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Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

Holiday Market set for Saturday

By Melanie Schwartz

The Howard County Farmers Market is ending the season on a festive note with a special Holiday Market this Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shoppers will find a wide selection of local foods, handcrafted gifts, and community organizations—all gathered under one roof for a cheerful, holiday-themed morning.

A variety of seasonal foods will be available, including sourdough bread, lamb, honey, persimmons, jams, fried pies, baked and candied treats, and an assortment of handmade holiday crafts.

Food trucks Glory 2 God Café and Aunt B's Coffee will be serving breakfast and lunch options to enjoy while you shop.

This special market also features several community partners. The Howard County 4-H Teen Leaders will have fresh wreaths, garland, and cedar centerpieces available for purchase or pickup for those who pre-ordered.

Nashville Community Gardens will host an information table and a drawing for three free plants, and SWA Paws will be on site with adoptable dogs and information about volunteering.

For the full list of participating vendors, visit us on Facebook. You can also scan the QR code in this week's newspaper ad on page 5A to go directly to our page.

With local food, unique gifts, warm drinks, and community spirit, the Holiday Market is the perfect place to kick off the season. Join us this Saturday at 110 S. Washington Street in Nashville and shop local for the holidays.

Nashville Christmas parade rescheduled for Dec. 15

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Holiday season arrives

Even though the Christmas parade that was scheduled Dec. 1 was postponed, the holiday season is officially underway in Nashville, and the Chamber of Commerce is ready, according to NCC Executive Director Tim Pinkerton.

A winter weather advisory Monday, Dec. 1, led the chamber to postpone the parade until Dec. 15. Other activities will proceed as planned.

The chamber's shop-local campaign "Shopping Small Pays Big" will run through Dec. 19.

Pinkerton said that during the campaign if someone makes a purchase from your business in the amount of \$25 or more and they wish to be eligible to be reimbursed for that purchase (up to \$100), either duplicate their receipt or write their name, phone number and amount of purchase on a slip of paper and drop it into a receptacle of your choice.

On Dec. 19, participating businesses will bring their receptacles to the chamber office where officials will draw 10 receipts and "pay back" those receipts to the purchasers.

Any individual purchaser will only be eligible for one reimbursement, according to Pinkerton.

To add to the holiday festivities, the chamber is sponsoring a business holiday decorating contest.

The contest is open to all businesses and will include 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.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

GIFT IDEAS. Anna Blase of Nashville and her son Shawn Blase display some of Shawn's woodwork items at the Holiday Bazaar Monday, Dec. 1, at Midtown Social in Nashville



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DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS. The Howard County Historical Society's vintage fire truck greets guests Monday, Dec. 1, during Hometown Christmas at the Old Fire Station on Sybert Street.

Mayor sees progress in city as eventful year winds down

By Don Hall
News-Leader staff

Larry Dunaway, mayor of Nashville, has had an interesting year.

"That water project we've been working on—we're getting very close to getting some work done at the river and at the water plant."

The water project the mayor is talking about involves increasing the volume of water Nashville takes out of the Little Missouri River every day.

Currently 6 million gallons flow daily through the two pipelines from the pumping station near Murfreesboro. After the pumps are reconfigured, that total will go up to 10 million gallons per day.

"That'll give us plenty of capacity for any demand that'll be coming for probably the next 20 years," he said.

The upgrade was planned to be completed by now but got delayed when the government became involved.

"We got into a situation where we had to get some permits, es-

pecially one from the Corps of Engineers, and that put us behind a little bit," said Mayor Dunaway.

Now that the necessary permits are secured, the plan is to begin work within a couple of months and have the project completed by early fall.

The water that comes from the pipeline ends up in the city's lake and then in the water treatment plant, where work is also being done. "We're redoing the intake right now. It'll be a lot more efficient, and that, combined with dredging the lake to make it deeper, will allow us to get that increased amount of water into the treatment plant," said the mayor.

"Tyson is still planning on increasing their capacity at the processing plant, so that's one of the big reasons for this water plant upgrade," Dunaway explains. "They're looking at a pretty significant increase in their capacity, about 25%."

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News-Leader photo/DON HALL

BUSY YEAR. Nashville Mayor Larry Dunaway says the future looks bright for Nashville after progress in 2025.

Coach reflects on first season at helm

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

For Scrapper Coach Brad Chesshir, the 2025 football season started long before fall camp in early August.

He met with players shortly after being hired in December 2024 and started off-season in January 2025.

There was spring football, followed by team camp, 7-on-7 and summer workouts.

By the time fall camp came around, Chesshir had been with the Scrappers for eight months.

The season ended with a loss in the opening round of the state playoffs Nov. 14, but Chesshir says there were a number of positives along the way.

"There's a lot that's gone on

since Jan. 7" when off-season started. "I've been happy with the growth of the team and the program as a whole," Chesshir said.

"The standard was set as soon as I got here. Our kids did a pretty good job living up to it. The kids responded. They bought in. This led to positive results. We live in a result-based society. I saw results throughout the season," Chesshir said.

During spring football, "There were a lot of things to be done. Terminology changed. A lot of effort went into that. Our guys handled it well," according to Chesshir.

The Scrappers competed in summer 7-on-7. "We were pretty vanilla early on, trying to imple-

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News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON

ALL IN. Coach Brad Chesshir confers with defenders during Nashville's 24-23 win at Arkadelphia, one of his favorite memories from the season.

Obituaries



Lloyd H. Ashley
Lloyd H. Ashley, a cherished soul known for his kindness and love for life, passed away peacefully on No. 26, 2025, at his home in Mineral Springs, Ark. Born on Aug. 10, 1938, in Murfreesboro, Ark., Lloyd spent his formative years surrounded by the natural beauty of his birthplace, which instilled in him a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors. A retired Navy veteran, Lloyd dedicated many years of service to his country, a testament to his strength and commitment. His work history and involvement with various associations throughout his career reflected his strong work ethic and desire to contribute to his community. Family was the cornerstone of Lloyd's life. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Hellen Ashley, in 1998. His legacy continues through his children: Lloyd C. Ashley and Shane Hughes of Washington, Ind.; Jeff and wife Toni Ashley of Virginia Beach, Va.; Mike and wife Lisa Ashley of Hot Springs, Ark.; and Cindy and husband Curtis Smith of Mineral Springs, Ark. Lloyd was a proud grandfather to seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren, all of whom brought immense joy and light into his life. Lloyd's interests were a reflection of his love for the simple pleasures in life. He found solace and happiness in tending to his animals and working on his farm in Mineral Springs. His passion for music was undeniable; he loved playing his guitar and harmonica, often surrounded by his music friends who shared his enthusiasm. These gatherings were filled with laughter, song, and the warmth of good company. To know Lloyd was to know kindness personified. His gentle demeanor and generous spirit touched the lives of not only his family but also his friends and the broader community. He left an indelible mark on the hearts of those he met, and his memory will be treasured forever. Lloyd H. Ashley lived a full and meaningful life, and though he will be greatly missed, his spirit will continue to inspire those who knew him. As we bid farewell to this remarkable man, we celebrate the legacy of love and devotion he has left behind. His was a life well-lived, full of moments that will be cherished by his family and friends for generations to come.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 2025, at Nashville Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m., his funeral will follow on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Wayne Gaddis officiating. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery near Mineral Springs.

Mary Lou Bell Roberts
Mary Lou Bell Roberts, 70, of Billstown died Friday, Nov. 28, 2025, in Glenwood. She was born April 27, 1955, in Corvallis, Or., to the late Jack and Otha Stone Bell. She was a member of the Delight Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Larry Wayne Robert. Survivors include: daughters Cindy Vansickle and Terrie Williams; siblings, Diania Wilson, Ronnie Bell, Cheryl Buck, Deb Morris, and T.J. Cross; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family received friends from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025, at the Delight Church of Christ. Funeral services followed at 2. Burial was in Delight Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro. Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.

Music appreciation service set for Corinth First Baptist

Corinth First Baptist Church will hold a musical appreciation service Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2:30 p.m. The event will be in honor of musicians Tonja Stewart, pianist; and Ja'Torian Smalley, drummer. All choirs, soloists and groups are invited. The church is located at 279 Corinth Road in Mineral Springs. Maurice Henry, Sr., is the pastor.

No December dates for Christian Health Clinic

The Christian Health Clinic in Nashville will not conduct a clinic in December. The clinic is located at 121 W. Syptert in Nashville.

EH Club will host Dec. 11 blood drive in Center Point

The Moonlighters Extension Homemakers Club will sponsor a LifeShare blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 11. The drive will be 2-7 p.m. at the Center Point Community Center. Donors are asked to bring their donor card or other identification. For more information, call Cindy Harding at 870-451-3179. A drawing will be held at the end of the blood drive, and one donor will receive a certificate to Center Point Store.

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FIRST COMMUNITY COFFEE OF THE SEASON. Employees and officers of First State Bank were joined in the bank lobby, Tuesday morning, by members of the public along with Nashville Chamber of Commerce representatives for the first of many Christmas community coffees to come.

Community events launch the Christmas season



MISSED THE PARADE. State Rep. Dolly Henley was supposed to ride in Nashville's weather-cancelled Christmas Parade, but she came anyway. At the Christmas tree in the Lyon Center museum are Freddie Horne, president of the hosting Historical Society; Rep. Henley, and her husband, Paul Henley, former mayor of Washington.



REFRESHMENTS and model trains. Volunteer Christmas Elf Susan Stoffle served refreshments and escorted visitors during Monday night's open house at the museums. Behind her is a model train exhibit. Featured at the chapel museum were exhibits about famous sports, entertainment and business personalities who were born in Howard County.



BRIGHT EXHIBIT. Not all museum exhibits were indoors at the Christmas Open House, Monday night. Here, a family gets a close look at the 1948 Chevrolet fire truck which was the first 'new' truck purchased by the city.

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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Randy Elliott, left and Mike Walker on the right with Scrapper Coach Gary Segrest 1978.

131 years ago: 1894

The weather this week has been delightful for gathering cotton, and hundreds of bales of the fleecy staple have been brought to town.

Col. A. S. Hutchinson found weigher's receipt for two bales of cotton while looking over some papers last week. He sold the cotton to Col. Terry on the 15th of last November and went home without cashing in the tickets and later put them away and forgot all about them. He brought them to town last week and cashed them for something over \$70. He feels he is that much ahead.

A Clarksville genius has invented a device for weaning calves.

79 years ago: 1946

The Girl Scouts of Nashville will have a booth on Main Street Saturday afternoon for the convenience of anyone wanting to buy Christmas Seals. The funds are needed to carry on the fight against tuberculosis.

Miss Amanda Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reese of Nashville, a student at Henderson State Teachers College, was voted the most popular and the best dressed girl in the first Who's Who election sponsored by the *Oracle*, student newspaper.

(Adv.) Furs! Furs! We need hundreds of furs at once to fill our orders. E. A. Pate's Grocery. Route 3, Nashville

73 years ago: 1952

Sam Young, 93-year-old former slave of near Center Point, bought the first Christmas seals of the 1952 sale. One of the county's oldest residents, Sam said he was glad to help in the fight against tuberculosis because the disease had brought sorrow to his own family. He purchased the first sheet of Christmas seals from Mrs. R. J. Smithson, postmistress of Center Point.

Sam was born in a slave quarters of the Laurens County, South Carolina

plantation of the McCrary Family. When he was 6 years old, he came with Andy and Emma McCrary Young to Arkansas. They settled near Center Point where Sam lives today.

47 years ago: 1978

Performing his magic act, Uncle Sam was able to pocket an extra \$47,600 or so in the past year at the expense of Howard County residents. It was accomplished by means of a coin trick that only the Government is at liberty to perform.

Involved was the distribution of coins bearing such markings as 50 cents, 25 cents, 10 cents, etc. with intrinsic metallic values that were far less than these amounts. The difference between the face value of the coins minted in the fiscal year and their real intrinsic value came to no less than \$47,600 locally and \$750 million nationally. The profit which is called seigniorage, went directly into the general fund of the Treasury.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Nov. 20-26, 2025, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

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

Civil Court
CV25-136, Nov. 20. LVNV vs. Frances Fulcher. Debt.
CV25-137, Nov. 20. LVNV vs. Amy Faulkner. Debt.
CV25-138, Nov. 21. Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration vs. Derrick Graham. Register Arkansas Judgment.
CV25-139, Nov. 21. Glenda Johnson Price vs. Bail Bonds Now, Inc., et al. Petition to quiet title.

Domestic Relations Court
No new Domestic Relations cases filed since DR25-89, Nov. 7.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)
CR25-110, Nov. 20. State of Arkansas vs. John Elva Morris, 59, white male, Hazen. Fleeing, class D felony.
CR25-111, Nov. 20. State of Arkansas vs. Donte Giliam, 21, black male, 221 W. Bishop. felon in possession of firearm, class D.
CR25-112, Nov. 20. State of Arkansas vs. Javarez Deshun Carthorne-Brown, 21, black male, 821 S. Front, Nashville; terroristic act, class B.
CR25-113, Nov. 21. State of Arkansas vs. LaCortney Rodgers, 19, black male, 326 W. Shepherd; felon in possession of firearm, class D.

Land/Property Transactions
Beneficiary Deed
Nov. 20. Carol McIntire; to Rahma Friday; 5 ac. in S6 T10S R27W.

Mortgagee's Deed
Nov. 25. Paula Brown Green; to Jim Walter Homes, Inc.; property in S4 T11S R27W; aka 506 Pine, Mineral Springs. \$26,682.75.

Quitclaim Deeds
Nov. 20. Oliver Rauschnot and Ashley Rauschnot; to Ashley Rauschnot; 20 ac. in S30 T5S R29W.
Nov. 20. Rahma Friday, aka Raime Friday, and William Friday, wife and husband; to Carol McIntire; 5 ac.in S6T10S R27W.

Nov. 20. Allison Horn and husband Jason Horn; to H&H Properties, LLC; 21.953 ac. in S6 T10S R27W.

Nov. 24. (Correcting legal description) Teresa Teague and husband Randy D. Teague; to Teresa Teague; 40 ac. in S18 T9S R27 with exceptions.

Warranty Deeds
Nov. 20. Millwood Corporation; to H&H Properties, LLC; aggregate 29.06 ac. in S13 T8S R27W. \$140,000.

Nov. 20. Phyllis Lawrence and husband, Stanley Lawrence; to Kaden Drake Hargis and wife, MacKenzie Eileen Hargis; property in S26 T9S R27W. \$150,400.

Nov. 21. John Hearnberger and wife, Gail Hearnberger; to Jarrod Alan Cochran; part of Lot 3, Block 90, City of Nashville. \$156,800.

Nov. 21. (Special) Secretary for Veterans Affairs; to Diana Parker and Tyler Parker married couple; part of Block 1, Town of Mineral Springs; aka 120 N. Holcomb. \$95,000.

Nov.21. Tony Chesshir and wife, Julie Chesshir; to Stanley D. Parker, Jr.; aggregate 46.81 ac. in S15/S22 T9S R28W. \$199,000.

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753 Bobcat
(2) Kubota RTV XG 850 EFI Sidekick (nice)
Hay Feeders
Horse Hay Rings
Metal & Plastic Feed Troughs
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16 Ft. Trailer w/Gate
MX 12 R Mini Excavator
(2) 20 Ft. Containers (nice)
Jay Lor 5275 Mixer
12 Ft. Sheep & Goat Gates
10, 12, 14 16 Cattle Gates
(2) Large Heavy Duty Firepit/Grill (nice)
500 Gallon Propane Tank
Misc. Antiques
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Wrought Iron Vintage Patio Furniture
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Point of view

Wash your socks

Scrub, then soak awhile in boiling sulphuric acid

(DEAR READER: So sorry to present you with yet another repeat column. Between {1} standing in the Santa Line and {2} putting up Christmas decorations I’ve just not had enough time to give both of my regular readers a quality column. So I beg you to enjoy this column from 2020)

YES, I AM STILL HERE looking out my window on Main Street, and I want to ask the guys out there about how often they wear a pair of socks without changing them.

Guys: Do you remain in the 4-6 weeks cycle even after the change of seasons?

Seems to me that after the temps drop for a few degrees us menfolks ought to be able to extend the wearable time by at least a week or two like we do for our Fruit of the Looms.

Me? I don’t hardly wear socks at all May thru October except for funerals and Sunday church. Otherwise, I wear shoes that don’t need socks. For one thing, it’s a problem getting the socks on. It’s because my feet are located so far from my hands.

Usually I can squirm around and manage to get the sock on my right foot, but it takes the help of several neighbors to bend me over enough so I can force the sock over my left foot.

This all changes when toenails get longer than a few inches. I have to find a way to pull the socks on over the talons. The toe talons tend to grab ahold of the socks and don’t let go, even under extreme cussing.

It seems to me that it would only be common sense for Howard Memorial Hospital to add in-home toenail trimming assistance to the previously proposed Senior Citizens Ear and Nose Hair Clinic.

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NEWS AND OPINION. Had a call last week from an unhappy subscriber who was very mad because of Brenda Blagg’s column on the opinion page. We run Brenda’s column partly because we’ve known her for so long. She’s an excellent writer and knows a lot about state government, especially. We do not censor her or tell her what to write about.

This particular caller was mad because Brenda had not been complimentary of our President. As I said, her column is on the opinion page, not on any of the news pages.

Our news coverage is -- at least in my opinion -- pretty balanced and fair. We’ve actually run more articles about Republican and Trump doings than we have of Democrat doings. We didn’t get any angry calls from Democrat readers complaining about our articles on the Trump flotillas and car caravans.

News and opinion -- This is nothing new. Newspapers are supposed to keep their leanings out of news reporting. One of the problems with social media is that there is no balance, no distinction between opinion and what the social media source presents as news.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. Have heard several other people say that they’ve seen a plethora of deer out along rural roads. And Tuesday morning our former Howard County Circuit Clerk Kay McClure reported seeing three deer in the grassy area behind Arvest Bank on South Main Street.

Kay says it’s the loss of deer habitat, and I don’t doubt her one bit. I was reminded of the time a deer leaped through a glass door into NAPA Auto Parts on South Main. I was unable to tell Kay exactly how ‘they’ got the deer out from between the shelves of fanbelts and motor oils.

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ON THE OBITUARY page in this issue you’ll see the obituary of Judith McClure Ponder Parrish.

She was a native of Nashville, several years older than I. Her family lived in the house at the corner of Shepherd and Second Streets. She had been away from her hometown for a long, long time when she died.

Because there are probably not many people who will remember a Nashville coed named Judith McClure let me say that if you listed a dozen of the alltime great Scrappette basketball players she would surely be on the list. Up near the top.

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ELECTION BE GONE! Now. Right now! I mean it. Git! Scram! The only problem is that when Election Day has passed the losing team will probably not accept the result and our nation will continue to have mayhem. As a country we’ve been sinking in this direction for several years. Remember when politicians were civil to each other?

I don’t care which side you are on, you should be alarmed at the groups that blocked the Biden / Harris campaign bus as it traveled down the Interstate in Texas.

This is comparable to the BLM protesters blocking streets and roads, in my opinion. Also, in my opinion, it is voter intimidation, and America is better than either of those.

I am fearful, but I hope our nation can continue to be one in which the election outcome is settled by ballot, not by bullet.

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WORD GAMES. Another set of siblings: Liver and Onions. ‘Food for the Gods’ to some folks; makes others just a little queasy at the thought. I pity the latter.

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HE SAID: “Time and health are two precious assets that we don’t recognize and appreciate until they have been depleted.” Denis Waitley, motivational speaker

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SHE SAID: “We spend the first twelve months of our children’s lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve telling them to sit down and shut up.” Phyllis Diller, comedian

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek Revelations



By Louie Graves

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Lithium production in south Arkansas could be economic boon for region

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr. Arkansas’s lithium fields are not anticipated to produce until 2028. Plans are underway to process bromine deposits found in the Smackover Formation in southern Arkansas.

Currently, the United States produces about 1 percent of the world’s lithium, which is used in advanced weapons systems, drones and as energy storage for electric vehicle batteries.

Lithium production in the United States will help prevent our reliance on foreign suppliers and ensure we have our own steady supply of lithium for both military and domestic uses.

To date, there is only one commercial lithium operation in the United States located in Silver Peak, Nevada.

Act 1012 was signed into law this year by the governor to foster the development of a new industry to produce lithium and its byproducts in south Arkansas.

Currently, Standard Lithium plant is set to start operations in 2028 in Lafayette County and is expected to produce 22,500 tons of lithium in Phase One.

ExxonMobil has been drilling

exploration wells to better understand the resource and claims Arkansas’ supply has the potential to be a “world-class resource.” Also, the rights to 125,000 acres in eastern Texas and southwestern Arkansas are owned by Chevron, but the company has yet to set a royalty rate with Arkansas regulators.

According to industry leaders there is a lot of growth potential in the region.

The possibility of more industries expanding is very favorable because it is not just the extraction, but the need to process and manufacture nearby.

Arkansas leaders are calling for the state to become a lithium production hub.

There is still plenty of infrastructure work that needs to take place to keep pace with foreign competitors and other domestic production in several states.

In October, the second Arkansas Lithium Innovation Summit, a two-day conference was held in Little Rock to discuss industry challenges such as building infrastructure and development of the workforce.

Standard Lithium, which has

partnered with Equinor, is building a \$1.5 billion plant in southern Arkansas to include rail lines, roads, and water and sewer improvements. A 2.5 percent payment rate was approved by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission for brine extracted by Standard Lithium.

Southern Arkansas University (SAU) in Magnolia is teaming with lithium producers on joint ventures to train workers.

The university was awarded \$2.75 million through a workforce grant by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education HIRED program, using funding that was established by the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015.

Some of the money will go toward training high school students for technical training on equipment used in the industries and creation of a mobile stem lab.

SAU has developed a Bachelor of Applied Science degree and there are many education opportunities available through retraining, adult education, or apprenticeships for oil field workers. This will put Arkansas in a good position to create a supply chain centered on lithium.

Nation has much for which to give thanks

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman Food, football and fellowship are all hallmarks of Thanksgiving.

Football may stick out on that list for some, but its early association with the holiday is what propelled the popularity of the sport. Now, it is difficult to imagine the season of gratitude without tossing a pigskin or settling in to enjoy one or more of the NFL games broadcast nationally.

It is fitting, since this uniquely American sport brings people together.

For me, there is also an even deeper connection that is tied to the wisdom shared by my former coach, Frank Broyles, to my Razorback teammates and me that we should always seek to live our lives as “givers.”

During this season, we not only set aside time to give thanks but also to answer a spirited call of service to others — strangers and friends alike. These acts indeed can make a difference.

Clearly the most prominent feature of Thanksgiving involves a feast: classic carved turkey and

stuffing, green beans and rich mashed potatoes, buttery rolls and deliciously sweet pies.

We are truly blessed to live in a nation with diverse agricultural abundance due to the tireless efforts of farmers and ranchers.

These hardworking families, including so many in our state, are an integral part of the safe and plentiful food supply that sustains people around the world.

In fact, Arkansas takes special pride in serving as the third-largest producer of turkeys in the U.S.

Yet the hands growing our food are not the only ones we count as blessings, but also the countless others donating meals and their time to volunteer at food banks, soup kitchens and other organizations dedicated to serving those in need.

It has been my honor to meet many such volunteers and stewards of charity while representing our state to applaud and celebrate their efforts.

And beyond all this, there is still much to make us thankful.

We are always grateful for our

brave men and women in uniform protecting and preserving our freedoms and way of life. During the holiday season, we especially remember those stationed far from the comfort of their homes and loved ones, including active-duty personnel and members of the Arkansas National Guard.

Their tremendous sacrifice embodies the act of giving while many of their families also step forward to lead their communities in letter-writing drives for those in uniform, participate in toy donations ahead of Christmas or attend events to honor veterans who have passed away by placing wreaths.

All over Arkansas and across our country, there are many other things worth pausing to acknowledge in the midst of gathering together to enjoy great food, watch exciting football games and anticipate the upcoming sprint toward the end of the year.

Let us reflect on the ways that each of us can give back to make giving thanks not just a posture or fleeting feeling, but also an act of service.

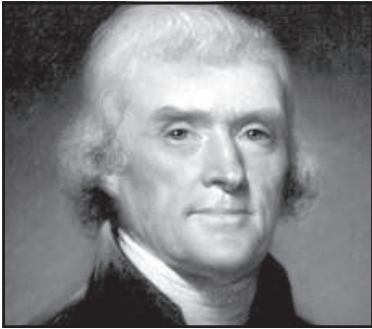
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The 2025 Nashville Scrappers were 8-3 overall and undefeated District 7-4A champions with a 7-0 record.

Coach

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ment our schemes. We got better throughout the summer."

Early in the season, "We had to make big adjustments because of injuries. That was difficult," Chesshir said. "With more practice opportunities, we were able to grow."

When the conference race began with a 24-23 victory over defending state champion Arkadelphia, "Our confidence was high," Chesshir said.

Toward the end of the season, "Injuries took a toll and affected our mentality as a team. I'm proud of the kids who stepped up and competed hard," Chesshir said.

Chesshir is "extremely thankful for our seniors," who played under their third head coach in three years.

"They gave me a chance. I'd only have them for a short period of time, and I'm grateful for the opportunity they gave me."

The seniors were instrumental in "getting us back on track culturally and doing things the right way to make the community proud of them. They laid the foundation to build on," Chesshir said.

"I'm obviously disappointed at the end to a successful year. Nobody is more disappointed in me than I am. We can't let that loss affect what these seniors have done," including the first district championship since 2019.

The Scrappers were 8-3 overall, 7-0 in District 7-4A.

Moving forward, "We still have a lot of work to do, growth to be had, getting our younger players ready," Chesshir said.

"We have to continue to find ways to improve the program and constantly try to grow and adapt. If not, we get left behind," according to Chesshir.

"There's so much more we can do to help this team and make this program better. Discipline, culture - we can build off what we just did. Nobody wants to lose in the first round. That left a bad taste in our mouth. We have to let that sick feeling drive us as we go into winter. We're never going to be satisfied. That's not who we are."

Chesshir said he is "going to miss these 14 seniors, being around them at practice, in the field house, in the weight room. There's a special place in my heart for them. They are more than welcome to come back and be there for these younger guys. I hope they take pride in being a Nashville Scrapper."

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Off-season will be in full swing after Christmas break. "I'm excited about winter and spring. They're an opportunity to grow. There's a lot for the coaches to do to help the players grow. There will be a lot of self evaluating. We'll go through our personnel by position and do a better job of making sure the kids are prepared," Chesshir said.

A year ago, "I didn't know the kids' strengths and weaknesses. Now with the second off-season, I know the strengths and weaknesses, what we have to get better at," Chesshir said. "This off-season is one of the most important we'll have. We have to drive that culture of discipline, high character, integrity."

The theme for the season was "All In. All Scrappers." For Chesshir, "My expectation of community support was spot on. The faculty, staff, students, town were all in to get back on track. Everybody took a lot of pride in being all in, all Scrappers."

The season provided many "moments that the kids will remember the rest of their lives," Chesshir said. "One game I will remember was Arkadelphia," a district victory over the Badgers.

"We were the underdogs. We were down most of the game. Our kids will remember and talk about it for a

long time."

One of the "most exciting moments I've witnessed was when Abari Williams forced a fumble. Jailyn Staggers picked it up and scored. The roar of the crowd is a moment I love to watch on film. It's a really special moment," Chesshir said of the Arkadelphia win.

For Chesshir, a Scrapper alumnus who played on two state championship teams and was defensive coordinator on another, returning to his alma mater was something he had only dreamed of until he became head coach himself.

"Early on, when I first got here, I made sure I understood how much I appreciate being in this chair. I don't take it for granted. Now I ask myself, 'What can you do to make the program better?' It's not just good to sit here. I have to fulfill this job and the amount of pressure and expectation that come with sitting here," Chesshir said.

"As a competitor, I want to make sure when people talk about the Scrapper program led by Chesshir, they'll be able to say he treated kids the right way, coached hard, loved the school and town, bleeds orange, is the same dude every day.

"That's what I want people to see in me. I want teams present and future to experience more than my friends and I did."



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Coach Brad Chesshir holds his first meeting with the Scrapper seniors Dec. 10, 2024.

City

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One big success this year was when CANTEX, a leading manufacturer of electrical conduit, fittings and boxes, began assembling their products in the former warehouse of Husqvarna. "Right now, they're just doing assembly," said Dunaway, "but after the first of the year, they're bringing in machines to actually be doing manufacturing here." That means more jobs.

When Husqvarna left two years ago, it created a gaping hole in Nashville's economy, but not all of the employers here suffered. Two businesses that were at one time heavily dependent on Husqvarna - Jan-Eze Plating and Mission Plastics - have not only survived, but thrived. Husqvarna accounted for about 30% of their business, but both companies have shown remarkable recoveries. "They're rockin' and rollin'," said the mayor with a smile.

Nashville and Howard County lost about 650 jobs when Husqvarna left. Many of those employees found

jobs at Tyson, with more opportunities expected with Tyson's expansion. Also, CANTEX has added 110 jobs to the local economy and plans to add more in the coming year.

Developing Howard County, the local economic development group, is working hard to bring new businesses to Nashville.

"That's been a big thing this last couple of years, since Husqvarna announced they were leaving," Dunaway said. "They were a big help to us in bringing Roma Italian Restaurant to town." He adds that there are a number of other confidential plans in the works by Developing Howard County that should result in more economic growth.

And what about the coming year?

"I look forward to doing some paving projects around town, as well as upgrading the technology of the police and fire departments. I'm looking forward to a good year," Mayor Dunaway said with confidence.

What about jobs?

The smile comes back. "The future is looking a lot brighter than we would have believed two years ago."

Christmas cantata set at FUMC in Nashville

The Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church, Nashville, will present the cantata "A Child Is Born ... All Is Well" Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m.

A reception will follow.

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Jaree Hall is director of music, organist and pianist at First United Methodist.

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Bo Bell (23) hits a 3-point shot for the Scrappers in their 59-44 home win over Lake Hamilton Monday, Nov. 24.

Johnte Taylor (4) scores in front of the Nashville student section in the season-opener against Lake Hamilton Nov. 24.

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Area basketball teams

Area basketball teams are back on the court following their holiday breaks. Players will compete in regular-season action and several tournaments. Dierks is hosting a junior high tournament through Dec. 6. The Nashville Scrapperettes will participate in the Benton Classic Dec. 4-6. The Nashville Bankers Classic will be Dec. 8-13 at Scrapper Arena. Mineral Springs will host a tournament later in the month.


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Demetrus Shelley (2), Johnte Taylor (4), Austin Finley (1) and Jailyn Staggers (24) prevent a Lake Hamilton score.



Blake Moody (22) guards the Lake Hamilton Wolf.

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FIND NEW ROADS

New signage ready for Howard County Farmers’ Market

Combined partnership plays big part

The Howard County Farmers’ Market is installing new signs on each end of the market pavilion this week. The market’s previous signs were approximately seven years old, featured outdated branding, and no longer reflected the organizations currently associated with the market, according to market manager Melanie Schwartz.

Refreshing the signage has been a goal of the new market manager to improve the appearance of the pavilion and increase visibility for both vendors and shoppers.

How the Project Was Funded

The market was selected as a recipient of the 2025 Farm Credit Farmers Market Promotion Award, a statewide program supported by Farm Credit and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture. This award provides \$575 to eligible markets for improvements that enhance promotion, visibility, or customer engagement.

Schwartz said the total cost of each new sign exceeded the grant amount, so Integrity Printing generously donated the remaining balance for both signs as an in-kind contribution—allowing the project to be completed at no cost to the market.

Why This Project Was Needed

The old signs displayed not only the previous market logo but also the logo for NDOG (Nashville Demonstration Organic Garden), which has since transitioned into an independent 501(c)(3) known as Nashville Community Gardens. Because NDOG no longer operates as part of the market, updating the signage was important to ensure the pavilion reflects the market’s current identity.

Like many farmers markets, ours experienced declines during and after COVID-19. In recent years, we have focused on strengthening our brand, improving visibility, and reconnecting with the community. These efforts included launching a new market logo in late 2024 and offering branded merchandise such as T-shirts and stickers.

Clear, updated signage helps attract new shoppers, build community pride, and present a professional and welcoming presence for vendors and customers alike.

How the Award Has Already Helped

Even before installation, the award announcement, check presentation, and design process generated positive attention for the market. These activities led to increased social media engagement, renewed interest from shoppers, and coverage opportunities that helped highlight the market’s ongoing progress.

This signage project was made possible through the support of Farm Credit, Arkansas Department of Agriculture and Integrity Printing.

Schwartz said the combined partnership allowed the market to complete this improvement, which will benefit vendors and the community for years to come.



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READY TO INSTALL. One of the new signs that will be going up at Howard County Farmers’ Market thanks to a partnership between Farm Credit, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and Integrity Printing. Pictured with the new sign are (from left) Melanie Schwartz, Howard County Farmers’ Market Manager; Kara Sharp of Farm Credit; and Denise Woodruff of Integrity Printing.

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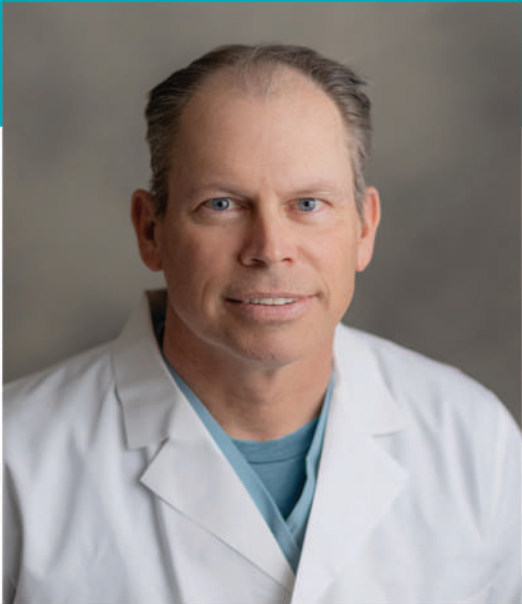
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Bailey, Bobby W., 30, Newhope, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Baker, Joe Walter, 44, Foreman, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$835 balance
Baker, Nolen Reece, 50, Lockesburg, \$160 BF, use of phone while driving
Barnes, Pamela Sue, 61, Murfreesboro, \$160 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Berry, Jaden E., 19, Arkadelphia, \$265 BF, speeding
Boykin, Jessica M., Dierks, \$245 BF, speeding
Callaway, Taylor Lee, 42, Texarkana, Texas, \$265 BF, speeding
Camacho, Jesus, 39, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Carthrone-Brown, Javarez, 24, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$360; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of second-degree criminal mischief, fined \$681.77
Comerma, Cara Paige, 18, Malvern, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Curry, Layundra M., 28, Texarkana, Texas, \$255 BF, speeding
Dildy, Joshua R., 33, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$730 balance
Epps, Celine Monique, 50, Monroe, La., \$255 BF, speeding
Finney, Texanna S., 56, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,158 balance
Flores, Ericka, 18, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$685 balance
Garcia Pelcastas, Miguel, 23, De Queen, guilty of speeding, fined \$265; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210
Hawthorne, Torneshia, 41, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,765 balance
Hernandez, Joshua Nahum, 17, Mineral Springs, guilty of use of phone while driving, fined \$160; guilty of speeding, fined \$245
Hernandez, Rogoberto A., 49, De Queen, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Hickey, Rachel R., 47, Nashville, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Iocavelli, Terrance T., 22, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210
Johnson, Steven Reed, 36, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,970 balance
Keeton, Richard Chance, 35, Nashville, \$255 BF, speeding
Lamb, Michael C., 38, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$85
Matthews, Toddrick Eugene, 20, Ashdown, \$245 BF, speeding
Maughan, Ty A., 21, Ashdown, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$160 BF, use of phone while driving
Marlow, Damean M., 38, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$620 balance, committed to jail
Needham, Hailey, 34, Lockesburg, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Nunally, Bobbie, 38, Mineral Springs, guilty of no child restraint, fined \$210; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Parrish, Zachery H., 31, Nashville, \$275 BF, speeding
Ricks Bobo, Glenndon Lee, 31, Nashville, \$275 BF, speeding
Rodgers, Christopher L., 35, Ozan, \$275 BF, speeding
Snowden, Lillian, 27, Nashville, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Vargas, Carlos Tellez, 37, Nashville, \$360 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Walker, Timothy, 24, Nashville, guilty on driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
Waller, Jordan M., 43, Texarkana, Texas, \$255 BF, speeding; \$260 BF, failure to appear
Ward, Tiffany J., 22, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$160; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$160; guilty of speeding, fined \$255
Watts, Brandon L., 45, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,530 balance, committed to jail for 30 days - suspended conditions
Wyrick, Aaron, 35, Hope, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Yandell, Brian Duane, 53, Broken Bow, Okla., \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
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Alexander, Andrea, 24, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$555 balance; guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$710
Barton, Billy Joe, 66,

Nashville, \$160 BF, use of phone while driving
Eason, Kartavious D., 28, Nashville, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines
Faulkner, Robert E., 59, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,055 balance
Gates, Michael L., 60, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
Gilliam, Willie Jr., 19, Nashville, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$285; guilty of resisting arrest, fined \$925
Goins, Shemar Kayleen, 20, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$25
Golston, Christopher, 41, Ozan, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,365 balance
Gomez, Geronimo Jr., 23, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,890 balance; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Gunn, Jasmine Ariel, 27, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months
Harder, Bobby, 55, Horatio, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light
Hearon, Steve E., 62, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,881 balance
Hernandez, Martin Jr., 30, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
Hill, Brian Keith, 56, Murfreesboro, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$435.85
Johnson, Monterey J., 31, Fulton, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,569 balance, committed to jail-suspended conditions
Mendoza, Leticia, 43, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Mendoza-Valdovines, Amador, 51, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Parker, William J., 68, Nashville, \$460 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
Patterson, Patrick, 48, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$210
Perez, Jessica Cassandra, 21, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,100 balance
Prescott, Johnny, 61, Nashville, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$200; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Ramirez-Lopez, Jonathan, 26, Texarkana, Texas, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$360 BF, leaving scene of accident
Sanchez-Perez, Marco, 18, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210
Santamaria-Leon, Carmelo, 67, Nashville, \$160 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Sweet, Michael L., 36, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Toney, Debbie Ann, 47, Sherman, Texas, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$801 balance
Triplett, Justin, 24, Hope, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$745 balance; \$245 BF, failure to appear; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Wyrick, Aaron, 35, Hope, guilty of theft of property, fined \$775
Young, Timothy Eugene, 39, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; \$195 BF, no child restraint; \$245 BF, failure to appear; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
City of Dierks
Awonniyi, Michael O., 45, Ardmore, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Broach, Hayle R., 19, Dierks, \$255 BF, speeding
Foran, Brad C., 39, Dierks, \$235 BF, open container of alcohol in vehicle
Merrell, Charles Robert, 43, Ashdown, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Ritter, Jason B., 49, Little Rock, \$265 BF, speeding
Vega, Jocelyn A., 20, Conway, \$285 BF, speeding
Weathers, Eric, 38, Aniston, Ala., guilty of speeding, fined \$265; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210
Whitfield, Sarah M., 56, Alexander, guilty of speeding, fined \$245
City of Mineral Springs
Griffin, Samara, 22, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$170
Johnson, Jaquan, 43, Ozan, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Marlow, Damean M., 38, Mineral Springs, guilty of protection from second hand smoke, fined \$235; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
Rather, William R., 36, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$85
Young, Timothy Eugene,

39, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
City of Tollette
Alexander, Andrea, 24, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Sharp, Michael D., 50, Umpire, \$235 BF, motorized vehicle restricted in WMA
Bench Trials
Howard County
Mendoza-Hernandez, Sandra, 43, Nashville, guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$345
City of Nashville
Jaleel, Ali, 61, Little Rock, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Mendoza-Hernandez, Sandra, 43, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,800 balance
Watkins, Royunna Veri, 26, Nashville, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$575

Dierks' Christmas Parade scheduled for Monday, Dec. 8

The Dierks Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Parade will be held Monday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. with line-up starting at 4:30 at Dierks High School. Following the parade in the Dierks Community Building there will be pictures with The Grinch and visits with Santa plus kids prizes and games, craft vendors and \$1,000 worth of cash prizes and giveaways. Must be present to win. The event will also feature a live Christmas concert by Michael Stokes and band. The chamber's Christmas Raffle for \$500 cash is already underway with chances obtained by shopping local, as is a storefront decoration contest where winners will be determined by votes on the chamber Facebook page.


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State Rep. Henley files for second District 88 term

WASHINGTON, Ark. — State Representative Dolly Henley has officially filed for re-election to the Arkansas House of Representatives, District 88, which includes all of Hempstead County and parts of Miller and Howard counties.

Rep. Henley was first elected in November 2024 and has spent her time in office advancing the values that matter most to her constituents: faith, family, fiscal responsibility, and freedom. Her decision to seek a second term is rooted in the commitments she made to the people of Southwest Arkansas.

“When I first ran for this seat, I promised to support our teachers, students, and public schools, work to bring jobs and industry to Southwest Arkansas, and be a strong advocate for our communities and the citizens of our area,” said Henley. “I am proud of the work I’ve accomplished during my first session and look forward to meeting with voters to discuss my record ahead of the upcoming Republican Primary.”

Addressing her primary opponent, Rep. Henley added, “While I don’t know my opponent personally, his recent campaigns include running as a Libertarian in 2024 and as an Independent in 2020 before choosing to run now as a Republican. I look forward to a debate and a campaign focused on the issues that matter most to our area.”

During her first term, Rep. Henley served on the House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee and the House Aging, Children, Youth, and Legislative Affairs Committee. Her legislative priorities have centered on strengthening education, improving access



DIST. 88 STATE REPRESENTATIVE Dolly Henley

to health care, expanding workforce opportunities, and supporting the agriculture-driven economy of Southwest Arkansas.

Henley co-sponsored several major bills now signed into law, including:

Act 123 – Ensures all public school students receive one free breakfast each school day, promoting student well-being and academic success.

Act 330 – Increases the Homestead Property Tax Credit from \$500 to \$600, providing meaningful tax relief to Arkansas homeowners.

Act 1012 – Establishes sales and use tax exemptions for lithium resource development, supporting job creation and economic growth in Arkansas’s emerging energy sector.

Act 366 – Strengthens penalties for human trafficking offenses involving recruitment from shelters, foster homes, or correctional facilities, better protecting vulnerable Arkansans.

“When I first ran, I prom-

ised to put Southwest Arkansas first—and that’s exactly what I’ve done,” said Henley. “As long as I have the privilege to serve, I’ll keep showing up, listening to the people I represent, and working hard to make Southwest Arkansas even stronger.”

Before entering the Legislature, Henley served as Recreation Director for the City of Hope, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Nashville, and Executive Director of Hempstead Hall at the University of Arkansas Hope–Texarkana.

Her community leadership includes service on the Southwest Arkansas Counseling and Mental Health Board, Arkansas Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Hope Rotary Club, University of Arkansas Hope–Texarkana Foundation, and the Texarkana Symphony Board.

She lives in Washington, Ark., with her husband, Paul. They have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Pike County District Court

Nov. 18, 2025
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Pike County
Byrne, Kevin P., 59, Mena, \$215 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Davis, James M., 52, Amity, \$125 BF, defective tires; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Johnson, Isaac Keshawn, 23, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay, \$765 balance
Little, Angelina Cyan, 20, Hazelwood, Mo., guilty of failure to pay, \$535 balance
Mayes, Jonathan B., 43, Newhope, guilty of failure to pay, \$385 balance
Odell, Lacey Xan, 40, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$545 balance, committed to jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Ransom, Lead Ann, 24, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,650 balance, committed to jail
Williamson, Centarius A., 37, Murfreesboro, Tenn., \$210 BF, use of phone while driving
City of Murfreesboro
Nelson, Scott, 48, Arkadelphia, \$170 BF, speeding
Arkansas Game

& Fish Commission
Barbre, Anthony Ray, 21, Murfreesboro, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Felts, Larry D., 61, Glenwood, \$385 BF, tagging requirements; \$235 BF, hunting without license; \$235 BF, hunting/fishing/trapping on property without permission
Johnston, Zachary Earl, 29, Delight, guilty of modern firearm prohibited during muzzle loading season, fined \$235; guilty of hunting/fishing/trapping on property without permission, fined \$385
Steuart, Lance A., 44, White Hall, \$385 BF, tagging requirements
Thompson, David Carl, 68, Texarkana, \$385 BF, tagging requirements
City of Glenwood
Cogburn, Mary B., 30, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$160
Odell, Lacey, 40, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,465 balance; guilty of

failure to appear, fined \$205
Porter, Kinsey Leigh, 30, Glenwood, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license; \$170 BF, speeding
Bench Trials
Pike County
Allen, Ricky Andrew, 71, Glenwood, speeding, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss
Kelsner, Richard D., 40, Hot Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$180
City of Murfreesboro
Andrews, Teagan Mae, 21, Nashville, \$255 BF, public intoxication
Bailey, Stanley, 57, Newhope, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$160
City of Glenwood
Ransom, Lead, 24, Glenwood, guilty of filing false report to police, fined \$850
Swiger, Sheri Kay, 40, Norman, \$145 BF, careless prohibited driving
Wisdom, Billy Jr., 41, Glenwood, guilty of harassing communications, fined \$470; terroristic threatening, under advisement for one year to dismiss

Pike County Q-Court all aboard for Glen Campbell Memorial Highway

The Pike County Quorum Court approved a resolution for the Glen Campbell Memorial Highway.

Jane Fugitt, secretary/treasurer for the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission, said the original idea for the honor was rejected by ARDOT and the state legislature for a scenic highway designation after every highway around Murfreesboro had designations.

She said local state senator Steve Crowell worked to get the effort through, and

that the Murfreesboro Tourism Commission would pay for signage.

Signage will be on State Highways 19, 26 and 301 from Murfreesboro to Billstown, Pigsah and Delight. A sign will give direction to Campbell’s gravesite, which is on Billstown Road, a Pike County road.

The Quorum Court’s approval was necessary for the measure, along with the cities of Delight and Murfreesboro.

Johnny Plyler asked Fugitt if it was possible to get

directional signage on the interstate, to which she replied was possible.

Plyler remarked the Campbell Memorial Highway was “one of the best ideas I’ve seen.” Steve Campbell, representing the family at the meeting, said that they were “excited it was finally done.”

A resolution to change how district court monies are distributed was tabled until December, as was passage of the 2026 budget and changes to the 2026 county employee’s handbook.

Santa’s first stop Saturday afternoon in Murfreesboro on courthouse square

The City of Murfreesboro and the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce will present Christmas on the Square with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Santa will be there from 2-4 p.m. to hear Christmas wishes, take pictures and hand out bags of fruit and candy to all attendees.

Santa will arrive at the

Pike County Courthouse Square on a fire truck from the Murfreesboro Volunteer Fire Department.

All children in attendance can register for a bicycle that will be given away at the end of the event.

A pair of bicycles -- one boy’s, one girl’s -- will be given away in three age groups. The age groups are

0-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

Winning participants in the drawing must be present at the end of the event at 4 p.m. to claim their prize.

JA’s Breakfast with Santa Dec. 18 at Nashville Elementary School

The Nashville Junior Auxiliary will present its annual Breakfast with Santa the morning of Saturday, Dec. 18.

The time will be 9-11 a.m. at the

Nashville Elementary School Cafeteria and promises a “delightful morning filled with joy and wonder.”

The cost will be \$5 per person and pictures with Santa will also be \$5.

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Pike County judge seeks second term

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard has announced his campaign for reelection and a second term in 2026.

“It has been an honor to serve as your Pike County Judge. Over the past few years I have worked hard to be a judge that Pike County can be proud of, from being financially responsible to being transparent in every way,” said Howard.

He said he was excited about what could be accomplished with a second term.

“I am proud of what we’ve accomplished, but there is still more work to be done. I will continue to procure grants, work on our infrastructure and continue to work with our new economic development board to bring jobs to our county.”

Howard said he is proud to represent Pike County.

“It has been a pleasure to get to know a lot of you across the county, and I have found that you are much like I am, God fearing Christians



Pike County Judge
Eddie Howard

that enjoy the simple things in life.

“I appreciate the kind words many of you have said to me to ‘keep up the good work! Thank you for your trust, and I humbly ask for your vote of confidence once again in this upcoming election. God bless everyone.”

Sunday bake sale to raise funds for Pike County Shop With A Cop program

Pike County 4-H will hold a special Shop With A Cop bake sale fundraiser Sunday, Dec. 7 in Murfreesboro. The sale will be located

at KMB store frontage and will start at 1 p.m.

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Weekend events for December at Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area

Looking for a free, educational activity that’s fun for the whole family? Stop by the visitor center at Cossatot River State Park for programs on the weekends this December!

Sunday, Dec. 7
Crafty Tracks
3p.m. @ Visitor Center

Join a park interpreter to create your own animal track soap! We’ll discuss different tracks you may find in the park and how to identify them. All supplies provided.

Saturday, Dec. 13
Hibernation Station
9-11a.m. @ Cossatot Falls

While Arkansas isn’t covered in snow all winter, the inhabitants of forests undergo fascinating transformations and exhibit surprising habits to survive the colder months. Stop by Cossatot Falls to discover the many

ways wildlife of the area live through the winter. This is a come and go station.

Saturday, Dec. 20
Tree Cookie Ornaments
1-5p.m. @ Visitor Center

Stop by the center to paint your own tree cookie ornament! All supplies provided. This is a come and go station.

Sunday, Dec. 21
Snakes of the Park
3p.m. @ Visitor Center

Join a park interpreter to get acquainted with our resident snakes and learn about the many snakes of the area. Decorate your own wooden snake to take home!

Saturday, Dec. 27
Winter Birds of Arkansas
9-11a.m. @ Cossatot Falls

Arkansas becomes a temporary haven for many migratory birds during

winter. Stop by Cossatot Falls to learn how to ID birds you may see in your backyard and in the park this time of year. This is a come and go station.

Sunday, Dec. 28
Owl Pellet Dissection
3p.m. @ Visitor Center

Join a park interpreter in the classroom as we investigate the life of an owl. Explore the various species of owls found in Arkansas, their diet and how they play a key role in the ecosystem. This is a fascinating hands-on activity for all ages.

For More Information about these programs, call Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area: (870) 385-2201. Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area, 1980 Hwy 278 W, Wickes, AR 71973.

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Hempstead County man gets 75-year sentence for burning wife to death

A Hempstead County man who killed his wife by setting her on fire in 2024 was recently sentenced to 75 years of prison.

Bruce Lee Cockrell was charged in July 2024 in Hempstead County with the death Tonya Cockrell, 35, who died in a hospital from burns. He pleaded guilty in a negotiated plea of guilty last week on the charges of first-degree murder and arson of property.

On July 8, 2024 at approximately 8:41 p.m., Hempstead County Deputy Kyle Malone and Sergeant Derick Bunn were dispatched to a structure fire at 5045 Highway 67 West. Dispatch advised that a neighbor called stating that his neighbor’s residence was on fire, and that the female who lived there got burned. Upon arrival, the officers observed that the fire was actually located at 114 Hempstead 1530 in Fulton. Deputy Malone was advised that the female had second- and third-degree burns all over her body.

Deputy Malone then observed that the female, later identified as Tonya Cockrell, who was burned on what appeared to be 100 percent of her body. Pafford EMS then arrived and transported Cockrell to Christus St. Michael’s in Texarkana, Texas. She was later transported to Arkansas Children’s Hospital Burn Unit where she died from her injuries.

Upon further investigation deputies discovered a can of weed-eater gas in the kitchen of the residence after the deputy’s received information from a nurse at St. Michael’s ER stating that Cockrell told them that her husband poured weed-eater gas on her and set her on fire.

Ms. Cockrell stated that her husband was hitting her and punching her, and telling how ugly she was, and “then he poured gasoline on me and set me on fire.”

Prior to sentencing, Nichole Smith, the sister of the victim, fought back tears as she spoke to the man who took her baby sister’s life and the court.

After going into vivid detail of the pain she and her family endured, Smith forgave the Defendant in open court. She explained that she could no longer carry the hate she had for the defendant since Tonya’s death.

After Smith’s statement, the Circuit Judge Duncan Culpepper sentenced the defendant to 45 years in prison for murder in the first degree and then to serve 30 years consecutively for the arson for a total prison sentence of 75 years as negotiated between the State and the defendant.

‘Chamber Bucks’ now underway in Murfreesboro

The Murfreesboro Chamber will conduct a Chamber Bucks Giveaway campaign in the week leading up to the Christmas parade on Thursday, Dec. 11.

The event will be ongoing for Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 29, when the Chamber reminds all residents to support Murfreesboro businesses by shopping locally for the holidays.

All purchases at a participating chamber member business, starting on Friday, Nov. 28 through the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 11, will allow for an entry in the drawing the night of the parade for three prizes -- \$500, \$250 and \$100 in Chamber Bucks that can be spent with any Chamber of Commerce member.

The drawing will be conducted after the parade. Participants must not be present at the drawing to win.

Businesses that will be participating in the entry process with a purchase include:

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Town Square Gallery
The Old Store
Murfreesboro Hardware
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Telinga’s Restaurant
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Following the drawing, winning participants can spend their Chamber Bucks at any of the above businesses, as well as the following other Chamber business members including:

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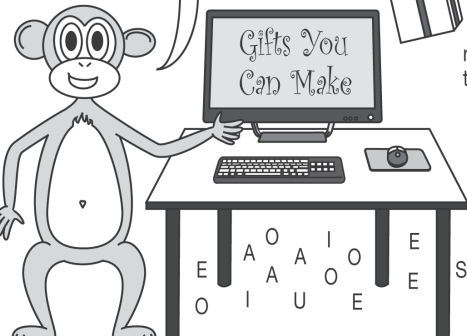
...the holidays to make our presents.



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Chatter and I are teaming up to make all of our holiday gifts this year. I'm using my computer to help. I will write stories and recipes, draw pictures and then print out my work. Next, Chatter will decorate the pages and bind them into books or make other fun items. We can't wait to start!



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SP _ RKL _ S B _ TT _ NS
C _ L _ R _ D P _ P _ R

1. if you have photos or postcards from a trip, you can make a travel _____

2. think of a theme (like 'winter fun'), make a crossword or word search ____; roll it up and tie it with a ribbon

3. make _____ for photos or drawings

4. tie together pieces of cardboard or buy a _____ in which to put photos, school papers

5. write tales and make drawings, print them out and make them into a book of _____

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7. make your own pictures for each month (or find printable forms on your computer) to make a yearly _____

8. create _____ by decorating paper or cardboard strips with cartoons, stickers or poetry so friends can track their reading

9. write your family's favorites on index cards, put in a small box or bind together to form a _____ file or book

10. draw "outline" pictures to make a _____ book for a younger brother or sister; add markers or crayons to this gift

Kinds of Gifts

Gifts show joy and caring. It takes time to think about gifts and to make, buy and wrap them. A present tells people that they are important to you. It also makes you feel good when the people receiving your gifts smile as they open or enjoy them! 1

There are many kinds of gifts! Read the clues to fill the puzzle:

1. ask a new classmate to an event

2. offer to sew, repair items or to shovel walks

3. tell jokes, amusing tales, share comics

4. listen, talk, put groceries away, have tea

5. sing or play an instrument

6. water plants, help with pets

7. thoughtful items that people need

8. lets someone choose his own gift

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Tough Times On The Farm

Extension offers resources, training to help farmers manage stress

By Rebekah Hall
U of A System Division of Agriculture

LITTLE ROCK — Worsening economic challenges have led to a “mental health crisis among farmers,” said Brittney Schrick, extension associate professor and family life specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

To help farm families cope, the Cooperative Extension Service is offering training in farm stress management and mental health first aid to equip producers and other members of the agriculture community.

However, there are barriers that keep some from getting the help they need.

“Stress feels like such a normal part of farming that often, people don’t think that they can benefit from learning how to manage it better,” Schrick said.

“Then, especially when we get to the point where we are now — in farm crisis mode — they feel like there’s not anything they can do.”

Schrick said that though she and colleagues around the country have offered farm stress programming and similar in-person resources in recent months, they have found attendance that attendance is lacking.

“We know this is a needed topic, but farmers will not come,” Schrick said. “This is why we have to attack this problem from a different angle, with the goal of surrounding the agriculture community with people who are trained to recognize and respond to signs of extreme stress or mental health challenges.”

Schrick said community members can include farm lenders, extension agriculture agents and people who work at farmer co-ops, along with government employees, especially in small and rural areas.

“We want to reach anybody who interacts with and has long-term relationships with people in this industry, providing wrap-around support,” Schrick said.

Mental health first aid training

The Cooperative Extension Service, the outreach arm of the Division of Agriculture, offers a farm stress management program, which is delivered by local county extension agents.

Extension also offers an 8-hour Mental Health First Aid training course, which includes in-depth information about how to respond to someone experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis.

The course also includes QPR suicide prevention training, which can be modified specifically for farmers and those who work with the population. QPR stands for question, persuade and refer — the three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide.

The Division of Agriculture also houses the Southern Risk Management Education Center, one of four centers nationwide whose mission is to educate farmers and ranchers to manage the unique risks of producing food.

In 2025, 12 extension agriculture agents completed the suicide prevention training, along with 14 family and consumer sciences agents and four 4-H agents. At these trainings, Schrick said she has heard first-hand accounts from agents that illustrate how critical the resources are.

“Several agents have told stories in training that I’m just wowed by,” Schrick said. “Equipping agents to go on farm visits helps with their own mental health and their ability to be more vigilant. Going forward, if a farmer says something concerning that they might not have caught in the past, they now have an internal script they can use to follow up.”

“These agents have built long-term, one-on-one relationships with these producers, and when an agent notices a change in behavior or notices that they’re talking in new ways, that agent will know how to respond,” Schrick said.

More skills, better tools

Schrick said that though there may be a perception among the farming community that mental health is a taboo topic, “everyone can benefit from managing stress better, because stressors aren’t going away.”

“For example, if your only way out is to leave farming, you’re still going to have stressors associated

with that, and you’re still going to have to manage how your body and brain react to those stressors,” Schrick said. “Having a few more tools in your toolbox for how to do that — especially if you can come to a training or meeting with other people who are in the same situation — those are ways to build community and see that you’re not alone in this situation.”

“It’s not a sign of weakness to build a skill set, because that’s really all it is,” she said. “It’s just like going to a training to learn how to manage your pastureland better. It’s no different to learn how to take care of your physical and mental health.”

Though it varies person to person, Schrick said stress can be incredibly damaging to relationships and to the body.

“If you are experiencing chronic stress, it can affect

your cardiovascular system, it can make chronic illnesses harder to manage, and all of that is going to impact your family and your finances,” Schrick said.

Schrick said having relationship difficulties is also a common side effect of chronic stress, and “in worst case scenarios, we see domestic violence and child abuse.”

“This kind of stress — about what is going to happen right now, next year, and years into the future — has a significant impact on family dynamics,” she said. “It can have an impact on lives and livelihoods for generations to come. That sometimes can sound like hyperbole, but it’s not.”

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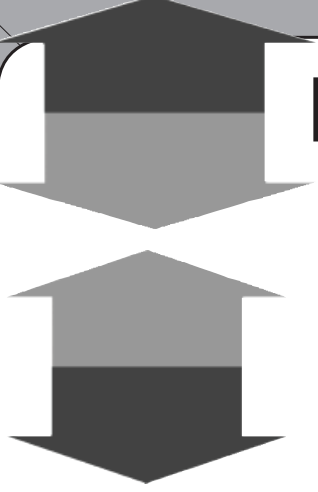
Schrick said the best way to support farmers and their families is simple: Be steady, supportive, and pay attention.

“Be there for them,”

Schrick said. “Be present and let them know they’re not alone and that you can help however you can. Notice — that’s one of the best things we can all do. Pay attention and take notice if something seems off. If people are not acting like themselves, if they’ve started behaving in ways that seem like they’re in distress, reach out to them. Ask what you can do to help, or if you can help.”

Offering practical help when possible can also go a long way, Schrick said.

“If you think they’re potentially struggling for food and you have a way to help, it doesn’t have to be a grand gesture,” she said. “It can look like, ‘I doubled up my recipe for this lasagna, can I bring you some?’ This is how neighbors have taken care of each other for generations, and there are lots of ways that communities support each other when things are hard.”




Nashville's City Sales and Use Tax

For October 2025

Deposits.....	\$143,317.66
State Service Charge	4,299.53
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SOURCE: City Finance Officer Kimberly Green



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the City of Nashville, Arkansas City Council on the question of the issuance of not to exceed \$160,000,000 in principal amount of City of Nashville, Arkansas Taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (Cantex Project) (the “Bonds”) on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon), or as soon as the matter comes upon the agenda, to be held in the regular meeting place of the City Council in the Nashville City Hall located at 426 North Main Street, Nashville, Arkansas. The Bonds will be issued to finance the acquisition of land, renovation of buildings, infrastructure and improvements, and acquisition and installation of equipment for the manufacture, refinement or processing of electrical conduit and related products and other manufacturing, development, research, office, storage, business operations, and warehousing activities that are supportive of or ancillary to such operations to be located at 630 Highway 27 Bypass, Nashville, Arkansas (the “Project”) relating to the operations of CANTEX Arkansas, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of CANTEX, Inc. or their affiliates (the “Company”). The Project will be leased by the City to the Company. Any person interested may appear and express their views on the proposed issuance of the Bonds, and such views and comments will be considered by the City Council. This notice is given pursuant to the Arkansas Revenue Bond Act of 1987 and the Municipalities and Counties Industrial Development Revenue Bond Law.
Dated this 30th day of November, 2025.
City of Nashville, Arkansas
/s/ Larry Dunaway, Mayor
(pd. 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:
JON REMINGTON MCELYEA CASE NO. 31PR-21-78

Warning Order

TO: Richard Blake Howard
Shall take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed on behalf of Dakota and Brooklyn McElveya in the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas to adopt the minor children J.R.H. whose date of birth is February 3, 2015.
A hearing is currently scheduled for January 7, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse, 421 N. Main Street, Nashville, AR 71852,
Richard Blake Howard shall take notice that unless you appear and defend or otherwise respond within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this notice, an order may be entered and granted, or you will be otherwise barred from asserting your interest in this matter.
Angie Lewis, CIRCUIT CLERK
(seal)
DATE November 21, 2025
(AB: 23 - 26)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Election Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 10 am. at the Howard County Clerk's Office to draw ballot positions for the March 3, 2026, for the Preferential Primary Election.
James Jones- Chairman Commissioner
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This publication was paid by the Howard County Election Commission. The amount paid for this publication was \$28.80

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

CHRIS TEDFORD, *Petitioner,*
Vs.
31 CV-25-122

JOANNA BOYD GUADAGNO OR,
E. WAYNE HOLT, AND ALL PERSONS
CLAIMING AN INTEREST, *Defendants,*

IN REGARD TO A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN
HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, a Petition to quiet title to lands in Howard County, Arkansas, described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section (35) in Township (8) South, Range (28) West, thence run South on Section Line Between Sections (35) and (36) in Township (8) South, Range (28) West a distance of sixty yards to the point of beginning, thence run east at right angles with section line eighty-seven and one third yards, thence South forty eight yards, thence west eighty-seven and one third yards to Section Line, thence run North forty-eight yards to the Point of Beginning and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of section (36) in Township (8) South, Range (28) West, lying in the town of Centre Point, Howard County, Arkansas.

The Defendants, and any and all other persons claiming said lands or interest thereon are hereby warned to appear in this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice and answer said Petition and show cause why the title to said lands should not be quieted and confirmed as set forth by the Petitioner or be forever barred from asserting his or her interest.

WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, this 18th day of November, 2025

Angie Lewis,
CIRCUIT CLERK OF HOWARD, ARKANSAS
(AB: 23 - 26)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES
WITH TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027 TO AND INCLUDING
JUNE 30, 2028

The Board of Directors of Nashville School District of Howard County, Arkansas, in compliance with the requirements of Amendments No. 40 and No. 74 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-622 has prepared, approved and hereby makes public the proposed budget of expenditures, together with the tax rate, as follows:

1.	Salary Fund Expenditures	\$ 9,003,669
2.	Instructional Expense	\$ 5,309,856
3.	Maintenance & Operation Expense	\$ 1,956,153
4.	Dedicated Maintenance & Operation Expense	\$ 0
5.	Pupil Transportation Expense	\$ 1,153,764
6.	Other Operating Expense	\$ 2,533,865
7.	Non-Bonded Debt Payment	\$ 0
8.	Bonded Debt Payment	\$ 809,719

To provide for the foregoing proposed budget of expenditures, the Board of Directors proposes a total school tax rate (state and local) of 31.70 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of taxable property located in this School District. The proposed tax includes the uniform rate of tax of 25.00 mills (the “Statewide Uniform Rate”) to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 31.70 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 6.70 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.
The total proposed school tax levy of 31.70 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

GIVEN this 17th day of November, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVYING
OF TAXES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2025
ORDINANCE NO: 2025-13

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The Tax Committee of Howard County, Arkansas, has presented its Report of the taxing units of Howard County, Arkansas, to the Quorum Court, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as if set out word for word herein.

SECTION 2: The aforesaid report is approved in all respects.

SECTION 3: The milages listed in the aforesaid report are to be levied on the respective taxing units of Howard County, Arkansas, on the valuation the Assessor has put on the tax books to be collected in the calendar year of 2026.

SECTION 4: This ordinance to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge

ATTEST:
Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk
November 17, 2025

HOWARD COUNTY
MILLAGE TO BE COLLECTED IN 2025 FROM EACH
TAXING UNIT
(REAL ESTATE) FROM EACH TAXING UNIT (2025
TAXES DUE IN 2026)

SD # 10	31.7
SD # 20	43.0
SD # 30	34.0
SD # 80	44.0
SD # 11	34.0
SD # 16	41.0
SD # 79	44.0
COUNTY GENERAL	3.6
COUNT ROAD	2.0
COUNTY LIBRARY	1.0
NASHVILLE	3.6
DIERKS *3.0	4.0
MINERAL SPRINGS	5.0
TOLLETTE	5.0

STREETS .001 (1/2 Of Road Millage)

TOTAL MILLAGE (including School, County, and City)

SD # 10	38.3
SD # 10 NA	41.9
SD # 20	49.6
SD # 20 DI *	53.6
SD # 30	40.6
SD # 30 MI*	45.6
SD # 30 TO	45.6
SD # 80	50.6
SD # 11	40.6
SD # 11 TO	45.6
SD # 16	47.6
SD # 79	50.6

Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of November, 2025

Keri Teague, County & Probate Clerk

MILLAGE TO BE COLLECTED IN 2025 FROM EACH
TAXING UNIT
(PERSONAL) FROM EACH TAXING UNIT (2025 TAXES
DUE IN 2026)

SD # 10	31.7
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AND THE BAND PLAYED ON. Performing in the historic E.A. Williams Chapel museum, Monday night, were the Melody Boys -- from left, Freddie Horne, Eley Talley (top), Shelly Keith, Mark Keith and Jerome Underwood.

Howard County Historical Society OPEN HOUSE

News-Leader photos/LOUIE GRAVES



SANTA AND HELPERS. At the Lyon Center, Monday night, Santa Claus got some help from Christmas elves Adalynn, 4, and Aiden Reed, 6, brother and sister.

Dierks, Blevins waterwork systems receive natural resource funds

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders recently announced an additional \$153,974,230 in financial assistance for water and wastewater projects for 52 entities — serving more than 814,142 Arkansans across the state. That includes several local and regional projects.

“Everywhere you look, Arkansas’ communities are expanding and demanding more from our infrastructure,” said Governor Sanders. “That’s why my administration is committed to providing funding for these latest projects, ensuring Arkansas’ water systems can keep up with demand so every Arkansan has clean water to drink and wastewater systems that work.”

“These projects represent a continued, coordinated effort to strengthen the foundation of Arkansas’s water infrastructure,” said Director of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Division Chris Colclasure.

“We appreciate Governor Sanders’ ongoing leadership and support to ensure Arkansans have access to safe and dependable water and wastewater systems.”

In 2023, Governor Sanders issued Executive Order 23-27, initiating a comprehensive review of and update to the Arkansas Water Plan, guiding the state’s management of water resources, water supply, water demand, water quality, and

more. The first phase was completed by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in August 2024.

The second phase of the update is underway and will be completed in summer 2026.

Funding approved by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission includes:

Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund – \$81,382,996

Blevins, Hempstead County, received a \$948,300 loan with principal forgiveness and a \$316,100 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. This project serves a current customer base of 150. These funds will be used for a sewer plant rehabilitation project.

Hope, Hempstead County, received a \$521,830 loan with principal forgiveness

from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. This project serves a current customer base of 5,000. These funds will be used for a landfill remediation project.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – \$54,629,059

Bradley, Lafayette County, received a \$144,719 loan with principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. This project serves a current customer base of 497. These funds will be used for a water meter replacement.

Horatio, Sevier County, received a \$426,811 loan with principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. This project serves a current customer base of 1,025. These funds will be used for water meter replacements.

Keiser, Mississippi County,

received a \$652,685 loan from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund. This project serves a current customer base of 340. These funds will be used for a Smart Meter Modernization Initiative

project.

Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program – \$1,120,000

Dierks, Howard County, received a \$195,400 grant

from the Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program. This project serves a current customer base of 575. These funds will be used for a new generator.

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