

Obituaries



Susan Virginia Schaal Hartness
Susan Virginia Schaal Hartness, age 79 of Mineral Springs, Ark., passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026, in Texarkana. She was born Sept. 4, 1946, in Little Rock, Ark., the daughter of the late Oma and Russell Widmer.
Mrs. Hartness was a member of Central Baptist Church in Mineral Springs. During her career she was a school teacher, teaching at Mineral Springs, Nashville, Siloam Springs, and De Queen Public Schools. But more importantly she was a dedicated and loving mother, wife, sister, and grandmother.
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Jerry Schaal, and her brother Albert Widmer.
Survivors include her husband, Larry Hartness; two sons Henry Schaal, George Schaal and wife Christine; one daughter

Mary Schaal; one sister Catherine Price; two grandsons Wilson and Lincoln; as well as her stepchildren Mark, Jane, and Loria and their children Emma, Anna, Tyler, Regan, and Aurora.
Visitation was Thursday, Jan. 22, at Central Baptist Church in Mineral Springs.
Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, at Central Baptist Church in Mineral Springs with Bro. Ben Jones officiating; burial followed in Mineral Springs Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.
You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.



Charlene Sharp
Charlene Sharp, 80, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Monday, Jan. 26, 2026, in Nashville, Ark. She was born June 30, 1945, in Washington state, the daughter of the late Herbert U. and Thelma O. Pate Ferguson.
Mrs. Sharp was a member

of Ridgeway Baptist Church in Nashville. During her career she worked on the service crew at the Briar Plant.
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Rudy Sharp; one brother, Ray Ferguson; two sisters, Shirley Crow and Almeta Shaw.
Survivors include: one daughter, Sherri Marshall of Nashville, Ark.; two grandchildren Ashley Ewing and husband Brad of Nashville, Ark.; Josh Marshall and wife Heidi of Hope, Ark.; five great grandchildren, Garrett Ewing, Carter Ewing, McKenna Marshall, Maddie Ewing, Lyla Rae Marshall and Isaac James Marshall; as well as a number of nieces, nephews, and friends.
Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 29, at Corinth Cemetery, with Bro. Alan Cook officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.
Pallbearers will be David Crow, Casey Crow, Jerry Ray Ferguson, Nicholas Cook, Carter Ewing, and John Hupp.
You may send an online sympathy message at latimerfuneralhome.com.
Charley W. Hill
Charley W. Hill, 75, of Hope, Ark., died Dec. 21, 2025, in Missouri. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Nashville.



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CATCHING AN ICEY RIDE. The tandem of Cash Nuttall and Jhett Fields, both of Dierks, catch an ATV ride while out on the ice this weekend.

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As your parents grow older, it may be time to talk with them about financial and aging issues, which may involve difficult conversations.

You'll want to be careful how you approach this. Mention ahead of time that you'd like to talk to them about their future plans and reassure them that you want to understand their wishes, so their affairs will be taken care of as they would like.

If your parents are agreeable, choose a comfortable location and ask whom to invite (or not invite). Then, think about how to open the conversation, preferably not with what they want to do with their money, as this could be interpreted as your seeking information about your inheritance or being skeptical about their financial decisions. Instead, build a broader discussion about their vision for their aging years. A series of shorter conversations may allow you to cover topics more comfortably rather than trying to solve everything at once.

Try to address these areas:

- Health care – Seek to learn whether your parents have established appropriate health-related legal documents such as a health care power of attorney, which gives someone the authority to make decisions about their medical care if they become unable, and a living will, which spells out the extraordinary medical treatments they may or may not want.
- Independence – As people age, they may begin to lose their independence. Have your parents considered options for long-term care, such as an assisted living community, a nursing home or a home health aide? If they plan to receive support from family members, do your parents' expectations match yours?
- Financial goals – Focusing on the personal and financial aspects of the legacy your parents want to leave can be a valuable conversation. Have they updated their will or other estate documents, such as a living trust? Have they created a durable power of attorney for a trusted family member to make financial decisions for them if they become incapacitated? Do they have the proper beneficiary designations on their insurance policies, retirement plan and bank accounts? If you position these issues around your

parents having control over transferring their assets, rather than curiosity over "who will get what," you'll more likely have a productive conversation.

- Last wishes – You'll want to learn whether your parents have instructions in their will about their funerals and last wishes. Express that you or another close family member should know who is responsible for making sure their wishes are met in a timely fashion.

Money, independence and aging can be sensitive topics. You don't have to go it alone, though — enlist help from another close family member. Or, if your parents work with an attorney, financial professional or other trusted advisor, consider asking if they're interested in having them participate in your talks. You might even be able to introduce your parents to one of your advisors.

In any case, keep talking. These conversations can be challenging, but if handled correctly can be of great benefit to your parents and your entire family.

Cross Point Cowboy Church ‘ladies’ event scheduled Feb. 6

Cross Point Cowboy Church will host a 'ladies night out' on Friday, Feb. 6, with a humorous and inspirational talk by Tammy Whitehurst.
The event will begin at 6 p.m. at the church located west of Nashville on Hwy. 371.

The event will include a meal, music and fellowship. Admission is \$10 at the door, and reservations are requested. A 'QR Code' for reservations is included in the church advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the newspaper. The theme is "Broken by the World; Mended by His Grace."

Grace Country Church plans ‘ladies gathering’ for Feb. 7

Grace Country Church in Lockesburg will host a Ladies Gathering "Through the Fire" on Saturday, Feb. 7.
Admission is \$20 and may be paid at the door by cash, check or credit card. The event will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and will include door prizes and auction items. Breakfast and lunch are included.

One of the auction items is a quilt in memory of Hazel Romie. Headliners will be LeAnn Hart and Tammy Whitehurst.
For reservations call or text Christy 870-828-0049. The public is invited, but childcare is not available. The church is located at 526 Hwy. 371, Lockesburg.

Area students earn honors at UA H-T

Six area students have been named to the Chancellor's List or Vice-Chancellor's List for the fall semester at UA Hope-Texarkana.
Requirements are a 4.0 grade point average for the Chancellor's List, or 3.5 GPA for the Vice-Chancellor's List.

Chancellor's List -- Kyla Collins, Nashville; and Sarahj Gibson and Grace Patterson, both of Washington.
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The little shanty occupied by C. W. Creviston in the grove west of Walker's Blacksmith shop was torn down by Marshal D. A. Gibson last Monday upon the order of Mayor J. J. Reeder, to whom complaint had been made by a citizen that a blind tiger was being run on the premises and that the place was a nuisance. Although the house was demolished, no liquor was found.

Indications are that a ca-

There is a tie for most valuable lineman, with Nashville's C.W. Walker and Dierks' Brad Hughes. The only sophomores on the honor list are Brad Hughes, Dierks and his Outlaw teammate, Tony Eudy; all others are seniors.

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Point of view

Street crossings

Intersections protected by brave boys in uniform

(NEWS-LEADER NOTE: Yes, this is another repeat. I plead snow disease, which is the fear of walking on snow and ice by an old guy. Apologies, and I'll try to do better as February comes in.)

IT TELLS YOU a lot about the level of excitement in my life right now, that the best part of my usual weekend is watching all-day reruns of “Monk.”

When “Monk” was a new television program, his neurotic and compulsive antics put me in the floor laughing helplessly.

It was one show I tried to watch each week.

Now I just chuckle heartily at the reruns.

If you never watched the show, you'll miss some of the humor in this article. But it's funny, let me assure you. Please laugh out loud occasionally as you read this.

And as usual, I am going somewhere with this.

Monk was a San Francisco detective who was suspended from active duty. Because of his special skills the police department kept him on as a consultant. Because of his overwhelming neuroses he had to have an assistant.

On a recent episode Monk escorted his assistant's little girl around on Halloween Night.

She was costumed as a fairy princess. Monk wore a school crossing guard's outfit. He had a neat over-the-shoulder-and-around-the-waist reflective safety belt. He was carrying a 'stop' sign.

Actually he wasn't so much wearing a Halloween costume as he was attired 'Monk' style for the job of escorting the precious daughter around the neighborhood in the safe pursuit of trick-or-treats.

He was appropriately compulsive and funny.

Maybe you're not old enough to appreciate 'school crossing guard.' I don't think schools still have crossing guards.

That's a pity because maybe they could grow up to become duly deputized Downtown J-Turn Enforcement Officers, but that's another story and I'm sure you wouldn't be interested.

Crossing guards were a big deal when I was in elementary school. A student would be selected to be crossing guard. He'd could get out of class a little bit early and strut to the office where he'd put on the school's official over-the-shoulder-and-around-the-waist reflective safety belt and pick out a 'stop' sign. Or was it a flag?

Anyway, he'd dash excitedly to his assigned street corner to halt traffic so that the little darlings could safely get across. I don't think adults really appreciated being stopped by a self-important 12-year-old kid wearing an over-the-shoulder-and-around-the-waist reflective safety belt and waving a stop sign. But they stopped anyway.

I need to mention here that this was back in the day when children actually walked to and from school. I'm serious. Even if they had to walk as far as four or maybe even five blocks. And the kids actually waited patiently until their classmate crossing guard said it was okay to cross the street.

After all of the kids were safely through that dangerous crossing on their way home, the crossing guard would return to the school office and give up the glamorous crossing guard outfit, proud of his safety accomplishment.

Every student wanted to be the crossing guard. Just like we wanted to be selected for pounding the chalk dust out of erasers after school.

I may be wrong but it seems that only boys got to be crossing guards. I guess it was because the school administration figured that only the boys were stupid enough to fling their bodies in front of a crazed motorist who might be trying to run down a pack of little darlings.

We volunteered to be crossing guards also to impress the girls although at the time we didn't know why. We'd understand later.

Fast forward a few years.

I promised you I was going somewhere with this.

In Navy boot camp we had 'road guards.' Except for the uniform they were pretty similar to school crossing guards.

Our boot camp company would be marching somewhere real important, and when we came to an intersection the boot company recruit commander would shout "Road guards post!"

The marching company didn't miss a step. The designated road guards would rush out to block the intersection even if there wasn't vehicle within 20 miles.

They stood at 'parade rest.' Hands behind the back; feet spread just so. Eyes fixed firmly on the road ahead. Tummy sucked in to impress any girls who might be within a 20-mile radius.

There were none, of course. This was boot camp.

After the whole company was past the intersection, the road guards would run to catch up and resume their place in the column. Boot camp was rigorous but safe because of these brave future sailors.

If there ARE crossing guards at elementary schools these days I'm sure that they are properly armed just as the Lord and the Arkansas Legislature intended.

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HE SAID: "If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from that person's angle as well as from your own." Henry Ford, industrialist

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SHE SAID: "As long as the people don't fear the truth, there is hope. For once they fear it, the one who tells it doesn't stand a chance. And today, truth is still beautiful ... but so frightening." Alice Walker, novelist ('The Color Purple')

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Legislative panel approves additional funding for school voucher program

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

The Arkansas Legislative Council voted to fund the Educational Freedom Accounts (EFA) through the rest of the 2025-2026 school year. The accounts can be used to offset the expenses of home school materials or go toward tuition at an accredited private or parochial school in Arkansas. Currently, over 44,000 Arkansas students are participating in the program this school year.

Educational Freedom Accounts are part of the LEARNS Act that was passed during the 2023 Legislative Session. Unlike other states, the program was implemented in stages. In 2023, the first year of the EFA program, about 1.5 percent of Arkansas students were allowed to participate. During the 2024-2025 school year, the percentage of students increased to 3 percent.

This school year is the first time that all Arkansas children in grades K-12 have been allowed to participate in the EFA program. Each account is funded up to \$6,864 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Many more students applied

for the EFA program this school year, but their parents either did not complete all the paperwork, or they made other choices for their children such as attending their local public school.

Arkansas Teacher Maternity Leave

As of 2023, school districts have been able to choose to participate in a cost sharing model that would allow teachers to have paid maternity leave. Each school district and the state would pay 50/50 into the program, giving teachers up the 12 weeks of paid maternity leave. The leave does not require teachers to exhaust their accumulated sick days first.

Act 904 of 2025, with bipartisan support, updated the law to require the state to cover 100% of the cost, making it a fully funded, paid benefit for teachers rather than a cost-shared one. Public school and charter schoolteachers are allowed to participate in the program. The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) released a case study highlighting the Arkansas' teacher maternity leave

program. The study confirmed that bipartisan legislation helps Arkansas strengthen support for schoolteachers. The program gives teachers the time they need to recover and bond with their newborn or adopted child(ren) before they must return to the classroom.

Online Services

With the tax deadline only a few months away, Arkansas residents can check for their state refund by accessing the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) website at: <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov>. You will need your Social Security Number and expected refund amount to access your tax refund information.

Also, on the DFA website, there is a section of online services that the department offers.

For example, you can order a replacement driver's license or change your address on your license online. DFA also offers the opportunity to book an appointment at your local DMV online. The department states booking an appointment online reduces wait time at the DMV.

Human trafficking fight continues

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month — an important time to increase awareness of one of the most heinous but hidden crimes facing our modern world.

While this crime and the illegal enterprises that sustain it feel like they only exist on movie and television screens or in the shadows of distant communities, human trafficking plays out coast to coast, including right here in our state.

Worldwide, an estimated 27.6 million people are trafficking victims. In the United States, it has been reported and documented in all 50 states with Arkansas alone seeing 80 cases in 2024 that involved 153 victims, according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

This form of modern-day slavery encompasses the exploitation and transport of people for forced labor and sexual abuse. Anyone can become a victim, and many are often hiding in plain sight. For this reason, human trafficking is especially pervasive and requires coordinated efforts across the local, state and federal levels to combat it while also ensuring each victim can be identified, rescued and receive proper care.

Natural State law enforcement agencies acknowledge that our rural nature and highway infrastructure make it even more critical for the public to recognize the signs of this crime and how to report it. Suspected human trafficking can

always be reported to the Arkansas State Police anonymously via email to reportht@arkansas.gov or by calling *277.

Congress has also made strides to protect our communities. I was proud to champion a \$500,000 provision in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill that passed the House and Senate with overwhelmingly bipartisan support. This funding will assist the Arkansas State Police with law enforcement investigation hardware, software, and tools needed to solve internet crimes involving online child sex abuse and human trafficking.

Further, the House of Representatives has passed a measure that would appropriate \$100 million to combat human trafficking worldwide. The Senate is expected to take this up in the coming weeks, and I look forward to the opportunity to support the bill in the Senate.

Throughout the years, landmark legislation has been continually reauthorized and funded to prevent and combat trafficking. However, criminal organizations and gangs easily exploited open-border policies under the previous administration, creating an unmitigated flow of weapons, narcotics and human trafficking victims across our southern border.

Fortunately, secured historic levels of funding to protect our border and cut off illegal and inhumane organized crime that took

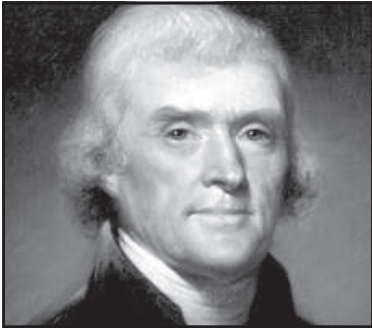
advantage of the opportunity to further smuggle weapons, deadly drugs and trafficked captives. By prioritizing America's border security, we are continuing to make progress defending cities in Arkansas and nationwide from this scourge and disrupting established human trafficking networks.

With common sense support from Congress and the White House, the Department of Homeland Security had a year of actionable success in 2025, recovering hundreds of victims.

Further, the number of unaccompanied minors crossing the southern border — many of whom would have increased likelihood of falling victim to human trafficking — reached record lows. In 2025 alone, the Department of Homeland Security identified and saved hundreds of victims, demonstrating a commitment to protecting the most vulnerable through accountability and deterrence.

During January and year-round, education and awareness of this pervasive criminal enterprise and its tragic consequences are the most effective means to curb it.

I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues, the administration and our law enforcement to strengthen partnerships and initiatives at every level to safeguard our most vulnerable and maintain Arkansas's commitment to eradicating trafficking and holding perpetrators accountable.



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A bird rests on a tree limb near Mineral Springs during the weekend as a combination of snow, sleet and freezing rain moved into Arkansas and neighboring states. The wintry weather event began Friday night, Jan. 23, and continued into the morning on Jan. 25. Roads in parts of Howard County remained impassable earlier this week.

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Superintendent Doug Graham (left) presents certificates to Nashville School Board members Jerry Wilson, David Hilliard, Nick Britt, Tem Gunter and Anthony Whitmore at their meeting Jan. 20. Graham thanked board members for their service to the school and community. The recognition was part of School Board Appreciation Month.

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instead of waiting until 2026-27, according to Evans.

“Time is the problem. We had intervention time at the middle of the day, and it’s easy to miss that time. We’ve implemented a plan, Scrap Time, to focus on reading,” Evans said.

Scrap Time refers to Students Concentrating on Reading at Primary.

Each morning, students report to their assigned locations for 35 minutes of intervention. The program started when classes resumed Jan. 6 after the Christmas break.

“I’m confident we will see growth because of this,” Evans said. “Students are working hard. We have some tweaking to do for August, but it’s been a really good thing.”

Other items were also considered during the meeting.

Board members approved a recommendation from Riggs to add a section to the NHS honor graduate policy. Riggs said the state approved weighted credit for all concurrent credit courses beginning in the 2025-26 academic year. Weighted credit was also extended to Physics and Networking. Prior to the change, only Advanced Placement courses received weighted credit, Riggs said.

“These changes were not retroactive. As a result, seniors who completed any of these courses before their senior year did not receive the additional weighted credit. This created an unfair imbalance in GPA calculations and class rank,” Riggs said.

“To ensure equity for the Class of 2026, we will calculate honor graduate GPA the same way we did last year. While student transcripts will still reflect the updated weighted credit, GPA calculations for graduation ceremony purposes will only include weighted credit for AP courses,” according to the policy.

Riggs said other schools are doing the same thing.

NHS weighted courses include AP U.S. History, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP English 12, Physics, College Chemistry, Pre-Calculus/Trig, Networking, and UA-Cossatot SCC classes.

Also at the meeting, Graham presented an update on the possibility of new turf at Scrapper Stadium. Current turf has been through 10 seasons, more than the warranty included.

The district is looking at several companies, including Symmetry which installed the turf now in use. “I liked ours 10 years ago and like it today,” Graham said.

School officials at a recent Arkansas Activities Association board meeting said Nashville has the best turf they’ve seen, Graham said.

The district is considering new turf at the stadium and in the Scrapper Dome. The stadium’s track also needs to be re-done, Graham said.

“We may not be able to afford all three, but they all need attention,” he told the board.

In personnel decisions at the meeting, Dontrelle Robinson was hired as special education paraprofessional at junior high. He will be considered for a full-time position including coaching contingent upon completing his teacher certification requirements.

Maddie Rodgers was hired as a half-day paraprofessional in a self-contained classroom at NJHS.

Both hires are retroactive to Jan. 6.

Graham presented certificates to board members in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.

He reviewed members’ training hours and said each member has the required six hours.

Members and their hours include Jerry Wilson, 11 including five carried over from the previous year; David Hilliard, with five carryover hours; Nick Britt, 17 including 11 carryover; Tem Gunter 96 including carryover; and Anthony Whitmore with 6. He is the newest board member and doesn’t yet have carryover hours.

The next board meeting will be Feb. 23.

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Jan. 22, 2026
BF=Bond Forfeited
Howard County

Benson, Dreshauna L., 28, Nashville, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines

Bevill, Adam, 42, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260

Bowers, Jason Carr, 55, Dallas, Texas, \$285 BF, speeding

Burton, Michele Lashaun, 33, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$705 balance

Butler, Coby, 24, De Queen, \$255 BF, speeding

Clayton, Charles H. III, 33, Nashville, guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$360; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Collins, Amber L., 36, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360

Cooper, Tony Marcell, 35, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,690 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260

Dancer, Tashaina Breona, 30, Texarkana, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210

Dunn, Knicole Irene, 25, Horatio, \$255 BF, speeding

Elliot, Acie Jr., 68, Hope, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines

Eudy, Dalton Lane, 26, Dierks, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines

Forton, Keyshawn, 19, Texarkana, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460

Garza, Anita R., 37, De Queen, \$245 BF, speeding

Grubbs, Trey Alexander, 24, Umpire, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines

Hartman, Keith Eric, 55, Lebanon, Penn., \$275 BF, speeding

Hernandez-Yanez, Edna M., 29, Idabel, Okla., \$50 BF, failure to present insurance

Lee, Andrea Michelle, 24, Broken Bow, Okla., guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$225

Lee, Terry G., 53, Bismarck, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,078 balance

Martinez, Jennifer P., 34, Horatio, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

O'Neal, Beckie D., 56, Saratoga, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,395 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Rodriguez, Eutiquito G., 53, De Queen, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Stuart, Tyquan T., 27, Texarkana, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360

Ward, Abigail Grace, 23, Dierks, \$225 BF, failure to pay registration

City of Nashville

Bailey, Peggy A., 65, Nashville, \$305 BF, speeding

Bustos, Maricela K., 26, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$4,055 balance; committed to jail for maximum of 30 days

Dotson, Trevaills, 39, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360

Griffin, Nicholas David, 43, Fulton, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,250 balance

Hendrix, Keon T., 29, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$85; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,335 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Humphry, James D., 50, Delight, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines

Jackson, Eric R., 37, Nashville, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance

Johnson, Perry R., 35, Nashville, \$210 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags

Martinez, Jennifer P., 34, Horatio, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,665 balance

Murphy, Jackie R., 51, Glenwood, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,425 balance

Piza, Jose, 18, Nashville, possession of controlled substance, deferred adjudication for six months to dismiss

Ramos, Abdiel, 14, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Rhodes, Xan Robert, 18, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360



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CLEARING AROUND THE SQUARE. The Pike County road department was busy Monday morning under blue skies trying to remove the thick layer of ice coating the roadways. around the townsquare in Murfreesboro.

Staggers, Tiffany Dawn, 42, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,295 balance

Stewart, Mychel M., 22, Washington, \$225 BF, failure to pay registration

Williams, Natisha, 26, Hope, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines

Woodberry, Jaylan, 26, Texarkana, \$550 BF, second-degree assault

Hupp, Brandon C., 39, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460

City of Dierks

Mercier, Cooper J., 24, Dallas, Texas, \$230 BF, speeding

City of Mineral Springs

Brown, Stephanie, 29, Ozan, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Caldwell, Lonnie Delamel, 37, Texarkana, guilty of driving suspended or revoked license, fined \$460

Cooper, Tony Mercell, 35, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$225

O'Neal, Beckie D., 56, Saratoga, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

Bellemy, Kenneth, 65, Paragould, guilty of hunting from road in WMA, fined \$385

Bench Trials

Howard County

Kumar, Ashwini, 47, Melissa, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$255

City of Mineral Springs

Castle, Dale, 29, Ozan, guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$210

Fontaine, Chad E., 43, Saratoga, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$25; guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$75

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

Gardner, Clay W., 15, Lewisville, guilty of hunting/fishing without permission, fined \$100

Humphrey, Caydn H., 18, Texarkana, guilty of hunting/fishing without permission, fined \$100

Thomas, Jaxon T., 17, Texarkana, guilty of hunting/fishing without permission, fined \$100

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...AS THEY NEAR THE HOUSE, A SERVANT HURRIES ON AHEAD....

...THE FATHER GIVES THE LAP INTO HIS MOTHER'S CARE....

...AND THERE, ON HIS MOTHER'S LAP, HE DIES....

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Second Grade
Karen Allen’s Class -- Ethan Hale, Samuel Hernandez, Savannah McElyea, Hudson Mote, Madelyn Teague, August Williamson.
Kayla Coulter’s Class -- Bryson Hill, Naomi Sanchez.
Dana Darling’s Class -- Morgan Gills, Jameson Shaver.
Kaitlyn Hanney’s Class -- Melody Capetillo, Alexander Cardona, Leonardo Hines, Kacen Holliman, Jehsey Jones, Kade Linhoff, A’jah Miller, Marcus Reid Montgomery,

Juliette Sullivan, Tripp Troutt, Madani Valente, Winter Wallace, Kambryn Womack.
Jennifer Hill’s Class -- Kutter Clay, Daleyza Fraire, Taiya Hall, Brandon Holmes, Jayden Patel, Jenna Watson.
Becky Horne’s Class -- Enrique Alonso, Baylor Casper, Andrea Castro, Ethan Darling, Melany Hughes, Jaxon Morrow, Aubrey Smith.
Third Grade
Julie Backus’s Class -- Miriam Dowdy, Audrey Gunter, Kiptin Horn, Drake McAdams.

Haley Davis’s Class-- Amelia McKinnon.
Tesla Gills’ Class -- Haven Goodwin, Ryan Jones, Bryson Seavers.
Heather Harmon’s Class -- Baylor Brasel, Rayner Johnson, Kelsyn Scrivner, Mia Solorio, Caeli Zaragoza.
Jennifer Johnson’s Class -- Maeslyn Berruquin, Lexi Bohn, Phuong Nghi Dinh, Luke Scott, Nathan Topor, Brayden Venable.
Brittany Moore’s Class -- Jeremiah Hibberd, Joshua Land, Hunter Dean, Kennedy Ginda, Sophia Harris, Sarai Hernandez.
Virginia Schwope’s Class -- Isaac Bean, Quade Dinger, Laylah Green, Millie Petty, Eleanor Pierce, Tripp Turner.
Merit List (All A and B)
Second Grade
Karen Allen’s Class -- Graham Askew, Javi Bearden, Veronica Hernandez, Khylie Jones, Teagan Sanders, Anna Troutt, Blake Robins.
Kayla Coulter’s Class -- Evan Chandler, Evie Friend, Evelyn Fuentes, River Hugg, Cataleya Marshall, Aleida Ornelas, Ethan Phillips, Trenton Smith, Clay Sullivan, Miriam Tollett, Ava Williams.
Dana Darling’s Class -- Noemi Escamilla, Hayes Haskins, Ariana Hunter, Eli Pham, Lillian Smith, Isaiah Teresa.
Kaitlyn Hanney’s Class -- Michael Barker, Bishop Green, JaLyric Gulley, Jennifer Marrufo, Ma’Kayla McNeal.
Mrs. Jennifer Hill’s Class -- Everleigh Gardner, Lorenzo Hines, Cason Lockhart, Madeline Mendez, Mason Willingham.
Becky Horne’s Class -- Faithlyn Harris, Matthew Hawkins, Braven Hunter, Andres Navarrete, Royce Wade.
Third Grade
Julie Backus’s Class -- Sadie Bailey, Ari Briggs, DeAngelo Finley, Francisco Pizarro, Dawson Smith, Zahara Walker, Fisher Westfall.
Haley Davis’s Class -- Hunter Sunderman, Oakleigh Pedron, Lucas Lingo, Diego Sanchez, Jazlyn Sanchez, John Schooley, Brett Chesshir, Keshun Davis, Mateo Dukes, Ruby Floyd, Elizabella Leppert.
Tesla Gills’ Class-- Kora Bagley, Connor Brackeen, Kenan Green, Braxton Lewis, Zoe Nunez, Mateo Ruiz, Lathen Watts.
Heather Harmon’s Class -- Adi Ackley, Januel Cervantes, Kyleck Dansby, Daleyza Gomez, Jordan Harberson, Kayden Johnson, Alexander Maldonado, Wyatt Roberts, Harley Sharp.
Jennifer Johnson’s Class-- Brody Backus, Emma Joy Jacques, Mateo Pacheco, Javier Sanchez, Sophia Simmons.
Brittany Moore’s Class -- Amelia Wright, Trenton Walker, Braelyn Williams, Oaklyn Self, Joaquin Padilla, Nova Loraye Mitchell, Amir Ortiz. Gavin Roberts, Bryson Scroggins, Abby Cox, Hugo Hernandez, Aiyden Farris.
Virginia Schwope’s Class -- Blake Benson, Reed Chesshir, Orlando Espino, Katherin Garate, Brayson Griffin, Eva Hernandez, Victoria Murillo, Olivia Poulton, Rhodey White.
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QUICK SLEDDING. Driver Scarlett Nuttall and passenger Taigen Collins gain speed on the solid ice while sled-ding over the weekend in Dierks.

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2. the second month of the year

3. a tunnel dug underground

4. groundhogs can be found in the woods, fields and _____

5. a groundhog usually lives to be 6 to 8 _____ old

6. belief in magic, luck and chance

7. the dark area formed when light is blocked

8. a groundhog usually weighs about 12 _____

9. the groundhog is the only animal with its own national _____

10. another name for a groundhog is _____

11. a groundhog can see very well, and has excellent _____

12. number of weeks winter will continue if Phil is "frightened" by his shadow

13. hot, cold, rain, wind, etc. What it looks and feels like outside!

14. a groundhog is an herbivore, which means it only eats _____

15. season of warmer weather following winter

16. a groundhog is an excellent _____

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Did you know that some of the ideas for adventure stories are based on real people's lives?

Find and circle these words in the sand below!

rescue sailor shipwrecked happening footprint adventure exciting experiences cannibals marooned island Robinson Crusoe raft storm new tide waves captain dog

The author, Daniel Defoe got the idea for his famous book, **Robinson Crusoe**, from the adventures of a real sailor. The sailor, named Alexander Selkirk, was marooned on an island in the Pacific Ocean in 1704 after an argument with his captain. He lived there alone for more than four years until he was rescued in 1709.

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WAIT AND SEE NOW. Marina docks throughout Arkansas were damaged by Winter Storm Fern and Swaha Lodge & Marina on Lake Greeson was no exception. The owners of the longtime lake vendor on the south end of Greeson, Kevin (pictured here surveying the initial damage) and Janet Fant, reported on social media that there was major damage and collapse on several docks following Fern's one-two punch. The area remains closed this week, including by vehicle and boat. The Fant family reported Tuesday that the extent of the damage is still unknown, due to not being able to access the unstable docks for further inspection.

HMM Foundation fundraiser ‘Hearts for HMM’ Feb. 14

A night of bingo, food, music and more will be in a fundraiser for the Howard Memorial Hospital Foundation on Valentine’s Day Saturday, Feb. 14, at Midtown Social in Nashville.

The event will feature entertainment by Chris Gunn plus prizes, a live auction and a silent auction.

Food will be provided by Tyson and Chef Walline Williams.

Tickets are \$60 and may be purchased by calling Sandy Webb, 870-845-8006 at Howard Memorial or sending email to sandyw@howardmemorial.com.

The theme for the event is “Hearts for HMM.”

Pike County couple officially charged with felony endangerment of child

The Murfreesboro couple arrested on suspicion of child abuse and neglect have officially been charged in Pike County with felony first-degree endangering the welfare of a minor.

Timothy Mason Phillips, 54, and Mary Louise Phillips, 49, were arrested Dec. 31 and released from county custody Jan. 2 on \$25,000 bond each.

The charges were filed Jan. 23. The husband and wife made their first court appearance Jan. 5 and were ordered by Judge Tom Cooper to return to court Jan. 26 with an attorney but that court date was cancelled due to the weather.

According to affidavits of arrest obtained from the Murfreesboro Police Department,

an investigation into the couple started after an 8-year-old female child under their care was reported missing from their Third Avenue home. The incident touched off a massive search that concluded with the child being found just steps from her home.

On Dec. 4 around 8:11 a.m., local law enforcement was made aware of the missing child by the mother at the Pike County Sheriff’s Department. The child was described as 3’2” and weighing 38 pounds and reportedly wearing no clothes. A search got underway soon after and concluded at approximately 12 noon when the child’s father located her, covered in a blanket and hidden behind a pool pump

in a shed in the backyard.

The child was immediately placed in an ambulance to be evaluated and her body temperature registered at 98 degrees when “the outside ambient temperatures was between 37-39 degrees during the course of the search,” according to the affidavits.

The child and her biological siblings were removed from the home that day by the Arkansas Department of Human Services until an investigation into allegations of abuse and neglect could be completed.

The siblings were interviewed Dec. 5 regarding events related to the child’s disappearance the day before and allegations of neglect and abuse at home.

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NOTICE OF PROBATE-INTESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 504 Cornbridge Road, Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas
Date of death: November 26, 2025

Michael W. Ashley was appointed the Administrator of the Estate of Lloyd Harrison Ashley, by order dated January 14, 2026. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. This notice first published the 21st day of January, 2026.

Michael W. Ashley, Administrator, by
Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138
Post Office Box 813
Nashville AR 71852
(870) 845-4100 – Telephone

(AB: 31, 32)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN BLAKELY, Deceased
No. 31PR-26-9

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:
1407 Wildwood Dr., Nashville, AR 71852
Date of Death: November 21, 2025

On the 12th of January, 2026, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Patricia Ann Blakely, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.

This notice first published 28th day of January, 2026.

The name, mailing, address, and telephone number of the distributee’s attorney is:

Gardner Milner, PLLC
By: Sara Gay
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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE - SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Vacancies will exist on the Umpire School District Board for at-large positions.

The Umpire School District Steering Committee will interview applicants and refer recommended candidates to the Howard County Quorum Court.

The Howard County Quorum Court will make the appointment at a public meeting on March 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., at the Howard County Courthouse.

Applicants must be qualified electors of the Umpire School District.

Interested individuals must contact the Umpire School District Steering Committee by February 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Linda Kitchens, President
(870) 584-6340

lindakitchens51@yahoo.com

Ad paid for my the Umpire School District Steering Committee.

(pd. 32)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMY DALE ESKEW, deceased 31PR-26-12

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Estate of JIMMY DALE ESKEW, deceased

Address of decedent: 1236 Hwy 84 E, Howard County, Umpire, Arkansas 71971

Date of Death: MAY 8, 2025

The undersigned person was appointed Administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent on the 20th day of January, 2026.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided, that claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published the 28th day of January, 2026.

John Eskew Executor
P.O. Box 810, De Queen, AR 71832

Mailing Address

Prepared by:

Erin Hunter

Attorney at Law

(EH: 32, 33)

Former Scrapper QB makes move to Ole Miss coaching staff

CLEVELAND, MISS. - Nashville native Todd Cooley, Delta State University's head football coach since 2013, has announced his resignation to accept a position at the University of Mississippi. Cooley will be the Director of High School Relations/Special Assistant to the Head Coach at Ole Miss.

The Scrapper football alumnus recorded his 77th career victory during the 2025 season with a 41-9 victory over North Greenville to become Delta State's winningest football coach.

Delta State recorded an 82-49 record with Cooley at the helm of the football program with four NCAA Division II Playoff berths (2014, 2017, 2022, 2023) and three Gulf South Conference Championships (2014, 2022, 2023) in 12 seasons.

Cooley is also a four-time GSC Coach of the Year (2013, 2014, 2022, 2023).

During his tenure, Cooley has coached more than 100 All-GSC selections while also graduating nearly 250 football student-athletes.

"Todd's hard work and commitment has elevated our program to a nationally respected and competitive level. We wish Todd and Lisa continued success in his new position," said Director of Athletics Mike Kinnison.

Cooley quarterbacked the Scrappers to their first appearance in a state championship game at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock in 1993.

He played quarterback at Arkansas Tech, where he received a degree in English.

Cooley's coaching career includes stops at Tech, Northeastern State, Ouachita Baptist, Central Arkansas and Northwestern State.

He was named head coach at Delta State Jan. 25, 2013.



Photo Courtesy of Delta State University
NASHVILLE NATIVE. Todd Cooley as Delta State University head coach.

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NHS teams sweep Arkadelphia Jan. 22

News-Leader photos/LAYLA SIRMON



Bo Bell (23) scores on Arkadelphia in Nashville's 70-39 District 7-4A win Thursday, Jan. 22, at Scrapper Arena.



Lucy Hagler (left) sets up a shot against the Lady Badgers Jan. 22.



Karstyn Scrivner (24) eyes a shot Jan. 22 during the Scrapperettes' 73-38 conference win over Arkadelphia.



Johnte Taylor controls the ball in the Scrappers' home win against Arkadelphia last Thursday night.



Courtesy photo/LYNETTE LOVELIS

Addison Gammage drives to the basket in the junior high Scrapperettes' 55-18 win over Arkadelphia Jan. 22 at Scrapper Arena. The NJHS boys also earned a win.



Courtesy photo/LYNETTE LOVELIS

Jadyn Johnson (14) goes for the ball against Arkadelphia in last week's Nashville victory.

SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Area teams ready to play again

Area basketball teams were sidelined Monday and Tuesday of this week because of wintry weather which moved into Arkansas Friday night, Jan. 23, and continued through the weekend. Schools were closed, and games were canceled because of the inclement weather conditions. Sunshine and warmer weather were expected to ease some of the travel problems, with basketball set to resume.



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Jailyn Staggers goes up for a score in the Scrappers' victory over Arkadelphia



Kiyanna Stewart gets set for a free throw in Nashville's District 7-4A victory over Arkadelphia. The game was rescheduled from Jan. 23 to Jan. 22 because of impending winter weather.

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