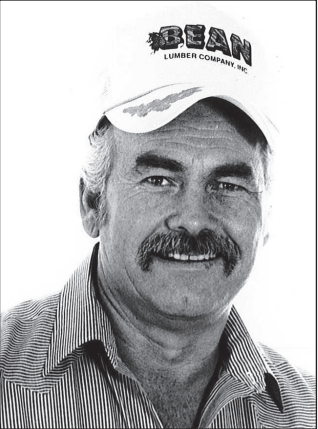


Obituaries



Conrad J. Cox
Conrad J. Cox, age 82, of Nathan passed away on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 in Little Rock. He was a graduate of Delight High School, class of 1963. He was born to E.C. (Shorty) and Bessie York Cox on March 24, 1943. He was devoted to the Lord and a faithful member of Nathan Church of Christ.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Harsh, brothers, Charles (Charlie) Cox, Monty Cox and Jimmy Cox.

Conrad is survived by his wife of 59 years, Eva Jones Cox; two sons, Clint (Regina) of Murfreesboro, Ark.; Trent (Laura) Cox of Murfreesboro, Ark.; grandchildren, Allyson Cox Whitaker (Cody), Gavin Cox (fiancé, Shannon Rowan), Dani Oakes (Rick), Carley Cox; great-grandchildren, Riley, River and Rowan Oakes.

Conrad is also survived by three brothers, Ronnie (Susan) Cox of Delight, Ark., Ricky (Wanda) Cox of Nashville, Ark., Tony (Missy) Cox of Murfreesboro, Ark.; sister, Kim Dixon (Paul Smith) of Pike City, Ark., sisters-in-law, Lorenda Cox of Pike City, Ark., Becky Avery of Delight, Ark., as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

His love of the outdoors led him to 50-plus years in forestry management with Murfreesboro Lumber Company, Weyerhaeuser, Porter Lumber Company, and he retired from Bean Lumber Company after almost 28 years of employment.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025 in the Latimer Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Academy Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.

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



Shirley Chesshir
Shirley Jean Hawkins Chesshir, 81, passed away Oct. 14, 2025, in Beaver City, Neb. She was born Oct. 1, 1944, in Stoddard County, Mo., to Ditman and Mary Hawkins.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas H. Chesshir; her parents, Ditman V. Hawkins and Mary Kneezle Hawkins; sister, Linda K. Huckabee; son-in-law, Kevin S. Dirickson; and brother-in-law, Wendell P. Chesshir.

She is survived by her children: Tammy Dirickson of Texarkana, Ark., and

Chrissy (Alvin) Tucker of Cambridge, Neb.; brother, Gary D. (Peggy) Hawkins of Lena, Miss.; sister-in-law, Mena Chesshir of North Little Rock, Ark.; brother-in-law, Don Huckabee of Huntsville, Ala.; granddaughters: Erin (David) Walker of Hooks, Texas, Alyssa Tucker of Canton, Ohio, Alexis Tucker of Iowa City, Iowa, and Scotland Tucker of Cambridge, Neb.; great-grand-children, Trent and Kynleigh Walker of Hooks, Texas; and many nieces, nephews and other family she loved.

Shirley began her working career as a cosmetologist. She later worked in retail, and most recently worked as a group home manager and teacher for Howard County Children's Center in Nashville, Ark., from which she retired in 2010.

On Dec. 27, 1978, she was united in marriage to Thomas Chesshir in Texarkana, Texas. The couple lived in Texarkana, Texas, various places in Arkansas and Demopolis, Ala., before eventually moving to Nashville, Ark., where they lived from 1996 to 2010. The Chesshir's called Texarkana home from 2010-2020 and made their final move to Cambridge, Neb. in Sept. of 2020.

Shirley was known for her beautiful smile and kindness to everyone she encountered. She loved her family dearly.

Cremation was chosen and a celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, at 2 p.m. at the Blue Bayou church of Christ located at 147 Blue Bayou Rd W, in Nashville, Ark.

Shirley was given great care in the last two years of her life by the staff of Beaver City Manor.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Beaver City Manor, 905 Floyd St, Beaver City, NE 68926; the McCook Church of Christ, 711 E G St

McCook, NE 69001; or the Center Point Cemetery, 157 Madison St. Nashville, AR 71852. Online Condolences can be left at lockenour.com. Lockneour-Jones Mortuary of Cambridge is entrusted with arrangements.

Otis Floyd Henson
Otis Floyd Henson, 80, of Nashville, died Wednesday, Oct. 8 in De Queen. A memorial gathering was held Thursday, Oct. 16 at Hicks Funeral Home in Hope.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17 at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in Little Rock. Arrangements by Hicks Funeral Home.

Billy Gene Nester
Billy Gene Nester, 75, of Greenwood, Ark., died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025. He was born April 11, 1950, in Fort Smith, to the late Tommy Henry Nester and Clara Belle Long Nester.

Survivors include: his a stepson, Clyde Miller; three brothers; four sisters; also grandchildren.

Graveside services were Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, at Bluff Springs Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

Shelley Rykiel McElroy

Shelley Rykiel McElroy, 38, died Oct. 1, 2025. She was born Oct. 31, 1987, to Marilyn Shelley McElroy and the late James Otis McElroy Sr.

Survivors include: her husband, Griford Cheridor; her mother, Marilyn Shelley-McElroy; daughters, Justice Moore, Tatianna Johnson, and Nahla Cheridor; sons Jamison Cheridor and Hadley Cheridor; a sister, Telisa Shelley; a brother, James McElroy Jr.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, at New Zion Baptist Church, Lockesburg. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. Arrangements by McFadden & Hitchye Funeral Enterprises, Hope.



TALKING ABOUT PAWS. Marlin Masey, a board of directors member for SWA PAWS spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club about the organization and its goals for a spay-neuter clinic and for reducing the number of animals going into the shelter by way of adoption. He said the group had ordered a table for the clinic, and planned to get anesthesia equipment for the clinic which they hope will be located at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Also at the meeting were SWA PAWS members Roger and Linda Stivers who foster animals and also fly rescued animals to adoption in other cities.

First Assembly to welcome evangelist for revival

Evangelist Donna Sparks will lead a three-day revival at Nashville's First Assembly, 1405 W. Sunset St.

Revival dates are Oct. 24,25 and 26. Service times will be 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. The public is invited.



AT ARKANSAS TECH. Taylor Darling of Nashville is one of seven individuals nationally selected for a National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) scholarship. She is a senior pursuing a PhD in Physical Therapy, and is also captain of the cheerleading team. She is shown here with James Di Naso, adjunct instructor in the ATU Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science. She is the daughter of Jamie Darling of Nashville.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS Medicare open enrollment

By Josh Tice
Edward Jones Investments
When you turn 65, Medicare becomes a vital part of your health care coverage. But signing up is just the beginning. Many people don't realize that Medicare isn't a "set it and forget it" program. In fact, you have the opportunity — and often the need — to review and adjust your coverage every single year.

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment period, which runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 each year, is your chance to take a fresh look at your health care needs and make sure your Medicare plan still fits your life. Then you can determine whether your medical and prescription plans need to be switched or dropped.

Just like your health can change from year to year, so can Medicare plans. Insurance companies may adjust their coverage and costs or even discontinue certain

plans entirely. By taking time during the open enrollment period to compare your options, you might discover a plan that saves money, offers better coverage or both.

As a reminder, you have several options when it comes to your Medicare coverage.

Original Medicare (Parts A and B) covers hospital stays and medical services such as doctor visits. Part A typically comes with no monthly premium if you've worked for at least 10 years. Part B requires monthly premiums — \$206.50 or more in 2026, depending on your income. They may also be copays and deductibles.

Medicare Advantage (Part C) offers an all-in-one alternative to Original Medicare. These plans are offered by private insurance companies. They often bundle together hospital, medical and prescription drug coverage. They may also include extra benefits like vision, dental

and wellness programs that Original Medicare doesn't cover.

Medicare Part D provides standalone prescription drug coverage for those who stick with Original Medicare.

Medicare Supplement (Medigap) policies help cover the out-of-pocket costs that Original Medicare doesn't pay, such as copayments and deductibles.

When shopping for Medicare plans, there are several important areas you should consider to determine which options are right for you:

Out-of-pocket costs such as monthly premiums, deductibles, copayments and any other expenses Medicare doesn't cover. Sometimes a

plan with a higher premium saves you money overall because of lower copays.

Prescription drug coverage deserves special attention. All Medicare plans for 2026 will include a \$2,100 cap on what you pay out of pocket for covered prescription drugs, up from \$2,000 in 2025. However, this cap only applies to drugs that your plan covers, making it crucial to verify your medications are included.

Your health care needs for the coming year matter too. Do you have surgeries planned? New health conditions to manage? You'll want to make sure your potential plan covers the care you expect to need.

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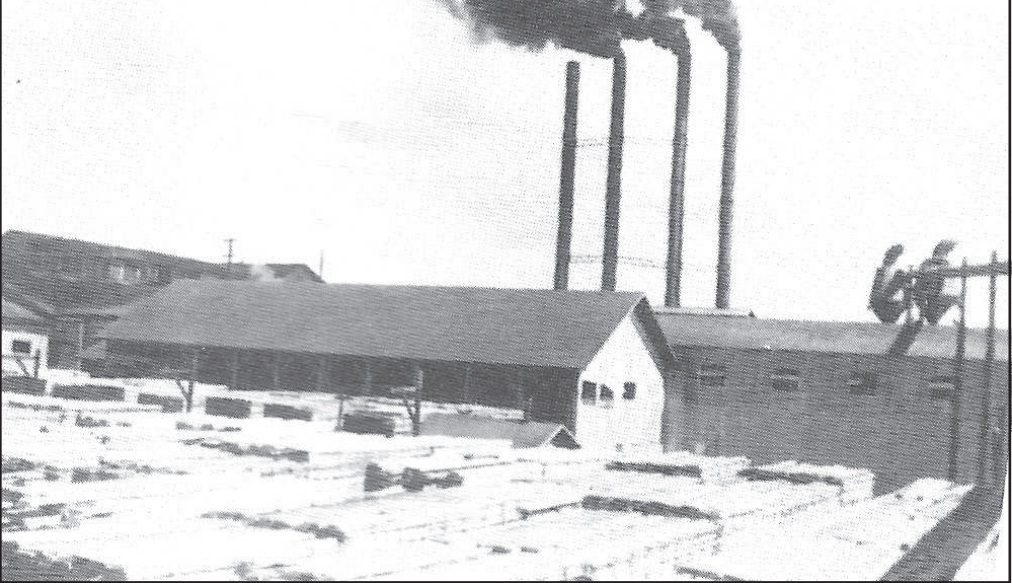


THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Dierks Mill, circa 1950

123 years ago: October 1902

Two prominent ladies of Blevins, Hempstead County, went to a small store of that place and searched it for liquor, with the avowed intention of destroying it if any were found. Failing to find any whiskey on the premises, they notified the proprietor that they would keep informed as to the nature of his stock of goods and that if he sold liquor they would see that he was prosecuted.

The stores of Ike Loewenberg and Joe Winter in this city and Sol Winter of Ozan were closed on account of the Jewish New Year. These stores will also be closed next Saturday on account of the Day of Atonement.

While assisting to move the heavy refrigerator of the City Meat Market last Wednesday, Wesley Barefield was struck on the jaw with a heavy iron roller and was quite painfully hurt. Mr. Barefield had just recovered from a long attack of fever, and Wednesday was the

first day he had attempted to work after recovering from the fever.

79 years ago: October 1946

Sheriff John Howell Saturday gave a visitor to our city free room and board for over the weekend and probably longer when he arrested him on a charge of forgery at the Nashville Hotel under the name of J. H. Sutton of Mena. The man had called for and received mail at the Nashville Post Office as J. H. Davis. He was arrested by Sheriff Howell as Josephus Grey, who was registered at Poteau, Oklahoma, for the draft and who possessed a Social Security card from Fairview, Oklahoma.

The man first came into prominence in Nashville last December when he passed a forged check on a local doctor, receiving cash in exchange. Sheriff Howell stated that the man has served two terms in the penitentiary in Oklahoma and is wanted in several other places for forgery.

63 years ago: October 1962

A big willow gave up its secret to a chopper’s axe Tuesday. And Cecil McMillan, now living at the former Toland place south of Nashville on the Mineral Springs Highway, found a lost artesian well.

Cecil was chopping down the tree while clearing a thicket near the home. The axe rang off a piece of metal. He began probing more carefully into the trunk and found a 2-inch water pipe some six inches inside the tree. The willow had grown around the pipe and choked off the flowing well. Cecil cleared the trunk away and the pipe began running a clear stream of water.

43 years ago: October 1982

Volunteer fire departments at Athens and Umpire are sponsoring a turkey shoot at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 24 north of Umpire on Highway 4. Signs will direct participants to the location.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Oct. 9-15, 2025, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office)
Oct. 09. Brenton Edward Furr, 54, Nashville, and Christina Nichole Williamson, 47, Nashville.
Oct. 10. Raul Fernando Hernandez Lopez, 20, Texarkana, Texas, and Jessie Nichole Sheets, 20, Nashville.
Oct. 14. Michael Shawn Counts, 51, Dierks, and Georgina C. Sanders, 49, Dierks.

Civil Court
CV25-112, Oct. 08. Cavalry SPV vs. David Peek. Contract.
CV25-113, Oct. 09. Forsythe Finance vs. Ella Fahnestock. Contract.
CV25-114, Oct. 09. Cavalry SPV vs. David Peek. Contract.
CV25-115, Oct. 14. Midland Credit Mgmt. vs. Christopher J. Young. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
No domestic relations filed since DR25-83, Oct. 8.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)
CR25-90, Oct. 10. State of Arkansas vs. Willard Leo Spray, 65, white male, 244 Buren Rd., Dierks; POCS, class D felony.
CR25-91, Oct. 10. State of Arkansas vs. Elezar Johnson, 51, black male, 417 E. Runnels, Mineral Springs; DOCS, class Y, enhanced by proximity.

Land/Property Transactions
Beneficiary’s Deeds
Oct. 9. Karen Spicer and Steve Spicer; to Shondra Yvonne Parker and Benny J. Byers, Jr.; property in S7 T9S R27W.
Oct. 9. Karen Spicer; to Benny Jay Byers, Jr.; 0.22 ac. in S26 T9S R27W.
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Oct. 9. Karen Spicer; to Michael Ray Dillard; property in S26 T9S R27W.
Oct. 9. Karen Spicer; to Michael Ray Dillard; Lot 8, Block 2, Bissell’s Addition, Town of Nashville.
Oct. 9. Karen Spicer; to Shondra Yvonne Parker; part of Lots 7-8, Block 1, Rigsby Addition, City of Nashville.
Oct. 10. Janet O’Neal; to Abby Cortez and Emily Juarez, Joint Tenants; 0.65 ac. in S2 T9S R27W.

Trustee’s Deed
Oct. 14. Gloria J. Nation and Johnna K. Smith, Co-successor Trustees of the Philip G. Waters Revocable Trust; to William Hubert Hardin, Jr.; aggregate 306 ac. in S8 T9S R28W. \$425,000.

Quitclaim Deeds
Oct. 10. Joseph Hodges and wife, Tina Hodges; to Kisha N. Isaac; 0.68 ac. in S30 T7S R28W.
Oct. 10. Phillip Walton and wife, Geneve Walton, husband and wife; to Phillip and Geneve Walton Family Trust; Lots 7-8, Block 3, Lay Addition, town of Nashville; and 10.5 ac. in S24 T10S R28W; and 0.68 ac. in S26 T9S R27W.
Oct. 14. Candice Michelle Kykendall and Miguel Angel Sanchez Rocha, wife and husband; to Inez Roedriguez; part of Lot 7, all of Lot 8, Block 3, Holly Addition, Town of Dierks.

Warranty Deeds
Oct. 9. Keith Williams, et al; to Betty J. Williams; Lots 4, 7 & 10 in Block 1, Schaal, Howard County.
Oct. 9. Hill Farms of Howard County, LLC, through Jennifer Kendrick and Allison Worthen, agents; to Big Stacks Wash & Lube, LLC; 3.11 ac. with reservations in S3 T10S R27W. \$70,000.
Oct. 10. (Special) SPP Montana, LLC; to Potlatch Deltic Forest Holdings, Inc.; aggregate 204.43 ac. in S2/S34/S35 T9S/T10S R34W/R35W/R2W. \$443,999.23.
Oct. 10. Kayla Cogburn Chesshir and husband Bryan Chesshir; to Madison Cook; 1 ac. in S15 T5S R28W. \$20,000.
Oct. 10. Tempie N. Lamoth; to Timothy Wade Pinkerton and wife, Dena Ruth Pinkerton; Lot 3, Block 9, Greenwood Addition, City of Nashville. \$220,000.
Oct. 10. Jennifer Lynn Morrow; to Nam Tran and Hoa Nguyen, Joint Tenants; part of Lots 56 & 59, all of Lots 57-58, Block 5, R.L. Hayes Addition, Town of Nashville. \$162,000.
Oct. 14. Vicente A. Ramirez; to Isabel Pacheco Reyes and Husband Lorenzo Reyes Garcia; Lot 12, part of Lot 13, Block 3, Holll Addition, Town of Dierks.
Oct. 14. Blevins Pulpwood Co., Inc.; to Dallas Kesterson and wife Emily Kesterson; 41.38 ac. in S2 T10S R27W. \$49,656.
Oct. 15. Shane E. Rothenberger and wife, Amy L. Rothenberger; to Kolten Kelly McCracken and wife, Erica Ashton McCracken; Lot 27, Springhill Addition, Town of Nashville. \$211,000.

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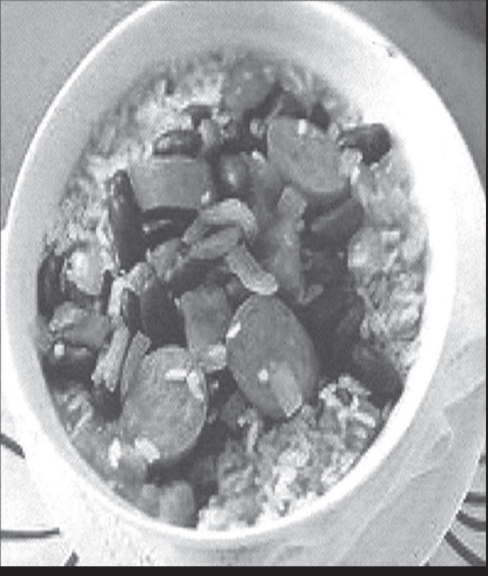
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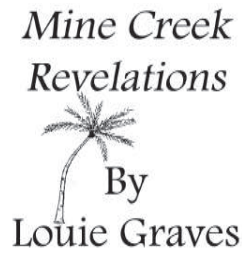
Still dancin’ online

Wiggling thru cultures as they show up on screen

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I finally got tired of waiting to see the evening news about the violence done by the ‘No Kings’ protest people, Saturday.

Apparently there was none.

The only protest here was a bunch of geezers who were waving signs at the McDonald’s drive-thru. They were mad about no Apple Pies. Some of them say their insurance is going to be so high they can’t afford a doctor or hospital visit, so the only way to stay well is by eating an apple a day.



I WROTE last week about a succession of dancing groups or individuals which continue to pop up on my Facebook. Pardon me if I digress on this topic one more time.

It started with a YouTube search for dancers as mentioned in ‘Ode On a Grecian Urn,’ a John Keats poem. I found the dancers and they were entertaining.

The very next day those same ladies showed up unbidden on Facebook. I promise they were not naughty dancers.

The dancers evolved each day. First, the Greek maidens were gone -- replaced by Whirling Dervishes, men in long skirts who spin until they go into a religious trance.

I didn’t have anything to do with it, but next day I got dancers from a place called the Caucasus who glided around on tiptoes. Looked like they were floating.

Next day they were street dancers in Thailand. Then, children learning tribal dances in Africa.

Everybody dances to music or at least drums. The next dancers were wildly costumed American Indians stomping and spinning in time to thumping tom-toms and high-pitched chanting at a pow-wow.

The very next day I had lovely twirlers in parades in Central America; then Irish dancers with arms stiff at their sides.

Still, no one was naughty. I was fascinated by the cultures.

Especially the Hawai’i hula ladies wearing bands of flowers. Next were those scary Maori groups from New Zealand, but thank goodness they were around for a only day bulging their eyes and slapping their chests before they became wiggly ladies from Tahiti doing hubba-hubba dances.

These might have been borderline naughty. I might try to visit them again sometime.

Modesty returned with Inuit dancers from the North shuffling around in sealskin; then some Geishas from Japan.

This string of performances hasn’t yet gotten to what I predicted -- boot-scooters and Western Swing music from a bar on the Oklahoma line, but I’m sure that will happen.

I promise I’ll try to remember what dancers show up next.

Oh, yeah, I’m REAL good at remembering promises as you’ll see. Just keep reading.

ANIMAL CRACKERS. For the 42nd year in a row I failed to realize the precise date when ‘our’ Mississippi Kites left for warmer climes. Mea culpa, my fault.

I let you down. I had promised to inform you about their departure, and I only guessed that the reason they left was to avoid our winter. Maybe they re-located to the Arctic Circle on purpose. Or not.

But, I did find out a few things about the birds. They can ride thermal updrafts for looooooong periods, and they eat wasps, cicadas and other insects, along with smaller birds. They are, naturally, in the Kite family -- small raptors. They got the Mississippi part of their name because they were first recorded by some bird watcher in the Mississippi Territory which is most certainly NOWHERE NEAR the Arctic Circle. And I was surprised to learn that anyone in Mississippi could observe and write.

So, I still don’t know where the birds migrate to. All I know is that one day out of the clear blue each year I realize they are no longer circling my neighborhood and, dang it, I forgot to notify you.

I asked Mr. Google for more info.

One article said that they travel to breeding grounds in Central America and South America. But another article with a map showed that Howard County is pretty doggone close to the edge of their breeding grounds.

No matter. They still manage to sneak off to somewhere.

I hope we are all still around when they suddenly show up again in our skies sometime late next Spring.

I promise that I will be watching for their arrival. You can count on it.

MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: “Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?”

WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: “One of John Robert’s fans sent some homemade brownies to the office, and he shared. The brownies were Awfully Good!”

HE SAID: “Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” Mahatma Gandhi, statesman and peace advocate

SHE SAID: “Whatever we believe about how we got to be the extraordinary creatures we are today is far less important than bringing our intellect to bear on how do we get together now around the world and get out of the mess that we’ve made. That’s the key thing now. Never mind how we got to be who we are.” Jane Goodall, British primatologist, ethologist, and anthropologist. RIP

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Arkansas continues efforts to improve broadband service throughout state

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The Arkansas Broadband Office known as ARConnect has been working on major broadband expansion and upgrades for Arkansas.

The Federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program approved a new \$1 billion initiative in funding to overhaul the Arkansas broadband expansion plan.

Currently, the state is in the final stages of its proposal and just completed the public comment period in August.

In 2024, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) approved Arkansas’s initial proposal. However, new federal rules implemented in 2025 caused the program to revise its original plans and a new application process for internet service providers (ISP) was established.

Pending authorization from the Arkansas General Assembly and NTIA, construction is now expected to begin in 2026.

According to the draft Final Proposal, the BEAD program received 730 applications from 33 ISPs. Provisional awards were given to 23 ISPs at a cost of \$308.3 million, which ARConnect reports was \$275 million less than previous estimates.

These providers are responsible for introducing affordable, reliable high-speed internet to 79,240 homes and businesses in areas with minimal or no broadband service.

The intent is to deliver broadband in underserved areas and to stimulate what the plan calls “home-grown economic development.”

The overall goal is to connect all households and businesses that lack internet access.

The technology plan aims for 76% fiber, 16% satellite, 7% fixed wireless, and 1% hybrid technologies.

The average grant per location is projected to be approximately \$3,891, also one of the lowest in the country.

The state previously launched a challenge process for the public to report inaccuracies in its broadband coverage map to make sure all underserved areas are located and represented by broadband.

The first national broadband map was created by NTIA in 2011 and is being continually updated by each state.

These maps now serve as vital tools for consumers, businesses and policy makers to find out who is offering broadband, what types of broadband they are offering and where it is being provided.

ARConnect also launched a new Internet affordability dashboard to simplify comparing low-cost internet plans.

Affordability is one of their main goals in providing internet access to the state. This user-friendly dashboard provides information in one accessible place, county by county, for residents to identify plans in their area and compare offerings.

You can find the Affordability Dashboard online at: <https://broadband.arkansas.gov/affordability/>.

The Arkansas Fiber Academy, an accelerated training program for jobs in broadband and telecommunications, also announced their newest offering for the Fiber Network Engineer Program. Developed in partnership with industry leaders to meet the growing demand for skilled professionals in fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) technology.

The intensive 15-week training program will be offered at no cost to eligible participants through a grant from the Arkansas Office of Skills Development. Additional broadband career training programs are available. For information on these programs check out the website at: <https://www.arkansascc.org/arkansasfiberacademy>.

Drug Take Back Day set Oct. 25

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

On Saturday, Oct. 25, Arkansas will once again participate in Drug Take Back Day, a nationwide mission to safely collect and dispose of unused and expired prescription medications.

For 15 years, our state has been a leader and strong supporter of this important effort. Working together, responsible Americans and law enforcement partners have effectively removed nearly 10,000 tons of medication from households, neighborhoods and communities across the United States.

Arkansas has performed admirably in this fight with contributions that are considered especially outsized given our smaller population.

From the inaugural efforts known as “Operation Medicine Cabinet,” Arkansans have collected and safely disposed of more than 600,000 pounds of medication.

The most recent Take Back Day in April was a resounding success, gathering over 28,000 pounds in unused or expired medicine, exceeding the amounts collected in the previous two and a half years.

This strong showing has secured our state’s place among the

top 10 nationwide for Take Back contributions by weight, as well as for law enforcement involvement and public participation. These statistics reflect our ongoing commitment to save lives and reduce the presence of deadly drugs on Arkansas’s streets.

Drug Take Back events underline the dangers, both accidental and intentional, of unused prescription medication in our communities and homes.

Research has shown that loved ones and others who fall victim to opioid drug misuse and addiction access drugs from friends and family, often without their knowledge.

Cleaning out medicine chests is especially important as data collected from Arkansas pharmacies in 2023 reveal the highest prescribing rate of opioids in the nation; enough for seven out of 10 residents to have a prescription in their name.

Eliminating just one less chance for abuse is worth it, especially with the easy opportunity through Take Back.

Addiction does not discriminate, so taking this precaution can truly make a difference.

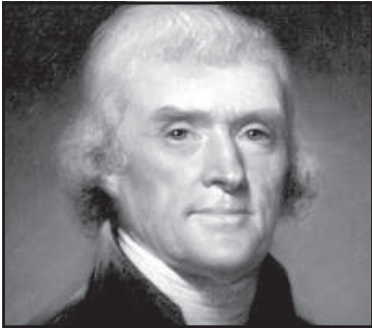
Policymakers spanning from Little Rock to our congressional

delegation in Washington are keenly aware of how pervasive this crisis is and are working together to confront it.

Last year, I was proud to help secure \$5 million in funding for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock’s Opioid Prevention Project to promote targeted, Arkansas-specific prevention and abuse education for at-risk populations. In previous years, I championed legislation to expand prevention, education, treatment and recovery efforts that were successfully signed into law, and have long advocated for different measures that increase access and training for life-saving naloxone, fund research and explore non-addictive pain treatment options.

When it comes to bettering our communities and fighting back against this epidemic, no effort is too small, and there is room for every Arkansan to play a part.

I encourage communities across the Natural State to join this effort by keeping track of your prescribed medications, storing them in a secure and safe way before disposing of them at a Take Back event on Saturday, Oct. 25, at a convenient collection or pop-up site near you.



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

Thomas Jefferson, 1787
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Win

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Receiver Gauge Applegate “was really good,” recording 63 receiving yards and a touchdown. “He plays extremely hard and gets better every week,” according to Chesshir.

Senior running back Tucker Dixon was injured in the first half and was to undergo testing this week. After he left the game, other Scrappers picked up some reps, including Bryce Perrin and Trendon Northcross.

DJ Jefferson, who missed the first part of the season with an injury from the Hot Springs Lakeside scrimmage, saw limited action at quarterback Friday night. “We’re slowly working him back in. He got a couple of series and looked really good,” Chesshir said.

Jefferson completed 3 of 6 passes for 32 yards and 2 touchdowns.

On defense, the Scrappers “created a lot of negative plays. Our D-line did a good job except containing the quarterback at times,” Chesshir said.

Scrapper defenders also “gave up some receiving yards because of lack of standing coverage. We had a bunch of mistakes. It’s not like us to do that,” Chesshir said.

Inside linebackers Abari Williams and Lucas Aylett had six tackles each. Williams also had two tackles for losses and a sack.

Makhi Johnson also made six tackles, had 4 TFLs, 2 sacks and a fumble recovery.

On special teams, Chesshir said he is “proud of the kickoff” unit. “We’ve been sky kicking on kickoffs and had quite a few to cover and tackle. They did a good job.”

Luis Flores “was solid” on PATs, making 6 of 7. The lone unsuccessful attempt came on a high snap. The Scrappers “are doing a better job of protection up front” on extra point tries.

With their success moving the ball, the Scrappers “haven’t punted a lot,” Chesshir said. Punter Blake Moody “has done an outstanding job. He’s getting better every week. He and Jailyn Staggers will stay around after practice to work on snaps and punting.”

Offensively against Ashdown, Hopson was 7 of 9 passing for 82 yards, Jefferson 3 of 6 for 32 yards and a TD.

Applegate caught 5 passes for 63 yards and a touchdown.

Northcross made one catch for 15 yards and a TD. Karson Chambers had a reception for 13 yards.

Other receivers were Staggers, Cortez Cooper and Perrin.

Hopson was Nashville’s leading rusher with 109 yards and 3 touchdowns on 10 carries.

Dixon rushed 8 times for 60 yards.

Perrin ran the ball 9 times for 51 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Northcross had 9 carries for 26 yards and a TD.

Jefferson ran once for 25 yards.

For the game, the Scrappers had 385 yards total offense on 52 plays, including 271 yards rushing and 114 passing.

Defensively, Williams, Aylett and Johnson led the team with 6 tackles each. Josh Walker made 5 tackles, recorded a TFL and made 1 sack. Staggers had 4 tackles and 3 TFLs.

Other tacklers included Brayden Erby, Aiden Bradley, Jaydon Williamson, Northcross, Myles

Hawthorne, Lyndon Manley, Hayden Crabtree and Moody.

Harmony Grove

The Scrappers will have their second straight home game when they host Haskell Harmony Grove Friday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m.

This will be Nashville’s only back-to-back set of home games of the regular season. “We’re glad to be home again,” Chesshir said.

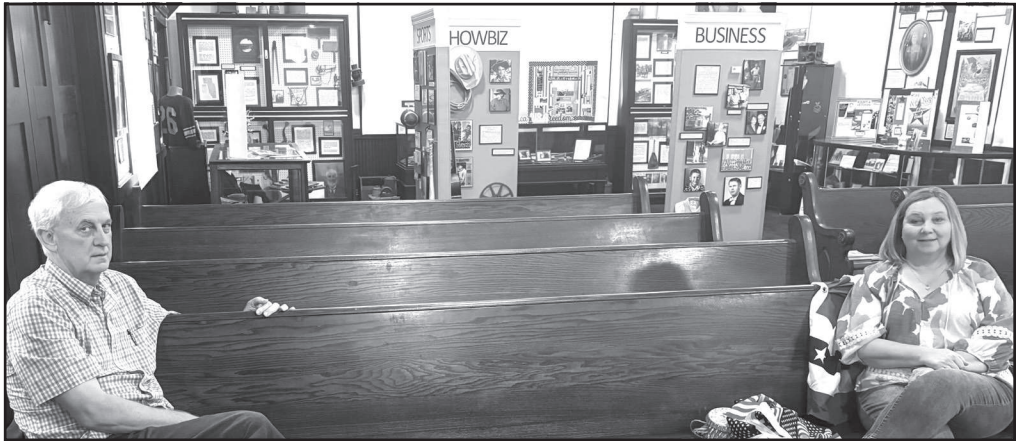
Harmony Grove “has a unique rushing attack,” Chesshir said. “Offensively, they run something you don’t see in the regular season. They will have 2 tight ends in a dead-T offense. It’s a heavy rushing offense” aimed at controlling the ball.

“The offensive line fires off the ball extremely hard and opens up gaps,” Chesshir said. “It’s three yards and a cloud of dust. They want to control the game and control the clock. They try to keep the ball away from you. If they get 4 yards, they win. They can hold the ball the whole quarter.”

The Cardinals’ 2 halfbacks and fullback “all run extremely hard. At times, you won’t have a clue about who has the ball. They can break one for 80 yards,” Chesshir said. “We have to be very disciplined and very physical defensively.”

The Scrappers must “force third and long. We can’t let them drive down the field. The defense has to get possessions for the offense,” Chesshir said. “We have to do a good job offensively of moving the ball. We don’t know how many possessions we will get.”

Harmony Grove runs a 4-2-5 defense with players who “fly around. They’re not real big. Their defensive ends do a good job on the run. You can tell they’re coached extremely well,” Chesshir said.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Tim Pinkerton and Susan Nannemann are set for the Thursday opening of a display of famous people from Howard County at the E.A. Williams Chapel Museum in Nashville.

Exhibit

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in 1961 and the record for total hits at 2,091.

Carl Boles, born in Center Point, was called up to play for the San Francisco Giants in 1962, playing that year in the World Series. After his major league career, he became well known in Japanese baseball and then as a scout for the Giants.

Aaron Thomas of Dierks played in the NFL from 1961-1970. Originally drafted by the San Francisco 49ers, he was soon traded to the New York Giants, where he played out the rest of his career. He still holds a number of records for the Giants.

Leland Tollett is one of only two of those being honored who is still alive. He was hired by Don Tyson in 1959, named CEO of Tyson Foods in 1991, and chairman of the board in 1995, serving in that capacity until 1999. Under his leadership, Tyson Foods became a world leader in meat production.

Finally, we come to Dr. Joycelyn Elders, perhaps the most famous person to come from Howard County. Born to sharecropper parents in the Schaal community of south Howard County, she finished high school at age 15 and went on to become the Surgeon General of the United States, serving during the administration of President Bill Clinton. She, like Tollett, is still with us.

The exhibit will be open Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon at the museum, complete with coffee and finger foods.

“We’d love to have everybody come out,” said Nannemann. “Howard



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

These exhibits feature Howard Countians in the fields of art, business and science.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Howard County contributions to show business are recognized.

County has produced some extraordinary people.”

“And I want kids to know that even if you’re from a rural area in southwest Ar-

kansas, the sky’s the limit. I want them to see some people who have done great things with their lives who were born right here.”

and the rest of it was devoted to Tisha Martin of the Howard County Public Defender office who eventually asked the JPs to raise the county program’s 2026 appropriation by \$4,000 to slightly more than \$16,500. No action was taken.

The JPs got an update on Developing Howard County from Executive Director

Vanessa Weeks. Present for the meeting were JPs Liz McDaniel, Jerry Harwell, Juanita Jackson, Don Marks, Andy Hogg, D’Ann Henderson, Janet O’Neal and Kerry Strasser; also Judge Pinkerton, Sheriff Bryan McJunkins, Tax Assessor Cindy Butler, Treasurer Sheri Mixon, County Clerk Keri Teague.

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JPs suggested that a representative of SWA-PAWS come to the court’s November meeting.

Most of Monday’s lengthy meeting was taken by the animal discussion;

School

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test figured into the report. Students with the highest scores are level four and level three, with lower scores for level one and level two.

“Where we struggle is showing growth in level one language arts. We have a plan to work with the students and meet level one where they are,” Evans said. “We’re better than a C.”

Primary’s grade was based on third grade scores.

Principal Tyra Hughes said elementary received a C for students in grades 4-6. Elementary had a B the previous year and was 9.5 points away from another B. “We’re working with our

level one students,” she said. “We’re going to work on reading skills, and we’re looking at our schedule for intervention time.”

At junior high, Principal Hannah Topor said the school maintained its B from the previous year. Language arts teachers are working with Curriculum Coordinator Kim Slayton on intervention and other ways to help students, Topor said.

“We will get creative with our master schedule for next year,” she said.

Eric Perez, assistant principal at high school, said NHS had a B after receiving a C the previous year. “We still aim to be an A school,” he said. “We’re comparing our scores year to year and comparing them to the state. We’re looking at growth.”

Overall, “We’re pleased

with our growth, but we won’t get comfortable. We want to do better next year,” Perez said.

In other discussion Monday night, the board approved Superintendent Doug Graham’s recommendation to accept a \$572 bid for accidental death and dismemberment coverage. All employees are covered, he said.

Board members approved three updates to board policies based on guidance from the state.

Graham reported an operating balance of about \$4,673,000 at the end of September. The Elmor food services account has a balance of \$338,000, he said.

The board hired Brenda Perez as a migrant tutor and Kaneshia Taylor as high school custodian.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING IN NASHVILLE AND DIERKS

Applications may be picked up at the Howard County Housing Authority office located at
1010 S. Pope Street, Nashville, Arkansas (off of Hope Hwy).
Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, Monday - Friday, closed on Wednesday afternoons.
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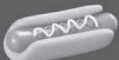
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Wednesday October 29th



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Sports

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POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL ACTION AT DIERKS News-Leader photos/NIKKI FIELDS



Dierks in big lead as T-Mobile stadium makeover sweepstakes voting set to end Friday

Voting for T-Mobile’s stadium makeover sweepstakes ends this Friday at 11:59 p.m. with Dierks High School currently commanding a big lead in the Monday update.

As of Tuesday morning, Dierks leads a high school in Lebanon, Ore., by a vote of 1,290,135 to 1,053,083 in the contest, which when won will result in a \$1 million football and stadium makeover plus a new weight room from Gronk Fitnesss, stadium design consultation and a trip for 16 school representatives to this year’s SEC championship game.

Dierks High School was one of 25 schools across the United States chosen as finalists for the T-Mobile sweepstakes and has received \$30,000 already for advancing.

The sweepstakes is based entirely on online voting and votes can be cast by scanning the QR code pictured here. Voters can vote daily up until 11:59 p.m. Friday.

Dierks’ football facilities have not received an update in more than 20 years.



Scan This Code to Vote

Newspaper football contest picker goes 10/10 to win

T’Otis Trimble of Nashville was the winner in last week’s football contest by submitting a perfect 10-of-10 entry. He wins a combo meal from Starz Family Restaurant.

Junction City 43, Dierks 13
Murfreesboro 54, Lafayette County 34
Gurdon 28, Mineral Springs 22
Bauxite 41, Malvern 16
Harding 35, Henderson 10

SAU 42, Arkansas Tech 7
Ouachita 45, UA-Monticello 10
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Urgent Notice for Pecan Orders!
Due to Federal Government Shutdown - Mine Creek Conservation District Office is closed! You can pick up pecan order forms at the office front door or call 870-845-8448 to place orders. Orders already placed through email need to call 870-845-8448 to reorder because we can not access that email.

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Fresh Homemade Fudge: 1/2 lb. - \$8.00: Chocolate Pecan, Rocky Road, Butter Pecan, Salted Caramel Nut
Raw Shelled Peanuts 2 lb. bag - \$8.00 & 5 lb. bag - \$16.00
Deadline to place an order is October 24, 2025.
Orders will arrive second week in November.

STREET DEPARTMENT
The City of Dierks will be accepting applications for a full time position for the **Street Department** though November 5, 2025 until 3:30 PM.

This position requires a minimum education of:
1. A high school diploma or GED is preferred
2. A valid driver’s license

GENERAL JOB SUMMARY
1. Help with water leaks
2. Mow grass
3. Pick up limbs and brush
4. Other job task as assigned by the Mayor or Crew Leader
5. Have ability to work well with others as well as by themselves.
6. Be interested in getting a sewer/ water license.

The above information is intended to describe the general nature of this position. Any previous experience is helpful but not necessary.

Interested person may obtain application at the Dierks City Hall, 202 West Third St. Dierks, AR. 71833

Candidates desiring to be considered for the above position should address each of the above requirements within the body of their resume/ application. The City of Dierks reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

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After the storm:

- When venturing outside, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical electrical hazard. Assume any dangling wires you encounter are energized and dangerous. Warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility.
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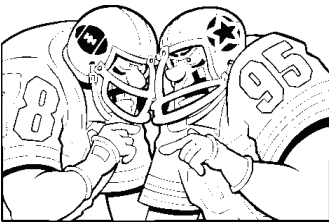
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We will have line dance lessons, 360 photo shoot, jump houses, food vendors, and a petting zoo.

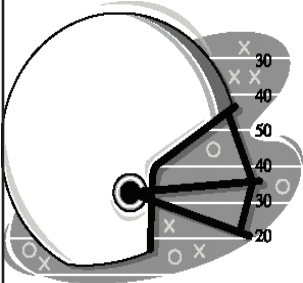
Arm bands \$5 per person at gate.

Trunk or Treat at 5 p.m.

Hope to see you on the 29th for a fun filled day with family and friends.
If you want to set up for trunk or treat please come out and join us. No candy will be given out before 5 p.m.!



The News-Leader's 2025 PIGSKIN PREDICTIONS



This week's top games

Foreman at Dierks	Junction City at Murfreesboro	Lafayette County at Mineral Springs	Southern Arkansas at Ouachita Baptist	UA-Monticello at Harding	Henderson State at Arkansas Tech	Texas A&M at Louisiana State	Ole Miss at Oklahoma	Auburn at Arkansas	Haskell Harmony Grove at Nashville
Dierks	Mboro	Lafayette	OBU	Harding	HSU	A&M	Ole Miss	Auburn	Nashville

John R. Schirmer (67%)	Louie Graves (75%)	Eddie Cobb (70%)
Dierks	Dierks	Dierks
Mboro	Mboro	JCity
Lafayette	Lafayette	Mineral
OBU	OBU	SAU
Harding	Harding	Harding
HSU	Tech	HSU
A&M	LSU	A&M
Ole Miss	Oklahoma	Ole Miss
Auburn	Auburn	Arkansas
Nashville	Nashville	Nashville



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

Karson Chambers (5) helps clear the way for a touchdown run by Trendon Northcross (1) during the Scrappers' 56-14 home win over Ashdown Friday night, Oct. 17.



Nashville News-Leader Football Contest

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

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CIRCLE THE TEAMS YOU THINK WILL WIN

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UA-Monticello	at	Harding
Henderson State	at	Arkansas Tech
Texas A&M	at	Louisiana State
Ole Miss	at	Oklahoma
Auburn	at	Arkansas

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Another important win for Rattlers

The Murfreesboro Rattlers (5-2, 3-1) earned a crucial conference victory on the road over the Lafayette County Cougars (1-6, 0-4) by a 54-34 score last Friday night.

The Rattlers built a 24-0 lead by the second quarter and went to half with a 30-6 lead.

The Cougars outscored the Rattlers 28-24 in the second half, largely on the strength of a 22-16 fourth quarter.

The Rattlers would amass 549 total yards, 396 through the air and 153 on the ground. MHS was 5-9 on third down opportunities and 1-4 on fourth down ties with 20 total first downs.

Murfreesboro would turn the ball over once with an interception and had nine penalties for 45 yards. MHS quarterback Kooper Caldwell was 28/42 through the air for 396 yards and five touchdowns, along with 28 yards rushing on five attempts and another touchdown.

Alex Parker led the team in rushing with 61 yards on four attempts and a touchdown.

Caldwell spread the ball around to the MHS receivers, with five players collecting over 50 yards. Liam Eoff had 90 yards on four receptions including a 50 yard TD catch in the fourth quarter. Isaac Kuykendall caught six passes for 85 yards and a TD, Kale Burns had six catches for 80 yards with a TD and Cayden Ballard had six receptions for 57 yards and led the team with three

two-point conversion grabs.

Aiden “Bubba” Stinson was a dual threat with 33 yards rushing on five attempts and six catches for 83 yards and a pair of TDs. The Rattlers did not attempt a punt on the evening.

The Cougars had 393 total yards – 353 on the ground, and collected 16 first downs on 5/11 third downs and 0/4 fourth down tries.

Lafayette County had a pair of turnovers, a fumble and an interception, and was penalized three times for five yards.

Jordan Walters led the Cougars with 195 rushing yards on 25 attempts for four touchdowns, including a 57 yard rush in the second quarter for a score.

“We threw it well for the most part,” said Rattler head coach Jay Turley.

“We did what we needed to do ... but we kind of played down to their level a little bit. If you are up 30-6 at halftime you should put them away, and that’s frustrating. They did a good job or trying to stop our running game – they are super talented and big up front. We had a problem of getting a couple of those guys blocked, so we had to throw it a lot.”

He said the flow of the game seemed to affect the Rattlers’ intensity, with the Cougars taking all the time they could between plays and dragging the high scoring affair into a three hour contest.

“It was bad and we kind of played into it. I was wor-

ried about this being a trap game, in between Dierks and Junction City – but we came out really well, taking advantage of some things and scoring quickly on them. We just had a couple drives stall with penalties and dropped balls.”

Vs. Junction City
This week the Rattlers will host the highly ranked Junction City Dragons (6-1, 4-0), whose only blemish on the record was a week three non-conference 37-28 loss to Smackover.

The Dragons have rolled through their conference games, outscoring their four opponents 178-19, including a 53-13 win over Dierks last week.

Turley said he should have no problem motivating the troops this week.

“It’s for the conference championship, for [playoff seeding] and all that stuff. It’s a big game. They are very good ... big time. I would hope we don’t need much motivation. But if we can beat them by seven, we could win the conference, considering we take care of business the rest of the way. This is for a share of the conference championship. We’re not looking ahead to anybody this week.”

A win by the Rattlers Friday night at home would create a three way-tie atop of the conference with the Rattlers, Dragons and Gurdon. Gurdon has defeated Murfreesboro and lost to Junction City earlier this season.

Asked if the Rattlers could stop the Dragons

enough to make a win possible, Turley laughed. “I guess we’ll find out. I think we can – I think our kids will step up and play at a higher level of intensity.”

“They are really good defensively, so we’ll have to move the ball on them too.”

Turley said he expected another game where the Rattlers were forced to throw the ball a lot.

“Junction will run the ball more – that’s what they do – and are more disciplined defensively [than Lafayette County]. We will try to run the ball against them, but my guess is they will load the box and bring the heat. We have to make every catch Friday night – if it hits us in the hand we have to make the catch, and we have to eliminate the mental mistakes.”

Turley said the starting Junction City back was great – “he makes them go” – and the team would have to find a way to combat his presence.

“We have to keep him contained ... if we let him out on the edge, he’s gone. He can fly.”

Turley looks forward to a big crowd Friday night at Rattler Stadium.

“It’s a big game and I think both sides will be packed. It will be a great atmosphere for Friday night high school football.

“We’ll let the chips fall where they fall. We have our destiny in our own hands, and that’s a good place to be. We’ve put ourselves in this position, now we have to go perform.”



CLOSE INSPECTION. Dr. Catherine Love, performed a necropsy to gather data on the cougar. (AG&FC photo)

Henderson State to study mountain lion killed in vehicle collision

Henderson State University in Arkadelphia has added an oddity to its sizable collection of carcasses for scientific study, according to an article posted by arkadelphian.com

Since late last week, the “Malvern mountain lion” that was struck and killed near Social Hill has been in the custody of Henderson’s science department. The catamount became paramount news in Arkansas, where sightings are rare but having an actual specimen is extraordinary in a state where mountain lions had been extirpated for nearly a century.

Fortunately for Henderson, alumnus Brady Baker is an Arkansas Game & Fish Commission game warden assigned to Hot Spring County, where the 160-pound cougar was killed late Wednesday, Oct. 8, on Arkansas Highway 84. Baker negotiated for the road-killed cat to be taken to HSU for preservation and scientific study, said Dr. Renn Tumlison, professor emeritus of natural sciences, in a video HSU posted to its Facebook page.

“We’re going to take the specimen and skin it, and try to tan the hide” for preservation, Tumlison said. “Tissue samples will be taken, we’ll clean the bones, and it will be in our permanent collection. A hundred years from now if someone wants to study this animal, it’ll be here.”

According to AGFC, mountain lions were native to Arkansas until about 1920, when unregulated hunting and habitat loss all but wiped them out of The Natural State. While there is no confirmed evidence of mountain lions breeding in Arkansas, they are at least traveling through the state from their native homelands of Western and Mid-western U.S.

AGFC has confirmed 43 male mountain lion sightings since 2010, and recorded at least two deaths in recent years, according to the website.

In 2014 one mountain lion was shot and killed by a deer hunter in Bradley County of southeastern Arkansas, and in February 2024 a U.S. Forest Service employee found a dead mountain lion on a wildlife management area in Stone County, in north-central Arkansas.

AGFC said that many social media posts have indicated a mountain lion in the area of DeGray Lake. Although the cat killed in the vehicle accident may be the one in these images, there is no way to confirm it is the same mountain lion.

Having the Hot Spring County cougar in Henderson’s existing arsenal of preserved mammals, birds, fish and other animals is “good for our students,” Tumlison added. “We are representing Southwest Arkansas with our collection. To get something this uncommon is a rarity for any school.”

MS Hornet offense improves in 28-22 loss to Gurdon Go-Devils

Despite a 1-6 record, the Mineral Springs Hornets continue to make progress on the football, according to Head Hornet Jarrod Jackson.

“Our kids continue to get better each week, and that’s a testament to their work ethic and our staff pouring into them,” Coach Jackson said following the Hornets Friday night 28-22 road loss to Gurdon Go-Devils.

“We’ll clean some things up, but I couldn’t be prouder of their effort Friday night.”

Friday’s 22-point game in Gurdon was the most points

the Hornets have put up thus far in the season. The offense also gained a season-high total of 351 yards against the Go-Devils with 34 rushes for 177 yards and 10/24 passes for 174 yards.

Keithen Dixon led the offense with 22 carries for 117 yards and two touchdowns followed by nine carries by Cortney Thomas for 45 yards and one TD and Keiandrian Nunally with three rushes for 15 yards.

Dixon’s receivers included K. Nunally with 3/4 for 76 yards, AK Olden with

4/11 for 43 yards, Antwan Sauls with 1/1 for 37 yards, Brandon Allen with 1/4 for 15 yards and C. Thomas with one for three yards.

Christian Matlock led the Hornet tackle chart with seven solo stops followed by five each from Cayden and Brayden Collins. Also earning the tackle chart were Amaron Maxwell, Bryce Thomas, Allen, JJ Hicks, Christian Stuart, Shane Goodloe, Nunnaly, Damon-e Nolen, C.Thomas, Dixon and Mason Golston.

The Hornets will be back

at Hornet Stadium Friday night to face off with the Cougars of Lafayette County.

The Cougars are 0-4 in conference play with a 1-6 overall record and sit in last place in current 3-2A stand-ings.

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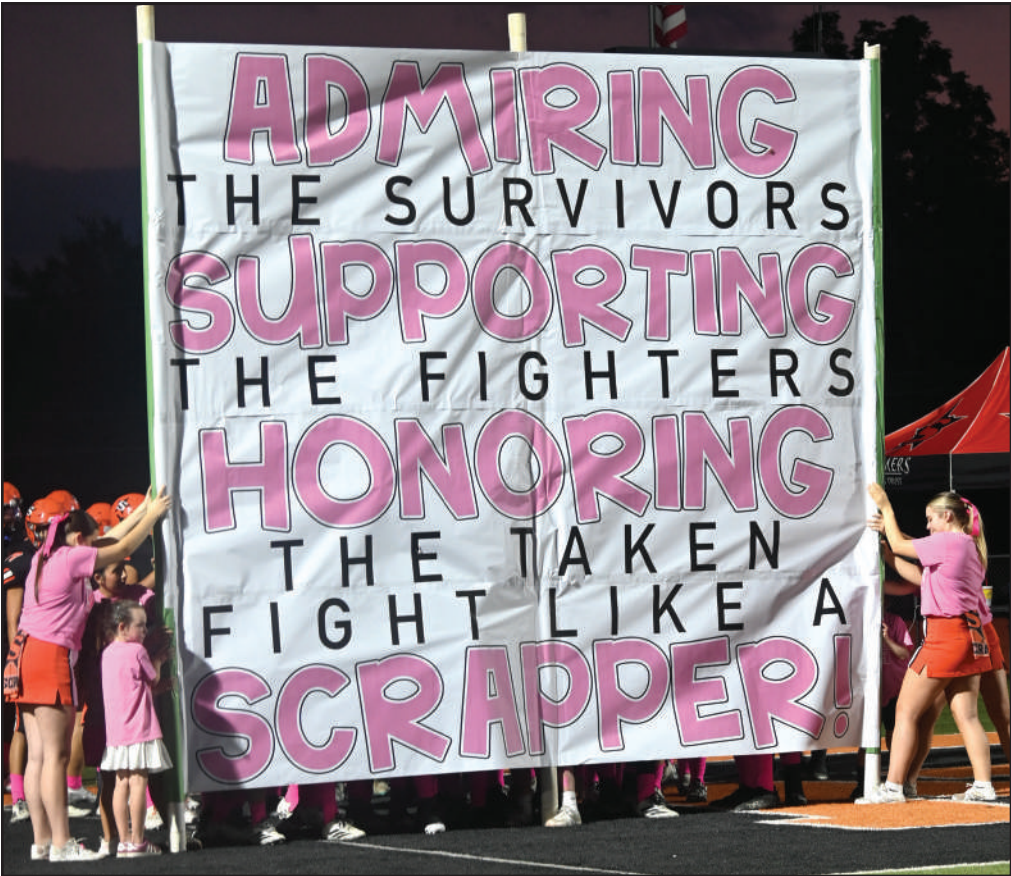
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Scrappers rout Panthers

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Cheerleaders hold the Pink Out run-through poster recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Scrapper defenders signal a Panther fumble during Nashville's 56-14 win over Ashdown Friday night, Oct. 17, at Scrapper Stadium.



Hayden Gray (7) holds as Luis Flores kicks the PAT in Nashville's 56-14 home win.



Jacoby Hopson (15) nears the goalline on a long run for the Scrappers in their District 7-4A victory over Ashdown.



Gauge Applegate caught a TD pass.



Team Captain for a Day Brennan Woodruff, a fifth grader, joins seniors Karson Chambers, KJ Coulter, Lucas Aylett and Hayden Gray for the coin toss.



Nashville band members present their halftime routine last Friday night. The band was scheduled to compete this week in the regional assessment at Lake Hamilton.



Makhi Johnson (9) recovers an Ashdown Panther fumble in the Scrappers' 56-14 victory.



Seniors Jayla Hendrix and Madi Brinkman walk Cheerleader for a Day Ivy Ray, age 3, onto the field.



Hayden Gray (right) tackles the Ashdown Panther Oct. 17 at Scrapper Stadium.



The Scrapper Booster Club's Corporate Sponsors were recognized during halftime of Nashville's home game against Ashdown Friday night, Oct. 17.

Scrappette among top 7

Scrappette senior Parker Tate finished in the top seven at the state overall golf tournament last week at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Little Rock.

Coach Aaron Worthen summed up Tate's time as a Scrappette golfer.

"Parker Tate put an exclamation point on her very storied high school career. She has been the 7-4A District Medalist four years in a row, All Conference times, All State three times, and more often than not when the moment was the biggest she rose to the occasion.

"It's hard to put into words how beautifully difficult the Pleasant Valley Country Club course is playing, but she didn't back down.

"She was playing from distances she hadn't seen before, but she didn't back down.

"She had some tough holes, and multiple chances to let her frustration get the better of her, but she didn't back down.

"She is a SCRAPPER! At the State Overall Tournament she finished tied for



Coach Aaron Worthen and Scrappette golfer Parker Tate, who finished in state's top 7 overall last week. 7th. Only 18 golfers get invited to the tournament, and I couldn't be prouder of the way she represented."



NJHS quarterback Mack Arnold (7) awaits the snap in the junior Scrappers' home win over Arkadelphia earlier this season. In last week's 49-20 victory over Ashdown, Arnold passed for 147 yards and ran for 103.

Junior Scrappers earn win

ASHDOWN - The Nashville Junior High Scrappers defeated Ashdown 49-20 Thursday night, Oct. 16.

The Scrappers (6-1) compiled 389 yards total offense, including 236 rushing and 153 passing.

Quarterback Mack Arnold was 10 of 13 passing for 147 yards. He was in on five touchdowns.

Arnold also ran the ball 6 times for 103 yards.

Jakari Starr carried 9 times for 103 yards. He also had one pass reception for 57 yards. Starr scored three touchdowns against the Panthers.

Zee Beasley had three catches for 40 yards and a touchdown.

Other Scrapper receivers included Bo Dean, Bay Nolte, Al Green, Kiron Johnson and Thomas Johnson.

Lucas Lowrey and Davion Gamble each ran the ball twice for 15 yards a piece.

Kiron Johnson was the leading Scrapper tackler with 4.5.

Braiden Friend, Caleb Mounts and Malik Gilliam had three tackles each.

Dean recorded 2.5, with two each for Parker Webb, Herik Hernandez and Thomas Johnson.

Other tacklers included Beasley Green, Jose Bustamante, Abraham Valazques, Jalen Thomas, Tim Martin, Jayden Bernard and Royce Johnson.

Nolte and Royce Johnson had one interception each.

In other games last Thursday night, the eighth grade Scrappers defeated Ashdown 49-20. Seventh graders beat the Panthers 20-6.

The junior Scrappers will travel to Haskell Harmony Grove Thursday, Oct. 23. The schedule includes seventh grade at 5 p.m., eighth grade at 6 and junior high at 7.



Cheerleader for a Day Ivy Ray, age 3, spent last Friday, Oct. 17, with the Nashville High School cheerleaders. She performed with them at the Pink Out pep rally Friday afternoon in Scraper Gym and at the game against Ashdown Friday night at Scraper Stadium.



Cheerleader for a Day Ivy Ray with the Nashville High School cheerleaders.

Nashville linkster named GAC Player of Week

RUSSELLVILLE - Ellen Spigner of Nashville, a senior at Arkansas Tech, was named Women's Golfer of the Week Oct. 15 by the Great American Conference.

It is Spigner's first GAC weekly award this season and the third of her career.

Spigner collected her second-career victory as she won the 54-hole Midwest Classic by two strokes at five-under 205.

Her score set a Tech program-record for lowest 54-hole score, besting the previous mark of 206 by Rebecca Surteval in 2014.

At the Midwest Classic, Spigner, filled her scorecard with red ink.

Shooting under par in each round, Spigner totaled a tournament-leading 12 birdies and sank one of the two eagle putts made as well.

The individual win for Spigner is her second after winning the Patriot Invitational in California.



Ellen Spigner

SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

DJ Jefferson, Nashville



DJ, a Scrappette junior, completed 3 of 6 passes for 32 yards and 2 touchdowns in Nashville's 56-14 win over Ashdown Oct. 17. He also ran the ball once for 25 yards in his first offensive outing since an injury in August.



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FIND NEW ROADS



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CELEBRATING 65 YEARS.
The Mine Creek Paraclyfta Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, along with state DAR officials, celebrated its 65th anniversary with a reception Saturday at the Howard County Historical Society/1912 E.A. Williams Chapel and Museum. The event included refreshments and fellowship and the presentation of a 'certificate of appreciation' to chapter organizing member, Edith Hendrix Smith, who could not attend Saturday's celebration.

Last issue of Glenwood Herald newspaper to be published Oct. 30

**By Dewayne Holloway
Glenwood Herald**
There are times when difficult decisions must be made.
Last Summer, my wife, Gail, and I found out that the owners of the Glenwood Herald were planning on making changes with the publication of the newspaper. Then editor Mike Wallace was retiring and the decision was made to consolidate the Glenwood Herald with the Murfreesboro Diamond.
The owner reached out to us and asked if we would be interested in purchasing the Glenwood Herald. This was not one of those difficult decisions mentioned earlier. We had recently moved to Glenwood and

it made sense to us. Besides, the Glenwood Herald had been a part of the Glenwood community for 98 years and we wanted to preserve that legacy.
So contracts were signed and we took ownership of the Glenwood Herald July 1, 2024. As owners of the Montgomery County News we felt the two papers complimented one another and I believed I would be able to carry on the legacy of accurate, honest reporting long found in the Glenwood Herald.
Throughout the past year and two months, it has become painfully obvious to me that I am not able to provide the comprehensive coverage that the community deserves from their local newspaper. While

we have made some changes to improve the newspaper, I don't feel we have been able to give it the attention it deserves.
Manning two newspapers by myself has been almost insurmountable at times. Trying to cover events in two communities while selling ads and running an office has been daunting.
Coupled with the fact that the circulation for the Glenwood Herald has dropped with fewer than 150 subscribers at this time, we have made the difficult decision to cease publication of the Glenwood Herald at the end of this month.
This decision did not come easily and it breaks my heart to do so. However, it is the

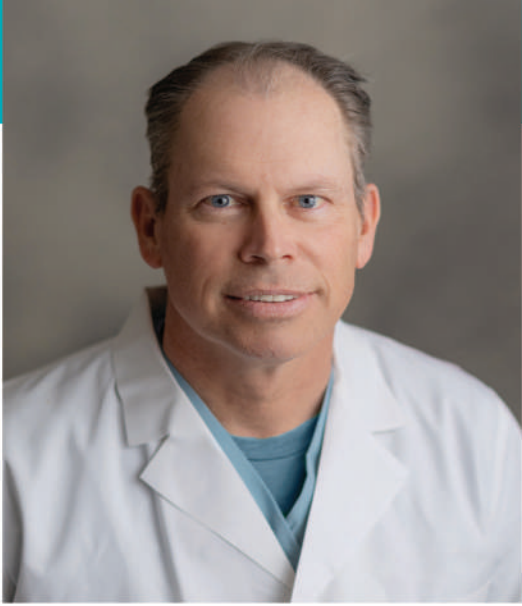
right decision at this time for myself and my family. I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the legacy of the Glenwood Herald and will continue to cover events in the community as much as possible in the Montgomery County News.
To our subscribers and those who read our paper we thank you for your patronage and support. We are offering to transfer all current subscriptions to the Montgomery County News. All current subscribers will receive a full year of the Montgomery County News beginning in November.
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M’boro Chamber to host Fall Fest this weekend on square

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival will be held this Saturday, Oct. 25.

The festival will close down the Pike County Courthouse square around noon on Oct. 25 to traffic and will officially take place from 2-6 p.m.

Times for the scheduled events include:

- Pet Costume Contest – 3:45 p.m.
- Weenie Dog Race – 4 p.m.
- Kid’s Costume Event (age divisions) – 4:15 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat – 5 p.m.

Scheduled vendors include (subject to arrival) vegetables, crocheted goods and pottery, bread, jewelry, lemonade, ham radio information, coffee, barbecue, baked bread, rubber ducks and woodcrafts.

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Haunted House offers local thrills in Halloween season

MURFREESBORO -- The Chamber’s third annual Haunted House at the old Pike County Hospital in Murfreesboro is now underway, with a new, longer route being utilized that differs from last year.

This year the Haunted House will be held on two more weekends – Oct. 24-25 and Oct. 31-Nov. 1.

Kid’s hour will be 6-7 p.m. nightly with no actors, while the full house will be open from 7:30-11 p.m.

Entry fees to the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (9 years old and younger).

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Arrick, Kollin Taylor, 26, Glenwood, \$340 BF, driving with suspended license
Ayala, Miguel Marquez, 56, Antoine, \$140 BF, no driver’s license
Bailey, Charles M., 51, Clinton, Okla., guilty of failure to pay, \$1,480 owed
Benton, Clark, 66, Little Rock, speeding, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss, fined \$230
Boone, Ladonna L., 48, Prescott, \$125 BF, speeding
Burkett, John Edward, 56, Hot Springs Village, \$140 BF, unsafe load
Campbell, William Patrick, 33, Amity, \$140 BF, careless prohibited driving; \$160 BF, use of cell phone in school zone
Campos, Emely Damaris, 26, Bonnerdale, \$140 BF, no driver’s license; \$180 NBF, speeding
Cheek, Justin N., 45, Delight, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,105 owed; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340
Cherry, McKayla Shay, 22, Minden, La., \$140 BF, defective lights
Cox, Trenton C., 46, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,220 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Daniels, Draven Lee, 26, Hot Springs Village, \$125 BF, defective/improper head lamps
Darguzas, Jeremy Adam, 38, Pearcy, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Drye, Matthew Edward, 18, Amity, \$610 BF, modified bumpers
Duggan, Christian Scott, 26, Glenwood, guilty of speeding, fined \$150
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Esanu, Eugenia Daniela, 51, Amity, \$180 BF, speeding
Faulkner Jason Ray, 37, Dierks, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$140 BF, speeding
Flud, Jessica Mae, 29, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$3,687 owed
Fugitt, Jeremy S., 47, Murfreesboro, \$140 BF, speeding
Gilbert, Larry Edward, 57, Kirby, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired
Glasspool, Asher Ray, 18, Amity, \$150 Bf, speeding
Golden, Andy Dalton, 20, Oklahoma City, Okla., guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited with time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of careless prohibited driving with accident, fined \$240
Gray, Logan Charles, 24, Houston, Texas, \$125 BF, no vehicle license; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Green, Jamonte C., 25, Amity, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months; guilty of reckless driving, fined \$460
Holder, Brian, 54, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hutcheson, Rodger Larry, 50, Fouke, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125
Johnson, Debbie Catherine, 49, Broken Bow, Okla., guilty of speeding, fined \$185
Johnson, Jerry Paul, 53, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$485 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of theft of services, fined \$435; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330
Johnson, John Michael, 31, Charleston, \$140 BF, speeding
Lofton, Jimmy, 45, Malvern, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,555 owed
Markham, Ashley N., 28, Paragould, guilty of failure to pay, \$765
Marquez, Alfonso, 58, Naples, Fla, \$340 BF, driving with suspended license
Maxy, Samuel A., 25, Umpire, guilty of failure to pay, \$4,225 owed; guilty of no driver’s license, fined \$140
McCann, Aaron Lee, 31, Amity, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
McCrary, William T., 33, Maud, Texas, passing on double yellow line, under advisement for 30 days to dismiss, fined \$140
Milner, Krista B., 31, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$140
Parker, Jennifer Evlyn, 27, Ashdown, \$140 BF, speeding
Quebedeauz, Sydney J., 27, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$510 owed
Redfearn, Woodrow Thomas, 63, Kirby, \$140 BF, speeding
Ruiz, Brenda Lee, 49, Murfreesboro, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330
Smith, Jeremy Robbie, 44, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220
Stone, Chris D., 40, Nashville, \$140 BF, careless prohibited driving
Stuart, Mary E., 76, Roland, \$225 BF, failure to yield-accident
Thomas, Anna Ruth, 26, Warren, \$205 BF, failure to pay, \$645 owed
Torres, Maria Delia, 60, Glenwood, \$140 BF, no driver’s license; \$170 BF, speeding
Vaught, Dillon Dewayne, 29, Nashville, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired
Watts, Regina D., 67, Am-

ity, \$140 BF, speeding
Wyrick, Walter Kelvin, 57, Hot Springs, \$180 BF, speeding
City of Murfreesboro
Alden, Ashley Clinton, 41, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360
Baker, Keagen Alysinielai, 20, Murfreesboro, guilty of no driver’s license, fined \$145
Breazeale, Ryder Drake, 20, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Cassell, Ricky Daryl, 69, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat bet
Darden, Melissa Gail, 57, Norphlet, \$160 BF, improper use of signals
Golden, Cassandra Austin, 31, Amity, \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Hetzel, Katelyn Mae, 31, Nashville, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125
Humphry, James D., 49, driving with suspended license, fined \$75
Jones, April, 38, Murfreesboro, violation of city dog/cat ordinance, under advisement for six months to dismiss; violation of city dog/cat ordinance, under advisement for six months to dismiss; guilty of violation of city ordinance prohibiting pit bulls, fined \$580
Long, Brenden Earl, 28, Jacksonville, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$225 BF, failure to appear
Ortiz, Anna, 18, Nashville, \$160 BF, speeding
Perez, Ruiz, 28, Murfreesboro, \$335 BF, furnishing alcohol to a minor
Seara, Debra Catherine, 53, Murfreesboro, \$160 BF, no driver’s license
Smith, Jennifer D., 47, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125
Sullins, William, 48, Delight, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125
Walker, Ashli Brooke, 44, Murfreesboro, \$345 BF, driving with suspended license; \$240 BF, failure to appear
Zacarias, Alejandro, 24, Murfreesboro, \$160 BF, improper muffler
City of Glenwood
Castro, Abraham, 22, De Queen, \$170 BF, speeding
Coleman, Eryk Vonhunter, 20, Glenwood, \$170 BF, speeding
Dawson, James L., 38, Nashville, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license
Frachiseur, Leigh K., 41, Horatio, \$160 BF, speeding
Hamel, Ronald G., 57, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,020 owed, committed to jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220
Hamilton, Faith Marie, 27, Amity, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired
Hurst, Floyd Ray, 63, Hot Springs, \$160 Bf, speeding
Jenks, Robin Danielle, 52, Strong, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license
Jester, Denny Jay, 62, Bonnerdale, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$25; guilty of defective lights,

fined \$65
Kievett, Brandon Isaac, 19, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Love, Johnny Ray, 66, Bismarck, \$160 BF, speeding
Mayo, Monica Montez, 42, Hot Springs, \$255 BF, disorderly conduct
McElwee, Tyler Blake, 33, Texarkana, Texas, \$160 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$240 Bf, failure to appear
McGough, David Wayne, 66, Bonnerdale, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75; guilty of speeding, fined \$145
Oliver, Georgeanna Bell, 47, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125
Owens, Blakley Jade, 27, Glenwood, \$170 BF, speeding

Plunkett, Clayton Wayne, 46, Amity, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired
Price, Susan Diane, 47, Glenwood, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license; \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Smith, Cody Allen, 31, Langley, \$160 BF, speeding
Watson, Hunter David, 17, Bonnerdale, \$160 BF, failure to stop or yield
Wekenborg, Timothy J., 47, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,795 owed
Whisenhunt, Nancy, 34, Amity, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$160; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350
Womble, Whitney Lea, 39, Arkadelphia, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75

Grace Christian School Honor Roll

Honor roll students for the first quarter have been announced at Grace Christian School.

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Kindergarten -- Kolson McJunkins, Leon Bell, Marco Garate, Casey Conrad, Elaina Ellison, Selah Wall, Jett Jamison, Davilia Chavarria, Evy Perez.
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4th grade -- Eryn Sartin.
5th grade -- Joseph Cardenas, AvaGrace Long, Abigail Ortiz, Paul Whisenhunt.
A&B honor roll students:
Kindergarten -- Adeline Gaudin, Annalee Parker, Kace Frachiseur, Cohven Perez.
1st grade -- Dylan Hale, Lazaro Chavarria.
2nd grade -- Daniel Mendieta, Malakai Perez.
3rd grade -- JoAnna Ellison, AnnaBelle Long.
4th grade -- Carmen Henderson, Jayden Reagan- Sage, Layton Cheatham, Malachi Goff
5th grade: Jayden Cline.

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I'd like a robot that bakes desserts!

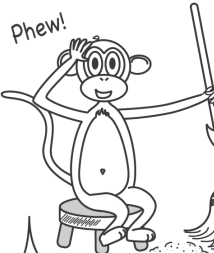


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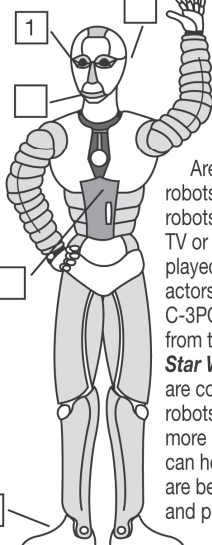
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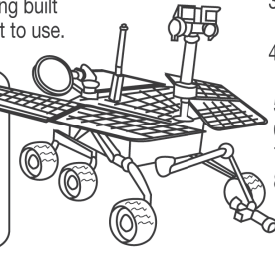
I'm bored, and tired of doing the same chores over and over. I want a...Robot...so I can tell it what to do!

Don't ask me to do your homework!



Are **you** ready for robots? A lot of the robots we see on TV or in movies are played by human actors. Remember C-3PO and R2-D2 from the movie **Star Wars**? Many are computer generated robots. But, more and more "real" robots – that can help humans directly – are being built and put to use.

Have you heard about NASA's Mars Exploration Program? Robots, like this one, are sent to Mars. They help scientists study the planet by sending photos and data from Mars to Earth.



The kind of robot I really want is only found in science fiction stories and movies. Most robots that exist today are used in industry to make cars or other items. Some are used to paint or pack items. Robots in movies often look like humans, while real-life factory robots usually have only one big arm to do the work they are built to do. Robots have computers for "brains." People can program them with a set of directions to "teach" them a job. If something goes wrong, robots can't teach themselves how to fix it – yet!

Can You Figure It Out?

Check out my robot! Can you fill in the number where he has:

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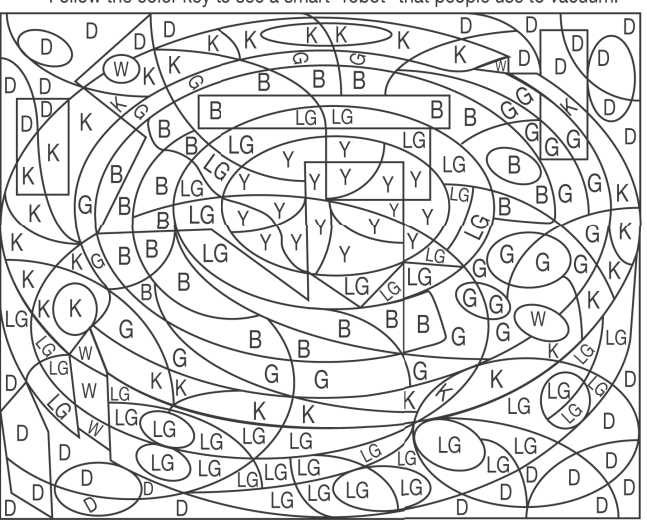
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Hempstead	\$70,162	\$29,617	\$12,775	\$367,776	\$2,548	\$3,276	\$9,185	\$2,359	\$39,541	537,238
Howard	58,739	16,482	4,413	236,168	2,342	2,128	7,220	1,590	24,475	353,557
Little River	7,318	4,722	5,129	133,289	1,330	1,300	5,555	1,057	25,130	184,830
Pike	184	123	4,612	104,035	3,180	1,874	5,645	2,441	23,022	145,116
Sevier	7,456	293	1,355	191,572	2,898	1,688	7,400	2,214	28,072	242,948
State Total	\$1,093,526	\$581,147	\$1,394,853	\$37,613,055	\$849,766	\$685,256	1,942,100	\$655,128	\$7,943,946	\$52,758,776

Some figures are rounded up to nearest dollar/State totals are estimates

SOURCE: Arkansas Lottery Commission

Little River man sentenced in Pike County for internet stalking of child

A Little River County man who took the bait of a Pike County undercover social media investigation and was charged with internet stalking of a child and possession of CSAM (child sexual abuse material) was sentenced to a total of 10 years in the state prison Monday in Pike County Circuit Court.

Lonn McClinton, 40, of Winthrop, knowingly communicating on social media with someone he thought was a 14-year-old female, but the “female” was actually Pike Investigator Jason McDonald working in an undercover account to investigate adults engaging in appropriate contact with minors.

In addition to his 10-year sentence, McClinton was also sentenced to supervised post-release supervision for seven years.

According to case information, McClinton initially was reluctant to continue communication that started in February because of the decoy’s age and “potential legal ramifications,” but he resumed contact and maintained “casual dialogue while seeking reassurance that the decoy would not report him.”

The communication eventually turned inappropriate and McClinton reportedly sent an explicit photograph of himself and detail sexually-related memes. He also offered to bring alcohol and condoms to a proposed meeting.

McClinton set up multiple meetings with the decoy but cancelled them due to a lack of transportation. However, on March 10, he confirmed he had a vehicle and was headed to the meeting place. When he announced “I’m here,” Pike County and Murfreesboro officers converged on him and took him into custody without incident.

Also Monday, Nickolas Jeffrey Lockeby, 30, of Delight, plead guilty to two amended misdemeanor charges of domestic battery and criminal mischief. He was original charged with two felonies May 21.

Lockeby received a suspended sentence of one year and was fined \$2,000 plus \$500 court costs.

Charges filed

Ryan McKamie, 31, of Kirby, was charged Oct. 9 with failure to comply with registration and reporting requirements of being a sex offender.

McKamie plead innocent to the charge Monday and a Nov. 3 pretrial date was set.

Dustin Curry, 41, of Nashville, who arrested earlier this month for internet stalking of a child, was officially charged in Pike County on Oct. 16 and made his first court appearance Monday. He plead innocent to the charge and a Feb. 9, 2026 pretrial date was set.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: JOSEPH WAYNE ASHFORD
31 PR-25-58

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 510 W 5th St, Dierks, Howard County, Arkansas
Date of death: August 24, 2025
An instrument dated March 13, 1998, was on October 10 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 15th day of October, 2025.

Bradley Wayne Ashford, Executor, by
Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138
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(AB: 17, 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DAVID RAY KITCHENS 67PR-25-63

NOTICE OF FILING OF AFFIDAVIT FOR COLLECTION OF SMALL ESTATE AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Estate of David Ray Kitchens, deceased
Last known address of decedent: 12582 HWY 278 W, Dierks, AR 71833
Date of Death: June 28, 2025
The undersigned filed an affidavit of collection by small estate of the above-named decedent on the 15th day of October 2025.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided, that claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed 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 22nd day of October, 2025.

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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)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Nashville Public Schools will be taking bids on the following vehicle:
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• Bucket seats
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• Safety Package
Bids will be due October 30, 2025.
(NSD: 17, 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: RUBY LAVON PANCHERZ
31 PR-25-60

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 9051 Greenhouse Rd, Cypress, Harris, Texas
Date of death: August 9, 2025
An instrument dated July 28, 2005, was on October 10 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 15, 2025.

Thomas Leon Pancherz, Executor, by
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**City of Mineral Springs Fall Festival
has been rescheduled to Wed.,
Oct. 29 from 11 a.m - 6 p.m.**



HISTORIC DISPLAY. Mine Creek-Paraclifta Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Elizabeth Wilson Overton (at right) points out a display at the Howard County Historical Society's museum about the Forest Wilson family during the chapter's 65th anniversary Saturday in Nashville.

Murfreesboro City Council addresses AI, 'automated decision tools' at October meeting

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

The world of artificial intelligence (AI) and "automated decision tools" was addressed Monday night by the Murfreesboro City Council after a state mandate for compliance.

The council approved a resolution Monday required by the state concerning public entities and use of AI in the workplace. The council then amended the city's policy manual to reflect the resolution.

The resolution, entitled "A resolution adopting an artificial intelligence policy for the City of Murfreesboro in compliance with Act 848 of 2025; and for other purposes," was approved by unanimous vote.

Act 848 "mandates that final decision involving AI must be made by a human employee" and prohibits the use of AI and automated decision tools by public employees.

The policy also includes prohibition on the use of AI for expressing a personal political opinion to an elected official or lobbying an elected official. Another prohibited use is "intentionally overriding or avoiding the cybersecurity or system integrity procedures of the City."

In other business Monday night, the council approved a resolution keeping the city's millage rate at 3.0 mills.

The council voted to wait on the sale of a 2020 Ford hybrid patrol car until next year so it can possible be used as a trade-in when buying the city's next patrol unit.

The council also gave Mayor Jim O'Neal authorization to renegotiate the percentage of district court cost funds that is distributed to the county, Murfreesboro and Glenwood. A recent change on the state level has modified the way funds have been distributed in the past. Mayor O'Neal said a current formula would give the county 68 percent of the funds while Murfreesboro would receive 17 percent and Glenwood 15 percent with the rest going to the state.

The mayor said city's percentage is not fair and too low. He informed the council of his plan to meet and discuss the issue with Pike County Judge Eddie Howard and Glenwood Mayor Billy Plyler later this week.

Also Monday night, Mayor O'Neal said he had received reports of people sleeping in their cars overnight at the city park and making some park users uncomfortable, especially early in the morning. O'Neal said he would contact Sheriff Travis Hill about possibly providing a place to park overnight at the sheriff's department. No action was taken on the matter.

ASP's 'Put the Phone Away' campaign underway

The Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office has launched the statewide distracted driving campaign, "Put the Phone Away or Pay."

The high-visibility enforcement campaign, running through Oct. 25, will remind drivers of the deadly dangers and legal consequences of distracted driving.

In 2023, distracted driving crashes killed 3,275 people across the United States, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Of those killed, 611 were pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorists.

Seven percent of drivers ages 15 to 20 who were involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted.

This age group had the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of the fatal crash.



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As waterfowl migration reaches peak, poultry experts urge adherence to biosecurity measures

By Ryan McGeeney
U of A System
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As the southern migration of birds reaches its annual peak over the Southern Plains, poultry keepers, especially hobbyists, prepare to double down on biosecurity measures.

Unlike most commercial poultry operations, backyard flocks are often continuously exposed to outdoor conditions, creating opportunities to interface with migrating birds and their droppings.

On Oct. 10, Dustan Clark, extension veterinarian for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and associate director of the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science, announced the H5N1 strain of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, commonly known as "bird flu," was detected in a backyard flock in Mississippi County.

These were the first confirmed cases in the state since January, when two commercial flocks in Cleveland County and one backyard flock in Sharp County confirmed the strain.

The H5N1 strain was first detected in the United States in February 2022. It has now been detected in all 50 states, affecting more than 129 million birds.

Clark will host an Oct. 27 webinar discussing poultry disease risks in small flocks.

"HPAI continues to break in various states," Clark said. "As the migration of waterfowl has not yet reached peak numbers, it's important that biosecurity protocols be practiced."

Participation in the webinar is free, but online registration is required. The webinar will begin at 6 p.m.

The Cooperative Extension Service, the outreach and education arm of the Division of Agriculture, posts updates on HPAI confirmations in Arkansas at <https://uaex.uada.edu/farm-ranch/biosecurity/avian-flu/>.

The page also lists symptoms of HPAI and other facts about the pathogenic strain.

If you suspect you have sick birds in your flock, contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture at 866-536-7593 or the Arkansas Poultry Disease Hot Line at 501-823-1746.

Former newspaper editor publishes her third book

Diane L. Ross, former associate editor of the Murfreesboro Diamond and daughter of Ray and Lola Ross, former owners of the Glenwood Herald, has just published her third book, *My Life with Spiders and Other Divine Creatures*.

Author of *Meditations for Miracles* and *Five Steps to Freedom*, this is Ross's first book of poetry. Her passion for writing began with her first published poem, "Houses of Shoeboxes," which appeared in a national magazine for librarians when shewas just 15 years old.

Ross was associate editor for the Diamond from 1979 to 1981, which was her first venture into journalism. She then became a desk editor and reporter for the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record before moving to Florida in 1983, where she currently resides with her husband and kitty, BB, about whom she wrote a poem in *Spiders*.

"I began noticing spider webs during Covid, when I spent more than the usual time outside in my backyard. I became fascinated with these amazing creatures, the way they would spin something out of nothing and never give up," she explains.

"I've always loved nature, and these critters seemed to exhibit so many wonderful qualities that I just naturally began seeing them in a different way."

Her hope is that we can all learn to look at ordinary creatures though the eyes of wonder and excitement.

The cover art has been designed by Dr. Elisabeth Parrish Eaton, Diane's niece and a graduate of Murfreesboro High School, who now teaches art to elementary students in Texarkana, Ark.. She is the daughter of Theresa Ross Parrish and the late Johnce Parrish of Glenwood.

All of her books are available on Amazon.

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