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Farmers' Market to open Friday

The Howard County Farmers' Market will kick off its season this Friday, May 1, opening at 7 a.m. and—new this year—remaining open until 12 noon each Friday.

An opening day celebration photo will take place at 9 a.m., and community members are encouraged to attend and help mark the start of the season.

More than a dozen vendors are expected, offering fresh items like eggs, local honey, beef and lamb, spring onions, bok choy, lettuce mix, and tomato plants, along with homemade goods such as salsa, cowboy candy, freeze-dried treats, and candied nuts.

A variety of baked and canned items—including sourdough bread, fried pies and jams—will also be available, along with handmade crafts, quilted items, wood crafts and personal care products like soaps, creams, balms, and scrubs.

Visitors may grab coffee from Aunt B's coffee cart while they shop.

SWAPaws will be on site, joined by students from Dierks High School for their senior community service day.

The event will be documented by the Nashville High School Scrap Media team.

Organizers invite the public to come out, support local vendors and enjoy the first market of the season.

Summer meals for kids at MS church

Free grab and go meals for kids and teens 18 and under will be available while school is out May 28-Aug. 16 at the Mineral Springs Church of Christ.

The USDA summer program will provide free and nutritious meals from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Parents and guardians may pick up three or four days of meals per visit.

All meals are pre-packed, shelf stable, and ready to eat.

Each pack contains breakfast and lunch.

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Scrapper Halls of Fame, Honor to induct 17 members June 13

Induction ceremonies for the Nashville Scrapper Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor will be Saturday, June 13, at 6 p.m. at Midtown Social in Nashville.

Former Nashville teacher, coach and administrator Dr. Tom DeBlack will be the master of ceremonies.

The 17-member class of 2026 includes 11 in the Hall of Fame and six in the Hall of Honor.

Hall of Fame membership is based on athletic accomplishments.

The Hall of Honor recognizes contributions to the school and community.

Hall of Fame inductees include the following:

Kyle Slayton
Woody Futrell

Clint Reed
Chris Benson
Ivory Johnson
Karen Turley Garcia
Willie Moe Henry
Rick Baker
Anita Stuckey
Willie Scott
Tessa Ray Jamison
Hall of Honor inductees include the following:

Katie Wesche
Jim Hill
Deb Tackett
Larry Teague
E.T. and Louise Moody

Biographical information on each of the inductees will be included in the May 6 issue of the *News-Leader*.

E.T. & LOUISE Moody

- Dedicated 64 years to the Nashville School District as a coach, educator & administrator
- 46 years as Superintendent
- School Mascot "Scrappers" was named by E.T. and Louise Moody

HALL of HONOR

HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES. E.T. and Louise Moody



News-Leader photo/TRACY DENNY-BAILEY

FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS. Chamber of Commerce board member Tina Carver and festival coordinator Susie Berruquin display the Peach Blossom Festival T-shirts which are available now for \$20. The festival will be Saturday, May 2, in downtown Nashville.

Peach Blossom Festival set May 2

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

The revamped Nashville Chamber of Commerce Peach Blossom Festival will fill up Main Street this Saturday, May 2, with more than 100 vendors and will kick off early with a 5K run at 8 a.m.

There is still time to sign up for the 5K by texting "Peach Blossom Race Link" to (870) 451-3334. The registration fee is \$35, and runners will be rewarded at the finish line with a T-shirt and a participation medal.

The festival officially opens at 9 a.m. with many more vendors than in previous years, according to NCC board member and festival coordinator Susie Berruquin.

Last year, the festival hosted 58 vendors and the year before only 20.

"This year, we have 108 vendors

- maybe more - of all varieties," said Berruquin, adding there will be food trucks, bounce houses and face-painting, the Rusty Relics Antique Tractor Club and lots of peach ice cream.

A trackless barrel train will also be making its rounds for the kids, and Benny Bradford and his band will be performing throughout the festival in the "pocket park" located in the vacant lot on the east side of Main Street.

The festival's second event of the day will be the Peachy Patriot Kids' Bike Parade, with line-up starting at 9:30 in front of the Nashville Post Office. The parade will begin at 10 and will be "pedal power only."

There will be prizes and goodies, and riders are asked to decorate their bikes "patriotic or peachy."

At 11 a.m., a dog costume con-

test will be held, followed by a break in the action until 1 p.m. when the casual-wear Peach Blossom Pageant will be held for divisions: 0-1, 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-18, and MRS.

There will be only one category for the pageant, and participants will be judged on "natural beauty and personality-based."

The day's events will close out at 2 p.m. with square dancers taking to Main Street.

The festival will officially close at 4.

Festival T-Shirts will be available throughout the day for \$20. They are also now available at the chamber of commerce office, Merle Norman or Special Moments on Main.

For more information, visit the chamber's Facebook page or website: nashvillearcoc.com.

Nashville to continue public works director search

By Louie Graves
News-Leader staff

Nashville's search for a public works director continues.

City council members voted 11-1 Monday to table the applications and re-advertise the job. Mayor Larry Dunaway is the previous PWD director, and has continued to work in both capacities with extra pay. The vote came after a 25-minute executive session at the end of Monday's regular meeting for April. The 'nay' vote was by Alderman Joe Hoen.

Among other items of business at the meeting:

Aldermen voted unanimously to pay the city's \$13,295 share of the continued one-cent tax to each Howard Memorial Hospital and Developing Howard County.

HMH Chief Executive Officer Stacy Harberson explained to the council how the hospital planned to use the funds.

The amount fluctuates monthly in relation to sales taxes recovered, and the county's other incorporated cities also share the receipts with the hospital and the economic development agency.

Parks and Recreation Director Meghan Floyd asked for -- and got -- the council's approval to seek a federal grant which would be used to prepare fields for travel ball baseball competition. If the federal grant is unsuccessful she will go to local donors to pay for preparing the playing surface to lure tournaments.

At the recommendation of the mayor, Police Chief Amy Marion, and Fire Marshal Justin Thornton, the city entered an agreement with the Municipal League to furnish voluntary consultation ser-

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Fredericksburg, Texas provides 'Germanocity'

By Don Hall
News-Leader staff

According to Genesis, the first thing Noah did when he left the ark was to build an altar and offer a sacrifice. The second thing he did was to plant a vineyard and make wine.

Noah would have been perfectly at home in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Located 10 miles northwest of Luckenbach, Texas—80 miles west of Austin for those of you who don't know your country music geography—Fredericksburg is a town that is proud of its heritage.

Located in the beautiful Hill Country of Texas, it was established in 1846 by German immigrants looking for a new life in America, and was named after King Frederick of Prussia.

The original settlers were so proud of their German ancestry that they initially refused to learn

English. To this day Fredericksburg is home to a dialect known as Texas German.

And their Germanocity—yes, I made that word up—is everywhere. German restaurants, German business names, and, of course, German wineries.

The original settlers made beer—they were German, you know—and wine. For their winemaking, they used European know-how and native Texas "Mustang" grapes. In the 1960s, researchers from Texas Tech began experimenting with European grapes, and in 1983, the modern wine industry in Fredericksburg began with just two wineries.

Today, Fredericksburg is home to more than 100 wineries and tasting rooms that use grapes from Texas, Brazil, Argentina, France, Italy, Chile and South Africa.

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TEXAS SAFARI. Don and Jaree Hall of Nashville visit the Safari Winery, one of the many attractions in Fredericksburg, Texas, 10 miles northwest of Luckenbach.



Obituaries

Cindy Bridgeman

In the early morning quiet of Monday, April 20, 2026, Cindy Bridgeman was able to find freedom and peace by slipping through the chains of cancer that had bound her for almost nine years. During those nine years, she employed some of her strongest traits of stubbornness and humor and perseverance to live with cancer until she could no longer battle the brutality of it and peacefully -- as she had been through the whole journey -- left her earthly body. It has to be said here, that her husband, Terry, and her son, Rory, selflessly cared for Cindy in her final days in their home. Their love for her was on display during those final weeks and days and hours.

Cynthia Lou Bridgeman, Cindy Lou, was born in Nashville, Ark., on Dec. 15, 1951, to Thomas and Bernyce (Williams) Bridgeman of Mineral Springs, Ark. She was the granddaughter of JB and Simmie Williams and Tom and Leila Belle Bridgeman. All of whom have preceded her in death. She leaves behind her husband,

Terry Murphy, and her son, Rory Murphy, both of Austin, Texas, and Federal Way, Wash. She is survived by her sister, Becky Bruns, and her husband, David. Her niece, Rachel Bass, husband, Josh, and children, Caroline, Iru, Bo, and Sascha, some sweet cousins and precious friends.

Cindy graduated from Mineral Springs High School and the University of Arkansas. She began working for Social Security, living in Texarkana, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Austin, Texas. It was after meeting her future husband, Terry, that Cindy moved to Utah. Having lived in the South for all or her life, Terry opened Cindy's eyes to the beauty of the mountains and hiking and cross-country skiing during her time there.

In 1984, Cindy moved to Austin, Texas, married Terry in 1991 and gave birth to Rory there. It is a true statement that we have never seen a mom who was more devoted to and who so unconditionally loved a child as Cindy did Rory. After she retired, she and Terry purchased a home in Federal Way, Wash., and she, Terry,

and Rory enjoyed time there as well until she could no longer travel.

Cindy was loving, fun with a great sense of humor, supportive, kind, someone who loved unconditionally, and was loyal to all. We loved her. We will miss her.

Condolences can be emailed to: bbruns1004@gmail.com.

Lynda Janet Shankles

Lynda Janet Shankles, 80, of Dierks died April 21, 2026.

She was born Aug. 6, 1945, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the daughter of the late L.D. and Leona Ray Allen.

She was a retired LPN and was a member of New Shiloh Baptist Church in Mineral Springs where she played the piano for worship services.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Shankles; one son, Steve Shankles; and one daughter, Amy Mooneyhan.

Survivors include: a son, Tim Shankles of Mineral Springs; also grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Sunshine Cemetery under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home.



AT ROTARY LEADERSHIP CAMP. Speakers at the Nashville Rotary Club meeting last week were a group of Nashville and Mineral Springs junior and sophomore class members who were selected by their schools to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp held earlier in April at Camp 4-H Ferndale. Each member of the group talked about their own experiences and personal growth. The group included, from left, Roland Schwowe, Nashville; and Zakiah Walton, Christen Bell, Ashton Porter and Brittney Cooper, all of Mineral Springs. One of last year's MS attendees, Rihanna Collins, was invited to return to the camp this year as a counselor.

BBQ meal, auction to be a benefit for Center Point VFD May 9

The annual benefit BBQ and auction to assist The Center Point Volunteer Fire Department will be Saturday, May 9, at the CP fire station.

For \$15 participants get choice of beef, pork and

chicken, plus beans, cole slaw, homemade bread and desserts.

Serving begins at 5 p.m. at the fire station.

Dining and auction will be indoors.

Among auction items

are firearms, tools, flowers, handmade items and sweets.

A raffle item is a Henry H6 Big Boy brass large loop 44 magnum.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each of 6 for \$5.

The public is invited.

FINANCIAL FOCUS By Josh Tice, Edward Jones Investments

Breathing room from emergency funds

Everyone needs an emergency fund. Financial experts recommend it, and we've all experienced surprise expenses: a costly car repair, a broken water heater or unexpected medical bills. Despite our best intentions, building a financial cushion can feel impossible. After rent or mortgage, groceries, utilities and everyday expenses, it seems there's nothing left to save.

If this sounds familiar, you're not alone. Many Americans struggle to maintain emergency savings. But building those savings doesn't necessarily require massive lifestyle changes or windfalls. With a strategic

approach and realistic milestones, you can create the financial safety net you need.

Start small and build momentum. Traditional advice suggests saving three to six months of total expenses. It's excellent goal but can feel overwhelming when you're starting from zero.

Instead, begin with a more achievable target, such as \$500 or a full month's worth of expenses. The key is to get started and contribute consistently.

Even a few hundred dollars can provide meaningful protection and help you avoid relying on credit cards or high-interest loans. This initial milestone can cover

many medium-sized emergencies. Once you reach the first milestone, work toward one and a half to two months of expenses, then the full three to six months.

Find money you didn't know you had. Building your emergency fund doesn't always require cutting expenses. If you're employed, set up automatic transfers from your paycheck into a separate savings account. Cancel subscriptions you rarely use, shop around for better insurance rates and take advantage of sales whenever you can.

Consider saving windfalls like tax refunds, work bonuses or birthday money. If your budgeted expenses come in lower than expected — perhaps your health care costs or home maintenance needs were less than anticipated this month — save the difference in your emergency fund.

Have a dedicated account for your fund. Keep your emergency savings in a separate account from your regular checking, so you're less tempted to use the money for non-emergencies. Choose an account that's

Gospel quartet to perform at Athens church, Friday

The Guardians male gospel quartet will be in concert Friday, May 1, at the Athens Missionary Baptist Church.

The group will appear at 7 p.m., and a 'love offering' will be taken.

The church is located on Hwy. 84 east of Umpire.

Overcoming addictions topic for speaker at church here

Speaker Becky Brewer will talk on "Overcoming Addictions of all Kinds" in a two-night appearance at New Life Church in Nashville.

The events will be Friday and Saturday, May 8-9, at 7 p.m. nightly. A food fellowship will follow.

The church is located at 913 S. Main, Nashville.

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Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Apr. 16-22, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

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

Apr. 16. Greg Alan Waldrop, 50, Nashville, and Frances Jane Waldrop, 64, Nashville.

Apr. 22. Matthew Ryan Williamson, 39, Dierks, and Rachel Michelle Mayfield, 43, Mayflower.

Civil Court
CV26-767, Apr. 20. First Portfolio Ventures vs. Quavinnie Single. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR26-38, Apr. 17. Latoya Banks vs. Theodore Banks. Divorce.

DR26-39, Apr. 20. Susan Miller vs. Kenneth Miller. Divorce.

DR26-40, Apr. 21. Zackary Morrow vs. Autumn Morrow. Divorce.

DR26-41, Apr. 22. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Lamaro Bishop.

DR26-42, Apr. 22. Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Devon Smith. Support.

DR26-43. Taneyia Janee White vs. Sarah Stuart. Divorce.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCs = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance. Defendants are innocent until proven otherwise.)

CR26-25, Apr. 16. State of Arkansas vs. Ransdale Hockaday, 77, white male, Nashville; Arkansas Hot Check Law, class C felony.

CR26-26, Apr. 20. State of Arkansas vs. Marissa Delarosa, 30, white female, 110 E. Parker, Nashville; theft of property, class D.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deed
Apr. 9. Judith Cassady; to Jeffrey Loy Cassady; 2.156 ac. in S1 T10S R28W.

Apr. 10. Casey Roberts; to Savannah Carver; Lots 7-8, Block 3, Murray's 2nd Addition, Town of Dierks.

Apr. 14. Clifton F. Petty and wife Cynthia A. Petty; to Petty Family Living Trust; Lot 17, Block 3, City of Nashville.

Apr. 14. Clifton Fredrick Petty, et al; to Clifton Fredrick Petty, Petty Family Living Trust; part of Lots 11-12, Block 1, Rigsby Addition, Town of Nashville.

Apr. 14. Cynthia A. Petty; to Clifton Fredrick Petty and

Cynthia Ann Petty, trustees of the Petty Family Living Trust; Part of Lot 15, all of Lots 16 thru 19, Block 71, New Nashville Addition, City of Nashville.

Apr. 15. Catherine Thomas, sole surviving trustee of the Church of God; to Lawrence Kevin Thomas, et al, trustees of Friendship Church of God; formerly Church of God; 1 a. in S22 T10S R27W.

Apr. 17. John Hearnberger; to City of Nashville; aggregate 6.135 ac. in S27 T9S R27W.

Apr. 17. Harla Dave Beavert; to Harla Dave Beavert; 4.95 ac. in S2 T9S R27W.

Apr. 17. Harla Dave Beavert; to Harla Dave Beavert; aggregate 348.5 ac. in S2S11 T9S R27W.

Deed of Trust
Apr. 14. Cherry Johnson; to Texar Federal Credit Union; part of Lots 1-2, Block 13, SREDC Addition, aka 315 W. Hill St., Town of Nashville.

Trustee's Deed
Apr. 16. Darlena Brown, Darnell Brown; to Wells Fargo Bank; property in S9 T11S R27W, aka 107 Silver St., Mineral Springs (Tollette); at auction. \$55,000.

Apr. 21. Lisa Linville, et al, as trustees of the Larry Francis Brungardt Revocable Living Trust; to Lisa G. Linville, trustee of the Lisa G. Linville Revocable Trust; property in S9 T7S R29W.

Administrator's Deed
Apr. 17. James Stanley Kesterson, administrator of the estate of Patricia Lee Kesterson, deceased; to James Stanley Kesterson and Scott Kesterson; 7 ac. in S21 T5S R29W.

Apr. 17. James Stanley Kesterson, administrator of the estate of Patricia Lee Kesterson, deceased; to James Kesterson and Scott Kesterson; property in S15 T6S R29W.

Redemption Deed
Apr. 22. State of Arkansas; to Terry Adams, Grand Prairie, Texas; 1 ac. in S36 T11S R27W, aka 849 Yellow Creek Rd., Fulton; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$837.60.

Mortgagee's Deed
Apr. 17. Ashley Jackson; to Planet Home Lending, LLC; Property in Block 59, aka 320 S. Lewis, City of Mineral Springs; at auction. \$117,876.33.

Warranty Deed
Apr. 10. Michael Shane Chandler and wife Tiffany Chandler; to B&R Properties, LLC; Lots 71-83 and 85-98, Block 5, Toland Heights Subdivision, City of Nashville.

Apr. 13. Jay Strasner; to Harla Dave Beavert; aggregate 124.434 ac. in S36 T7S R37W (Howard Co.) and S36 T7S R26 (Pike Co.). \$206,437.80.

Apr. 13. (Special) Southwest Stage Funding, LLC; to Randy Pennington; 0.15 ac. in S28 T8S R27W, Lot 30, Rolling Hills Subdivision. \$93,711.

Apr. 14. Dennis Marshall and wife Diane Marshall; to Cherry Johnson; part of Lots 1-2, Block 13, SREDC Addition, Town of Nashville. \$30,000.

Apr. 15. Tyler Ryan Turner; to Jessica Hernandez; Lot 3 and part of Lot 2, Block 11, Original Town of Dierks. \$1,000.

Apr. 15. Braylen Fritts and wife Riley Fritts; to Tyler Beene; property in S3 T9S R227 with exceptions. \$191,600.

Apr. 16. Millwood Corporation; to Jeremy Mounts; 10 ac. in S36 T8S R28W. \$50,000.

Apr. 16. (Special) Tamra Blasins, distributee of the estate of James Randal Rushing, deceased; to James Evan Rushing; 11.729 ac. in S32 T8S R27W.

Apr. 16. (Special) Tamra Blasins, distributee of the estate of James Randal Rushing, deceased; to Randi Bailey; 11.729 ac. in S32 T8S R27W.

Apr. 17. Phillip Edward Efir and Karen Efir, co-trustees of the Efir Family Revocable Trust; to Jason O'Neal and wife, Jaclynn O'Neal; 0.39 ac. in S26 T5S R29W.

Apr. 17. Jason O'Neal and wife Jaclynn O'Neal; to Phillip Edward Efir and Karen Efir, co-trustees of the Efir Family Revocable Trust; 2 ac. S26 T5S R29W.

Apr. 17. Sheila Elliott; to William Daniel Helms and wife Rowena D. Helms; 1.8 ac. in S27 T9S R28W. \$231,500.

Apr. 17. Randy L. Pennington and wife Heather Nicole Pennington; to Carson Lyn McKiever; 2.02 ac. in S27 T9S R28W. \$231,500.

Apr. 20. Carol Leasing, Inc.; to Gail Hearnberger; part of Lots 9 thru 12, Block 4, City of Nashville. \$5,000.

Apr. 20. Phillip E. Efir and wife Karen Efir; to Tye Snyder and wife Kerah Snyder; 0.33 ac., part of Block 22, Murray's 1st Addition, Town of Dierks. \$44,000.

Apr. 22. (Correction of description) Betty J. Williams; to Steve Williams; Lots 4 & 10, Lots 7 & 8, Block 1 in S2 T11S R28W, Schaal, Howard County.

Apr. 22. Joseph Robbins and wife Lacey Robbins; to Aric O'Neil Bokker; property in S26 T9S R27W. \$192,000.



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



Local peach grower Joey Jamison examines irrigation lines at his Howard County orchard in May 2005. (picture by Cecil Harris)

140 years ago: May 1886

It is reported on good authority that Jones and Ward, the two horse-thieves who escaped from the calaboose here recently, and subsequently stole two horses in Polk County, were captured last week at Oak Bayou, Indian Territory, and safely lodged in the jail at Dallas, Polk County.

130 years ago: May 1896

Notice: One black mare mule, about 16 hands high, branded with an H on left shoulder about 11 or 12 years old. Reasonable reward will be paid for any information leading to the recovery of the mule or delivery of her. R. L. Blackwood, Buck Range, May 16, 1896.

110 years ago: May 1916

Virgil Sampson, a young

man, who was serving a jail sentence for whipping his wife, escaped Wednesday afternoon and had not yet been captured Friday morning.

Jailer Stanton entered the jail when the man ran out behind him. Several shots were fired at the fugitive, but he did not heed the commands to halt.

As Sampson was only in jail for a misdemeanor, the jailer was not as cautious in handing him as he would have been with one charged with a felony.

95 years ago: May 1931

Manager Franklin Horton of the Liberty Theatre announced yesterday that all arrangements have been completed for the opening of the theatre some day next week, probably Tuesday.

The show has been closed since last December 4th, during which time the city has been without a show.

It was necessary to close the theatre because of the lack of patronage during the months of depression, and Mr. Horton urges all the people to give his show their undivided support in order that he may be able to continue to operate here.

35 years ago: May 1991

Walter and Della Balch were named Senior Adults of the Year recently by First Baptist Church.

Anna Blase, director of the church's senior adult program, told the congregation that the Balches have been married 65 years. They have been involved in a number of church and civic activities.

One plea entered in criminal court

The State of Arkansas brought cases of 14 defendants before Judge Tom Cooper last Wednesday, April 22, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County. Only one entered a plea.

Melissa Delarosa, 26,

white female, Nashville, pleaded not true to violation of the conditions of her probation on a previous conviction. Her revocation trial was set April 29.

The trial of William E. Chambers was reset to June 23 with motions on May 27.

According to court documents there is to be a mental competency hearing April 30 in De Queen for Thomas Robinson, Jr., 62, white male, no residence listed, who was charged Dec. 2025, with attempted residential burglary, a class C felony.

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Point of view

Conspiracy oven

Open, good investigations stop conspiracy theories

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I gotta admit that I agree with a reader that the newspaper would be a lot better if this column would stop attacking President Trump and with agreeing so often with Democrats.

So today I will write about something else. 'Else' is why we set ourselves up for conspiracy theories.

Like, why has the Charlie Kirk shooter disappeared?

Like, why did the President attend this annual White House Correspondents Dinner when he has turned down previous invitations? And why could any hotel guest have access to the hall? And why no metal detectors? If I didn't know better I'd think someone was trying to set up the President to get shot.

And, whatever happened to the nutcase who shot the President's ear? Incomplete stories, inaccurate details; and a lack of openness make a perfect oven for festering conspiracy stuff.

Our national mindset for shootings has gotten really scary.

Nuts with guns. Nuts who respond to faceless 'experts' preaching violence or nonsense on social media.

A bad recipe.

But back to shootings. Have we not learned a thing by President Kennedy's assassination? Conspiracy theories abound, fed by a sloppy investigation and many 'hidden' elements.

You just wait.

There will be conspiracy stories in the future about our governor's strange desire for a prison to be built in a rural county where no one wants it and where there are not resources to meet the basic needs.

Let me end by saying something that is neither Republican or Democrat; conservative or liberal:

Don't get touted off the Epstein Files!



DON'T MISS! Spring is a wonderful time for events in our community.

Obviously next Saturday's annual Peach Blossom Festival in downtown Nashville.

But there are other great events coming -- the annual fund-raising BBQ and auction by the Center Point Volunteer Fire Department. I try not to miss this event, partially because I love to see the camaraderie of the community joined by people who used to live there.

I'm adding to my "Don't Miss List" the May 9 donation car wash and \$10 deluxe baked potato sale at the Life Tabernacle Church parking lot in Nashville out on the hilltop on the Murfreesboro highway. The original May 2 date has been pushed back, possibly to avoid conflict with the Peach Blossom Festival.



#1 FAIR WEATHER Razorback fan.

Couple of things. I can't stay awake long enough to watch the Hog baseball games. I go to bed and we're behind. Wake up -- sometimes -- and we've pulled the rabbit out of the hat and sneaked a narrow win. Otherwise, we've committed some bonehead errors and given the game away.

Football -- the sports broadcasters are trying valiantly to convince me that we're gonna be good enough to play for the SEC championship this fall. Not so fast!! I've been tricked too many times. I just hope for a six-win season. The #1 Fair Weather Fan is willing to give the new coach a couple of years before the onset of whining and moaning.

Basketball -- the sports broadcasters are trying valiantly to interest me in the superstars who might or might not sign and play for the Hogs. I'm not interested in any player that won't be around long enough to learn his way to class.

I enjoyed seeing the Razorback Lady Golfer win the amateur tournament at the Masters, and our softball team is doing well. Lady Gymnasts had a good season, but gymnastics is sorta like the Ice Skating competitions -- you've got to build a reputation for a couple of years in order to win. That's why only Alabama, Georgia and LSU seem to win in gymnastics.

It's almost like the football Razorbacks needing a favorable call at an extremely sensitive juncture of the game. Won't happen.



ANNIMAL CRACKERS. Have heard from several Bluebird watchers about a flash of blue around birdboxes. And another reader reports a wealth of Rosebreasted Grosbeaks.

It's gonna make me jealous, but soon I'll hear from the neighborhood Baltimore Oriole spotter.



MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: RAISIN --- A grape with a sunburn.



WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons: "The Sounds of Silence." (Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel). A favorite song of my generation.



HE SAID: "If you have faith, then your whole life is put in a new perspective. You get to work but enjoy the work at the same time. If you grow spiritually, you do what's in front of you and let the results speak for themselves." Roy Orbison, favorite singer from West Texas



SHE SAID: "It's useless to hold a person to anything he says while he's in love, drunk, or running for office." Shirley MacLaine, actress



SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek Revelations



By Louie Graves

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Legislators wrap up week three of fiscal session with flurry of activity

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr. Some highlights from the third week of the Arkansas General Assembly's Fiscal Session:

Senator Dave Wallace sponsored a bill to declare April 21 as Arkansas Lineworker Appreciation Day. A large group of electrical lineworkers were present in the public galleries. These dedicated workers serve our state at great risk, often under harsh weather conditions.

Senator Greg Leding honored the late Senator Uvalde Rex Lindsey for his contributions to the state and his community. Senator Lindsey served the 4th District in the Arkansas Senate from 2013 to 2019, after previously serving in the House from 2009 to 2013. He passed away in July 2025.

Senator Reginald Murdock honored the Earle High School basketball teams.

The Earle Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs are both 2026 Class 1A State Champions. It's rare for both the boys' and girls' teams from the same school to win the state championships!

The Senate approved the introduction of a bill to increase the Homestead Property Tax Credit,

an Industrial Development Authorities Expansion bill, and a Protection from Sharia Law Property Rights bill.

Senator Matt McKee congratulated students from the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts on their science fair competition accomplishments. The students will compete in the Regeneration International Science and Engineering Fair in May. It is the world's largest STEM competition, featuring nearly \$9 million in awards.

The Joint Budget Committee passed the report of the Special Language subcommittee. Among other items, the report included language added to HB1007 to manage separation funding for isolated school districts.

Proposed by Senator Missy Irwin, this addition deals with funding and asset division for small, isolated schools that are separating from larger districts with which they were previously consolidated.

The Senate wrapped up the third week of the Fiscal Session by approving appropriation bills, including those related to the University of Arkansas, the Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind, and

departments and state agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, the Division of Career and Technical Education, and more.

Senator Jim Petty honored Justin Tate, a Special Olympian from Arkansas. Justin is one of only eight Special Olympians chosen as Guardians of the Flame in the final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games.

Justin will carry the Flame of Hope to the opening ceremonies. He will run across the United States starting May 30, 2026 until the beginning of the opening ceremonies in Minneapolis on June 20, 2026.

The legislature's sessions are open to the public. You can attend in person at the State Capitol complex in the committee rooms or in the public galleries of the Senate and House chambers. You can also watch meetings live and on demand at <https://senate.arkansas.gov>.

You can read and download PDFs of the bills that have been filed for the session at <https://arkleg.state.ar.us/>. Click on "Bills" in the menu, where you can search by keyword or filing date.

Youth cabinet takes on challenges

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Each spring, The Natural State welcomes the return of green trees and warmer weather. At the same time, bright young Arkansans prepare for the close of the school year and, every year since 2017, I have enjoyed the opportunity to see a select group of high school juniors grow into confident, more civically engaged citizens.

Now every April sees the final gathering of my annual Congressional Youth Cabinet (CYC). These young people represent the best of our state. They take on the invitation to join up with other students from their region, along with others from across The Natural State, for a non-partisan exploration of the legislative process.

Ultimately, they get to find their voice on policies important to them.

Long before their final presentations, they convene and receive guidance from my staff about the structure and goals of the program. Next, these students join forces with others from their congressional districts, select the topic they want to explore -- and then they are off to the races.

After months of communication, research and analysis, interviews with local experts and other preparation, they finalize a presentation and gear up to deliver it at our finale.

I'm always impressed with their dedication as they spend countless hours meeting with their teams, digging into the details and crafting legislative proposals. As you can imagine, the time commitment is demanding for these active students as they balance classes, school sports and activities, part-time jobs and family responsibilities.

Seeing what subjects spark their interest and watching as they bring their life experiences to the table -- whether they want to talk about maternal health because they hope to go to medical school, choose livestock disease prevention based on their family's experience raising cattle, or want to learn more about financial literacy because they see too many young people falling into debt -- is rewarding and a true source of encouragement.

Each year, their efforts seem to produce even more thoughtful and insightful discussions, and the 2025-26 Youth Cabinet was no exception.

A new topic presented this year focused on artificial intelligence. As noted in their presentation, AI has the incredible potential to affect nearly every aspect of our society. The CYC participants were excited rather than daunted by that prospect.

They showed diligence while carefully observing the effects of

AI chatbots on teen mental health as well as the anticipated impact of AI on future jobs for them and their peers.

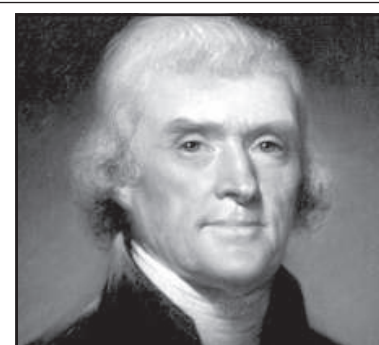
It was special to see these challenges and questions come to life through their eyes, and I will keep their perspectives in mind as these issues are debated in the nation's capital in the months and years ahead.

Outside of the Youth Cabinet participants, I know there are many other young people across Arkansas looking for opportunities to learn about government and serve in their communities.

College students and graduates can intern with my offices in Washington and Arkansas where they experience public policy work firsthand and gain an understanding of constituent services.

High schoolers can apply to serve as Senate Pages -- a unique and important role supporting the day-to-day functions of the Senate -- or seek out the U.S. Senate Youth Program for a week-long educational experience and scholarship focused on the interrelationship of the legislative, judicial and executive branches.

I'm grateful to the students who took part in our CYC program this year, and to all of the young people working hard, studying and volunteering to give Arkansas a bright future.



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Wineries

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If you don't share Noah's taste for the grape, there is still plenty to do in the area. Downtown Fredericksburg is a National Historic District with more than 80 points of historic interest and 367 buildings, and is full of shops, restaurants, boutiques, hotels, bars, and other businesses designed to separate tourists from their money.

And tourists there are in abundance. The sidewalks are crowded with people from across the United States and across the world.

Listed as a prime destination by *Southern Living, Travel and Leisure*, booking.com, and many other travel sites and magazines, parking spaces are rare in Fredericksburg by 9 a.m., even on weekdays. And the town is becoming even more popular each year.

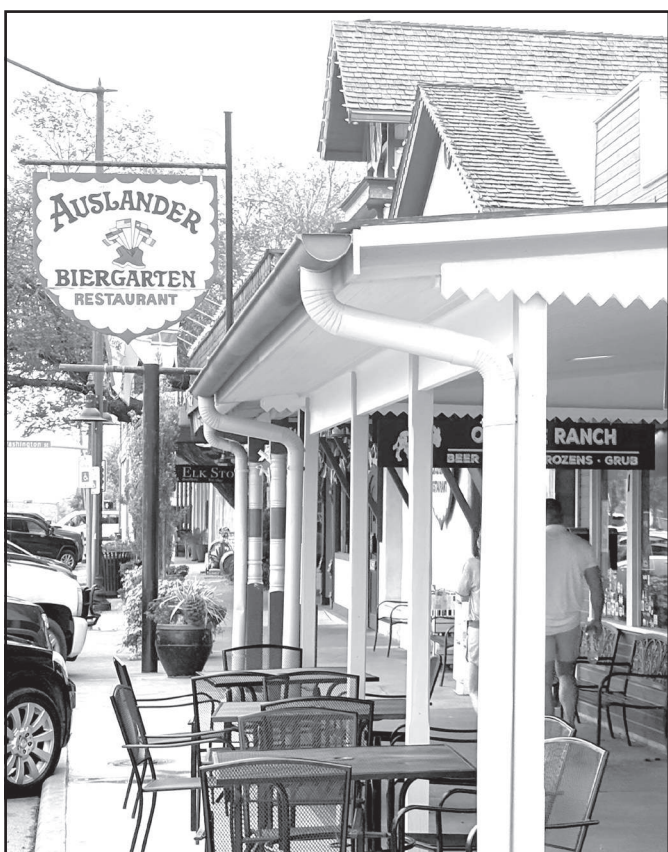
In the surrounding area there are riding stables, hiking in state parks, walking tours of the town, and vintage trolley tours of Fredericksburg and of the Hill Country.

There is even a working ranch/vineyard that has tours of their facilities and an exotic animal park with giraffes, kangaroos, lemurs, zebras and many more non-Texas critters.

And you see LOTS of pink limousines taking people on tours of the wineries (highly recommended if you plan to do more than one "tasting").

We all know what Texans think of Texas. Who else would think Galveston and South Padre Island have better beaches than Florida?

But where Fredericksburg is concerned, they just might be right. A charming, thriving town of 11,000 with a rich, unique history nestled in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, it's more than worth your time. And it's only 480 miles from Nashville, Arkansas!



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A biergarten in Fredericksburg, Texas



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A hospital turned restaurant in Fredericksburg.



Jaree Hall of Nashville at the entrance of der Lindenbaum Restaurant at Fredericksburg.

Council

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vices for safety personnel who have encountered trauma. The vote was unanimous.

The council accepted the recommended low bid of \$411,497 for interior and exterior repainting of the city's elevated water storage tank on 7th Street.

Present for the meeting were council members Lynn Dyer, Herbert Turley, Charles Pinkston, Kay Gathright, William Turley, Kahlid Benson, Phil Jones, Brent Thompson, Donna Harwell, Joe Hoen and Freddie Horne. Also, Mayor Larry Dunaway, Police Chief Amy Marion, Parks Director Meghan Floyd, Code Enforcement Officer David Riggs, Financial Officer Kimberly Green, and City Attorney Aaron Brasel.

'Once a Scrapper ...'

The following story was written by Dixon Land, a senior at Ouachita Baptist University and an Arkansas Newspaper Foundation summer intern who worked at the Nashville Leader in 2015. The story appeared in the newspaper's July 15, 2015, issue and is reprinted today following the recent death of long-time Scrapper Reeder McCullough. The years mentioned in the article have been updated.

By Dixon Land

Sean Payton, Super Bowl winning coach of the New Orleans Saints, once said that football brings us together in a way that is unlike anything else in the world.

"I would give anything to be in my high school uniform again ... That feeling comes around when you get married; it comes when your child is born. So you get it, but you just don't get that Friday night feeling every day."

For one resident of Nashville, that feeling was renewed every fall Friday night for almost 80 years. Reeder McCullough, owner of the White Way Barber Shop, would have a tough time convincing anyone who walked into his barber shop parlor that he wasn't a Scrapper. Plastered on the walls are memorabilia of almost a century of football in Nashville.

"I've started collecting them since I've been here, and I've got some earlier than that," Reeder said. "I think 1922 is the oldest one. I've got a '37 at home. In 1937, we beat Dierks 106-0."

In 1946, Scrapper Stadium was not in its current location.

Rather, it was on the south end of town, featuring only one old dressing room. When the visiting team came to play, it would split the locker room in half.

"It was good enough for us," Reeder said. "Our senior year, we had 21 players out for football. We had a great year ... I'm not too sure we had a playoff, but we finished second in the district."

For Reeder, memories of games played echo through the walls of the barber shop - a lifetime spent on haircuts and football.

"I became a Scrapper when I was playing and have been one since. That ol' saying, 'Once a Scrapper, always a Scrapper,' is so true,"

"That ol' saying, 'Once a Scrapper, always a Scrapper,' is so true." Reeder McCullough



"Captain" Reeder McCullough had a special seat at Futrell Field, where he watched the Scrapperettes play countless softball games. Reeder said.

The year was 1963, and Reeder was working in Bossier City, La., when he and his wife Emma were at home for a weekend. Visiting friends in the White Way Building on Main Street, he mentioned ambitions to own a barber shop when the owner offered him a deal he couldn't refuse.

Fifty-two years later, 2015, Reeder still talked Scrapper football as he cut and styled hair for hundreds of Nashville folks.

Past, Present and Future: Reeder knew almost everything there was to know about the Scappers. A lifetime marked by his involvement in the Scrapper football program, Reeder shared memories of his time, his son's time and his grandson's time as a Scrapper. Three generations. Three Scappers.

"There's so many games you remember," he said. "The playoff games are the ones I probably enjoyed more than anything else. Beating Warren when I was still playing was one of my favorites, because anytime you beat Warren, that's a good thing."

The 1949 Scappers, led by team captain Reeder McCullough, finished 8-2-1 on the season. A distinct memory in his mind, Reeder liked to talk about the Texarkana game.

"We tied Texarkana nothin' to nothin'. I remember it well. Texarkana was the favorite, but the *Texarkana Gazette* said that, 'You better watch out for those Scappers,'" Reeder said.

What makes Reeder so

special to the Scrapper program, though, was his secret powder.

"We have this thing called Scrapper Powder. We put it on all the kids that come through the barber shop, and we've done it for years. The kids just swell up when you put that on them. You ask kids around here what they want to be and nine times out of 10, they'll tell you that they want to be a Scrapper," Reeder said.

And when asked about his favorite players to have come through the barber shop on their way to Scrapper glory, he mentioned two.

"I always loved Jared McBride and Greg Washington. They were the most fun to watch as I've ever seen in football ... I said then that they could have told the other team what the play they were going to run was, and the other team still wasn't going to stop them. And that was true. The first play of the game was almost always a touchdown."

Glistening off the top of the barber shop on a little shelf is a signed ball from the 2007 Nashville Scrapper State Championship football team.

It's subtle and almost hidden. Signed by a senior class that won three state championships, the ball is much more than a ball to Reeder: It's a mark in history.

For many, Scrapper football is just a game.

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BIG WEEK FOR NORTH HOWARD COUNTY STUDENTS

There were four Dierks High School seniors and one Umpire High School senior who signed letters of intent to further their education in their chosen fields during ceremonies held last week. They included: (top from left) Umpire Lady Wildcat **Delaney Ford**, who committed to play basketball with Henderson State University; DHS band tuba player **Shannon Cawvey**, who also signed up with HSU; (bottom from left) DHS cross country runner **Gracie Thigpen**, who will run for UA-Cossatot's new XTC team; and DHS senior trap shooters **Linnea Thompson**, who signed up with UA-Cossatot, and **Paige Eason**, who committed to Southern Arkansas University.



Pike County sex offender sentenced for failure to comply, maintaining Snapchat account

A Murfreesboro sex offender was sentenced to time in the state prison system Monday in Pike County Circuit Court. Timothy Allen Tigie, 53, pleaded guilty to charges of being a sex offender at a playground and failing to comply with registration and reporting requirements (refusal to cooperate with assessment process). Tigie was sentenced to a total of 12 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) with four years suspended. He was credited with time served and ordered to pay related court costs and a sex offender fee. Tigie, who is a Level 3 offender, was arrested Oct. 22, 2025 at the Caddo River public park in Glenwood. The officer that arrested him had previously encountered him at another Glenwood public park and advised him of a law that prohibits Level 3-4 offenders from being present in the public parks maintained by the city of Glenwood. In January, Tigie was charged with failure to comply and actively maintaining a Snapchat account that he had not reported. Tigie, who is described as a high risk to reoffend, lists an address on John Ansley Road in Murfreesboro. Also Monday, Brandon Davis, 30, of Caddo Gap, pleaded guilty to the charge of furnishing, possessing or using articles-delivery of prohibited article. Davis was sentenced to 10 years in the ADC with five years suspended. Davis was among the nine Pike County inmates charged late last year with smuggling and smoking marijuana inside the county jail. Michael Shane Cox, 49, of Hensley, also pleaded guilty Monday to violating the terms of his probation from a previous drug conviction. Hensley's probation was extended for one year.

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The driver of the Peterbilt was not identified in the state police's preliminary report. The accident happened around 2:20 p.m. and conditions were rainy and wet, according to the ASP.

Nashville driver killed in crash Friday afternoon on bypass

Hessland was driving a 2006 Toyota northbound on Highway 27 in Nashville and was attempting to turn left onto Highway 278 when she failed to yield to a 2003 southbound Peterbilt. State Police.

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Day of the Child El Día de los Niños

What's wonderful about being a child? You have your own special day! In 1998, the U.S. Congress named April 30 as "Day of the Child" - a day to honor kids, to promote their well-being, and to encourage good reading and writing skills. This national celebration borrows from the traditional Mexican holiday, "El Día de los Niños," and is a day for fun, family and friends. What will you be doing on the Day of the Child?

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with fun community activities:

1. Draw and color pictures or _____ and hang them around your community.
2. Dress up as your favorite story character and go to a storytelling time at the library or join in a _____ on the street.
3. _____ in the park with other families. Join in soccer exercises or fly kites.
4. Listen to and _____ to the music of a mariachi band.
5. Try _____ cutting, origami, cookie dough art or arts and crafts set up by your school or library.
6. Enjoy snacks: apples, cookies, _____, ice cream.
7. Go to a children's _____ or fair and try a new activity and a new food.
8. Visit your _____ and take out books that are bilingual (written in two languages - English and Spanish).
9. Work with your family to be in a menu _____ contest or other event (hint: think food).
10. Hang banners, write _____, put on plays that show what's great about being a kid.
11. Watch a _____ show such as "La Cucaracha" (The Cockroach).
12. Have a blast with family and friends making a _____ and then breaking it.
13. Hear Hispanic _____ read their books aloud.
14. Have a Cascarones festival. Learn about their _____ and traditions (confetti-filled eggshells).
15. Organize a huge children's tag sale. Give the _____ to a children's organization.

Make a piñata!

Celebrating Children!

Super Hero Stories!

Let's borrow computer games.

Library

What fun!

Authors: puppet 6, paper 13, stories 15, carnival 4, dance 10, history 11, money 15, juice 5, parade 7, picnic 9, piñata 9, library 7, cook-off 7.

Today is all about us!

How would you describe the children you know? Find and circle all of these words about children:

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We formed our own book club. We meet at the library to choose books.

Bilingual Books

Books that are bilingual are books that are written in 2 different languages. People like to use these to learn another language.

Check out these books written in English and Spanish!

1. The Piñata Maker/El Piñatero by George Ancona.
2. Fiestas: A Year of Latin-American Songs and Celebrations by Jose-Luis Orozco.
3. Giants of Science/Gigantes de Ciencia-The Wright Brothers by Anna Sproule.
4. An Illustrated Treasury of Latino Read-Aloud Stories: 40 of the Best-Loved Stories for Parents and Children to Share by Maite Suarez Rivas.

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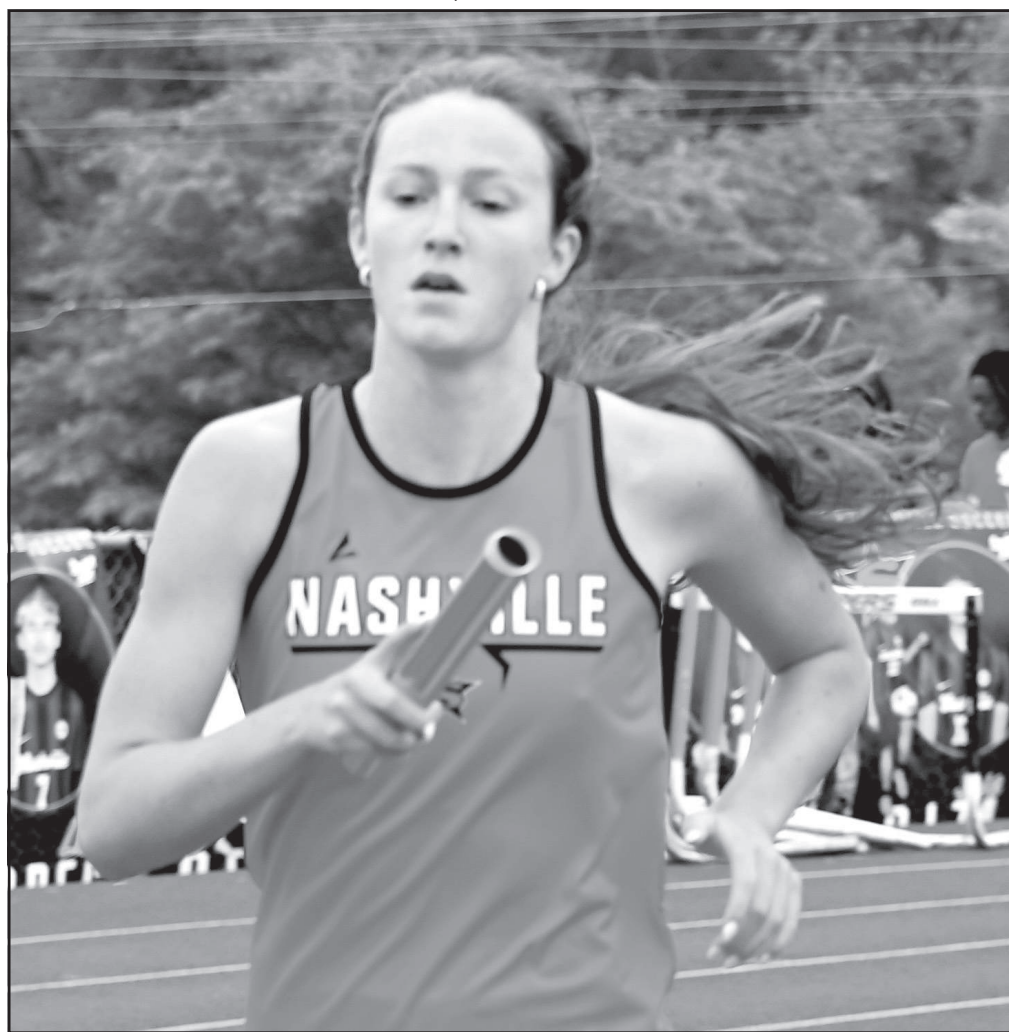
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Lucas Muncy (right) runs his leg of the 4x800-m relay April 21 in the Coca-Cola Relays at Scrapper Stadium. The Scrappers won the event with a time of 8:34.16 and earned the meet championship with 111 points. Idabel was second with 101.

Scrappers finish first; Scrapperettes tie for second at Coca-Cola Relays

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Karstyn Scrivner runs with the baton in the 4x800-m relay during the Coca-Cola Relays April 21 at Scrapper Stadium. The Scrapperettes were second in the 4x800 at 10:59.14. They tied with Hot Springs for second place at the meet with 78.25 points.



Myles Hawthorne took third in the long jump with a mark of 20-2.



Kiyanna Stewart competes in the 100-m hurdles at the Coca-Cola Relays last week at Scrapper Stadium. The Scrapperettes and Scrappers were scheduled to participate in the District 7-4A meet at Magnolia Tuesday, April 28, weather permitting. Results from district were not available by the News-Leader's press deadline Tuesday afternoon.



Ella Westfall was third in the high jump with a mark of 4-10.


Scrapaganza set Friday

The Scrapperette softball team's Scrapaganza fund-raiser will be Friday, May 1, with some of the activities dependent upon the weather.

The team will serve chicken dinners in a drive-through line from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Nashville School District bus shop adjacent to Scrapper Stadium. Meals are \$10 each and include chicken, two sides, dessert and water.

The rest of the events, including the alumni and team hit-a-thon, will depend on the weather, according to Coach Boomer Brown.

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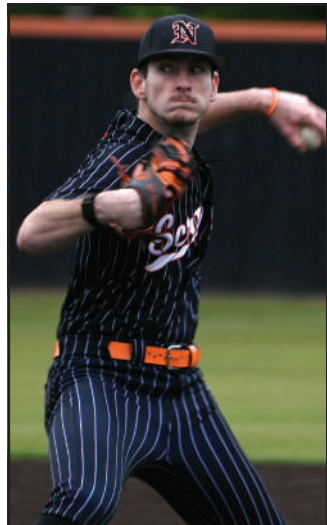
Conference race wraps up for Scrappers, Scrapperettes



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Scrapper senior John Wallis (second from left) and his parents Heath and Leanne Wallis are recognized by Coach Zac Stewart on Senior Night April 24.



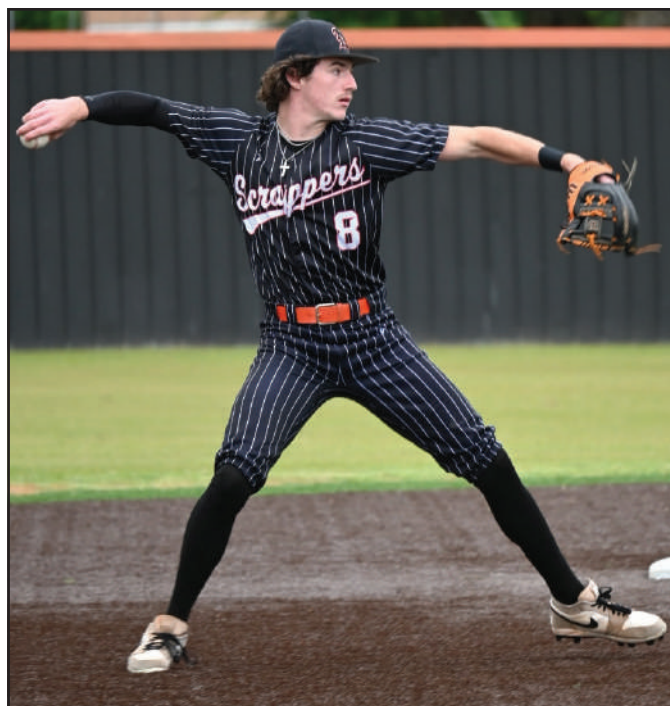
News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Carson Kirby heads in for a home run April 24 in the Scrappers' victory over Arkadelphia.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Karson Chambers pitched a 10-strikeout no-hitter in Nashville's 6-0 District 7-4A win over Arkadelphia April 24 at Wilson Park. With the victory, the Scrappers earned the district's 2 seed going into regionals next week in Crossett.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
Scrapperette seniors and parents are introduced on Senior Night before Nashville's 16-15 come-from-behind win over Arkadelphia April 24 at Futrell Field. The Scrapperettes are the District 7-4A champions with a 9-1 conference record.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON
Gauge Applegate throws first for an out Friday afternoon, April 24, in the Scrappers' 6-0 home win over Arkadelphia to wrap up the conference race.



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Teammates Kayla Bretado (left) and Sofia McCauley (right) congratulate Landyn Tompkins after her home run in the Scrapperettes' victory over Arkadelphia.

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SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Nashville Scrapperettes, district champions



The Scrapperettes won the District 7-4A softball championship last week with two victories over Arkadelphia. Nashville went 9-1 in 7-4A and will take the district's top seed into the regional tournament May 7-9 in Crossett.

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Johnson County native hired as new Howard County Family & Consumer Science Agent

By John Balch
News-Leader Staff



Abby Gray

Despite only being 22 years old, Howard County's new Family & Consumer Sciences Agent has a long background in the field and most recently interned with the University of Arkansas Extension Service.

Abby Gray, a Clarksville native who grew up on her family's "hobby farm" in Johnson County, started her new position with the county extension service last week and said she has jumped right into the role, meeting people and learning the community.

Gray, who has been involved in 4-H for the last 12 years, is also a newly wed with her and husband, Jaydon, tying the knot on April 10 before relocating to Howard County on April 11.

Gray is the third family and consumer sciences agent hired by the county since longtime agent, Jean Ince, retired in 2024.

After graduating Clarksville High School, she earned her bachelor degree in human development and family science at Oklahoma State University. She first was both an agri and a family consumer science major but after the first semester she switched a single FCS major.

"I just fell in love with the FCS side of stuff and human development, and decided that's the path I wanted to follow," she said.

During her internship with UofA Extension Service, Gray said, "I fell in love with it even more and so I pursued it" and landed the Howard County job.

Gray has also worked at Ped's Plus in Friendship

Community Care in the pediatric wing of the Russellville hospital where she worked with developmentally replayed children as an early childhood developmental specialist. Gray said she is also a big gardener and back in her 4-H showing days was "known my for canned goods."

Gray has already attended her first meeting of the Howard County Quorum Court and been warmly welcomed by the county's Extension staffers and Homemaker Clubs. "The EHC ladies and everyone have been so helpful and supportive just within the short time I've been here."

The area of EHC is one area Gray would like to see grow, maybe adding a fourth county club for younger 4-H moms. "I want people to know that EHC is not just for our older folks," she said. "It's a great outlet and a great way to get to know your people in your community."

Gray said she plans to stick with the job and can't see any reasons why she wouldn't after her warm welcome to town.

"I'm really falling in love with Nashville."



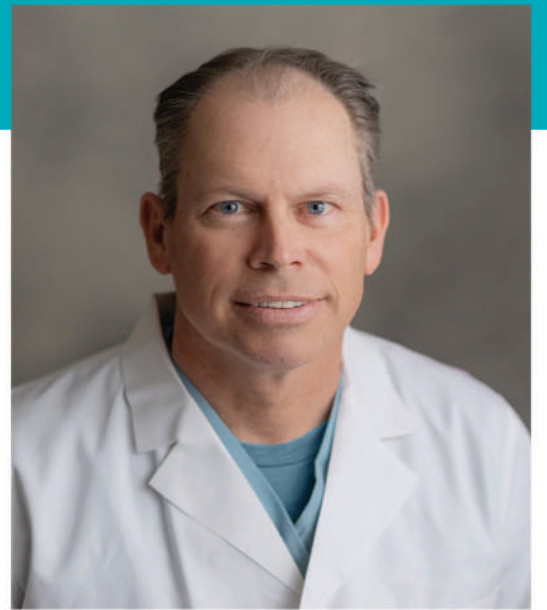
HIVE INSPECTIONS
John C. Martin (above center), a state apiary inspector, was in the area last conducting beehive-inspection training at the Southwest Arkansas Beekeeper's training apiary and also did inspections at nine additional beeyards, including this new one belonging to Billy Barton with assists from SWAB members (from left) Margaret Villas, Deb Bolding and James Jones. Martin regularly conducts training session as part of the group's "Hands-In-The-Hive" workshops. For more information about SWAB, visit the website: swabeekeepers.org.
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South Pike County school board holds April meeting

By PJ Tracy

Murfreesboro Diamond

At the April 16 South Pike County School Board meeting, Superintendent Tanya Wilcher told board members that high school graduation exercises will be held on May 12 at 6:30 and the senior's final day at school is May 5.

Wilcher said other upcoming events included:

- Softball district tournament will be held in Murfreesboro on April 27-29, and May 1
- District track meets for high school will be Thursday, April 30 at Caddo Hills
- The state track meet will be in Quitman on May 6
- Regional softball and baseball tournaments will be held in Murfreesboro on May 7-9

Wilcher thanked local churches and Mrs. Wesson's class for catering the hospitality room for ball tournaments.

In May, school will be on a four day schedule -- being off on Fridays.

The next school board meeting is set for May 19 at 6 p.m.

Murfreesboro Elementary School Principal James Riley started the school's academic report with a joke.

"The week before testing is always such a great time. It's like Christmas Eve except the presents aren't wrapped yet, and you're having to control a house full of feral cats. All that aside, we are ready and have been prepping."

Riley said he was proud of our teachers and "I hope our students know how proud we are of them, regardless of the results."

He said as incentive for our 3-6 grades students to try their best on the standard-

ized tests, the school plans a "Big Money Testing Bingo" event to reward students for their hard work.

Riley said last week was the final week of after-school tutoring for our teachers, ending with 25 students K-6 receiving after-school tutoring.

"It has been a huge help with their academics," he said.

Last week was also the final week for the high impact tutoring program.

"I pray that we are able to do this again next year because it has helped with keeping our groups small, and our students have thrived, which is such great help," Riley said.

The board unanimously approved a motion to approve the appointment of Sharon Kennedy for the Zone 3 board membership.

The board also approved bus leases from Midwest Buses for four buses at a rate of \$22,250 for the next five years.

The board also approved salary schedule changes and to accept a resolution to utilize federal-aid recreational trails program funds if awarded the grant.

The board also approved 26-27 school year ESSA & IDEA assurances.

After an executive session for a hiring of personnel, the board accept the retirement of Linda Anderson, resignation of Dana Taylor effective May 5, 2026 and the resignations of Buddy Ray, Blevin Boyd and Ladonna Ashbrooks effective at the end of the school year.

The board also accepted a motion to hire Hadley Cox, Reese Kizzia, and Isaac Kuykendall as student workers for the summer.

To conclude the evening's business, the board voted to hire the certified and classified staff as presented to them.

Youth fundraiser May 9 at Life Tabernacle Church

A fundraiser Saturday, May 9, will support the youth group at Life Tabernacle Church, 812 Mine St., Nashville.

The project includes a carwash by dona-

tion. The group also offers stuffed baked potatoes for \$10. Hours are 10-2 at the church parking lot on Highway 27 N., and the public is welcome.

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Delight 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
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Delight class of 1976 to gather May 16 for 50th reunion

The Delight High School Class of 1976 will have its 50th reunion on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at The Feed Bin Cafe in Murfreesboro.

All graduates, their spouses and former classmates are invited to attend.

Attending parties are requested to contact The Feed Bin Cafe (870-285-3122) by May 11 to pre-order from their online dinner menu

For more information, contact Lyn Pilot, text only to 870-681-2050.

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Nashville's City Sales and Use Tax For March 2026

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| Deposits..... | \$138,025.95 |
| State Service Charge | 4,140.78 |
| Interest Earned (Act 513 of 1983) | 404.72 |
| Vending Decals Sold | 0.20 |
| Total Distributed | \$134,290.09 |

SOURCE: City Finance Officer Kimberly Green

Arkansas Century Farm program now accepting 2026 applications

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the Arkansas Century Farm Program. This program honors Arkansas families who have owned and farmed the same land for at least 100 years, recognizing their contributions to the state's agricultural heritage.

Completed applications must be submitted online no later than July 31, 2026, to be considered for the 2026 induction cycle. The program is voluntary, and there is no cost to apply. To qualify, Arkansas farms must meet

the following criteria: The same family must have owned the farm for at least 100 years by Dec. 31. Ownership may pass through generations, including children, grandchildren, siblings, and nephews or nieces – by birth, marriage, or adoption.

The farm must include at least 10 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

Qualifying farms will receive a personalized Arkansas Century Farm certificate and metal sign listing the

farm name and year established.

Established in 2012, the Arkansas Century Farm Program highlights the historical significance of Arkansas farm families and their lasting impact on the state's agriculture industry. Since its inception, 687 farms have been inducted.

Deadline nearing to join LPN program at UAH-T

The deadline to apply for the licensed practical nursing (LPN) program at the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Hope campus is May 1, by 4:30 p.m. Future students can apply online at uaht.edu.

The LPN program is a full-time, 11-month, selective admission program leading to a Technical Certificate in Practical Nursing. The program prepares students for licensure through the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-PN). The program meets the requirements for accreditation by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. Accepted applicants will begin the program on May 29, 2026. Interested students can contact an ad-

visor today to learn about admission criteria.

For more information, please call the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Health Professions Department at 870-722-8289.

Food boxes coming to M'boro May 6

Harvest Regional Food Bank will distribute food boxes in Murfreesboro on Wednesday, May 6, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the municipal bldg, 204 E. Main Street.

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May Events

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See you at the river!

- Saturday, May 2**
A Home for a Black Bear
9-11a.m. @ Cossatot Falls
- Saturday, May 2**
River Safari
2p.m. @ Brushy Creek
- Sunday, May 3**
Micro Hike
10a.m. @ Waterleaf Trail
- Every Sunday**
Critter Feeding
3p.m. @ Visitor Center
- Saturday, May 9**
Fishing Information Station
9-11a.m. @ Cossatot Falls
- Saturday, May 9**
Track ID Station
2-4p.m. @ Sandbar Campground
- Saturday, May 16**
River Safari
2p.m. @ Sandbar Bridge
- Saturday, May 16**
Owl Prowl
8:30p.m. @ Cossatot Falls
- Sunday, May 17**
Leave No Trace Watercolors
10a.m. @ Low Water Bridge
- Friday, May 22**
Cossatot River Kayak Float Trip
9a.m.-4p.m. Meet @ Visitor Center
- Saturday, May 23**
All About Birds Hike
8:30a.m. @ Waterleaf Trail
- Saturday, May 23**
Fishing Information Station
10:30a.m. @ Cossatot Falls
- Saturday, May 23**
Taking Flight: Why Birds Migrate
1p.m. @ Visitor Center Playground

- Saturday, May 23**
Survival Skills
2p.m. @ Cossatot Falls
- Saturday, May 23**
Mammals of Cossatot
4p.m. @ Visitor Center
- Saturday, May 23**
Owl Prowl
8:30p.m. @ Cossatot Falls
- Sunday, May 24**
Technology in Nature
9a.m. @ Visitor Center
- Sunday, May 24**
Tree ID
10a.m. @ Waterleaf Trail
- Sunday, May 24**
Micro Hike
11a.m. @ Brushy Creek Trailhead
- Sunday, May 24**
Leave No Trace Watercolors
12p.m. @ Brushy Creek Recreation Area
- Sunday, May 24**
Water Sleuths
2:30p.m. @ Low Water Bridge
- Monday, May 25**
A.M. Power Hike
8:30a.m. @ Harris Creek
- Monday, May 25**
Birding Walk
8:30a.m. @ Waterleaf Trail
- Monday, May 25**
Backyard Insects
11:30a.m. @ Cossatot Falls
- Monday, May 25**
Owl Pellets
12p.m. @ Visitor Center
- Saturday, May 30**
Mammals of Cossatot
9-11a.m. @ Cossatot Falls
- Saturday, May 30**
River Safari
2p.m. @ Sandbar Bridge
- Sunday, May 31**
Orienteering
9a.m. @ Visitor Center

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In compliance with Act 626 of 1983, as amended by Act 814 of 1987 and Act 660 of 1995, the following described Real Estate went delinquent on 10/16/2024. for the nonpayment of the 2023 Real Estate tax. The amount necessary to redeem these parcels, including taxes, penalties, and cost (and *daily simple interest not included* in amount shown) must be paid by 05/28/2026 or the land will be certified to the State Land Commissioner office, to wit:

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| R00750009560000 | BENSON BRANDON & KATRYNA NEW NASHVILLE LOT 13-14-15-16-17-18-19 BLOCK 32 220 W HEMPSTEAD ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 NEW NASHVILLE BL 32 | | | |
| | LTS 13 THRU 19 **SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO** | 1,222.16 | 0.000 | 10NA |
| R00001033640000 | CHANDLER JORDAN CLAY 173 BLUE BAYOU RD W NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT S1/2 SWSW (3.03AC) | 212.35 | 3.030 | 10 |
| R00850004020000 | CIRCULLI BARBARA & CRYSTAL DAVIS ORIGINAL MINERAL SPRINGS LOT PT16 BLOCK 25 401 N MCLENDON MINERAL SPRINGS AR ORIGINAL MINERAL SPRINGS | 850.41 | 0.000 | 30MI |
| | BL 25 SE COR LT 6 (90X85) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO*** | 51.46 | 0.290 | 20DI |
| R00800000750000 | CORNISH GERALD 30-07-28 DIERKS CITY METES & BOUNDS 1307 N WALTERS AVE DIERKS AR 71833 PT E1/2 NENW (139.3X90). | 96.46 | 0.000 | 30 |
| R00281100070000 | DELONEY TIMOTHY COTTONSHED #2 LOT 18 AR COTTONSHED #2 LT 18 | 182.27 | 2.420 | 30MI |
| R00850000040000 | DELONEY WILLIAM D 17-10-27 MINERAL SPRINGS CITY M & B AR PT SESESWW (50X50) (.66AC); PT SESESWW (56X150) (.19AC); PT SESESWW (2.17AC) | 120.63 | 20.850 | 80 |
| R00001001390010 | DOWDY TROY & ROBIN ATHENS CEMETARY RD UMPIRE AR 71971 PT W 2/3 SWSE (20.85AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO*** | 124.07 | 6.360 | 80 |
| R00001001360000 | DOWDY TROY & ROBIN 122 ATHENS CEMETARY RD UMPIRE AR 71971 PT E1/2 NWSE (6.36AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED AND SURVEY INFO*** | 200.03 | 3.500 | 20 |
| R00001015430020 | EUDY LONNIE 332 KOLBTOWN RD AR PT S1/2 SENE (3.50AC) | 74.83 | 1.000 | 10 |
| R00001036000000 | GAINES JANNIE LONGVIEW RD NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT W1/2 NENW (1) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED & LEGAL INFO** | 151.80 | 22.950 | 11 |
| R00001049040010 | GRAHAM MICHAEL L JENNIFER GRAHAM MICHAEL DYLAN GRAHAM & JANIS WALTERS 1160 SILVER RD COLUMBUS AR 71831 PT SENW (22.95AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO*** | 1,297.62 | 3.550 | 10 |
| R00001018280000 | GRAHAM ROBERT KEITH & LILLIAN 481 HARDING RD NASHVILLE AR 71852 S1/2 NWSW W RD (3.55AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO*** | 24.82 | 5.000 | 10 |
| R00001018130000 | GRAHAM ROBERT KEITH & LILLIAN HARDING DR NASHVILLE AR 71852 S1/2 SENESE (5AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO*** | 1,302.61 | 0.000 | 30MI |
| R00850003220000 | GRAVES EDNA MAE EDWARDS ORIGINAL MINERAL SPRINGS BLOCK 5 100 BLUFF SPRINGS RD MINERAL SPRINGS AR ORIGINAL MINERAL SPRINGS BL 5 SE COR BL 5 (210X210) | 88.19 | 1.340 | 11 |
| R00001047490000 | GRAVES OSCAR & MARY AR E PT N132 NWNE (1.34AC) | 1,093.65 | 3.010 | 11 |
| R00001049590000 | GRAY ROBERT BLAINE & LAURIE 1759 HWY 355 S SARATOGA AR 71859 PT W3/4 S1/2 SESE 132.5X990' (3.01AC) | 398.19 | 0.750 | 30TO |
| R00900000060000 | GREEN EARNESTINE 04-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B 109 PEACH ST TOLLETTE TOLLETTE AR 71851 PT E1/2 NESW (.75AC) | 923.86 | 0.000 | 10NA |
| R00750015600000 | HAISLIP BONNIE SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. LOT 5 BLOCK 32 903 S MILL ST NASHVILLE AR SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. BL 32 LT 5 | 36.13 | 0.000 | 30 |
| R00281100110000 | HALE DONNA COTTONSHED #2 LOT 24 COTTONSHED #2 LT 24 | 132.94 | 1.080 | 11 |
| R00001050170000 | HARWELL GARY R 115 HWY 32 W AR PT SESE ***SEE ADMIN*** | 199.47 | 40.160 | 20 |
| R00001022860000 | HOBBS ELDON 886 OAK HILL RD DIERKS AR 71833 FRL NENE (40.16AC) | 2,072.18 | 2.000 | 10 |
| R00001026660000 | JACKSON JAMES DAVID & TONY WAYNE 240 HONEYSUCKLE LN NASHVILLE AR 71852 SESESWW (264 X 330) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO*** | 937.98 | 0.340 | 10NA |
| R00750001950000 | JACOBS LAQUANIA 25-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS 509 E HENDERSON ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT W1/2 SW (75X195) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED & LEGAL INFO** | 124.64 | 0.000 | 30 |
| R00281100030000 | JACOBY CHRISTOPHER COTTON SHED #1 LOT 2-3 BLOCK 1 206 OAKVIEW LANE AR COTTON SHED #1 BL 1 LTS 2 & 3 | 2,371.29 | 0.000 | 30MI |
| R00850004280000 | JOHNSON JULIANN ORIGINAL MINERAL SPRINGS BLOCK 34 320 N SHERMAN ST SPRINGS AR 71851 ORIGINAL MINERAL SPRINGS BL 34 PT N1/2 BL 34 | 174.63 | 0.310 | 10NA |
| R00750000540000 | JORDAN JORDAN (2/3 INT) & JACK PIGGEE (1/3 INT) 23-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS 504 COULTER ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT E1/2 SESW (140X95) (31AC) | 1,706.84 | 1.140 | 20DI |
| R00800001330000 | KESTERSON JAMES C & CAROL 30-07-28 DIERKS CITY METES & BOUNDS 926 W OLD HWY 70 DIERKS AR 71833 PT SWSWSW (240X208.72) | 237.85 | 0.000 | 30 |
| R00281200050000 | LAMB JERRY LYNN PINEVIEW LOT 1-4 BLOCK 4 111 PINEVIEW DR MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 PINEVIEW BL 4 LTS 1 & 4 ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED & LEGAL INFO** | 737.88 | 0.000 | 20DI |
| R00800001940000 | LIGHTFOOT HELEN HEIGHTS OF DIERKS LOT 11-12 BLOCK 3 121 W 9TH ST DIERKS AR HEIGHTS OF DIERKS BL 3 LTS 11 THRU 12 | 396.72 | 3.800 | 20DI |
| R0080000680040 | LOTT ARVIL DON 30-07-28 DIERKS CITY METES & BOUNDS 1505 N WALTERS AVE DIERKS AR 71833 PT NENW (1AC) 1983 BAYSHORE M/H 14X80 | 979.54 | 1.000 | 30MI |
| R00850000960000 | MARLOW LARRY DONNELL & CYNTHIA MAE 19-10-27 MINERAL SPRINGS M & B 303 S PARK ST AR PT NWSW (230X190) (1.00AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED INFO*** | 76.23 | 0.000 | 11TO |
| R00900000260000 | MAY KAMERON L YOUNG'S SUBDIVISION LOT 9-10-211 BUCKEYE ST TOLLETTE MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 YOUNG'S SUBDIVISION LTS 9 THRU 10 | 930 | 2.000 | 11TO |
| R00900001490000 | MC FADDEN CAIHY & RIKEEN MC FADDEN 09-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B 104 SILVER ST TOLLETTE AR 71851 PT S1/2 SWNW (2AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED & LEGAL INFO** | 46.52 | 0.530 | 80 |
| R00001000300020 | MILLWARD DONA HWY 246 UMPIRE AR 71971 PT SWNE (53AC) ***SEE ADMIN*** | 3,787.55 | 0.640 | 30MI |
| R00850002360000 | MINERAL SPRINGS FOOD & FUEL LLC DBA BUDDY'S QUICK STOP MC CULLOUGH LOT 10-11-12-13-14 BLOCK 14 300 E RUNNELS ST AR MC CULLOUGH BL 14 LTS 10 THRU 14 (STORE) 8 OF LOT 11 | 149.58 | 1.000 | 10 |
| R00001040010020 | MORRISON LORENE 140 JORDAN RD NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT SWSWNE (1AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED & LEGAL INFO** | 41.14 | 1.910 | 10 |
| R007500086010000 | MOSES CALVIN C & IMOGENE 282 PUMP SPRINGS RD NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT SWNE (1.91AC) | 773.40 | 0.670 | 10NA |
| R00750000650000 | MOSES GARY 23-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS 1210 N MAIN ST NASHVILLE AR PT NESE (100X290) (.67AC) ADDRESS: 1210 N MAIN ST | 1,078.85 | 0.750 | 10NA |
| R00001026800000 | MOSES GARY 23-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS 1124 N MAIN ST NASHVILLE AR PT NESE (112.5X290) (.75AC) ADDRESS: 1124 N MAIN ST | 542.80 | 28.270 | 10 |
| R00750008870000 | MOSES IMOGENE W / LE 282 PUMP SPRINGS RD NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT SWNE (28.27AC) | | | |
| | REED MAX & GLENDA NEW NASHVILLE LOT 21-22-23-24 BLOCK 21 118 W SPYERT ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 NEW NASHVILLE BL 21 LTS 21 THRU 24 & NE COR LT 24 LESS 12X12 IN NE CORNER LT 24 (NU-WAY CLEANERS) | 714.13 | 0.340 | 10NA |
| R00750000110000 | RUTH MARK & BRITANY DENISE IRONS 22-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS 1312 LESLIE ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT SESE (104.35X208.72) (.50AC) | 561.69 | 0.500 | 10NA |
| R00750003580000 | SANDOVAL MARIA GLADIS 26-09-27 NASHVILLE CITY METES & BOUNDS 324 S WASHINGTON ST NASHVILLE AR PT SESE (70X142) | 798.14 | 0.230 | 10NA |
| R00001002290000 | STALLSWORTH MARITHA JANE 1178 TOLLETT RD UMPIRE AR 71971 PT SESE (20AC) | 402.87 | 20.000 | 80 |
| R00750015740000 | TAYLOR HERBERT & HERSHEL SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. LOT 10-11-PT12 BLOCK 34 1111 S MILL ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 SW. R.E. & DEV. CO. BL 34 LTS 10 THRU 11 & E4 LT 12 | 496.72 | 0.000 | 10NA |
| R00001007280020 | TAYLOR PHILLIP Y & PATRICIA LYNN SHAW RD NEW HOPE AR 71959 PT S1/2 SWSW (13AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR NOTES & DEED INFO*** | 6,141.98 | 13.000 | 20 |
| R00001031780000 | THOMAS JACK JR & E KATHERINE 270 SAND HILL RD NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT SENENE (3.65AC) ***SEE ADMIN FOR RESEARCH & DEED INFO*** | 255.27 | 3.650 | 10 |
| R00001002080010 | TOLLETT DENNIS & LORI 1370 TOLLETT RD NEW HOPE AR 71959 PT SESE (4.05 AC) | 3,129.90 | 4.050 | 80 |
| R00900001590030 | TURNER ALLYN E & VERDIE H 09-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B 119 SILVER ST MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 PT NENSW (2.15AC) ***SEE ADMIN** | 106.44 | 2.150 | 11TO |
| R00900000260000 | TURNER TRACY S & STACY T TURNER 04-11-27 TOLLETTE CITY M & B 873 MLK DR TOLLETTE AR PT SWNESW (1.50AC) | 1,666.65 | 1.500 | 30TO |
| R00750009630000 | VARGAS TEOBALDO ISMPEL NEW NASHVILLE LOT 9-10-11-12 BLOCK 33 116 N 3RD ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 NEW NASHVILLE BL 33 LTS 9 THRU 12 | 390.84 | 0.000 | 10NA |
| R00001051290000 | WALKER LUNELLA YOUNG AR NE COR SESE (3) ***SEE ADMIN FOR SURVEY INFO*** | 57.37 | 3.000 | 30MI |
| R00850001800010 | WALLS KRISTIN L & FRENCH AUDREY L HEIGHTS OF MINERAL SPRINGS LOT 27-28 BLOCK 42 MINERAL SPRINGS AR 71851 HEIGHTS OF MINERAL SPRINGS BL 42 LTS 27 THRU 28 | 77.44 | 0.000 | 30MI |
| R00001011630000 | WALSTON JULIE 1524 HWY 369 N NASHVILLE AR 71852 PT NW COR NENE & PT NESE ADMIN FOR DEED & LEGAL INFO** | 21.04 | 2.810 | 20 |
| R00001021360000 | WEBB RUSSELL 312 N CENTER POINT ST NASHVILLE AR 71852 NW COR BL 12 ***SEE ADMIN FOR DEED & LEGAL INFO** | 604.17 | 1.210 | 10 |
| R00800001270000 | WILLIAMS KRISTIE 30-07-28 DIERKS CITY METES & BOUNDS E 6TH ST AR PT E1/4 NESW S 6TH ST (150X216) | 100.97 | 0.740 | 20DI |
| R008000003160000 | WILLIAMSON LINDA ORIGINAL DIERKS LOT 5-PT 6 BLOCK 5 613 MAIN AVE DIERKS AR 71833 ORIGINAL DIERKS BL 5 LT 5 & N1/2 LT 6 | 590.09 | 0.000 | 20DI |
| R00750018470000 | WRIGHT CORNELIOUS & KATHERINE TOLAND HEIGHTS LOT 8 BLOCK 3 14 EVERGREEN NASHVILLE AR 71852 TOLAND HEIGHTS BL 3 LT 8 | 1,352.47 | 0.000 | 10NA |
| R00001001060010 | ZARAGOZA PEDRO & CLAUDIA 1260 HWY 84 E UMPIRE AR 71971 PT SW COR SWNE (1AC) | 211.12 | 1.000 | 80 |

I, Bryan McJunkins, Howard County Tax Collector do hereby certify the above list is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. This publication was paid for by The Howard County Tax Collector's Office in the amount of \$93.00. Witness my hand this the 22nd day of April, 2026.

Heart&Home Spring Cleaning (Letting Go Is Not Always Easy)

By Abby Gray

Howard County EA-FCS
Hello everyone! My name is Abby Gray, I am from Johnson County. In the brief time I have been here I have been greeted with open arms, and I am very excited to live and work here. I have had the chance to meet Extension Homemakers, community leaders, and local government officials. I am looking forward to writing new articles to inform the community of extension events and other activities that I am hosting and sharing information about healthy living, personal and family well-being, and financial management.

may be even more impactful: decluttering.

Decluttering, defined as minimizing unnecessary belongings, offers more than just a tidier home. According to Extension guidance, it can help reduce stress and anxiety, boost happiness, and even save money by curbing unnecessary purchases.

Where to Begin

For many, the biggest obstacle is simply getting started. Extension educators suggest breaking the process into manageable steps rather than attempting a full-home overhaul in a single day.

One recommended approach is to work room by room—starting with visible surfaces like counters and tables, then moving to drawers, shelves, and finally floors.

Another method focuses on categories instead of rooms. For example, homeowners might sort all clothing, paperwork, or books throughout the house at once. This strategy can make it easier to see how much of a single item type has accumulated and decide what is necessary.

A third approach centers on personal values. By evaluating whether items “bring joy” or serve a clear purpose, individuals can make more intentional decisions about what to keep.

Practical Strategies That Work

Extension resources emphasize organization as key to success.

Experts recommend sorting items into clear categories such as trash, donations, items to keep, or things that belong in another room. Working through items one at a time can prevent feeling

overwhelmed and keep the process focused.

Letting Go Is Not Always Easy

While the physical process of decluttering may seem straightforward, the emotional side can be more challenging.

Many people develop attachments to items tied to memories or past experiences. It is normal to feel hesitant about parting with sentimental belongings.

In these cases, keeping a few meaningful items in a designated place or considering how unused items

might benefit others through donation can ease the transition.

Long-Term Benefits

Decluttering does not end when the house is clean. Maintaining a simplified space requires ongoing intention—being mindful about what comes into the home and taking inventory to avoid duplicate purchases.

Ultimately, decluttering is less about perfection and more about creating a living space that supports well-being.

By removing what is un-

necessary, individuals can make room for what truly matters—both physically and mentally.

DIY All-Purpose Cleaner Recipe

¼ cup of white vinegar
12-20 drops of essential oil
1 teaspoon castile or phosphorous-free dish soap or washing soda
2 cups boiled or distilled water

Step 1) fill cleaning spray bottle with 2-4 cups of distilled or boiled (cooled) water

Step 2) Add all other ingredients then shake well.

Clearing the Clutter: A Fresh Start for Home and Mind

As spring approaches, many Arkansans begin to think about renewal—opening windows, scrubbing floors, and tackling long-postponed household tasks. But beyond traditional cleaning, experts with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service say there is another step that

Invasive Asian Longhorned Ticks

‘Three-Host Tick with Four Life Stages’

By Dawson Bailey
Howard County
EA-Agriculture

Warmer weather is here, and so are the ticks. While we can take measures to stay away from tick habitat and use preventatives, our livestock do not have that option. Arkansas is home to several species of ticks and now has one relatively new species to add.

The Asian longhorned tick is an invasive tick that was first reported in the U.S. in 2017. This tick reproduces asexually, and all viable eggs will develop into female ticks. Because of this reproduction strategy, the Asian longhorned tick is able to reach very high densities. This tick is a three-host tick with four life stages – eggs, larvae, nymphs, and adults. Each feeding stage will feed on a different host. The adults will completely engorge themselves, drop and lay eggs, and then die. These ticks are reddish brown and without markings. They possess short blunt mouthparts. The adults are similar in size to deer ticks, but smaller than some of our other native ticks.

Why should cattle producers worry about this tick? As I mentioned earlier, this tick is able to reach very high densities that may result in elevated stress in cattle

and has also been linked to possible exsanguination or severe loss of blood. In addition, it is the primary vector of theileriosis in Arkansas and U.S. cattle. Theileria orientalis Ikeda genotype is newer to Arkansas, and because it infects blood cells, its symptoms are similar to anaplasmosis. Some symptoms of theileriosis are weakness, going off feed, pale gums, jaundice, increased abortions, and sudden death. Anaplasmosis will primarily impact adult cattle, but theileriosis affects both calves and adult cattle.

Insecticides and methods used to control horn flies on cattle can also reduce the number of Asian longhorned ticks that attach to cattle. Some methods are more effective at controlling ticks than others. Habitat modification can reduce tick density by making the habitat less favorable to their survival. Bush hogging weeds and brush may reduce the humidity and promote tick desiccation and influence the host’s usage of the area. Fencing your livestock out of wooded areas can also reduce the number of ticks that attach to cattle.

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- May 21- Wildlife & Archery -- 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- May 26-27 -- Sewing Feed bags -- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 11-12 -- Bobble Heads -- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- June 29 -- Terrarium Workshop -- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 870-285-2161

Howard County's Sales and Use Tax Distribution for March 2026

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| Deposit | \$599,179.00 |
| State service charge..... | 17,953.37 |
| Interest earned | 1,756.90 |
| Vending decals | 0.86 |
| Amount distributed | \$582,961.39 |

HOWARD COUNTY DISTRIBUTION

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| Howard County (Jail)..... | 52,996.49 |
| Cossatot Community College UofA | 52,996.49 |
| Howard County Road | 74,816.03 |
| Howard County Landfill | 32,064.02 |
| Howard County General fund..... | 85,504.04 |
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY FRANCIS BRUNGARDT, DECEASED
NO. 31PR-26-24

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTRIX AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 357 Cedar Cove Lane, Dierks, AR 71833
Date of death: 10/05/2025

An instrument dated September 20, 2022, was on the 20th day of March, 2026, admitted to probate as the Last Will of the above-named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be affected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six 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 this 22nd day of April, 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

FIRST STATE BANK OF DE QUEEN/DIERKS,

Plaintiff vs. NO. 31CV-26-4

PENNY MUSICK and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the FARM SERVICE AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Commissioner, pursuant to the Foreclosure Decree of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, which was rendered and filed with the clerk of court on April 5, 2026, in which First State Bank of De Queen/Dierks is the Plaintiff and Penny Musick and The United States of America, acting through the Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture are the Defendants, will on May 21, 2026, offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the County Courthouse in Howard County, Arkansas, to the highest and best bidder the following property situated in Howard County, Arkansas:

Tract 1: The North 1,110 feet of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 28 West, Howard County, Arkansas.

Tract 2: The West 260 feet of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 28 West, Howard County, Arkansas. (collectively "Property").

The Property or its address is referred to as 1549 Hwy 84 E, Umpire, AR 71971.

The sale will be held at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the date stated at public auction to the highest bidder on the following terms: at the time of sale the purchaser shall be required to pay to the Commissioner ten percent (10%) of the purchase price (which shall be forfeited to the Plaintiff if the balance of the purchase price is not paid within the time stated herein), with the balance of the purchase price paid to the Commissioner within ninety (90) days of the sale date; provided that if Plaintiff is the purchaser, in lieu of payment, it may credit the amount of its bid against the judgment awarded in the Foreclosure Decree.

WITNESS MY HAND April 16, 2026.

Angela Lewis
Circuit Clerk - Commissioner
(MLF: 45, 46)

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

The City of Mineral Springs, Arkansas, is seeking Annual Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms to provide professional grant administration services, including grant writing, application preparation, and project administration. Statements will be kept on file for 2026 and used to select grant administration services as projects develop for grant applications and grant administration contingent upon funding award. Statements must be submitted to Mayor Vera Marks at vera1424mrks@gmail.com no later than Friday, May 8, 2026 by 2:00 p.m. The City reserves the right to reject any or all submissions and waive formalities deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff(s)
vs. CASE NO.: 31CV-26-16

CODY BLAIR AKA CODY O'NEAL BLAIR; DEANNA M. BLAIR AKA DEANNA CRISP; THE CURRENT SPOUSE OF CODY BLAIR AKA CODY O'NEAL BLAIR; THE CURRENT SPOUSE OF DEANNA M. BLAIR AKA DEANNA CRISP; CURRENT OCCUPANTS OF 523 MAIN AVENUE, DIERKS, AR 71833, Defendant(s)

WARNING ORDER

A description of the property or res to be affected:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 8 of the Original Town of Dierks, Howard County, Arkansas.

Together with that certain 2000 76X16 Palm Harbor Country Place mobile home with Vehicle Identification Number(s): PH079797

The Defendant(s), **THE CURRENT SPOUSE OF DEANNA M. BLAIR AKA DEANNA CRISP** and **CURRENT OCCUPANTS OF 523 MAIN AVENUE, DIERKS, AR 71833**, unserved, is/are warned to appear and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff in this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this warning order or face entry of judgment by default or be otherwise barred from asserting his or her or its interest.

Failure of the Defendant(s) to answer within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this warning order could result in judgment against the Defendant(s).

Dated: 10-APRIL-2026

Angie Lewis, Howard County Circuit Clerk

/s/ Gabrielle Davis
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16

THE 2026 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1: The 2026 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2025-16 should be Amended as follows:

Howard County Sanitation Salaries Full-Time (3009-0701-1001) should increase by \$440.00. This increase comes from a reimbursement from the Association of Arkansas Counties Worker's Compensation Trust Account for Zachary Jackson.

Howard County Circuit Court Judge General Supplies (1000-0402-2001) should increase by \$156.02.

This increase comes from a reimbursement from Quill.com for office products.

SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge

ATTEST:
Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk
April 20, 2026

(This publication was paid for by the Howard County Clerk. The amount paid for this publication is \$69.30) (HCC: 45)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIE BENSON, JR.

31 PR-26-37

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 201 N 11th St, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas

Date of death: March 15, 2026

An instrument dated November 11, 2020, was on April 21, 2026, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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 April 29, 2026.

Gynder Benson, Executrix, by
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(AB: 45, 46)

Arkansas panel OKs proposal aimed at assisting newly formed smaller school districts

By Ainsley Plat
Arkansas Advocate

Lawmakers on Wednesday gave initial approval to a measure aimed at assisting several newly formed smaller school districts, and rejected an effort to increase funding for an early childhood education program.

A legislative panel also rejected an effort to block the University of Arkansas from transferring millions of dollars to UA Fayetteville's athletics department. The measures were among a flurry of proposals that went before a legislative subcommittee as the Legislature neared the end of its third week in this year's session.

Sen. Missy Irvin, a Republican from Mountain View, proposed adding language to House Bill 1007, the appropriation for public school funding, dealing with isolated districts. Isolated districts are smaller, mostly rural districts that break away from districts they were previously consolidated with under a 2003 law adopted in response to a decades-long school funding case.

Irvin authored legislation in 2025 that allowed isolated schools that consolidated with larger districts to separate from those districts.

Irvin's proposal, which next goes before the Joint Budget Committee, details how funding and assets would be divided between the isolated districts and the districts they separate from.

She told the Joint Budget Committee's Special Language Subcommittee that the new law didn't outline such a process. Irvin said she hoped districts would be able to decide how to split on their own, but negotiations between several districts have broken down, she said.

"Money follows the student," Irvin said. "The state of Arkansas and the Department of Education must have clarity as soon as possible, so that these schools can be ready to operate and open come August and teach those kids."

Special language refers to language that is tacked onto legislation, often in the form of instructions on how or when money can be spent or disbursed, but it can also take the form of specific policy.

Under the proposed language, the new isolated districts would receive money equal to 90% of the per-student state funding that went to the district it was separating from in the 2025-2026 school year.

Parents and students from the affected parent and isolated school districts attended the meeting, some carrying signs reading "No HB1007."

Courtney Salas-Ford, the Arkansas Department of Education's chief of staff, told legislators she believed the parent districts had enough funds to cover obligations under the proposed language. Even if they didn't, she said, the department could use \$5.9 million from the Consolidation Incentive Fund, a fund she said had been unused for several years, to assist the parent districts. Using that money would require an emergency rule, Salas-Ford said.

House Speaker Rep. Brian Evans, a Republican from Cabot, said he'd received over 150 emails in the 24 hours before the hearing from concerned people within Mountain View's school district, which is a parent district to several isolated districts that decided to split off.

He said there appeared to be significant misinformation circulating within the Mountain View community about the district's financial position and how Irvin's proposed special language would affect it.

"At the end of the day, what we're arguing about here today is money, and we're not talking about kids, and that is very troublesome to me," Evans said.

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HOWARD COUNTY EHC SEWING CLUB. Howard County's three Extension Homemaker Clubs were all represented during last week's sewing workshop, including the Twilight, New Horizons and Moonlighters clubs. Here, at-large club member Jean Ince (at left) works on a Quilt of Valor for husband using a 1957 Singer sewing machine while New Horizon Club member Margie Green uses a more modern method to make her grandson a Spider Man blanket. See more pics next week.



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