

## Leader Board

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Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

### Breakfast with Santa to be held on Dec. 13

The Nashville Junior Auxiliary will present its annual Breakfast with Santa the morning of Saturday, Dec. 13.

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.

### MS church soup kitchen scheduled for Dec. 10

The Mineral Springs Church of Christ soup kitchen will be Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 2-5 p.m.

Meals and pantry boxes will be available.

The meal includes black beans and chicken stew, fritos and dessert.

This will be the only soup kitchen during December.

The church is located at 318 Bridgeman Drive in Mineral Springs.

For more information, call 870-451-4441.

### Museum fund-raiser underway

The Howard County Historical Society is seeking tax-exempt donations to fund maintenance and operations of the 1912 EA Williams Chapel Museum.

Extensive and expensive repairs have been needed at the museum which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The fund drive theme is "Saving the Past ... for the Future."

Donations are tax-deductible and should be made to:

Howard County Historical Society  
PO Box 555  
Nashville, AR 71852

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**DONATION TO SCHOOL.** Ronnie Ritter of Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry and his wife Kathy delivered five cases of meat sticks to the Nashville School District's Scrapper Supermarket. The group includes NHS Principal Ashley Riggs, Ronnie Ritter, Brent Talley, Woody Futrell, Wayne Kesterson, Gary Dan Futrell, Turner Futrell, Aleshia Erwin, Ricky Kesterson, Kathy Ritter and Nate Hellums.



Courtesy photo

**AT MINERAL SPRINGS.** The Muleshoe Market in the Mineral Springs School District received five cases of meat sticks from Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry. The group includes Ronnie Ritter, Turner Futrell, Nate Hellums, Brent Talley, Gene Strode, Shelly Furr, Wayne Kesterson, Gary Dan Futrell, Superintendent Jondavid Amerson, Woody Futrell, Stacy Gaddis and Kathy Ritter.

### Petition drive underway to put 'wet-dry' on ballot

A Nashville organization is gathering signatures on petitions to put 'wet-dry' on the ballot in Howard County.

The organization, Developing Entertainment for Howard County, emphasizes that they are not taking sides on the issue of alcohol sales, but are giving citizens a chance to sign a petition to put the question to voters.

The first two places

to sign the petition were Smoker Friendly, 401 S. Main, Nashville; and Nashville Truck Plaza, 407 Hwy. 27S. Bypass, Nashville. The latter site is open 24 hours a day.

Other canvassing sites announced since then include Poblano's Mexican Cafe, and Futrell Marine, both in Nashville, and the Topiary at Spring Hill

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### Christmas parade Dec. 15; chamber plans other events

The re-scheduled Christmas parade in Nashville will be Monday, Dec. 15, at 5:30 p.m.

The parade was planned for Dec. 1 but was postponed because of weather.

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

The chamber will sponsor Christmas On Main before the parade Dec. 15. Merchants and vendors are invited to participate from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

To add to the holiday festivities, the chamber is sponsoring a business holiday decorating contest. Judging will take place the night of Dec. 16.

### Scrappers put up big numbers in '25

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

Forty-nine touchdowns, 4,109 yards total offense, 545 tackles for an 11-game season.

Those are some of the Scrappers' stats for the 2025 campaign, released recently by Coach Brad Chesshir.

The Scrappers were 8-3 overall, 7-0 in District 7-4A. Twenty-one players received post-season honors (see page 7A).

On offense, Nashville ran the ball 439 times for 3,085 yards and 38 touchdowns.

Jacoby Hopson was the team's leading rusher with 164 carries for 1,262 yards and 14 TDs.

Tucker Dixon was next with 146 rushes for

983 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Bryce Perrin was third with 84 carries, 502 yards and 8 touchdowns.

DJ Jefferson ran the ball 8 times for 147 yards and two TDs.

Myles Hawthorne had 10 carries for 101 yards.

Trendon Northcross ran 13 times for 72 yards and a touchdown.

Mack Arnold carried 3 times for 18 yards.

Three quarterbacks combined for 1,024 yards passing with 11 touchdowns.

Hopson was 53 of 96 for 716 yards, 7 touchdowns and 7 interceptions.

Jefferson completed 20

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### Mentor Hunt benefits youth, provides meat for school food efforts

By Don Hall  
News-Leader staff

Thirty-two area teenagers, 20 hunters and 12 anglers, had a blast on the first Saturday of this past October. They had the chance to participate in the 2nd annual River Ranch Benefit Game Wardens' Mentor Hunt, sponsored by local businesses and individuals in the region.

Local auto dealer Gary Dan Futrell, who is a member of the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation, was encouraged two years ago by a Game and Fish employee to host an event that would get current information on the health of the deer herd in Howard County.

Futrell accepted the challenge and decided to turn it into a fund-raiser, with a goal of raising \$15,000 for things like waders, first aid kits, drones and e-bikes for the game wardens in seven southwest Arkansas counties.

This year they raised more than \$25,000.

The benefit, which is held on 3,600 acres of privately owned land in Howard County, is a massive undertaking.

Futrell and brother-in-law Rick Kesterson, Rick's brother Chad and dad

Wayne, put in the work to make the event happen.

Futrell explained: "You've got to feed deer, get them coming regularly to a site, you have to clean up deer stands, bush hog, weed eat, and then get everything set up for the day of the event. It's four weeks of work to pull this thing off."

All of the young hunters are paired with a mentor for the hunt.

They meet their mentors, who are game wardens with a few local law enforcement personnel mixed in, on the Friday night before the Saturday hunt. The introductions are made, the guns are sighted in, and everyone's ready for the next morning.

At 4:30 a.m. (yes, there is such a time) they meet at the staging area of River Ranch and head out to deer stands. When daylight comes, the hunt begins.

This year, 22 deer were harvested in the Mentor Hunt.

Waiting back at the staging area were Arkansas Game and Fish wildlife biologists, ready to age the deer and check for diseases.

The deer are then placed in a refrigerated trailer

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

### Christmas includes special events

Two local churches will host Christmas events during the coming weekend, while another group recently held its holiday program.

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

A reception will follow in the church's foyer.

The public is invited to attend.

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

The church is located at 1403 W. Sunset.

Cross Point Cowboy Church will present the 2025 live Nativity "From the Manger to the Cross" Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, from 6-8 p.m.

The event will be held under the covered arena rain or shine.

The evening will include sights and sounds of the past as visitors walk through the streets of Bethlehem.

Live animals, booths displaying businesses from

Bible times, and more than 100 fully costumed participants will be included.

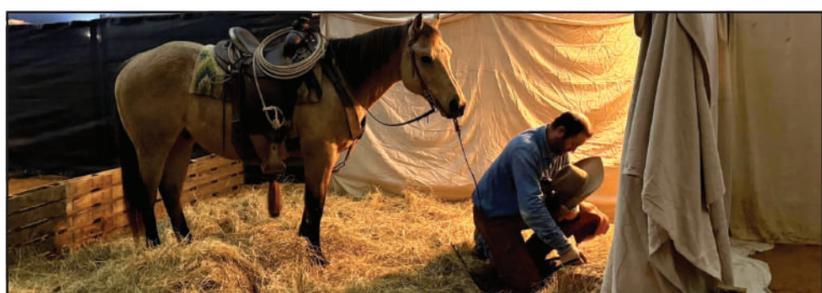
The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be available at the entrance.

The church is located seven miles west of Nashville on Highway 371.

The Nashville band program's Christmas concert was Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The evening included the beginner, junior high and high school bands.



File photo

**FROM THE MANGER TO THE CROSS.** Cross Point Cowboy Church's live Nativity will be Dec. 12-13 from 6-8 p.m. seven miles west of Nashville on Highway 371.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**BAND CONCERT.** Jacob Happy directs the NHS band at the Christmas concert.

# Obituaries



**Bob Aulton White**

Bob Aulton White, 66 years old, beloved husband, Daddy, Granddad, and brother to many, left this earthly life while doing exactly what he loved — working hard for his family. He suffered a sudden cardiac event while hauling cattle for the family farm. Bob finished his journey here in the very way he always said he wanted to go: working, providing, and serving the people he loved most. Born to William Glen and Donna Marie Findley-White of Nashville, Ark., Bob grew up red-headed and freckle-faced, full of grit, humor, fire, and determination. His red hair may have faded with time, but his spark never did. From his mother he inherited a soft, loving heart; from his father he learned toughness, honesty, and steadiness. Bob often said his Daddy was a John Wayne kind of man — and he aimed to match that. And he did — strong, protective, dependable. Yet he also carried the heart of David: David the defender, David the giant-slayer, and David the tender shepherd. Bob had a heart like David, therefore a heart like God. Bob was one of nine children, part of a close, deeply bonded group who loved one another fiercely. The order was: Glenna, Donna, Becky, Bill, Jim, Joe, Bob, and the twins Ricky and Roger. Their bond was lifelong and unbreakable. Bob's parents precede him in death, and he now rejoices with them in Heaven. Bob had another man who shaped him spiritually — his father-in-law, Harold Hodges, who is

already in Heaven. Harold and Louise Hodges poured into Bob through guidance, wisdom, and a strong example of faith. Bob faithfully served the Lord for many years. At Temperanceville Baptist Church in Nashville, he served as song leader, Sunday school teacher, and deacon, saying often that service was his calling. After moving to Pleasant Springs Missionary Baptist Church in McCaskill, he continued in those same roles, pouring his heart into ministry. His faith wasn't something he talked lightly about—it was something he lived out daily in love, humility, and service. One of Bob's greatest joys was watching his faith live on through his children. He took great pride in seeing that two of his sons became deacons, and that another is currently in observation for the same calling. Their service was a reflection of the Christian example he lived every day. His legacy continues through them and all who were influenced by his walk with Christ. Bob worked hard all his life. Bob drove a rock truck for White Trucking, working many years for his Dad alongside his brothers. Later, he went to McConnell Heavy Hauling, where he served and another father figure — Doug Goodson, whom Bob considered family. No matter the job, Bob worked with pride, strength, and a smile that showed how much he loved providing for his family. Bob married the love of his heart, Winona Faye Hodges White, and they shared 47 years of life together, celebrating their anniversary on Nov. 18th. To Bob, Winona was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen — his bride, his partner, and his joy. He adored her deeply, bragged on her often, and loved to tease her. He chased her from the beginning and never stopped. He tended her needs before she even spoke them. Their love was deep, loyal, passionate, and enduring. He is also survived by his brother-in-

law Wendell Hodges and wife Kara Hodges of Moore, Okla., along with their two children — one now married with a new baby — whom Bob loved, prayed for, and celebrated as part of his own family. Bob was a hard, hard working man of God, the type who lived his faith through action. Even after retiring, he insisted on being part of everything the family was doing — and he would get mad if he wasn't included. His grandchildren became the center of his heart. Bob needed everyone to be okay, and if they weren't, he would fix it — no matter the cost. He put himself on the line for his family more times than can be counted. His love wasn't limited to immediate family. Bob loved his nieces and nephews as if they were his own, checking on them, praying for them, worrying over them, and cheering for them. If they hurt, he hurt. If they needed something, he showed up without hesitation. More than anything, Bob wanted people to know Jesus. He firmly believed in salvation by grace through faith and longed for everyone he met to know Jesus fully. Bob shared Christ not only through words but through the way he served, forgave, encouraged, and loved. His children say:

"The way Daddy loved me showed me how my Father in Heaven loves me. His love was steady, sacrificial, and overflowing — a true reflection of the heart of God." In the end, Bob's greatest success in life wasn't measured in cattle hauled, trucks driven, or miles worked. His greatest success was his investment in souls and in people's lives. He poured himself out for others, lifting them up, guiding them, praying for them, and loving them in a way that left a lasting mark on every heart he touched.

Bob is survived by:  
His wife:  
• Winona Faye Hodges-White, of McCaskill, Ark.  
His children and their

families:

• Jeana Elizabeth White Medlin and husband JW Medlin; grandchildren: Lillian Grace Medlin, Madison Brooke Medlin, and Wyatt Lawson Medlin.

• Daniel Aaron White and wife Luda White; grandchildren: Vivian Faith White, Aulton Glen White, and Sarah Beth White.

Ethan Tyrel White and wife Tiffany White; grandchildren: Emmett James White, Ty Maverick White, and Eleanor Elizabeth White.

Our hearts may be a bit empty without him here, but his impact is not—his love, his example, and his spirit will live on in the generations that follow.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking you to pour into the life of Cala McCool, his beloved niece, battling health issues by monetary donation to Farmer's Bank and Trust at any affiliated location. Cala McCool Donation.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday night, Dec. 10, 2025 from 6-8 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home. Services will be Thursday, 11, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville.



**Axel Marquez**

Axel Marquez, age 22, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025, in Nashville, Ark.

Axel was born on May 1,

2003 in Huetamo, Mexico, to Francisca Cardenas.

Axel is survived by his loving father and mother, Fredy and Francisca Marquez; his brother, Christopher Marquez; and sisters Stephanie and Allison Marquez. Paternal grandparents, Inocencia Cienfuegos and Francisco Marquez and maternal grandmother Francisca Cardenas.

Uncles and Aunts: Pablo Cardenas and Amy, Salvador Cardenas and Mariela, Leo Cardenas and Dulce, Mauricio Adame and Jemy and Aunt Alice Marquez.

Cousins: Misael Cardenas, Alexandria R. Reed, Pablo G. Cardenas, Joseph A. Cardenas, Shaline Cardenas, Katy Adame, Joselin Adame. And a host of friends and family. Axel is also survived by his fiancé, Marisol Gonzalez.

Axel was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Leodegario Cardenas.

From childhood Axel was very loving, caring and kind. He always had a smile on his face. He was hard working, and his desire was to finish a degree in engineering and technology and to work for Google. This was his biggest dream. When Axel was not doing anything else he was playing Nintendo!

On weekends Axel enjoyed shopping for tennis shoes and caps. In the evening time he loved going to the movies with his friends.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Maranatha Baptist Church in Nashville, Ark., with burial to follow at Liberty Cemetery.

**Wilton L. Westfall**

Wilton L. Westfall, age 88, of Nashville, Ark., passed away surrounded by his loving family on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, at his home. He was born on Nov. 16, 1937, in Nashville, Ark., the son of the late Ridgell and Denver

Olean Green Westfall.

Mr. Westfall was a proud Elder of the Murfreesboro church of Christ and enjoyed teaching class for many years. Barton Bible Camp was very important to him, and he tirelessly worked and enjoyed his time at the camp. He was a Captain in the United States Army and played a pivotal role in the Nashville ROTC. Wilton was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, and farming. During his career he spent 38 years working as a supervisor at the Briar Plant.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Gloria Dallas.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Peggy Clark Westfall of Nashville; two sons Robbye Westfall and wife Barbara, Greg Westfall and wife Laurie; one brother Rickey Westfall and wife Ann; a sister, Tina McAllister and husband Bob; four grandchildren, Andrew Westfall, Tabitha Jones and husband Justin, Justin Westfall and wife Kelsey, Alex Westfall; eight grandchildren, Ella, Clark, Kora, Fisher, Fletcher, Finnick, Kimber, and Drake, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be 1-2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Murfreesboro church of Christ.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Murfreesboro church of Christ, with Buddy Ray officiating.

Burial will follow in Academy Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Memorials may be made to Barton Bible Camp, 4562 US 70, Kirby, AR. 71950

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com).

**FINANCIAL FOCUS** by Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments

## Managing risks at stages of life

As an investor, you will always need to deal with risk of some kind. How can you manage the risk that accompanies the volatility of the financial markets? The answer depends somewhat on where you are in life.

*When you're starting out ...* If you're early in your career, with perhaps four or five decades until you retire, you can likely afford to invest primarily for growth, which also means you'll be taking on a higher level of risk — because risk and reward are positively correlated. But, given your age, you will have time to overcome the market downturns that are both inevitable and a normal part of investing. Still, even at this stage, being over-aggressive can be costly.

*When you're in the "middle stages" ...* At this time of your life, you're possibly well along in your career and working on at least a couple of financial goals, such as saving for retirement and your children's college education. You'll want to begin adjusting the balance in your portfolio between assets with higher growth and those with lower growth since there will be progressively less time to rebuild losses. You'll need to decide on the balance between risk and growth that's right for you.

*When you're a few years from retirement ...* You may have already achieved some key goals — perhaps your children have finished college and you've paid off your mortgage. As a result, you may have more money available to put away for retirement. Growth still matters because your retirement could be 25 or 30 years long, and you'll need investments that can keep up

with inflation. But you'll also need investments designed to help provide for your income needs in retirement and provide more stability. Also consider reducing your exposure to higher-risk investments and instead consider investing more in stable dividend-paying stocks, government and investment-grade bonds, and cash.

*When you're retired ...* Once you're retired, you might think you should take no risks at all with substantial assets held in cash. However, you could spend two or three decades in retirement, so you may need some growth potential in your portfolio to stay ahead of inflation. A more balanced mix between equities and fixed income is generally appropriate. Establishing a withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your lifestyle and projected longevity can help reduce the risk of outliving your money. Of course, if there's an extended market downturn during any time of your retirement, you may want to temporarily lower your withdrawal rate.

Managing investment risk is a lifelong process that evolves with your goals, responsibilities and time horizon. While you'll look for balance among your investments based on your life stage, having a balanced and diversified portfolio doesn't fully protect against a loss. Still, aligning your strategy with your stage of life can help navigate market volatility and stay on track toward long-term success while avoiding emotional investment decisions. The key is staying informed and making intelligent choices that reflect your current income needs and future aspirations.

## Schedule of Advent, Christmas events is told for St. Martin's Catholic Church

The schedule of Christmas season and Advent events at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Nashville have been announced.

Thursday, Dec. 11 — Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, bi-lingual mass at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12 — "Manitas," at 5 a.m., singing the birthday song to Our Lady of Guadalupe; procession in the afternoon.

Sunday, Dec. 14 thru Christmas Eve

-- "Posadas," re-enactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging in Bethlehem.

Christmas Eve — bilingual mass at 5 p.m.

Christmas Day — bilingual mass at noon.

Normal schedule for weekend masses Dec. 28 and Jan. 4.

Jan. 1 — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, bilingual mass at 9 a.m.

The public is welcome.



**SHOP WITH A COP AND A FIREMAN.** Nashville Police Chief Amy Marion spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club, last Wednesday, and told about the program in which officers and firemen skip shaving for a month and get sponsors for a Christmas season project entering its eighth year here. Elementary and junior high students get to shop for Christmas presents for themselves and family members. Chief Marion said that officers had raised about \$16,000 which would be divided among 75 kids. "The officers love it," she said. The Rotary Club meets at noon Wednesdays in Room 101 at UA-Cossatot.

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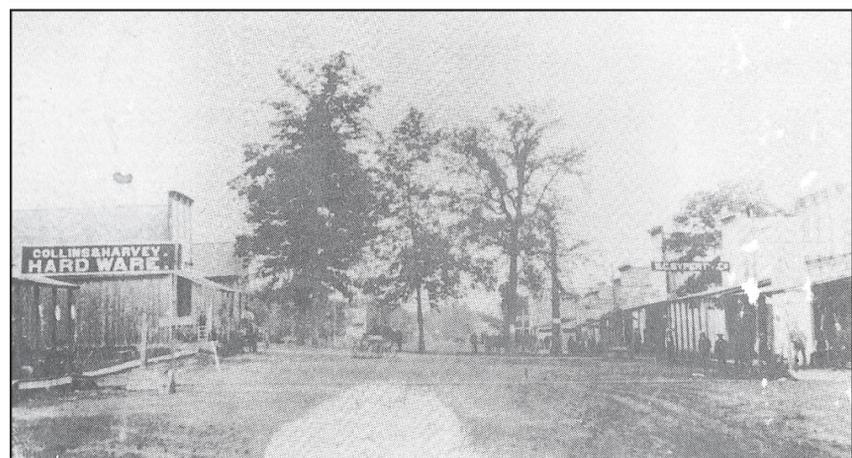
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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL  
**EARLY FILES**

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



Nashville Main Street 1889. Intersection of South Main and Hempstead Streets looking north.

**128 years ago: September 1897**

A sawmill man named Lane was found unconscious on the streets of De Queen last Sunday morning. Foul play was suspected. Two men named Smith and Daniel and a woman named McCrea, house maid at the Hotel where Lane was put up, were arrested as suspects, but the evidence at the inquest was not sufficient to hold them, and they were released.

The verdict was that Lane died from causes unknown. It is generally thought that Lane was murdered in the hotel and his body thrown out of the window.

(Adv.) Everything at cost by retail. A liberal discount in bulk. Shoes that would cost you \$1.25 to \$1.50 new, now go for .83 to .92 cents. Hats and clothing the same way. Will you come and see? Cowling's Store Company

**93 years ago: December 1932**

Mrs. Lillian Reeves Wednesday night submitted to hypnotism by Rajah Yogi at the Liberty Theatre and was buried alive following the public hypnotism. She

will remain in the hypnotic condition until about 9 to-night, when she will be carried back to the theatre and awakened after 48 hours of hypnotic sleep. Several of the business houses of the city presented Mrs. Reeves with gifts for her venture.

Bert Johnson, chairman of the Howard County Red Cross, yesterday stated that Howard County has been allotted several thousand yards of cotton cloth for distribution to the most needy of the county. Every part of Howard County must have its share before the Red Cross Board can turn it loose.

**71 years ago: December 1954**

Mr. and Mrs. Horace White of Nashville have been notified by the United States Military Academy that their son, Cadet Lofton H. White, class of 1957, has been placed on the Dean's List for scholastic achievement. White entered the Academy at West Point, New York, in July 1953. He is currently stationed there with Company D-2 USCC.

Turkey and all the trimmings will be on the menu

for a crowd of possibly 100 persons who will gather to talk turkey Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Joda's Snack Shop.

Bob McClure and Larro division of General Mills are hosts for the banquet. All area turkey producers and anyone else interested in turkey raising are invited to the meeting.

(Adv.) For Sale Parakeets, \$2.75 each. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Scoggin

**42 years ago: December 1983**

An estimated 1,240 veterans live in Howard County according to statistics from the Veterans Administration. There are 270,000 veterans living in the state.

Pulaski County leads the state with 45,480 and Sebastian County follows with 13,770.

The NHS Senior Class will present "Under the Mistletoe Bough" Sunday afternoon in the Elementary Auditorium. The event, a local tradition, is scheduled at 2 p.m.

Key roles will be played by Carol Clark as the bride and Tim Freel as the bridegroom. Wayne Tolliver is the narrator.

**Hempstead County sets holiday schedule**

The holiday schedule has been announced for Hempstead County.

The courthouse will close from Wednesday, Dec. 24, thru Friday, Dec. 26, and will resume regular working hours the following Monday, Dec. 29.

The Road and Waste De-

partment will also be closed those days, and will resume regular working hours on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Monday and Tuesday trash routes will be collected on Monday, Dec. 22.

Trash routes for Wednesday and Thursday will be collected on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Trash routes for Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29-30, will be collected on Tuesday.

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**The Mineral Springs Christmas Parade will be Thursday, Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m.**

Line up at 5:00 p.m. at the Mineral Springs Fire Station. Everyone is welcome to join. Contact 870-287-4221 #1, no answer, leave a message.

**Merry Christmas from the City of Mineral Springs**

**Public Record of Howard County**

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Nov. 27-Dec. 3, 2025, unless noted otherwise:

**Marriage Licenses**  
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)  
Dec. 2. Wendell J. Butcher, 61, Mineral Springs, and Darbie Lynn Ferrier, 55, Mineral Springs.

**Civil Court**  
No Civil Court cases filed since CV25-139, Nov. 21.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
DR25-90, Nov. 26. Michael Sharp vs. Stephanie Sharp. Divorce.

DR25-91, Dec. 3. Juan Hernandez Roses (SIC) vs. Arleth Alcocer. Paternity.

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

nal; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)

CR25-114, Dec. 2. State of Arkansas vs. Adrianna Hamilton, 27, black female, 1306 Hervey, Hope; theft of property, class D felony. Charged with shoplifting at Walmart.

**Land/Property Transactions**  
**Executor's Deed**  
Dec. 01. Larry Frohnappel, Executor of the Estate of Imogene Frohnappel, deceased; to Larry M. and Nancy A. Frohnappel Living Trust; property in S23 T9S R27W.

**Beneficiary Deed**  
Dec. 02. Nancy Iris McDowell Dowdy; to John Phillip Dowdy, Donald Mark Dowdy, and Nancy Doreen Funderburg; aggregate 50 ac. in S18 T9S R27W.

**Warranty Deeds**  
Dec. 01. E.W. Winton and

Sammye Winton, his wife; to Jeffrey Winton; 34 ac. in S34 T7S R28W.

Dec. 01. David Jeremiah Perez and wife, Amber Michelle Perez; to Haley Magueyal-Perez; 0.18 ac. in S26 T9S R27W. \$55,000.

Dec. 01. Maurice Geiger, surviving spouse of David Geiger, deceased; to Sheila K. Elliott and Amber Poe, Joint Tenants; 0.18 ac. in S26 T9S R27W. \$245,000.

Dec. 01. Sheila Jo LeBlanc and husband, Steve LeBlanc; to Katia Guadalupe Valdez-Rangel; 0.76 ac. in S20 T10S R27W. \$152,000.

Dec. 02. Blue Bayou Sand & Gravel, LLC; to Cross Point Cowboy Church; 9.45 ac. in S27 T9S R28W.

Dec. 02. Cross Point Cowboy Church; to Blue Bayou Sand & Gravel, LLC; aggregate 1.13 ac. in S22/S27 T9S R28W.

**Two defendants sentenced**

A Nashville man pleaded guilty to two DWI charges, lodged years apart, during criminal court here last week.

Donald Chips, 40, black male, was actually charged with DWI #6 in 2023 and #7 in 2025. He appeared before Judge Bryan Chesshir last Wednesday during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

Chips was sentenced to five years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) and was fined \$1,000. Until he leaves for the ADC he must make weekly calls to the jail to check in, and must turn himself in on Jan. 2.

Only one other defendant pleaded guilty Wednesday. Marlon Benson, 51, black male, Nashville, pleaded guilty to a drug delivery charge after an enhancement for proximity to a church was removed. He was sentenced to 15 years in the ADC with a further five years suspended imposition of sentence.

**Trial dates set**

Eight defendants pleaded not guilty and had dates set for pretrial motions, hearings and for jury trials.

John Morris, 59, white male, Hazen, is charged with class D felony fleeing. Motions will be heard Jan. 14.

Donte Gilliam, 21, black male, Nashville, also has a Jan. 14 motions date. He is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Javarez Carthorn Brown, 21, black male, Nashville has a March 4 date for motions on his class B felony charge of terroristic act. He was ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim.

LaCourtney Rogers, 19, black male, Nashville is charged with felon in possession of a firearm. Motions will be heard Jan. 14 and his bond was set at \$10,000.

Adriana Hamilton, 27, black female, Hope is charged with theft of property. Motions will be heard Feb. 11.

Vanessa Rundle Smith, 37, white female, Wickes, is

charged with class D drug possession. A trial date of Jan. 14 was set.

Jeremie Pugh, 36, back male, Nashville, pleaded not true to failure to meet the terms of his probation on a 2024 conviction for theft of property. His probation revocation hearing was set for Dec. 17.

Charles Brown, 55, Wilton, also pleaded not true to failure to meet the terms of his probation on a 2018 conviction for non-support. His hearing was set for Dec. 12.

After completion of rehab, Andrea Seng, 32, white female, Hope, was sentenced to one year in the ADC plus a \$900 fine. She was charged with DWI #4.

Defendant Allison Broyles, 36, white female, Little Rock, remains in Pulaski County, allegedly held on a murder case according to the court report. She was charged here in Dec. 2022 with felony and misdemeanor drug possession charges, and the court is awaiting results of a mental exam.

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# Point of view

## Feel the music

### My awesome observation about musical reaction

YES, I AM STILL HERE still peeking out my window on Main Street, and I am writing to share something awesome which I have observed by pure luck.

Something really awesome. Like when Sir Isaac Newton noticed an apple fall out of the tree and discovered gravity.

Or when Thomas A. Edison got the first telemarketer call.

Something almost THAT important and earth-shaking.

And it is all true because I have seen it often on Internet videos.

This portion of the column is written by Regular Ole Louie --- NOT the Other Louie that claims to be the Third Best Trombone Player in the History of the Scrapper Band --- but as someone who has actually witnessed honest-to-goodness musicians playing bluegrass, western swing, Dixieland, jazz combos, soul, salsa, classical and/or rock music. That about covers it, I think, but as soon as I say that I remember watching a Mariachi band, and also marveling at a church organist.

So I am ultimately and honestly aware that I am probably omitting some other kind of music. Like .....

Choral groups. Bagpipes. Steel drum bands. Piano recitals at the First Baptist Church. There's probably even more kinds I've been blessed to hear and see.

I've gotta stop trying to list the kinds, so let's just say ALL kinds.

The awesome thing that I have observed is that -- in addition to patting one of his or her feet in time with the music -- the musician often sways side-to-side or rocks back-and-forth depending upon the intensity of the music. Facial expressions often accompany this.

In the case of a musician playing an instrument OTHER than one that involves putting a mouthpiece against the lips or actually INTO the lips -- I'm talking about guitarists and violinists, sopranos, drum majors, conductors, etc. -- they sway, too.

When you see that 'sway' that is when you can tell the musician is really really really feeling the music.

They all sway whether or not their lips are involved with an instrument. This is my awesome observation.

If you saw the Scrapper Band in its Christmas concert last week you saw some young musicians swaying and showing their emotional involvement with the music and the sounds coaxed from an instrument. Amazing. They have the ability to actually make music using a hunk of polished brass.

Heck, even Freddie Horne and Mark Keith and the Hempstead County Melody Boys (and girl) sway during a musical piece. Nobody can sit still when listening to Freddie whomp his bass fiddle in "The Orange Blossom Special."

Look at the kids singing the Nashville High School *alma mater* before a game. They're swaying with the music. At church Sunday I sat behind a Mexican woman who was swaying as she sang a hymn written by some German guy 300 years ago.

Many moons ago I saw the late great Ray Charles and his whole orchestra in concert at a fancy theatre. I swear almost all of those big ole black guys in tuxedos were swaying and patting feet. They were totally connected to making some fine, fine music.

Ray couldn't see this, of course, but even HE was rocking and swaying on his piano bench. THAT is what I mean when I say "feeling."

Now, if you're driving down the road and you are listening to the radio, you shouldn't pat your foot in time to the music. You might get a speeding ticket. And if you sway, the cops might think you are DWI.



**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.** This coming weekend is the Living Nativity event at Cross Point Cowboy Church. I am reminded of the lawn Nativity set put out after Thanksgiving years ago by either (1) the Terra Firma Garden Club; or (2) the Nashville Garden Club. Those were two organizations which made our town prettier but only one had the Nativity set.

I asked once about that Nativity set and someone told me that when the garden club folded they gave those life-size Nativity characters to Arthur Baker who was pastor of a local country church. He told me that he had received the set and put it out at Christmas.

Don't know if Bro. Art still has it, or if he still puts it out, but it is a fine Christmas memory. That set is probably close to 100 years old.

Just thinking about the Terra Firma Garden Club has me swaying and patting my foot right here at my desk.



**PEACE ON EARTH.** Congratulations to President Trump who finally won a peace prize.



**THINGS I LEARNED** from opening (and believing) anonymous emails. "Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film."



**WORD GAMES.** I love oxymorons. Like: "When I asked my friend to explain why the President had pardoned the Jan. 6 insurrectionists I only heard a Deafening Silence."



**HE SAID:** "The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live." George Carlin, comic. While he was an Airman at Barksdale AFB in Shreeseport, Mr. Carlin had a side gig as a DJ on KEEL-AM, my fave Rock 'n Roll radio station in those days.



**SHE SAID:** "What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day." Phyllis Diller, comic



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# New facility for Arkansas Crime Lab expected to be completed in 2027

**By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.**

In 2023, the Arkansas Legislative Council set aside \$200 million for the construction of a new state-of-the-art, Arkansas State Crime Laboratory (ASCL).

The legislature approved requests totaling \$19.4 million for the architectural designs, purchase of the land and to cover contractor costs.

In September 2025, the Legislative Council's Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee approved \$131.9 million for construction and building costs.

The Arkansas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is the umbrella agency for the crime laboratory and as good stewards of the state's money the new building is projected to come in approximately \$48 million under the original projected cost of \$200 million.

The current crime lab moved into a building at #3 Natural Resources Drive in Little Rock in April of 1981.

It shared the building with the Arkansas State Police until 1997 when they moved to their new headquarters in southwest Little Rock.

The laboratory then took over

the 80,000 square foot building. However, it quickly outgrew the space.

According to the ASCL, the number of deceased Arkansans has increased by 25% in the last two years.

Furthermore, the state's forensic capabilities have fallen behind mainly due to the fact the current crime lab is more than 40 years old.

Limited space and outdated infrastructure have made the job harder. In many cases two employees working in a space meant for one, and lab and administrative duties are carried out in the same small and cramped areas.

The laboratory plays a critical role in public health and safety and the new building will improve and expand the space needed to transform forensic work across the state.

The new building is expected to be completed by July 2027 and will be three stories tall, 190,000 square feet and sit on 19 acres in North Little Rock.

It will more than double the current capacity. The facility will allow the lab to advance its technology and expand its capabilities.

Plans include implementing rapid DNA testing at law enforcement booking stations across

the state that will help improve turnaround time and statewide coordination.

In addition to lab functions, the new facility will create opportunities for public engagement, training, and education.

Officials hope these upgrades will not only improve service delivery but also strengthen partnerships with communities and law enforcement across the state which is invaluable to their work.

DPS has made a conscious effort to significantly boost salaries for lab employees to the established labor market rate to attract qualified candidates and retain them.

In fact, two new forensic pathologists were recruited to the crime lab in October, marking significant advancement in forensic science in Arkansas, addressing the nationwide shortage of board-certified forensic pathologists.

Across the United States, there are only about 800 board-certified forensic pathologists despite an estimated need for nearly twice that number.

By securing two top-tier recruits, ASCL is strengthening its capacity to serve the citizens of Arkansas while setting a new standard of excellence.

# Small businesses vital to economy

**By U.S. Sen. John Boozman**

The holidays are a special time where a mixture of memorable moments along with the hustle and bustle collide, inviting chaos, magic and more.

From the time we hit the road or skies for Thanksgiving through the last hours of New Year's Day, there is always plenty to do.

That includes gestures both large and small showing others our love, appreciation, respect or recognition for the role they play in our lives.

We are all familiar with one common form this takes: gift giving. It is a staple of the season that is not only a sentimental exercise, but also a powerful force within our economy.

As any company can attest, holiday commerce helps feed and shape their goals.

It has often been said that small business is the backbone, or lifeblood, of America's economy. There are more than 30 million local enterprises around the country, including nearly 300,000 in Arkansas that employ over 500,000 of our family, friends and neighbors.

We are proud to celebrate these establishments in communities across our state and the important contributions they make, economic and beyond.

That is why it is key to patronize them all year long, but especially during the critical period closing out the year.

We even set aside the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday to highlight the significance of shopping locally at neighborhood retailers.

As a former small business owner, I am proud to work with my colleagues in Congress to recognize the innovators and job creators at the heart of every small business year-round.

Just a few weeks ago, we also took the opportunity to acknowledge and applaud veteran-owned small businesses, which make up nearly five percent of enterprises in the U.S.

The value that small businesses bring to our communities and nation should be clear.

That is why it is critical to enact policies that support them and help create conditions in which they are empowered to grow and thrive.

This summer, Congress passed the Working Families Tax Cuts. This significant bill delivered needed relief to small businesses. Its landmark policies made their tax deduction permanent while repealing onerous regulations and even ensuring workers benefit

from the success of their employers by helping prevent taxes on their tips or overtime hours.

The law will also help spur more investment by manufacturers as well as enable companies to fully expense business equipment purchases more immediately.

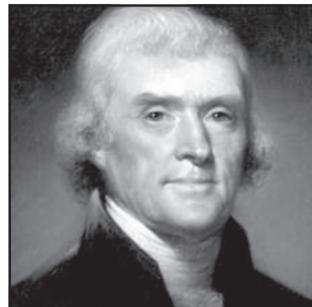
These pro-growth policies will invigorate small businesses to create even more jobs and opportunity.

I am also pursuing other legislative priorities to boost Main Street businesses during this Congress, including safeguarding their access to capital with the PROTECTED Act.

This bill I am championing alongside Sen. Katie Britt (R-AL) and Congressman French Hill (AR-02) would shield small business lenders from a burdensome regulatory mandate related to identity-based data collection.

Our entrepreneurs and the institutions that help finance their operations need to spend less time and fewer resources complying with this excessive rule and more time focusing on succeeding.

Small businesses are vital to Arkansas and our nation's future. When they flourish, we all reap the benefits, and I will continue advancing the priorities that make their success possible.



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*Thomas Jefferson, 1787*  
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# Hunters

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owned by Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry out of Little Rock and transported to a facility where the deer are processed into ground meat that's used to make high protein meat sticks.

The hunt ends with a huge hamburger meal with food donated by Weyerhaeuser. Volunteers, mentors, sponsors and participants and their family members, around 150 people in all, are fed.

Back to the deer. While Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry doesn't charge anything for making the meat sticks, getting them to local schools requires another layer of sponsors.

Farm Bureau, Futrell Marine and York Gary Autoplex donated enough money for Nashville and Mineral Springs school districts to each receive five cases of meat sticks for the Scrapper Supermarket and the

Mineral Springs Muleshoe Market. That's enough for an entire school year.

The youth hunters are all members of shooting teams from area schools. The Mentor Hunt sends out invitations to the schools, and the 20 slots are filled quickly with young people from junior and senior high schools on a first come, first served basis.

And what about the anglers? They caught a total of more than 50 largemouth bass, which were relocated to the Nashville City Park pond, to be caught the following week by senior citizens attending the Golden Gathering.

This is the second year of the River Ranch Benefit Game Wardens' Mentor Hunt, but it certainly won't be the last.

"Our main focus on the entire event is that the participants have a good, safe experience," Futrell said. "We're already meeting with the Game and Fish people to make next year's hunt even better."



Wayne, Chad and Ricky Kesterson and Gary Dan Futrell at the Second Annual River Ranch Benefit Game Wardens' Mentor Hunt.



Meat sticks were donated to Nashville and Mineral Springs schools by Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry.

# Bands present Christmas concert

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Hadley Lewis (left) directs the beginner band at the Christmas concert Tuesday night, Dec. 2, at Scrapper Arena.



The Nashville Junior High School band performs at last week's Christmas concert.



The Nashville High School band directed by Jacob Happy (left) concludes the Christmas concert.

# Petition

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Farm, located near Nathan. There may be other signing places announced in the future.

Signers must be able to match the address they list on the petition sheet to their

actual voter registration address; otherwise, the signature will be disqualified.

Two of the petition drive volunteers are Gail Hearnberger and Jessica Delozier, both of whom said that

about 3,300 signatures is the goal.

Delozier said that the group hopes to have the signatures done more than 90 days before the Nov. 2026 General Election.

# Scrappers defeat Kirby in Bankers' Holiday Classic

The Nashville Scrappers (3-0 on the season) defeated Kirby 67-39 to begin the Nashville Bankers' Holiday Classic Monday night, Dec.

8, at Scrapper Arena. Demetrus Shelly was the leading scorer for Nashville with 20 points, followed by Jailyn Stagers with 18. Bo

Bell added 16, with 10 from Johte Taylor.

Nashville will play El Dorado Thursday, Dec. 11, to conclude the Classic. The

JV Scrappers will play the Wildcats at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity game between the Scrappers and El Dorado.

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## Mineral Springs Hornet Football Post-Season Awards



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## Dierks Outlaw Football Post- Season Awards



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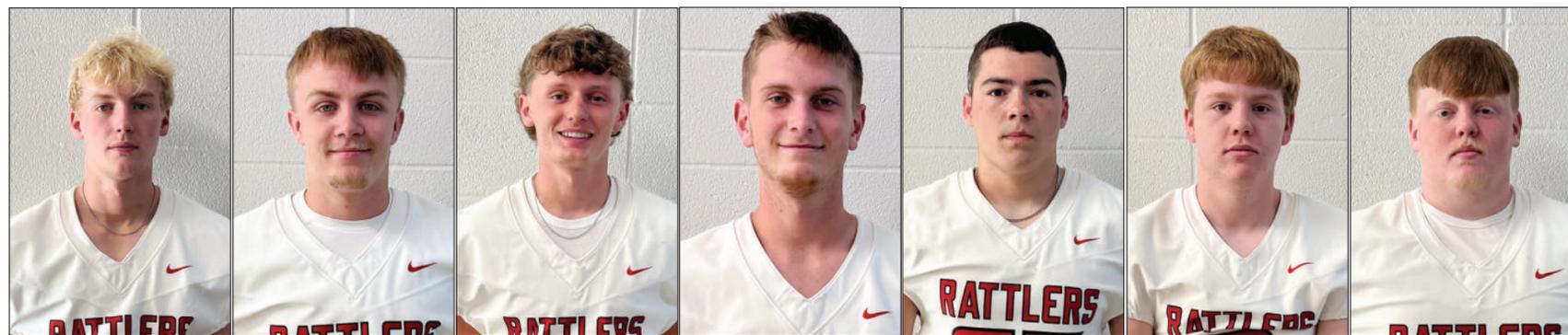
**Brayson Talley**  
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**Tristen Gadbury**  
3-2A Honorable Mention



**Mason Smith**  
3-2A Honorable Mention



**MURFREESBORO RATTLER FOOTBALL POST-SEASON AWARDS.** Murfreesboro Rattler football head coach Jay Turley has announced the 2025 postseason awards, which include first team All 3-2A Conference players (L to R) Kale Burns, Kooper Caldwell, Aiden "Bubba" Stinson, Isaac Kukendall, Logan Burrus, Garrett Lamb and Hawkins Jackson. Players named Second Team All Conference included Drake Eoff, Liam Eoff, Corbin Hoover and Garrett Downs, while Cale Humphry, Cameron Braden, Isaac Smith and Alex Parker were All Conference honorable mentions. Players named to the 3-2A "Super Team" included WR Kale Burns, DL Logan Burrus, OL Hawkins Jackson, QB Kooper Caldwell and special teams kick returner Alex Parker. Kooper Caldwell was named All State as a quarterback while Kale Burns and Logan Burrus were nominated to the AAA All-Star Team.

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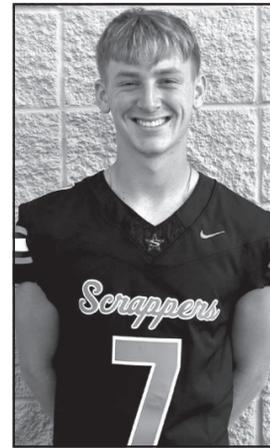
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**7-4A All-District**  
Hayden Gray



**7-4A All-District**  
Bryce Perrin



**7-4A All-District**  
Jacoby Hopson



**7-4A All-District**  
Josh Walker



**7-4A All-District**  
Brayden Erby



**7-4A All-District**  
Lucas Aylett



**7-4A All-District**  
Jailyn Staggers



**7-4A All-District**  
Jaydon Williamson



**7-4A All-District**  
De'Shawn Hawkins



**7-4A Honorable Mention**  
Trendon Northcross



**7-4A Honorable Mention**  
Cortez Cooper



**7-4A Honorable Mention**  
Gauge Applegate



**7-4A Honorable Mention**  
Jace Wright



**7-4A Honorable Mention**  
Luke Lacie



**7-4A Honorable Mention**  
Carson Kirby



**7-4A Honorable Mention**  
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# Season

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of 29 passes for 251 yards, 4 TDs and 1 interception. Chambers was 8 of 18 for 57 yards. Gauge Applegate led the Nashville receivers with 17 catches for 230 yards and 3 touchdowns. Chambers caught 13 passes for 221 yards and a TD. Cortez Cooper made 9 catches for 157 yards and 3 touchdowns. Davonte Gilliam caught the ball 13 times for 108 yards and a TD. Perrin had 10 receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown. Jaielyn Staggers and Tucker Dixon had 6 catches each for 92 and 50 yards, respectively. Hopson made 3 catches for 44 yards and a touchdown. Northcross caught 1 pass for 15 yards and a TD. K. Jefferson had 1 catch for 10 yards. Defensively, the Scrapper made 545 tackles, recovered 10 fumbles, intercepted

11 passes and scored 6 touchdowns. Abari Williams led the team with 96 tackles. He recorded 15 tackles for losses, 3 sacks, forced 2 fumbles, recovered 2 fumbles and broke up a pass. Lucas Aylett had 65 tackles, 90 TFLs, 2 sacks and 2 pass break ups. Makhi Johnson's numbers included 18 TFLs, 10 sacks, 2 forced fumbles and 2 recoveries. Hayden Gray had 45 tackles, a TFL and 4 pass break ups. Josh Walker recorded 40 tackles, 5 TFLs, 2 sacks, 1 fumble recovery, 2 interceptions, 4 pass breakups and a defensive touchdown. Other Scrapper defenders included the following: Brayden Erby - 36 tackles, 7 TFLs, 3 sacks and a fumble recovery. Jaydon Williamson - 28 tackles, 4 TFLs, 5 sacks, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery, 1 interception and a defensive TD. Aiden Bradley - 27 tackles, 4 TFLs. Cortez Cooper - 23 tackles, 1 sack, 5 interceptions.

Trendon Northcross - 21 tackles, 3 pass break ups. Jaielyn Staggers - 17 tackles, 7 TFLs, 1 sack, 3 fumble recoveries, 1 pass break up, 2 touchdowns. Bryce Perrin - 15 tackles, 1 pass break up. Blake Moody - 13 tackles. Jacob Teague - 9 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 interception, 1 touchdown. DaVonte Gilliam - 8 tackles, 2 interceptions, 3 pass breakups 1 TD. De'Shawn Hawkins - 7 tackles, 1 sack. Myles Hawthorne - 8 tackles. Jamison McIntosh - 5 tackles, 1 TFL. Drew Gitchell - 4 tackles. Lyndon Manley - 3 tackles. KJ Coulter - 2 tackles. Carsyn Delozier - 2 tackles. Hayden Crabtree - 2 tackles. Malik Gilliam - 2 tackles, 1 TFL. Lonnie Coulter - 1 tackle. Fabio DiFidio - 1 tackle. K. Jefferson - 1 tackle. Landon McGee - 1 tackle. Khamari Canaday - 1 tackle, 1 TFL.



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Defensive lineman Jaydon Williamson (50) runs 52 yards to the endzone after intercepting a Fountain Lake pass in a season highlight during Homecoming Oct. 3.



The Scrapper cheerleaders were the runners-up in the Class 4A Game Day division of Southern Spirit competition Saturday, Dec. 5, at Lake Hamilton High School. Class 4A state cheer will be Dec. 20 at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs.

## Basketball teams have full week

The Nashville Scrapperettes went 3-0 in the Benton Classic Dec. 4-6. They defeated eStem 65-41 Thursday, Dec. 4. The next night, the Scrapperettes earned a hard-fought 58-46 win over Class 6A Bentonville West. Bentonville was undefeated going into the game against Nashville. The Classic concluded with a 39-30 Scrapperette win over the host Benton Lady Panthers. Nashville also swept the Lake Hamilton Classic last month win wins over Searcy, Greenwood and Lake Hamilton. The Scrapperettes are 9-1 on the season. The Scrapperettes picked up a win last week at Mon-

ticello. They defeated the host team 76-51 in the Beth Maxwell Classic. The Scrapperettes were the runners-up last week at the Steve Martin Tournament in Dierks. They lost to Dierks 30-28 in the championship game.

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## SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

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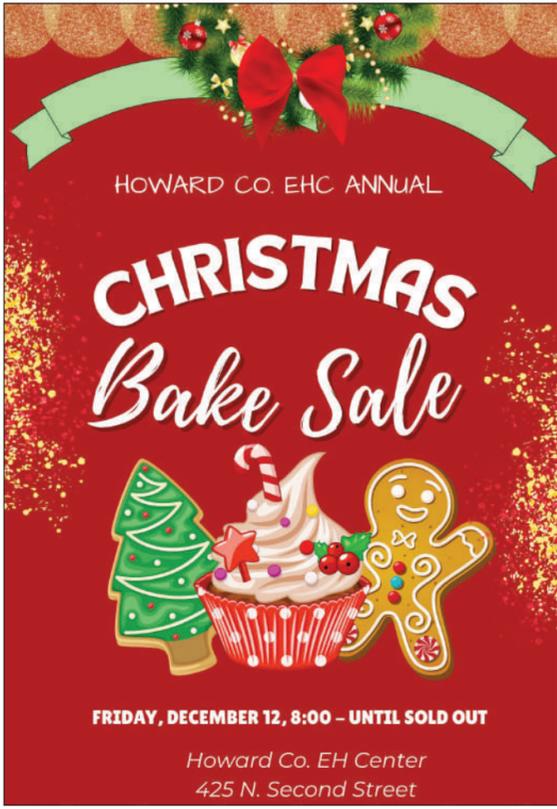
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### Mineral Springs' annual Christmas Parade Dec. 18

The City of Mineral Springs Christmas Parade will be Thursday, Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Entry line-up will be at 5:00 at the Mineral Springs Fire Station.

For more information, call (870) 287-4221, ext. 1, if no answer leave a message.

### Delight to welcome Santa for Parade Dec. 13

The City of Delight will offer a day packed with Christmas cheer and community fun on Saturday, Dec. 13.

The day will start at 7:15 with a free pancake breakfast at the Delight School Cafeteria until 8:45.

At 9:00, Santa will make a grand entrance by helicopter. He will be available for photos and visits with children in the cafeteria until 11:00. A Christmas Open House will also be held from 11-2 p.m.

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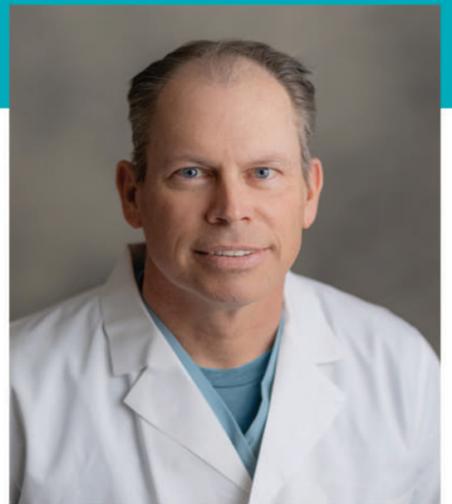
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**RETIREMENT PARTY AT UA COSSATOT.** Dawn Humphry of Nashville was honored Monday with a retirement party after a 32-year career as an adult education instructor, including 27 years at UAC and five years in the Nashville School District.

# Home&Heart

## Making the Most of December with Family

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

As winter settles in Howard County, the refreshing mornings and evenings remind us that the holiday season is here. This time of year is more than just a change in temperature—it's an opportunity to slow down, savor traditions, and create lasting memories with family and friends.

**Celebrate the Outdoors**

Even in cooler weather, Arkansas offers beautiful scenery for family walks or short hikes. Bundle up and enjoy:

**Backyard bonfires** with hot cocoa or a warm firepit marshmallow roast.

**Guided nature strolls**, which might include local parks or trails perfect for spotting seasonal wildlife. Being outdoors can help alleviate symptoms of anxiety and depression and boost overall mood and sense of well-being.

**Bring Joy Indoors**

Make your home a cozy holiday haven: **Decorate the Christmas tree** and craft homemade ornaments together.

**Bake family favorite recipes**—cookies, pies, or cinnamon rolls—and share them with neighbors. But also include some healthy options like slicing fruit and veggies so they are easily grabbed for a quick snack.

**Cozy evenings** with holiday books or classic films by the fireplace. Everyone has a favorite Christmas movie. Take turns watching each family member's favorite.

**Give Back as a Family**

Teach generosity through action: **Volunteer at food pantries**, shelters, or coat drives.

**Organize neighborhood giving projects**, like care packages for seniors or cards for hospital patients. Host a block party with hot cocoa and Christmas carols.

**Plan Simple Gatherings**

Family time doesn't need to be elaborate: Host a **game night** or **puzzle afternoon**. Invite loved ones over for **cookie decorating**, **hot cocoa**, and sharing favorite holiday memories.

**Recipe of the Week**

My sweet father-in-law passed away last week. In his honor, I'd like to share with you a family recipe he gave me many years ago that is delicious and healthy. I love this on cold evenings!

**Cabbage Patch Stew**

- 1 ½ pound lean ground beef or turkey (browned)
- Sauté together and set aside:
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 large garlic clove
- 7 cups chopped cabbage
- 2 cans (16oz. each) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 large can diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 3 cups beef or chicken broth
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Tabasco or Worcestershire sauce to taste (optional)

Mix everything together in a large pot, bring to boil and simmer for at least one hour. It gets better and better the longer it "gets acquainted."

# Mistletoe

## Christmas clusters actually a tree parasite

**By Dawson Bailey**  
Howard County Extension Agent  
— Agriculture

You may have noticed some dark green clusters hanging out in the tops of some trees now that all the trees have dropped their leaves. These clusters are mistletoe. While you may know of mistletoe from Christmas traditions, it is actually a forestry parasite.

Mistletoe grows in balls the size of a bushel basket and can reach up to 90 pounds. It is a dioecious plant meaning that it has male and female plants. Only the female plants produce the pea-sized white berries we are so familiar with. These berries are considered poisonous and should stay out of children.

The pulp from the berries will stick to the feet and beaks of birds which then will deposit them on other branches. The root tip forms an attachment to the host tree. The tree will then provide water and mineral nutrients, but the mistletoe will still do its own photosynthesis. Mistletoe will stay on the host tree until the infected branch dies or is removed, or the host tree dies.

In many cases, mistletoe infections do not cause significant damage in areas where water stress is not an issue. In areas with droughts, trees infected with mistletoe may become weakened. These weakened trees will be more susceptible to insect infestations. The ends of branches infested with mistletoe often die back during droughts.

Branch and trunk swellings may result from mistletoe infections. These places can become entry points for fungi that decay the wood, resulting in breakage and reduced value.

Mistletoes have ecological, economic, and social values. Because they usually occur high in the trees, they have evolved relationships with birds that serve as the main dispersal agent of their seeds. These berries are a favored food of several bird species. The decayed wood in swollen branches and trunks provide habitat for cavity nesting birds and mammals. Deer, elk, and livestock have been known to eat low hanging mistletoe plants. Mistletoe has been associated with Christmas for decades. The harvesting and sale of these plants provides seasonal income to some organizations.

Management of mistletoe may be necessary in some cases to reduce infections or prevent severe infections from developing. Valuable trees in lawns, recreational areas, and orchards can be treated to minimize the effects. Management may include pruning if the mistletoe is not on main trunks or branches, removal of the mistletoe's aerial shoots which does not kill the parasite, and planting mistletoe-resistant trees.

For more information, visit our website at [www.uaex.uada.edu](http://www.uaex.uada.edu) or call the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517. The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

# Pike County election board holds draw for 2026 ballot

The Pike County Election Commission held their ballot draw on Tuesday, Dec. 2 for placement on the preferential primary ballots this upcoming March 3, 2026.

New to the process this year is a semi-closed primary by the state Republican party. This means that those that have declared themselves as Democrats on their voter registration form cannot choose a Republican ballot, which will hold several key county races.

However, the less than 100 Pike County registered Democrats may, according to County Clerk Randee Edwards, change their party registration to "optional" at her office prior to the election or at any of the Pike County voting centers on election day. This would allow for voting in the Republican primary. That status may be changed back after the

primary elections should a voter desire.

The county's voting centers will be located in Kirby, Delight, Glenwood and Murfreesboro.

Additionally, the only way a voter can participate in a runoff election is limited to either their previous choice of Republican or Democratic tickets on March 3. A runoff election would be conducted on March 31.

The deadline for residents who are not currently registered to vote is February 2.

Those who are registered in-state -- but not Pike County -- may switch their registration at the polls this year. That is a change from previous elections in which it had to be done a week in advance of the election.

LNA testing of the voting machines will begin on January 28 at the Pike County Clerk's office.

Sample ballots for Pike County residents may be viewed on [voterview.com](http://voterview.com) after they are uploaded to the Secretary of State's website on February 13.

Residents desiring an absentee ballot must fill out an application at Edward's office by January 26.

Early voting will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 17 following the President's Day holiday on Monday, with early voting in any races requiring a runoff beginning March 24.

For any further election questions, please contact the Pike County Clerk's office at (870) 285-2743.

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# Preparing Early for Winter

## Simple Steps to Keep Your Family Safe

By Eva Langley  
Pike County FCS Agent

As colder weather approaches in Arkansas, now is a great time to start planning ahead to keep your family, home, and property safe. Winter can bring surprises like sudden power outages, icy roads, or frozen pipes but a little preparation now can save a lot of stress later.

A good place to start is by talking with your family about your winter weather plan. Discuss how you'll stay in touch during an outage, where you'll gather in the home to stay warm, and what to do if the heat goes out. It's also helpful to think about the specific needs of each person in your household, including pets, young children, older relatives, and anyone who relies on medication or medical devices. Writing down important phone numbers, addresses, and contacts and keeping copies in easy-to-find places can make things much smoother if an emergency pops up.

Practicing your plan together can also make a big difference. Even a quick run-through helps everyone remember where supplies are kept and what they're responsible for doing. Building a winter-ready emergency kit is an important step to do ahead of time. Stock up on warm blankets, flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food, water, and basic first-aid items. Storing them somewhere you can reach quickly - even in the dark - gives you peace of mind. Keeping a smaller kit in your car is also a smart idea for those unexpected icy days.

Another helpful thing you can do ahead of a deep freeze is protect your water supply by insulating exposed pipes and disconnecting outdoor hoses. When temperatures really plunge, letting faucets drip and knowing how to shut off your water can prevent frozen pipes from turning into a messy and expensive problem. By planning early and tackling these simple steps now, you can head into the winter season feeling confident and ready.

It's also wise to stock your pantry with canned, boxed, or bottled foods, dry mixes, and other staples that don't require refrigeration. To make planning easier, the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture offers a free Preparedness and Resiliency Guide that helps families plan for 14 days of meals and snacks. The guide provides 21 meals and 5 snacks to feed a family of 4 for 7 days. Most of the ingredients in the recipe book are non-perishable food items, except some fresh fruits and vegetables.

This resource can be modified and customized to fit your family's needs. Shopping for your family during financial hardships can be overwhelming if you try to do it all at once. Take it one step at a time. Adapt the quantity of recipes and only select recipes that your family will eat and enjoy. Make one night a week a family preparedness night and try out one of the recipes in this cookbook to find what your family likes.

The guide also includes a list of kitchen tools and supplies and information on food safety. When shopping, avoid items that require special preparation, long cooking times, lots of ingredients, or large amounts of water. Periodically check expiration dates of food and rotate items in your pantry.

You can download the guide at [uaex.uada.edu/life-skills-wellness/emergency-preparedness.aspx](http://uaex.uada.edu/life-skills-wellness/emergency-preparedness.aspx) or stop by the Pike County Extension Office at 100 Court Street Suite A in Murfreesboro for a printed copy. A link can also be found on the "Pike County FCS" Facebook page.

## Murfreesboro chamber donates to Angel Tree; some angels remain uncollected

Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Harvill presented local Angel Tree Director Angie Strawn a \$1,500 check for use in the 2025 program.

As of Tuesday morning only a few of the more than 100 angels were left uncollected for the annual drive to help local children have a merrier Christmas.

Strawn reiterated that all gifts must be returned to the Pike County Sheriff's Office by Tuesday, Dec. 16.



News-Leader photo/LOUIE GRAVES

**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT & COMMUNITY COFFEE.** Officers and employees of Farmers Bank & Trust were joined by well-wishers and Nashville Chamber of Commerce representatives, last Thursday morning, for a holiday community coffee. The group poses here in front of the lobby Christmas tree and one of the tables laden with goodies.

## Nashville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade RESCHEDULED for Monday, Dec. 15 @ 5:30

Christmas is almost here and we... hope to hear jingling on the rooftop!

# Newspaper Fun!

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## Christmas is Coming!

Color in everything!

Christmas is coming! Every day there is something to do to get ready for the holidays. I just finished making Christmas cards with photos on them for my family and friends. Right now I am hanging this wreath I made on the barn door. Symbols of the holidays are all around us - candles show light and warmth, and bells joyously peal.

**Holiday Symbols!**

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword with symbols of Christmas!

- gift bringer
- heavenly messengers
- large burning chunk of wood
- town where Christ was born
- ring in Christmas with these
- kind of tree decorated at Christmas
- carried the Kings
- people kiss under this
- three of them brought gifts
- tree decorations
- lighted to show warmth and joy
- ring of greens
- marked the place in the sky
- birthday of Jesus Christ
- songs of the season
- written holiday greetings
- plant that brightens holidays

**What Plant is This?**  
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This plant used to brighten the holidays is native to Mexico. The "flowers" are actually leaves!  
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**Stuffing the Stocking!**  
Can you help Starlight, the elf, stuff the cookie into the stocking?

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing...**  
Many voices and musical instruments are used to create all the beautiful carols that we hear everywhere.

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I played my best for Him  
pa rum pum pum pum -
- With little tin \_\_\_\_\_  
and little toy \_\_\_\_\_,  
Rooty-toot-toots and rummy-tum-tums,  
Santa Claus is coming to town.
- It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
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# Missing child case in Murfreesboro now under investigation

## Girl, 8, found safe just steps from home after 4+ hours

By John Balch  
News-Leader Staff

The case of a child reported missing last week in Murfreesboro and found just steps from her home is now under investigation, according to Murfreesboro Police Chief Randy Lamb.

The child, an eight-year-old girl who was described as "small for her age" at 3'2" tall and 38 pounds, was reported missing from her home on Third Avenue by one of her parents on Thursday, Dec. 4 at approximately 7:30-7:40 a.m. Initial reports indicated the child was possible unclothed on the cold, rainy morning.

The incident touched off a massive search that involved multiple local and state law enforcement agencies and departments and a very large number of volunteers made up of county firefighters, concerned citizens and business owners. Two thermal drones were also deployed in the search, one belonging to Pike County Office of Emergency Services and another belonging to a local resident. The Arkansas State Police helicopter was also requested at the scene, but due to the weather the copter could not fly, according to Chief Lamb.

Chief Lamb said the child

was reportedly found in the pump shed connected to the home's swimming pool around 12 noon by one of her parents. He estimated the distance from the home to the pump shed to be less than 100 feet. Lamb also said the child's home, pump shed and the surrounding area had been searched multiple times.

Murfreesboro Fire Chief Ricky Branch said the search was preparing to expand when the parent approached with the child wrapped in a blanket. The child, who appeared uninjured in the incident, was rushed to an ambulance already on site and then on to the Nashville hospital where she was further evaluated.

Lamb noted that this was not the first time the child had walked away from the home.

Chief Branch said he was "thoroughly impressed" with the search effort organization and the many people who showed up to help.

"The support was overwhelming and we couldn't be more thankful," Branch said.

"It was impressive," added Chief Lamb in offering more gratitude for the community support.



Murfreesboro Diamond photo

**ON THIRD AVENUE IN MURFREESBORO.** Law enforcement, emergency personnel and volunteers gather during search efforts last week for an eight-year-old child who was reported missing. The child was found safe and the case is now under investigation.

## Mineral Springs driver killed in Dec. 2 accident

One person died in a Howard County single-vehicle crash on Tuesday, Dec. 2, according to the Arkansas State Police.

Axel A. Marquez, 22, of Mineral Springs, was driving a 2023 Dodge Challenger on Buck Range Road in Nashville when the southbound vehicle crossed the centerline, left the

roadway and collided with a tree, according to an Arkansas State Police preliminary fatal crash summary.

Marquez died at the scene. Investigating State Trooper Micah Brown noted wet roads and clear weather at the time of the collision, which was recorded as 12:10 a.m.

## Christmas cantata to be presented this Sunday

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.

The public is invited to attend. Jaree Hall is director of music, organist and pianist at First United Methodist.

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Wednesday Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.  
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First & Third Sundays Monthly  
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351 **Facts About The BIBLE** BY JOHN ZEHTI

This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of II Kings intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times.

**The Shunammite's Son**  
DURING THE DAYS WHILE ELISHA IS THE LORD'S PROPHET IN ISRAEL, THERE LIVES A WOMAN OF GREAT WEALTH IN THE CITY OF SHUNEM—A CITY THROUGH WHICH ELISHA OFTEN TRAVELS....

...AND THE WOMAN OF GREAT WEALTH LOOKS UPON ELISHA WITH KINDNESS IN HER HEART...

BEHOLD, IS THIS NOT ELISHA GOING INTO SHUNEM?!

YES, HE PASSES THIS WAY OFTEN!

BID THE OLD MAN COME IN, AND EAT, AND REFRESH HIMSELF!

LITTLE DOES THIS WOMAN REALIZE THAT GREAT THINGS SHALL BE DONE FOR HER BECAUSE OF HER KINDNESS TO ELISHA!

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Sun. Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Sun. Evening 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday WOW 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
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Worship (KMTB-fm) - 10:55 a.m.  
Worship - 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** GROW - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Youth - 5:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
**Minister: Jim Pinson**

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Wednesday Service: 6:00 p.m.



**AREA CENTURY FARMS.** The Eudy Farm (at left), established in 1895, representing Howard County and the 1906 Smith Family Farm in Hempstead County.

## Governor recognizes newest inductees of Arkansas Century Farm Program

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders recently recognized 42 Arkansas farm families as the newest inductees into the Arkansas Century Farm Program.

The Arkansas Century Farm Program honors farms of 10 acres or more that have been owned by the same family for at least 100 years. Established by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture in 2012, the program highlights the enduring contributions of these families to the state's agriculture industry. Participation is voluntary and of-

fered at no cost to families.

"Our Century Farm inductees do more than just farm – they have a legacy of leadership that pays dividends across the state," said Governor Sanders.

"Thank you for keeping our country fed, our state growing, and our communities strong. We will not forget and we will keep working hard to support you in every way we can."

"We're proud to join Governor Sanders in adding 42 additional family farms to the

Century Farm Program," said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward.

"Agriculture is our state's largest industry and the foundation of our economic success — and these 687 Century Farm Families, located throughout the State of Arkansas in all 75 counties, represent a legacy of hard work, perseverance, and commitment that have helped to make our state and our agriculture industry what it is today."

With today's additions, there are now

687 Century Farms across Arkansas. This year's 42 newly inducted farms represent the following counties: Arkansas, Ashley, Baxter, Benton, Boone, Calhoun, Clark, Clay, Cleburne, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Craighead, Cross, Fulton, **Hempstead-Smith Family Farm Est. 1906**, Hot Spring, **Howard-Eudy Farm, Est. 1895**, Izard, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Logan, Lonoke, Monroe, Ouachita, Prairie, Pulaski, Searcy, St. Francis, Stone, Union, and Yell.

## Howard County Christmas week trash schedule

The Howard County road and sanitation departments will be off for the Christmas holiday Dec. 25-26. The county trash pickup schedule will be as follows:

Monday and Tuesday trash will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 22

Wednesday trash will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 23  
Thursday trash will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 24  
Trash needs to be ready for pickup by 7 a.m and must be bagged.

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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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025

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

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### 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 McElyea 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

2014 BUICK ENCLAVE  
VIN#5GAKRBJ250680  
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VIN#1AR2MN5EC619156  
2001 MERCURY GRAND MARQUISE  
VIN#2MEFM74W42X637627  
2008 NISSAN MURANO  
VIN#JN8AZ18U39W008325

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(BD: 25)

### 4-H member awarded trip to 4-H Congress for record book

**By Samantha Horn  
Howard County  
Extension Agent  
4-H/Staff Chair**

Howard County 4-H member Anna Kate McKinnon has been awarded a trip to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the prestigious National 4-H Congress, thanks to her outstanding record book submitted earlier this year.

National 4-H Congress, a tradition for more than 100 years, brings together top 4-H youth from across the United States to recognize state and national achievement. Attendees participate in an extensive lineup of leadership and personal development opportunities, including more than 100 hours of service-learning projects, hands-on workshops, inspiring plenary sessions, and keynote speeches from nationally recognized presenters such as Dr. Laymon Hicks. Youth also enjoy tours and recreational activities throughout the city, making the experience both educational and memorable.



**Anna Kate McKinnon**

The Howard County Extension Office congratulates Anna on this remarkable achievement and wishes her a successful and inspiring trip.

Individuals interested in joining Howard County 4-H may contact the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517 for more information.

### 4-H cooker places at National 4-H Poultry, Egg contest

Howard County 4-H member Brody Cupples attended the 52nd National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 18-21.

He qualified for this event in July after he placed at the Arkansas State O'Rama giving his egg presentation. While attending this year's conference, Cupples prepared his dish while being judged, then gave a

demonstration speech that he was also scored on.

During the presentation, Cupples gave facts about the poultry industry and how to cook with eggs. He placed eighth overall.

### The Springs of Mine Creek residents get a jump on Letters to Santa Claus

Several residents of Nashville's Springs of Mine Creek nursing home and rehab facility felt the need to get their Christmas wish lists to Santa Claus before the mail rush sets in. (Editor's Note: Santa subscribes to The Nashville News-Leader).

Here are those letters:

#### Dear Santa....

My name is D. Kelly and I am 61 years old. I have been nice and would like two dresses (5x), some body wash and perfume.

My name is G. Monckton and I am 55 years old. I have been nice and would like some gloves, a hat and some cokes.

My name is MC Sasser and I am 86 years old. I have been nice and would like a purse, a necklace, a hat and some gloves.

My name is L. Richardson and I am 45 years old. I have been nice and would like a journal, perfume, a hat and gloves and some makeup.

My names is M. Hendricks and I am 66 years old. I have been nice and

would like a case of cokes, some oatmeal pies and a hat and gloves.

My name is D. Etten and I am 73 years old. I have been nice and would like a hat and gloves, some snacks, jogging plants (XL) and shirts (XL).

My name is A. Randle and I am 66 years old. I have been nice and would like a purse, perfume, lipstick, socks and a hat and glove set.

My name is B. Rael and I am 63 years old. I have been nice and would like an outfit (M), some snacks and a hat and gloves.

My name is E. Quevedo and I am 63 years old. I have been nice and would like some coloring pencils, coloring books, a jacket (XL), snack cakes and drinks.

My name is K. Terry and I am 64 years old. I have been nice and would like some colorful markers, some chips, jacket (2X) and hat and gloves.

My name is E. Lewis and I am 61 years old. I have been nice and would like a jacket (2x), socks and gloves.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pike County will be accepting bids on culvert pipe for the 2026 calendar year. Bids are requested on galvanized, bituminous coated, concrete, corrugated polyethylene (smooth interior) and aluminum coated culvert pipe.

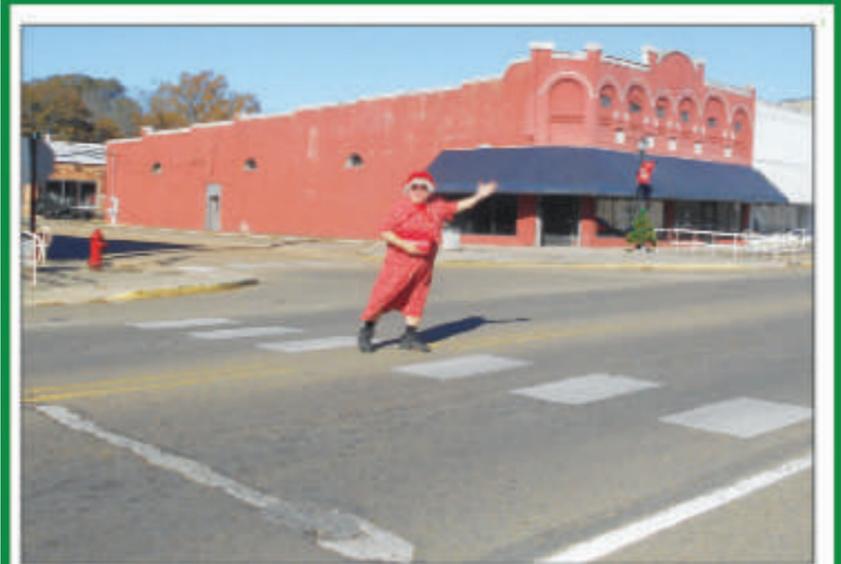
Bids will be opened on December 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Judge's office located at 1 Courthouse Sq., Murfreesboro, AR 71958. Bids may be mailed to the Pike County Judge,

P.O. Box 239, Murfreesboro, AR or delivered to 1 Courthouse Sq., Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

Pike County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Eddie Howard  
Pike County Judge

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**GETTING SERIOUS IN NASHVILLE.** Crowds and traffic are thick and frantic these days, and the City of Nashville hopes you will please observe laws and common courtesy by stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks. Mrs. Claus also has some thoughts about J-Turns but we'll let Santa find a way to punish those drivers. Please remember to set out your trash carts only on the pickup day, and remove them from streetside after pickup day.

Have a wonderful Christmas season from the

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## Photos with Santa

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