

**'Spring forward;
fall back.'**
**Daylight Saving
Time ends at
2 a.m. Sunday,
Nov. 2.**



Band earns top honors, advances to state (10A)

Farmers' Market set for busy day this Friday

The Howard County Farmers Market is open Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 110 S. Washington Street in Nashville.

Pumpkin, mum sale to conclude on Friday

The Nashville Community Gardens pumpkin patch and mum sale will continue through Friday, Oct. 31, next to Diamond Bank on North Main. Hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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AT ANNUAL MEETING. Jay Chesshir and Vanessa Weeks visit at the Developing Howard County annual meeting Oct. 23 at Midtown Social in Nashville. Chesshir, a Nashville native, is president of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce. Weeks is director of Developing Howard County.

Tricks, treats possible Halloween night with Scrappers, Leopards

The Scrappers' last district championship was

Running back TaVien Clegg, an All-Conference senior, "is probably the best running back in the conference. He's an



outstanding football player, very, very fast. He's elusive and tough to tackle," Chesshir said. "He's a kid with a lot of experience. We will have to do a really

Nashville resident receives top award from Arkansas State Police Foundation

Futrell received the John W. Allison Lifetime Achievement Award "in recognition of his continued dedication to the Arkansas State Police Foundation, his steadfast commitment to the community, and the outstanding vision he has demonstrated

Gov. Futrell held office briefly in 1913 and went on to serve from 1933-37 during the Great Depression.

Futrell was honored “for his

Carrabelle, Fla.

The Forgotten Coast

Carrabelle, Fla., is a little over an hour east of Panama City, and it's the last of several small towns on the Forgotten Coast.

Tamara Allen is the director of the Carrabelle museum and the



UNIQUE LIGHTHOUSE. Jaree Hall of Nashville stands beside a small lighthouse made of bottles in Carrabelle, Fla. The town is located on the “Forgotten Coast” from Panama City to Big Bend.

Obituaries



John Russell Sparks
John Russell Sparks, age 63, of Hot Springs, Ark., passed away on Oct. 13, 2025, at a local hospital. He was born on May 5, 1962, in Stuttgart. His family later settled in Nashville, Ark. John was a respected Master Electrician and an OSHA Health & Environmental Professional. He built a solid life marked by both hard work and a great attitude. He opened his business, Sparks Electric, in 1995 in Nashville, which he maintained until 2018. After moving to Hot Springs with the love of his life, God blessed him with a new career path that allowed him to share his extensive expertise as an electrical safety instructor. With this opportunity, John appeared to find his calling. He truly enjoyed educating and interacting with his students and it was reciprocated. His ability to relate real life experiences with the material he was teaching was not only educational but engaging. He had a wonderful sense of humor that he would mix into everything he did, including his instruction classes. He also held a true passion for learning and continued this throughout his life. John was an extremely devoted and caring husband to Gwen, his wife of 27 years. Together they created a home filled with faith and laughter. John's faith in Christ was central to who he was, and he carried that faith into every part of his life. His deep love for his family was easily evident and he deeply

cherished his 9 grandchildren who lovingly called him "Pappy". John, sometimes known as "Sparky", never met a stranger or a plate of spicy food he didn't want to try or challenge others to do the same. He grew his own hot peppers and had a genuine gift for cooking. He thoroughly enjoyed grilling outdoors and fellowshiping with his family and friends. John also loved spending time on the lake and also the anticipated trips to the beach each summer. John was preceded in death by his father, John Stanley Sparks; his stepfather, Patrick O'Bryant; and his nephew, Ryan Sillavan. Those left to cherish his memory include: his mother, Sue O'Bryant; his loving wife of 27 years, Gwen Sparks; a son, Russell Sparks and wife Ashley; three daughters, Kayla Jones and husband Kyle, Heather Sparks and fiancé, Jared, and Kayla Gail Temple and husband Hunter; nine grandchildren with another on the way, Konner Jones, Regan Goodman, Jackson Sparks, Gabbi Goodman, Kollin Jones, Hunter Sparks, Nate Temple, Samuel Temple and Anna Grace Temple; one sister, Nell Sillavan and husband Richard and one stepsister, Mandy Trevillion and husband Chad; a host of nieces and nephews, and numerous other friends and family. Services will be held, Monday, Oct. 20th at 2 p.m. at Hot Springs Baptist Church, with Bro. Glen Greene and Bro. Mike Smith officiating, under the direction of Gross Funeral Home in Hot Springs. Visitation will be held at 1 p.m. prior to the service. Burial to follow at Hot Springs Memorial Gardens. Pall Bearers: Jimmy Carver, Kirk Echols, Mark Dowdy, Robert Womack, Tyler Dove, Trace Hamilton. Hon. Pall Bearers: Richard Sillavan, Mike Reid, Chuck Champagne, Mike Milum, Wes Belk.



Patsy Ann Thrash
Patsy Ann Thrash, age 76, of Venus, Texas, passed away on Thursday morning, Oct. 16, 2025, at her residence in Venus. She was born on Nov. 18, 1948, in Nashville, Ark., the only child of the late Vernon and Faye Hodges of Hope, Ark. Mrs. Thrash was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Larry Melton Thrash. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose life was filled with love, laughter, and compassion for others. Throughout her life, Mrs. Thrash owned several resale shops in various cities. She especially enjoyed attending garage sales and storage auctions, where she made many lifelong friends and created lasting memories. In her later years, she took great pleasure in simple joys, such as her favorite vanilla ice cream and Smashburgers from Sonic. She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Lisa Thrash of Venus, Texas, and Wayne and Chastity Thrash of Midlothian, Texas. She is also survived by nine grandchildren — Kristina Thrash, Brittney Swarb, Ryan Thrash, Brody Thrash, Courtney Cox, Britney Norgan, Nathan Cox, Michael Thrash Jr., and Carson Thrash — as well as 11 great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, at Ozan Cemetery in Nashville, Arkansas (1958–1960 AR-27). Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Brazzel Oakcrest Funeral Home of Hope.

Blinking stoplight is coming down, city gets report from animal group

The blinking stoplight at the intersection of Main and Hempstead Streets will come down and be replaced with stop signs for motorists approaching on the side street. Nashville City Council members voted unanimously for the change, Monday, during their regular meeting for October, after hearing a replacement cost -- for the controller only -- was \$60,000-\$70,000, according to the mayor. The light has been out of commission due to storm damage. Following a discussion of stop signs north-south along Second Street, no action was taken. Mayor Larry Dunaway told the council that he would look into possibly leaving stop signs at Howard and College Street intersections. Deb Young was spokesperson for the SWA-PAWS group, and she gave the council

an update on the group's efforts at the five-city shelter and at lowering the euthanasia rate for dogs and cats. She said that a recent fund-raiser helped the group which hopes to have its spay-neuter clinic working in January. Mayor Dunaway said he would continue talking with the county quorum court to look at ways the county could receive animal services. Parks and Recreation manager Meghan Floyd told the council that she would gather more information to control lights at park fields which are sometimes left on overnight by users. Council members present included Lynn Dyer, Kathy Combs, William Turley, Herbert Turley, Charles Pinkston, Kay Gathright, Vivian Wright, Brent Thompson, Phil Jones, Joe Hoen and Freddie Horne.

FINANCIAL FOCUS by Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments

The real meaning of diversification

In the world of investing, we've all heard the phrase, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." It's solid advice that emphasizes the importance of diversifying your investments. Unfortunately, some people misinterpret this wisdom to mean they should avoid consolidating their investment accounts and keep their money spread across multiple financial institutions, often working with several different financial advisors. However, when financial professionals talk about diversification, they're referring to diversifying your investment assets, not your accounts. There's a big difference between the two, and confusing them could hurt your financial future. Scattered accounts may affect costs, paperwork and advice. When your assets are spread among multiple financial institutions, you could face several drawbacks. First, you're likely paying more in fees than necessary. Multiple providers often mean multiple account fees, transaction costs and mutual fund expenses that can add up quickly. Generally, the more assets you have with one financial provider, the more opportunities you have for reducing or eliminating these costs. Managing scattered accounts also could create a paperwork nightmare. You'll receive multiple monthly statements and numerous tax forms, making it much harder to see the big picture of your financial health. This complexity can lead to missed opportunities and poor decision-making. Perhaps most important, working with multiple financial advisors may result in conflicting advice and duplicated investment strategies. Without a comprehensive view of your entire portfolio, each financial advisor may recommend investments that don't work well together, potentially delaying your progress toward

reaching financial goals. There's strength in consolidation. Consolidating your accounts with a single financial advisor offers numerous benefits. You'll have opportunities to develop a closer, more comprehensive relationship with someone who understands your complete financial picture. This financial advisor can provide informed guidance and help

eliminate the conflicting advice that may come from working with multiple professionals. Consolidation also makes it easier to implement a well-diversified portfolio that fits your level of risk tolerance. When all your investments are in one place, you can see exactly how your assets are allocated and make strategic adjustments as needed.

NJHS Scrappers will play for title, Thursday

The Nashville Junior High Scrappers defeated Haskell Harmony Grove 35-0 Thursday night, Oct. 23. Quarterback Mack Arnold completed 6 of 11 passes for 80 yards and a touchdown. He also ran the ball 9 times for 59 yards. Jakari Starr had 15 carries for 170 yards and four TDs. Bo Dean caught 2 passes for 24 yards and a touchdown. Zee Beasley, Bay Nolte and Al Green also recorded receptions. The Scrappers had 229 yards rushing and 80 passing for 309 yards total offense. Defensively, Dean was the leading tackler with 7.5. Beasley, Malik Gilliam and Parker Webb made 4 tackles each. Royce Johnson made 3.5, with 3 for Thomas Johnson. Other tacklers were Braiden Friend, Kiron Johnson, Yerik Hernandez, Green, Orlandis Trimble, Zac Hester, Carter Reeves, Nolte and Lucas Lowrey. Nolte and Lowrey intercepted one pass each. In other games last Thursday night, seventh grade Scrappers defeated Harmony Grove 22-6. Eighth graders won 22-0. The Scrappers will host Malvern at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, to decide the District 7-4A championship.

Hempstead closings for holiday

Hempstead County Courthouse, Road Department and Waste Department will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. The departments will resume regular

hours Wednesday. Trash routes for Hempstead County residents for Tuesday, Nov. 11, and Wednesday, Nov. 12 will be collected on Wednesday.

Christian Health Center schedule

The Howard County Christian Health Center is open the second Thursday afternoon of every month. Those who will visit the center are asked to register by 4 p.m.

The Christian Health Center is located at 121 W. Sybert in Nashville. For more information, contact Steve Reeder at 870-200-1835.

Red Beans & Rice supper Saturday is a benefit for CP fire department

Cooler weather came just in time for the Red Beans & Rice Supper fund-raiser for the Center Point Volunteer Fire Department. The meal will be Satur-

day, Nov. 1, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Center Point Community Center. Cost of the meal is a minimum of \$10 donation, and proceeds go to offset ex-

penses of the community fire department. The public is invited.

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On behalf of the **Conrad Cox Family**, we would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this time of illness and grieving. Thank you to everyone for the numerous calls, prayers, and meals. The amount of people at visitation showed just how many lives Conrad influenced. We are blessed to be a part of such a generous community. **With sincere appreciation to all, The family of Conrad Cox**

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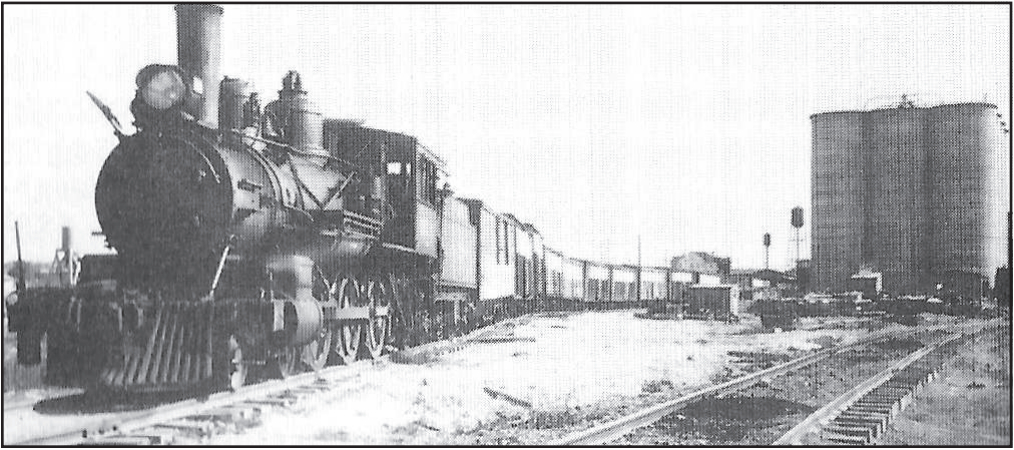


THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



The first trainload of Ideal Cement left Okay, Ark., in October 1929.

123 years ago: October 1902

A letter received at Centre Point from Lockesburg contains the information that Clarence Thomas, son of Sheriff-elect J. Y. Thomas, was seriously injured by being kicked by a horse recently purchased by Mr. Thomas at Nashville.

Jim Kelly, colored, died at his home in this city Wednesday night, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Ophena Tippettt of Madison township was in the city yesterday trying to secure aid to return to relatives in Plummerville. The woman and six children were recently deserted by her husband and the children’s father, Bob Tippettt, and was left dependent upon the charity of the neighbors.

79 years ago: October 1946

The Horatio Lions will come to Nashville to help the Scrappers inaugurate the 1946 football season at Scrapper Field Friday night, and a good game is expected. The Scrappers are handicapped for the

game in the loss of Sullivan, hard hitting back, who underwent an appendectomy last Saturday following the game at Texarkana last Friday night, in which several other Scrappers were badly bruised.

Notice: Henceforth, each of the following doctors will close his office one afternoon each week. Drs. Waldrop and Holt will close at twelve noon on Thursdays and Drs. Dildy and Ferguson will close at twelve noon on Tuesdays.

We believe that the people will understand that we need this one time to rest and be with our families; and we sincerely believe that no one will be inconvenienced by our doing so.

(Adv.) Howard, now showing *Somewhere in the Night* starring John Hodiak. Bargain night Tuesday-25¢. This is one bargain day program you must not miss!

62 years ago: October 1963

A rare exhibit of Indian artifacts will be shown here Tuesday under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher Association. The exhibition

of an Indian skeleton, countless arrowheads, pipes, water vessels and other Indian items will be shown in a mobile trailer with Glenn Kizzia, an amateur archeologist, on hand to describe the exhibit.

The skeleton is believed to be a Caddo chief who lived in the Red River area 1,000 years ago. Quartz crystal was found beside the skeleton, along with two copper ear spools and animal bones that were part of a headdress.

43 years ago: October 1982

A 24-year-old Hope man, Keith Wayne Glass received only minor injuries Wednesday when his arm was pinned underneath a bulldozer near Saratoga. Glass, employed by Big C Construction, was freed after 15 minutes.

He was treated and released by Memorial Hospital.

On Oct. 2 Truman Hill of New Hope reported to police that his car parked at Memorial Hospital had been burglarized and a CB radio taken.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Oct. 16-22, 2025, unless noted otherwise:

Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office*)
Oct. 16. Sally Kate Crawford, 27, Mineral Springs, and Jennifer Nicole Perez, 21, Mineral Springs.
Oct. 20. Joshua Corbin Jones, 29, Nashville, and Jayla Beth Spoo, 26, Nashville.
Oct. 21. William Lee Worley, 41, Nashville, and Cheyanna Lynn Jewel Johnson, 31, Nashville.

Civil Court
CV25-116, Oct. 16. Capital One, NA, vs. Shannon Fulcher. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR25-84, Oct. 17. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support vs. Nathan Shaeffer. Support.
CR25-85, Oct. 21. Christopher Hines vs. Vanessa Hines. Divorce.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)
CR25-92, Oct. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Latrell Shundell Richard, Jr., 24, black

male, 371 Dillard, Nashville; multiple counts DOCS, class D, enhanced by proximity; multiple counts unlawful use of communications device, misdemeanors.
CR25-93, Oct. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Donald Ray Chips, Jr.; 40, black male, 1401 S. Front, Nashville; DWI #6, class B.
CR25-94, Oct. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Elezar Johnson, 51, black male, 417 E. Runnels, Mineral Springs; POCS, class D.
CR25-95, Oct. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Vonderek L. Stewart, 20, black male, 308 Pine, Mineral Springs; furnishing prohibited articles, class B; theft of property (shoplifting) misdemeanor, plus another misdemeanor.

Land/Property Transactions
Beneficiary’s Deed
Oct. 17. Roger A. Floyd and wife, Gloria J. Floyd; to Brad Floyd and Benjamin Floyd, Joint Tenants; 20 ac. in S1 T7S R27W.
Quitclaim Deed
Oct. 22. Chad Lites and wife, Tammy Lites; to Chad Lites, Tammy Lites, Caitlin Collins and Cody Lites, Joint Tenants; Lots 7-8, Block 7, Dierks Heights, City of Dierks.
Warranty Deeds
Oct. 16. Pace Downs King

and Jodi Rae King, husband and wife; to Cardinal Land Investors, LLC; aggregate 208.37 ac. in S26/S27/S34 T9S R27W.\$1,875,330.
Oct. 16. Candy Lee Ward and husband Jerry Dale Ward; to Mark Anthony Kesterson and wife, Shauna S. Kesterson; 3 ac. in S11 T9S R27W. \$375,000.
Oct. 17. Gerald Roger Wenta and Sherry Jo Wenta, Trustees of the Gerald and Sherry Wenta Trust; to Adam Nix and wife, Mesha Nix. 2.22 ac. in. S10 T9S R27W. \$227,200.
Oct. 17. Randy L. Allen and wife Tamara D. Allen; to Justin Allen and wife, Lauren Allen; aggregate 41.88 ac. in S36 T7S R29W. \$100,305.67.
Oct. 21. Kip Dylan Faulkner and Dinna Faulkner; to Christopher Graham and Laykon Graham, husband and wife; aggregate Lots 23-24, Block 23, Original Town of Dierks. \$20,000.
Oct.21. Sheila Faulkner Mann; to Manilo Arturo Perez and wife, Janet Oranas Reyes; 0.691 ac. in S22 T9S R27W. \$60,000.
Oct. 22. David Hoover and wife, Debbie Hoover; to Andrae Jones and wife, Tiera Jones; 1/3 ac. in S26 T9S R27W. \$55,000.

Judge sets upcoming court dates

Dates for trials, pretrial motions and probation revocation were set last Wednesday, Oct. 22, by Judge Bryan Chesshir.

- Willard Leo Spray, 65, white male, Dierks, pleaded not guilty to felony possession charge. Motions will be heard Feb. 11.
- A Nov. 12 date was set for a probation revocation hearing for Jayden Pope, 21, white male, Nashville, charged with failure to meet the terms of his probation on a felony conviction.

Sentenced
Sentences were pronounced for three defendants who pleaded guilty or true.

- Charles Pounds, 63,white male, Ashdown, was sentenced to 20 years in the ADC. He was charged

similar charge filed a few days earlier.

with class Y and A drug felonies. Two more felony drug charges were not pursued by the state.

- John Paul Garate, 23, Hispanic male, Nashville, pleaded guilty to a charge of furnishing prohibited articles. He was sentenced to a \$2,500 fine, 180 days in a regional punishment facility and eight years of probation.
- Tyler Kelly, 32, white male, Nashville, pleaded true to failure to meet the terms of his probation in a 2023 conviction.

He was sentenced to two years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) plus seven years suspended imposition of sentence.

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Administration, Board, Staff and Clients of Howard County Children’s Center

Point of view

Whisper in church

Vacation Boy has to look back for column material

Got back from annual Gulf of Mexico trip Sunday night and have been unable to produce a fresh column. They don't just drop out of the sky, despite what you've been told.

SOOOOO, I've picked up parts of several other columns from years ago and offer them here with high hopes.

Old, I remind you. Here they are:

MY MOST sincere sympathy to members of Nashville's First Assembly of God. Walking around the church grounds in Friday's arctic gale, trying to stay out of the firemen's way, I talked to their children's minister, George Gibbs. "It's sad, but it's just a building," he agreed to my expression of sympathy.

True, no one was hurt. But I believe most people have a reverence for all houses of worship.

Don't you whisper when you talk in church?

I was present at that same west Nashville spot in about 1980 for First Assembly's groundbreaking celebration for that very building, so I feel a special connection.

I remember being out under the trees on that undeveloped peninsula of land that day. And the excited faces around me.

The pastor called upon one of the members to start the event with a prayer. The man he called upon was the late, great Deward Sharp, truly one of our community's finest citizens ever.

I had not been around my neighbors who attended First Assembly when they worshipped. So it jolted me when Mr. Sharp began his prayer, and the whole congregation enthusiastically caught the spirit and joined in. Do not misunderstand; it was a wonderful experience.

My longtime radio buddy Brent Pinkerton is a deacon at First Assembly, and he mentioned the outpouring of support, sympathy and offers from individuals and other churches, including offers of interim space for worship.

"Nashville is the blueprint for how a community can come together," Brent said.

It occurs to me that in our town Sunday, two considerably-different Christian congregations shared the experience of worshipping in sites that were not their familiar places to gather.

First Assembly met in the Carter Day Center, and the Dodson Street Church of Christ met in the Green Room of the Nashville City Park.

The circumstances are different -- First Assembly had lost its church to disastrous fire, and Dodson Street was tearing down its own building to make way for a new one. One was a tragic surprise; one was joyful anticipation.

One has a mostly Anglo membership; one is traditionally African-American. One has a piano; one likes church music a cappella.

Both congregations make you feel very welcome when you visit.

Now, recall recent times when a disaster struck other churches.

One was a non-fire when the roof caved in at First United Methodist Church. Remember their great old building on Main Street? And the steps where groups posed for pictures.

Sometime since then, Free Christian Zion Church of Christ burned.

Gary Funderburk, who is a member of our Tuesday night printing crew and is a (mostly) retired Nashville VFD member, says he was wearing a new suit when the sanctuary of Ridgeway Baptist Church burned. He was on the roof when it began caving in, and he slid to safety on the seat of his new suit britches.

Here's part of another old one:

TO HELL IN A handbasket. I have no idea what that old saying means or where the saying came from, but I'm pretty sure it describes where our nation is going right now.

Some examples:

1. Last week, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention resigned. As well she should, even though she's only been on the job for a few months. Her responsibilities include regulating Big Tobacco. But it was revealed that she bought stock in Big Tobacco since her appointment. That's immoral and illegal, at least in my book. This is a perfect example of 'conflict of interest.'

2. A company has announced that it is coming out with a personal flamethrower. In fact, they've already sold out the first batch of 2,000. They're giving away a free fire extinguisher with each purchase. I AM NOT JOKING. How long before some nut deepfries a kindergarten class?

3. I'm pretty sure I believe the FBI and the CIA and the Department of Justice even though none of them have personal flamethrowers.

4. The Philadelphia Eagles won the Super Bowl with a substitute quarterback.

IMAGINE MY JOY! No, your imagination couldn't possibly be that fertile. But try, anyway.

One blessed day last week a woman pulled a J-Turn right in front of the 'Leader' office. We witnessed.

It was also conveniently right in front of a Nashville police officer who could not ignore this outrageous offense.

The officer flashed his blue lights and may (or may not) have given the driver a ticket. We witnessed.

I can hardly wait for the day when, as our town's duly deputized Downtown J-Turn Enforcement Czar I will be able to (at gunpoint and splendidly attired in a camo uniform which is appropriate for weather conditions) give a ticket good for one appearance in District Court.

I know that you, also, breathlessly await the day.

We hope to arrange for full press coverage.

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations

By
Louie Graves

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Arkansas Scholarship Lottery shows \$9.1 million increase in revenue in '24

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

Total revenue for the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery increased by \$9.1 million in the last year, boosted by the Powerball jackpot that reached \$1.8 billion in early September 2025.

Since 2009, The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided over \$1.5 billion in scholarship money to Arkansas students. More than 822,000 college scholarships have been distributed by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Overall, the lottery has awarded more than \$5.5 billion in prizes to lottery winners, more than \$459 million in commissions to the lottery's retailers that sell tickets and contributed over \$188 million in state and federal taxes over the past 16 years.

The Arkansas Legislative Council's Lottery Oversight Subcommittee recently agreed to extend two major contracts with vendors, Intralot and Scientific Games, both for an additional 10 years.

Department of Finance and Administration Secretary, Jim Hudson and Lottery Director, Sharon Strong, both agreed the lottery was able to secure better deals by negotiating the contracts with the existing vendors than by request-

ing proposals.

According to Hudson, "the value of the contracts going forward, the improvements, the economic concessions coming back to the state (is) about \$50 million."

They were able to leverage the buying power of the lottery to pay less and double the number of vending machines. The technology will also be modernized on older lottery vending machines and they will be upgraded to take debit cards, whereas in the past, the machines were only able to accept cash.

The lottery director confirmed September 2025 was the largest month of net proceeds in the history of the lottery. \$10.5 million dollars went into the lottery's net proceeds account; a 58.5% increase from year over year, 30.7% better than budgeted.

Also, in September the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery transferred \$48 million, one of the largest transfers, from the Arkansas lottery scholarship trust fund to the state Division of Higher Education.

The Assistant Director of Finance for Higher Education gave an update on the lottery scholarship finances. The Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship for

fall 2025 was awarded to 27,140 students with over \$99 million dollars in scholarship funds; \$35 million of that was distributed to 11,836 first year students.

This year marks the first time freshman students have benefited in an adjusted increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the academic year. The increase was just one of many enhancements of ACCESS, the Governor's higher education reform bill of 2025.

ACCESS also created additional scholarship money available for lower income students known as the Academic Challenge PLUS Scholarship. It is a need-based award for students who qualify for the regular Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship.

Income levels are based on the Student Aid Index (SAI), a number determined by the Department of Education after a student submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFA).

The scholarship award can range from \$500 to \$2,500 per semester if the student qualifies and is dependent on the type of institution they attend.

This need-based scholarship has assisted 10,313 students with over \$19.7 million in 2025.

Laws to aid breast cancer patients

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month—a time to honor survivors, remember those we've lost, and recommit to improving access to lifesaving care.

In Arkansas, breast cancer affects thousands each year. Nearly 2,400 women are diagnosed annually, and more than 400 lose their lives.

Our state's breast cancer mortality rate remains higher than the national average, especially in rural and underserved communities. This year, the Arkansas House passed a set of laws that take meaningful steps to remove barriers to care and put patients first.

Act 424 ensures that beginning January 1, 2026, all medically necessary breast reconstruction surgeries are fully covered under health benefit plans. The law guar-

antees that treatment decisions are made between providers and patients guided by prevailing medical standards, not by insurance limitations. It also establishes fair reimbursement, strengthens prior authorization rules, sets penalties for late payment, and prohibits insurers from waiving these protections.

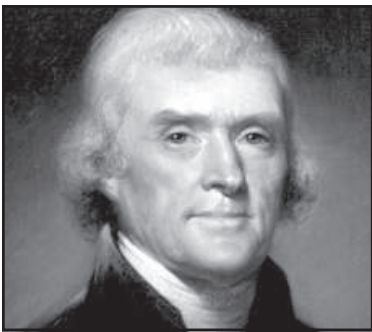
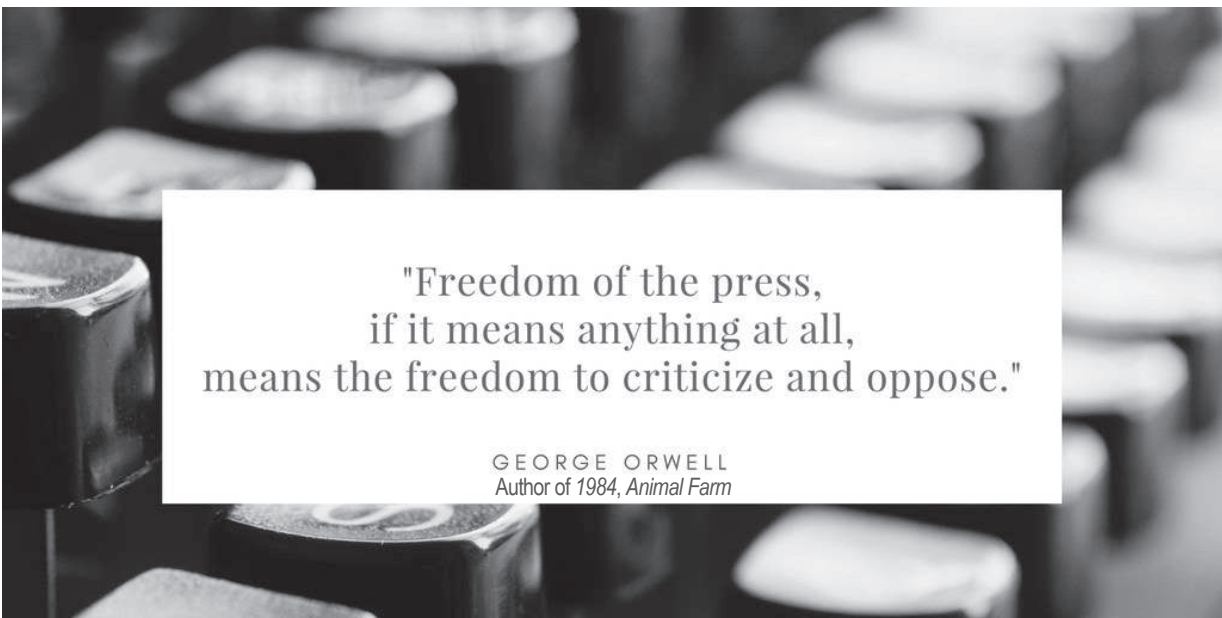
Act 553 eliminates out-of-pocket costs for vital services like diagnostic breast exams, cancer screenings, and supplemental imaging such as MRIs and ultrasounds. These are often necessary after abnormal mammograms or for high-risk patients. By removing cost as a barrier, the law helps ensure timely follow-up care that can be lifesaving.

Act 561 expands coverage for mastectomy-related procedures to include medical and surgical

benefits for artificial or biological mesh used to support tissue and nerve grafts.

This modern approach can help preserve or restore nerve function following surgery—an important advancement in reconstructive care. Coverage applies when the procedure is performed at a licensed facility.

These acts reflect a bipartisan commitment to strengthening breast cancer care across Arkansas. They help ensure that early detection, timely diagnosis, and effective treatment are within reach—regardless of income, insurance status, or geography. Let this month of awareness also be a month of action. Together, we can continue the fight against breast cancer with compassion, courage, and a shared commitment to saving lives.



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Woody Futrell (center) of Nashville received the John W. Allison Lifetime Achievement Award recently from the Arkansas State Police Foundation. At the presentation were (from left) Ricky Kesterson, Tera Lea Kesterson, Woody Futrell, Donna Futrell and Gary Dan Futrell.

Award

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perseverance and decades of service to the citizens of Arkansas and in grateful

recognition of his enduring contributions to the success of our foundation,” ASP said. The foundation supports the state police and helps with purchases of needed items, Futrell said. The foundation provides college scholarships for students whose parents are in the state police. Scholarships are also offered for those attending trade schools, Futrell said. In addition, the foundation helps troopers’ families with medical expenses, according to Futrell.

Coast

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local expert on the history of the area. It’s easy to get her to talk about how the town she loves began. “The predominant product, at that point, was wood,” she says. “The town started out as a sawmill. A lot of American wood wound up in huge sailing ships heading to Europe.” By 1900, Carrabelle was host to more international shipping than any other port in Florida. But the seemingly endless forest wasn’t actually endless. After clear-cutting from the Gulf to the Georgia line, the trees stopped floating down the Carrabelle River to be shipped overseas. Seafood and soldiers came next. Carrabelle became a center for commercial shrimp and mullet fishing, and was one of the first to ship fresh seafood to the Georgia coast and points northward. “The mullet were in huge profusion,” Miss Tamara said, “and we were the first community to ship fish from Florida to other places. During the Depression,” she continued, “People ate a lot of fish. Some of us don’t even like mullet, but at least you had something to eat!” she said with a smile. Carrabelle also became the home to the Army’s Camp Gordon Johnston in 1942. It was the ideal place to train soldiers for what would become the D-Day invasion in Normandy. By the time Camp Johnston closed in 1946, it had housed 10,000 soldiers at a time who practiced amphibious assaults on nearby Dog Island and St. George Island. After WWII, Carrabelle had to re-invent itself once again. It became known as the place to go, if you were from nearby Tallahassee and points eastward, for deep-sea fishing on party boats. “For \$7 you could go out



Jaree Hall of Nashville in the City of Carrabelle “jail.”



The World War II Museum in Carrabelle has a number of items on display.

all day with someone to bait your hook and take care of your fish and even give you a sack lunch,” says Miss Tamara. «There wasn’t a limit, so you could keep everything you caught.” Nowadays, charter fishing is still a big attraction for Carrabelle. There’s also swimming and sunbathing and hiking in nearby Tate’s Hell state park. There’s an interesting story behind that name, but we’ll save it for another day.

If you love being around huge crowds on the beach and eating fried shrimp at Applebee’s, then you won’t like Carrabelle; you’re looking for Pensacola, Destin, or Panama City. But if you’re looking for peaceful, uncrowded, Old Florida beaches and fresh seafood in a mom-and-pop restaurant, then you just might fit in on the Forgotten Coast, whether in Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, Apalachicola, or Carrabelle.

Malvern

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Quarterback Kyler Wright (6-4, 250) is “a big kid with a good arm. We have to be good at tackling him,” Chesshir said. Offensively, the Leopards “are very similar to how we play. We have to be good tacklers,” according to Chesshir. Malvern is experienced, Chesshir said, with 9 of 11 offensive starters listed as seniors. “They have some dudes that can hurt you,” Chesshir said. On offense, the Scrappers “will have to attack multiple looks” from Leopard defenders. “Our O-line has to be disciplined,” according to Chesshir. Nashville has “the opportunity to win the conference, to go up there and prove a point. We’ll play with a chip on our shoulder,” Chesshir said. We want to continue to get better.” **Haskell** The Scrappers enter the game off a 35-10 victory over Haskell Harmony Grove Oct. 24. Going in, “We knew that with their dead-T offense, it would limit our offensive possessions. I thought we played well. We scored on all but two possessions,” Chesshir said.

DHC

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AEDC helped with mock site visits to Husqvarna and Okay “so we’d be prepared” for the real visits, Weeks said. Zoom site visit training was planned this week. Dana Poindexter of AEDC attended the DHC meeting last week. She’s been with the panel since it began and is “always advocating for Southwest Arkansas,” Weeks said. SWEPCO provided board training and other resources. Dr. Cole and UA-Cossatot have been a part of the effort from the beginning, according to Weeks, whose office is located on the college’s Nashville campus. Nashville was selected as one of six communities from across Arkansas for the Retail Strategies program in which Weeks and two others from the county will participate starting Nov. 4. “We’ll see what’s a good fit for our area,” she said.

said. Quarterback Jacoby Hopson “made plays on his feet and throwing the ball. He passed for two touchdowns. He continues to grow and get better every week.” Bryce Perrin “ran hard. He’s been productive.” Karson Chambers “had a big night at receiver” and caught a TD pass going into halftime, Chesshir said. On defense, “It took a little time to get the feel” of the Cardinals’ offense, Chesshir said. “We weren’t very good” early in the game but “adjusted at halftime and made some big stops in the third quarter.” Abari Williams was Nashville’s leading tackler with 11. Safeties Bryce Perrin and Hayden Gray “played extremely well. Both had nine tackles. They came downhill and made plays. They forced plays with no gain or one-yard gain.” Overall, “We had some issues with assignments up front” because of the Harmony Grove offense, Chesshir said. “We still have a chance to see that offense in the playoffs. We have to address those things.” **Stats** Against the Cardinals, Hopson completed 9 of 11 passes for 131 yards and a pair of touchdowns. DJ Jefferson was 1 for 1 passing on a 32-yard play.

Chesshir spoke later in the program and praised the work which has already been done by DHC. “To have that kind of success in six months [bringing in Cantex] seldom happens. To have the success you’re having is spectacular.” A Nashville native, Chesshir is president of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce and is active in industrial development throughout central Arkansas. “It’s an honor to join you here tonight,” he told attendees. Chesshir and another Nashville native, Del Boyette, have kept up with the county’s progress since Husqvarna’s decision to close its local operation. Boyette is actively involved in industrial development and is known across the state and region. “Within 15 minutes of Husqvarna’s announcement, Del and I were on the phone. We’ll do anything we can to help,” Chesshir said. “It takes a village to run economic success,” according to Chesshir, “people rolling up their sleeves and doing

Chambers had 2 receptions for 63 yards and a touchdown. Cortez Cooper made a couple of catches for 46 yards and a TD. Gauge Applegate had 4 receptions for 36 yards. Davonte Gilliam and Perrin had a reception each for 10 and 8 yards, respectively. Hopson was Nashville’s leading rusher with 147 yards and 2 TDs on 14 carries. Jefferson ran the ball once for 89 yards and a touchdown. Perrin had 8 carries for 47 yards. Trendon Northcross rushed twice for 5 yards. The Scrappers had 10 first downs for the night. Nashville recorded 441 yards total offense, including 278 rushing and 163 passing. On defense, Williams led the team with 11 tackles and a TFL. Perrin and Gray had 9 tackles each. Makhi Johnson made eight tackles and had a TFL. Aiden Bradley had 6 tackles and a TFL. Lucas Aylett and Blake Moody made 5 tackles each. Other tacklers included Jaydon Williamson, Josh Walker, Brayden Erby, De’Shawn Hawkins, Jamison McIntosh and Jaielyn Stagers. Aylett and Walker had a pass break-up each. For the game, the Scrappers were penalized 6 times for 60 yards. They did not commit a turnover.

something no one else will do.” Economic development “is more than just locating a new project. You’re only as good as your existing industries and businesses. Take care of what you have,” Chesshir said. “Sixty percent of industrial jobs come from existing industry expansion.” After Chesshir’s speech, Weeks and DHC board president Paul Britt introduced the investors who have helped the economic development panel from the beginning. They include the following: Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Collier Investments, Diamond Bank, Edward Jones, Farmers Bank & Trust Foundation, First State Bank, Futrell Marine, Howard County, Howard Memorial Hospital. Howard Memorial Hospital Foundation, Dr. Glenn Lance, Larry Teague, City of Nashville, Nashville Chamber of Commerce, Pafford Medical Services, Profab, R and J Supply, Red River Credit Union, Shelter Insurance, Smith Tax Service, Southern Fab LLC., York Gary Autoplex, UA-Cossatot and Weyerhaeuser.

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OUTLAWS VS. GATORS. Dierks Outlaw running back Drake Thatcher (at left) avoids a trip from a Foreman Gator and breaks a scoring run. Outlaw defender Cooper Smith (#66) brings down a Gator runner during action Friday night on Ayers Field in The Holler. Dierks will host Mineral Springs Friday for the Howard County Cup.

Dierks Outlaws squeak by Gators in wild game in The Holler

The Dierks Outlaws kept their playoff hopes alive Friday night with a topsy-turvy 47-46 conference win over the Foreman Gators.

The win evened the Outlaws' overall record to 4-4 with a 2-3 conference mark as they prepare to host the Mineral Springs Hornets this Friday night for the Battle of the Howard County Cup, which is currently in Dierks' possession.

The Hornets are 2-6 overall with a 2-3 conference record.

The loss dropped Foreman to a 3-5 overall record with a 1-4 league mark. Their sole conference win came over Spring Hill, 24-16.

The Outlaws' Friday night battle with Foreman appeared to be going in the home team's favor as they quickly jumped out to a big lead in the first half.

"We started hot and jumped out to a 21-0 lead," said Outlaw Head Coach Paul Ernest. "Foreman made some really good defensive moves that slowed us down and some costly mistakes brought the game back to a slugfest."

Ernest said Foreman's players and coaches deserve a ton of credit for battling and taking the lead in the third quarter.

"Then crazy happened in the last five minutes," Ernest said.

Dierks went up by nine with three minutes to go only to see the ensuing kickoff returned for a touchdown after a coverage bust down the sideline. The Dierks offense needed two first downs to

seal the game but failed to pick it up on the ground.

On 4th and 3, quarterback Maclane Smith was hit just as he was set to release the ball to a wide open receiver to close out the game. The ball bounced off the back of an offensive lineman and into the hands of a Foreman player for the go-ahead score with 1:54 left to play. A controversial onside kick followed with Foreman recovering to seemingly seal the victory. Ernest said the game officials got together and penalized Foreman for illegal touching and film later confirmed first contact at the 48 with momentum carrying the Foreman player across midfield.

Smith then hit Drake Thatcher on a screen pass to move the Outlaws inside the Red Zone where Smith took a quarterback sneak across for the winning score.

"The Outlaw victory kept our playoff hopes alive going into the Howard County showdown with Mineral Springs and both teams really needing a win to stay in the playoff hunt," Ernest concluded.

The Outlaws amassed 407 yards of offense. QB Smith hit 9/17 passes for 120 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Dierks rushed the ball 45 times for 287 yards and five touchdowns. Two ball carriers gained more than 100 yards - Drake Thatcher with 16 carries for 159 yards and one TD and QB Smith with 25 carries for 102 yards and four TDs.

Adding to the ground game were Paul Ernest, Ja-

Big Announcement Expected Thursday

The Dierks School District is expected to learn the results of the T-Mobile 5G Friday Night Lights \$1 million football stadium makeover sweepstakes in which the district is in first place.

son Bailey and Elijah Hawthorne.

Peyton Boeckman led the Outlaw receivers with 3/3 catches for 29 yards and two TDs followed by Thatcher with 3/3 for 73 yards and Hawthorne with 1/1 for 18 yards.

Braydon Foran and Mason Smith led the Outlaw tackled chart with nine solo stops each followed by Maclane Smith with eight and Thomas Salgado with five.

Foreman was held to 251 yards of offense with 2/3 passes completed for 30 yards and 52 rushes for 221 yards and four TDs. Foreman fumbled three times in the game and lost all three while Dierks fumbled the ball away once.



OUTLAW DEFENSE at work early in the conference game against Foreman Friday in Dierks. The Outlaws will host Mineral Springs Friday for a Howard County battle.

Football 'tiebreaker' results in repeat winner

By virtue of the 'tiebreaker,' T'Otis Trimble of Nashville won last week's football picking contest by being correct on eight of 10 picks and being closest on the 'tiebreaker.' The contest was made more difficult last week because of the presence of several Arkansas collegiate teams playing each other.

Scores of games:
Dierks 47, Foreman 6

Junction City 59, Murfreesboro 6
Mineral Springs 30, Lafayette County 2
Ouachita Baptist 42, Southern Arkansas 14
Harding 55, UA-Monticello 0
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RAINY NIGHT AT HORNET STADIUM. Mineral Springs Hornet quarterback Keithen Dixon (at left) throws under pressure from Lafayette County Cougar defenders Friday night and Hornet defender Christian Matlock (at right) takes down the LC Cougar quarterback for a loss.

MS Hornets pick up 30-2 conference win over LC Cougars

The Mineral Springs Hornets had their best showing of the season in Friday night's 30-2 home conference win over the Lafayette County Cougars.

The Hornets are now 2-6/2-3 and will travel to The Holler in Dierks Friday night to take on the 4-4/2-3 Outlaws in the Battle of the Howard County Cup, currently in Dierks' possession.

The only points allowed by Mineral Springs Friday night came at their own hands on the first play of their first possession when a high snap sailed into the end zone and resulted in a two-point safety for LC.

From there out, the scoring belonged to the Hornets.

The Hornets posted six points in the first quarter when quarterback Keithen Dixon capped a drive from one yard out.

In the second quarter, Dixon broke a 49-yard TD run and AK Olden pulled in a Dixon pass for a 61-yard TD.

Dixon went back into the end zone in the third quarter, this time from 38 yards out.

The scoring was capped in the fourth when Keiandrian Nunally pulled in a 41-yard TD pass from Dixon.

The Hornets earned 166 yards rushing with three TDs and 150 yards passing with two TDs.

Dixon tallied 15 carries for 149 yards and Cayden Collins rushed three times for 14 yards.

Adding to the ground game were Cortney Thomas and Nunally.

Dixon hit 8/17 passes with one interception. Olden had three catches for 78, Nunally three for 64 yards and Brandon Allen two for eight yards.

7-1 JC Dragons deliver 59-6 conference loss to Rattlers

The Murfreesboro Rattlers received their Halloween "trick" a week early, falling to the Junction City Dragons 59-6 at home last Friday night.

The Rattlers now sit at 5-3 overall and 3-2 in conference play. Junction City now has the inside track to a conference championship at 7-1 overall and a 5-0 mark in conference.

"They are really good," said head coach Jay Turley of the Dragons. "They just lined up and manhandled us ... if they aren't the best team in Class 2A, I don't want to see who is."

While few positives can be taken from such a loss, Turley said he was proud of a number of kids who had to come in to play from a backup role after several starters exited the game with injuries.

"We had the next man-up mentality, and had several play hard in a difficult situation."

Turley said he suspected Junction City had that game circled since Murfreesboro was able to defeat them on the road last year en route to winning the conference championship.

"They gave us their best shot."

The Dragons rushed for 359 yards in the effort. Murfreesboro's lone touchdown came in the fourth quarter on a Caleb Terrell reception.

Turley said the team wouldn't watch the game film, "there's no need," and would simply attempt to move ahead to the next chapter - at Spring Hill this Friday night.

"I think the kids understand we have to turn the page and get refocused on what we need to do."

While injuries will play a part of the game this week for MHS - "we will be a bit of a MASH unit" - Turley said kids will simply have to play next man up and play their role in an important game for both teams.

On the line is the district's third seed with Spring Hill also holding a 3-2 record in conference (4-4 overall), with both Dierks and Mineral Springs luring just behind with 2-3 marks (and will face each other this week) as the season dwindles down to the final two games.

"Spring Hill is a good football team that's gotten better as the season has gone along. This is a big game for both of us, as far as playoff seeding. It will be their senior night, so I expect they will play hard with intensity."

Turley added emphasis to the importance of a win this week. "It's the next game up, and it's important to get the third seed headed into the playoffs."

Regardless, the Rattlers will now almost definitely be traveling in week one of the playoffs.

"We just have to move along [from Friday night] and get ready for this week - it's just as important a game as last week."

Turley said Spring Hill was similar offensively to Foreman. They will be ready, so we have to be as well, to play the game Friday night.

He added that the team planned to move up some ninth graders, some of which would play in spots and on special teams to help give some rest to upperclassmen.

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Scrappers, Cardinals battle in rain

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Scrapper offensive linemen clear the way for Jacoby Hopson (15) during Nashville's 35-10 District 7-4A home victory over Haskell Harmony Grove on a wet Friday night, Oct. 24. Hopson ran the ball 14 times for 147 yards and two touchdowns. He also completed nine of 11 passes for 131 yards and two TDs. The Scrappers will travel to Malvern Halloween night for a game that will decide the district championship.



Nashville band members perform during halftime last Friday night. The band received superior ratings at regionals Oct. 21 and will advance to state Monday, Nov. 3, in Little Rock.



Cheerleaders celebrate the Scrappers' big lead going into the fourth quarter Oct. 24 against Haskell Harmony Grove. Nashville and Malvern will meet this Friday night for the Orange and Black Halloween game.



Abari Williams (33) leads the charge to stop the Harmony Grove Cardinal. Williams led Scrapper defenders with 11 tackles, including a tackle for loss.



Amiyah Pryor, Landyn Tompkins and Jayla Hendrix made the Student Council sportsmanship presentation to Harmony Grove before the game.



Bryce Perrin holds onto the ball after an 8-yard reception Friday night in the Scrappers' conference win over Haskell Harmony Grove.



Coaches Tyler Clift, Adam Greenfield, Dontrell Robinson and John Martin watch the Scrapper defense in action against Harmony Grove.



Gauge Applegate (14) makes the catch for the Scrappers in their win over the Harmony Grove Cardinals.



A whole host of Scrapper defenders stop the Cardinal ball carrier Oct. 24 in a 35-10 Nashville victory.



Carson Kirby (64), Luke Lacie (56) and Jace Wright (54) buy time for DJ Jefferson to set up a pass against Harmony Grove.

Mini cheer camp showcases K-6th graders



Participants in the mini cheer camp join hands for the Nashville Alma Mater before the Oct. 24 game against Haskell Harmony Grove.



Kindergarten and first grade cheerleaders perform Friday night, Oct. 24, at Scrapper Stadium.

Scrapper band advances to state

Musicians receive top ratings at regional assessment

News-Leader photos/JOHN R. SCHIRMER



The Nashville High School band performs at the regional marching assessment Tuesday, Oct. 21, at Lake Hamilton High School. Scrapper musicians received all "Superior" ratings for their routine entitled "Redemption." The band qualified for the state marching assessment Monday, Nov. 3, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. This will be the tenth consecutive year that the NHS band has advanced to state.



Regional marching assessment Oct. 21 at Lake Hamilton High School



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SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Hayden Gray, Nashville



Hayden, a Scrapper senior, recorded nine tackles in Nashville's 35-10 conference win over Haskell Harmony Grove Friday, Oct. 24. He was also the holder on the Scrappers' successful PATs.

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FIND NEW ROADS

‘Shopping Small Pays Big’
NCC’s shop local promotion starts Nov. 7

In a matter of days, the Christmas season will be upon us and the Nashville Chamber of Commerce is getting ready for its annual shop local promotion, which will be titled, “Shopping Small Pays Big: Keep it Local.”

For businesses wanting to participate, here’s how it will work:

The promotion will begin Friday, Nov. 7 and will end on Friday, Dec. 19. During that period, if someone purchases from your business in the amount of \$25 or more and they wish to be eligible to be reimbursed for that purchase (up to \$100), either duplicate their receipt or write their

name, phone number, and amount of purchase on a slip of paper and drop it in a receptacle of your choice.

On Dec. 19, participating businesses will bring their receptacles to the chamber office where chamber officials will draw 10 receipts and “pay back” those receipts to the purchasers. Again, the maximum payback will be \$100. So, if a receipt for \$56 is drawn, that amount will be paid. If a receipt for \$156 is drawn, \$100.00 will be paid. Any individual purchaser will only be eligible for one reimbursement, according to NCC Executive Director Tim Pinkerton.

First Youth Hunt Nov. 1-2
Free deer tags available for youth hunts

Arkansas’s first youth deer hunt of the 2025-26 hunting season is Nov. 1-2, and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is reminding all hunters to update their mobile app and download their youth hunter’s free deer tags to ensure an enjoyable hunt and smooth game-checking experience after the shot.

“Youth deer hunters need to have their own tags and account at agfc.com, and the process is pretty straightforward through the website or the mobile app,” Kyle Curry, an assistant chief of the AGFC’s Information Technology division. “You can also go to a license dealer and make sure their licenses and tags are up-to-date, but it’s easy to do online yourself. The biggest place where people get hung up is if they are trying to get the tags through the adult’s account. The youth tags will not show up as an option unless you’re logged in under the youth’s account.”

- Visit www.agfc.com and click “Get a License” on the top right-hand corner of the website and choose the Resident Youth Deer Tags (#YDT) or Nonresident Youth Deer Tags (#YDTN), depending on your residency. Both options are free.
- Click the prompt to “Buy Now,” and you will be asked to log in using your youth’s login information. If your youth hunter does not already have an account from previous years, you will need to create an account for them.
- Youth licensing options only appear under youth accounts, so if your youth hunter already has an account from previous years, be sure to sign in under their account. If you’ve never set up an account for your new hunter, click the “Create an Account” button to set them up. Smartphone users can also link their youth hunter’s account to their profile in the AGFC app.

Log in to the app using your account and click the profile button (the circle in the top right corner with your initials in it).

Click “Profiles and Users.” Click “Manage Linked Users,” then click “Link a User.”

Search for your youth’s customer profile using the prompts on-screen. When you have confirmed the account found is correct, click “Connect as Guardian.”

You may now switch between your account and the youth account to procure tags, apply for special hunts, and check deer and other game.

Youths must check harvested deer just like adults. They may use the mobile app, www.agfc.com or call 833-289-2469 to check their deer at the location of harvest. If their deer remains within their immediate vicinity until it is home, it does not need to be tagged with a physical tag. If you are unable to immediately check your deer through one of the three options (app, website or phone), you must place a temporary physical tag on the deer indicating the hunter’s name, customer

identification number, date, time, zone or WMA of harvest and the method they used. This paper tag must stay with the deer until it is checked. Hunters have 12 hours after the time of harvest to check their deer.

Hunters must be 6 to 15 years old to participate in Arkansas’s youth deer hunts.

In addition to deer tags, a youth who has not yet passed their Hunter Education course must be in the direct supervision (within arm’s reach) of a licensed mentor.



GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST. Dennis Ritchie (at left) and Kenneth Wilson are pictured at the recent Howard County Historical Society open house for the “Born in Howard County: Baseball to Business” exhibits now on display in the E.A. Williams Chapel Museum.

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Alexander, Charles L., 21, Vandervoort, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$750 owed
Berg, Timothy W., 51, Fort Worth, Texas, \$175 BF, speeding
Berry, Jaden E., 19, Arkadelphia, \$285 BF, speeding
Billings, Dalton Douglas, 26, Nashville, \$210 BF, expired vehicle tags/ no tags; \$245 BF, speeding
Bustos, Miguel Angel, 24, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,360 owed
Carmack, Dewayne D., 53, Friendship, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Chism, Tanner, 24, Ozan, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,605 owed
Compton, David J., 41, Murfreesboro, \$245 BF, speeding
Conway, Jasmine R., 36, Mineral Springs, \$460 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
Cook, Carolyn F., 50, Umpire, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines
Davis, Christopher E., 34, Dierks, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$210
Davis, Deangelo D. Juan, 28, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$700 owed
Davis, Sacoyia M., 35, Nash, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$255
Duggan, Lukus W., 49, Newhope, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Garza, Anita R., 36, Blevins, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$125
Gills, Kara L., 63, Nashville, \$255 BF, speeding
Hampton, Kadence C., 19, Durant, Okla., \$265 BF, speeding
Haywood, Terrance Jaymes, 29, Ashdown, \$360 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Hernandez, Joshua, 35, Russellville, guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$210
Hostetler, Darren L., 40, Nashville, \$210 BF, driving left of center
Jackson, Billy C., 17, Ozan, \$255 BF, speeding
Jacoby, Taylor Lee, 18, Nashville, guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$360
Jarman, Ryan A., 35, Nashville, \$160 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Johnson, Kathleen, 30, Dierks, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$45 BF, no seat belt
Johnson, Tyrell, 39, Hope, \$210 BF, no driver's license/ expired license
Laughery, Adam W., 29, Amity, \$265 BF, speeding
Loaeza Kennon, Adriana, 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$850 owed
Lofton, Dominique C., 47, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$75
Mendez, Janet, 18, Nashville, \$265 BF, speeding
Millwood, Jacob, 27, Mount Ida, \$210 BF, improper lighting
Neal, Jonathan L., 44, Kirby, \$225 BF, defective equipment on vehicle
Nunna, Ratnakara Rao, 48, Frisco, Texas, \$275 BF, speeding
Pacheco Lopez, Kevin,

25, Katy, Texas, \$210 BF, no driver's license/ expired license
Perkins, Kaivonna Latae, 21, Nashville, \$160 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Punzano Fernandez, Juan, 19, Dallas, Texas, \$360 BF, careless or prohibited driving
Reames, Corie M., 29, Nashville, \$360 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Rhodes, Lisa D., 40, Hope, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$200
Roberts, Larry Ray, 61, Texarkana, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Sharp, James, 25, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,040 owed
Slaton, Jasmine, 30, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/ expired license, fined \$210
Smith, Jacqueline M., 57, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,449 owed
Stevens, Brendan N., 23, Murfreesboro, guilty of speeding, fined \$255
Sweet, Michael L., 36, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$265
Thornhill, Robert, 57, Murfreesboro, guilty of improper or prohibited passing, fined \$230
Torrence, Shalynn A., 22, Hope, guilty of speeding, fined \$255; guilty of no driver's license/ expired license, fined \$210; guilty of improper or prohibited passing, fined \$230
Vasquez, Manuel, 31, De Queen, \$210 BF, no driver's license/ expired license
Venable, Ashley J., 36, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Ware, Jasmin Nicole, 23, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of speeding, fined \$265
Wilkerson, Richard L., 30, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,245 owed, committed to jail
City of Nashville
Ashly, Kaelyn, 28, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Ayala-Flores, Maria E., 52, Nashville, \$165 BF, violation of city ordinance-dogs at large
Barajas, Cesar Jovany, 21, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Boyer, Jimmy Harold, 41, Nashville, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Burton, Devarrio D., 28, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,205 owed
Bustos, Miguel Angel, 24, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of violation of ignition/interlock device, fined \$360
Castillo, Geovani, 17, De Queen, \$210 BF, no driver's license/ expired license
Chandler, David R., 40, McCaskill, guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$460
Coleman, Timothy, 45, Glenwood, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Davis, Deangelo Juan, 28, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/ expired license, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360

Delarosa, Marissa, 29, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,130 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Gilbert, Stacey J., 42, Nashville, \$210 BF running stop or light
Gomez Chavez, Wendy, 31, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, no driver's license/ expired license
Graham, Deangelo J., 34, Prescott, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,000 owed
Green, Kenan D., 28, Nashville, \$165 BF, violation of city ordinance-dogs at large
Hopkins, Takendrick D., 25, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/ expired license, fined \$210
Hopper, Travis L., 56, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Jackson, Sarah, 39, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/ expired license, fined \$210; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$575; guilty of open container of alcohol in vehicle, fined \$235
Johnson, Deondre L., 20, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$255
Johnson, Justin, 37, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months; guilty of tampering with evidence, fined \$635
Jones, Shelby, 47, Nashville, \$140 BF, violation of city ordinance-loud music
Mendoza-Hernandez, Sandra, 43, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,890 owed
Mitchell, Jessica, 24, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Palmer, Ladarris K., 20, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Ramirez, Samuel, 27, De Queen, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Sanders, Michael Don, 29, Wickes, \$160 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Sims, Jessica M., 34, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,000 owed
Slaton, Jasmine, 30, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/ expired license, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Sprick, Presley C., 16, De Queen, running stop sign or light, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss
Swift, Cajun D., 19, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months



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Timmons, Elvina R., 40, Nashville, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$360
Vickers, Kaleb D., 38, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Weeks, Vanessa P., 34, Nashville, \$245 BF, speeding
Wesson, Dondra, 31, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,895 owed; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
West, Wanda, 58, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$160
Wilder, James R., 49, Glenwood, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Williams, Corey, 47, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Zuniga, Maria, 53, Nashville, \$460 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$360 BF, violation of ignition/interlock device
City of Dierks
Alexander, Charles L., 21, Vandervoort, guilty of speeding, fined \$245
Hernandez, Juan, 28, De Queen, \$210 BF, no driver's license/ expired license; \$210 BF, driving left of center; \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Hickman, Charles, 62, Hot Springs, \$385 BF, overload
Magar Powell, Roberta L., 67, Valliant, Okla., \$265 BF, speeding
Mauldin, Shaun, 43, Dierks, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$725 and sentenced to 10 days in jail
Ortiz Martinez, Julian M., 37, Dallas, Texas, \$210 BF, no driver's license/ expired license; \$360 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Summers, Shawn Michael, 29, Dierks, guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$1,025 and sentenced to 10 days of community service
City of Mineral Springs
Boone, Kristen R., 24, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Chenzy, Paxton, 31, Neeses, S.C., guilty of no driver's license/ expired license, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Hill, Zalean M., 23, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$580 owed
Mass, Robin L., 25, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Owusu, Daisy E., 34, Dallas, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$230; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty

of failure to pay registration, fined \$225
Reynolds, Kayla Teralee, 41, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$85; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Salazar, Argelio E., 67, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Sherman, Tyler R., 26, Murfreesboro, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
City of Tollette
Johnson, Sandra L., 46, Lockesburg, \$245 BF, speeding
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Friday, Michael, 21, Ashdown, \$235 BF, shooting ducks before hours
Maughan, Ty A., 21, Ashdown, \$235 BF, migratory game bird hour restrictions
Porter, Grayson R., 20, Fouke, \$235 BF, shooting ducks before hours
Bench Trials
Howard County
Cameron, Jason D., 40,

Paris, \$210 BF, improper lighting; \$285 BF, disqualified driver
City of Nashville
Lofton, Dominique C., 47, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$110
City of Dierks
Summers, Shawn Michael, 29, Dierks, reckless driving, under advisement for six months to dismiss; speeding, under advisement for six months to dismiss
City of Mineral Springs
Golston, Ricky D., 55, Washington, guilty of DWI#2, fined \$1,660, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course.
Johnson, Monterey J., 31, Fulton, guilty of fleeing, fined \$525; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$360
Rosenbaum, Kollin, 20, Mineral Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$275

Pike County JPs get road report from judge

The Pike County Quorum Court heard from County Judge Eddie Howard that the two mile stretch of chip and seal roadway project in Nathan had been completed and now the county's new tractor was bushhogging in the Cowhide Cove area and heading north.
"It looks good, I'm sure the people there are tickled to death," said Howard of the roadway project at Nathan.
In his road flooding project report to the court, Howard said the Delight Cemetery access and Rocky Hollow Road project featuring installation of 10x5 box culverts were completed with reports and time sheets yet to be submitted for FEMA

approval.
Additionally, he said the newly installed bridge over Wolf Creek in Delight had been painted and the approaches would be completed last week (weather pending) would be completed, allowing for inspection of the project.
He told the court that according to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, the county had some 2.2 million dollars – hypothetically pending – in rebates from the federal government.
Before adjourning, the court set meetings for both the budget and handbook committees to prep their proposals for 2026.

Head-on near Kirby fatal to Dierks driver

A Howard County man was killed last week in a two-vehicle crash on Highway 70 in Pike County, according to the Arkansas State Police.
Alex Dean Faulkner, 27, of Dierks was killed in the wreck. Faulkner was traveling east on Highway 70 near Kirby around 9:15 a.m. on Oct. 22 when the crash occurred. Faulkner

was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Impala when he entered the westbound lane in an attempt to pass another vehicle and collided head-on with a westbound 2014 Kenworth tractor-trailer.
No other injuries were listed in the report.
Weather conditions were clear and the road was dry at the time of the accident, according to the ASP.

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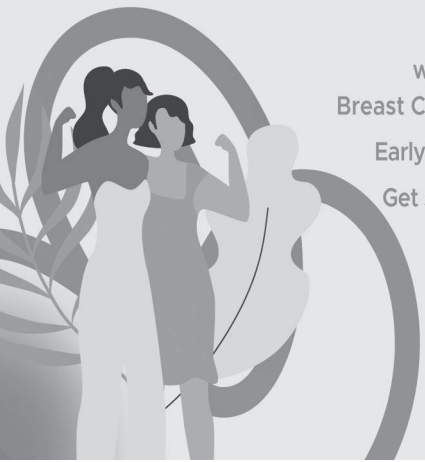
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PAFFORD MEDICAL SERVICES

Sheriff McJunkins announces plans for retirement; endorses two longtime county employees

Howard County Sheriff Bryan McJunkins announced this week that as filing time for the upcoming election nears and new candidates for office start their announcements, “it is an appropriate time to announce that I will not be seeking re-election for the upcoming term for Sheriff/Collector of Howard County.”

At the end of his current term, McJunkins will have 28 years with the county sheriff’s office with 12 of those years as sheriff.

“I will be retiring at that time. With a little more than a year left before retirement and many new projects going on, it will continue to be a busy time,” he said. “It has been and continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve as your sheriff.”

In his announcement, McJunkins also endorsed two longtime county employees, including his Chief Deputy Joey Davis to replace him, and Jana Tallant, his current jail administrator, who is seeking the office of Howard County Circuit Clerk.

Davis, who will run on the Republican ticket for sheriff/collector also official announced his plans this week.

“I have served the great citizens of Howard County since graduating from high school in 2003,” Davis announced.

Shortly after graduating, Davis started my career with the Howard County Sheriff’s Office, serving as a dispatcher/jailer under then-

Sheriff Butch Morris. After two years, he was promoted to patrol deputy, where he spent “the next 11 years patrolling day and night, learning the county, and building relationships with citizens throughout the county.”

In April 2017, Davis assumed a new role as a criminal investigator. For the next four years, “I spent countless hours investigating all types of crimes including homicides, violent crimes, sex crimes, residential burglaries, and other property crimes. Helping bring justice to victims of crimes by making arrests or returning property to the rightful owners was very rewarding.”

He was promoted to chief deputy in 2021, by Sheriff McJunkins.

“I am honored to say that I have spent over half my life working for the citizens of Howard County and have held almost every position in the department. I believe that I have the experience needed to lead this department. I kindly ask for support and a vote to continue moving our great county forward,” Davis concluded.

Davis and his wife of 14 years, Daron, are the proud parents of three daughters, Raylie, Emma, and Kirklynn.

Tallant, who also officially announced her plans this week to run for Howard County Circuit Clerk, began her career at the Howard County Sheriff’s Office in May 1997, under Sheriff Butch Morris. She was pro-



Joey Davis



Jana Tallant

moted to jail administrator in January 2006 and is still employed with the department.

“During my time of employment, I have been able to interact with and help citizens of Howard County,” Tallant said. “I have also worked with the circuit and district courts, as well as built a relationship with the Judges. I would graciously ask for the support and votes from the citizens of Howard County.”

Tallant, who is running on the Republican ticket, is married to Howard County Deputy Todd Tallant and has been for 18 years.



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CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY. The Nashville branch of Diamond Bank hosted its annual customer appreciation day with hamburgers all around, including for customer Lynn Wrinkle (at left) with DB employees Garry Richards and Sandi Carver.

Scammers claiming to be government agency targeting Arkansans

Arkansans have seen a recent rash of texts and emails from senders claiming to be from the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. The texts or emails purport to be notifications of tax refund request approval, and they direct recipients to share bank account information at a provided link.

What Arkansans Should Know

These texts and emails are not from the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. No government agency would ever ask you to share information about your bank account via text or email for a tax refund.

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'Born in Howard County: Business to Baseball' Exhibits Now on Display



REPRESENTING THE CARL BOLES FAMILY Jerry Boles (center) with presenter Johnny Wilson (at left) and Howard County Historical Society President Fredie Horne. Carol Boles was a professional baseball player born in Center Point.



REPRESENTING THE DR. JOCELYN ELDERS FAMILY Phillip Jones (center) with presenter Dr. Johnny Hearnberger (at left) and President Horne. Elders was born in the School community and went on to become United States Surgeon General, among other many other accomplishments.



REPRESENTING THE JIMMY WAKELY FAMILY Julie Wakely (center) with presenter and HCHS officer Tim Pinkerton (at left) and President Horne. Jimmy Wakely was from Mineola in North Howard County and was considered the last of the singing cowboys and even had a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



REPRESENTING THE LELAND TOLLETT FAMILY His brother Edwin Tollett and wife, Allison (center) with presenter Paul Britt (at left) and President Horne. Leland Tollett was hired by Don Tyson as CEO in 1959 and helped Tyson Foods become a world leader in meat production.



REPRESENTING THE TREVOR BARDETTE FAMILY Heath Wallis (at right) with HCHS member and presenter Jason Horn. Bardette was in more than 172 movies and close to 100 television shows and his looks resulted in many villainous roles.

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1. Make-up will let you see better than using a mask.

2. Wear light-colored clothing or bright, glowing paints!

3. Have a flashlight so you can see and be seen.

4. Walk with friends and have an adult nearby.

5. Only visit well-lighted houses in known neighborhoods.

6. Have Mom or Dad check all goodies before eating.

Keep Safe!

I like the licorice gummy mice best!

Friendly witch is brewing up sweet treats as well as more healthful choices for Halloween! **Six of these treats are in her cauldron. Can you find and circle them?**

Which Ones for the Witch?

The friendly witch wants pumpkins for her Halloween party. She has sent her zombie friends to choose the best pumpkins. Each pumpkin in the patch has a math problem on it. Since Halloween is on October 31st, zombies will only take the pumpkins with problems whose answers equal the number 31. **There are five of them. Color them orange!**

STAY OUT OF THE SPOOKY...

It's a frightful place on Halloween.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 997

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING ADMINISTRATION OF RETIREMENT COVERAGE FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE NASHVILLE FIRE RELIEF AND PENSION FUND TO THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (LOPFI) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN IRREVOCABLE AGREEMENT WITH LOPFI.

WHEREAS, the City Council of NASHVILLE, Arkansas has declared the NASHVILLE Fire Relief and Pension Fund inactive and shall act as its agent henceforth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Once accepted by LOPFI, the administration of the NASHVILLE Fire Relief and Pension Fund (Local Plan) shall be transferred to LOPFI under authority of Arkansas Code Annotated 24-10-101, et. seq., as amended, and Arkansas Code Annotated 24-11-804, as amended. Such transfer shall mean the administration of the Local Plan only and not a change in the Local Plan's benefit program unless a benefit increase is formally approved by the City of NASHVILLE, Arkansas, by Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an irrevocable agreement, using a fifteen (15) year amortization schedule, with LOPFI to administer the Local Plan as stated in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. It is the intent of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified into the Code of Ordinances of NASHVILLE, Arkansas and the sections thereof may be re-numbered and re-lettered as necessary to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 4. That due to the need to consolidate administration of the Local Plan with LOPFI, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force from and after the date of its passage and approval.

PASSED: October 27, 2025

APPROVED: Larry Dunaway, Mayor

ATTEST: Lauren Hoen

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Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction cause by drugs in America.

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and killed in Mexico in 1985. When he decided to join the US Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I'm only one person", he told her, "but I want to make a difference." On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left

his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found. He had been tortured to death.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, sick of the destruction of

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