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### **OPINION** 4A

Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

### Collection underway for OCC

The Operation Christmas Child 2025 Shoebox Collection Week will continue through Nov. 24. Volunteers have been filling empty shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and articles of clothing for children in need worldwide.

The local drop-off site will be First Baptist Church of Nashville.

The schedule includes the following:

Wednesday, Nov. 19 -11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 -

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 - 11

a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 - 9

a.m.-11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 - 2

p.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Since 1993, more than 232 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received shoebox gifts.

For additional dropoff sites, collection dates and hours, and directions to the drop-off sites, go to samaritanspurse.org/occ and select Drop-off Locations.

### Fall market to wrap up on Friday

By Melanie Schwartz

This Friday marks the last regular market of the season for the Howard County Farmers' Market. As we close out the fall, we invite you to shop local one more time and support the growers, bakers, and makers who have brought fresh food and handmade goods to our community every.

Save the date for our Holiday Farmers Market Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is in conjunction with the Howard County 4-H Teen Leader Fundraiser.

You'll find seasonal produce, homemade treats, holiday crafts, and more—perfect for stocking up on gifts and goodies while supporting local.

Thank you for making this fall market season a success. We'll see you this Friday at 110 S. Washington St. in Nashville — and again in December for a festive community celebration.

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# School earns 'B' on state report card

By John R. Schirmer

News-Leader staff

The Nashville School District has received an overall letter grade of "B" from the Arkansas Department of Education.

ADE presented letter grades to entire districts for the first time with the 2025 report card. In the past, grades went to individual campuses but not to the overall program.

Ğrades for each Nashville campus were announced earlier and include primary school, C; elementary, C; junior high, B; and high school B.

Curriculum coordinator Kim Slayton told the school board Monday night, Nov. 14, that campus administrators "are a big factor in making this happen. With the passage of the LEARNS Act, administrators have dealt with new laws, regulations and rule changes. They've had to shift and refocus" on numerous occasions.

The state considers nine school characteristics in determining letter grades, with each worth 100 points.

With the B, Nashville administrators "are very proud. We're ecstatic. Only 36 percent of districts in the state received a B," according to Slayton.

Nashville's recognition was based on the following:

"Far above [the state average] on high school gradation rate with an exceptional 99 percent."

"Above as a district on meeting grade-level standards in math, ELA and science."

"Above on the growth of lowperforming students in math and

'Above on the growth of all students in math and science."



SCRAPPER MOMENT. The Nashville School Board recognized the NHS FFA program during the Scrapper Moment at Monday night's board meeting. The group includes (seated) Superintendent Doug Graham, board members Jerry Wilson, David Hilliard, Nick Britt, Tem Gunter and Anthony Whitmore; (standing) NHS agri teacher Bravyn Bell, FFA members Avery Morris, Abigale Webb, Anna Watts, Peyton Hale, Natalie Talley, Joshua Walker, Reed Webb and Lily McLelland and agri teacher Matt McLelland.

The Office for Education Policy at the University of Arkansas recognized the district for "outstanding academic performance."

Slayton said administrators attended training at the De Queen/ Mena Educational Co-operative on how to use the district grade.

The only area where Nashville received a lower rating was student merit and distinction. High school Principal Ashley Riggs said different codes were used for entering concurrent classes into the state's E-School system.

"Anything not coded correctly causes problems, Slayton said. "There are a lot of little factors we're constantly going over with a fine-toothed comb."

Superintendent Doug Graham said the district is "hopefully a lot closer to an A with what we've learned on these little things. It would be something if we get in the top 9 percent in the state," those which received an A districtwide.

In other discussion at Monday night's meeting, Nashville High School FFA students discussed their busy fall semester schedule

in the monthly Scrapper Moment. Adviser Matt McLelland said

the students have "put some miles on" at the Howard County Fair, district, state fair at Little Rock and the national FFA convention in Indianapolis. "We've absolutely been busy," he said. Seniors Natalie Talley and Anna

Watts told of some of the highlights from the students' travels.

"At Indianapolis, we networked with colleges and agri businesses,' Talley said. "We heard inspirational speakers and advice."

Watts said the students had the opportunity to "build stronger relationships and bring what we learned back to our school and community."

McLelland said there were students from all 50 states at the national meeting. "There were 60,000 dressed just like them," he said, pointing to his group at the school board session.

'We had a really good time except for an eight-hour layover at Love Field" in Dallas on the flight home.

Adviser Bravyn Bell said stu-

dents are growing cucumbers, watermelons, cantaloupes, basil and flowers in the corner of their classroom.

In response to a question from the board, McLelland said the students received "lots of grand champions" at the shows they've attended.

Graham discussed the possibility of installing new artificial turf at Scrapper Stadium.

"Ten years ago, we decided to add turf. It had a warranty for eight years. We're trying to get all we can out of it. We just completed year 10, and 10 years of sunshine are causing the turf to fade, and fibers are starting to break down," Graham said.

He asked the board for approval to start gathering information and prices on replacing the turf.

"We can ask for bids and look at different turfs so we can present the best product to the board. If you give me the thumbs up to gather information, in January or February I'll present prices and

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

FIREWORKS OVER SCRAPPER STADIUM. Fireworks welcome the Scrappers to the field Friday night, Nov. 14, in the first round of the state Class 4A playoffs. Pocahontas defeated Nashville 32-13. (More pictures, page 9A.)

# oss to Redskins ends NHS season

By John R. Schirmer News-Leader staff

The Scrapper football season ended Friday night, Nov. 14, with a 32-13 loss to Pocahontas in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs at Scrapper Stadium.

Nashville ended the season 8-3 overall, 7-0 in District 7-4A. The Scrappers fell behind ear-

ly, with turnovers and penalties adding up as the game went on.

"The first three drives killed us," Coach Brad Chesshir said Monday morning.

"Pocahontas tried an onside kick to start the game and scored" quickly after the ball bounced off a Scrapper and the Redskins

On the next possession, "We fumble and they score. We're down two touchdowns early," Chesshir said. "It was an odd feeling like quicksand and we

couldn't get out. 'Obviously, I'm hurting for

our kids, our seniors, our school

and community. This is not how we wanted a very successful season to end. There were lots of positive moments. We didn't want it to end the way it did," Chesshir said.

"As head coach, I take full responsibility - no excuses, nobody to blame but me. I'll never get over it, but at some point, we have to move on," Chesshir said. "Losing in the first round and the way we did it drives me. I'm eager to get to winter and spring" to start preparing for the 2026 season.

A large, vocal crowd was on hand to support the Scrappers on opening night of the playoffs. "I'm very thankful for the crowd we had," Chesshir said. "I apologize for our performance Friday night. I don't want to feel that way again."

Chesshir said he is "very thankful for our 14 seniors. I love those kids. They did everything

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# Fair board seeks funds for repairs to buildings

By Louie Graves News-Leader staff

County Judge Brent Pinkerton main building. acknowledged support from JPs when Howard County Fair Board members Karlie Worley and Karter Castleberry spoke about needs of the fairgrounds buildings.

Some fair board members have personally secured loans for some expenses related to the fair buildings, the JPs learned.

The two board members specifically talked about needs for No specific sum was asked, but repairs to the metal roof of the

> Castleberry said that roofers were expected to come this week and give him estimates, but he expected them to be between \$8,000-\$10,000.

> The work is for sealing around screws in the metal roof.

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### Retired music teacher earns statewide honor

By Don Hall

News-Leader staff

Jaree Hall, retired elementary school music teacher in Nashville, was honored this past Thursday, Nov. 13, in Conway by the Arkansas Music Educators Association at the annual All-State Elementary Honor Choir.

(Disclaimer: Don't expect an unbiased article; this reporter has been married to Jaree Hall for 46 years.)

In 1995 Hall began teaching music at Nashville Elementary. The following school year she joined ArkMEA and took her first group of students to sing in the Elementary Honor Choir. That began a tradition that would continue until her retirement in 2021.

Over the past 29 years in Ark-MEA, Hall has worn a number of hats, first as accompanist, then as the organization's president-elect for two years, president for two years, past president for two more, then liaison between the state and national organizations, and finally as treasurer for a decade.

She also worked as an unpaid lobbyist on the state and national levels, promoting music education legislation.

Hall continues to serve as the accompanist for the Honor Choir each year.

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News-Leader photo/DON HALL

STATE AWARD. Retired music teacher Jaree Hall of Nashville was recognized last week by the Arkansas Music Educators Association at the group's convention in Conway.

# **Obituaries**



**Joyce Jeanette Walters** 

Joyce Jeanette Walters, age 87 of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025, at her home. She was born on March 14, 1938, at her family's homeplace west of Nashville to the late Edgar Lawrence McCrary and Billie Moss latimerfuneralhome.com. McCrary.

Joyce was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Nashville. She was a kind and faithful Christian that put others well before herself. She spent her life serving others as a registered nurse in a nursing home and later helping others at the Migrant Education Department at Hope. After her husband, Mike, fell ill with multiple sclerosis, she devoted her life to taking care of him. She was a proud mother and grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 38 years, Mike Walters, and two great-grandchildren Khali and Jagger Thompson.

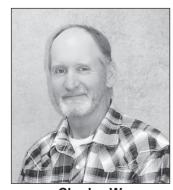
Those left to cherish her memory include her two daughters and sons-in-law, Pam Jeanes and (Richard); her brother and sister-inlaw, Edgar Ware McCrary and Joan; five grandchil- vived by his daughter, Char-

dren, Jason Thompson, Joey Bennett, Danielle Greenfield, Cody Jeanes and Wesley Terwilliger; 17 great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, in the Latimer Funeral Chapel in Nashville with Steven Porter officiating. Interment will follow in County Line Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

You may send an online sympathy message at www.



Charles W. **Bohannon** 

Charles W. Bohannon of Nashville, Ark., went to be with our Lord and Savior on Sunday, November 16, 2025, peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Charles was born Sept. 28, 1964, in Nashville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles E. Bohannon, his mother, Shirley Cowart Price, his step-father Johnny Price, his sister, Karen Fant and Terry and Brenda Bohannon, and his special brother-in-law Billy McElyea.

Charles Wayne is sur-

lie Rae Brewer (Derek) of Nashville, his daughter, Wendy Kinkade (Justin) of Nashville, his daughter Misty Poole of Ashdown; a sister, Pam Bohannon McElyea of Nashville, and a sister Čindi Brown (Charlie) of Belton, Texas. His pride and joy, those grandbabies, Khloe (Khlobug) and Addison (Addi Mae) Brewer of Nashville, Gage, Gatlin, Gunner, and Grayson Kinkade all of Nashville; Nichole, Connor, and Hunter Poole all of Ashdown, along with two great-grandchildren, Riggin and Swayze from Ashdown. Last but definitely not least, a cousin, a brother/sister, best friends, Tim and Trisha Young ... his angels here on earth. Too many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends to mention.

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Above all, Charles Wayne loved the Lord and his church. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Texarkana and served in the church choir. He loved to fish and hunt. He loved riding his Harley with his buddies. He was always tinkering on something in his shop. He loved being outdoors. He loved spending time with family and friends. He was always there when you needed help. He never met a stranger. To know him was to love him.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville, with Gary Glover officiating.

Honorary pallbearers: Jade McElyea, Dakota McElyea, Tim Young, Kenny Reeves, Scott Lovelis, Cole Goodwin.

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



OATH FOR NEW JP. At the start of Monday's meeting of the Howard County Quorum Court, Kelly Jo Oge was given the oath of office by Judge Brent Pinkerton. Oge was appointed by the governor to fill the seat on the court held by veteran JP Martha Hobbs who did not seek re-election. JP Oge's term of office will end in 2026. Pamela Bohn has filed for the District 7 position unopposed as s Republican.

City-wide **Thanksgiving** service set

The annual city-wide Thanksgiving worship service will be Sunday, Nov. 23.

The service is sponsored by the Area Pastoral Fellowship, and will be hosted by New Life Church, 913 S. Main, Nashville, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker will be Rev. Wade Eggers, pastor of Nashville for Nov. 23 Speaker will be kev. wade Eggers, pastor of Na Global Methodist Church. The public is invited.



A FIRST ON VETERANS DAY. For the first time, the Veterans Day ceremony wreath at the Howard County courthouse, Nov. 11, was placed by female veterans. Ellen Ward, left, a retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer, and T. Lynn Cox, a sergeant in the U.S. Army with service in Europe, placed the wreath.

### FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Generosity meets strategy with tax-savvy donations

By Josh Tice **Edward Jones Investments** 

Giving to charity feels good, but understanding the tax benefits can benefit both the charity and you. Whether you donate limits charitable deductions based on your regularly or are planning your first gift, knowing how charitable tax deductions work can help you make informed decisions while supporting causes you care

The basics: Itemizing vs. standard deduction. To benefit from charitable tax deductions, you need to itemize your deductions on your tax return. Everyone automatically receives a standard deduction, which in 2025 is \$31,500 for married couples filing jointly or \$15,750 for single filers. You'll only benefit from itemizing if

about. Here are things to consider:

your total deductions, including charitable gifts, exceed these amounts.

For many people, charitable donations alone won't push them over the standard deduction threshold. However, when combined with other deductible expenses like mortgage interest or state and local taxes, itemizing can make financial sense.

If you give regularly but don't usually exceed the standard deduction, consider "stacking" your donations. Instead of donating \$5,000 annually, you might donate \$15,750 in one year to exceed the itemization threshold, then take the standard deduction in subsequent years.

Ensure your donation qualifies. To claim a deduction, you must give to a qualified charitable organization recognized by the IRS. You can verify an organization's status on the IRS website or ask the charity for their determination letter. Donations to individuals, even those in need, don't qualify for tax deductions.

Additionally, you can't receive personal benefits in exchange for your donation. If you give \$500 to a charity but receive concert tickets worth \$200, your deductible amount is only \$300.

How much can you deduct? The IRS adjusted gross income (AGI). For cash donations to public charities, you can typically deduct up to 60% of your AGI. If you donate stocks or other appreciated assets you've held for more than a year, the limit is generally 30% of your AGI.

If your donation exceeds these limits in a single year, you can carry forward the

unused portion for up to five years. What to donate. Think strategically about what you donate. While cash is easiest, donating appreciated stocks can provide additional tax benefits since you avoid paying capital gains taxes on the investment's growth.

Keep good records. Documentation matters. For donations under \$250, a canceled check or receipt works fine. Cash donations of \$250 or more need written acknowledgment from the charity. For larger non-cash donations of property exceeding \$5,000 in value, the IRS requires a qualified written appraisal. Keep these records with your tax documents in case the IRS requests proof. See IRS Publication No. 526 and No. 561 for information on charitable contributions and valuing donated property.

The bottom line: Charitable giving may start with your heart, but understanding the tax implications helps you give more effectively. Work with a tax professional and a financial advisor to develop a giving strategy that aligns with both your charitable goals and financial situation. With thoughtful planning, you can maximize both your impact on causes you care about and the tax benefits you receive.

# Nativity under cover of arena is annual Cowboy Church event

Cross Point Cowboy Church will be on two nights, Dec. 12-13, under the church's covered arena seven miles west of Nashville on Hwy. 371.

The event will be 6-8 p.m. each night and there is no admission.

The scene is the streets of Bethlehem at

the time of Christ's birth in the Middle East,

The annual walk-thru Live Nativity at and going to his crucifixion. The production will include more than 100 costumed participants.

Although it is 'walk-thru' there will be golf cart rides for persons who need them. There will be hot chocolate and cookies at the beginning of the walk-thru.

Church members invite the public to experience the event.

### Upsets abound in football contest

Nashville's unexpected exit from the high school football playoffs, along with Henderson's thrashing of Ouachita Baptist in college pairings made for difficult weekend in the newspaper's contest.

Frequent winner Jerry Bowden of Nashville, managed 8 correct out of 10 picks and he is the winner in the first week of playoffs in the 2025 contest.

Another surprising result was Mineral Springs' big victory over Hampton in the playoffs. The Hornets are the only local team

still in the playoffs. Actual scores of games in the contest: Arkadelphia 44, Highland 6 Bauxite 28, Ozark 26 Dardanelle 56, Malvern 14 Mineral Springs 32, Hampton 6 Junction City 65, Bearden 12 Poyen 40, Gurdon 37 Carlisle 47, Spring Hill 6 Henderson State 41, Ouachita Baptist 14 LSU 23, Arkansas 22 Pocahontas 32, Nashville 13

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# THE CECIL "BIRDDOG", HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Cecil and Nettie Callaham came to Nashville in 1939 to manage the Liberty and Howard Theatres. The Elberta was built in 1945 and the Howard Auto Theatre in 1950. Cecil was mayor of Nashville from 1961-1964. Bob Shelton is appearing Schooley community south

### 123 years ago: November

Ernest Gibson, deputy marshal, was fined \$5 by Justice N. Levi Thursday morning for assault and battery. The charge against him was aggravated assault, but it was not sustained by the prosecution. The case grew out of Gibson striking Henry Pope at the circus which recently exhibited here. An appeal will be taken to the circuit court by Gibson.

Mrs. Nancy Boswell died at her home at Roy Wednesseveral days.

(Adv.) Keep it in your els fail to act properly, take a dose of Lyons Laxative Syrup. It acts gently but effectively on the kidneys, liver and bowels and will make your complexion clear. August B. Clark, Agent for Nashville.

79 years ago: November 1963

with the Sunshine Boys in a concert to be given in the Nashville High School auditorium on Tuesday at 7:45. This group of musicians is heard twice daily over Radio Station KWKH, Shreveport, and many of their listeners in this section will be interested in seeing and hearing them in person. Shelton and the Sunshine

Boys will appear under the sponsorship of County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs. Funds from day. She had been ill for the concert will be applied to the 4-H building fund.

(Adv.) For sale. One twohome, and when the bow- year-old registered Jersey ed at Memorial Hospital bull, named Pride Sam Watson No. 64753, son of Pride Jane No. 1074489. Pride Sam can be bought for \$250. If interested see Roy Thompson, 7 miles Northeast of Nashville. On black top road.

A raid on a house in the system.

of Nashville Friday night led to the arrest of 12 persons by Sheriff Fomby Jackson and Deputy Sheriff Lewis Tollett. Ten were booked for gambling and two for drunkenness. They were cited to Justice of the Peace court at 2 p.m. Thursday. Sheriff Jackson said neighbors had complained in the past of disturbances in that

Three office employees at the Howard Manufacturing Company became ill breathing gas-filled air at the plant Monday.

The three who were treatwere Mrs. Martha Hobbs, Eileen Linville and Barbara Walston. Superintendent Everette Gills said the three were nearly overcome by carbon monoxide.

Failure of the sub-contractor to build proper ducts **62 years ago: November** to an outlet was discovered by a study of the heating

### Defendants receive court dates

Two defendants who are charged with filing false reand fraudulent insurance claims, pleaded not guilty here Wednesday and had dates set for pretrial motions and jury trials.

The pair allegedly sold their ATV vehicle, reported to law enforcement that it had been stolen, and then tried to collect on the insur-

Larson, 28, black male, Nashville, and Bobbie Larson, 29, white female, Nashville.

They are facing felony charges related to the report to law enforcement and attempting to collect insurance on the theft. Pretrial motions will be heard Feb.

11, 2026. They were with four other defendants who pleaded not guilty during criminal court before Judge Tom Cooper.

Pleading not guilty were: Latre Richards, Jr., 24, black male, Nashville, who has a Feb. 11 date for motions. He is charged with 11 counts of drug possession, class D, and unlawful use of a communications device,

misdemeanor. Brant Barnett, 47, white male, Mineral Springs, has a March 4 date for motions on his charges of breaking

or entering, and theft of

Charles Edward Horton, ports with law enforcement Jr., 27, black male, Hope, is charged with possession of controlled substance with purpose of delivery. Motions will be heard March 4.

> Sentences were handed down for two defendants.

Jaydon Pope, 22, white male, Nashville, pleaded true to failure to meet the terms of his probation on a conviction of 1st degree ter-Charged are Lucky Cole roristic threatening, a class D felony. He was sentenced to three years in the Arkansas

Department of Correction (ADC) with a further three years suspended imposition

of sentence.

Dalton Billings, 26, white male, Nashville, was sentenced to six years in the ADC which will be held in abeyance pending completion of drug court.

No mental defect was found in defendant Jennifer Gibson, 46, white female, Dierks who is charged with

Her trial was reset to Nov. 19.

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# Public Record of Howard County

were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the manufacturing a controlled period Nov. 6-12, 2025, unless noted otherwise:

**Marriage Licenses** 

(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office) No marriage licenses were issued during the pe-

**Civil Court** 

CV25-128, Nov. 10. Capitol One vs. Brienna Roberts.

CV25-129, Nov. 10. Capitol One vs. Lacy Cameron.

CV25-129, Nov. 12. First National Bank of Omaha vs. Martha Hutto. Debt. **Domestic** 

### **Relations Court** DR25-89, Nov. 7. Haley

Divorce. **Criminal Court** (NOTE: POCS = possessionof controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug parapher-

nalia; DOCS = delivery of

Davis vs. Nicholas Davis.

controlled substance) CR25-103, Nov. 6. State of Arkansas vs. Brant Cody Burnett, 47, white male, 673 Runnels, Mineral Springs; breaking or entering, class

misdemeanor.

D felony; theft of property,

Lunsford, 41, white male, 902 S. Ansley, Nashville; substance, class A, penalty enhanced by proximity to a church or school; maintaining a drug premises, class B.

CR25-105, Nov. 11. State of Arkansas vs. Reveina George, 46, white female, 902 S. Ansley, Nashville; manufacturing a controlled substance, class A, penalty enhanced by proximity to a church or school; maintaining a drug premises, class B.

CR25-106, Nov. 12. State of Arkansas vs. Otis Neal, 24, black male, Tampa, Fla.; breaking or entering, class D; theft of property and POCS, both misdemeanor.

### Land/Property **Transactions Executor's Deed**

Nov. 06. Walter Bean, Executor of the Estate of Billy R. Bean, Sr., deceased; to Dustin Pedron and wife, Katelyn Pedron; aggregate 4.74 ac. in S15 T9S R28W. \$320,000.

### Beneficiary's Deed Nov. 12. Pam Wither-

spoon; to Stacey Lynn Busby; Lot #8, Corinth Estates, Howard County.

**Redemption Deed** 

Nov. 06. State of Arkan-CR25-104, Nov. 11. State sas; to Cory Scott and Sara 12, Town of Center Point.

Items or documents that of Arkansas vs. Lonnie Leann Carter, Dierks; 16.229 ac. in S15 T6S R29W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$34,620.11.

### **Quitclaim Deeds**

Nov. 06. Derek Allen Scott and wife, Kamron Scott; to Kelly Ryan Scott; property in S18 T9S R28W.

Nov. 12. Harvey D. Vincent and wife, Katherine J. Vincent, and Jason Vincent and wife, Holly C. Fender-Vincent; to Katherine J. Vincent; property in S31 T9S

### **Warranty Deeds**

Nov. 07. Kenneth Wayne McAlister and Michael Lynn McAlister, tenants in common; to Phillip Smith and A. Jane Smith, husband and wife; 0.97 ac. in S15 T6S R29W.

Nov. 07. Alicia Dorene Lovewell and Rosemary Nicole Penney; to Danny Lee Harding and Bonnie Crete Harding; properties in S26/S23 T8S R28W with exceptions.

Nov. 07. Danny Lee Harding and wife, Bonnie Crete Harding; to Danny Lee Harding and Bonnie Crete as trustees of the Danny and Bonnie Harding Irrevocable Trust; 4 tracts, properties in S26/S23 T8S R28W with exceptions, and part of Block



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# Point of view

# It's only football

# Some surprises on the first weekend of playoffs

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and there are two local teams left in the high school football playoffs but not the two teams I expected.

Mine Creek

Revelations

Louie Graves

After losing six of their first seven games, the Mineral Springs Hornets closed with three wins over arch-rivals and managed to sneak into the playoffs as a fourth seed traveling to play the first seed of another

But, surprise, MS won and won big.

My Scrappers, however, were snakebit and lost to the fifth seed of another conference. It was easily the biggest upset of any playoff game in any division.

Sometimes that stuff just happens.

It DOES NOT take away from Nashville's wonderful season -- going undefeated through the conference and getting that thrilling onepoint nail-biter on Arkadelphia's home field after the Badgers had our number for recent years.

So, congrats to the players in orange and back; the coaches; fans; cheer squad; band; pressbox crew; concession stand volunteers; and administration on a successful season. We love the Scrappers!

ONE THING I sometimes do right is chicken-sausage gumbo.

I like to have a crockpot of it when I misjudge the arrival of first There are two things I do which I think makes my gumbo better

(1) I cook the sausages on my patio grill so that the skin has a little  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ 'char' before chopping and adding them to the crockpot; and

(2) I spend about 20 minutes on my feet at dawn making a roux

The roux is about 1/3 cup each of vegetable oil and all-purpose

flour over medium heat. Stirred constantly until, as my original recipe says, it turns the dark brown color of "an old penny." It is absolutely essential to have a roux and to have a good roux, properly brown.

So now the U.S. is doing away with pennies. Just recently we made the last one because the copper industry made the President mad.

Pennies are normally the most plentiful coin in my pocket, but maybe not in the future.

How will I judge when to take the roux off the heat and scrape it into the lovely broth and other stuff waiting in the crockpot if 'n I can't find an old penny for comparison?

One other thing that makes my gumbo special is okra. I thaw two bags of frozen cut okra, and add the contents to the crockpot mixture about an hour before serving.

The store brand at [name withheld by request] has gotten mighty 'woody' lately. Some pieces are just too fibrous.

Otherwise it's fantastic, and the woody pieces don't interfere with the overall goodness of Louie's Excellent False Cold Spell Gumbo.

I've frozen a large container for Thanksgiving weekend. EPSTEIN'S LIST. Not quite as noble as "Schindler's List."

Isn't this a circus? I still want to know more about his suicide. Lots of suspicious coincidences that leave room for conspiracy theories -- looney and not-so-looney.

SHAMEFUL DANGER. Saw an article recently that several Trump administration bigwigs had moved onto military bases for safety. And Trump's former supporter, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Green (R-SC), says she's getting death threats since splitting with the President.

Sad news items that reflect our nation's current poor character.

THE GOOD EARTH. We barely got to enjoy the muted colors of our autumn when the strong winds of the weekend shook the leaves

I didn't even have a chance to make my usual Autumn Leaf Patrol of rural roads.

Fall is a wonderful time of year. I already miss (sorta) Summer, and I dread (sorta) Winter, although Winter may already be here. Or not. It seems like just a few days ago that I was asking the Almighty for relief from the heat.

One thing I have noticed is that my yard has fewer fire ant mounds. They are probably there, though.

I'm most likely overlooking the mounds because those pesky, hateful critters are hiding under bushes.

-- Cutting money in half without damaging the paper

MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: INFLATION

WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: After they finally won an SEC

football game, the Razorback dressing room was 'organized chaos.'

HE SAID: "When I was young I thought that money was the most important thing in life; now that I am old I know that it is." Oscar Wilde,

playwright • ---- • --- •

SHE SAID: "Society honors its living conformists and its dead troublemakers." Mignon McLaughlin, author and journalist. I wonder if any sharpwitted journalist has grilled Mignon.

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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# Program to connect state producers with schools to begin in January 2026

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

A new program to serve more locally produced foods grown by Arkansas farmers is set to begin in select schools this January.

The Arkansas Plate Initiative is a state-wide effort to connect Arkansas producers with state schools to provide students with nutritious, locally sourced meals made from Arkansas-grown prod-

According to Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward, "by helping schools source more products from Arkansas farmers and producers, we're supporting our state's largest industry, improving access to healthy meals for students, and strengthening local communities."

Beginning in January 2026, participating school districts will serve one Arkansas Plate meal per month. Participating cafeterias will serve meals featuring locally grown ingredients like rice, beef, poultry, catfish, edamame, and assorted seasonal fresh fruits and

During the pilot year, the state will collect feedback and purchasing data to evaluate the program for future growth.

The goal is to expand the initiative into additional schools across the state in the 2026-2027 school year. Educational materials will also be made available to the participating schools with promotional signs and "Meet the Farmer" profiles to teach students about where their food comes from and about the importance of supporting local agriculture.

The objective is to create a longterm strategy to institutionalize local food purchasing in Arkansas schools and ensure that Arkansasgrown products are an integral part of school and community food

To learn more about the Arkansas Plate Initiative visit the website at: https://arfarmtoschool.org/.

In 2019 The Arkansas Legislature approved Act 506, to create a full-time farm to school coordinator with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

The purpose of the program was to help schools establish and maintain gardens, provide resources for classroom education and activities related to food, farms, nutrition, and health and creating connections that allow local foods to be purchased and promoted in

The program concentrates on

gardening in schools. The Farm to School Coordinator is encouraged the program has been a success, but it takes a "circle of support" that includes school administration, teachers, and the

community. Student outcomes from handson experiences in the garden have deepened their understanding of agriculture, responsibility and teamwork. Farm to school empowers children and their families to make informed food choices while strengthening the local

This past legislative session, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders signed SB59 requiring all Arkansas public schools to provide one free breakfast to students per school day, regardless of their federal eligibility for free meals, and previously signed legislation providing free school lunches for eligible students who qualified for reduced

The governor announced the state will also continue its Summer EBT program, ensuring Arkansas's students have access to food in the summer months.

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman Answering the call to serve our

country in uniform is becoming less common, but no less coura-

We will always be proud that Arkansans from all walks of life continue choosing this path and make sacrifices to protect our freedoms and way of life.

Last week's Veterans vance was a time for all Americans to honor and remember this truth. While we can never fully repay our former service members, we can keep our promises to them. That is a solemn responsibility to the more than 200,000 proud veterans who call the Natural State home.

Fortunately, we have made significant progress to strengthen the benefits and services veterans and their families depend on. I am proud to work alongside my colleagues on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee to champion bipartisan initiatives that move the needle to better support this unique community.

And as chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), our panel works hard to deliver key investments that enhance overall care and increase resources for our veterans.

We've made great progress on my efforts in telehealth, women's health initiatives, medical innovation and modernizing VA electronic health and IT systems.

Ensuring veterans have access to preventative and life-saving mental health support has been one of my ongoing top priorities. They are at a much higher risk of suicide than the general civilian population, which is why we have pushed several measures aimed at fighting this epidemic. The Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Ğrant Program I authored alongside Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) doubles down on mental health outreach in veteran communities. We are now working diligently to extend it and continue reaching those in crisis.

Veterans' overall health is just as vital. Empowering them to efficiently coordinate and navigate appointments is key to achieving better outcomes. In light of that, I am championing policies to simplify the VA health care scheduling process and expedite access to community providers so getting timely, quality care will be easier than ever.

We will continue working to advance these solutions this Congress while also conducting oversight of the efforts to implement recently enacted landmark laws

One example is the PACT Act, which became law in 2022, ensuring veterans afflicted with toxic exposure illnesses are eligible for benefits related to treating those

Others include efforts I led to modernize breast cancer screening policies and technology to support our nation's growing population of female veterans. When properly executed, I am confident these reforms will help address pressing

Another area my office has focused on to recognize former service members has grown exponentially.

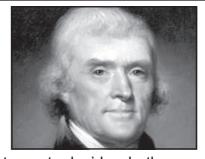
The Veterans History Project, a Library of Congress initiative to record and catalog the oral histories of veterans, is celebrating its 25th

My team has been proud to interview and submit the stories of around 100 Natural State veterans while training more than 1,200 Arkansans to engage with it, including conducting interviews themselves.

Earlier this year, we hosted VHP representatives in Arkansas to collect more local veterans' stories and share best practices with eager prospective participants.

Growing up, I remember interacting with so many adults in our community who spent at least some part of their lives serving our nation in uniform. Those experiences impressed upon me a deep sense of gratitude and respect that I still carry today. This perspective has also helped shape my priorities in Congress.

I encourage every Arkansan to demonstrate our sincere appreciation for veterans' service and sacrifice.



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we asked them to do. I wanted them to enjoy their senior

The Scrappers "won the regular-season conference championship. I didn't want to go out the way we did."

Nashville had "an extremely young offense. We're returning a lot of good players. Those young ones will be good" on both sides of the ball.

### JPs Continued from page 1A

Judge Pinkerton told Castleberry to tell him what the estimates from roofers were.

**Quorum Court members** also heard from Katie Hardy of the Southwest Arkansas Planning & Development agency who spoke of the need for the county to renew

Award

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from page 1A

to send six students, selected

by audition, then taught the

music before actually going

to Honor Choir. This year's

choir had 220 students from

to be the elementary music

teacher in Nashville for 26

years," Hall said. "I always

enjoyed preparing students

to go to Honor Choir and

sing with other students

School

Continued

from page 1A

The board approved the

Graham presented the

products," Graham said.

monthly financial report.

request 5-0.

from across Arkansas."

'It was a great privilege

throughout the state.

Schools are only allowed

its 5-year mitigation survey which makes the county and its incorporated cities eligibility for federal grants to address natural disaster

Chesshir said he will have

"We'll talk about the

Chesshir will meet with

exit interviews with the se-

niors this week and will visit

things we did well and look

at areas of improvement" for

coaches individually and

will have staff meetings. "We'll have growth plans

and look at how to continue

to develop our kids and help

Scrapper coaches will

visit other staffs at similar

schools that have "philoso-

phies that align with us,"

the program grow."

returning players.

next season.

At Monday morning's regular meeting for November, court members applauded Kelly Jo Oge who was sworn in by Judge Pinkerton to fill a court vacancy. Oge will represent District 7, the post formerly held by Martha Hobbs who

The plaque she was pre-

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Without a doubt, Hall is

Board members reviewed

"We have to publish it be-

"The budget is a projec-

the proposed budget of ex-

fore March 9," Graham said.

tion based on the last two

or three years. There's no

change in the millage, 31.7

mills, the same as it's been

penditures for 2027-28.

Through your dedication,

sented on Thursday reads,

in part:

Association.

and students alike.

he said.

did not seek re-election.

for offseason.

Chesshir said.

Coaches will have an end-

of-the-year analysis of the team's offense and defense,

"the good and the areas that

look at depth and look at the

kids we have coming up. We'll start working forward from there," Chesshir said.

During the winter, "We'll

Returning players may

spend some time in the

weight room this week be-

fore the Thanksgiving break.

three weeks before Christ-

mas will be spent preparing

When they return, the

need improvement."

Other JPs in attendance included D'Ann Rogers Henderson, Don Marks, Kerry Strasner, Juanita Jackson, Andy Hogg, Liz Mc-Daniel, Janet Lay O'Neal and Oge. Constitutional officers present included Sheriff Bryan McJunkins, Treasurer Sheri Mixon, Tax Assessor Cindy Butler, Circuit Clerk Angie Lewis, County Clerk Keri Teague and Judge Pinkerton.

the best music teacher the state of Arkansas has ever seen, and we are blessed that she taught for so many years right here in Nashville. (I told you this wouldn't be an unbiased article.)

Hall still enjoys participating in the Arkansas Music Educators Association.

"I love being the accompanist for the Honor Choir," she says with a smile, "And I look forward to playing for many years to come."

Good job, Mrs. Hall. We're proud of you.

Hall is the music director, pianist and organist at First United Methodist Church of Nashville.

\$9,003,669 Instructional expense,

Maintenance and opera-

Dedicated maintenance and operation expenditures,

Pupil transportation expense, \$1,153,764

\$2,533,865

\$809,719

Salary fund expenditures, point in the academic year,

\$5,309,856

tion expense, \$1,956,153

Other operating expense,

Non-bonded debt pay-

Bonded debt payment,

### since 1992," according to The district has an operating balance of \$4,900,446. Graham. The budget includes the ment, 0 "We're about where we anticipated we'd be" at this

The Nashville High School cheerleaders finished second out of seven teams at Southern Spirit Federation competition Saturday, Nov. 15, at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs. Nashville competed in the Class 4A Game Day division. Erin Askew (second row, left) is the NHS cheer coach.



The Nashville Scrapperettes were third at the Lady Cat Invitational Tournament Nov. 13-15 at Conway High School.

### Scrapperettes in top 3 at Conway tourney

CONWAY - The Nashville Scrapperettes won two of three games to finish third at the Lady Cat Invitational Tournament Nov. 13-15 at Conway High School.

The Scrapperettes opened the tournament with a 57-36 win over Life Prep from Wichita, Kan.

Karstyn Scrivner led Nashville with 17 points, followed by Emma Chambers with 13 and Ava Basiliere with 10.

The Scrapperettes faced Earle in the semifinals Nov. 14. Earle won 54-35 to send Nashville to the third-place game Nov. 14.

Scrivner was Nashville's leading scorer with 13 points. Lucy Hagler scored 6, with 5 for Basiliere.

In the consolation game Nov. 15, the Scrapperettes defeated Little Rock Christian 62-44 behind 22 points from Scrivner. Hagler added 9, with 7 for Chambers and 6 for Basiliere.

Earle went on to win the tournament championship, defeating the host Conway Lady Wampus Cats 67-50.

Prior to the Conway tournament, the Scrapperettes

Karstyn Scrivner (right) was named MVP of the Scrapperettes' 62-44 win over Little Rock Christian Nov. 15 in the Conway tournament.

traveled to Lonoke and defeated the Lady Jackrabbits

Scrivner was the leading scorer with 16 points, fol-

lowed by Basiliere with 12 and Kayla Bretado with 9. The Scrapperettes will

compete this week at the Lake Hamilton Classic.

They were scheduled to

play Greenwood Nov. 18 after the *News-Leader's* press

Nashville will take on Searcy at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.

The Scrapperettes will wrap up the classic against the host Lake Hamilton Lady Wolves at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

### Football contest winner correct on 8 of 10 Nashville's unexpected 2025 contest. Dardanelle 56, Malvern

exit from the high school football playoffs, along with Henderson's thrashing of Ouachita Baptist in college pairings made for a difficult weekend in the newspaper's

Frequent winner Jerry Bowden of Nashville managed 8 correct out of 10 picks and he is the winner in the land 6 first week of playoffs in the

Another surprising result 14 was Mineral Springs' big victory over Hampton in the

The Hornets are the only local team still in the play-

Actual scores of games in the contest: Arkadelphia 44, High-

Bauxite 28, Ozark 26

Mineral Springs 32, Hampton 6 Junction City 65, Bearden

Poyen 40, Gurdon 37

Carlisle 47, Spring Hill 6 Henderson State 41, Ouachita Baptist 14 LSU 23, Arkansas 22

Pocahontas 32, Nashville

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Meal Consists of turkey/dressing, ham, cranberry sauce, corn, green beans, roll and dessert.

Ridgeway Baptist Church had a vision to serve residents of Nashville and the surrounding communities during Thanksgiving.

THIS IS A FREE MEAL AND WILL BE AVAILABLE DRIVE THRU ONLY. Meals will be picked up in Activity Building located behind the church.

Meals will be delivered to shut-ins by calling Larry Elrod at 870-845-8814.

Ministry Effort of Ridgeway Baptist Church Peachtree/Hearn (on the hill behind Road Mart - Prescott Highway) Bro. Alan Cook is the pastor.

# Home&Heart Get Real: Teaching Teens Lessons That Last

### By Angie Freel **Howard County Family &**

**Consumer Science** twinkling across Howard County, many families are juggling festive plans with financial realities. For lo-Hanney's Careers class at Nashville Jr. High last week, one program is making those realities relatable: "Get Real,

Here's the Deal." This hands-on simulation, offered through the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service along with Extension Homemaker volunteers and community business partners, gives students a taste of adulthood by challenging them to manage a monthly budget based on a fictional job, salary, and family size. Participants navigate stations for housing, transportation, childcare, grocerexpenses—just like real life. Many discover how quickly money disappears when choices aren't intentional.

Why does this matter? Research shows experiential learning programs like this help teens build financial confidence and decisionmaking skills early, which can prevent costly mistakes later in life. Students leave understanding that every dollar counts—a lesson that resonates even more during the holiday season when spending pressures soar.

### **Holiday Spending:** Tips to Keep Your **Budget in Check**

any budget, but a little planning goes a long way. Here are practical tips from finan- diced tomatoes cial educators:

### Set a Holiday Limit

Decide how much you can afford overall, then break drained, rinsed it down by category—gifts, food, travel, and decorations. Stick to it.

Make a Gift List Early

Prioritize recipients and brainstorm affordable ideas. As holiday lights start Consider family gifts or experiences instead of individual presents.

Track Every Expense

cal students in Christie a simple notebook. Seeing numbers in black and white helps curb impulse buys.

### **Shop Smart and Early**

Take advantage of sales like Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Spread purchases out to avoid a big financial

### hit all at once.

Think Outside the Box Handmade gifts, baked goods, or a "coupon book" for babysitting or yard work can be more meaningful than

store-bought items. **Plan Potluck Gatherings** Sharing the cost of holiday meals saves money and

### **Avoid Credit Card Debt**

Experts recommend usies, and even unexpected ing cash or debit to prevent overspending. If you use credit, pay it off quickly to avoid interest charges.

Bottom line: Whether you're a student learning through "Get Real, Here's the Deal" or a parent who is planning holiday expenses, the message is the samebudgeting matters. With a little foresight and creativity, you can enjoy the season without starting the new year in debt.

### Recipe of the Week Slow Cooker

**Chicken Tortilla Soup** 1 yellow onion, finely

chopped

2 pounds boneless, skin-The holidays can strain less chicken breasts, cut into thirds

1 (28ox.) can fire-roasted

1 (19 oz.) can red enchilada sauce

1 (15oz.) can black beans,

1 (15 ox.) can corn, drained

2 ½ cups chicken broth 1 teaspoon chili powder

### Pike County pecan orders ready for pick-up

servation District's pecan information, call 870-285orders have arrived and 2424 or drop by the office folks can pick orders up at 131 N. Kelly St. Suite C., Mondays, Tuesdays and Murfreesboro.

The Pike County Con- Wednesdays. For more

In last week's newspaper, candidate for Howard County coroner Alan Laxton was misidentified as Alex Laxton. The newspaper regrets the error.





1 teaspoon cumin

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/3 cup shredded cheddar, plus more for serving

¼ cup heavy cream

Kosher salt (optional) Sour Cream, Chopped Use a budgeting app or fresh cilantro, lime wedges, and crushed tortilla chips, for serving

**Instructions**:

In a slow cooker, combine

onion, chicken, tomatoes, cooker and stir in cheese and enchilada sauce, beans, corn, broth, chili powder, cumin, and garlic powder. Cook on High for 3 hours, until chicken is tender and an instant-read thermometer inserted into thickest part registers 165°.

Transfer chicken to a cutting board or plate and shred the University of Arkansas with 2 forks. Return to slow System Division of Agricul-

cream. Cook on Low until cheese is melted, about 5 minutes; season with salt, if needed. Divide soup among bowls. Top with sour cream, cilantro, a squeeze of lime, crushed chips, and more cheddar, as desired.

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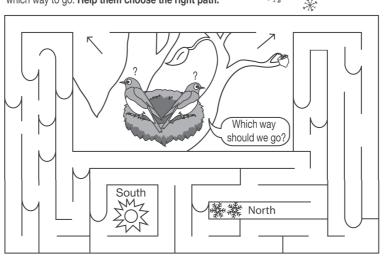
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**DONATION FOR NASHVILLE'S BREAD OF LIFE.** State Representative Dolly Henley (center) was joined by Bread of Life officers and volunteers as well as Lance Whitney (back row second from left) of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance last week when presenting a \$500 check to the service. The funds were made available through a AHRA fundraiser called Serving Up Solutions, where legislators, including Henley, waited tables and acted as servers for hundreds of donors. Henley also made a \$500 donation that same day to a soup kitchen in Hope.



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# Sports

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# Hats Off to The Hornets

### No. 4 Mineral Springs enters second round after upsetting No. 1 Hampton

Head Coach Jarrod Jackson. "We're playing our best football of the year, and the playoff win over a 9-1 Hampton squad proves that."

Indeed, the Hornets were certainly up for the challenge after the two-hour bus ride to Hampton and put an aggressive 32-6 whipping on the home team.

"Our guys have stayed the course, locked in during practice and film study, and they deserve every bit of the Hampton fourth down. credit," Jackson said following the win. "We're getting better every week, and I still don't think we've played chasing that standard every

The Hornets will get another shot at that goal Friday night when they face the Des Arc Eagles of 2-2A, who advanced to the second round after beating Hector 58-36.

The Eagles will come in as a three seed at 7-4, averaging around 40 points per game, and "they're as run-heavy as it gets. They've got a tough quarterback and a downhill fullback who runs with purpose," Jackson noted.

doubt about it, but that's fourth-and-long took over what this time of the year is on downs at the 27 with 3:03 about."

If the Hornets are to pre-

"I'm extremely proud of vail, Jackson said the team circus catch from Staten and Hornets to maintain an 18-6 our team," said first-year will have to play "smart, dis-Mineral Springs Hornet ciplined, assignment football for four full quarters. And our guys are ready for that

> Friday in Hampton, the Hornets and Bulldogs played a defensive battle in the first quarter with neither offense reaching the end zone. The Hornets forced a Bulldog fumble on their first possession but a few plays later the Hornets fumbled the ball right back inside the 10-yard line before forcing a

The first points came just a minute into the second quarter and came from the Hornets' special teams. our best game yet. We're Freshman Jamerian Staten scored on a long punt return and quarterback Keithen Green dashed in for the twopoint play for a 8-0 lead with 11:04 left in the first half.

It was then time for more defense from Hornets with another forced fourth down and take over on downs. The offense sputtered on the next drive after getting within the Hampton 20 and a high snap on a fourth and long resulted in Hampton taking over on downs.

The Hornets responded "It's a big challenge, no and after forcing another left in the half.

Despite a one-handed

a long run from Cortney Thomas, the drive fizzled on a fourth down and the Hornets held an 8-0 lead at the half.

After covering an onside kick attempt to start the second half, the Hornets' offense stalled again and punted the ball away. The Hornet defense had the Bulldogs going backwards on the next drive and forced another punt, but the MS offense also turned the ball over on downs after a failed fourth-down conversion.

At this point in the second half, neither offense had put any points on the board.

The Hornets defense kept that trend alive and sacked the Hampton QB in the end zone for a two-point safety and a 10-0 lead.

Hornets had another fruitless drive, but then so did the Bulldogs as the MS defense continued to push them backwards as the third quarter expired.

The Hornet offense finally found the end zone with 11:07 left in the game when Staten broke a TD run and Brandon Allen pulled in a two-point pass for an 18-0

Hampton's offense finally hit pay dirt with 10:19 left in the game but the two-point play was shot down by the

Hornet Staten increased the lead to 24-6 with a TD run with 6:47 left in the game and QB Dixon ran the score

After recovering a Hampton fumble with 6:39 left, the Hornets scored again on a Dixon run to to set the 32-6 win.

The Hornets racked up 334 yards of offense with  $Q\hat{B}$ Dixon hitting 6/20 passes for 108 yards and 226 on the ground. Staten led the rushing with 10 carries for 117 yards and two TDs. C. Thomas rushed 10/82 yards and QB Dixon had 15/22 yards and one TD.

Keiadrian Nunally rounded out the rushing with two carries for five vards.

Hornet receivers included Taking the free kick, the K. Nunally with 2/52 yards, AK Olden with 1/35 yards, Staten with 3/18 yards and B. Allen with 1/3 yards. Dixon threw one interception on the night.

Christian Matlock topped the Hornet tackle chart with 10 solo stops and three tackles for losses.

Carter Steward, J. Staten and C. Stuart all registered six solo stops while Cayden Collins and A. Maxwell had five each. C.Collins is credited with the safety and A. Maxwell added two tackles



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# What's Your Goal?

# AGFC K9 unit locates missing hunter

2025 MS Hornet Schedule

### ву Kandy Zellers

AG&FC K9 "Hunter" sniffed his way to a reward after tracking down a lost hunter on Poison Springs Wildlife Manageopening week of deer season

last week. Hunter's handler, Game Warden Doug Martisek, and were contacted by the AGFC Radio Room at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 12 after receiving a call from the Ouachita County Sheriff's Office about the hunter not returning from his hunt like his initial plans had indicated.

The game wardens arrived at the missing hunter's truck, which had been found by Ouachita County Sheriff's Office staff and deployed Hunter who quickly alerted to a track. The trio followed the track to the hunter's deer stand, which had been abandoned, and then continued

"We followed the track CAMDEN — Arkansas for about 300 yards, and Game and Fish Commission Hunter started popping his head up, searching for scent in the air instead of on the ground," Martisek said.

"About that time we ment Area during the area's heard the missing hunter shout and we followed his voice the last 50 yards to his location."

The 77-year-old hunter Game Warden Tyler Asher had gotten turned around in the woods and had sat down at the edge of a pine plantation.

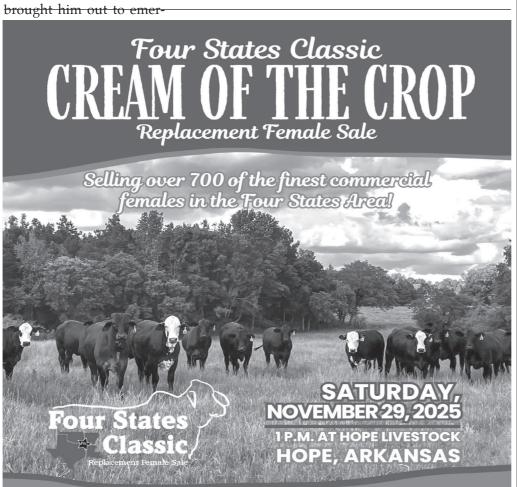
Sheriff's deputies loaded him onto an ATV and

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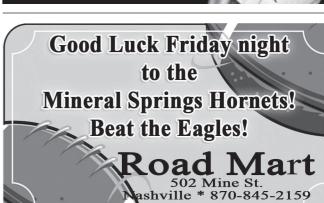
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Bauxite at Mills	Mills	Bauxite	Mills
Cross County at Junction Ciy	JCity	JCity	JCity
Pocahontas at Prairie Grove	Pocahontas	Prairie Grove	Pocahontas
NW Missouri State at Harding	Harding	Harding	Harding
Missouri at Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Kentucky at Vanderbilt	Vandy	Kentucky	Vanderbilt
Tennessee at Florida	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Arkansas at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Mineral Springs at Des Arc	Des Arc	MS	Des Arc



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER Karson Chambers (5) slips past the Pocahontas defender during the Redskins' 32-13 win over Nashville Friday, Nov. 14.

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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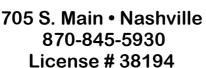


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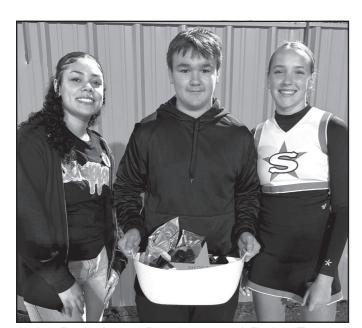
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# Season finale for Scrappers

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Amiya Pryor, Lucas Pennington and Parker Tate are ready for the sportsmanship presentation to Pocahontas before the playoff game.



Future Scrappers sing the Nashville Alma Mater before the Class 4A playoff game against Pocahontas Friday night, Nov. 14. Young football players from kindergarten through sixth grade were recognized on the field during pre-game ceremonies.



Hayden Gray (7) breaks up a Pocahontas pass during the Redskins' 32-13 upset victory over Nashville Friday night, Nov. 14, at Scrapper Stadium. The Scrappers ended the season 8-3 and were District 7-4A champions.



The Pocahontas player appears to be down, and the ball does not seem to break the plane of the goalline before he was stopped, but the play was ruled a Redskin touchdown in the playoff game last Friday night.



Maddon Arnold (left) and Peyton Fritts (right) interview injured Scrapper Carson Kirby on the first-ever Scrap Media pre-game show Nov. 14.



Scrapper cheerleaders ride a fire truck and toss candy (including a Tootsie Roll) into the crowd along Main Street in the playoff parade Friday, Nov. 14, before the game against Pocahontas.



Bryce Perrin returns to the sideline after scoring a Scrapper touchdown.



The Scrappers take the field before their playoff game against Pocahontas Nov. 14 at Scrapper Stadium.



yards for the Scrappers.



Band members play during halftime of the playoff game last Friday night, Nov. 14, at Scrapper Stadium



Cheerleaders perform one of their routines at halftime, accompanied by the Scrapper

# It's not just another college football game. It's the 98th

# Battle of the Ravine



Isaac Bourne interviews the radio voice of the OBU Tigers Rex Nelson and the Football Doctor Dr. Jeff Root before the Battle of the Ravine Nov. 15 at Ouachita



Ouachita and Henderson bands perform an Armed Forces salute during halftime.



Ouachita quarterback Tre Nichols eludes Henderson tacklers Saturday afternoon at Cliff Harris Stadium. Henderson won the storied Battle of the Ravine 41-14.



OBU's Carter McElhany from Tre Nichols.



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scores on a 45-yard pass Henderson State defenders converge on OBU ballcarrier Jaylen Boardley (15).

Battle of the Ravine Saturday, Nov. 15 OBU's Cliff Harris Stadium Henderson 41, Ouachita 14



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Henderson quarterback Andrew Edwards (15) outruns Tiger defenders Mario Ganter Jr. (5) and Gabe Bonner (12) on his way to a Reddie touchdown



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OBU defenders Braylon Johnson (29) and Elijah Mason (24) stop Henderson's Jeremiah Davis.

# SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Karstyn Scrivner, Nashville



Karstyn, a **Scrapperette** senior, scored 22 points and received All-Tournament honors after Nashville's 62-44 win over Little Rock Christian Nov. 15 at the Lady Cats Invitational in Conway.



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# **GRONKED!**

\$1 Million Grand Prize delivered with huge party for Dierks High School

By John Balch **News-Leader Staff** 

"The whole entire nation felt it!" former NFL all-pro tight end and T-Mobile pitchman Rob "Gronk" Gronkowski told a packed house last Friday morning as helped deliver the \$1 million grand prize check to Dierks High School for winning the nationwide Friday Night 5G Lights

sweepstakes. Gronk, along with T-Mobile CEŎ Srini Gopalan were on hand for the big event and both marveled at the community drive involved and the fact that small-town Dierks had earned close

24 schools in the top 25 totaled just six mil-

Your pride and passion has been incredible to watch," Gopalan said.

Gronk and the CEO also seemed equally impressed with the enthusiasm of the massive crowd gathered which was being hyped up by swirling lights and a DJ's banter and music.

"This isn't just about football," Outlaw Head Coach and Athletic Director Paul Ernest told the crowd. "It's about heart, hard work and hometown pride."

As this year's sweepstakes winner, Dierks will receive a major football stadium transformation valued at \$1 million along with a Gronk Fitness weight room renovation, consultation with stadium experience experts, an all-expenses-paid trip to the SEC championship game on Dec 6 for 16 school representatives and a big tailgate party reveal for the finalized upgrades in 2026.

As the check was being held aloft by Gronk with CEO Gopalan and Coach Ernest and the school's new banner declaring Dierks the contest winner was unveiled, tons



confetti began to fill the air. The presentation ended with Gronk onstage, still holding the check high, swaying and singing "We Are The Champions" with those in attendance, including hundreds of school

As much as the crowd loved Gronk, the real crowd favorite seemed to be country music major upstart Bailey Zimmerman, whose three-piece started the event earlier with a rendition of the National Anthem.

"BZ" and band came back to the

to two million votes to win while the other stage when the confetti cleared and performed a lively set featuring songs that had the student body crowding the stage and singing every word, all while filming with their phones.

> Zimmerman, an Illinois native, is a multi-platinum singer-songwriter and has been described as one of country music's "brightest stars." After first gaining attention by posting original songs to social media in 2020, he found himself in the spotlight with the viral success of "Fall in Love," which made him the fastest debut country artist to reach No. 1 on the Billboard country airplay charts in over a decade.

> The event also included recognition of local and state officials in attendance and the ones who got the ball rolling with entering the contest, including Krystal Greene, Kara Tedford and DHS teacher Adriana Hogg. The day's events were not only confined to inside the gym, as several vendors and activities were on school grounds to continue the party outside.

> As Coach Ernest noted in his opening remarks, "This has been an incredible morning, one you'll remember for years to come."

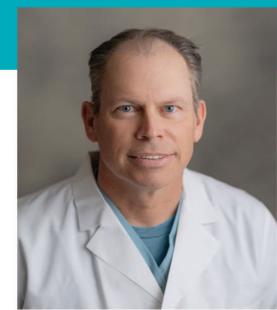


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### Pike County District Court

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**Pike County** Allen, Ricky Andrew 71, Glenwood, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined

Anderson, Jacob Allen, 37, Gurdon, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220

Bailey, Ronnie D., 75, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat

Baro, Jacky, 26, De Queen,

\$140 BF, speeding Bolanos, Jonatan, 19, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined

Brown, Bailey Anne, 19, Amity, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$315 BF, no proof of no seat belt; \$205 BF, failure ing to appear

Carter, Markheyvian, 30, Spiro, Okla., \$150 BF, speed-

Chodor, Vincent Rocco, 43, Cadiz, Ky., \$125 BF, improper passing; \$205 BF, failure to appear

Christ, Lakesha Ann, 41, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined

Cogburn, Derrick C., 36, Amity, \$205 BF, failure to pay

Conway, Matthew, 62, Spring, Texas, \$140 BF, driving vehicle with object in dangerous fashion

Cox, Hannah Michaela, 27, Glenwood, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Dinger, Dustin G., 31, Delight, guilty of failure to pay, \$590 balance

Edin, Mancilla Veliz, 41, Hot Springs, \$140 BF, failure to fix or display license plates; \$140 Bf, no driver's

license Flowers, Robert A III, 31,

Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of prohibited driving with accident, fined \$225; guilt of leaving scene of accident, find \$195

Hamilton, Kylie Paige, 18, Amity, no vehicle license, under advisement for three months to dismiss

Henderson, Damien Damon, 33, Bucker, \$140 BF,

son, 55, Centerton, \$230 BF, belt, fined \$45

39, Amity, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license sus-

pended and must complete DWI educational course Jamison, Emily Anne, 26, Little Rock, \$14 BF, failure to Murfreesboro, \$160 BF, no ure to pay, \$1,259 balance

register tags/expired Kiser, Zachary Jonathan,

35, Wright City, Okla., \$45 BF, no seat belt

McMillian, Branson, 17, Nashville, \$150 BF, speeding

Morris, Jacob Mark, 34, Bryant, \$125 BF, speeding; \$220 BF, failure to appear

Morris, Robert A., 48,

Umpire, guilty of no proof Hope, \$160 BF, speeding of liability insurance, fined

Morse, Johnny Lee, 55, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$465 balance; \$125 BF, failure to register tags/ expired; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Norwood, Christina M., 34, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,646 balance

Owens, Richard Robert,

20, Kirby, \$150 BF, speeding Phipps, Kimberly Elaine, 50, Little Rock, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325

Preas, Jaxon Cody, 18, Petty, Texas, \$150 BF, speeding Pullie, Michael Lee, 60,

liability insurance; \$45 BF, Little Rock, \$170 BF, speed-

Seale, Devyn Makayla, 20, Batesville, \$140 BF, speeding Sheets, Marlee Madison, 19, Amity, guilty of no proof

of liability insurance, fined

Spears, Michael Ray, 64, Ashdown, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete

DWI educational course Stone, Deana M., 43, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined

Teel, Brent H., 37, Delight, \$330 BF, no proof of liability

Thermidor, Markandy, 44, Kennesaw, Ga., \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$180 BF, speeding

Wasson, Korey Michal, 26, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to

Woodruff, Joyce M., 87, Murfreesboro, \$140 BF, driving left of center

**City of Murfreesboro** Clayton, Charles H., 32, Dierks, \$160 BF, speeding

Combs, Stephenie Gosnell, 45, Murfreesboro, guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$160; guilty of failure to present liability insurance, Holcomb, Donald Ja- fined \$85; guilty of no seat

Homan, Natasha Lunn, Murfreesboro, guilty of driv- \$350; guilty of violation of Iging with suspended license, fined \$360

> Edwards, Roger, 53, Sanger, Texas, \$160 BF, no child restraint device

Goolsby, James H., 69, child restraint device

freesboro, guilty of failure to nance regulating noise emistransfer at Arkansas license, fined \$160

Quashaun, 32, Nashville, guilty of theft of property, fined \$405

McMorris, Brinda R., 32,

Newton, Dwayne, 49, Murfreesboro, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license

Patillo, David Andrew, 25, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$85; guilty of speeding, fined \$115; guilty of failure to appear, fined

Pounds, Kayla Marie, 32, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$525 balance

Rauch, Casey L., 38, Murfreesboro, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license

Rowton, Johnny Dewayne, 34, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Stone, Nicholas, 39, Okolona, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$240 BF, failure to appear

Walters, Timothy R., 63, Murfreesboro, guilty of theft of property, fined \$470 plus \$32.69 restitution

Wilson, Caiden Andrew, 22, Murfreesboro, \$350 BF, no proof of liability insur-

### **Arkansas Game** & Fish Commission

Allison, Garrett Shane, 30, Alexander, guilty of big game checking requirements, fined \$385

### City of Glenwood

Bellamy, Dustin Dakota, 21, Marshall, Mo., \$45 BF, no seat belt

Bobo, Casey W., 38, Norman, \$170 BF, speeding

Clark, Audesie L., 18, Wood River, Neb., \$245 BF, failure to yield accident; \$240 BF, failure to appear

51, Bauxite, \$170 BF, speed-

Cogburn, Jacob Dempsey, 21, Glenwood, \$160 BF, expired vehicle license/tags; \$160 BF, no driver's license; \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Cook, Jeremy Scott, 37, Glenwood, \$220 BF, speed-

Cox, Jesse, 41, Amity, \$230 BF, leaving scene of accident

Duran, Christopher Rosas, 20, De Queen, \$170 BF,

Emory, Peyton Eugene, 26, Glenwood, \$160 BF, failure to stop or yield

Estes, James Naiver, 24, Glenwood, \$160 BF, failure to register within 30 days

Johnson, Chance T., 41, Amity, guilty of no proof Dean, James Charles, 51, of liability insurance, fined nition Interlock Device Act. fined \$205; guilty of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$255

Norwood, Christina M., 34, Glenwood, guilty of fail-

Ross, Landen Cole, 18, Jordon, Rosie, 47, Mur- Glenwood, \$165 BF, ordi-

sion within city limits Ruis, Molly Raylene, 32, Jordan, Shaunte Norman, guilty of criminality trespass, fined \$210

Smith, Sheri L., 45, Kirby, failure to register tags/expired, under advisement

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for three months to dismiss; failure to appear, under advisement for three months

Tedder, Maisy Addison, 22, Hot Springs, \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Tubbs, John, 47, Batesville, \$260 BF, failure to yield-

Williams, Emily Suzanne, 46, Foreman, \$160 BF, speed-

. Williams, Nicole Dianne, 38, Glenwood, guilty of endangering welfare of minor,

\$785; guilty of seconddegree criminal mischief, fined \$510

Williamson, Jeremy La-

ray, 45, Glenwood, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$550

Young, Clayton J., 47, Bismarck, \$160 BF, failure to register tags/expired

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**Pike County** 

Anderson, Xzavier Timothy, 28, Hot Springs, \$170 BF, speeding

Kerbersky, Thomas Dalton, 21, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Sulfer, Ceji Shyan, 38, Glenwood, guilty of speeding, fined \$180

& Fish Commission

**Arkansas Game** 

Floyd, Marshall D., 38, Murfreesboro, guilty of littering highway or road, fined \$245; guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$205

City of Glenwood Ransom, Leah, 24, Glen-

Clifton, Justin Anthony, wood, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$280

**Bench Trials Pike County** 

Campbell, Cameron Coo-

per, 18, Delight, speeding, under advisement for six months to dismiss

Driggers, Mitzie Dawn, 44, Moore Haven, Fla., \$530 BF, third-degree domestic

Hughes, Amber Danyale,

38, Arkadelphia, guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$140; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45 Jordan, Lynne Kbrin, 30,

domestic battery, under advisement for one year to Ketchum, Chester, 43, Amity, third-degree domes-

tic battery, under advisement for one year to dismiss Nuckols, Jim David, 62,

Hot Springs, \$1,0/0 BF, DWI Vengas, Jose Ziga, 49, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$195 BF, leaving scene of accident-property damage; \$125 BF, refusing to submit to chemical test; \$500

BF, resisting arrest City of Murfreesboro

Campbell, Cameron Cooper, 18, Delight, \$170 BF, speeding

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### **MERRY 'GRINCHMAS' BREAKFAST COMING TO MURFREESBORO**

For more than 10 years, the Murfreesboro High School Band Boosters has hosted "Breakfast with Santa" to help raise funds for the band. The funds raised are used to support the band program, any instrument needs, or meals on band trips. Several years ago, the Rattler Band Boosters, saw a need and made the choice to not only help raise funds for the band but provide a fun and family-oriented event. As Kira Staten, the Murfreesboro High School Band director states, "The kids always love helping with it, and the community looks forward to it every year." Last year the Boosters changed things up a little by inviting the Grinch to Breakfast, and with the enthusiastic response, he will be back again this year. Breakfast will be held on Dec. 6, starting at 9 a.m., at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 716 N Washington in Murfreesboro. Cost will be \$5, and this includes breakfast, crafts, a treat, and a digital photo with the Grinch.

### 'Jack of all trades' files for Pike County judge

Robert Shelby has announced his plans to run for Pike County judge. The following is his announcement:

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"To tell you a little about myself, I have been happily married to my wife Teresa Jackson Shelby for almost 33 years. Together we have three children and two grandchildren. I have resided in Pike County for most of my life and consider it the best place to live and raise a family. "From an early age, I have

been working in construction, whether it be roofing, framing homes, building Caddo Valley, third-degree roads or working on equipment. I'm a jack of all trades I was also a certified part-time two deputy for Pike County sheriff's department as well



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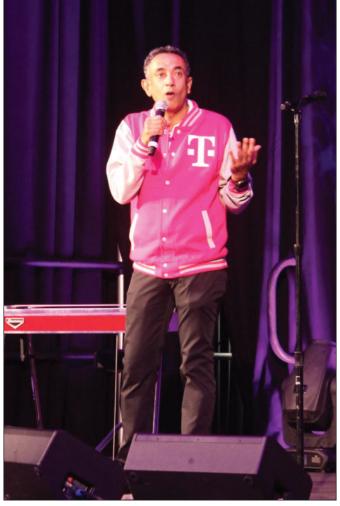
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### **HC** Historical Society's Christmas Open House Dec. 1 after parade

The Howard County Historical Society's Hometown Christmas Open House will be held Monday, Dec. 1, following the Nashville Christmas parade.

The event will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Old City Hall/Fire Station at 115 West Sypert in Nashville. Santa, crafts and refreshments will be available.

The antique fire wagon and vintage fire trucks will be on display next door and attendees are inviting to take the short stroll up the street to the E.A. Williams Chapel Museum. The museum features new displays and exhibits and there will be live entertainment from Mark Keith and the Bluegrass Reunion. The event is free.

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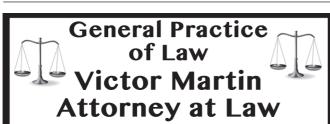
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# Murfreesboro council gets on board with 'Glen Campbell Memorial Highway" project

By John Balch **News-Leader staff** 

The City of Murfreesboro has joined the local and state efforts to establish a Glen Campbell Memorial Highway with the passage of a special resolution for parts of highways 26 and 301.

City Council members approved the resolution during its November meeting and the subject is currently gaining ground in the form of legislation. The memorial concept was originally started by former Murfreesboro Tourism & Advertising Commission member Jonathan Lance and will require similar resolutions to be approved by the Pike County Quorum Court and the the City of Delight.

Resolution No. 2025-9 notes that Campbell was born in Billstown in 1936 and grew up in Pike County and "always considered it his home." Campbell is buried in Campbell Cemetery in Billstown.

"It's only fitting that the highways leading to his home and final resting place be appropriately honored."

The resolution supports designating certain sections of state highway 26 and 301 which lie within the city limits and was approved

by unanimous council vote. In other business, Mayor Jim O'Neal reported that the appeal of the city's low to moderate income (LMI)

status, which made the city "too rich" to apply for big grants due to a lack of housing and lots of rental property, was successful. He said the city is "back in business" with pursuing grants and thanked former city employee Carolyn Cox and current administrative assistant Penny Lamb for their involved work.

Also during the November meeting, the council approved Jack Bennett for reappointment to the city's waterworks commission. His term will be for three

Mayor O'Neal also informed the council that Nashville Animal Control is "back at work" and a new animal control officer has been hired.

As the council was preparing to discuss the proposed 2026 budget, Mayor O'Neal called for a motion to go in to closed executive session to discuss "his administrative assistant" Lamb, who also holds the elected position of city recorder/freasurer.

After the closed session reconvened in public, the mayor said the issue of administrative assistant would be addressed in the budget talks, which included discussion for employee pay raises. No action or votes were taken by the council following the closed session.

The council then began

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discussing employee raises and was prepared to approve 4.5 percent raises when council member Betty O'Neal questioned if the raises would cover every-

Council member Jane Fugitt responded that "we" (the council) had decided to adjust the salary of the recorder/treasurer position from \$11,427 to \$15,000 in lieu of giving the administrative assistant position the 4.5 percent pay increase like the other employees.

Fugitt later made a motion to reflect the council's decision about the pay increase and it passed with council member Mark Barnes abstaining from the vote due to family relations.

(Editor's Note: It is the opinion of this newspaper, based on the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, that the closed executive session was questionable at the very least. The stated intent for the closed session concerned the city's administrative assistant but when council members reconvened they were prepared to offer the elected position of recorder/treasurer a pay raise. This decision made following the closed session indicates that in the closed session the council discussed pay raises and the elected position of recorder/ treasurer, both of which this newspaper contends are ex*empt from executive sessions.)* 

Facts About 1



**GETTING DECORATED.** Maira Couch of Ivan Smith Furniture gets busy last week preparing for the Nashville Chamber of Commerce's business holiday decorating contest. The contest is open to all businesses and will included two divisions - large (10 or more employees) and small (less than 10 employees). The winner in each category will receive a traveling trophy to be held for one year then passed on to the next year's winners. For more information about any of the NCC's events, call the office at (870) 845-1262 or contact Pinkerton at (870) 845-7034.

### Nashville man cited after dog bites mailman

A Nashville man has been cited for allowing his dog to run at large after it took a bite out of a Nashville mail carrier.

Jorge Pioquinto, 19, was issued a citation for a violating city ordinance by Nashville Patrolman Jason Icenhower following an incident on Nov. 8 around 300 College Street. Nashville mail carrier Jim Kirkham, 58, of Delight, was bit below the left knee by a dog owned by Pioquinto with his injuries resulting a trip to the hospital to receive seven stitches. Kirkham told the officer he recognized the dog and where it belonged because it had tried to bite him before but only nipped his pant leg instead.

### Charges filed for mushroom grow found in Nashville

Two Nashville residents have been charged in Howard County Circuit Court for allegedly having an illegal mushroom grow in their

Reveina George, 46, and Lonnie Lunsford, 41, were charged Nov. 11 with manufacturing psilocybin mushrooms, maintaining a drug premise and proximity to certain facilities.

According to case information, a domestic disturbance onOct. 27 led Nashville offices to 902 South Ansley Street in Nashville. Upon arrival, a fight was apparent inside the home and the officers entered "with exigent circumstances."

Once inside, officer observed mushrooms and other containers consistent with the manufacturing of the illicit fungi and George and Lunsford were arrested on unrelated charges.

The enhanced proximity charge stems from the home's location, which was approximately 100 feet from the New Testament Holy Ghost Tabernacle on East Russell Street.

When George was interviewed, she said she had knowledge of the illicit grow but that her only job involved was washing jar. Lunsford told investigators during his interview that he had no knowledge of the grow and stated it all belonged to his girlfriend, George.

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YOUTH HUNTERS. Six-year-old Karter Smith (left) was very happy to bag his first buck in Howard County on the opening day of season. The buck was an 8-point measuring 19 inches. The young hunter is the grandson of Jerry and Lorraine Fisk of Nashville. Sadie Bailey (right) of Nashville also recently bagged her first deer while hunting with her dad, Brant, and sister, Emalea. Her mom is Cynthia, a teacher with the Nashville School District.

Local man, 20, charged with CSAM

A 20-year-old Nashville man has been charged in Howard County Circuit Court for allegedly being involved in child sexual abuse material.

Aiden Carter Evans, was charged Nov. 13 with pandering or pressing visual or print medium depiction sexually explicit conduct invalid a child.

An investigation into Evans started in August after a cyber tip was received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and eventually led to Evans' email address, screen name and IP address being involved. The case involves the uploading of images and videos online using an app called "Kik."

A search warrant was executed at Evans' home on Nome Drive in Nashville on Oct. 14 when electronic devices were seized.

Later, Evans reportedly confessed to owning the Kik account in question.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14 THE 2025 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET

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

SECTION 1: The 2025 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2024-14 should be Amended as follows:

Howard County Courthouse Maintenance General Supplies (1000-0108-2001) should increase by \$332.13. The increase comes from a reimbursement check from Pitney

Bowes for postage meter. Howard County Sanitation Retirement Matching (3009-0701-1007) should increase by \$537.29. The increase comes from a reimbursement check from APERS due to a refund

for membership contributions for Marion L. Scott. Howard County Senior Citizen Building Materials and Supplies (1803-0111-2020) should increase by \$5,000.00. This

money comes from Howard County General Fund. SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect

from and after its passage.

Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge

Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk October 20, 2025

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

THE 2025 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE. BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT

OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS: SECTION 1: The 2025 Howard County Budget Ordinance

No. 2024-14 should be Amended as follows: Howard County Sheriff's Salaries Full-Time (1000-0400-

1001) should increase by \$83.43. The increase comes from a reimbursement check from Association of Arkansas Counties Worker's Compensation Trust for Todd Tallant.

Howard County 911 Machinery and Equipment (Other Than Vehicles) (3020-0501-4004) should increase by \$45,564.28. This increase comes from a transfer from the Contingency Fund.

SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect

from and after its passage. Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge

Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk November 17, 2025

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### Nashville Primary School

# **Thankful Lists**

Ginger Blue's Kindergarten Class

Natalia Carrillo - I am thankful for my mom and my dad, my grandma, and my

Naomi Cochran - I am thankful for ice

cream, chocolate cake, and my family. Naelahni Everett - I am thankful for my grandparents, my animals, and my sister.

Armani Gaston - I am thankful for my mom, my brother, my sister, and my

Remora Holmes - I am thankful for pizza, popcorn, and my family.

Enzo Landa - I am thankful for my mom, my food, my dad, and my dog.

Monty Mason - I am thankful for my

dog, my cat, and my parents. Hudson Moore- I am thankful for my

cat, my dog, and my family. Rowdy Rodgers - I am thankful for my

sister, my stuffed animal named Sonic, and my family.

Oaklyn Ruffaner - I am thankful for pizza, my family, and my dog

Jimena Santos - I am thankful for my grandma, my family, and my toys.

Gaiige Scoggins-I am thankful for my dog, my family, and playing at the park.

Dawson Shaver - I am thankful for Valentines Day, my bike, and my mom. Layla Smith - Í am thankful for my dog, my toys, my desk, and my bed.

Jacob Spero - I am thankful for my baby brother, mommy, grandpa and

Kylie Stavely - I am thankful for my mom and my dad, my grandma, my brother, and the playground.

Khaza Wilson - I am thankful for Halloween, my mom, my granny, and my family. I also am thankful for school, the playground, friends, teachers, and the office.

Mrs. Blue is thankful for her class. Jennifer Pinkerton's Kindergarten

Najih Ali – my bike, my trampoline,

Hayden Bennett - my mama, my hoodie, and Hudson.

Hudson Bennett - tractors, excavators, and bulldozers.

Laney Chandler – being able to help my mom in the garden.

A'Lidiyah Coulter - superheroes and

princesses. Jordyn Gammage – being in this class,

my parents, and cousins. Lattie Goodwin - my class, eating turkey, my parents, and my family.

Bennett Harris - my trampoline. Eva Hernandez – turkey, my sister,

Bridger Howard - church, school, and

playing football. Trinity Hupp – my pets, my mom and

dad, and my friends. Sy'Mir Johnson – my family, the bowl-

ing alley, and going out to eat.

Wade Reed – my parents, my big sister, my little brother, my Nana, and my

JT Serrano – my neighbors, my pets,

my uncle John, and all my family. Becklyn Wright – my mom and my

Bailey York - my family, my pets, and my friends.

Shannon White's Kindergarten Class

Elisabeth Alvarado-my mama. Thomas B Britt- Parker and Mrs.

White.

Harley Britton-my friends, my school

and my family. Mary Butcher- my family.

Parker Chesshir-my family.

Mallory Cody- my Nane and my mom

Jorge Fernandez-my mom and turkey. Madison Harris- my cat and my dog. Nicholas Harris-turkey.

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daddy and everyone. Yanuel Martinez-Fuentes-scarecrows. Charlesea Myrick- my friends and

my family. Elianna Ornelas- my mom and dad.

Axel Pacheco- my dog and my par-

Janson Reed- my family, Mrs. White and turkey.

Angela Dodd's Kindergarten Class

Ryleigh Benson is thankful for my Mom and Dad, and my little and big

Zyaire Burton is thankful for cheetahs, leopards, my Momma, and my Daddy.

Kaycion Carter is thankful for my sister, Carter, and my Mom.

Lonnicia Coulter is thankful for my Mommy, Daddy, my brother, my sisters, and my Grandma.

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Lilly Wallace is thankful for my baby sister, Luna, and Mattie, and for my Grandpa and Grandma.

Mrs. Dodd is thankful for a group of boys and girls that are eager to learn, my family and friends, and my Savior Jesus Christ.

### Jennifer Hill's Second Grade

Asher Clark- my family, cousins, food, and my house.

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Daleyza Fraire-God, my family, na-

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Taiya Hall-my family, Mrs. Hill, God, and the amazing sunshine.

Lorenzo Hines-Mrs. Hill, my mom, dad, and my brothers. Brandon Holmes-my family, my

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Cason Lockhart-my family, the sunshine, my cousins, and my home.

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Mason Willingham-my dog, my family, Mrs. Hill, and my school.

Italy Witherspoon-my family, my friends, my school and Mrs. Hill.

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### South Pike County School Board approves \$500 Christmas bonuses

By PJ Tracy **Murfreesboro Diamond** 

The South Pike County School Board unanimously approved a \$500 Christmas bonus for all employees in the school district at their November meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13.

District Superintendent Tanya Wilcher said she had watched the budget closely in the hopes of being able to give the bonuses.

"I'm very proud of our teachers and staff, and they all deserve it. I'd like to do more ... maybe at the end of the [school] year."

She said by passing the measure in November, the bonuses could be in the December checks and they could "plan on" the extra money for the holidays.

Wilcher also told board members that customers can purchase basketball passes at hudl.com for all home games this season. The passes are priced at \$70 each, saving \$14 off full gate admission prices.

The school will investigate energy upgrades the week after Thanksgiving to see if any money on current bills can be saved.

"[The partner] has seen all the bills and they make no promises ... but it is money we could spend elsewhere if something can be done," said Wilcher.

Wilcher said upgrades on the school track facilities were being planned. In addition to the long awaited grading of the practice running surface, the addition of storage building from the former school campus in Delight will provide room to hold track equipment. Wilcher said track coach Chuck Lowery was "excited" and that some of the

### Nashville couple facing charges in Hempstead Co.

A Nashville couple is facing felony drug charges in Hempstead County following a search by area area drug task force agents.

April Pittman, 46, and William Chambers, Jr., 62, were charged Nov. 10 with maintaining a drug premise and possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The charges are the result of a search warrant executed at 1667 Highway 27 South in September by agents from the 8th North Drug Task Force and 9th West Drug Task Force.

pit and the long jump pit in recent testing. could be "concreted in" providing for a more permanent location. In his high school report,

MHS principal Davey Jones said that practice tests for the ATLAS assessment was going well with a "good effort by the students." He also said attendance

by both teachers and students was improving – a point of emphasis going into this school year.

"We've been going at it since August – the teachers are tired, the students are tired and I'm tired," he said with a laugh. "But they are still teaching hard."

He suggested that the board tell instructors that they are appreciated when they see them.

would mean a lot from [the board] to recognize their efforts."

"Tell them thank you ... it

He also said fundraising was in "full force" from the school with various efforts.

"You will be hit up [with requests] ... if you can [afford] it, do it – if you can't, don't. But it's something we have to do." MES Principal James Ri-

ley said that he was "humble bragging" after the school's grow groups" had all showed progress in interim ATLAS testing.

The fifth and sixth grade

disciplines like the pole vault Horn all moved to level two

He said that all growth received rewards such as "free days" and that in the spring any growth at all will be given a "free day" in order to help morale.

The board passed a resolution to place a radio antenna on the old water tower in Delight (near the Baptist Church) for signal reach to Antoine.

All costs of the project will be bourn by the school and the antenna will be solar powered.

Wilcher said the biggest part of the expense was to pay someone to climb the tower to install the antenna.

### Pike County landfill no longer taking Class I garbage

Per the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, the Pike County landfill will no longer be able to take Class 1 garbage, which includes household trash, cardboard, paper, plastic, hazardous waste, etc.

Upon entering the landfill gate, residents will need to stop at the gate and speak with an operator before group under instructor Tana dumping, from this point on.

### 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.

 If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or electric utility. Also, when driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights may be out. Stop at all railroad crossings and treat road intersections with traffic signals as a four-way stop before proceeding with caution.



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