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Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

Kindergarten signing day set March 12 at primary

Nashville Primary School's Kindergarten Signing Day will be held Thursday, March 12, from 4-7 p.m.

Families may stop by Nashville Primary anytime during those hours.

Students entering kindergarten next year are invited to sign their letter of intent, take a fun photo with an administrator, and receive a free NPS T-shirt.

Families may also enjoy punch and Scrapper Cookies during the event.

To be eligible for kindergarten, students must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2026.

While at the school, parents will have the opportunity to get a head start on completing registration paperwork.

To help with registration, families are asked to have the following:

Child's Social Security card

Birth certificate

Immunization (shot) records

Current doctor's physical

Students will also participate in a brief screener to help faculty and staff better understand how to best meet their academic needs when they begin school in the fall.

"This is a wonderful event, and we hope all of our incoming kindergartners will join us at NPS to meet our amazing kindergarten teachers," Principal Nathan Evans said.

Retired school employees to meet

Howard County Retired School Employees will meet Wednesday, March 11, for their regular meeting.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds building.

A program will be presented by Amelia Moorer of Amelia's Picalilly Flowers and More.

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

REGIONAL CHAMPIONS. The Nashville Scrapperettes won the Class 4A South regional championship Saturday night, Feb. 28, at Scrapper Arena. Nashville earned the title by defeating Arkadelphia 73-44 in the finals. Both the Scrapperettes and Scrappers are competing at the Class 4A state tournament this week in Morrilton. (More pictures, pages 7A and 8A)

STATE BOUND

Scrappers, Scrapperettes advance to Class 4A tourney

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

Both the Nashville Scrappers and the Scrapperettes punched their tickets to this week's Class 4A state basketball tournament during the 4A South regional at Scrapper Arena Feb. 25-28.

The Scrapperettes won the regional championship and are the one seed from the South going into state.

The Scrappers are the three seed entering the state tournament, which will be played at Morrilton High School.

The Scrapperettes wrapped up the District 7-4A race with a 10-0 record. They are ranked number one in Class 4A by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and are eighth overall, according to the *Democrat-Gazette's* rankings.

They went 3-0 at the regional, starting off with a 60-32 win over Star City Feb. 25.

Nashville defeated Camden Fairview 70-50 in the semifinals Feb. 27.

The Scrapperettes defeated Arkadelphia 73-44 in the championship game Feb. 28.

All four of the District 7-4A teams won their games against the schools from 8-4A and advanced to state, including Nashville, De Queen, Arkadelphia and Fairview.

On the boys side, the Scrappers were second in 7-4A following the regular season.

At the regional, Nashville de-



News-Leader photo/LAYLA SIRMON

AT THE ARENA. Cortez Cooper (12) controls the ball as Demetrus Shelley keeps an eye on Watson Chapel defenders in the Scrappers' 58-45 victory over the Wildcats in the regional consolation game Feb. 28. Nashville will be the three seed from the South regional going into the state tournament.

feated Monticello 71-29 on Feb. 26.

In the semifinals Feb. 27, the Scrappers took one seed Star City to overtime before falling to the Bulldogs 78-75.

Nashville defeated Watson Chapel 58-45 in the consolation game Feb. 28.

The state tournament opened Tuesday.

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Feed mill donated to DHC by Tyson

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

The Developing Howard County Board of Directors has accepted a charitable donation of land and facilities from Tyson Foods.

During the board's meeting Feb. 26, the board approved a resolution to accept the following:

The Nashville Feed Mill located at 520 Mission Drive 33 acres of land

The existing mill tower and silos

The site is located on a railroad.

Board chair Paul Britt said he was "approached by Tyson" about the donation.

Members discussed the donation and voted 5-0 "to accept it as is."

Plans for the property have not been announced.

In other discussion at the meeting, DHC Director Vanessa Weeks said representatives of a prospective industry made a site visit Feb. 20.

"They liked the site. We checked off everything they needed," according to Weeks. "We've made it to the second round" of consideration, placing Howard County among three finalists.

The board approved a proposal from DNT Media for marketing Howard County.

Weeks said she will apply to the Arkansas Department of Tourism for a grant to fund half of the cost for the company's services.

"They will help tell our story," Weeks said.

The board approved a six-month agreement with DNT at a cost of \$5,000 per month.

Nashville Mayor Larry Dunaway said working with the company will be "a very good investment."

Nashville Parks and Recre-

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Season for planting is coming

By Don Hall
News-Leader staff

When you see the Bradford pears blooming and an explosion of green on the trees, then you know it's about time to visit Susan and Robert Nannemann at Sunshine Acres.

Sunshine Acres Greenhouses and Garden Center has been in business since 1977 when Susan's parents opened it.

In 1999, her folks decided it was time to retire. Susan was working at Mid-America Science Museum in Hot Springs, and Robert was a CPA in The Spa City.

"Robert hated sitting behind a desk," Susan said. "We prayed about it and realized that this was where God wanted us to be."

Susan gave birth after moving back home to Nashville, and son Matthew grew up around greenhouses and grandparents. He's almost 27 now and works as an electrical engineer with SpaceX in Texas.

Most retail garden centers these days buy from wholesalers and resell plants that somebody else raised.

Sunshine Acres is old-school. With the exception

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News-Leader photos/DON HALL (Above) Susan Nannemann at Sunshine Acres works to get vegetables ready to sell. Nannemann and her husband Robert operate Sunshine Acres Greenhouses and Garden Center, which has been in business since 1977.

(At left) Lauren Whisenhunt plants broccoli at Sunshine Acres. The time for spring gardening and planting is rapidly approaching.



Obituaries



**Brenda Cheryl
(Cox) Roberts**

Brenda Cheryl (Cox) Roberts, age 81, of Murfreesboro, Ark., passed away on Monday, Feb. 23, 2026, in Murfreesboro, Ark. She was born Nov. 9, 1944, in Murfreesboro, Ark., the daughter of the late James Oliver Cox and Dosha Lucille Musgrove Cox.

Mrs. Roberts was a lifelong member of the Pleasant Home Church of Christ. During her career she was employed at Pike County Bank now Diamond Bank in Murfreesboro retiring after 40 years of service.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers Jack Maurice Cox, Jimmy Winston Cox and one sister, Sonya LaQuita Nutt.

Survivors include: one son, Rory Roberts (Traci); one daughter, Jeanie Stone (Rodney); four grandchildren who were blessed to call her Nannie, Amy McKinnon (David), Jake Stone (Samantha), James Stone (Morgan), Josh Roberts (Grace); five great-grandchildren Dawson, Weston, Jaxx, Salem, and Gemma; one brother, Douglas Dearl Cox; as well as a number of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation was 6-8 p.m.,

Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, with John Hall officiating; burial to follow in Hicks Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Memorials may be made in her honor to the Hicks Cemetery Fund at First State Bank in Murfreesboro.

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

Larry Don Fatherree

Larry Don Fatherree, 67, of Mineral Springs died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2025.

He was born Feb. 21, 1959, in Nashville, the son of the late Luther Guther and Ruby Lois Cook Fatherree.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Ginger Lanell Fatherree; two sons, Larry Dale Fatherree, Scotty Wayne Fatherree; his brothers, Charles Fatherree, Luther Ray Fatherree, Robert Fatherree, and Aubrey Fatherree; a sister, Shirley Ann.

Survivors include: a son, Kevin Fatherree of Lockesburg; three daughters, Lona Peters of Mineral Springs; Amy Smith and Karrie Carroll of Tollette; a brother, Terry Fatherree of Nashville; two sisters, Sandra Couch of Nashville and Freda Morris of West Plains, Mo.; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Chandler Funeral Home, De Queen, Ark.



DANCING CHICKEN JOINS BAKE SALE. Only one bake sale so far in 2026 has featured a dancing chicken joined with enthusiastic sign-wavers to promote the event on Main Street. The bake sale was a fund-raiser for the basketball team of the Howard County Children's Center to go to the Special Olympics. At the Regional Special Olympics this past weekend one HCCC team placed second and the other HCCC team placed 4th.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

International Women's Day honors their resilience

By Josh Tice
Edward Jones Investments

March 8 is International Women's Day, a time to celebrate everything women have achieved and to honor their strength and resilience.

It's also a chance to have honest conversations about real-life challenges many women face.

One of these is the growing trend of divorce among those ages 50 and older, often called "gray divorce." While finding yourself in this situation can feel overwhelming, it also can be an opportunity to reclaim your independence and create a life that reflects your dreams and values.

Today, one-third (36%) of divorcing adults are 50 or older (The Journals of Gerontology, 2022) and 77% of women who experienced gray divorce remain single 10 years after divorce ("Repartnering following gray divorce," 2019). While that might sound surprising, many women view this as a time to focus on goals, dreams and well-being without compromise.

Of course, there are financial realities to consider. Women older than 50 often experience a 45% drop in their standard of living after divorce (compared to 21% for men), and household income can fall by 23% to 40% in the first year ("The Economic Consequences of Gray Divorce for Women and Men," 2020). So, building financial confidence isn't just important; it's empowering.

If you are 50 or older and recently divorced, take the following steps with your financial advisor. You don't have to do it all at once; small steps can help lead to greater financial security over time.

Find a financial advisor who truly listens. If you've ever felt unheard or dismissed, don't settle. Your future deserves

someone who respects your voice.

Get clear on your finances. List your assets, debts, income and expenses to understand your financial situation — the first step toward taking control.

Create a flexible plan. Include your current needs, short-term goals and retirement aspirations. Instead of feeling intimidated, you can let a financial advisor help make this simple and manageable.

Learn about money. Read, attend workshops and join online communities focused on women and finance. Every bit of knowledge adds confidence.

Build an emergency fund. Work toward having three to six months of living expenses in a low-risk, liquid account. This may take gradual, consistent contributions, but ultimately, this cushion can help provide a sense of security as you navigate your new circumstances.

Review insurance and your employer benefits. Make sure your medical insurance coverage is adequate. Consider long-term care insurance to help preserve your retirement assets.

Estate planning. Work with an attorney to review beneficiary designations on bank and brokerage accounts while updating your will, powers of attorney and, as needed, a revocable living trust.

Social Security. If you were married 10 years or longer, understand your rights to Social Security benefits from your ex-spouse.

Rather than being the end, gray divorce can represent a new chapter. This International Women's Day, celebrate your resilience and your potential. The future is yours to shape, and it can be as bold, bright and fulfilling as you want it to be.

HMH after-hours clinic open three days a week

Howard Memorial Hospital has opened an after-hours clinic at 132 Medical Circle in the Specialty Clinic on the HMH campus.

Amy Davis, NP, will serve as the provider.

The clinic will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. to treat non-life-threatening medical conditions.

The hospital says the new service "reflects our on-going commitment to expanding access to convenient, high-quality care and further advance our ability to improve the health of the communities we serve."

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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



The Nashville High School FCCLA hosted the Nashville Chamber of Commerce in February 2005. The group includes Price Kreul, Rose Ray, Cary Lott, Charlie Peek, Fran Strawn, Robbie Stavely, Laura Ferguson, Patricia Stinson, John Curtis, Judy Jones, Deb Kinkade, Mayor Mike Reese and Tammy Elliott.

141 years ago: February 1885

About 12 o'clock last Thursday, three men in full cowboy rig - leather breeches, broad hats, prominent spurs and the usual Winchester rifles and a brace of pistols each - rode quietly up Main Street, from the direction of Washington, and dismounted at the ten-pen alley, where they remained a few minutes and again came out, mounted and rode off in the direction of Centre Point.

Their appearance and peculiar movements at once stamped them as dangerous characters.

After an absence of perhaps an hour they reappeared in this city and dismounted again at the ten-pen alley where they spent the afternoon rolling ten-pens. They never loosed the grasp on their guns, but held them in one hand and rolled the balls with the other.

About 5 o'clock they mounted their horses and rode up the street to Doyle's hardware store, where two

halted, the third putting spurs to his horse and yelling in true cowboy style, came down the street like a whirlwind.

The town marshal at once approached the riders and captured the one named Thomas Davis.

A posse pursued the other two, James Wilson and Gabe Cameron, until a late hour last night, but returned empty handed.

119 years ago: February 1907

W. W. Ellen was painfully and seriously hurt by being kicked in the face by a mule Wednesday. He was in the stall trying to catch the animal, when it whirled and kicked him. Drs. Autrey and Darnall went to see him Wednesday and hope he will soon recover.

Jas. M. Bearden has been appointed postmaster at Minnie, Howard County, to succeed H. F. Wakely, resigned.

71 years ago: February

1955
"Founders Day" will be observed Thursday when the Saratoga Okay Parent-Teacher Association meets at the Saratoga gymnasium. The program will include musical numbers by rhythm bands of the first and second grades.

46 years ago: February 1980

A burglary at Medicaid Pharmacy was reported early Saturday morning. The pharmacy, at 2nd and Shepherd Streets, was evidently burglarized Friday night or early Saturday, with entry gained by forcing the front door open. A few non-controlled drugs were reported missing, according to Nashville Police Officer Larry Yates.

A break-in at the Center Point Grocery was reported at noon Sunday, according to the police logs. There were no signs of forced entry. Owner Gloria Jean Floyd reported \$200 missing. Constable Chester Boyea investigated.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Arkansas, courthouse during the period Feb. 19-25, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses

(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)
Feb. 19. Jeffery James Cook, 54, Mineral Springs, and Guadalupe Victoria Alfaro, 42, Mineral Springs.

Feb. 25. Timothy Aaron Gregory, 35, Nashville, and Kahla Amanda McMahan, 37, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV26-28, Feb. 19. Capital One NA vs. Tom Wofford. Debt.

CV26-29, Feb. 19. LVNV Funding, LLC, vs. Gloria Jefferson.

CV26-30, Feb. 20. LVNV Funding, LLC, vs. Misty Lewis. Contract.

CV26-31, Feb. 20. LVNV Funding, LLC, vs. Erica Merrell. Debt.

CV26-32, Feb. 22. Arvest Bank vs. D&S Service Center. Contract.

CV26-33, Feb. 23. LVNV Funding, LLC, vs. Brad Ewing. Debt.

CV26-34, Feb. 25. Capital One NA vs. Kandy Wilson. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court

DR26-17, Feb. 20. Chadwin Halcombe vs. Kaci Halcombe. Divorce.

DR26-18, Feb. 23. Kimberly Teodoro Mendez vs. Yennifer Gonzalez Castro. Divorce.

Criminal Court

(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)

CR26-09, Feb. 23. State of Arkansas vs. Jovani Nieto Carrasco, 38, Hispanic male, De Queen; POCS, class D felony.

Land/Property Transactions

Beneficiary Deed

Feb. 23. Roy Lee Simpkins and Connie Simpkins, husband and wife; to Danny Raulerson, et al; part of Blocks 5 and 19, Town of Mineral Springs.

Warranty Deeds

Feb. 19. Sammy Ray Coleman and wife, Laurie Ann Coleman; to Johnjaline Elaine Jones; part of Lot 10, all of Lots 11-12, Block 45, City of Nashville. \$50,000.

Feb. 20. Gloria Loy; to Juan Carlos Sanchez Reyes, et al; property in S20 T9S R27W in Town of Nashville. \$85,000.

Feb. 23. Jerry Ray Cox; to Jerry Ray Cox and Doris Deen Cox, Co-Trustees of the Jerry Ray Cox and Doris Deen Cox Trust; 11.01 ac. in S3 T8S R39W.

Feb. 23. Jimmy C. Brewer and wife, Suzanna L. Brewer; to Christopher Adam Smart; property in S1 T10S

R27W. \$282,000.

Feb. 23. Gilberto Villalobos; to Aaron Brasel and wife, Heather Hill Brasel; Lots 1 thru 5, Block 11, aggregate 0.94 ac., in Ansley Addition, Town of Nashville. \$70,000.

Feb. 24. Clint Walker and Ashley Walker, husband and wife; and David Krantz and Risa Krantz, husband and wife; to James Mullen and Rhonda Mullen, Co-Trustees of the Mullen Family Trust; 44 ac. in S36 T5S R28W. \$110,000.

Feb. 24. Bobby Hamilton and wife, Amanda Hamilton; to Kevin Headings and wife, Retha Headings; 50.5 ac. with exceptions in S23 T9S R28W. \$280,000.

Feb. 24. (Correcting legal description) Josefina Bran and husband, Martin Bran; to Francisco Pizarro and wife, Rosalva Cuevas Reyes; 1.667 ac. with exceptions, in S13 T9S R27W. \$20,000.

Feb. 25. Savannah Carver and husband Casey Roberts; to Joseph Floyd; 2 tracts, part of Lots 17-18 and all of Lots 25 thru 36 plus alley, Block 39, Mineral Springs Heights; and Lots 1-2-3-4, Block 38, Heights Addition; all in Town of Mineral Springs. \$225,000.

Feb. 25. (Special) Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to Kubera Homes, LLC; property in S25 T9S R27W, 106 Fox Run Road, Nashville. \$222,000.

One defendant sentenced; another receives court dates

Two defendants appeared here in criminal court Wednesday, Feb. 25, each facing two separate cases. One defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced; the other pleaded not guilty and had dates set for pretrial motions and a jury trial.

Steven Michael Williams, 49, white male, Foreman, entered the not guilty plea and had a pretrial motions date set for April 8.

On Dec. 16, 2025, he was charged with delivery of controlled substance, and

with possession of controlled substance.

Aiden Evans, 20, white male, Nashville, was charged Sept. 19, 2023, with theft of property.

On Nov. 13, 2025, he was charged with four counts of possession of child pornography -- each count being a class C felony.

On the theft charge Evans was sentenced to six years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC); and on the pornography charge he was sentenced to 10 years in

the ADC to be served concurrently with the former. One pornography count was dismissed.

Not guilty plea
On the bench, Judge Bryan Chesshir heard one more not guilty plea and set dates for jury trial and pretrial motions.

Jeremy Pugh, 36, black male, Nashville, is charged with a class Y felony -- delivery of controlled substance. Motions will be heard April 15. His bond was set at \$200,000.

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Misc. Tractors
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Misc. Gates
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Point of view

War in Iran

Easy to hate repressive, arms-hungry ayatollahs

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I want to put in my two cents worth on this war with Iran.

First, my President assured me months ago that Iran's nuclear capabilities were reduced to zero as the result of the great U.S. strikes he had ordered.

Second, after awhile we should finally learn that the Iranians lied and 'played' us for years about their efforts to develop a nuclear bomb. Kinda like North Korea. So, somebody had to do something about repression and nuclear arms in Iran and I guess we were the only ones to join up with Israel. With Israel, it is life-or-death. Negotiations and trade restrictions haven't worked.

Mine Creek Revelations



By
Louie Graves

Some more observations:

It remains to be seen if the Iranian people will be grateful that we've taken out the nutty ayatollah. Or will he merely be replaced by another repressive regime intent upon developing nuclear weapons to take out Israel.

Also, it strikes me that is much more dangerous to be an American these days. There will be consequences. Traveling will never be so much fun.

We don't need to antagonize our real friends like Canada.

Don't forget about the Epstein scandal. Keep digging and let the chips fall where they may.

It's probably already happening, but now is the time to expect Dear Leader in North Korea to so some devilment.

Comrade Putin in Rooosia never stops with devilment meant to hurt America.



THE GOOD EARTH. Why did I leave Jonquils and Redbuds and Wild Pears out of my 'early flowering' column morsel, last week?

I am claiming it was due to a brain cloud, not stupidity.

Feel free to point out other plants and trees that have been tricked by Mother Nature.

For the first time I have noticed the low purple blooms that cover some lawns and are absent from others. It's a weed, I'm told.

And I don't know if the following news item belongs in the Good Earth or the Animal Crackers category:

On a recent early morning waddle around my neighborhood I observed some crows in a neighbor's tree. They appeared to be eating something -- maybe emerging buds -- off the limbs of the tree. I have asked the neighbor to tell me the species of tree but haven't learned anything, yet. Maybe I'm not the only one that cannot recognize that species of tree.

I've become fascinated with crows. Very smart birds. It seems to me that they travel in groups of three. Maybe that's a pair of birds with their child which is still sticking close to Mom and Pop. Actually, a group of crows is called a 'murder.'

Have seen no sign yet of bluebirds and I remain hopeful.

And for the XXth year I promise you that I will keep my eyes peeled for the annual arrival of Mississippi Kites. I'll let you know.



ANIMAL CRACKERS. According to 'Birds and Blooms' magazine there are about 18,000 species of wasps.

Only a few of them -- yellowjackets, hornets and paper wasps in particular -- are harmful -- are harmful via stings.

I mowed over an underground nest of yellowjackets one summer. By the time I could get away from them in the safety of my house I had suffered more than 20 stings on my bare legs.

I know that the magazine says most species don't sting but that doesn't keep me from dodging every one that flies nearby.

Just the sight of one puts me in a mild state of panic.

One of my brothers is very allergic to wasp/hornet/yellowjacket stings and is never far from his antidote.



THIS YEAR Lent (Christians) and Ramadan (Muslims) coincide. Many Christians traditionally fast and give up something for Lent.

Pope Leo suggests that Christians might consider giving up hateful words for Lent.

I don't know if Muslims also give up anything for Ramadan. I suppose they could give up beheading Christians. (I repeated this witticism from last week)



MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: SECRET -- A story you tell to one person at a time.

I remember reading somewhere that if you share a secret with two other persons, and you want them to 'keep' the secret, you need to kill them.



WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: The teams shook hands at the end of their game. I thought that sportsmanship gesture was Terribly Nice.



HE SAID: "We either accept weaknesses in good people or we have to tear pages out of the Bible." Robert Duvall, my favorite thespian



SHE SAID: "Where would you be without friends? The people to pick you up when you need lifting? We come from homes far from perfect, so you end up almost parent and sibling to your friends --- your own chosen family. There's nothing like a really loyal, dependable, good friend. Nothing." Jennifer Aniston, actress



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Planning underway for fiscal session of state Legislature beginning April 8

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

In 2008, almost 70% of Arkansas voters approved the proposed Constitutional Amendment which created the Arkansas Legislature's Fiscal Session.

Voters decided a fiscal session would allow for greater legislative oversight and the ability to make necessary changes more readily because the national or state economy can change quickly.

This year's upcoming fiscal session will convene on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

The fiscal session, which focuses on the state budget, lasts up to 30 calendar days but may be extended by 15 days, if necessary.

The fiscal session is primarily focused on appropriations for the "big six" state departments, which include the budgets pertaining to Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Department of Health, Department of Transportation, the Division of Corrections and Department of Public Safety.

Overall, there are 15 cabinet-level state departments as well as additional boards and commissions which all have budgetary needs.

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders was set to give her updated budget proposal on March 3, 2026, for fiscal year 2027 (which begins on July 1, 2026).

Budget hearings are scheduled Wednesday, March 4 through Friday, March 6, 2026.

These hearings provide legislators with the opportunity to closely examine agency requests, ask questions, and ensure taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly and effectively.

Following the hearings, pre-filing of legislation will begin on Monday, March 9, 2026. During a fiscal session, only appropriation-related bills may be pre-filed.

Any other bills outside the scope of fiscal matters can be brought before the members of the General Assembly only if approved by a two-thirds vote in each chamber.

The fiscal session will focus on general revenue and increases like those we have seen in the last few years such as funding education, corrections and public safety, healthcare, and maternal care. Additionally, tax cuts will probably be on the agenda.

Arkansas continues to maintain

a balanced budget. Arkansas Code requires the Secretary of Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), who is the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to always be aware of the actual and estimated funds available to ensure that they are sufficient to maintain the State on a sound financial basis without incurring a deficit.

There are also requirements for the executive branch to report to the legislative branch on a regular basis regarding the status of the State's finances.

According to DFA Secretary, James Hudson, "the FY 2026 forecast is expected to fully fund the Revenue Stabilization Law and provide a surplus of \$334.4 million."

The department makes timely adjustments to adjust the forecast and budgets if conditions warrant. Unallocated or surplus funds from general revenue are placed into the revenue allotment reserve fund.

The General Assembly then determines how the funds will be spent.

This general revenue one-time funding source is rarely used to finance general operation appropriations.

Small businesses vital to Arkansas

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Arkansas is full of entrepreneurs who use innovative ideas, everyday solutions and ongoing challenges to fuel opportunity.

This reality is apparent when I return home and visit the excellent small businesses generating economic growth across all regions of our state.

As the backbone of our communities and the American economy, I am pleased to advocate policies that make it easier to start, sustain and grow a small business.

During the last state work period, I had the pleasure of visiting Red Barn Donuts in Rogers, owned by the hardworking Wiginton family. They are a great example of entrepreneurs turning their passion and family activity into a thriving local business where neighbors can come together and enjoy a delicious treat.

Small businesses like theirs not only serve customers -- they help define the character and spirit of the towns they call home.

It almost goes without saying that starting and growing a business is not a simple feat. Through grit and tireless dedication, paired with resources such as the Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center (ASBTDC), the Wigintons were able to make

their dream come true.

Their collaboration is a great example of what can happen when public institutions and private businesses work together to achieve success. As a result, jobs are created and enterprises thrive, with far-reaching benefits. This public-private partnership is just one example of the exciting economic development underway in our state.

When government, educational resources and private initiative work hand in hand, Arkansas families win. Fortunately, our spirit of hard work and resilience is reinforced by policies that increase access to capital and promote right-sized regulations.

One such policy I am proud to back is Senator Katie Britt (R-AL) and Congressman French Hill's (R-AR) Protected Act, a bill that would shield small financial institutions and Main Street businesses from burdensome requirements to collect and share personal and private data.

Forcing entrepreneurs and community lenders to share identity-based information opens the door for the federal government to pick winners and losers based on factors other than sound underwriting. Rural employers should be focused on growing their businesses

and communities, not complying with overly burdensome red tape.

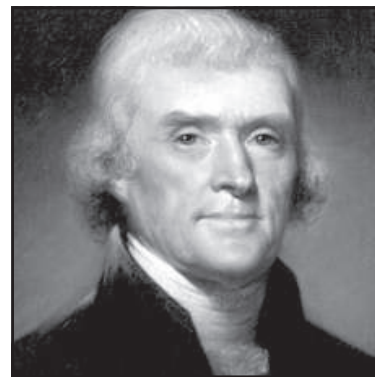
Significant federal support was also secured through the landmark Working Families Tax Cuts.

Provisions that made the small business deduction permanent, reduce regulatory burdens and implemented "No Tax on Tips" put more money back in the pockets of Arkansans.

The law will also spur investment by allowing companies to fully expense business equipment more quickly. Providing certainty in the tax code allows job creators to plan for the future with confidence and gives them breathing room to invest, hire and grow without Washington's cumbersome overreach.

By uplifting small businesses, supporting effective public-private partnerships and continuing to fight for pro-growth policies, we can ensure they stay strong.

Small businesses are the backbone of rural America, and Congress has a responsibility to ensure the regulatory environment allows for local businesses and communities to flourish. My priority in Washington is to help create an environment that keeps our economy moving forward so Arkansas remains a great place to live, work and raise a family.



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Cindy Turner and the Hickory House of Nashville catered the hospitality room at Scrapper Arena during last week's Class 4A South regional tournament.

State

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The Scrapperettes were scheduled to play Mills University Studies Tuesday night after the *News-Leader's* press deadline.

The winner of the Mills-Nashville game will play Pottsville or Southside at 4 p.m. Friday, March 6.

The semifinals will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, with the championship game at 6 p.m. March 13 at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs.

The Scrapper's first game at state will be Wednesday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m. against Little Rock Hall. The winner will take on Brookland or Dardanelle at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Semifinals will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The state championship game will be March 13 at 7:45 p.m. at Bank OZK Arena.



News-Leader photo/LAYLA SIRMON

Allie Sartin, Elli Wallis and Rylee Backus were among the Nashville High School Scrap Media students who livestreamed the regional basketball tournament from Scrapper Arena.

DHC

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Director Meghan Floyd told the board she is trying to obtain funding to install artificial turf on some of the park's baseball fields.

Turf would help attract more tournaments to Nashville, she said, resulting in more income for area businesses.

Depending on the number of tournaments and attendance, the events could generate close to \$1 million per year for the community, she said.

Floyd said she has contacted tournament directors in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Oklahoma and Loui-

siana to determine if they are interested in holding their events in Nashville "if we turf our fields."

All said they would be, according to Floyd.

The cost to turf four of the fields in the baseball complex would be about \$947,000, Floyd said.

The park has some of the funding set aside and will seek assistance in obtaining the rest.

"This is economic development," Dunaway said. "People who come to town will spend their money here."

Other parks "don't have the shade or the room that we have," according to Dunaway. "Turf is the logical next step in the evolution of our park."

Howard County has been selected for SelectUSA designation, Weeks said. She and one more economic development officer will represent Arkansas at the group's national meeting in Maryland during May.

"We will be recognized at the meeting," she said, "and make a lot of good connections there."



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Robert Nannemann stands among some of the 1,200 Boston ferns which were planted last summer.

Garden

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of trees and shrubs, they grow what they sell, annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, everything is grown in Nashville, Arkansas, and their 10 greenhouses are humming with activity this time of year.

"We've been planting full-force since January," Susan says with pride, "and most of the garden vegetables will be ready mid-March for the early birds."

"This is the time of year to plant shrubs and trees, berry vines, herbs, and cool weather crops like cabbage and broccoli," Susan shares, but she warns that it's still

a little early for other vegetables.

"I recommend folks wait until about March 20 and check the 10-day forecast," she advises. "If it's looking pretty good, then you can go ahead and plant. Before that, it's risky."

She reminds us not to be fooled by the warm weather, and that we almost always have a frost around Easter, which is April 5 this year. "I have some customers who, you can count on it, they'll be here on Good Friday picking up plants," she says with a smile.

While we're visiting with Susan, Robert is working in one of the greenhouses, watering the 1,200 Boston ferns they planted last summer. Sunshine Acres is a year-

round business, and Robert, a Bismarck native, loves it.

They met when they both lived in Texarkana. Susan was working at the museum there, and Robert was the CPA who audited their books. "The bookkeeper fixed us up," Susan laughs. She loves being back in her hometown, and Robert doesn't miss working at a desk.

So what would you like to say to the *News-Leader* readers?

"We appreciate all the support from Nashville and the surrounding communities," Susan says simply. "We have customers within a 90-mile radius, and we appreciate all the support through the years for our family and our business."

Ralph Gross Baseball Camp to be held Saturday

PRO-DAY Baseball will host the Ralph Gross Memorial Baseball Camp Saturday, March 7, from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Scrapper Dome on the campus of Nashville High School, according to Jeff Gross, founder of PRO-DAY Baseball and son of the late Ralph Gross.

Players ages 8-14 years will learn hitting, fielding, pitching and base-running from the former Texas Rangers/Chicago Cubs scout during the session.

Gross has worked in baseball on both the professional and minor league levels along with coaching college

baseball at the University of Arkansas/Monticello and Pensacola Junior College.

Since he founded PRO-DAY Baseball in 1989, he has helped hundreds of players advance into professional baseball and with many others going on to receive scholarships to play college baseball.

Held during the Ralph Gross Memorial Baseball Tournament, the camp is named in memory of the 1952 Nashville High graduate who was a five-star athlete in baseball, basketball, football, track and tennis.

The money raised from

this camp helps go to a student-athlete each year at Nashville High who plans to go off to college to continue their education while playing sports.

The Ralph Gross Athletic Scholarship Award has been presented annually since 2003.

The cost of the camp is \$40 and participants are limited, so sign-up early.

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RUNNERS-UP AT REGIONALS. The Dierks Lady Outlaws finished second at the 2A-4 regional tournament held last week. Team members include (front) Milee Harrison, Presley Pugh, Ryleigh Simmons, Krissyn Icenhower; (back) Coach Taylor Collum, manager Linnea Thompson, Lilly Hogg, Addison Hill, Raylie Walston, Aspen Pugh, Savannah Tedford, Ali Shelton, Delannie Hawthorne, Coach Leslie Simmons and Coach Will Stewart.

Lady Outlaws to enter 2A state tournament Thursday at Poyen

The Dierks Lady Outlaws wrapped regional play over the week in Hampton where the team went 2-1, dropping the championship match to the Poyen Lady Indians, and are now headed to Poyen for the state 2A tournament.

Dierks will carry its 29-6/14-0 record to Poyen Thursday, March 5 and will face off against Buffalo Island Central at 1 p.m. A win would put Lady Outlaws playing again on March 6 at 4:00.

The Dierks ladies were picked as the favorite to win the 2A-4 regional tournament in Hampton and proved so by dominating host team Hampton 64-29 and then Ouachita 57-30. It was the Poyen Lady Indians playing spoiler in the regionals and they dropped Dierks into the runner-up spot with a 61-52 win.

Vs. Hampton

The Lady Outlaws jumped out to a commanding lead early against Hampton and never looked back in the 64-29 win.

Addison Hill led the scoring in the opening game with 19 points followed by Savannah Tedford with 10. Rayleigh Simmons and Raylie Walston each hit 8 points, 6 each from Milee Harrison and Aspen Pugh, 5 from Lilly Hogg with the scoring wrapped up with Presley Pugh's 2 points.

Score By Quarters

Dierks 19-15-28-2
Hampton 6-9-8-6

Vs. Ouachita

It was pretty much the same thing for the Lady Outlaws in round two where they dispatched Ouachita 57-30.

Simmons led the scoring this time with 16 points with Hill sinking 14. Tedford added 8 points, Harrison 6, A. Pugh 4, P. Pugh 3 and Hogg 2 points.

Score by Quarters

Dierks 13-15-17-14
Ouachita 2-11-8-9

Vs. Poyen

The championship game was a head-to-head match that came down to the wire in the fourth quarter when Poyen edged out the 61-52 upset.

Hill poured in 20 points to lead the Dierks scoring with Poyen's Kenedy Barrett hitting 30.

Other Dierks scorers in the final included P. Pugh with 9, Tedford and Simmons 7, Harrison 4, Walston 3 and Hogg 2.

Score by Quarters

Poyen 11-12-17-21
Dierks 10-11-15-16

Buffalo Island will bring at record of 27-9/14-2 to the state tournament, which they earned with regional playoff wins over Izard County (55-31) and East Poinsett County (58-50). BIC lost to Sloan-Hendrix 48-67.



AT REGIONAL TOURNAMENT. Dierks Lady Outlaw senior Addison Hill (at right) hits two of her 20 points during the championship game against Poyen Saturday night. At left is Milee Harrison working under the basket.

Arkansas 4-H Foundation Day of Giving set for March 17

This St. Patrick's Day, the Arkansas 4-H Foundation is encouraging Arkansans to set a bit of gold aside to support youth development in the Natural State.

The foundation, established in 1951, will hold its annual Arkansas 4-H Giving Day on March 17. The mostly online event serves as the Arkansas 4-H Foundation's most important annual fundraising event, supporting more than 8,000 members and helping Arkansas 4-H make more than 700,000 contacts with youth throughout the year.

John Thomas, managing director of the Arkansas 4-H Foundation for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said the annual effort typically raises about \$400,000, which supports camp scholarships, program fees, learning trips, vocational training and college scholarships.

"Arkansas 4-H Giving Day brings all 75 counties together for one purpose — ensuring that no young person is prevented from participating because of cost," Thomas said. "Whether a gift

supports a local county program or a statewide initiative, every dollar stays focused on opening doors for Arkansas youth."

Individuals can make a gift of any size to Arkansas 4-H using the online donation form. Donors can choose to direct their donation to a specific county or a specific program area.

Arkansas 4-H is a youth development effort of the Cooperative Extension Service, the outreach and education arm of the Division of Agriculture. Established

more than 120 years ago, it operates in all 75 Arkansas counties, led by youth development professionals and supported by trained adult volunteers and mentors. "The Foundation's role is to remove financial barriers so those opportunities remain accessible to every child, regardless of circumstance," Thomas said. "Investing in 4-H today means investing in the character, leadership and future of Arkansas tomorrow."

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Scrappers 2 for 3 at regional, advance to state 4A tourney

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Johnte Taylor scores in the Scrappers' 71-29 win over Monticello Feb. 26.



Demetrus Shelley nails a free throw in the Scrappers' 58-45 win over Watson Chapel in the consolation game of the Class 4A South Regional Feb. 28 at Scrapper Arena.



Bo Bell (right) launches a 3-point shot against Star City Feb. 27 in the semifinals of the Class 4A South Regional. Nashville tied the game at 69-69 to end regulation but fell to the Bulldogs 78-75 in overtime.



Blake Moody (22) grabs the ball and sets up a score against Monticello in Nashville's 71-29 win over the Billies in the opening round Feb. 26.



Zavion Vaughn (5), Jailyn Staggers (24) and Bo Bell (23) force a Watson Chapel turnover in the regional consolation game Saturday afternoon.



Johnte Taylor (right) hits a 3-pointer to send the semifinal battle with Star City to overtime Feb. 27. The Bulldogs eventually escaped with a 78-75 victory.



Bo Bell (23) keeps the ball out of the hands of the Monticello defender Thursday night, Feb. 26.



Demetrus Shelley (2) goes up for a score against the Star City Bulldogs.



Cortez Cooper (12) forces a Monticello turnover recovered by Johnte Taylor (4) during Nashville's win over the Billies.

Class 4A South regional

Scrappers 71, Monticello 29
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Scrappers 58, Watson Chapel 45 consolation game

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Scrappettes earn 4A South regional title

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Karstyn Scrivner (right) hits a 3-pointer over the Fairview defender in Nashville's 70-50 win Feb. 27.



Cheerleaders join the regional champion Scrappettes on the court following Nashville's 73-44 victory over Arkadelphia in the tournament finals Saturday night, Feb. 28, at Scrapper Arena.



Lyris Bennett directs traffic during the Class 4A South regional at Scrapper Arena.



Emma Chambers maneuvers around the Arkadelphia defender in the championship game.



Ava Basiliere (center) draws a technical foul in the 60-32 win over Star City and made 3 free throws.



Sofia McCauley (15) scores over the Camden Fairview defender.



Karstyn Chambers (24) drives to the basket in Nashville's 73-44 win over Arkadelphia in the regional final.



Angel Watson (4) hits a 3-point shot in the tournament semifinals against Camden Fairview.



Kiyanna Stewart (left) puts up a shot in the championship game against Arkadelphia Feb. 28.



Emma Chambers, Ava Basiliere, Sofia McCauley, Lyris Bennett and Karstyn Scrivner trap the Monticello Lady Billie Feb. 25.

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FIND NEW ROADS

Autistic, Bipolar, Dyslexic Triple diagnosis informs, fuels young author's work

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

A daydream of becoming a published author has become reality for a young Nashville author who has spent a lifetime making the dream come true while living with autism, bipolar disorder and severe dyslexia.

Brenna Lewis, 22, is set to publish her first novel, *The Tainted Lamb*, under her pen name "Ruby Lewis" available April 5 for Kindle at Amazon. The book is now available for pre-order for \$7.

Lewis was first diagnosed with severe dyslexia when she was 5. Her autism spectrum disorder was discovered at age 15 followed by bipolar disorder at 20. She controls her conditions with medication and therapy.

Lewis' debut is a fiction novel that comes from a mind constantly daydreaming, a condition called maladaptive disorder and serves as the seed of the artistic direction for most of Lewis' "little obsessions."

These type obsessions - also known as hyperfixations - are common in autistic people and with Lewis, they steer what's coming next for her writing.

"My writing is a hyperfixation," she said. "And sometimes it's just the element of writing."

To understand hyperfixation, Lewis offered an example of a past/present fixation that involves the Civil War: "I had to learn everything about it," and obsessively consumed every piece of information

and watched everything she could find on Civil War history.

Then, Lewis said, the really "hyper" part of the fixation took over. "I even made my own Civil War dress." She then signed up with the nearby Civil War reenactment group, which Lewis said quickly "booted me off for being autistic" for some unexplained reason. That ended that specific part of the fixation, but still today, Lewis has a gripping fascination with Civil War history and it continues to surface in her work.

"(Hyperfixation) can be completely harmless, but sometimes it goes unhealthy," Lewis said.

That's just life for someone on her area of the spectrum.

"I am able to function like a normal human being," she said. "It's just, I don't get social cues."

Lewis said she is also prone to pacing and constant movement and if she gets anxious, she will "stem" by flapping her wrists. "Sometimes you just have to shake it out," she said.

Being on the spectrum is sometimes like a "double-edged sword," according to Lewis.

"When you're autistic, you're either too emotional or not emotional enough in certain terms," she said. "We always have the wrong thing."

Lewis has dealt with insults and name-calling for so long that she said it's hard for her to process now. At this point in her life, she

said she has a more of a "grit teeth and bare it" attitude when it comes to her work, opinions, social media presence or simply life and how to live it. Her favorite tool on social media is the "block" tool.

"I've dealt with so much backlash over the years that I'm just, like, 'okay,'" she said. "I know now my opinions are different from their opinions."

Lewis thinks her autism helps make her a free thinker; hungry for information and knowledge, and she said some "people don't like that."

"We live in a neurotypical society - a society built for neurotypical people," she explained.

"Neurodivergent people, we get ostracized because we think too freely or ask too many questions or we question the wrong thing when society just wants us to go along with a pattern."

Lewis was first diagnosed with dyslexia when she was 5. She claims the education system "completely pushed me aside" and school was difficult due to relentless taunting and bullying and personal attacks about her intellect and inability to read fluently. Her family ended up using a private tutor for Lewis' dyslexia.

"Being ostracized by your peers" was bad enough and Lewis claimed her teachers and the education system were negligent in dealing with her then-undiagnosed autism and bipolar disorders.

"I was not given any help



News-Leader photo/JOHN BALCH

READY FOR BOOK RELEASE. Brenna Lewis, 22, of Nashville with the manuscript of her first book which will be available on April 5 on Amazon.

by our education system," said Lewis, who also somewhat conceded, "I know it's different today, but still..."

Lewis' mother, Angie Lewis, said she has to disagree with her daughter's assessment of the educational system, stressing that she certainly understands how her daughter developed such a negative view.

"(The school) literally tried everything to help her learn to read, it was before the schools had dyslexia tutors," mom said. "I felt like she was Helen Keller at times locked in a world she couldn't function in."

The private tutor mentioned is named Kathy Woll and mother describes her as

"our miracle worker."

"Brenna would never have learned to read without her."

Despite a rough start, Lewis is an avid reader who also uses listening apps when she is "feeling lazy." When she writes, she runs chapters and notes on apps and uses an online editor.

"At the beginning, I didn't even like to read because it was so difficult for me," she said.

The Tainted Lamb is the first of her books to be published, but Lewis said she has numerous other side projects in the works, including five books. All of Lewis' work, with the exception of her documentary-style film

work, is fiction and will be forever. She recalled her first writing projects were "fan fiction" about her favorite television shows.

"I will never go non-fiction," the author said. "I like the element of fiction because you can do whatever you want with it."

Just because Lewis writes in the fantasy world, she does not shy away from including political parodies or other controversial topical subject matter in her works. For example, her debut novel is about a Texas evangelist who has an intersex daughter deemed a "miracle baby"

Author

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Howard County 4-H Culinary Clovers win big at Mid-South Food Challenge

By Samantha Horn

Howard County Extension Agent 4-H/Staff Chair

The Howard County Culinary Clovers 4-H Food Challenge team — Anna Kate McKinnon, Abi Webb, Payeton Bagley, and Brody Cupples — earned top honors at the Mid-South Food Challenge on Feb. 28. The team competed against 18 other teams representing Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Missouri.

The competition was held at the Memphis Convention Center during the Mid-South Farm and Gin Show. During the event, teams were presented with a secret ingredient and given just sixty minutes to create an original dish incorporating that ingredient. In addition, participants were challenged to include as many food groups as possible to ensure a well-balanced and nutritious recipe.

Once their dish was completed, each team delivered a formal presentation to a panel of judges. Teams explained their recipe, preparation methods, nutritional value, and the overall benefits of their dish. The event combines culinary skills, nutrition knowledge, teamwork, time management, and public speaking skills, making it a well-rounded educational experience.

Competitions like the Mid-South Food Challenge provide young people with valuable hands-on learning opportunities while also strengthening their confidence and communication skills.

For more information about the Howard County 4-H program and upcoming opportunities, contact the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517.



FIRST PLACE TEAM. The Howard County team is pictured with Howard County Extension Agent Dawson Bailey (at left) and include Brody Cupples, Payeton Bagley, Anna Kate McKinnon, and Abi Webb.

Local Extension Service makes soil sampling easier

By Dawson Bailey

Howard County Extension Agent – Agriculture

Whether you are planning a garden or your pasture is not producing as well as you would like, soil sampling is a great way to see what your grass or plants will need. Soil samples are free for Arkansas homeowners or landowners. Soil testing can be done anytime, but the best time is in the fall or in the spring before things begin to green up.

There are a few steps to follow to make sure the sample you take is a good representation of the ground you are trying to manage.

- Rake aside mulch or surface litter including leaves
- or grass.
- Take soil with a probe or shovel from at least 12 spots in each area. A zigzag sampling pattern is preferred.
- Take samples in garden, lawns, pastures, and around shrubs to a depth of about 4-6 inches and for mature fruit trees at a depth of 12 inches.
- Mix soil thoroughly from a sample area. Keep different areas separate. Discard any rocks, gravel, and roots.
- Allow the sample to air dry. Spread them out on newspapers or a large paper bag for a couple of days. Do not heat the sample in an oven or microwave to speed drying.
- Remove enough to fill up a sandwich bag. Label each bag with a name you would recognize.
- Bring the samples to the Extension Office. You will need to know the acreage, whether or not the ground has had lime applied in the last 4 years, and what you are wanting to grow on that ground.

Results from these soil tests will be emailed to you. If you have any questions about the results, you can call our office at 870-845-7517 or stop by, and I will go over the results with you. For more information, visit our website at www.uaex.uada.edu or call the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517. The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

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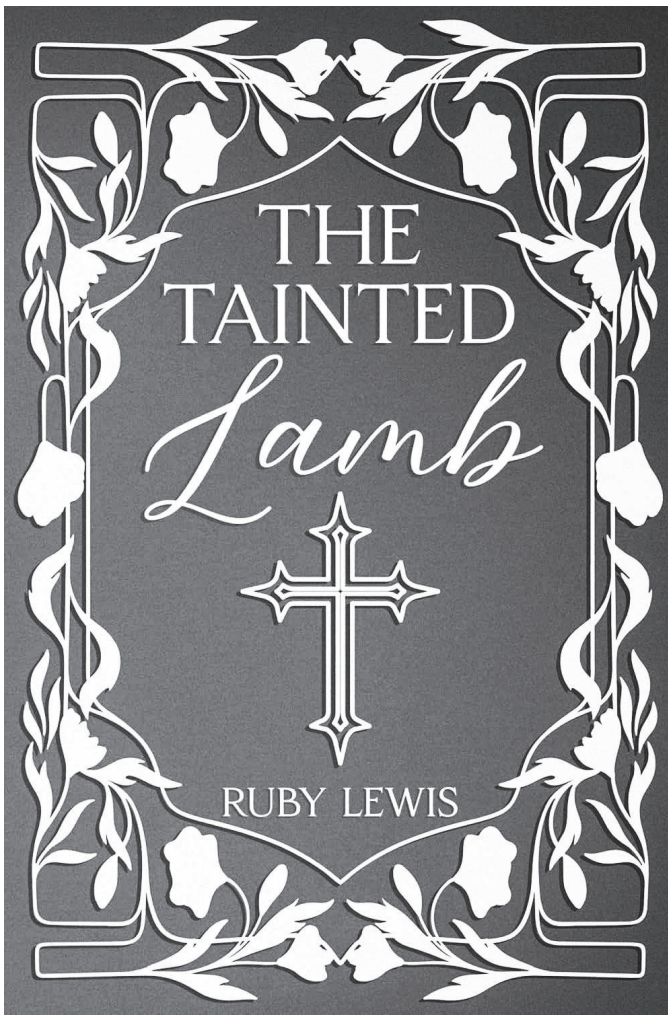
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and tackles the topic of gender dysphoria.

"I just feel like we should try our best to include those who are discriminated against," she said, adding, "I'd rather be hated for who I include than liked for who I don't include."

To sum it up: "If someone has a problem with my writing, I don't care about it." (Bluntness is also a trait of Lewis' place on the spectrum.)

Lewis said her work almost always includes references to her conditions whether through metaphors, symbolism or directness. Hyper-fixation helps her become an informed writer and steers the in-depth research of her topics. She "brainstorms" and daydreams constantly and tries her best to document it all.

But, Lewis admits that her state of mind will determine what comes next and when.

"I flip-flop from book to book, and it's just whenever I'm in the mood to write" - and which mood is a whole other factor, Lewis said.

In fact, a fantasy book series about "how the south

has romanticized the Civil War" has been in Lewis' mind since she was 15 and is finally nearing completion with the help of an online collaborator. Lewis is currently excited about this fact and calls the "Civil War

fantasy" her best work and includes a chapter where Robert E. Lee "rides into battle on a fluffy pink unicorn."

As Lewis puts it: "I'm not an autistic writer. I'm a writer with autism."

Center of Disease Control Explains Autism Spectrum Disorder

"People with ASD may behave, communicate, interact, and learn in ways that are different from most other people. There is often nothing about how they look that sets them apart from other people.

"The abilities of people with ASD can vary significantly. For example, some people with ASD may have advanced conversation skills whereas others may be nonverbal. Some people with ASD need a lot of help in their daily lives; others can work and live with little to no support.

"ASD begins before the age of 3 years and can last throughout a person's life, although symptoms may change over time. Some children show ASD symptoms within the first 12 months of life

" In others, symptoms may not show

up until 24 months of age or later. Some children with ASD gain new skills and meet developmental milestones until around 18 to 24 months of age, and then they stop gaining new skills or lose the skills they once had.

"As children with ASD become adolescents and young adults, they may have difficulties developing and maintaining friendships, communicating with peers and adults, or understanding what behaviors are expected in school or on the job.

"They may come to the attention of healthcare providers because they also have conditions such as anxiety, depression, or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), which occur more often in people with ASD than in people without ASD."

Kirby man sentenced in Pike County on identity fraud charges

A Kirby man was sentenced Monday in Pike County Circuit Court after he pleaded guilty to charges of fraudulent use of a credit card and identity fraud.

Andrew Pipkins, 36, entered the plea before Judge Bryan Chesshir and was sentenced to a total of 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with five years suspended. He was also ordered to pay \$64,000 restitution to Chambers Bank along with Shana Nicole Pickrell, 31, of Murfreesboro, who is charged with fraudulent use of a credit card in a companion case.

The case against Pickrell is set for a jury trial on April 8.

The charges are the result of a Pike County investigation that began on May 8, 2025 when a Pipkin's family member reported that a large amount of money had been fraudulently withdrawn from his personal bank account and that he suspected Pickrell and Pipkins, as both were living at his residence at the time.

The family member had discovered unauthorized transactions, including several connected to Pickrell's PayPal account. When confronted by the family mem-

ber, Pickrell admitted to the theft and requested two days to return \$25,000.

Overall, there were 515 disputed transactions, totaling approximately \$65,000.

During the investigation, three audio recordings of calls made to the bank by a person fraudulently identifying himself as the family member were reviewed. The family member later identified the voice as belonging to Pipkins.

Pipkins was under active supervision with the Arkansas Probation and Parole Division at the time of his arrest, according to case information.

Howard County District Court

Feb. 26, 2026

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Howard County

Armstrong, Sylvester, 35, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$6,524 balance; committed to jail for 30 days

Brown, Spencer C., 34, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,585 balance

Christopher, Marcus V., 39, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460

Gurley, Dillion C., 26, Dierks, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty no seat belt, fined \$85; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$360

Johnson, Javen Mekhi, 22, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$775 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Linville, Gregory Hayes, 33, Wright City, Okla., \$265 BF, speeding

Martinez, Oliver, 30, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt

McCarley, Virginia R., 56, De Queen, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light

Petrov, Marck, 58, Boca Raton, Fla., \$210 BF, improper lighting

Reed, Eddie Jr., 33, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to appear,

fined \$260

Thomas, Cortney, 35, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,830 balance

City of Nashville
Armstrong, Sylvester, 35, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260

Parker, David A., 47, Dierks, guilty of violation of protection order, fined \$1,035, sentenced to 30 days in jail-suspended conditions and no-contact order issued for victim

Pipes, Owen Wade, 39, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of inattentive driving, fined \$360; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of refuse chemical test, fined \$275

Piza, Eric, 27, Nashville, \$225 BF, failure to pay registration

Sanchez-Leyva Ana, 29, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Terry, Dustin W., 39, Texarkana, guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$610

Wesley, Deaveiare, 23, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$580 balance

City of Dierks
Blevins, Christen C., 33, Bono, \$265 BF, speeding

Frayre, Isai, 22, Hope, guilty of speeding, fined

\$255; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210

City of Mineral Springs
Armstrong, Sylvester, 35, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460

Henzler, Bradley M., 46, Venus, Texas, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$210

Hopkins, Bobbie D. Jr., 41, Lockesburg, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Hostetler, Spencer L., 19, Mineral Springs, \$360 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Thomas, Cortney, 35, Mineral Springs, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285

Bench Trials
City of Nashville

Fellows, Quavinnie, 37, Nashville, third-degree battery, under advisement for three months to dismiss, fined \$175 and no-contact order issued for victim

Lunsford, Lonnie L., 41, Nashville, guilty of second-degree terroristic threatening, fined \$1,035, sentenced to 30 days in jail-suspended, no-contact order issued for victim

Thomas, Cortney, 35, Mineral Springs, second-degree false imprisonment, under advisement for six months to dismiss, no-contact order issued for victim

Pike County District Court

Feb. 7, 2026

BF=Bond Forfeited
Pike County

Roberts, Kirsty H., 36, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340

Suarez, Gaudencio Romano, 41, De Queen, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance

City of Murfreesboro
Collins, Dennis A., 37, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,275 balance

English, Hailey Elizabeth, 20, Mineral Springs, guilty of speeding, fined

\$16; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240

Hunt, Joseph Isaiah, 24, Prescott, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$145 BF, no driver's license; \$145 BF, running stop sign; \$225 BF, failure to appear

Bench Trials

Pike County
Ramirez, Sergio Santiago, 25, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$150

City of Murfreesboro
Powell, Richard Chad, 54, Allen, Texas driving left of center, deferred adju-

dication for six months to dismiss, fined \$160

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Horn, James P. Jr., 45, Texarkana, \$750 BF, license suspended, must complete DWI educational course, DWI

City of Glenwood
Hermann, Brian Robert, 56, Caddo Gap, guilty of passing stopped school bus, fined \$450

Ratliff, Khristian Leeroy, 26, Newhope, failure to report accident, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss

Food boxes coming to Murfreesboro

Harvest Regional Food Bank will distribute TEFAP USDA Food Boxes directly from their truck on Wednesday, March 18, from 8:30

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Students Need Stability to Learn Here's What Arkansas Can Do

An Arkansas teacher's view from inside the classroom

By Chancy Ware
Mineral Springs
School District



Chancy Ware

On an ordinary school morning at my alma mater Mineral Springs High School, where I now teach, I walked the same green-and-gold hallways I knew as a teenager.

They felt different. Not louder or quieter. Just heavier. The kind of weight you feel in the way students move through the building, in how they sit in class, in what they carry quietly with them.

I saw it in one sophomore in my family consumer science class. When I greeted him, he barely responded, eyes down, backpack half-unzipped—like keeping things together no longer mattered.

That student lives with his grandparents, who are raising him, three siblings, and four cousins. His father is incarcerated and his mother left years ago. By the time he arrives at school, he has already shouldered responsibilities and emotional weight far beyond his years.

Later that day, I noticed another student, a junior, sitting alone by her locker, shoulders tense, eyes fixed on the floor. She recently lost a close family friend to gun violence. At home, grief and fear shape daily life, leaving little space for the routines of adolescence.

This reality isn't unique to my school. Across the country, students are struggling under invisible loads of trauma, anxiety, poverty, grief, and instability.

Many sit in classrooms not only with textbooks and assignments but also with worries about food, housing, or safety. In Arkansas, the state with the highest prevalence, 56% of children have experienced at least one adverse childhood experience.

When mental and emotional health are ignored, it shows up everywhere: in declining grades, rising discipline issues, and fading motivation. Mental health cannot remain an optional service; it must form the foundation so students succeed academically.

Trauma-informed training should be mandatory for all educators, with a focus on being proactive and anticipating needs of students based on how they act. This type of training has changed the way I teach, as I now see behavior as communication.

The slumped shoulders and flat tone I saw from my student weren't disrespect—they were exhaustion. Recognizing this was key; I checked in with him gently

and then connected him with Cornerstone, the counseling service that partners with our district. Regular access to a counselor gave my student the space he needed to unpack what he had been carrying.

But training alone isn't enough. Students must have access to counselors, and many schools simply don't. The American School Counselor Association recommends a 250-to-1 student-to-counselor ratio, yet the national average is 385-to-1. The Arkansas average is 58% more students than the recommended number, which is 6% higher than the national average.

In the Mineral Springs School District, a single counselor now serves roughly 395 students, leaving little time for preventive or ongoing support. When counselors are stretched this thin, they are forced to respond only to crises rather than building relationships that help students succeed.

Consistent access to a counselor could mean learning healthy coping skills, receiving academic guidance, and getting support early, before stress, anxiety, or grief interfere with a student's education.

Stability is healing. Yet in many schools, turnover among teachers and administrators is constant. In Arkansas, only about 76% of public school educators stayed at the same school between 2022-23 and 2023-24. At my school, that turnover means students finally open up to one adult, only to start over when that person leaves. Our students deserve adults who stay long enough to know their names, their stories, and their dreams.

Returning to teach at my alma mater has allowed me to maintain relationships year after year, showing students that someone who cares will always be in their corner.

That means being the teacher who remembers who struggles with reading but lights up during science experiments, who notices

when a usually talkative student goes quiet, who can say "I've known you since 6th grade; you can get through this."

It also means celebrating their first college acceptance letters, sitting with them after family losses, and holding them accountable because trust has already been built.

When students feel supported, the environment changes. Tension eases. Engagement returns. Joy doesn't disappear from traumatized students; it waits for safety.

My students remind me daily that learning cannot be separated from living. If we want students to succeed academically, we must confront the realities they bring into our classrooms by investing in school counselors, committing to trauma-informed education, and retaining educators students trust. Our students are already carrying enough. It is time for schools and policymakers to start lifting it, so the green-and-gold hallways of Mineral Springs High School no longer feel heavy, but hopeful.

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State school archers to take aim this weekend at championship

Well over 1,900 students from fourth grade to high school seniors will take aim at the Hot Springs Convention Center and Bank OZK Arena March 6-7 in the 18th annual Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Archery in the Schools State Championship.

Student archers have competed in state qualifying events since November with one goal on their minds: post one of the top 30 team scores in their division and make it to the state championship.

"We had 29 qualifying events," Aimee Swaim, AIS program coordinator for the AGFC, said.

"We only took the highest single score for each team, but teams could participate in as many events as they wished. Some teams qualified in a single outing, but others shot in multiple events to improve their scores and earn a berth."

In addition to the top 30 teams in each of three age-based categories (Grades 4-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12), any students shooting an individual score above a 280 out of 300 possible points are guaranteed a spot in the state championship.

The top three teams in each age group will receive medals and team trophies, and the fourth- and fifth-place teams will receive medals. The top individual boy and girl in each age group will

receive a Mathews Genesis bow. Individuals, both boys and girls, placing in the top five positions of the senior division also will receive college scholarship money provided by the AGFC, starting with \$2,500 for the top boys and girls finishers and incrementally decreasing \$500 for each placing.

All participating schools are encouraged to gather nonperishable foods in a side event to fight food insecurity in Arkansas.

The Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry truck will be at the event both days, and the school that brings the most donated canned goods each day will receive \$1,000 to help build their program.

"Last year, the schools really stepped up their game and donated a record 7,500 pounds of food," Ronnie Ritter, AHFH president, said. "I'm hoping to challenge the schools this year with a new goal of 10,000 pounds of donated food. With the number of archers participating in the event, that really only boils down to bringing a couple of cans each. Or you can do like Salem Elementary last year and hold a food drive before the event. Salem gathered so much food for the needy last year that we had to go back to them with the truck and pick it all up! I'd love to see more schools get involved at that level to help fight a very real

problem in Arkansas."

The elementary and middle school divisions compete on Friday, beginning at 9 a.m., with trophy presentations expected at 4 p.m.

The seniors (ninth through 12th grades) begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and should be wrapped up about 2 p.m.

The Archery in the Schools program began as a pilot project with 10 schools in 2005. Based on the National Archery in the Schools program, AIS brings competitive archery into elementary, middle and high schools throughout Arkansas, and a state championship event was added in 2009 to complete the year's activities.

Visit www.agfc.com/ais for a link to state tournament scores and more information on Archery in the Schools.

The local 2026 Archery in the Schools Bullseye State Tournament Qualifiers include:

- Elementary Division (Grades 4-5)**
 - South Pike County (Murfreesboro)
- Middle School Division (Grades 6-8)**
 - South Pike County (Murfreesboro)
 - Magnet Cove Middle School
 - DQ Cubs (De Queen)
- High School Division (Grades 9-12)**
 - De Queen High School
 - South Pike County (Murfreesboro)

We're not Irish, but we like to... ...join in the fun and go to the parade. Kids: color stuff in!

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

You don't have to be Irish to join in the fun!

Some people think I bring good luck because I have ___ leaves and am hard to find.

Every year the people of Ireland celebrate a special holiday in the early spring. Many go to church, visit family, attend dinners or dances, and march in parades. Across the ocean, in America, many people of Irish descent join in activities that show their pride in being Irish-Americans. Do you know the name of this holiday? If you are thinking of St. Patrick's Day, then you are right.

In the waters around Ireland there are seals, dolphins and killer whales. On land, there are red deer, badgers and lizards. But, there are no snakes to be seen anywhere!

pipe Saint Patrick Ireland green leprechaun potatoes

snakes flag March shillelagh shamrock harp

Read the clues to fill in this "Irish" crossword puzzle.

Of course, leprechauns can easily spot every shamrock with 4 leaves!

Down

1. color of spring leaves; grass
3. holiday month
4. will grant you a wish if you can catch it
5. short oak club
8. used for smoking

Psst...do you think Little Mouse is right?

At the End of the Rainbow

What did the leprechaun hide at the end of his rainbow?

Get out your colored pencils or crayons and follow this color code to find out:

W = white	Gr = gray	R = red
O = orange	Y = yellow	Bl = blue
P = purple	B = black	G = green

Bishop of Ireland

Who is the man the Irish love so much? Say the name of each picture to yourself. Write the letter it begins with in the box next to it.

Apply now for UA Hope licensed practical nursing program

The application for admission to the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program at the University of Arkansas-Hope campus is now open. Students can apply online at uaht.edu from March 1 to May 1. The deadline for applications and all required documents is May 1, by 4:30 p.m.

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March Programs

Cossatot River State Park - Natural Area

As the days get longer and temperatures rise, activities by the river resume. Join the park interpreters for an educational program or guided hike this spring break!

Pack a lunch and make a day of it, allowing time to explore the interactive exhibits of the visitor information center, take a short trail walk, or just play and be with nature along the river bank.

Sunday, March 1 Snakes of the Park
10a.m. @ Visitor Center
Join a park interpreter to get acquainted with our resident snakes and learn about the many snakes of the area. Decorate your own wooden snake to take home!

Every Sunday Critter Feeding
3p.m. @ Visitor Center
Stop by the visitor center to join a park interpreter in feeding our resident critters- snakes, frogs, turtles and more!

Saturday, March 7 Tree ID
10a.m. @ Cossatot Falls
Tree leaves, bark, and buds are all useful hints to tell us what kind of tree we are looking at. Join a park interpreter as you learn how to identify different tree species, no matter the time of year.

Saturday, March 7 Micro Hike
2p.m. @ Waterleaf Trail
Have you ever imagined the world from the perspective of a bug? Join a park interpreter as we slow down and observe the smaller elements in the landscape- you never know what you might find! This is a 0.5-mile round trip hike rated easy to moderate.

Sunday, March 8 Mammals of Cossatot River
9-11a.m. @ Sandbar Campground
Are you ready to discover the wild side of Cossatot River State Park? Stop by Sandbar Campground to investigate the diverse wildlife of the area with a park interpreter! This is a come and go station.

Friday, March 13 Night Eyes
8p.m. @ Sandbar Campground
Have you ever shone a flashlight into the woods and seen a pair of eyes staring back at you? It might be creepy, but there is a reason for the reflection! Join a park interpreter on a late night stroll around the Cossatot Falls to discover how our furry friends get around in the dark.

Saturday, March 14 Pine Needle Painting
10a.m. @ Visitor Center
Don't have a paintbrush? No worries! Join a park interpreter to use pine needles as a unique paintbrush for this fun craft. All supplies provided.

Saturday, March 14 Backyard Insects
2p.m. @ Cossatot Falls
Have you ever seen an insect and had no idea what it was? We can help with that! Stop by the Falls to learn how to use an insect ID guide to understand what insects are coming to your backyard.

Sunday, March 15 Owl Pellet Dissection
10a.m. @ Visitor Center
Join a park interpreter in the classroom as we investigate the life of an owl. Explore the various species of owls found in Arkansas, their diet and how they play a key role in the ecosystem. This is a fascinating hands-on activity for all ages!

Friday, March 20 Owl Prowl
8p.m. @ Cossatot Falls
"WOO" is out in the woods? Join a park interpreter near the Cossatot Falls campground to discuss these hunters of the night and call to owls to see if they respond. This walk is ~1 mile round-trip.

Saturday, March 21 Birding Hike
8:30a.m. @ Harris Creek Trail
Bring your binoculars and rise with the birds for an early birding hike! Join a park interpreter and identify common species of birds at Cossatot and sharpen your birding skills. All levels of experience are welcome. This is a 3.5-mile hike rated moderate to strenuous.

Saturday, March 21 Spring Watercolors
2p.m. @ Low Water Bridge
Spring represents a fresh start and new life in nature. Join a park interpreter by the river to illustrate changes in nature this time of year.

Sunday, March 22 All About Birds
9-11a.m. @ Sandbar Campground
Cossatot River State Park is home to many shapes and sizes of our feathered friends. How much do you know about the birds of Cossatot? Stop by and chat with a park interpreter about birds at this come and go information station.

Friday, March 27 Mammals of Cossatot River
9-11a.m. @ Cossatot Falls
Are you ready to discover

the wild side of Cossatot River State Park? Stop by the Falls to investigate the diverse wildlife of the area with a park interpreter! This is a come & go station.

Saturday, March 28 Survival Skills
2p.m. @ Visitor Center
Do you know the rule of 3? Join a park interpreter and learn basic fire-starting skills, orienteering, and more!

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

Ag events lined up for March in Pike County

The following are the upcoming agricultural events in Pike County:

Private Pesticide Applicator Training: March 11, 10 a.m., Bainum Library in Glenwood

Flowers Night Out (a workshop about growing Flowers & Houseplants). Cost \$25 per person March 17, at Bainum Library in Glenwood, 6:00

Flowers Night Out (a workshop about growing Flowers & Houseplants) Cost \$25 per person April 3, at Murfreesboro Municipal Building, 6:00

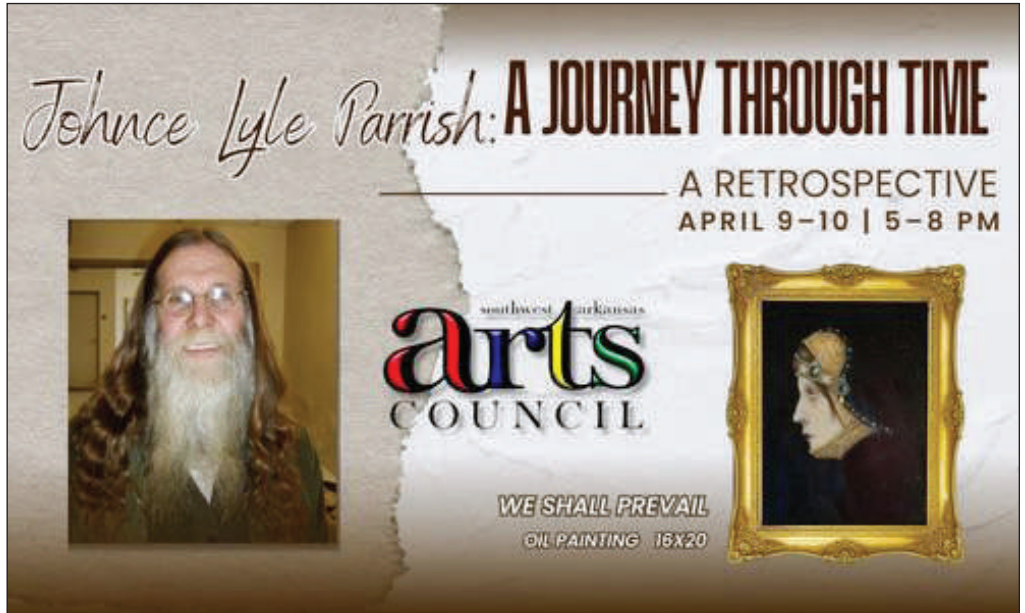
Beef and Forage Meeting April 14, McGrew Livestock Auction in Glenwood, 6:00

Gardening 101 workshop April 9, (seed starting, soil prep, planting), Pike County Extension Office Murfreesboro, 6:30

Gardening 101 workshop (seed starting, soil prep, planting) April 21, 2026 Bainum Library Glenwood, 6:00

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LATE ARTIST TO BE SHOWCASED. The work of late artist John Lyle Parrish will be showcased in a retrospective exhibit set for April at Southwest Arkansas Arts Council, located at 200 E. Division Street in Hope. The exhibit will be open to the public starting on April 10 and will run through the month. Parrish's work has been featured all over southwest Arkansas and, following his death, has been featured internationally through Bifarin Galleries.

Howard County's Sales and Use Tax Distribution for Jan. 2026

RECEIPTS	HOWARD CO.
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