





# Obituaries



**Carol Lynn  
Horn McIntire**

Carol Lynn Horn McIntire, age 84 of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Monday, Dec. 15, 2025, in Hot Springs, Ark. She was born July 17, 1941, in Nashville, Ark., the daughter of the late Oscar “Bo” and Blanche Horn.

Carol was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville, Ark.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Raymond McIntire and son Kevin McIntire.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Ramie and Keith Friday of Lockesburg, Ark.; two granddaughters Samantha and Michael Harder, Emily and Blair Lovewell; two great-granddaughters Baylee and Bubba Reeder, and Alyson Harder; sister Charlotte and Joe Dyer of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; brothers Mike and Vicki Horn of Mur-

freesboro, Ark., and Kenny Horn of Nashville, Ark.; and a number of nieces nephews, and cousins whom she loved dearly.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025, at Mineral Springs Cemetery with Bro. Paul Herndon officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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



**Vonda Mae  
Hatch Brown**

Vonda Mae Hatch Brown, age 93 of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Monday, Dec. 22, 2025, in Dierks. She was born on Sept. 10, 1932, in Highland, the daughter of Floyd Royston Hatch and Bessie Viola Young Hatch.

Mrs. Brown was a faithful member of the Corinth Church of Christ and later the Sunset Church of Christ. Her faith was evident

through her willingness to teach bible classes and vacation bible school. She loved her family and cherished spending time with them.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Luther Junior Brown; her son, Tim Brown; and a brother-in-law, Jerry Robertson.

Those left to cherish her memory include: her two daughters and son-in-law, Brenda Brown, and Ruth Daugherty and Leon; her daughter-in-law, Debora Brown; her brother and sister-in-law, Donald Hatch and Juanita; her sister, Doris Robertson; four grandchildren, Lena (Eli) Brown VanCamp, Billy (Bethany) Daugherty, Thomas (Sarah) Brown, Tina (Michael) Daugherty Bunch; three great-grandchildren, Callan Daugherty, Byron Motta, and Darrel Motta; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025 at the Sunset church of Christ building.

A funeral service will follow at 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the New Corinth Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

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

## Nashville businesses host the final community Christmas coffees of the season



**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS.** Josh Tice, family, employees and Nashville Chamber of Commerce officers welcomed the public for a community Christmas coffee last Wednesday.



**SEASONS GREETINGS FROM IVAN SMITH FURNITURE.** Employees of the furniture and appliance store welcomed visitors, including Nashville Chamber of Commerce officers, to their annual community Christmas coffee, last Tuesday.

### FINANCIAL FOCUS

## Take control: Why budgeting doesn't have to feel negative

By Josh Tice  
Edward Jones Investments

Let's be honest: The word “budget” doesn't exactly spark joy for most people. It can feel restrictive or even generate feelings of guilt about past spending choices. But what if budgeting could feel empowering? When done right, it's simply about understanding your money and making sure it aligns with what truly matters to you.

Who needs a budget? While nearly everyone can benefit from budgeting, it's especially helpful if you're just starting out on your own, if your expenses exceed your income or if you're working toward a big goal like buying a home or retiring. Major life changes — marriage, a new baby, a job change or even retirement itself — are also perfect times to take a fresh look at your finances.

If your spending causes you stress or you simply want clarity about where your money goes each month, budgeting can help. Here are a few tips to help get you started:

Dispense with the dread. Often, the hardest part of budgeting is just getting started. Try breaking it down into small, manageable steps, and dedicate 30 minutes a week to tracking your income and expenses. Pair budgeting with something enjoyable — a favorite coffee or a relaxing activity — to make it less of a chore.

If you have no idea how much you spend, start by simply observing your buying habits for a few months. Review your checking and credit card accounts to see money coming in and going out. You can't change the past but you can adjust for your future.

Find your level of detail. There's no one-size-fits-all approach to budgeting. You might start by tracking just total income and expenses or by using the popular 50/30/20 rule: 50% for necessities, 30% for wants and 20% for savings and debt reduction. Some people prefer to build detailed categories for everything from groceries to entertainment, while others keep broader categories that work better for their lifestyles.

Technology can be your friend here. Budget apps and Ai-enabled spreadsheets can pull information directly from your bank and credit card statements, making the process much easier.

Make it work for you. Once you've tracked your spending, look for areas to adjust. Can you swap brand-name items for generics? Are there subscriptions you're not using? Sometimes the biggest impact comes from examining your largest expenses — housing, utilities, transportation, insurance — to find opportunities to save.

If you can't make room in your budget, you may need to revisit and reprioritize your financial goals. A financial advisor can help you understand your options and any trade-offs.

Stay on track. Check in with your budget monthly, quarterly or annually — whatever works for you. When life changes, your budget should too. Salary increases, bonuses, new expenses or significant life events are all good reasons to review and adjust.

Above all, the goal of a budget isn't perfection. It's progress toward financial confidence and peace of mind. A good budget shouldn't limit you — it should free you to spend guilt-free on what matters while saving intentionally for your future.

## Some of the folks last week at Howard Memorial Hospital's Health Fair



**AMONG THE HEALTH FAIR VENDORS.** Eric Jermany, left, and Stacy Busby had information about the hospital's physical rehab service during the Howard Memorial Hospital Health Fair, last week; and Dee Starr, from the Compass Behavioral Health clinic, and Denise Graves, the hospital's dietician, had information for visitors.



**AT THE HMH HEALTH FAIR.** Denean Mcwhorter and Kim Raulerson represented Power Pharmacy.

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**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



Boarding House of Mrs. Lucretia Beggs Collins on North Main Street, Nashville, 1902

**132 years ago: November 1893**

Miller Davis was hanged on November 10 at Centre Point for the murder of Cal-lie Dollarhide on October 23, 1892. The crime was com-mitted near Chapel Hill in Sevier County.

Davis took a change of venue to Howard County and was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to hang. Governor Fishback issued the order for him to be hanged on November 10.

**123 years ago: November 1902**

Miss Dora Martin arrived at the Ohio Penitentiary with a pardon for her father, Joseph Martin, who was con-victed in western Arkansas of murder and sentenced to hang in July 1888, but later his sentence was commuted to life by President Harrison. Miss Martin took up her father's case three months ago and went to Washington and made her plea to Presi-

dent Theodore Roosevelt to pardon her father. Her request was granted. She arrived at the federal prison during chapel services and there was a touching scene when she handed the par-don to her father.

Two thousand convicts cheered her and took up a collection, securing \$30 which was presented to Miss Martin.

**79 years ago: November 1946**

The final appearance of the 1946 edition of Scrap-pers will be had here on Thanksgiving Day, when the Scrappers will be host to the strong Dierks Outlaws in their annual Turkey Day game.

Coach Lester Bradley has announced that the game will be called promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in order that visitors from a distance may get back home before dark and also so the game can be played in the warmest part of the day in

the event the weather is cold.

**59 years ago: December 1963**

Five head of cattle be-longing to a Dierks resident may have been poisoned with arsenic. The owner was Wilson Alsabrook and the five were in a herd of approximately 40 head kept in a pasture near the Saline River in Sevier County. The five, all grown cows, died Sunday and Monday, and a sixth may die.

Sevier Sheriff Cecil Dil-lahunty said a substance believed to be arsenic was found in a feed trough in the pasture. The substance was sent to Little Rock for testing.

**42 years ago: December 1983**

We're on longer a one-traffic light town. The state is installing a handful of lights out on the bypass near the intersection of Highways 27 and 24, which is where 4, 24 and 27 now come together.

# Court dates set for seven following not guilty pleas

Of the seven defendants who entered pleas before Judge Bryan Chesshir last Wednesday, Dec. 17, every one pleaded not guilty and heard dates set for their trials and pretrial motions.

Thomas Robinson, Jr., 62, white male, Lockesburg, is charged with attempted resi-dential burglary. Motions will be heard Jan. 15 along with a case in Sevier County. His bond was revoked.

Eric Groom, 26, white male, Arkadelphia, is charged with theft by receiv-ing. Motions will be heard Feb. 11.

Ulises Avalos, 46, white male, Nashville, faces a trio of class D felony charges including aggravated as-sault upon a household or family member; 1st degree terroristic threatening; and aggravated assault. Motions will be heard Feb. 11.

James Michael Cox, 31, white male, Prattsville, is charged with a class B fel-ony, non-support, a charge that was originally filed in 2024.

His bond was set at \$25,000 and his motions date was set for Feb. 11.

Kenneth Gray, 51, black male, Texarkana, is charged with furnishing prohibited articles; that is, was found with contraband when being admitted to jail.

Bond was set at \$30,000 and motions will be heard March 4.

Tkolyia Riley, 32, black female, Lake Wales, Fla., is charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, a class A felony. A pretrial motions date of Feb. 11 was set. She

is being extradited to Texas on other charges. Here, she was allegedly possessing and selling contraband from a big truck on the Walmart parking lot.

Timothy Walker, 24, black male, Nashville, is charged with theft of property -- the unauthorized taking of a roommate's vehicle. Mo-tions will be heard March 4 and he was ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim. Bond was reduced to \$10,000.

# Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or record-ed at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Dec. 11-17, 2025, unless noted otherwise, in-cluded the following:

**Marriage Licenses**

(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)

Dec. 15. Edwin Antonio Maldonado Iras, 31, Ozan, and Kelin Joana Martinez chaver, 23, Ozan.

Dec. 17. Justin Dewayne Garner, 39, Nashville, and Leann Watts, 30, Nashville.

**Civil Court**

CV25-141, Dec. 16. Cap-ital One vs. Jacob Eudy. Debt.

**Domestic Relations Court**

DR25-98, Dec. 16. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. William W. Killip, Jr. sup-port.

**Criminal Court**

(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug parapher-nalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)

CR25-115, Dec. 15. State of Arkansas vs. Thomas Robinson, Jr., 62, white male, Lockesburg; attempted resi-dence burglary, class C felony.

CR25-116, Dec.15. State of Arkansas vs. Eric Groom, 26, white male, Arkadelphia; theft by receiving, class B.

CR25-117, Dec. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Ulises Avalos, 46, white male, 647 Pump Springs Rd., Nashville; ag-gravated assault upon a family or household mem-ber; 1st degree terroristic threatening; aggravated assault; all class D.

CR25-118, Dec. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Kenneth Gray, 51, black male, Texarkana, Ark; furnishing prohibited articles, class B.

CR25-119, Dec. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Steven Michael Williams, 49, white male, Foreman; POCS, class D.

CR25-120, Dec. 16. State

of Arkansas vs. Tkolyia La-trice Riley, 32, Lake Wales, Fla.; POCS with purpose, class A.

CR25-121, Dec. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Timothy Walker, 24, black male, 316 W. Shepherd, Nashville; theft of property, class D.

**Land/Property Transactions**

**Quitclaim Deeds**

Dec.11. W. Greg Bell, Joy Bell Norris and Kimberly Denise Bell; to W. Greg Bell, Joy Bell Norris and Kimberly Denise Bell; 15 ac. in S33 T10S R27W.

Dec. 11. Greg Bell, et al; to W. Greg Bell and wife, Diane J. Bell; 15 ac. in S33 T10S R27W.

Dec. 11. Randy Legate, aka James R. Legate; to James R. Legate and Dorothy A. Legate, husband and wife; 1.01 ac. in S21 T5S R28W.

Dec. 11. Justin Reich; to Sherry Reich; 0.71 ac. in S13 T9S R27W.

Dec. 15. (correcting legal description) Lavon Reed, aka Vera L. Reed, surviving spouse of Wayne L. Reed thru her attorney-in-fact Steve Reed; to Steven Reed and wife, Angie Reed, and Kerry Reed; aggregate 15.5 ac. in S36 T8S R29W with exceptions.

Dec. 15. US Bank National Association; to 8 Dun-nigan, LLC; 171 N.Loop St., Mineral Springs. \$12,100.

Dec. 16. Benjamin Wal-lace; to Amber Poe, aka Amber Wallace; Lots 10-11-12, Block 8, Wilson & Ferguson Addition, Town of Nashville.

**Beneficiary's Deed**

Dec. 11. Delores A. Rhodes, survivor of an es-tate with David L. Rhodes; to Tammy A. Plyler and Steven L. Rhodes; 2 tracts, aggregate 8.17 ac. in S13 T9S R27W.

Dec. 11. James R. Legate and Dorothy A. Legate; to Lauren B. Nichols, et al, ten-ants in common; 1.01 ac. in

D21 T5/S R28W.

Dec. 15. Mary J. Cearley; to Tammye J. Davis, Charles W. Davis, LeCroix M. Daniel, with alternate beneficiaries listed; part of Lots 2 and 3, Block 6, 125 Ridgeway Drive, Nashville.

**Administrator Deed**

Dec. 16. Jaise M. McIn-tosh, Administrator of the estate of Bennie Joe Mc-Intosh, deceased; to Jaise McIntosh; 40 ac. in S27 T10S R28W.

**Warranty Deeds**

Dec. 11. Paul Fuller, et al; to Paul Fuller and Sara Rene Fuller, Co-trustees of the Fuller Family Revocable Trust; 2 tracts, Lots 43 thru 46, and Lots 47 thru 50, all in Aaron Subdivision, S8 T5S R28W, Howard County.

Dec. 11. Wayne R. Gardo-vsky; to Erica Fry; part of Lot 14, Block 51, McCullough's Addition, Town of Mineral Springs, plus adjacent strip. \$15,000.

Dec. 12. Edward Thomp-son; to Charles Edward Thompson and Brenda Kay Thompson, Trustees of GET and BKT Irrevocable Trust; aggregate 38 ac. in S35 T7S R28W.

Dec. 12. Ashley Dawn Sweeden, fka Ashley Dawn Sweeden Waldrop; to Elijah David Steward; Lots 1-2, and part of Lot 3, Block 1, Ridgeway Addition, City of Nashville. \$164,500.

Dec. 12. Dillard McSpad-den and wife, Kimberly McSpadden; to Lauriano Pachco Reyes and Isabel Antonio, husband and wife; part of Lots 5-6, Block 1, Stephenson Addition, Town of Nashville. \$45,000.

Dec. 15. Glenn E. Haw-thorne; to Christopher E. Hawthorne; 0.234 ac. in S30 T7S R28W.

Dec. 16. Amber Poe, fka Amber Wallace; to James Lindsey, Jr. and Danielle Eggers-Morris; Lots 10-11-12, Block 8, Wilson & Fer-guson Addition, Town of Nashville. \$171,500.

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# Point of view

## Xmas tickets

### Wanna-be J-Turn official would have the spirit

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and -- whew -- I came VERY close to being forced to repeat an old column again, here on the very eve of Christmas.

I had a good excuse: I was plumb tuckered from chasing the hundreds of offenders that are driving around with a blue ‘handicapped’ thingy dangling from the backup mirror.

Someone on the Internet has told me that is against the law, so even though I am NOT YET officially designated our town’s Down-town J-Turn Enforcement Officer, I feel it is my duty to chase down the miscreants and firmly admonish them to remove that blue ‘handicapped’ thingy when the vehicle is moving.

Otherwise their vision might be restricted and -- one fine day -- I might actually be officially able to issue a real traffic ticket for such an offense. Which I would do without regard to race, gender, creed, national origin, political inclination, gender preference or cash amount offered.

I am sad to tell you that I had no luck stopping these drivers. How could they ignore me?

Here’s what I would do if I got official designation: At the first stop sign I would flash my headlights and pull in front of their vehicle. Surely they would notice that the portly old guy in their headlights was armed and wearing a fine Army-Navy Surplus Store camouflage uniform. Until I get official designation I am unable to buy a set of rooftop blue lights, but -- still -- I would think they’d know someone important wanted them to stop.

And I realize that this is just not the best time of year to hand out traffic admonishments, so I would do something to lessen the negative impact. I saved a bunch of Christmas Parade candy that was missed in Monday night’s darkness. I would give each driver a couple of pieces of candy (after I had gone through the stash in order to save chocolate for myself).

And THAT is a real example of the Christmas spirit.  
All I want for Christmas is for YOU to call the mayor and tell him to stop fooling around and go ahead and confer upon me the title of Official Downtown J-Turn Enforcement Officer.

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HATEFUL. How DARE the hateful entity AT&T call itself AMERICAN Telephone and Telegraph? Whatever it is, it is not American. No way.

I hope I can get my blood pressure down in time for Christmas.  
One afternoon last week I spent an hour and a half dealing with ‘James,’ who was definitely not in Indianapolis or Seattle. Maybe Calcutta.

It seems that AT&T is taking away my perfectly good Internet service and modem, and replacing them with something that ‘James’ tried to explain to me. I hate ‘James’ with a passion now.

Oh, and by the way, AT&T won’t send you bills in the mail anymore, and you can’t pay us by your check in the return mail. We want your banking information.

It’s all terribly confusing for a geezer.  
But I shouldn’t be so hard on ‘James.’  
I imagine he has a hard time understanding this Arkie’s version of English. And I realize that he’s worn out, himself, dealing with ignorant Arkies for 50 rupees an hour.

Makes me want to go sign the wet-dry petition.  
This story isn’t over. Further AT&T dealings next day put me in the hands of ‘Victoria,’ who sounded like she was from Seattle.  
She still couldn’t help me and before I hung up she said I’d need to go to an AT&T store and buy a cable to connect to my desktop computer. Heck, even my last AT&T modem didn’t require a cable.  
Say, reckon I can get a shot of whisky when I sign that petition?

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I AM SOOOO LUCKY.  
Every year at the first cold front, I worry that when I thrust my arms into the sleeves of my jacket for the first time. I just know that I will find a Black Widow or Brown Recluse spider nest. I’m showing no ill effects so far so I must not have been bitten.  
The jacket has been on a clothes hanger in a dark closet since the end of last winter, back in June. As I wrote before it’s a perfect hiding place for Black Widows or Brown Recluseseses.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: OLD. I very quietly confided to my friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and asked:  
"Are you having it catered?" And that, my friend, is the definition of OLD!

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WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: “Maybe the band will have majorette twirlers again someday,” he chirped hopefully. Such a cheerful pessimist.

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HE SAID: “T’was the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.” Clement Clarke Moore, author and real estate developer

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SHE SAID: “Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it’s Christmas.” Dale Evans, singing cowgirl and actress.  
If Roy’s horse was Trigger what was Dale’s?

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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## Arkansas Department of Transportation working on state highways, Interstates

**By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.**  
The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is currently working on 230 active projects as of early October 2025, with a projected cost of \$2.4 billion.

The department has been actively maintaining secondary highways across the state with about 500 miles of road planned to be preserved by the end of this year.

In September, six state projects were awarded \$31.1 million and two county projects were awarded \$700,000.

During September bid-letting cycle, ARDOT received 28 bids from 22 different contractors. The department’s chief engineer for preconstruction highlighted three of those projects.

One of those projects is the Interstate 540 and Arkansas 255 interchange in Sebastian County that was awarded \$3.4 million. It is expected to be completed by early 2027.

The second project was a contract awarding \$19.2 million to replace a bridge along U.S. 67 in Clark County. The bridge goes over the Caddo River.

Clark County, in partnership with the Transportation Department, will provide funds to construct a shared-use path on the west side of the new bridge along U.S. 67.

The third project highlighted; a \$2.2 million contract was awarded to alleviate traffic congestion at the U.S. 70 and University Avenue intersection.

The project will include up-graded traffic signal equipment, roadway lighting and will be repaved with new markings. Metroplan of Central Arkansas is contributing \$600,000 and the city of Little Rock is providing the cost to replace signal equipment.  
A new pavement preservation program for 2026 is in the works featuring 29 highway projects totaling \$170 million; 21 of which will be pavement preservation projects.  
One major part of the Transportation Department’s work is maintaining state roadways.  
According to Jared Wiley, the department’s director, “Maintenance is 75% or 80% of the department’s budget.”  
ARDOT divides the state into 10 districts, and the statewide maintenance preservation program is about \$15 million, divided by \$1.5 million per district.  
According to Steve Frisbee,

assistant chief engineer for maintenance, “Last year with the \$1.5 million the districts were able to chip seal over 416 miles of state highways and place over 225,000 tons of asphalt for leveling and patching.”  
In 2025, 340 miles of road will be sealed, 145 will be leveled, and 24 miles will be both sealed and leveled.  
In 2024, Arkansas was one of the first states to install wrong-way detection sensors primarily on Interstate 40, 55, and 555 to try and curb the number of wrong-way collisions in the state.  
While traveling in the wrong direction is not frequent, it often results in fatalities.  
Wrong-way detection systems include vehicle sensors, television cameras, illuminators, hardware controllers, warning devices and communications equipment that notify motorists if they are traveling in the wrong directions.  
If the sensors detect a motorist traveling in the wrong direction, LED lights will flash to notify the motorist of their mistake.  
There is also an alarm that will be sent to the ARDOT Traffic Management Center so crews can report and track the motorist.

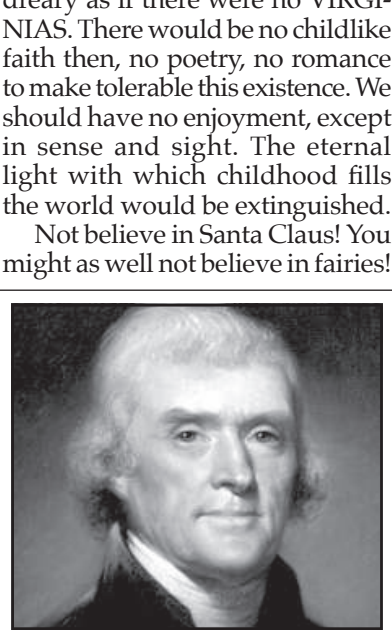
## ‘Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus’

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DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.  
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Papa says, ‘If you see it in THE SUN it’s so.’  
Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?  
VIRGINIA O’HANLON.  
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men’s or children’s, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.



Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.  
Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies!

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Coach Boomer Brown and members of the Scrapperette softball team ride their float in the Nashville Christmas parade Monday, Dec. 15.

## Legislation helps ‘provide for the common defense’

**By Sen. John Boozman**

Over the last several weeks, three American service members have made the ultimate sacrifice.

West Virginia Army National Guard Spc. Sarah Beckstrom died during an assignment to our nation’s capital while Iowa National Guard Sgts. Edgar Brian Torres-Tovar and William Nathaniel Howard gave their lives defending our freedom on a counter-terrorism deployment in Syria.

These heroes laid down their lives to protect America and our interests. This holiday season, we should take special care to pray for and think of their loved ones as well as the other U.S. personnel injured in these deadly attacks.

Their service and sacrifice are the definition of patriotism. They remind us that there are high costs associated with safeguarding our liberty and way of life.

As such, Congress must never fail to provide our military with the tools, resources and strategic advantages necessary for the safety of our service members and the security of this country.

I am pleased that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle still make that a priority. For evidence, look no further than passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2026 this past week. This critical legislation paves the way for significant investments to ensure we are prepared to meet global security threats and challenges in addition to delivering crucial quality of life support for service members and their families.

Supplying the capabilities to fully carry out a peace through strength agenda was the main objective with this year’s NDAA, which this bill does.

From reforming and streamlining defense acquisitions to accelerating expansion of the defense industrial base, including abundant munitions, to enhancing the military’s cooperation for border security activities — this year’s version was tailored to emphasize lethality, revitalization and readiness.

It also advances changes to better the daily lives of our troops, their spouses and children. That includes a 3.8 percent pay raise as well as housing improvements and access to more childcare and educational benefits. This aspect should not be overlooked since we know that the quality of life is a major factor in whether Americans join and continue serving in uniform. I look forward to seeing these new programs in action and how military families benefit.

Arkansas’s Congressional Delegation also worked hard to ensure our state’s national security installations, missions and industries were boosted in this NDAA.

Aside from robust new initiatives for each service branch that help strengthen their ability to deter threats or win confrontations, we secured some direct and important infusions into Natural State-based defense efforts.

Pine Bluff Arsenal will play a larger part in supporting the organic industrial base with new and modernized production lines. Little Rock Air Force Base’s 189th Airlift Wing will continue to thrive as the leading tactical airlift installation in the country with expanded training capacity. The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center located at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock will now permanently call Arkansas home. And private sector contractors in Camden gain high confidence in further investing to meet integral munitions needs.

Red River Army Depot just across the border in Texas, with a strong contingent of Arkansas residents among its workforce, is also poised to become a major producer of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) – or drones – for national security uses.

There are a lot of reasons to be excited about the good this NDAA will do for our armed forces, national security posture and fellow Americans. It is what our servicemembers deserve, and I was honored to help bring it to the finish line with strong bipartisan consensus.

## Yule

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bribe for Jolly Old St. Nick—milk and cookies.

This tradition dates back to the ancient Norse practice of leaving food for Odin’s horse, hoping to receive gifts in return.

It really came into its own in America during the Great Depression with parents teaching their kids thankfulness and generosity. And as every child knows when they see that empty milk glass and cookie plate, and GIFTS UNDER THE TREE, it works!

For many, Christmas would not be complete without a gingerbread house. Guess who gave us that tradition? Once again, the Germans, by way of the Brothers Grimm story of Hansel and Gretel.

Wreaths are a common sight during the Christmas season, and while they’ve been popular as decorations since ancient Greek and Roman times, they’ve now been given Christian meaning. Evergreens represent life, and when arranged in a circular pattern, eternal life. Holly leaves and berries are symbolic of the crown of thorns and Christ’s blood.

For those of you who love fruitcake, you have our condolences. Apparently the British came up with that one, and tell me, when is the last time you had a craving for British food? “Anybody care for a nice kidney pie?”

The good residents of Manitou Springs, Colo., know how to serve fruitcake correctly—each year, on Jan. 3, they have their annual Fruitcake Toss Day.

Who doesn’t love a syrupy Hallmark movie this time of year? But the Hall

Brothers (now Hallmark) didn’t make their “mark” (Hallmark) until 1915. That’s when they introduced the world’s first folding Christmas card, complete with an envelope, and they started a new tradition.

According to the Greeting Card Association—yes, there is such a thing—today more than 1.6 billion cards are sold and sent each year.

While there are many other Christmas traditions, like “Nutcracker” (Russia, 1892), ugly sweater parties (Canada, 2001), Elf on the Shelf (United States, 2005), *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965), and *It’s a Wonderful Life* (1946), none is stranger than one that dates back to a Woolworth’s store in 1890.

Woolworth’s had received a large order of—get ready for it—glass Christmas tree ornaments in the form of vegetables, including a very realistic glass pickle.

Some enterprising salesman invented an “old German tradition” (not) of hiding the glass pickle somewhere on the Christmas tree, where it blended in with other ornaments and was difficult to find.

The new/old tradition held that the child who found the pickle would get an additional present on Christmas morning. Believe it or not, the pickle tradition caught on and is still popular with midwesterners of German descent.

Whatever your favorite Christmas traditions, enjoy them this time of year, along with the love of family and friends.

Share them with your kids and grandkids, and just maybe they’ll still be celebrating your traditions in the years to come.

Oh—and take it easy with all of the pagan feasting and drinking.



Christmas wreath

## AAA assigns football schools to new conferences

New football conferences for 2026-28 have been announced by the Arkansas Activities Association.

Conferences involving area teams will include the following:

7-4A - Arkadelphia, Ashdown, Fouke, Fountain Lake, Genoa, Hope, Malvern and Nashville.

Haskell Harmony Grove and Bauxite have been moved to a different conference. They are replaced by Hope and Fouke.

Class 5A South - Arkansas High, Camden Fairview, De Queen, Hot Springs, Hot Springs Lakeside, Magnolia, Pine Bluff and White Hall.

Hope and Parkview are out, replaced by Pine Bluff and White Hall.

7-3A - Bismarck, Camden Harmony Grove, Centerpoint, Cossatot River, Horatio, Parkers Chapel, Prescott and Smackover.

Fouke was moved to 7-4A and was replaced by Cossatot River.

3-2A - Dierks, Foreman, Gurdon, Junction City, Mineral Springs, Murfreesboro and Spring Hill.

Lafayette County is out. Blevins and Lafayette County will play in the South conference for 8-man football.

Basketball and spring sports conferences will be announced.

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# Scrapperettes earn win over 6A Bryant

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Coach Paul Dean encourages the Scrapperettes during their 57-46 win over Class 6A Bryant Friday night, Dec. 19, at Scrapper Arena.



Sofia McCauley (15) and Angel Watson (4) go after the ball as Karstyn Scrivner (24) waits for a possible turn-over in Nashville's non-conference victory over Bryant Dec. 19. The Scrapperettes are 11-2 on the season. They lost at North Little Rock 59-40 Tuesday night, Dec. 16.



Lyris Bennett (23) goes up for a basket against the Bryant Lady Hornets.



Ava Basiliere (44) scores during Nashville's home win Dec. 19.



Emma Chambers (0) hits a 3-point shot against Bryant last Friday night.



Kiyanna Stewart (5) keeps the ball away from the Bryant Lady Hornet in the Scraperettes' 57-46 home victory.



Karstyn Scrivner drives to the basket for a score against Bryant.

## Scrappers win 2 on road, remain undefeated

The Nashville Scrappers won two games on the road last week to run their season record to 7-0. They defeated Fountain Lake 58-55 Tuesday night, Dec. 16, then traveled to Star City Dec. 19 for a 68-58 win over the Bulldogs.

### Up next

Scrapperettes @ Little Rock Christian tournament Dec. 27, 29 and 30

Scrappers @ Mineral Springs tournament Dec. 29-Jan. 3

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Karstyn Scrivner, Nashville

Karstyn, a Scrapperette senior, scored 21 points in Nashville's 57-46 non-conference win over Bryant Friday night, Dec. 19, at Scrapper Arena.





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FIND NEW ROADS



Home&Heart

Turn Christmas Leftovers into Creative Dishes

By Angie Freel  
Howard County Family & Consumer Science

When your holiday feast is over, and your fridge is still brimming with turkey, ham, and sides, instead of reheating the same plate, why not transform those leftovers into creative dishes that feel brand new?

Here are some inspired ideas to make your post-Christmas meals just as festive.

Cheese & Cranberry Puff Pastry Bites

Got leftover cranberry sauce and a wedge of cheese? Wrap them in puff pastry and bake until golden for elegant appetizers that pair perfectly with sparkling cider.

Turkey & Ham Fried Rice Lettuce Cups

Shred leftover turkey and ham, toss with cooked rice, Brussels sprouts, and a splash of soy or fish sauce. Serve in crisp lettuce leaves for a light, flavorful twist.

Creamy Turkey Pot Pie

Combine turkey, vegetables, and gravy in a creamy sauce, then bake under a flaky crust. It's comfort food at its finest.

Savory Rice with Turkey & Sage

Simmer rice in homemade stock from the turkey carcass. Add shredded turkey, fresh sage, and Parmesan for a rich, aromatic dish.

Stuffed Bell Peppers

Fill halved peppers with a mix of leftover meat, rice, and cheese. Bake until tender for a colorful, hearty entrée.

Sweet Treats from Chocolate Odds & Ends

Those leftover chocolates? Chop them into brownie batter or make a festive "chocolate salami" with nuts and dried fruit.

Pro Tips for Zero Waste

Freeze smart: Stock from bones, extra gravy, and cooked grains can be frozen for future soups and stews.

Repurpose veggies: Blend roasted vegetables into soups or frittatas.

Refresh bread: Turn stale rolls into croutons or breadcrumbs.

Bottom line: With a little creativity, yesterday's feast becomes today's culinary adventure. Your leftovers aren't just scraps—they're the start of something delicious.

Recipe of the Week

Leftover Stuffing Cakes

Ingredients:

3 cups leftover stuffing (can also make a boxed stuffing mix)

1 egg, beaten

2 tablespoons of whole milk or cream

Salt and Pepper to taste

4 tablespoons of butter

Leftover turkey or brown gravy

Fried eggs

Instructions:

Add the leftover stuff-

ing to a bowl. The stuffing should have a consistency like a boxed stuffing mix to make the cakes hold together. If your stuffing has larger pieces of bread and/or sausage you can pulse it a few times in a food processor first. Add extra salt and pepper, if needed. Add the egg and milk or cream and mix the stuffing mixture together until combined.

Form into cakes like the size of a crab cake, you should get 4-5 cakes from 3 cups of leftover stuffing. Chill the stuffing cakes for at least an hour in the refrigerator.

Add the butter to a skillet over medium heat.

Fry the stuffing cakes on both sides until crispy and warmed through.

Serve the stuffing cakes topped with a fried egg with warmed turkey or brown gravy.



Photo Courtesy of Arkansas State Capitol

**GLEN CAMPBELL EXHIBIT AT STATE CAPITOL.** The family of country music legend Glen Campbell recently visited the Glen Campbell exhibit now on display in the Arkansas State Capitol. Pictured here are (from left) Campbell's nephew, Steve Campbell with wife LaDonna, sisters Sandy and Barbara, and niece Angie. The special exhibit runs through January 2026.



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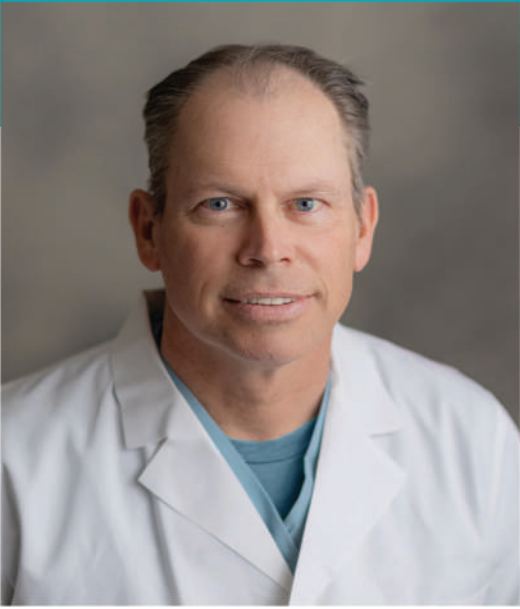
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Non-float entries -- The Pinto Bull, 1st; Smith Ready Mix, 2nd; Trish's BBQ, 3rd.

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## Howard County District Court

<p><b>Dec. 11, 2025</b> <b>BF=Bond Forfeited</b> <b>Howard County</b> Archer, Justin J., 45, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$975 balance</p> <p>Brown, Jerry D., 49, Lockesburg, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,150 balance</p> <p>Calhoun, Gregory, 50, Texarkana, Texas, \$273 BF, overload</p> <p>Chaney, Cara Michelle, 34, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt</p> <p>Chism, Tanner, 24, Ozan, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,425 balance</p> <p>Clark, Christie, 45, Hot Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460</p> <p>Dominguez, Mayke, 38, Mineral Springs, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course</p> <p>Evans, Amy, 34, De Queen, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,420 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245</p> <p>Fultz, Anna L., 36, Murfreesboro, \$255 BF, speeding</p> <p>Gonzalez, Kaylin Alisia, 29, Ben Lomond, \$255 BF, speeding</p> <p>Harris, Bryan, 62, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360</p> <p>Haun, Alexis Marie, 23, Dierks, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines</p> <p>Hill, Peggy Del Rae, 30, Cove, \$160 BF, no proof of liability insurance</p> <p>Hines, Vanessa, 37, Nashville, \$265 BF, speeding</p> <p>Hopson, Jacoby, 15, Delight, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license</p> <p>Johnson, Steven Reed, 36, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,980 balance, committed to jail for 30 days</p> <p>Lard, Quinteisha Rashonne, 40, Hope, guilty of speeding, fined \$265</p> <p>Martinez Camacho, J. Carmen, 64, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license</p> <p>Maxey, Samuel A., 25, Umpire, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,560 balance, committed to jail-suspended conditions</p> <p>Neal, Gorta D., 40, Nashville, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines</p> <p>Nyberg, Jeffrey John, 55, Fort Worth, Texas, \$265 BF, speeding</p> <p>Page, Nicolas, 25, Ramona, Calif., \$235 BF, failure to maintain control</p> <p>Pope, Jayden S., 22, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$775</p> <p>Pugh, Jeramie, 36, Nash-</p>	<p>ville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$7,027 balance</p> <p>Ramasco, Charles Robert, 44, Horatio, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460</p> <p>Riley, Irvin G., 27, Texarkana, Texas, \$270 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, speeding</p> <p>Sepulveda, Jose Barron, 31, Nashville, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines</p> <p>Sharp, Hannah Lynn, 23, Nashville, \$210 BF, no child restraint</p> <p>Smith, Olivia E., 23, McCaskill, guilty of speeding, fined \$275</p> <p>Stevens, Breanna N., 42, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance</p> <p>Thomas, Codey W., 24, Mena, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$200</p> <p>Tyson, Trashawn D., 28, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$270; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245</p> <p>Watson, Glenda, 52, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$395 balance</p> <p><b>City of Nashville</b> Amonette, Carl T., 41, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,077 balance</p> <p>Banda, Felix, 58, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license</p> <p>Bay, Joshua G., 20, Wiona, Mo., \$15 BF, non-payment of fines</p> <p>Bialonso Ramirez, Maria, 53, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$160 BF, no proof of liability insurance</p> <p>Brown, Pedro, 26, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,640 balance, committed to jail-suspended conditions; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245</p> <p>Burns, Ricky D., 31, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$640 balance, committed to jail-suspended conditions</p> <p>Cantu, Laura Gaciela, 19, Blevins, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460</p> <p>Conway, Jeremy, 25, Tacoma, Wash., guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260</p> <p>Davis, Rees, A., 19, Nashville, \$360 BF, careless or prohibited driving</p> <p>Espada, Adrin M., 42, Nashville, guilty of attempt to defraud drug/alcohol screen, fined \$725</p> <p>Gomez Vera, Antonio, 57, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$160 BF, no proof of liability insurance</p> <p>Gosnell, Stanley Jr., 52, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,145 balance</p> <p>Gray, Porsha L., 32, Nashville, guilty of shoplifting,</p>	<p>fine \$525; guilty of failure to appear, fine \$300</p> <p>Helmsderfer, Lauren, 33, Springdale, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fine \$360; guilty of failure to appear, fine \$260</p> <p>Henry, Jeanette, 58, Nashville, guilty of no vehicle license, fine \$200; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fine \$360; guilty of failure to appear, fine \$260</p> <p>Hubbard, Kane Q., 31, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fine \$160</p> <p>Cupp, Brandon C., 39, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fine \$460; guilty of driving left of center, fine \$210; guilty of fleeing, fine \$625</p> <p>Jones, Peair, 36, Hope, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fine \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fine \$360</p> <p>Luna, Izaq Jovanni, 21, Cove, \$360 BF, no proof of liability insurance</p> <p>Markcum, Allen Lee, 50, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fine \$460; guilty of no vehicle license, fine \$200; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fine \$360</p> <p>Maroon, Samuel, 24, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt</p> <p>Mayes, Johnathon Brent, 43, Newhope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fine \$460</p> <p>Miller, Jarrod A., 34, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt</p> <p>Norwood, Christina M., 34, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay registration, fine \$210; guilty of failure to appear, fine \$2245; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fine \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fine \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fine \$245</p> <p>Pioquinto, Jorge A., 19, Nashville, guilty of violation of city ordinance-dogs running at large, fine \$165</p> <p>Ramirez, Juana M., 40, Nashville, \$210 BF, no child restraint</p> <p>Reed, Dwayne Marckus, 51, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$420 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fine \$245</p> <p>Ross, lonnie, 25, Nashville, \$360 BF, no proof of liability insurance</p> <p>Strong, Seth T., 47, Nashville, guilty of second-degree assault, fine \$550</p> <p>Trimble, Orlandis, 38, Childress, Texas, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines</p> <p>Walker, Timotheus I., 49, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fine \$210; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fine \$460; guilty of</p>	<p>possession of drug paraphernalia, fine \$575; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,630 balance, committed to jail-suspended conditions</p> <p>Weeks, Jeremy, 46, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fine \$460</p> <p>Willis, Andrea, 34, Texarkana, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fine \$575; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fine \$1,090 and license suspended for six months</p> <p>Womack, Lance D., 58, Chidester, \$45 BF, no seat belt</p> <p>Wynn, Kiawan, 28, Nashville, \$245 BF, failure to appear</p> <p><b>City of Dierks</b> Armando, Henri, 29, Little Rock, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license</p> <p>Dubiel Ordonez, Peter, 30, Prosper, Texas, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license</p> <p>Evans, David Andrew, 47, Fort Towson, Okla., \$50 BF, failure to present insurance;</p>	<p>\$245 BF, speeding</p> <p>Hernandez Vasquez, Jose, 18, Albertsville, Ala., \$255 BF, speeding; \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$260 BF, failure to appear</p> <p>Morales Ibarra, Diego, 31, Little Rock, \$285 BF, speeding</p> <p>Morris, Larry R., 44, Dierks, \$460 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$385 BF, obstructing government operations</p> <p>Sen, Souvik, 45, Argyle, Texas, \$245 BF, speeding</p> <p>Snider, Joshua, 35, Tulsa, Okla., \$255 BF, speeding</p> <p><b>City of Mineral Springs</b> Diosmelys, Naranjo O., 41, Miami, Fla., \$275 BF, speeding</p> <p>Helmsderfer, Lauren, 33, Springdale, guilty of no tail or brake lights, fine \$210</p> <p>Marlow, Rosalyn R., 41, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license</p> <p>Murray, Zachary, 24, Bloomberg, Texas, \$260 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to</p>	<p>appear</p> <p>Saucedo, Arturo, 20, Garden City, Kan., guilty of possession of controlled substance, fine \$1,090 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fine \$575</p> <p>Williams, Robert Lee, 31, Mineral Springs, guilty of second-degree assault, fine \$550</p> <p><b>City of Tollette</b> Beal, Tahji T., 25, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fine \$460</p> <p><b>Arkansas Game &amp; Fish Commission</b> Bailey, Barry Allen, 56, Umpire, \$385 BF, hunting from road in WMA</p> <p><b>Bench Trials</b> <b>Howard County</b> Campbell, Korvin, 19, Queen City, Texas, guilty of speeding, fine \$230</p> <p><b>City of Nashville</b> Alexander, Andrea, 24, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fine \$710</p>
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## Nashville driver killed in Nevada County wreck

A Nashville woman was killed in an early morning crash on Sunday, Dec. 21 in Nevada County, according to the Arkansas State Police. Marshauntie T. Sanders, 30, died in the accident. Sanders was driving westbound on Highway 67 when she left the roadway and struck an embankment. The accident was reported at 1:16 a.m.

## Pike County offices closing for holiday; trash route altered

The Pike County Courthouse and associated offices will close at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 23 and will return to work on Friday, Dec. 26. Rural trash collection for the county this week will see no pickup on Wednesday or Thursday. On Friday, Dec. 26, Thursday's normal collection will occur for the north end, while Wednesday and Thursday collection will occur for the south part of Pike County. The City of Murfreesboro offices will hold the same schedule as the county -- closed Wednesday and Thursday and reopening on the morning of Friday, Dec. 26. The sanitation schedule this week for Murfreesboro will see no collection on Wednesday or Thursday, with Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collection to occur on Friday, Dec. 26.

## M'boro FUMC hosting Christmas Eve event

The First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro will be hosting a night of candlelight, carols, and the good news of Christ's birth, on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve at 9 p.m. First UMC is located at 403 Second Ave in Murfreesboro.

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G11 FRI JAN 2ND 7:15 PM

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G2 MON DEC 29TH 2:15 PM

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NASHVILLE

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# Chronic wasting disease found in Sevier, Grant county deer

## Sick buck killed on north side of De Queen Lake near Oklahoma line

**By Randy Zellers  
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission**

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission last week confirmed that white-tailed deer from Grant and Sevier counties have tested positive for chronic wasting disease.

Two hunter-harvested deer from Grant County were identified by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory through the AGFC’s free CWD surveillance network and were confirmed positive for the disease after a more thorough test was performed by the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Madison last week.

One of these deer, a 2½-year-old buck, was taken southwest of Sheridan. The second deer, a 3½-year-old buck, was killed by a hunter near Grapevine. Both were taken during the modern gun portion of the 2025-26 deer hunting season.

One hunter-harvested 4½-year-old buck tested positive in Sevier County.

The deer was taken on the north side of De Queen Lake in De Queen Lake WMA, about 4 miles from the Oklahoma-Arkansas state line.

These are the first cases of CWD in Grant and Sevier counties, and the source of these infections is unknown. The nearest known positive case in Arkansas to these new cases is more than 80 miles away.

According to AJ Riggs, wildlife health biologist for the AGFC, 470 CWD samples were submitted in

Grant County before these first positive cases, and 403 CWD samples were submitted in Sevier County before its first positive case.

According to Cory Gray, chief of the AGFC’s Research Division, all hunters who harvested these CWD-positive deer have been notified, and arrangements are being made to dispose of the meat.

“We are stepping up surveillance efforts in these two counties and are asking for hunters’ help by submitting any harvested deer in these areas to one of our CWD testing locations,” Gray said.

“In keeping with the AGFC’s CWD Management and Response Plan, we will not change any regulations regarding these findings before the end of the 2025-26 deer hunting season.”

AGFC Director Doug Schoenrock says the agency will evaluate the need for any expansion of the CWD Management Zone and regulations concerning deer hunting during the hunting regulations-setting process once the season is over.

“The best way hunters can help is to get their deer tested for CWD each time they are successful in the woods,” Schoenrock said. “It’s 100 percent voluntary and 100 percent free. You just bring the animal’s head to one of our testing locations with about 6 inches of neck still attached and follow the instructions to label and bag it before placing it in the cooler. That’s it. We’re committed to getting in touch with any hunter whose deer tests positive for the disease and we can make

arrangements to dispose of the meat for you.”

A list of CWD-testing facilities is available at [www.agfc.com/hunting/deer/chronic-wasting-disease/cwd-testing-options](http://www.agfc.com/hunting/deer/chronic-wasting-disease/cwd-testing-options).

CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects deer, elk, caribou and moose. It was first detected in Arkansas Feb. 23, 2016. Since the first detection, AGFC has tested more than 68,293 deer

and elk from across the state. To date, 2,218 deer and 60 elk have tested positive for the disease in Arkansas.

Research indicates that CWD is caused by a misfolded protein called a prion that is transmitted through feces, urine and saliva. Prions can survive for years in soil and plants.

CWD can have an incubation period of at least 16 months, which means

infected animals may not show immediate signs of disease. CWD prions accumulate throughout the body and affect an animal’s nervous system. The diseased prions cause normal cellular proteins to misfold into abnormal shapes, which accumulate until neural cells cease to function. Infected animals begin to lose weight, lose their appetite and develop an insatiable thirst. They

may separate from their herds, walk in repetitive patterns, carry their head low, salivate, urinate frequently and grind their teeth.

Research conducted in Arkansas has demonstrated that CWD can have a negative impact on white-tailed deer populations in areas with high disease prevalence.

Visit [www.agfc.com/cwd](http://www.agfc.com/cwd) for more information.

## Bird flu lands on Cleveland County farm

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture (Department) has confirmed a case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) on a commercial poultry farm in Cleveland County.

Following an investigation by the Department in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, testing confirmed the presence of HPAI in poultry from the affected farm.

The farm is under quarantine, and the Department is working to implement response and containment measures in accordance with established protocols. These actions include sampling and quarantining nearby poultry flocks.

“We have taken immediate action to contain this disease and

will continue to work with poultry growers, the industry, and our laboratory partners to protect against its spread,” said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. “The risk to Arkansans remains low, and poultry and eggs that are properly handled and fully cooked are safe to consume.”

Testing this year has also confirmed cases of HPAI in several backyard flocks and wild birds in Arkansas. HPAI is a highly contagious virus that affects both domestic and wild birds. It can cause sudden death or severe illness in poultry and lead to major economic losses for the state’s poultry industry, which provided \$6.7 billion in direct agricultural cash receipts in 2024.


The virus spreads easily through contact with infected birds, contaminated equipment, or materials, and even a single detection can disrupt trade and local food supply chains. The Department urges all poultry growers to remain alert for signs of HPAI and follow strict biosecurity measures, including:

- Washing hands and footwear before and after contact with birds.
- Restricting visitors to poultry areas.
- Limiting exposure to wild birds.
- Quarantining new birds for at least two weeks before introducing them to existing flocks.
- Reporting sick or dead birds immediately to the Department by calling the sick bird hotline: (501) 823-1746 (tel:(501)%20823-1746).

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## Nathan man announces run for Pike County judge

Nathan resident Keith Couch has announced his plans to seek the office of Pike County judge in March 2026.

The following is his announcement:

“I am proud to officially announce my candidacy for Pike County Judge.

“My name is Keith Couch, I am 55 years old and a fifth-generation Pike County resident. I live in Nathan with my wife, Noelle, and our daughters, Karly and Kaylie, and I am the son of Jerry and Johnnie Couch, also of Nathan.

“For nearly 20 years, I have served our region through my work with the Upper Southwest Regional Solid Waste Management District, where I currently serve as Waste Tire Program Manager. In this role, I oversee the collection, transportation, reporting and recycling of waste tires across 14 counties in south and southwest Arkansas. This experience has given me hands-on knowledge of county operations, regulatory compliance, budgeting and working collaboratively with local governments.

“I was a small business



**COUCH FAMILY OF NATHAN**  
Keith and Noelle with Karly and Kaylie (seated).

owner, operating Keith’s Floor Covering Services, and I have also worked as an Area Manager for Arkansas Utility Protection Services (ARKUPS) during its startup phase. That position required close coordination with city and county officials, utility providers, and contractors - an experience that translates directly to the responsibilities of County Judge.

“I hold three state-issued licenses: Master Solid Waste License, Environmental Officer License and Class A CDL.

“On March 3, I am asking for your support and opportunity to serve Pike County as your next County Judge. If elected, I promise to bring honestly, integrity, transparency and 100 percent dedication to this office. My goal is simple: to work every day for growth, stability and longterm success of Pike County and its people.

“Thank you for your consideration, your support and your trust.”

Keith Couch  
Republican candidate for Pike County Judge

## MCC Haunted House raises \$10K; ‘meet the candidates’ night in works for Murfreesboro, Glenwood

At their December meeting, the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce discussed the Haunted House effort in October, calling the event another success after it raised nearly \$10,000.

It was noted that this past year, the house was only open at the former Pike County Hospital for three weekends.

“Getting live people can be a challenge for a large number of dates,” said chamber president Lisa Harvill. “But overall it was a great experience again.”

Despite this, it was noted that there were a handful of new participants in 2025 for the third installment of the effort.

The group was also pleased with the “Santa on the Square” turnout earlier this month, noting that some 80 children were in attendance. This was a significant upturn from the past couple years.

The group announced it would work with the Pike County Republican Committee on a “meet the candidates” night with dates to be announced. The Republicans had previously stated that they plan to hold an event in both Murfreesboro and Glenwood ahead of the March 2026 preferential primary elections.

Kailee Parker proposed

to the Chamber that they start an annual scholarship for a graduating senior in 2026. The measure was approved by the group.

The scholarship will be \$500 in 2026, with possible expansion should the effort prove fruitful.

Applications will be provided to Murfreesboro High School, and after return by students a committee of three people will be formed to choose the winner.

The winner will not be decided solely by grade point average, but also by the amount of volunteerism by the students. The scholarship will also ideally go toward a student planning to major in marketing, business or related field.

The scholarship form states that it would recognize students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service and volunteerism. The application also requires a short essay of no more than two pages on the importance of volunteerism and how it has impacted their goals / character.

Parker said the scholarship will “allow for networking opportunities [with the students]” as well as the ability to “educating students on what the chamber does – how we support local businesses, and why

they should as well.”

“Imagine if our next Economic Development employee through our county was a previous chamber appointed scholarship winner ... imagine how deep their roots will be and their motivation to better our organization and community,” Parker said during her pitch.

She said a better relationship with the school and community would be beneficial and that should the effort provide more volunteers for fundraising efforts, the scholarship could be increased or expanded to help more students.

“This can change a student’s life,” Parker said, noting how much \$500 means to a freshman. “There is no bad side to this, simply a \$500 cost. Since the chamber is a volunteer organization, we should reward someone who has freely given their time to the community.”

The scholarship can be used on books, tuition or educational expenses at an accredited college, university or technical school. The chosen student would be awarded the scholarship after providing proof of registration at a school.

The group also began discussion of the annual banquet set for March, with a location still yet to be set.

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS UNDER THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING AND DEVELOPING INDUSTRY; TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND THE APPROVAL, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST INDENTURE SECURING THE BONDS; TO AUTHORIZE AND PRESCRIBE CERTAIN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PROJECT, THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING THEREOF, AND THE FINANCING THEREOF; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROJECT; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nashville, Arkansas (the “City”) is authorized under the provisions of Amendment 65 to the Arkansas Constitution and the Municipalities and Counties Industrial Development Revenue Bond Law, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-164-201 et seq. and Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-164-701 et seq., each as amended from time to time (collectively, the “Act”), to own, acquire, construct, equip, and lease facilities to secure and develop industry and to assist in the financing thereof by the issuance of bonds payable from the revenues derived from such facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, CANTEX Arkansas, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of CANTEX, Inc. or their affiliates (the “Company”) has evidenced its interest in acquiring, constructing, and equipping a facility useful in securing and developing industry in the City if permanent financing can be provided through the issuance of bonds under the authority of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has agreed to cooperate with the Company in the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a substantial industrial project consisting of 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 relating to the operations of the Company (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, to provide permanent financing of the Project costs, necessary costs and expenditures incidental thereto, and the costs of the issuance of bonds, the City will issue its taxable industrial development revenue bonds under the provisions of the Act designated “City of Nashville, Arkansas Taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (Cantex Project), Series 2025,” or such other series as are otherwise designated, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$160,000,000.00 (the “Bonds”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonds will be issued pursuant to the provisions of a Trust Indenture (the “Trust Indenture”) to be entered into between the City and a trustee (the “Trustee”) to be selected upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Company; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Company intend to enter into a Lease Agreement (the “Lease Agreement”) relating to the Project including personal property, real property, infrastructure and improvements, which contemplates that the Project will be leased to the Company, with an option to purchase for a nominal price, and the rental payments therefor together with other moneys available shall be sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds and all related costs; and

**WHEREAS**, to induce the City to proceed with the issuance of the Bonds for the purpose indicated, which will inure to the benefit of the Company, the City and the Company will enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (the “PILOT Agreement”) in substantially the form presented at this meeting which provides 65% ad valorem tax abatement for an initial period of 10 years and 50% ad valorem tax abatement for a subsequent period of 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Company caused a form of a notice of public hearing to be published on November 30, 2025 in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and on December 3, 2025 in The Nashville News-Leader; and

**WHEREAS**, an open public hearing on the question of the issuance of the Bonds was held before the City Council on December 15, 2025 and having heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter, the City has taken under advisement the comments and statements of such persons, and declared the public hearing duly closed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City proposes to sell the Bonds to an affiliate of the Company (the “Purchaser”) pursuant to a Bond Purchase Agreement by and between the City and the Purchaser; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company may obtain independent loans from one or more lenders secured by liens and encumbrances on, or security interests in or rights to, the title to all or part of the Project granted pursuant to various agreements, instruments and documents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City acknowledges and consents to all liens and encumbrances on, security interests in and rights to, the title to the Project granted by the Company, and acknowledges that the Company’s interests in the Project will be transferred to the City subject to such liens, encumbrances, security interests and rights, if any, and such acknowledgement and consent may be evidenced through the execution of a Recognition of Prior Interests, Nondisturbance and Attornment Agreement between the City, the Company, and the lenders of the Company (or such lenders’ agents) benefitting from such lien, encumbrance, security interest or right (the “RNA Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, copies of the herein described Bond Purchase Agreement, Indenture, Lease Agreement, RNA Agreement, and PILOT Agreement have been presented to and are before this meeting and a copy of each are on file with the City Clerk and available for inspection by any interested person; and

**WHEREAS**, the City believes the completion of the Project may be useful in providing additional employment opportunities and will provide other benefits to and be in the best interest of the City and its residents.

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

**Section 1.** There be, and there is hereby, authorized and directed the following:

(a) The Bonds shall be issued in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$160,000,000.00, and the Bonds shall be sold to the Purchaser for a price of par plus the costs of issuance upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

(b) The execution and delivery of the PILOT Agreement by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, with such

changes as shall be approved by such persons executing the document, their execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval, is hereby authorized and directed. An executed copy of the PILOT Agreement shall be filed in the City Clerk’s office.

(c) The acquisition, construction, and equipping of the Project, and, in connection therewith, to the extent convenient or necessary, the execution of any necessary architectural, engineering, or construction contracts or the acceptance of an assignment of any such contracts previously executed by the Company for the construction and equipping of the Project on behalf of the City is hereby authorized and directed.

**Section 2.** The issuance of the Bonds in the total principal amount of not to exceed \$160,000,000.00 in one or more series is hereby authorized. The Bonds shall be issued in the forms and denominations, shall be dated, shall be numbered, shall mature, shall bear interest (at a rate or rates) and shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, all upon the terms and conditions to be set forth in the Trust Indenture.

That to further prescribe the terms and conditions upon which the Bonds are to be executed, authenticated, issued, accepted, held and secured, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed (when requested to do so by the Company) to execute and acknowledge the Trust Indenture, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute and acknowledge the Trust Indenture and to affix the seal of the City thereto, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to cause the Trust Indenture to be accepted, executed and acknowledged by the Trustee. The Trust Indenture is hereby approved in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to confer with the Trustee and the Company in order to complete the Trust Indenture in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, with such changes as shall be approved by such persons executing the document, their execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

**Section 3.** There be, and there is hereby, authorized and directed the execution and delivery of the Lease Agreement, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the Lease Agreement for and on behalf of the City. The Lease Agreement is hereby approved in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to confer with the Company in order to complete the Lease Agreement in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, with such changes as shall be approved by such persons executing the document, their execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

**Section 4.** There be, and there is hereby, authorized and directed the execution and delivery of the Bond Purchase Agreement, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement for and on behalf of the City. The Bond Purchase Agreement is hereby approved in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to confer with the Purchaser in order to complete the Bond Purchase Agreement in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, with such changes as shall be approved by such persons executing the document, their execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

**Section 5.** There be, and there is hereby, authorized and directed the execution and delivery of the RNA Agreement if the Company determines that such agreement is required by its lenders. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the RNA Agreement for and on behalf of the City. The RNA Agreement is hereby approved in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to confer with the Company and lenders of the Company (or such lenders’ agents) in order to complete the RNA Agreement in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, with such changes as shall be approved by such persons executing the document, their execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

**Section 6.** The Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect (i) the execution of the Lease Agreement, (ii) the performance of the City’s obligations under the Lease Agreement, (iii) the execution and delivery of the Trust Indenture, (iv) the performance of all obligations of the City under and pursuant to the Trust Indenture, (v) the execution and delivery of the Bonds, (vi) the execution and delivery of the PILOT Agreement, (vii) the performance of the City’s obligations under the PILOT Agreement, (viii) the execution and delivery of the Bond Purchase Agreement, (ix) the performance of the City’s obligations under the Bond Purchase Agreement, (x) the execution and delivery of the RNA Agreement, (xi) the performance of the City’s obligations under the RNA Agreement, and (xii) the performance of all other acts of whatever nature necessary to effect and carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance. The Mayor and the City Clerk are further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and in connection with on-going rights and obligations that arise after issuance and prior to maturity of the Bonds, to execute all papers, documents, certificates, and other instruments that may be required for the carrying out of such authority or to evidence the exercise thereof, including, but not limited to, the execution of a Home Office Payment Agreement, a Memorandum of Lease, Delivery Instructions, and / or other closing certificates.

**Section 7.** That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file in the office of the City Clerk, as a part of the minutes of the meeting in which this Ordinance is adopted for inspection by any interested persons, a copy of the Indenture, the Lease Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the RNA Agreement, and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement and such documents shall be on file for inspection by any interested person.

**Section 8.** The Project involves the acquisition, constructing, and equipping of a complex industrial project, requiring highly specialized work and specialized types of machinery and equipment. In compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-164-204, it has been and is hereby determined by the City Council that competitive bidding be, and the same is hereby, waived as to this particular Project. This action is taken by the City Council pursuant to applicable laws of the State of Arkansas, including particularly the Act.

**Section 9.** All actions heretofore taken by the City, the Company, and the Purchaser in connection with the issuance, offer and sale of the Bonds and the development and completion of the Project are hereby in all respects ratified and approved.

**Section 10.** Necessary expenses incidental to the issuance of the Bonds including, but not limited to, the costs of Bond Counsel, special counsel, permitting costs, publication costs and filing fees, are authorized to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds available for the payment of the costs of issuance or shall otherwise be paid by the Company.

**Section 11.** Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, P.L.L.C, is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel with respect to the issuance of the Bonds, the fees and expense of which shall be costs of the Project and paid from the proceeds of

the Bonds or otherwise by the Company.

**Section 12. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of this ordinance.

**Section 13. Repealer.** All ordinances or resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 14.** There is hereby found and declared to be an immediate need for the securing and developing of substantial industrial operations in order to provide additional employment, alleviate unemployment, and otherwise benefit the public health, safety, and welfare of the City and the inhabitants thereof, and the issuance of the Bonds authorized hereby and the taking of the other action authorized herein are immediately necessary in connection with the securing and developing of substantial industrial operations and deriving the public benefits referred to above. It is therefore, declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare, shall be in force and take effect immediately upon and after its passage.

PASSED: December 15, 2025  
Larry Dunaway, Mayor  
Lauren Clements, City Clerk.  
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Week of December 22, 2025



### M'boro First Christian Church Pre-K 'Letters to Santa' forwarded to North Pole

Mrs. Ashley's PreK Letters to Santa  
Dear Santa, I want a t-rex. Love, Briar Runyon  
Dear Santa, I want a bun-ny ring. Love, Emberlyn Harris  
Dear Santa, I want a di-nosaur. Love, Anna Grace Furr  
Dear Santa I want a real gun. Love, Hattie Posey  
Love, Kellar Oliveira  
Dear Santa, I want a baby, a baby bottle and a baby crib. Love, Saige Morris  
Dear Santa, I want a baby and a baby bottle. Love, Vera Smith  
Dear Santa, I want a di-nosaur. Love, Crue Cox  
Dear Santa, I want a Maxx stuffy. That is what my mom said I should ask for. Love, Hallie Hoover  
Dear Santa, I want candy. Love, Jim Slatton  
Dear Santa, I want a nut cracker for Christmas. Callen is my brother he is so sweet and sometimes he bites me, but I love him. Love, Cannon Campbell  
Dear Santa, I want a Grave Digger with a remote control. Love, Miles Wofford

Mrs. Paige's PreK Letters to Santa  
Dear Santa, Me and Pipey want roller skates cause I wanna roll. I want a pretend doggy. I want Christmas Cookies for my birthday. My baby Beckett is a baby and he wants a tractor. Santa I have been so good, I only got a few spankings. Love, Parker Williamson  
Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a blue yo-yo. I have been 2 thumbs up good and I am going to be good next time too. Love, Cameron McRae  
Dear Santa, I want a big doll house and little dolls and makeup. I saw you the nother day. My doll is broken she has no legs so I need a new pink doll. I love you so much and you are so cute. Love, Ruby Dixon  
Dear Santa, I want a yellow tractor and a yellow bailer. I also want a dump truck. Do your reindeer like carrots? I really like Mater and Lightning McQueen, they are my 2 favorite guys. I was really good this year. Love, Tripp Terrell  
Dear Santa, I want a train for animals with gocarts for them to ride in. A real tree with a switch for the lights to turn on. I have 2 Christmas Trees at my house. I will leave you some cookies and a drink out and some carrots for your reindeer. Love, Fisher Hinds  
Dear Santa, I want a toy car, and a unicorn and a train, and a lion, elephant, and a cheetah and a octopus. I have been so so good. I am 3 years old. My mom wants a jet and my dad would like a race car too. Love, Hattie Posey  
Dear Santa, I am Grant I am 4. For Christmas I want a dump truck. I think I have been good. Love, Grant Hoover  
Dear Santa, I want a blue tractor with a cab and a hay bailer. Also I want a tractor that has a bucket and forks to scoop up dirt on my big road at home. I want to help my dad and mom and Granny be a farmer. I am going to work on being more good next year. Love, Thomas Morris  
Dear Santa, I want a choo choo train that you have to put batteries in that goes fast fast. I want you to bring me some candy to eat. I like dinosaurs too but only big ones. Love, Rowlan Stone  
Dear Santa, I want some bicycles and a bus. I want a new pretty dress thats a mermaid. Kasey wants a big dress. I want a makeup too. CC wants a BIG BIG BIG makeup. Love, Blakleigh Harris  
Dear Santa, Santa Clause you love me. Will you bring me a toy broom so I can help my mama and daddy? I want it to be red please. I want the Dragon that is in the book store in the box. I will leave you some sugar cookies and chocolate milk. Yum Yum Yum! Love, Roman Goolsby  
Dear Santa, I have been good at my house. You are my very best friend. For Christmas I want a toy rifle and a phone. When I get bigger I will use my phone, I will keep it at Beautys til i get older. My baby sister Ellie wants a baby doll and a toy car with a remote control. I will leave you some cookies and some carrots for your reindeer. And i am going to leave you a present and its going to be a little baby Christmas tree, one for you and one for your Reindeer. Love, Rylan Holder  
Dear Santa, Hi! I want a game pad. Hayes wants a David costume. I made you a present, its up on my refrigerator. You get it when you come to my house. Love, Silas Burke



**COMMUNITY COFFEE IN DIERKS.** The Dierks branch of First State Bank recently held its annual community coffee which included the usual table full of tasty holiday fare. FSB employees in attendance included (from left) Lucas Liggin, Kim Westfall, Kyla Myers, Jamie Doss, Lauren Nichols, Easton Cowart, Josh Zylks, Kaitlin Miller, Jay O'Neal, Cynthia Arndt, Jonathan Buenrostro, Katlin Adams, Monica Allen, Chris Burk and Clayton Aslpaw.

### With U.S. beef slaughter down, prices likely to remain high

**By Ryan McGeeney**  
**U of A System Division of Agriculture**  
American beef cow slaughter fell during the fall quarter by 19 percent from the same period in 2024, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture data released in the wake of the recent federal shutdown.  
James Mitchell, agricultural economist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said that while that may seem like a significant drop-off, context is important. "In 2023, we had a situation where producers were actively culling deep into their herds," Mitchell said. "In 2025, there are simply fewer cows to slaughter."  
The January 2025 U.S. beef cow and heifer inventories were lower than they had been since 1961, with approximately 27.9 million head.  
The Mitchell forecasts a slaughter rate of about 42 percent for the year. Record-low national beef herd sizes in the United States have been a large part of the record-high market prices producers have enjoyed in 2025.  
Cattle feeders saw fed cattle prices as high as \$242 per cwt over the summer in the Southern Plains, according to USDA.  
Culling is a normal part of the beef production business, Mitchell said, with producers typically removing 10-20 percent of their herds every year, in part because the cattle in question are aging and less productive.  
Between Aug. 30 and Nov. 15, U.S. producers slaughtered 543,586 head of cattle, Mitchell said.  
"We had strong profitability the last couple of years," he said.  
"Acknowledging that input costs are still high, we've had a couple of years of really good production and good pastures."  
More than any other segment of agriculture, cattle production is cyclical. However, Mitchell said, consumers shouldn't look forward to beef herd expansion in the near term.  
"We might see some inventory changes in January when the USDA inventory report comes out," he said. "But market prices are so high, I think a lot of producers are happy with selling cattle."  
None of this spells lower prices for consumers in the near future, Mitchell said, even if options from South American producers have an increased presence in U.S. grocery stores.  
"With slaughter down, you have less lean trimmings that you would use to make ground beef," he said.  
"And so what we've seen this year is higher ground beef prices — and ground has typically been a competitive product."  
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, ground chuck cost an average of \$6.33 a pound in September 2025, up from \$5.19 in September 2023.  
"The fact is that consumer prices are high, and they're probably going to get higher," Mitchell said.

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The night before Christmas is an evening filled with wonder and surprises. Each family has its own way of celebrating as they wait for Christmas morning to arrive: trimming a tree, joining in Christmas caroling or sharing hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. A fun custom is the hanging of stockings by the fireplace in hopes of finding small candies and treasures in them on Christmas morning!

What might Santa tuck into a stocking to be found on Christmas morning? Can you find and circle the surprises listed in the stocking?

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

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nuts

It's Christmas Eve and...

1. one family is putting up its Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ and decorating it.

2. when Mary and Joseph could not find a room in Bethlehem, an innkeeper offered his \_\_\_\_\_.

3. lighted \_\_\_\_\_ are in our windows.

4. children hang their \_\_\_\_\_.

5. families attend church \_\_\_\_\_.

6. kids remember to leave cookies and milk for Santa Claus and \_\_\_\_\_ for his reindeer.

7. a family's favorite Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ is being read aloud.

8. in one story, animals can talk at midnight; they are given the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ for one special night.

9. friends and families join together to stroll the block and sing Christmas \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Santa Claus is busy delivering \_\_\_\_\_!

Treats for the Reindeer Pulling the Sleigh!

Gosh! We do all the work pulling the sleigh on Christmas Eve and Santa gets the cookies and milk left out by children everywhere. Maybe some thoughtful children would leave us a little bit of sugar as a treat! Oh, we like these too:

Find and circle at least 25 nouns that are plurals - meaning "more than one." (Hint: they end with the letter 's'.)

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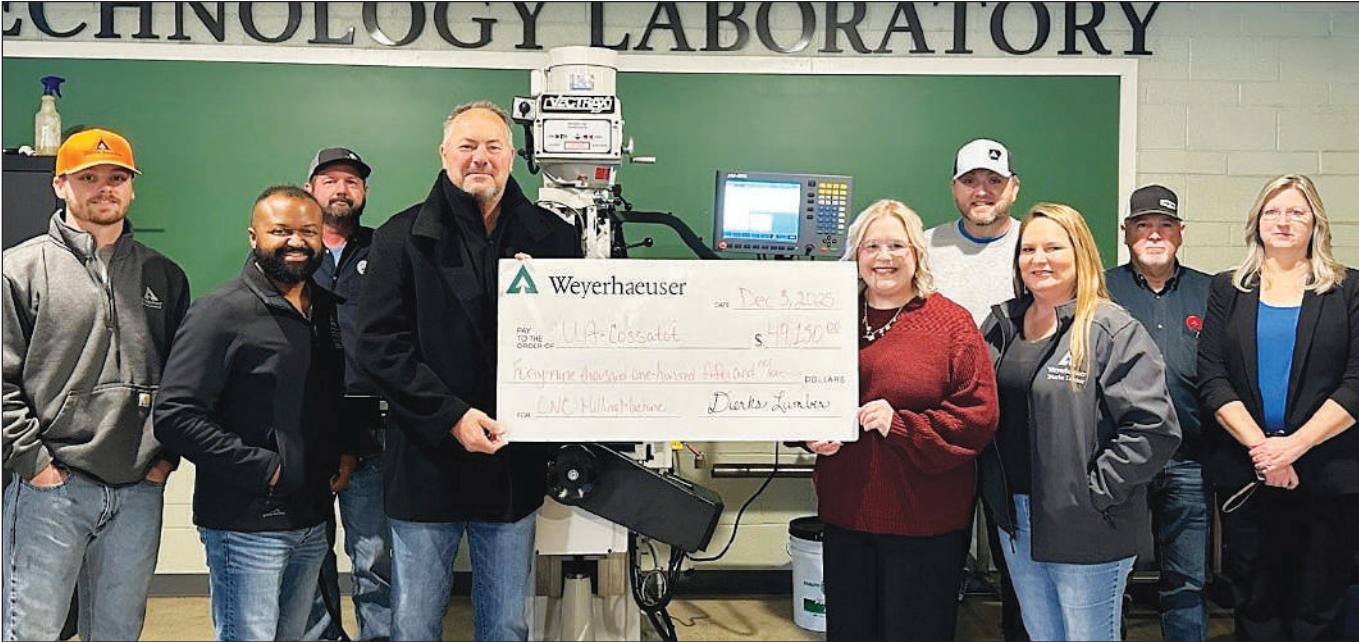
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**FIREMAN OF THE YEAR.** Lee Vincent (at left) was named the 2025 Fireman of the Year by the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department. Vincent, who is also Pike County’s Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, was presented the award by Fire Chief Ricky Branch.

### Murfreesboro Christmas Parade winners

The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce has announced the winning entries from the Christmas parade on Thursday, Dec. 11.

The winning floats included in the commercial division Jones Construction, Clayton Tinkes in the political candidates division and the “Jingle Bell Favorite” being Elite Home Health.



**COLLEGE GRANT.** Front row from left, Will Pope, Weyerhaeuser Sawmill Supervisor; Shaun Clark, Weyerhaeuser Human Resources Business Partner; Dr. Steve Cole, UA Cossatot Chancellor; Sarah Chesshir, UA Cossatot Division Chair of Professional and Technical Programs; Sandra Gandara, Weyerhaeuser Office Manager. Back row, Sam Nutt, UA Cossatot Instructor; Justin Vann, Weyerhaeuser Maintenance Manager; Scott Surber, UA Cossatot Instructor; Tammy Coleman, UA Cossatot Director of Public Services and Workforce Development.

## Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund makes big donation to US Cossatot’s industrial maintenance program

LOCKESBURG -- UA Cossatot has received a \$49,150 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund to enhance the college’s Industrial Maintenance Program and expand opportunities for students entering the manufacturing workforce.

The grant funded the purchase of a CNC milling machine and related tools, enabling students to gain hands-on experience with computer numerical control (CNC) machining -- a manufacturing process frequently used to automate the production of goods.

“Weyerhaeuser’s generous support allows us to integrate CNC technology into our curriculum,” said Dr. Steve Cole, Chancellor of UA Cossatot. “This investment ensures our graduates are prepared for the evolving manufacturing

industry, where automation and precision machining are essential.”

Sarah Chesshir, Division Chair of Professional and Technical Programs, added, “By enhancing technical education, UA Cossatot not only supports local industries but also strengthens the regional workforce pipeline. Our focus on modern manufacturing technologies equips students to drive economic growth and sustainability.”

The Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund supports hundreds of organizations and programs in communities where the company operates, providing funding, time, expertise, and resources. Since its first charitable donation in 1903, Weyerhaeuser has contributed more than \$270 million through its formal giving program, established in 1948.

## How SW ARKANSAS PLAYED THE LOTTERY IN NOVEMBER 2025

County	Cash 3	Cash 4	Fast Play	Instant Settlement	New Lotto	Lucky for Life	Mega Millions	Natural State	Power Ball	Total Sales
Hempstead	\$71,843	\$31,182	\$15,254	\$389,058	\$1,558	\$3,516	\$12,380	\$2,586	\$14,864	\$542,241
Howard	58,667	17,170	4,792	229,735	1,110	1,566	6,590	1,739	7,423	328,792
Little River	6,602	4,506	4,215	133,526	670	1,202	6,610	1,398	7,695	166,423
Pike	198	150	3,907	109,130	1,574	1,800	6,950	2,344	7,079	133,132
Sevier	7,015	259	1,250	193,630	1,342	958	8,405	2,682	9,040	224,581
State Total	\$1,075,436	\$587,220	\$1,321,232	\$37,464,948	\$402,882	\$593,658	\$2,411,755	\$709,467	\$2,578,839	\$47,142,436

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ORDINANCE NO. 998

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOWARD COUNTY  
("COUNTY") AND THE CITIES OF DIERKS,  
MINERAL SPRINGS, AND NASHVILLE ("CITIES")  
REGARDING THE DISTRICT COURT

WHEREAS Arkansas Code Annotated §14-14-910  
authorizes interlocal agreements between counties and  
municipalities to cooperate in the performance of any  
administrative services, activities, or the undertaking  
of any action that any of the contracting parties are  
authorized by law to perform; and

WHEREAS all parties acknowledge that the  
administration of the District Court, the disbursement  
of the revenues therefrom, and the cost-sharing thereof  
is crucial for the continuation of the administration of  
justice throughout the County and Cities;

THEREFORE, BE IF ORDAINED BY THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS, AS  
FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1. That the Interlocal Agreement between the  
County and the Cities herein for the disbursement of  
District Court accounting records, support of count-level  
programming, and cost-sharing to support District Court  
is approved and the Mayor is authorized to sign, or his  
signature thereupon is ratified.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15th day of December,  
2025.

APPROVED: LARRY DUNAWAY, MAYOR

ATTEST: LAUREN CLEMENTS, CITY CLERK

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Pike County District Court

**Dec. 9, 2025**  
*BF=Bond Forfeited*  
**Pike County**  
Bailey, Adam L., 27, Midway, \$85 BF, failure to present insurance  
Balderas, Orlando Jr., 22, Conway, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Bell, Zanneckia S., 47, Maumelle, \$140 BF, speeding  
Binder, Breann Jacqueline, 20, Glenwood, \$17 BF, speeding  
Burkhart, Benjamin S., 37, Glenwood, \$150 BF, speeding  
Campbell, Derek Tyrell, 39, Arkadelphia, \$230 BF, speeding  
Cogburn, James H., 68, Norman, \$180 BF, speeding  
Cogburn, Nathaniel Ray, 46, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340  
Cruz, Anaia Rivera, 44, Glenwood, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$140 BF, no driver's license  
Davis, Samantha Suzanne, 36, Glenwood, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired  
Doering, Marlyn, 50, Cad-do Gap, \$230 BF, speeding  
Emberson, Amanda J., 43, Judsonia, \$200 BF, speeding  
Faulkner, Rayleigh Marie, 26, Prescott, \$140, BF, speeding  
Gangadi, Sandeep Reddy, 33, Irving, Texas, \$150 BF, speeding  
Garrison, Delania Kaye, 47, Amity, speeding, under advisement for 60 days to dismiss  
Gosnell, Kevin D., 57, Dierks, no contest, speeding, fined \$180  
Gray, Robert Don, 53, Dierks, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,590 balance  
Harding, Robert David, 60, Nashville, \$140 BF, speeding

Hembey, Thomas Dillin, 27, Delight, guilty of failure to pay, \$520 balance  
Henderson, Mike, 71, Delight, \$140 BF, no vehicle license  
Jacoby, Andrew Jacob, 24, Newhope, \$140 BF, speeding  
Juarez, Celia Ann, 23, Nashville, \$150 BF, speeding  
Leblanc, Bryson J., 26, Nashville, guilty of passing on double yellow line, fined \$125  
Leboeuf, Chera Ann, 17, Glenwood, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired  
Lloyd, Bobby J., 45, Glenwood, guilty of speeding, fined \$140  
Lopez, Veronica Del Carmen, 57, Aubry, Texas, \$150 BF, speeding  
Markle, Christopher Zyul, 22, Ashdown, \$340 BF, driving with suspended license  
McElroy, Shane M., 34, Okolona, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Myrkle, Austin E., 19, Murfreesboro, improper display of vehicle tags, under advisement for 30 days to dismiss  
Patrick, Hailey Isabelle, 23, Prescott, guilty of speeding, fined \$230  
Ramirez, Susan Diane, 47, Glenwood, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Ramirez, Marie Salazar, 43, Glenwood, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$140 BF, no driver's license  
Rather, Jonathan G., 41, Murfreesboro, \$140 BF, no medical card; \$140 BF, failure to inspect, repair and maintain; \$256 BF, overweight  
Resendiz, Gustavo, 39, Glenwood, \$180 BF, speeding  
Rojo, Isai, 34, Glenwood,

\$140 BF, no driver's license; \$170 BF, speeding  
Romero, Juan Yerena, 24, Okanogan, Wash., \$150 BF, speeding  
Sample, James M., 40, Glenwood, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Shaw, Brian Lee, 61, Hot Springs, \$200 BF, speeding  
Sheets, Roy Nelson, 47, Nashville, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired  
Sutton, Dakota Lane, 390, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,770 balance  
Turner, Dylan A., 28, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$140; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125  
Villalobos, Karla D., 41, Hot Springs, \$140 BF, no driver's license  
Watson, Aradellia D., 45,

Glenwood, guilty of fictitious license sticker, fined \$140; guilty of no proof of liability insurance  
Webb, Gage Russell, 26, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340  
Wells, Brody Madison, 19, Arkadelphia, \$180 BF, speeding  
Wright, Joshua S., 46, Royal, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired  
**City of Murfreesboro**  
Clark, Rebecca Joe, 62, Nashville, guilty of selling tobacco to minor, fined \$255  
Faulkner, Robert E., 59, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Hembey, Thomas Dillin, 27, Delight, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$635  
Maxey, Samuel A., 25, Umpire, guilty of driving with suspended license,

fined \$360  
Salter, Christian Grant, 21, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$160; guilty of no motorcycle endorsement on license, fined \$160  
Welch, Nathan, 32, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Young, Dylan Latrent, 19, Marion, \$220 BF, speeding

**City of Glenwood**  
Cogburn, Brad M., 28, Glenwood, guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$225; guilty of operating ATV on public roads, fined \$160; guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$225; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240  
Cogburn, Nathaniel Ray, 46, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360  
Fahrney, Mariah Lyn, 27, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined

\$350; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240  
Gammon, Jennifer Gayle, 52, Amity, \$170 BF, speeding  
Lewis, Jamal Kaynan, 21, Fort Smith, \$240 BF, open container in vehicle; \$225 BF, failure to appear  
Mock, Beverly Brummett, 69, Katy, Texas, \$145 BF, speeding  
Ramirez, Fernando, 48, Arlington, Texas, \$160 BF, failure to stop or yield  
Richter, Graicyn E., 20, Glenwood, \$140 BF, speeding  
Valenzuela, Vicky Marie, 45, Glenwood, no driver's license, under advisement for three months to dismiss; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240  
Vazquez, Greislyn M., 37, Hot Springs, \$170 BF, speeding



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