minutes.

Add garlic and chopped collard greens. Cook until greens are wilted and tender, about 8–10 minutes.

Combine roasted sweet potatoes with sautéed greens

in the skillet. Stir well and adjust seasoning.

Optional: Top with a fried egg or sprinkle with feta for added protein.

Serving Suggestions:

Serve warm as a main dish or side. It pairs well with cornbread or fresh apple cider. This dish is rich in **fiber, vitamins A and C**, and supports local agriculture when made with Arkansas-grown produce.



THIRD AT NATIONAL FOOD CHALLENGE. The Howard County Senior 4-H Food Challenge Team, the Culinary Clovers, recently competed in the 4-H National Food Challenge Competition in Dallas. The team is made up of 4-H members Brody Cupples, Anna Kate McKinnon, Abi Webb, and Payeton Bagley. The competition consisted of two rounds. In the first round, the teams were required to prepare an appetizer; in the second round, the teams had to prepare a main dish. Teams were given a particular food item that must be highlighted in their dishes. The rounds were 40 minutes each. The teams had to prepare their dish and present how they followed the MyPlate standards and the nutritional value of the dish. The teams were judged on presentation, taste of dish, food safety, and MyPlate guidelines. The efforts earned the local team a third-place finish.

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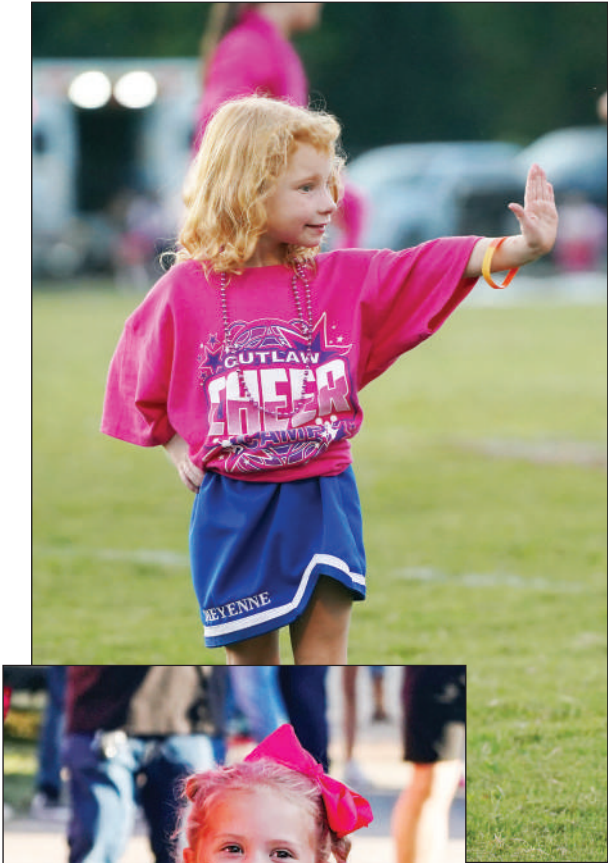
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Pike circuit clerk seeks 5th term

“I would like to announce that I will be seeking re-election for a fifth term as your Pike County Circuit Clerk. Serving the citizens of Pike County has been, and will always be, a privilege” said Clerk Sabrina Williams.

“Over the course of my service, the Circuit Clerk’s Office has seen significant improvements. We have implemented an electronic court management filing system and an electronic recording system for deeds and mortgages—both of which have streamlined processes, reduced costs, and increased efficiency for our office and the public.

“In addition, I have successfully secured \$57,525.00 in grants from the Association of Arkansas Counties Automated Records



Sabrina Williams

Systems Fund. These funds have allowed us to scan and index historical land records and to establish our current recording system, ensuring better access and preservation of important records for generations to come.

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Chatter and I are at a dinosaur dig. We're visiting a **paleontologist**, a person who studies prehistoric life (from a time before things were written down and recorded). She tries to figure out what the earth and animals were like and how animals lived long, long ago.

How is this done? People look for, dig up and study fossils. Fossils are bones, footprints or other traces of animals and plants in rocks or in the ground that have been under a lot of pressure for long periods of time. One scientist, Sir Richard Owen, used the word "dinosaur" to name the giant animals that were alive during the Mesozoic Era: Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Dinosaurs died out by the Era's end.

We Dig Dinosaurs!

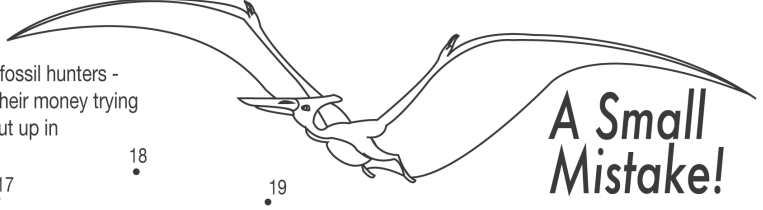


Read the clues to learn about each dinosaur. Then, fill in the puzzle:

- Spinosaurus** – was the largest meat-eating dinosaur (about three times larger than the T. Rex!); had large "fan" of _____ on its back
- Stegosaurus** – bony plates stuck out of its back; had a _____ tail
- Archaeopteryx** – name means " _____ bird;" oldest bird discovered
- Velociraptor** – only about 2 feet tall; middle _____ is large and sharp
- Pteranodon** – not truly a dinosaur, _____ lizard with 25-foot wingspan
- Deinonychus** – name means " _____ claw;" up to 5-inch long claw
- Ankylosaurus** – four-ton dino was almost 35 feet long; its back was covered with _____ plates; its tail could smash things with 43,000 pounds of force
- Parasaurolophus** – amazing sense of _____ helped this dino notice sounds of predators from miles away; made a loud foghorn-like noise to warn its family of danger
- Tyrannosaurus Rex** – best-known dinosaur; its bite was 15 times stronger than an _____
- Triceratops** – one of largest _____ dinosaurs; has three on its head
- Sinornithosaurus** – this dino's name means "Chinese bird lizard"; _____ was only the size of a _____
- Sauroposeidon** – largest dinosaur; 60 feet tall; 100 feet long; one neck _____ is 4 feet long.

A Dino-sized Mistake!

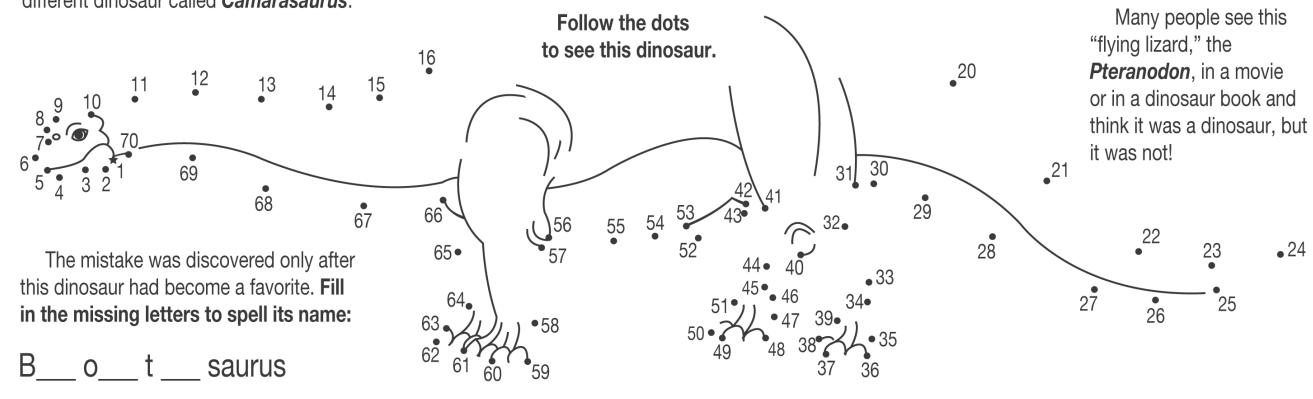
During the 1800's there was a lot of competition between two fossil hunters - Othniel Charles Marsh and Edward Drinker Cope. They spent all their money trying to outdo each other. A dinosaur skeleton that Marsh found was put up in museums and labeled. Later, people found out that it had the body of a young **Apatosaurus** and the head of a completely different dinosaur called **Camarasaurus**.



A Small Mistake!

Many people see this "flying lizard," the **Pteranodon**, in a movie or in a dinosaur book and think it was a dinosaur, but it was not!

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The mistake was discovered only after this dinosaur had become a favorite. Fill in the missing letters to spell its name:

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Local DAR chapter to celebrate 65th anniversary at Howard County museum

The Mine Creek – Paraclifta Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will celebrate its 65th anniversary with a come-and-go reception from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Howard County Museum in Nashville. The public is warmly invited to stop by and take part in this milestone celebration of history, community, and service.

The chapter has deep roots in Southwest Arkansas, representing Howard, Sevier, and Pike counties. The original Mine Creek Chapter was organized on April 16, 1960, named for the creek that runs through Howard County and the city of Nashville. Mine Creek, which flows into Millwood Reservoir, was named for the gypsum, salt, and slate mines once active in the area. Over the years, the chapter

established lasting projects, including the Genealogy Room at the Howard County Public Library, which houses census records, newspapers on microfilm, and genealogy resources.

The Paraclifta Chapter was organized on Oct. 9, 1969, in Sevier County, named for the early county seat and for Choctaw Indian, Chief Paraclifta, who aided early settlers of the region. In 2008, the two chapters merged to become the present-day Mine Creek – Paraclifta Chapter, strengthening ties across the region while preserving both legacies.

Today, the chapter continues to serve its communities by supporting local schools and Veterans, promoting patriotism and historical preservation. Just a few of their activities include: promoting Constitution Week by taking Constitution Kits to six

area schools, presenting the DAR Good Citizen Award to those schools, honoring veterans on Veteran’s Day, Memorial Day and throughout the year. The chapter is currently promoting a “shoe drive” to raise money for these projects. There are drop-off locations throughout the three counties served if anyone has shoes to donate to a good cause.

As part of the anniversary, visitors to the Howard County Museum will also enjoy a special America250 display, highlighting DAR’s national commemoration of America’s upcoming 250th birthday. The upcoming public dedication of an America250 Patriot Marker will be on Nov. 15, during the Opening Ceremony of the new De Queen Lake Trail Head at Pine Ridge Camp.

The celebration also shines a spotlight on Mrs.

Edith Hendrix Smith, one of the organizing members of the Paraclifta Chapter and lifelong resident of Horatio. Recently, members visited Mrs. Smith to hear her stories of early DAR days, her family genealogy research, and the connections that still link members across generations. To honor her, the chapter presented her with a handmade quilt, made by the Thursday Afternoon Quilters Club in Dierks.

Mrs. Smith was full of laughter and enjoyed sharing stories of days gone by.

The 65th anniversary reception will honor the connections between past and present, while also looking toward the future of DAR in Southwest Arkansas and across the nation as July 4, 2026, gets closer.

For more information, call Elizabeth Wilson Overton at 870-845-8419.

Nashville's City Sales and Use Tax For August 2025	
Deposits.....	\$149,294.83
State Service Charge	4,478.84
Interest Earned (Act 513 of 1983)	455.27
Vending Decals Sold	0.82
Total Distributed	\$145,272.08
SOURCE: City Finance Officer Kimberly Green	

Nathan VFD’s annual benefit set Oct. 25

The Nathan Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual barbecue and fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the firehouse.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: BOBBY JOE FARLEY, SR.
31 PR-25-37

NOTICE
Last known address of decedent: 620 N Main Street Dierks, Arkansas 71833

On June 30, 2025, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Bobby Joe Farley, Sr., deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:

Pt. SE Corner NE ¼ of NW ¼ Beginning at Point 86 ½ yds. North of SE Corner of NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Sec. 30, Twp. 7 S R 28 West, running North 45 ¼ yds., thence West 107 yds. To point in East line Public Road thence South East Side of said Road 45 ¼ yds., thence East to point of beginning, containing one acre, more or less

AND;

A part of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 30 Township 7 South, Range 28 West, described as follows: Beginning 238 feet South of the Northeast corner of the said 10 acres and extending 158 feet South, thence West 275 feet, thence North 158 feet, thence East 275 feet to point of beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less.

AND ALSO;

A part of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 28 West, described as follows: Beginning 396 feet South of the Northeast corner of the said 10 acres and extending 229 feet South, thence West 275 feet, thence North 229 feet, thence East 275 feet to the point of beginning. Thereby conveying 1.45 acres, more or less.

All persons having claims against the Estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the Distributee or her attorney within three months from the date of first publication of this Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the Estate. Provided, claims for injury or death caused by negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six 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 on October 8, 2025
The name and address of the Distributee or attorney is:
Bobby Farley, Jr., by
Brasel Law Firm, PLLC
Aaron R Brasel
Post Office Box 813
Nashville, AR 71852
(870) 845-4100 – Telephone
(AB: 16, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The estate of Glenn Dossey is selling at auction the property known as tract 1 consisting of 68+- acres located on Schaal Rd Mineral Springs 71851 in Howard Co located in 36-10-28 parcel #001-04628-0000 legal E23.33SWSW (23.33AC;SESW exc RR SE COR(39.50AC); 5.5 AC in SWSE. The auction will be online at toddmorrisauction.com. Auction will close Nov 18 at 6pm central time. Listing agent Gary Fant and Associates Real Estate 870-584-7725. Terms of sale are cash with 10 percent non refundable down payment at end of sale and remaining balance due at closing within 30 days.
(GF: 16 - 18)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: FLOY JEAN REED
31 PR-25-57

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE
Last known address of decedent: 797 Highway 355 N, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas
Date of death: April 25, 2024

An instrument dated April 10, 2025, was on October 2, 2025, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published the October 8, 2025.

Greg Reed, Executor, by
Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138
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(870) 845-4100 – Telephone
(AB: 16, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications Being Received:

Medical or ministerial students from a fifty (50) mile radius of Nashville, Arkansas may apply for financial aid from the Marion J. Copeland and Hazel Hill Copeland Memorial Trust Funds. Grants for the 2025 – 2026 school year are available and applications should be made at this time.

To be eligible to receive a grant from the Copeland Trust, a person must justify financial need, be from a fifty (50) mile radius of Nashville, Arkansas, attend an accredited graduate school in preparation for a discipline in medicine or the Christian ministry. Religious denomination is not a criteria for selection.

Perpetual Trust is administered by the pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Nashville, Arkansas. The trust is under the direction of a Board of Managers of the First United Methodist Church. The primary criteria for receiving a grant are financial need, to be enrolled or accepted in a graduate school of medicine or theology and be from a fifty (50) mile radius of Nashville, Arkansas. Undergraduate students do not qualify under the terms of the trust.

Persons desiring to apply for grants from this Trust should request application forms from the Pastor, First United Methodist Church, 1403 W. Sunset, Nashville, Arkansas 71852.
(FMC:16, 17)

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Available Poultry Farms



430 Corbell Loop, Lockesburg, AR - \$1,450,000

#25033209: Poultry operation offers (2) 40x500 broiler house farm, current Tyson contact. Houses have new insulation in walls and ceilings, cool cell curtains, new wires, added fans, LED bulbs, rural water and well water. Litter shed, 100,000 KW Generator, and propane tank. Additional established pad with electricity and water set up for third house. Situated on approx 60 acres, pond, wet weather creek and highway frontage, offers a custom brick home with over 3,320 sq ft of living space, 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Double garage, covered porch, safe room, and newer roof. Geothermal heat/air unit and fiber high-speed internet. Contact our office for more details.



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

#25033022 : Poultry operation in Hempstead County offers 10 house broiler farm on approx. 46 acres. Property offers a brick home with approx 1,650 sq ft of living space. Current Tyson Contract, two generators, two incinerators, extra fans, three wells, emergency rural water available, extra cool cells, poultry houses were totally updated in 2019. Some equipment and supplies will convey to new owner, including a tractor and two farm trucks. Property also offers a 3 bed/2 bath mobile home. Contact our office for more details.



310 Gillham Lake Road, Dierks, AR - \$600,000

#25025184: 40 acres with 2 40x400 pullet houses, houses have new waters and third feeder lines added, with all updates. Current Grannis-Tyson contract, great investment opportunity. Land offers a perfect spot to build a home. Contact our office for more details.



831 Hempstead 28, McCaskill, AR - \$1,350,000

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

cattle, storm cellar, equipment shed, 30x30 shop building with roll-up doors on a concrete slab, rural water, propane generator, and incinerator. Home is move in ready, offers 3 bedroom and 2 full baths, open concept living/dining and kitchen, large laundry room, detached two-car carport with patio, she-shed with electricity, 18x36 in-ground chlorinated pool, storm cellar, large entertaining patio and back up generator. For more details or to schedule a private viewing, contact our office.



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

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

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PRESENTING THE CHECKS. As Dierks High School advances to finals in T-Mobile’s \$1M stadium makeover sweepstakes, checks totaling \$30,000 were presented to the school district and the Dierks Booster Club by T-Mobile officials Friday night on Dierks’ Ayers Field. The officials, in turn, received a custom-made Outlaw/T-Mobile football helmet. The school district, the only one chosen in Arkansas for the sweepstakes, will learn later this month whether it has won the grand prize.

Murfreesboro’s Feed Bin Cafe shut down by Thursday kitchen fire

Feed Bin Cafe in Murfreesboro will be closed indefinitely after a fire inside the building last Thursday has ceased operations.

Murfreesboro Fire Chief Ricky Branch said the restaurant was “full of smoke” when they arrived, but thermal imaging showed that the fire had already extinguished itself.

The fire department was alerted to the issue after a technician had arrived at the building that morning to repair an ice maker. After ventilating the building, Branch said that the fire likely started in the kitchen area and that there was extensive smoke damage to the building. He added it was

undetermined what caused the fire to start.

Business owner Laurie Westfall said that after getting over the “shock of the whole thing” that she was very glad that “no other buildings were damaged and that no one was hurt.” She said she and husband Greg intended to reopen the business after making the necessary repairs.

“Absolutely we are coming back ... as quickly as we can,” Westfall said emphatically. “It’s going to be a major cleanup. Luckily we had concrete floors and metal walls, but there will be some replacing of plastics and appliances.”

She said that there was no definitive timeline as of yet

to reopening.

“This is all new for me, I’ve never been through a fire before ... so we will see after we get with the insurance company.”

Westfall said she was very appreciative of the efforts of the Murfreesboro Fire Department, as well as her kitchen crew, who worked all day to help salvage 99% of the frozen food in the building by helping move it to the Featherston Building side of the business that still had power.

“I’m also very appreciate of all our loyal customers and we are looking forward to reopening as soon as possible.”

Nashville Chamber of Commerce Holiday Season Decorating Contest

“Whether your business is store-front or a stand-alone structure, please join in to give our city a festive look. There will be two divisions: Large Business (10 or more employees) and Small Business (less than 10 employees). We hope to make this an annual event. So, the winner in each category will receive a traveling trophy to be held for one year. That trophy will then be passed on to the next year’s winner. More details too be shared as the Christmas season approaches.”

- Tim Pinkerton, Nashville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

The CALL to host vendor fair Saturday at Glenwood FBC

The CALL in Pike and Montgomery counties will host the Fall for The CALL Vendor Fair Saturday, Oct. 11, at Glenwood First Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The vendor fair will feature over 45 vendor booths offering a wide variety of products and services for sale. There will also be food and fun for the kids. The vendor fair is a great opportunity to get an early start on your Christmas shopping.

An online auction will be held Oct. 4-9.

For more information, visit the CALL in Pike and Montgomery Counties Facebook page.

The CALL is a non-profit organization that mobilizes local churches to serve local children and youth placed in foster care. They provide a way for Christians to invite the mission field into their homes, to serve those most vulnerable in their communities. The CALL partners with the Division of Children and Family Services to recruit, train and support foster and adoptive families for children and teens in foster care. Their hope is to see a day where there are no children in Arkansas waiting for families. Because what children and youth in foster care need most is a family to care for them as they heal from abuse or neglect.

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