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### Halls of Fame, Honor to hold induction on 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 may be found on page 6A of today's *News-Leader*.



Maddie Rodgers was among the Nashville Scrapperette alumnae who returned to Futrell Field Friday, May 1, for the team's annual hit-a-thon, which was part of the Scrapaganza fundraiser. More pictures, page 8A.

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## Scrappettes, Scrappers set for regionals

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

Scrappier baseball and Scrappierette softball players are gearing up for the Class 4A South Regional this week at Crossett High School.

The tournament will be held Thursday, May 7, through Saturday, May 9.

Teams which win their first-round games Thursday will automatically advance to the Class 4A state tournament May 14-16 in Nashville.

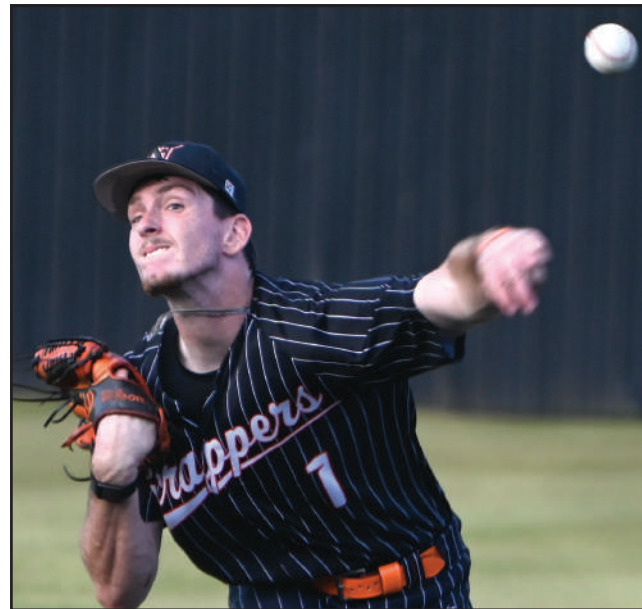
The Scrappettes will enter the regional as the number one seed from District 7-4A after winning the conference championship with a 9-1 record.

They will face four seed from 8-4A Star City at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 7. The winner will advance to the semifinals at 2:30 p.m. Friday against Warren or Arkadelphia.

The Scrappers are the



**GOING TO REGIONALS.** Scrappierette catcher Landyn Tompkins (left) makes the play for an out in a recent home contest against Maumelle, while Karson Chambers pitches for the Scrappers in an April game. Both Nashville teams will be on the field at the Class 4A South Regional later this week in Crossett.



News-Leader photos/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

two seed from 7-4A with a 7-3 conference mark.

They will take on Hamburg, the three seed from 8-4A, at 12:30 p.m. May 7. The winner will move on to

the semifinals Friday at 12 noon against Monticello or Arkadelphia.

The softball schedule and team seeding include the following:

<b>May 7</b>	10 a.m. - (1) Monticello vs. (4) De Queen	12:30 p.m. - (2) Magnolia vs. (3) Hamburg	3 p.m. - (1) Nashville vs. (4) Star City
			5:30 p.m. - (2) Warren vs. (3) Arkadelphia

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News-Leader photo/JOHN BALCH

### PEACHES WERE KING AGAIN SATURDAY IN NASHVILLE.

This year's Nashville Chamber of Commerce Peach Blossom Festival May 2 was a historical event and is being called "one for the record books" with more than 100 vendors, 60 5K participants and hundreds of visitors converging on Main Street, including "Mr. Peach" Jagger Berruquin who made his rounds throughout the day. Ticket sales began for the July 4 Stand Up for America celebration at the Nashville City Park. Country music star Neil McCoy will be the featured entertainer at the patriotic event.

## A senior trip they'll never forget

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

For 116 Nashville High School seniors and their sponsors, the day started off with all the makings of a typical senior trip.

Meet at school early in the morning.

- Board three buses.
- Sleep.
- Snack.
- Visit.
- Play on phones.

But Wednesday, April 29, turned out to be anything but typical for the NHS students bound for Main Event in Little Rock.

At 10:07 a.m. on Interstate 30 near Exit 124 at Bryant, a chain reaction of events led to a multi-vehicle accident involving the Nashville buses and a passenger vehicle.

Twelve students were taken to hospitals in the Bryant/Benton area for treatment of minor injuries before they returned to Nashville.

One bus received extensive damage, while the other two were usable.

The district sent another bus to replace the one with the most damage, and the vehicles had the seniors back in Nashville by 4:30 p.m.

The accident shut down east-bound traffic on I-30 for more than one hour as law enforcement, medical personnel and wreckers arrived on the scene. Video from iDriveArkansas showed vehicles backed up for at least a half mile.

Students were told to stay on the buses while first responders checked out the scene and took care of those who were injured.

The next day, several seniors discussed their experiences with the *News-Leader*. Their names are not included in the story.

Bus one and the passenger vehicle apparently collided. Bus two slammed on its brakes but was hit from behind.

"We felt the impact," one of the seniors said.

Traffic stopped immediately, and the Arkansas State Police and others came up behind the buses.

NHS teachers Scott Horne, Lacy Britt and Aleshia Erwin "calmed us down and kept everything under control," according to the seniors.

It took a while, but one student finally "asked if we were going on to Main Event."

The short answer was "no."

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**AT BRYANT.** Students escaped with minor injuries in an accident last week involving three Nashville School District buses and a passenger vehicle on Interstate 30 near Exit 124 at Bryant. The students were on their senior trip to Main Event in Little Rock. Seniors praised class sponsors for their handling of the situation. They said that while they didn't make it to Main Event, it was a trip they'll always remember.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

**SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS.** Jaree Hall of Nashville stands by one of the signs at Big Bend National Park, located on a stretch of the Rio Grande River in extreme southwest Texas. The river separates the park from Mexico. Big Bend includes more than 800,000 acres and offers visitors everything from mountains to a desert to miles of hiking trails and roads.

## Big Bend National Park has plenty to offer visitors

By Don Hall  
News-Leader staff

Texas is a state of huge contrasts. From pines to prairies, marshes to mesas, vistas to valleys, Texas is a land that's just begging for people to explore what it has to offer. And if you want to experience a part of Texas that you probably don't know exists, then head to Big Bend National Park.

Nestled on a stretch of the Rio Grande in the extreme southwestern part of Texas where the river makes a sharp turn to the northeast (a "big bend"), the Park has the Rio Grande River separating it from Mexico.

The Park is more than 800,000 acres of the Chisos Mountains, the Chihuahuan Desert, and the Rio

Grande river. With more than 150 miles of hiking trails through the mountains and desert, that range from sublime to stupid, Big Bend is a magnet for people worldwide who want to see the Park's remote, severe, beauty.

There are trails for old folks and trails for young fools and everything in between. The most adventurous take overnight hikes that may go on for days through rugged country, while the sanest among us opt for short hikes that stay close to the road.

And there are lots of roads, with more than 100 miles of paved and 150-160 miles of dirt roads. Plenty

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# Obituaries



**Norman "Dean" Turner, Jr.**

Norman "Dean" Turner, Jr., age 78, of Newhope, passed away on April 28, 2026. He was born in Houston, Texas, on Oct. 24, 1947. He was the eldest son of Norman "Mutt" Turner and Georgia Mae McKinney Turner.

He was a gentle giant. Never intentionally unkind to anyone. He loved hunting and collecting firearms of any kind. Making a good deal made him happy. He loved farming, especially his cattle and tolerated chickens, just to make a living. His favorite thing was corralling the herd he called grandkids!

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his parents; his twin baby sisters; his sister-in-law Carol Pounds; his brother-in-law, Larry Cogburn; and his nephew, Matt Turner.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Reva Turner; his daughters, Kelly (Doak) Dodson and Gayle (Bo) Castleberry; Kelly's mother, Lana Kennedy Turner; his grandchildren, Blakely (Grady) Tolleson, Kennedy Dodson, Delaney Dodson, Karter Castleberry, Klair (Brady) Manasco, Karlie (Josh) Worley, Kort Castleberry, Jade Turner, Rance Turner, and Matt (Lauren) Turner; his great-grandchildren, Hudson Worley, Holden Worley, and Ellis Tolleson; his sister, Lynn (Tommy) Anderson; his brother, Eddie (Jeannie) Turner; his brothers-in-law, Billy (Teresa) Cogburn, Buddy Cogburn, and Doyle Pounds; and many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and a host of wonderful friends.

Pallbearers will be Chris Anderson, Jay Pounds, Tanner Bryan, Billy Cogburn, Brady Manasco, and Josh Worley.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Jimmy Sweeden, Billy Epperson, Bobby Epperson, and Buddy Cogburn.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Smith Family Funeral Home Chapel-Glenwood with Bro. Brian Pounds officiating.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026, from 2-4 p.m. at Smith Family Funeral Home Chapel-Glenwood.

Interment will be held on Dean's farm at 305 Pappy Turner Rd, Newhope, AR 71959.

Guest Registry can be found at [smithfamilycares.com](http://smithfamilycares.com).

**Kenneth Wayne Williams**

Kenneth Wayne Williams, 72, of Foreman, died Monday April 27, 2026.

He was born Feb. 13, 1954, in Eugene, Ore., the son of Dixie Wood Williams and the late Roy Neil Williams.

He was a member of the Oak Hill Community Church where he played

an active role. He was a US Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife Vicki Williams.

Survivors include his mother, Dixie Williams; one daughter Angela Lands; two sons Aaron Harrison and Matthew Harrison; one sister Linda Johnson; one brother Rick Williams and wife Phyllis; also grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, April 30, at Delight Cemetery, with Mike Jones officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

**Kaygen Ray Rosenbaum**

Kaygen Ray Rosenbaum, 4 mos., died Wednesday April 22, 2026, in Nashville.

She was born Jan. 14, 2026, in Arkadelphia, the daughter of Kollin and Lexi Rosenbaum.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2026, at Sunset Church of Christ with Robert Womack officiating. Burial will follow at County Line Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Online at [latimerfuneralhome.com](http://latimerfuneralhome.com).

**Emma Sasser**

Services for Emma (MC) Sasser of Nashville will be Friday, May 1, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Nashville Funeral Home.

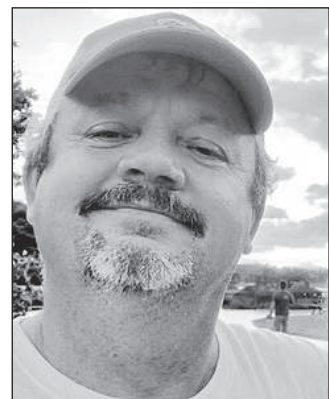
She was born Oct. 1, 1939, in Bradley, Ark., to the late Brown Strickland and Ida Mae Griffin Strickland. She was retired from Weyerhaeuser in Dierks.

Burial will be in Center Point Cemetery following the service.

**Cleveland Robinson**

Cleveland Robinson, age 81 of Nashville, died Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in Little Rock. He was born Nov. 3, 1944, in Waldo, Ark., the son of the late Oscar and Mary Madison Robinson. He was retired from Weyerhaeuser in Dierks.

Services will be Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Ebenezer Methodist Church in Nashville. Interment will follow in Center Point Cemetery under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home. The family will receive guests Friday, 5-7 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home.



**Bobby Ray Hamilton**

Bobby Ray Hamilton, 50, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, in Hot Springs, Ark. He was born Sept. 1, 1975, in Murfreesboro, Ark., the son of Linda Godwin Icenhower and the late William Hamilton.

Bobby was a member of Harvest Time Assembly and served as Deacon there. He loved his grandkids, fishing, hunting, anything outdoors and working on trucks.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two children, Gracie and William Hamilton.

Survivors include: his wife, Amanda Hamilton of Nashville; one son, Michael Hamilton and wife Genell of Searcy; four grandchildren, Grason, Emma, McKenzie and Hazel; his mother and stepfather, Linda Icenhower and Rex; three brothers, Billy A. Hamilton, Billy W. Hamilton and Adrian Hamilton; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Sunday, May 3, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Monday, May 4, at Harvest Time Assembly in Murfreesboro, with Bro. Danny Eckert and Vernon Livingston officiating. Burial will follow in Ozan Cemetery at Bingen, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.

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



**Kenneth Wayne Williams**

Kenneth Wayne Williams, age 72, of Foreman, Ark., passed away on Monday April 27, 2026, in Little Rock, Ark. He was born Feb. 13, 1954, in Eugene, Ore., the son of Dixie Wood Williams and the late Roy Neil Williams.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Oak Hill Community Church where he played an active role. He was a proud veteran serving in the United States Army. He also enjoyed hunting is his free time.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his wife, Vicki Williams.

Survivors include: his mother, Dixie Williams; one daughter Angela Lands;

two sons, Aaron Harrison and Matthew Harrison; one sister, Linda Johnson; one brother, Rick Williams and wife Phyllis; four grandchildren, Trevor Williams, Layne Williams, Ethan Harrison and Elliott Harrison; one great-grandchild, Karter Harrison.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 29, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, April 30, at Delight Cemetery, with Mike Jones officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

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

## Church youth project here on Saturday

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

The project includes a carwash by donation. 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.



**FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.** Outgoing and incoming presidents of the Nashville High School FFA chapter spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club, last Wednesday, about their experiences in the longtime chapter at the school. Speakers were Lily McLelland, left, a senior, and Abigail Webb, a junior. The chapter will have a fund-raising dinner and auction, May 8, to help with expenses to meetings and competitions. The students were accompanied by the school's FFA advisor, Matt McLelland.

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## Getting the right retirement plan

If you're a local business owner, a workplace retirement plan can be a powerful tool – helping you manage taxes, strengthen employee retention and build personal financial security.

Many in your situation, however, assume retirement plans are complicated or only suitable for large companies. The reality is quite different. Today's retirement plan options encompass businesses of every size, from solo entrepreneurs to companies with dozens of employees.

The key is understanding which plans work best for different kinds of businesses:

Self-employed individuals or businesses without employees. Three commonly used retirement plans:

- Simplified employee pension (SEP) plans are relatively straightforward, low-maintenance, lower-cost and flexible on how much you contribute each year.

- Owner-only 401(k) plans are ideal if you're willing to accept additional cost and complexity in exchange for benefits like higher contribution limits and borrowing options.

- Owner only defined benefit plans work best for owners with high, steady income who want to maximize their retirement contributions and guaranteed retirement income. These plans come with required annual funding and greater administrative complexity.

Businesses with employees can also consider an SEP plan, although it only allows for employer contributions. Other plan options include:

- The SIMPLE IRA (savings incentive match plan for employees) can work well for companies with 100 or fewer employees seeking a low-maintenance option. Employer contributions are required, and it has lower contribution limits compared to other plan types.

- Traditional 401(k) plans offer maximum flexibility by

allowing both employee salary deferrals and employer contributions that can be adjusted based on business performance. These plans have added costs and administrative responsibilities.

Safe harbor 401(k) plans are ideal if you want to maximize your own retirement contributions without complex testing requirements and you're willing to make required employer contributions.

A cash balance plan is often paired with another plan type, such as a 401(k), to allow greater retirement savings. It works well when you have a smaller company with high-earning employees and consistent cash flow, and you're comfortable making required contributions.

Each plan type involves different eligibility requirements, establishment deadlines, contribution limits, complexity and costs. In determining a workplace retirement plan that's right for

your business, you'll want to consider your number of employees, desired contribution levels, comfort with required employer contributions and willingness to handle administrative responsibilities. And, of course, the goals for your business and your own retirement are important criteria.

Fortunately, you don't have to navigate this decision alone. A financial advisor can help you evaluate the trade-offs among different plan types and select the option that best fits your situation. They can explain how various plans work and guide you through the setup process.

Starting a workplace retirement plan is an investment in your future, your business and your employees. With professional guidance, you can find a plan that helps everyone build financial security while positioning your business for continued success.

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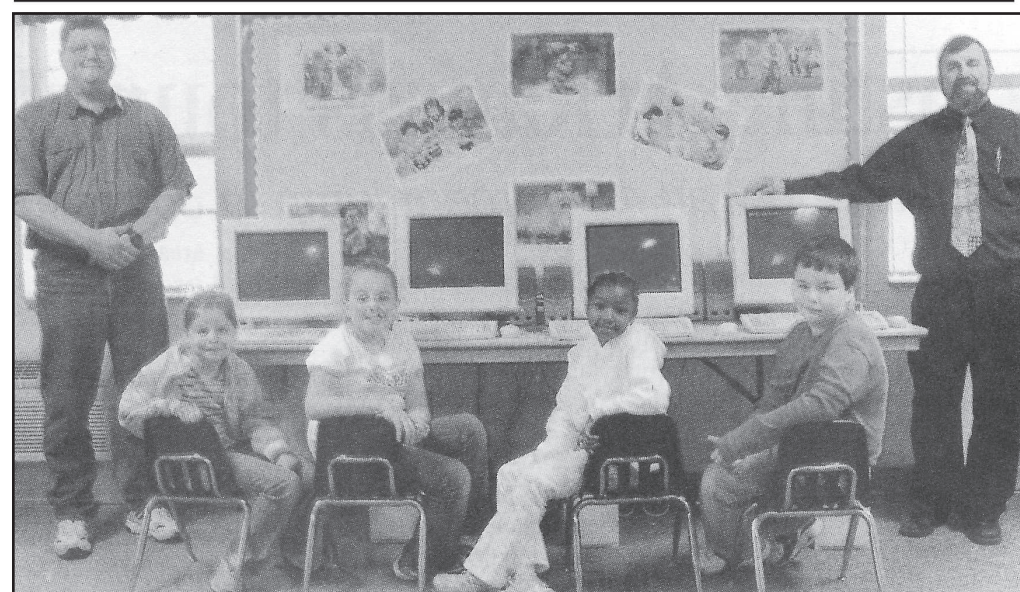
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## THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



The Nashville Soil and Water Conservation District donated several computers to the Nashville Christian Academy in May 2005. (Seated) Victoria Littlefield, Sydney Hughes, Arilah Benson, Hunter Cox; (standing) Clint Ramsey and Mark Segovis.

**134 years ago: May 1892**  
Rev. Spears, a divine of Center Point, recently from Louisiana, was drowned in the Little Missouri River Monday while trying to ford it on horseback. The river was up and parties who were acquainted with the stream warned Spears not to try to ford it, but he paid no attention to them and rode in.

(Adv.) That tired feeling, which is experienced by so many people living in Malarial districts, can be cured by taking Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic, 50¢. It is as pleasant as Lemon Syrup.

**121 years ago: May 1905**  
Joe Williams, a young man, about 23 years of age, was drowned in a pond on the Meyer farm near Ozan Sunday, while bathing with a number of companions.

Some mules were near the pond when the party concluded to swim them

across the water. Williams caught one of the animals by the tail and started it for the opposite bank, but sank when the deep water was reached, and drowned. It is not known whether the young man was struck by the mule's feet or took the cramps.

**66 years ago: May 1956**  
The wing school at Bingen graduated the last eighth grade class this week - from now on pupils from this area will come into the Nashville classrooms. Members of the graduating class were Charlotte Rike, Carolyn Bryant, Doris Jean Worley, Jerry Shaw, Freddie Wood, Thomas Boozer and Edward Stewart. The teachers for the graduating class were Mrs. Thomas Jones, Mrs. H.W. Timberlake and Mrs. Rufus Wolff.

**50 years ago: May 1976**  
Burglars entered the Fel-

lowship Baptist Church on Highway 4 sometime between Sunday night and Tuesday evening and stole their piano and bench.

Deputy Sheriff Walter Allison said the thieves entered the church through a broken window and then unlocked a door on the west side. "They took books and light off the piano and left them, taking only the piano and bench," he said.

Deputy Allison said the piano was valued at \$800 and was new.

**46 years ago: May 1980**  
Vandals slashed 15 tires on South Washington Street sometime late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

David McIntosh of 502 S. Washington Street reported three of his tires slashed during the night. All four tires were slashed on vehicles belonging to Mrs. F. R. Murphy, Joe Barnett and Carliss Hutchinson.

## Defendants receive court dates

Dates for jury trials and for pretrial motions were set last Wednesday, April 29, for eight defendants who entered not guilty or not true pleas before Judge Bryan Chesshir on the county's regular day for criminal court.

Trial dates were set for the following:

Robert Johnson, 56, black male, Mineral Springs, who is charged with theft of property, criminal trespass and fleeing. Motions will be heard May 27.

Marissa Delarossa, 30, white female, Nashville,

who is charged with theft of property but also faces a probation revocation hearing. The revocation trial is May 20; the date for motions on the criminal charges is June 24.

James Sommers-Smith, 33, white male, Delight, is facing a lengthy list of charges including weapons possession during a drug possession event; two charges of drug possession; and felon in possession of firearm. Motions will be heard Sept. 30.

Davonte Gilliam, 18, black male, Nashville, is

charged with accomplice to commercial burglary. Motions were set for June 24.

Shravanthi Joginipelli, 44, female, no race listed, Bryant; two separate hot check criminal cases. Motions will be heard Aug. 5.

Tressie Scott, 42, white female, Nashville, is charged with delivery of controlled substance. Motions will be heard June 24.

Thomas Robinson, 62, white male, Lockesburg, has a reset June 24 date for motions on his charge of attempted residential burglary.

## Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Arkansas, courthouse during the period Apr. 23-29, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

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

No marriage licenses issued during the period.

**Civil Court**  
CV26-78, Apr. 24. LVNO Funding vs. Paul Pitre. Debt.  
CV26-79, Apr. 27. Capital One vs. Kenon Ornebas. Debt.

CV26-80, Apr. 27. LVNO Funding vs. Yolanda Marts. Debt.

CV26-81, Apr. 29. Citibank vs. Alberto Solano. Debt.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
DR26-43, Apr. 22. Taneiya White vs. Sarah Stuart. Divorce.

DR26-44, Apr. 27. Hugo Villalobos vs. Maria Ortiz. 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.)

CR26-27, Apr. 23. State of Arkansas vs. Sravanthi Joginibelli, 44, female no race listed, Bryant, Ark.; Arkansas Hot Check Law, class D Felony; \$4,286.75 check.

CR26-28, Apr. 27. State of Arkansas vs. Tressie Shanae Scott, 42, white female, 707 S. Front, Nashville; POCS, class D.

CR26-29, Apr. 28. State of Arkansas vs. James Alexander Summers-Smith, 33, white male, Delight; weapons possession during controlled substance offense, class Y; 2 counts POCS, class A and misdemeanor; felon in possession of firearm, class B; PODP, class D.

CR26-30, Apr. 28. State of Arkansas vs. Robert Alexander Johnson, 56, black male, Mineral Springs; theft of property, class D; criminal trespass and fleeing, both

misdemeanors.

CR26-31, Apr. 28. State of Arkansas vs. Davonte Gilliam, 18, black male, 626 Gaines, Nashville; accomplice to commercial Burglary, class C. Charge is related to break-in of R&J Supply.

**Land/Property Transactions**  
**Quitclaim Deed**

Apr. 23. Derry Wayne Pinson; to Derry Wayne Pinson, Wesley Wayne Pinson and Kristen Jeri Forga, joint tenants; 3 tracts in S14 T5S R28W.

Apr. 23. Scott Kesterson and wife Suzanne Kesterson; to James Stanley Kesterson and Kayla Diane Kesterson, joint tenants; 7 ac. in S21 T5S R29W.

Apr. 23. Devaney Vargas and Daniel Hernandez, joint tenants; to Devaney Vargas; part of Lots 19-20-21, Block 38, heights Addition, Town of Mineral Springs.

Apr. 23. Devaney Vargas, et al; to Devaney Vargas and Silvano Gomez Hernandez; 20 ac. in S35 T10S R28W.

Apr. 27. Barbara Davis, trustee of the Joel Wayne Davis and Barbara Nell Davis Joint Revocable Trust; to Davis Rental Housing of Glenwood, LLC; 1.6 ac. in S15 T5S R28W.

Apr. 28. Heirs of Ozzie Lee Jefferson; to Johnny L. Jefferson, et al; 1/2 interest in property in S25 T11S R27W.

Apr. 28. Heirs of Ozzie Lee Jefferson; to Johnny L. Jefferson, et al; certain interest in property in S25 T11S R27W.

Apr. 28. Kerry Reed; to Steve Reed and wife Angie Reed; 0.53 ac. in S36 T8S R29W.

**Beneficiary's Deed**  
Apr. 23. Merlene Golden and Enoch Junior Golden, wife and husband; to Cheri Flemens and Stephanie Strasner; property in S25 Y5S R28W.

**Warranty Deed**  
Apr. 23. Scott Kesterson and wife Suzanne Kesterson and James Stanley Kesterson; to Clint Stanley Kesterson; property in S15 T6S R29W.

Apr. 23. Enoch Golden and Merlene Golden, husband and wife; to Cheri Flemens and Stephanie Strasner, co-trustees of the Enoch and Merlene Golden Revocable Trust.

Apr. 24. Brenda Faulkner, trustee of the Lillian Aylett Trust; to Justin Kinkade and wife Wendy Kinkade; 1 ac. in S2 T9S R27W. \$50,000.

Apr. 27. Davis Rental Housing of Glenwood, LLC; to JTL Trading Company, LLC; 0.94 ac. in S15 T5S R28W. \$60,000.

Apr. 27. Andres Perez and wife, Maria Ester Perez; Jason Andrew Reed and Deede Rena Reed, trustees of the Jason and Deede Reed Living trust; Lots 4-5, and half interest in the brick wall on the south Line of Lot 6, Block 29, Town of Nashville. \$130,000.

Apr. 29. William Thomas Jacques, et al; to Clay Hampton Thomasson and wife Carrie Turner Thomasson; property in S13 T8S R27W. \$185,000.

### MINE CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Mine Creek Conservation District located at 101 South Washington St. in Nashville sells pasture chemicals and has the following in stock: 2-4-D, Grazon P+D, Cornerstone, Round Up, Remedy, Outrider, Polaris AC, MSMA, Class Act surfactant. We can also order any chemicals we don't keep in Stock. All Chemical Sale Proceeds goes to promote the District's Conservation Programs.

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# Point of view

## Good showing! Peach Blossom Festival is barometer of our spirit

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and what a crowd came out for the Peach Blossom Festival!!!

Some say biggest ever., and I wouldn't argue.

Yes, I want to congratulate the organizers and vendors and performers and everyone who came out. Plus, thanks to the Almighty for the fine weather.

But I also want to thank the persons who labored on this event in previous years -- all a part of the continuing effort that keeps our small community vital and healthy.

The town looked great as usual! Whose idea was the alternating hanging baskets and banners?

Our community faces hurdles which can be overcome jointly. Faced with the loss of Husqvana jobs, we need to be healthy enough to rebound. And we still don't know how the Great Big Beautiful Bill will affect our hospital. It's one of my concerns.

But back to the festival and why it was important.

My own attendance at the festival was woeful. I hobbled a block and a half to get to Main Street, Saturday morning, and it was just too much of an effort to stay with the events for very long. So, I missed a lot. In previous years I walked the length of the business district several times taking pictures and yakking with my fellow residents of this town.

I may have missed out on some visiting this year, but I was still able to connect with the strong feelings of Main Street.

If you participated in the festival in any way this year or previous ones -- thank you.

If you are on the chamber board, the school board, hospital board, quorum court, city council, Junior Auxiliary, Rotary Club, Children's Center board, Scrapper Boosters, Band Boosters, SWA PAWS, Rural Water board, Electric Cooperative board, etc. -- Thank you.



REMINDER: Saturday is the benefit bbq dinner and auction at the Center Point Volunteer Fire Department. Don't miss it.

Saturday is also the donation car wash and \$10 deluxe baked potato day at Life Tabernacle Church. The event supports the youth group at the church located at the top of the hill on the Murfreesboro highway. Hours are 10-2.

Your participation is encouraging to those who work on such projects.



ANOTHER REMINDER. The next full moon is only a few days away -- May 16.

I noted this previously -- I used to be able to 'see' the Man in the Moon. No longer.

Don't know where that ability went, either.



I AM NOT SMART ENOUGH to predict the resolution of the blockage of the Strait of Hormuz. It wouldn't matter anyway, we're going wherever our President wants.

What bothers me is the up-and-down announcements he makes after midnight on his social media site.

What do we believe, since his pronouncements change so often?



I repeat: Look for Dear Leader in North Korea do something outrageous in order to stay in the world limelight?

But don't let anything distract you from the Epstein Files.



I AM SO SORRY to get your hopes up, but this week is the best time to get up early and look for shooting stars from the Eta Aquarid Meteor Shower.

Every 76 years Halley's Comet makes its appearance to our earthbound eyes. And this time every year Earth passes through the debris field that trails Halley.

Sometimes the resulting Meteor Shower is wonderful. Other years it is a dud. And sometimes it is overcast.

I will get up and sit out on my patio at about 2:30 a.m. This just happens to usually be the first nighttime bathroom visit by an Octogenarian.



WORD GAMES. The Stop-It-Now twins: Cease and Desist. Listen to your mom and behave yourself .... or else.



HE SAID: "Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former." Albert Einstein, scientist



SHE SAID: "Some are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together." Pearl S. Buck, writer and humanitarian



SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek  
Revelations



By  
Louie Graves

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## Fiscal session over; support for PBS passes in Senate but fails in House

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

Some highlights from the fourth and final week of the Arkansas General Assembly's Fiscal Session:

The Senate started the week by passing appropriation bills for departments, divisions, and agencies, including the Department of Health; Parks, Heritage and Tourism; Department of Transportation, UA East Arkansas Community College, and more.

Meeting briefly Monday evening, the Joint Budget Committee voted on HB1034, the Treasurer of State appropriation. The members voted to remove all proposed pay increases.

The Joint Budget Committee met on Tuesday to deal with government contracts, funding requests, out of state contracts, and discretionary grants.

The Senate convened at 1:00 and passed appropriation bills for the Board of Election Commissioners, the Division of Emergency Management, the Division of Environmental Quality, the State Insurance Department, and other departments, agencies, and boards.

The Senate also approved HB1103 to increase the homestead property tax credit to \$675.

On Wednesday, the Senate

voted to approve HB1100 to amend the Revenue Stabilization Law. Members also passed the last appropriations bills for UA Little Rock, Tobacco Prevention and Cessation programs, the Division of Environmental Quality, and more.

The Senate passed a bill providing matching funds for Arkansas TV to continue to receive PBS programming, but the bill failed in the House.

Members elected Senator Breanne Davis as the next President Pro Tempore designee. Senator Ronald Caldwell announced he will run for President Pro Tempore on the floor in November.

The deciding vote will be given by the 96th Senate during its organizational meeting after the elections.

Republicans chose Senator Joshua Bryant as Majority Leader and Senator Tyler Dees as the Majority Whip. Due to members who are term limited, the Democratic caucus will wait until after the elections to elect its leadership.

At the conclusion of the day's business, the Senate adjourned *sine die*, finishing the work of the 2026 fiscal session. Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders signed the completed \$6.7 billion budget

bills Wednesday afternoon.

The crack of bats and the roar of the crowd echoed through Dickey-Stephens Park in North Little Rock on Wednesday night as the Arkansas Senate took on the Arkansas House of Representatives in the inaugural Home Run for Kids' Sake charity softball game. The Senate power hitters were joined by sluggers from the Governor's and Attorney General's offices.

Previous matchups between the two legislative houses have taken place on the basketball court, where the Senate has dominated. This was the first year for softball.

The House edged ahead of the Senate in the final inning, winning 7-6. The real winners, of course, are the recipients of the game's proceeds: Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Arkansas and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas.

You can watch any of the fiscal meetings on demand at <https://senate.arkansas.gov>.

You can read and download PDFs of the bills that were 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.

## D.C. looks at improved health care

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

I recently had the opportunity to share some updates with health care providers and scientists in our state. It is always an honor to recognize their dedication and desire to more proactively serve patients and the overall health of Arkansans.

During an in-state work period in late March and early April, I was pleased to be back home and attend events like the NWA Health Summit as well as tour North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, whose physicians and staff work around the clock to serve Harrison and other communities, and visit the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) in Jefferson.

The gathering in Northwest Arkansas was spearheaded by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), which continues to be a driving force behind collaborative efforts to foster partnerships, spur innovation and create a multiplier effect to improve health outcomes.

Bringing medical professionals together to explore pressing challenges and share successful approaches is a key way to elevate care throughout The Natural State.

One example is a focus on emphasizing nutritional education for doctors in training so they can better translate that to patients. This is a priority the U.S. Department

of Health and Human Services (HHS) is also emphasizing. In fact, it recently recognized forward-thinking Food as Medicine models that help combat chronic disease and support better health.

That is already happening in Arkansas, and I look forward to seeing it reach clinics statewide so more of our family, friends and neighbors are empowered with this vital knowledge.

Strengthening maternal and infant health care has also benefited from concerted efforts to bring providers and even policymakers together.

We have organized roundtables to push important conversations to the forefront in addition to securing direct funding for local projects including the creation of the Arkansas Center for Women's and Infant Health with its Maternal and Infant Supply Kit and Proactive Postpartum Call Center programs.

Just recently, I also led passage of the reauthorization of the PREEMIE Act to support Natural State moms, babies and families by extending critical federal research, education and intervention activities aimed at reducing preterm birth and infant mortality.

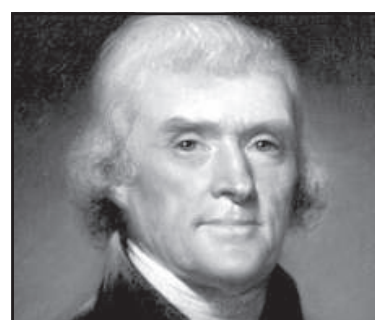
I am also fortunate to have a direct role in the process of writing budgets for critical health and research initiatives as a member

of both the full Appropriations Committee as well as the subcommittee that funds HHS. Recently, I had the opportunity to question Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on some key issues impacting health in Arkansas as we seek to craft next fiscal year's spending levels.

This gave me the chance to highlight the NCTR facility and my meeting with its leaders and scientists to exchange updates about the unique regulatory science mission they undertake. I was pleased to receive Secretary Kennedy's commitment to engage my office on any changes that might impact its distinct and essential capabilities.

We also briefly discussed the status of maternal and infant health in Arkansas and nationwide. I urged him and the department to continue supporting state-led maternal mortality review committees to ensure care is informed by local data, which is crucial to address issues like maternity care deserts and preterm birth.

As an eyecare provider for many years, I understand firsthand the need to ensure Arkansans in every community have access to high-quality care and benefit from sound scientific research. I am eager to continue pursuing federal policy solutions as well as supporting local health care leaders' efforts to improve outcomes and protect our health.



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Thomas Jefferson, 1787  
Free press, free people

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Don and Jaree Hall of Nashville visited the Big Bend National Park in southwestern Texas, where their journey took them to the Chihuahuan Desert and the Chisos Mountains, among other locations.

## Big Bend

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to explore the mountains, the desert, and the river. The paved roads are kept in excellent condition, but you might want to stay off the dirt roads unless you have a tricked-out Jeep or a death wish.

The land is positively magic, but equally inhospitable. It's surprising that there were actually settlers that came shortly after the Army (mainly Black Buffalo Soldiers) cleared out the Apache and Comanche in the 1880s.

There are still signs of some of the early ranches, and they can be reached with a short, easy walk from roadside shoulders or parking areas.

We've all seen moun-

tains, but our experience as Southerners, and Arkies in particular, is largely with the Ouachita, Boston, Blue Ridge, Appalachian, or maybe even the Rocky Mountains. The one thing they all have in common? Trees.

The Chisos Mountains in Big Bend are entirely different. Rugged and often partially or even totally without trees, it takes a while to really begin to appreciate their beauty.

And there are so many, everywhere all around you, that after a while you get overwhelmed.

Just like photos can't capture the majesty of the Grand Canyon, no picture or painting can do justice to the Chisos. You have to see them for yourself.

The Chihuahuan Desert is what you'd expect a desert to be.

Dry and brown with not much except dead or dying weeds and thriving cactus, it's a wonder that any animals can live there.

Yet the early White settlers had cattle, built windmills to pump water, and raised vegetables.

In all honesty, most of the sparse wildlife you see there are lizards scurrying about, with the occasional vulture circling lazily overhead looking for a dead lizard.

You get so used to all of the desert brown that when you finally catch sight of the Rio Grande, it almost takes your breath away. Passing through steep canyons and gentle valleys, with its own ecosystem and with plants that can survive the floods of the rainy season and drought for the rest of the year, it's a surprising, impressive sight.

Next week: Big Bend 2



Woody Futrell of Nashville and his granddaughters Julianne Futrell and Avery Kesterson were surprised to see a long-time friend, former First Lady and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently during a visit to the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock. Futrell's cousin Joyce Sanders, a Clinton Center volunteer, was showing the visitors around when they met Secretary Clinton. The group includes Woody Futrell, Joyce Sanders, Hillary Clinton, Julianne Futrell and Avery Kesterson.

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Those on Horne's bus said he was "calm. He tended to anybody who was hurt and told us to stay calm."

As the students had the opportunity to look around and see what had happened, they realized that it "could have been much worse."

Soon after the accident, the students began to call their parents.

Firefighters arrived with sirens blaring.

Medical personnel issued bracelets to the students, coded to the buses on which they were riding.

The seniors said there was "no complaining. We were thinking of the good of everybody else."

Officials with the Bryant and Benton schools offered to help the Nashville students. They dispatched buses to take the seniors to Mills Park where they had a chance "to stretch our legs" for the first time since



NHS teacher and class sponsor Lacy Britt (middle) is interviewed about the bus accident, which received statewide media attention.

leaving Nashville.

"We got to the park about 11:30," they said.

Restrooms were available. Law enforcement brought along an emotional support dog for the students.

The Benton and Bryant schools provided trail mix, cookies, water and other snacks at the park while the group waited to go home. Some received medical treatment.

## Superintendent issues statement on bus accident

Although the accident was "a very frightening experience for the Nashville School District community, it also revealed an immense wave of compassion, support and unity," Superintendent Doug Graham said.

"We are incredibly thankful for the safety and well-being of our students and for God's grace throughout the situation. In the midst of uncertainty, many individuals and organizations stepped forward to provide help, comfort, and care.

"We extend our sincere appreciation to Tate Gordon, Ashley Riggs, Bunch Nichols, former Assistant Superintendent Joe Kell, Kelsie Willard, Mark

Higgins, Alesha Erwin, Lacy Britt, Scott Horne, Travis Mack, Teresa Mack, and Samantha Humphries for their presence, support, and steady reassurance during the situation.

"A special thank you goes to the Bryant School District for providing buses, water, and snacks, and for continuing to check on our students even after they safely returned to Nashville.

"We also recognize the leadership and support of Dr. Karen Walters, Assistant Superintendent Todd Sellers, and Transportation Director Scott Curtis.

"We extend gratitude to Pafford Ambulance Service, local

first responders, and the Arkansas State Police for their swift and professional response. We also thank Cracker Barrel for graciously accommodating our large group, the City of Benton for providing a support dog, and the three area hospitals that cared for our students and delivered exceptional medical attention.

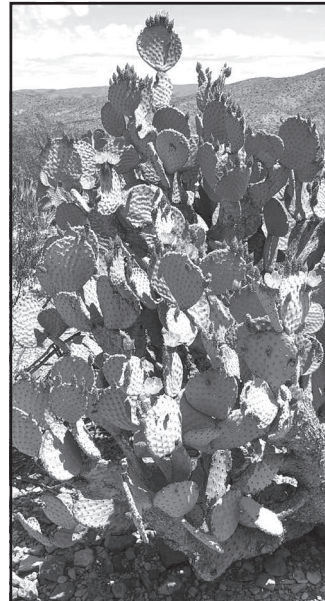
"This experience reminded us of the strength of our community and the kindness of those around us.

"Nashville School District remains deeply grateful for the care, generosity, and continued support shown during this difficult time."



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Jaree Hall looks around homestead ruins.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Cacti grow in the Big Bend National Park of southwestern Texas.

## Regional

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Semifinals at 12 noon and 2:30 p.m.

May 9

Consolation game at 12 noon  
Regional final at 2:30 p.m.

Baseball schedule and seeding will include the following:

May 7

10 a.m. - (1) Monticello vs. (4) Arkadelphia

12:30 p.m. (2) Nashville vs.

(3) Hamburg

3 p.m. - (1) Magnolia vs (4) Crossett

5:30 p.m. - (2) Warren vs. (3) Camden Fairview

May 8

Semifinals at 12 noon and 2:30 p.m.

May 9

Consolation game at 12 noon  
Regional final at 2:30 p.m.

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Providing the personal protective equipment needed for a single firefighter costs approximately \$13,480. This includes just what they are wearing to work at a structure fire and does not include the cost of the tools and other equipment they carry, their training, or the apparatus to get to the fire.

Each set of bunker gear (coat and pants) is sewn to the dimensions of a particular firefighter. This provides the absolute best and safest fit for working in extreme conditions. The clothing is limited to 10 years of use though NFPA standards. Most of it will undergo at least some level of repair to fix tears or other issues and some of it may be retired early if it becomes unrepairable.

**WHEN**  
Saturday, May 9th, 2026  
5pm

**WHERE**  
Center Point Fire Station  
INDOOR DINING & AUCTION!

Menu: Bar B Q Beef, Pork and Chicken, Beans, Cole Slaw, Homemade Bread and Desserts

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**RAFFLE ITEM:**  
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**AUCTION ITEMS:**  
Items generously donated by local merchants and individuals. Other items include Smith & Wesson Sheild .380 EZ, Heritage Rough Rider 22 Pistol, Savage Axis XP 350 Legend with Scope, and more to come! Tools, flowers, hand made items, pies, cakes and more!

**MEAL COSTS:**  
\$15 per meal minimum

**BENEFITING:**  
The Center Point Volunteer Fire Department


# Scrapper Hall of Fame, Hall of Honor

**KYLE**  
*Slayton* **S**

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

- 544 career wins in 25 years (438 at Nashville)
- 5 State Championships
  - Fouke (1999)
  - Nashville (2007, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- 4 Football State Championships (2005, 2006, 2007, 2015)
- 2017 & 2018 ABCA Regional Coach of the Year
- 2018 ABCA National Coach of the Year
- 2022 SAU Hall of Fame Class

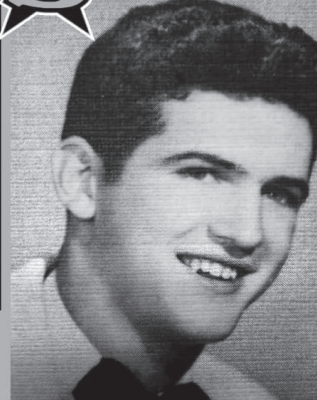
**HALL of FAME**



**WOODY**  
*Futrell* **S**

- Qualified for the first Meet of Champions in 1958
- All District Scrapper Running Back/Defensive Back
- Once held the Scrapper track record for 100-yard dash
- Coached by Dwight Jones from 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Continued athletic career at Henderson State Teachers College as a member of both football and track teams

**HALL of FAME**



**CLINT**  
*Reed* **S**


**SCHOOL CAREER**

- NHS Class of 1997
- Member of 1995 State Runner-Up football; 1996 State Championship football
- Senior Class MVP
- Football: 3-year starter; 2x All-Conference & All-State
- Baseball: 2-year starter; All-Conference & All-State
- School-record ERA; recipient of 1996 Brad Byers Award
- Inductee, Arkansas Tech Athletic Hall of Fame (2025)

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

- Coaching Staff for 06-07 Scrapper Football State Championship team & 07 Baseball State Championship team
- Former NLR High School Head Football Coach

**HALL of FAME**



**CHRIS**  
*Benson* **S**

- NHS Class of 2001
- Football
  - AAA All-Star Game Defensive MVP (2001)
  - Nashville/Howard County All-Star (1998-2000)
  - Arkansas Democrat Super Prep All Arkansas Team DB (2000)
  - 2x First Team District 7AAA(1999-2000) 2x All-State (1999-2000)
  - Hooten's Class AAA Super Team (2000)
- Track & Field
  - 3x All-State; 3x Outdoor State Champion; 2x Indoor State Champion
  - Joe Lee Goodrum Award (2001)
  - School Records: Decathlon Points, 3200m Relay, Triple Jump
  - 3x Meet of Champions Qualifier
  - Ouachita Baptist University (OBU); Defensive Captain, 3-Year Starter, Letterman


**HALL of FAME**



**IVORY**  
*Johnson* **S**

- NHS Class of 1995
- All State 1995
- All District 1993-1995
- All Conference 1993-1995
- Played Semi-Pro Football for the Springfield Rifles 2003-2004

**HALL of FAME**



**KAREN**  
*Turley Garcia* **S**

- NHS Class of 1973
- Scrapperette Basketball 1968-1973
  - MVP
- 4x All District
- South All Star
- 4x District Champs
- Arkansas State Runner-up
- Who's Who Most Athletic
- 4 Year Scholarship to UAM
- Outstanding College Athlete of America
- Campus Favorite
- Dean's List
- All AWISA Conference Player
- AWISA Runner up 1976
- AWISA Champs 1977
- 2024 UAM Hall of Fame

**HALL of FAME**



**WILLE MOE**  
*Henry* **S**

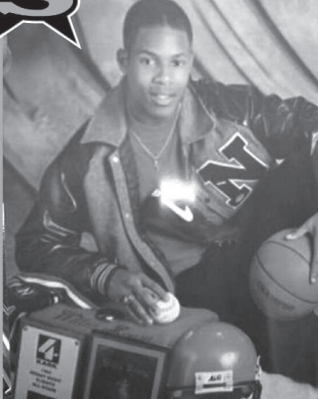
**SCHOOL CAREER**

- 4 Sport Athlete
  - 3 Year Letterman
- Senior Year
  - 3 Sport All-State
  - 1 Sport All-Conference
- 1995 Scrapper MVP & Mr. NHS
- 1996 Selected for All-Star Game
- Arkansas Tech University Football Scholarship
  - 3 Year Starter (1998-99)
  - 2025 Arkansas Tech Hall of Fame Class

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

- Shiloh Christian Head Baseball Coach 2014-19
- 2016 State Champs, 3x Runner-Up
- Current Head Football Coach at Van Buren High School

**HALL of FAME**



**RICK**  
*Baker* **S**

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

- 24 years as a Nashville Coach
- Head Jr. High Football Coach
  - 9 Undefeated Seasons
  - 65 Game Winning Streak
- Head Sr. Boys Track and Field Coach
  - 15 District Championships
  - 9 State Indoor & Outdoor Championships
- 2007 Arkansas Outstanding Track and Field Coach of the Year

**HALL of FAME**



**ANITA**  
*Stuckey* **S**


**SCHOOL CAREER**

- NHS Class of 1967 (6 year cheerleader)
- UCA Class of 1971 (3 year cheerleader)

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

- 1991-2001 National Safety Certifier for Arkansas Cheer Coaches (certified 600+)
- 1999 Arkansas & Regional Coach of the Year
- 2001 National Coach of the Year
- 40 Years as an NHS Teacher
  - Arkansas Regional Teacher of the Year
- 25 Years as Cheer Coach
- 1994 AAA State Cheerleading Champs

**HALL of FAME**



**WILLIE**  
*Scott* **S**

- NHS Class of 2000
- Scrapper Football
  - 3-year letterman; 2x All-State; Co-Team Captain; 1999 MVP (State Runner-up team); School records--career receiving TD leader, 2nd in single-season TDs
- Basketball
  - 3-year letterman; All-Conference (1998-1999)
- Track & Field
  - 3-year letterman; All-State (1998-1999)
- Honors & Awards
  - Arkansas Sports Medicine Super 7 Team (1999); KATV All-Arkansas All-Star Team (2000); Joe Lee Goodrum Track Award (1998); Scrapper Award (2000)
- Collegiate Career (ATU): 3-year starter

**HALL of FAME**



**TESSA RAY**  
*Jamison* **S**

**NHS Class of 2005**

- NHS Scrapperette Award

**Track & Field**

- State Champion (2003)
- 3x All-State (2003-2005)
- School-record holder, 800m (2:23.61)
- Betty Floyd Track Award (2002, 2004, 2005)
- Outstanding Distance Runner (2004, 2005)
- Outstanding Sprinter (2005)
- Outstanding Track Performance (2005)
- Gatorade Player of the Year (2005)


**Softball**

- 3x All-District; 2x All-Region
- 3x Golden Glove Award & All-Star Nominee
- Henderson State University Athletic Scholarship
- School record holder (HSU): 39 steals in a single season

**Golf**

- 2x Outstanding Golfer of the Year (2003, 2005)
- All-State (2004, 2005)

**HALL of FAME**



**KATIE**  
*Wesche* **S**

- NHS Class of 1959
- Harding University Class of 1963
- Master of Administration
  - Harding University 1977
- 1983 Certified Instructor for Program for Effective Teaching
- 1988 Superintendent Certification from ADE through UCA
- 1984-85 Outstanding Educator Award (Nashville PTA)
- 1988 Harding University Outstanding Alumnus Award
- 1997 Distinguished Leadership Award (Arkansas Leadership Academy)

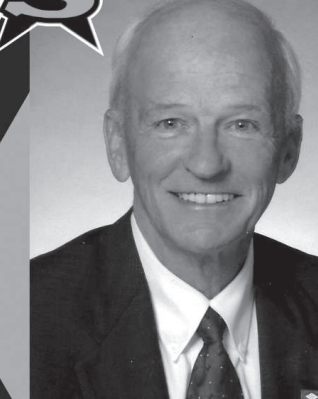
**HALL of HONOR**



**JIM**  
*Hill* **S**

- NHS Class of 1956
- Represented Nashville in the Arkansas Legislature from 1993-2009
  - 2003-04 President pro tem of the Senate
- Appointed by Governor Beebe to the War Memorial Stadium Commission
- Appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to National Beef Board
- Arkansas Game & Fish Hall of Fame inductee
- 2007 Nashville Man of the Year

**HALL of HONOR**



**DEB**  
*Tackett* **S**


**SCHOOL CAREER**

- NHS Class of 1974
- Scrapper Band Majorette
- President of Student Council
- Henderson State University Graduate
  - BSE & MSE
- Member of Delta Zeta Sorority

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

- 39 Years in Education
  - 36 years with Nashville Public Schools
  - 4-year NJHS Assistant Principal
  - 12-Year NJHS Principal
  - Recipient of the 4NAC Outstanding Educator Award
- Active Member of Daughters of the American Revolution
- Active member and volunteer at First Baptist Church Nashville

**HALL of HONOR**



**LARRY**  
*Teague* **S**

- NHS Class of 1976
- 6 years in the Arkansas House of Representatives
- 14 Years in the Arkansas Senate
- Owner of Teague & Teague Insurance
- Former Alderman of the City of Nashville
- 2013 Legislator of the Year, Arkansas Forestry Association
- 2011 Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association Advocate of Justice Award
- Outstanding State Legislator of 2011, Arkansas State Employees Association
- 2002 Rural Advocate of the Year

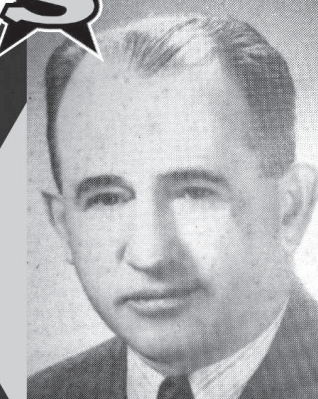
**HALL of HONOR**



**E.T. & LOUISE**  
*Moody* **S**

- 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**



**Scrapper Hall of Fame, Hall of Honor**  
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**RATTLERS BEAT OUT BEARS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP, TO HOST REGIONALS THIS WEEK**

After defeating Spring Hill 1-0 in ten innings to close out the regular season at home last week, the Murfreesboro Rattlers baseball team (22-3 overall, 11-1 conference) was crowned as the 7-2A conference champions for 2026. The Rattlers, which has now won the conference championship three years straight, will now enter the regional tournament, held in Murfreesboro this week, by facing the number four seed from 8-2A, Parkers Chapel on Thursday, May 7 at 10 a.m.

**Murfreesboro, Dierks, Mineral Springs, Blevins headed to baseball, softball regionals this week**

The Lady Rattlers (third-seeded, 7-2A) will also be participating in the softball regional tournament at home, facing off against Magnet Cove (seconds seeded, 8-2A) on Thursday, May 7 at 12:30 p.m. Other softball games on Thursday include: (1) Horatio versus (4) Hampton at 10 a.m., (1) Woodlawn versus (4) Spring Hill at 3 p.m. and (2) Dierks versus (3) Poyen at 5:30 p.m. The semi final games are set for Friday, May 8 (Noon and 2:30 p.m.) with the consolation game set for Saturday at noon and the championship game to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Other baseball games on Thursday include (2) Junction City versus (3) Foreman at 12:30 p.m., (1) Woodlawn versus (4) Dierks at 3 p.m. and (2) Spring Hill versus (3) Ouachita at 5:30 p.m. The semifinals are set for Friday, May 8 at noon and 2:30 p.m. The consolation game will be held on Saturday at noon and the championship game at 2:30. In 1A-4 regional baseball tournament at Columbia Christian will feature the Blevins Hornets playing Taylor at 10 a.m. May 7 and the Mineral Springs Hornets will also play on May 7 at 12:30 against Columbia Christian. The 1A-4 softball bracket has the Mineral Springs Lady Hornets playing at 3:00.



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**RUNNER-UP FOR THE LADY OUTLAWS.** The Dierks Lady Outlaws dropped the 2A-7 district title game to Horatio 18-3 last week in Murfreesboro for the runner-up positions. Both teams are scheduled to enter regional play this week in Murfreesboro. Here, Lady Outlaw Breezy Faulkner (at left) handles a close play at third base while Dierks' right side of the infield was handled by Kaylan Coulter at first.

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# Hit-a-thon features Scrapperettes, alums

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Kayla Bretado



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Hayden Gray steals third base Monday afternoon in the Scrapers' come-behind 10-8 win over Spring Hill in the final game of the regular season. The Class 4A South Regional will start Thursday, May 7, at Crossett.



Kinley Martin



Jenna Hendry Pryor

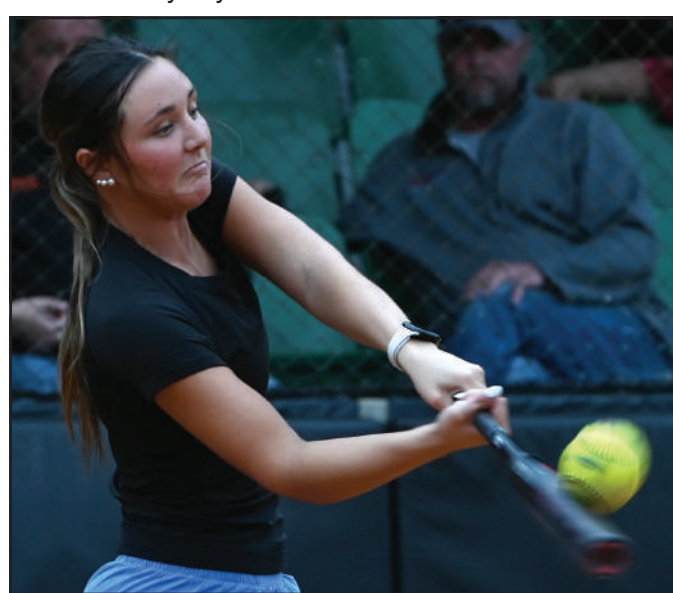


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Halton Howard pitches against Spring Hill Monday.



Hannah Stinson Topor



Nancy Worthington



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Catcher Gavin Rawlinson looks to Coach Zac Stewart for the signal Monday, May 4, against Spring Hill.



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**SPORTS LEADERS**  
Players of the Week as selected by  
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Baseball, softball teams going to regionals

Area baseball and softball teams will enter regional tournaments this week and compete for positions at their upcoming state tournaments. The Nashville Scrapers and Scrapperettes will play in the 4A South Regional at Crossett. The Dierks Outlaws and Lady Outlaws and the Murfreesboro Rattlers and Lady Rattlers are going to the Class 2A Regional at Murfreesboro. The Mineral Springs Hornets and Lady Hornets will compete in the 1A regional at Columbia Christian.

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**BIG TURNOUT FOR MARKET OPENING.** The Howard County Farmers' Market kicked off its season with a strong start last Friday morning, drawing a large crowd for opening day and a community celebration photo featuring vendors, sponsors and supporters, according to market manager Melanie Schwartz. The market returns this Friday with even more to enjoy, including a food truck and a coffee cart joining the lineup alongside local vendors. Schwartz added that with Mother's Day just around the corner, all are encouraged to stop by and browse homemade treats, handcrafted items, and seasonal goods—perfect for finding a thoughtful, one-of-a-kind gift. Opening day featured a wide variety of offerings, including fresh produce, along with eggs, jams, sourdough bread and other baked goods, original artwork, wood crafts, and quilted items—giving a glimpse of the variety visitors can expect throughout the season. The market is held every Friday from 7 a.m. - 12 Noon. Follow the market on Facebook to see the latest news and list of weekly vendors.



## Mickey & Candie Ford of Umpire named Howard County Farm Family of Year

The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year program announces its 2026 County Farm Families of the Year.

The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year program has helped recognize outstanding farm families throughout the state since 1947. The objectives of the Farm Family of the Year program are:

- To give recognition and encouragement to farm families who are doing an outstanding job on their farm and in their community;
- To recognize the importance of agriculture in the community and state; and
- To disseminate information on improved farm practices and management.

Arkansas Farm Family of the Year selection criteria includes efficiency of production, conservation of energy and resources, leadership in agricultural and community affairs, home and farm improvement, and home and farm management.

The program is open to all counties and is voluntary. Participation varies, explaining why not all counties have a recipient.

- The area 2026 county Farm Families of the Year:
- Clark County – Larry and Kay Ferguson, Arkadelphia
  - Hempstead County – Aaron and Jessica Huett, Hope
  - **Howard County – Mickey and Candie Ford, Umpire**
  - Little River County – Rickey and Tanya Fawcett, Winthrop
  - Montgomery County – Paul and Sherry Waller, Glenwood
  - Nevada County – Cole and Jamie Hillery, Prescott
  - Sevier County – Phillip and Kristy Frachiseur, Gillham

Judges will visit farms to determine eight District Farm Families of the Year, which will be announced June 9.

The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year will be announced in December at a luncheon and will represent Arkansas at the Southeastern Expo Farmer of the Year event in Georgia.



## Letter Carriers' Food Drive Saturday, May 9

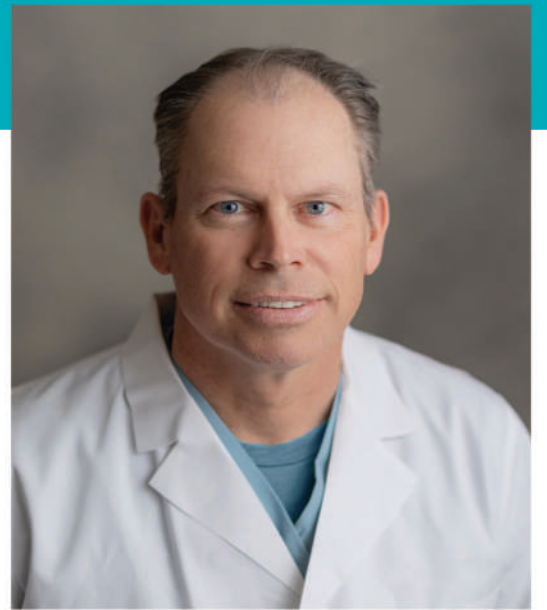
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**FBLA CHAPTERS RAISING FUNDS FOR NATIONALS.** Mineral Springs High School FBLA Chapter members (above from left) Rihanna Collins, Evelyn Garcia and Zion McElroy are seeking business sponsors to help fund their trip to the FBLA National Leadership Conference. To get on board, contact MSHS adviser Amber Jackson at amber.jackson@msisd.net. Also seeking funds for a trip to the national conference are Nashville High School FBLA members (below from left) Geraldine Martinez, Arely Hernandez and Helen Barragan, who were at Saturday's Peach Fest selling bake goods and "crazy socks." To donate to the cause, contact the high school.



## Dierks hires new head coach

Former coach moved over to high school principal

The Dierks School Board has approved the reassignment of Paul Ernest from head football coach to the high school principal's position and hired current Dierks staffer Lantz Castleman as new Outlaw head football coach.

The decision was made in a special meeting called on May 1.

Ernest will replace Scott Feemster, who announced his resignation last month, and will keep his athletic director role.

Also during the special meeting, the board set the administrative salaries for elementary principal (\$80,000), high school principal (\$85,000) and superintendent (\$100,000).

According to Dierks Booster Club's announcement of Castleman's promo-

tion, the coach "brings a wealth of experience, a proven track record of player development, and a relentless work ethic to this leadership role." He has been a member of the coaching staff for two years and served as head track coach and assistant football coach, winning track district championships both years and compiling a 25-12 combined record in junior and senior high.

"The Outlaw HC was a four-year starter and was named First Team All-Conference for the Muleriders" of Southern Arkansas University, according to the booster club.

Castleman is married to wife, Ariel, who teaches at Dierks and they have four children.

## Local teen charged as accomplice in April R&J Supply break-in

A Nashville teen has been charged in connection to the April 12 break-in at R&J Supply.

Davonte Gilliam, 18, was charged in Howard County Circuit Court on April 28 with being an accomplice to commercial burglary.

Gilliam is one of two

masked subjects suspected of being involved in the break-in, which set off a burglar alarm notification to the owner and was also captured by surveillance cameras. First using keys to try and open the front and side entrances, the suspects then broke out the front

glass and one entered.

The suspect is seen using a trailer hitch in an attempt to break the glass on the gun display case. The pair fled the scene after the unsuccessful attempt.

No other arrests in the case have been made at this time.

## Pike County felon catches drug, firearm charges in Howard County

A Pike County man has been charged in Howard County with several drug offenses following a traffic stop involving Nashville's K9 officer.

James Alexander Summers-Smith, 33, of Delight, was arrested on April 18 after a traffic stop by K9 Officer Greg Parker and his partner, Thor. The officer noted Summer-Smith's shaky demeanor and questioned if there was anything illegal in the vehicle.

The driver first responded that there was not and then handed over a container of suspected marijuana.

A subsequent search of Summers-Smith's vehicle allegedly uncovered a .25 caliber pistol, various paraphernalia including a syringe, digital scales, a THC vape and a baggy of suspected methamphetamine. The baggy weighed approximately 93.9 grams and the marijuana totaled 3.24 grams.

The case file noted that Summers-Smith is a convicted felon.

His felony charges are simultaneous possession of drugs and firearms, possession of meth with purpose to deliver, possession of a firearm by certain persons and possession of drug paraphernalia and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.

Summers-Smith is currently in custody at the Howard County Jail.

## Pike County District Court

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Allen, Ricky Andrew, 71, Glenwood, \$495 BF, third-degree domestic battery

Chambers, William Earl, 62, Nashville, guilty of failure to register tags/expired; guilty of motorcycle-standard equipment required, fined \$125; guilty of no motorcycle endorsement on license; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315

Conwell, William Odell, 41, Glenwood, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$285

Lansford, Kasey W., 33, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$140

Mille, Kevin R., 34, Murfreesboro, \$1,000 BF, third-

degree battery

Reeves, Danielle, 41, Glenwood, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$285

Riddell, Emily Lauren, 34, Glenwood, \$140 BF, fictitious tags

Stewart, Destiny Faith, 27, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,995 balance

Woods, Kinder Deshae, 26, Little Rock, guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$140; guilty of no motorcycle endorsement on license, fined \$140; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$210

**Arkansas Game & Fish Commission**  
Slaton, Raymond W., 74, Valiant, Okla., \$235 BF, fishing without license

**City of Glenwood**  
Cabornaro, Nicholas Jon, 44, Hot Springs, \$350 BF, driving with suspended license; \$70 BF, no seat belt;

\$205 BF, failure to appear  
Pate, Ted C., 36, Arkadelphia, \$165 BF, failure to pay; \$865 balance

Reppo, Priscilla, 56, Glenwood, \$165 BF, failure to pay  
Tigue, Gene McKinney, 35, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, committed to jail; \$2,210 balance

**Bench Trials**

**Pike County**  
Cox, Christopher, 42, Murfreesboro, third-degree domestic battery, under advisement for six months to dismiss

Howell, Dustin R., 32, Delight, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$595

**City of Murfreesboro**  
Laliberte, Virginia Arlett, 39, Hot Springs, \$160 BF, careless prohibited driving

**City of Glenwood**  
Huskey, Desiree Ann, 40, Hot Springs, speeding, under advisement to dismiss

## Search warrants filed in Howard County for Prescott coach's social media account

The incident on April 7 that played out at a Nashville track meet involving serious allegations against a Prescott coach has resulted in two search and seizure affidavits being filed in Howard County Circuit Court.

The two affidavits were filed May 1 in connections with two SnapChat accounts, one allegedly belonging to the Prescott coach, who is identified in court records as Tony Price, 57, and the other is a decoy account.

The affidavits are centered around an investigation of internet stalking of a child.

Price has not been

charged with any crime, as of Tuesday morning.

According to case information, Nashville Police Department officers were called to the Nashville High School parking lot on April 7 where "two citizens" had confronted the coach regarding "inappropriate conversations with an underage female."

The file notes the two citizens had posed online as a 15-year-old female and had documented alleged conversations that were sexual in nature with Price. The communications with the decoy account had reportedly been going on for one month.

The pair videoed the encounter with Price and the footage was streamed to various social media platform and they quote sexual explicit dialog to Price that was allegedly used in the conversation with the decoy.

The NPD obtained a copy of the messages between the decoy and Price.

It was noted that the decoy had told Price she was almost 16 and a sophomore at Monticello and he responded by asking the decoy how much longer until she turns 18.

Several other explicit messages allegedly sent by Price were documented in the file.

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## Fresh Picks: A Practical Guide to Choosing the Best Produce

By Abby Gray

Howard County EA-FCS  
With the recent farmers market opening some may wonder how to pick the best produce at the market for your needs, however; this information is also great for picking produce from the grocery store! As shoppers increasingly prioritize healthier eating, experts say knowing how to select fresh produce is just as important as putting them on your plate. Guidance from nutrition experts emphasizes that selecting high-quality produce doesn't have to be complicated if you know what to look for.

Tips for choosing the best produce

- **Visual inspection.** Shoppers should look for produce with intact skin that is free from holes, discoloration, or visible damage. The texture should also match what's typical for that fruit or vegetable. Some items are naturally smooth, while other may be slightly wrinkled. While uniform appearance is common in grocery stores, produce from farmers' markets may look more varied. This variation doesn't necessarily indicate lower quality.

- **Ripeness-how produce feels** can reveal a lot about its freshness. Most fruits and vegetables should feel firm or only slightly soft when ripe, depending on the type. Items that feel overly soft or mushy should generally be avoided. Packaged produce should also be checked for excess moisture, which can lead to faster spoilage.

- **Smell- smell is another reliable indicator of quality.** Ripe produce has a fresh, sometimes sweet scent. If the smell is weak, the item may not yet be ripe and could

need time before eating. On the other hand, any sour or moldy odor is a clear sign to pass on that item.

Not all fruits behave the same after harvesting. Some, like bananas, peaches, and pears, continue to ripen and can be purchased slightly underripe. Others such as apples, grapes, and strawberries should be bought when already ripe, as they won't improve after purchase. Understanding this difference can help shoppers plan when to eat their produce and reduce waste.

Buying fruits and vegetables that are in season is one of the easiest ways to get produce that tastes better and costs less. When items aren't in season, frozen or canned options can be practical alternatives, as they are often processed at peak ripeness.

**Storage**  
Selecting good produce is only part of the equation, storing it correctly is just as important. Experts recommend waiting to rinse fruits and vegetables until just before use, since washing them too early can speed up spoilage. Different items also require different storage conditions. Some belong in the refrigerator, others on the counter, and some in cool, dry spaces like pantry.

Even with careful selection, produce can become overripe. Instead of throwing it away, experts suggest using it creatively, over-ripe fruits can be baked or blended, while vegetables can be added to soups or roasted dishes before they spoil.

Ultimately, choosing the best produce comes down to using your senses and understanding how different foods behave. By paying

attention to appearance, texture, smell, and seasonality, shoppers can consistently bring home fruits and vegetables that are both flavorful and long-lasting.

This information is provided from the Oregon State University Food Hero. For more information, check out their blog or contact the Howard County Extension office.

**Harvest Vegetable Salad**

- Ingredients:**  
2 cups romaine lettuce (washed)  
1 cup cilantro leaves (washed)  
1 cup parsnips (peeled)  
1 cup carrot (peeled)  
1 cup turnips (peeled)  
**For the dressing:**  
¼ cup lime juice  
½ teaspoon lime zest (grated)

- Directions:**  
1. In a large bowl, combine romaine lettuce and cilantro. Divide greens onto four plates.  
2. Cut parsnips, carrots, and turnips to desired size. Place them in 1 quart of boiling water. Return water to a simmer and cook vegetables for 2 minutes. Strain into a colander.  
3. Just before serving, mix all of the dressing ingredients in a small bowl.  
4. Place hot vegetables on top of greens and top with dressing.

The recipe is from Purdue University- Foodlink. For nutrition information and more recipes visit extension.purdue.edu/foodlink/.



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**COUNTY EHC SEWING SESSION.** Howard County's Extension Homemakers Clubs recently gathered for their monthly sewing session including the New Horizon Club (above) whose members Kathy Yates, Pearlie Snell, Margie Green and Martha Armstrong were working on personal crochet projects, and the Twilight Club whose members Sherri Finney, Shirley Wright, Mary Hartness, Edith Deloney, Pam Wynn, Abby Gray and Kathy Stinnet made special cards and flowers arrangements for a local nursing home.



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**Celebrate Mother's Day!**

Let's see: pancakes, bananas, coffee, and juice.

I'm so excited about our plans for Mom!

First, we are going to serve her breakfast in bed. Chitter is making a card for her food tray. Then, we are taking her to the park for a picnic.

Do I spy the first picnic basket of the season?

**Grandma's favorite things:**

- box of \_\_\_\_\_
- cellular \_\_\_\_\_
- teacup \_\_\_\_\_
- family \_\_\_\_\_
- ten-speed \_\_\_\_\_
- garden \_\_\_\_\_

**Mom's favorite things:**

- locket \_\_\_\_\_
- baby \_\_\_\_\_
- laptop \_\_\_\_\_
- coastal \_\_\_\_\_
- stack of \_\_\_\_\_
- running \_\_\_\_\_

**Five Famous Mothers!**

We talk about mothers all the time in rhymes, stories and art. Can you read the clues and fill in the names of these five famous mothers?

- son's painting of her in chair is famous: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother
- "parent" to all the natural world (not made by man): Mother \_\_\_\_\_
- "author" of a collection of nursery rhymes: Mother \_\_\_\_\_
- character of a nursery rhyme: Mother \_\_\_\_\_
- Her Gracious Majesty: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother

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**How to Surprise a Mom!**

How can you surprise your Mom on her special day? Is there something that you can do that would be helpful? Read Chitter's list. Find and circle the words in bold print in the strawberry.

- be very **quiet** in the morning and let Mom sleep in late
- make a **card**, put it in a place where you know she will see it
- with an adult's help, make **breakfast** and serve it to her in bed
- put little, fancy **soaps** into a basket or on a clean face cloth in the bathroom
- save your **money** and buy a gift just for her (write a few clues on some paper and let Mom search for it)
- finish a **chore** that Mom didn't have time to complete
- dip some **strawberries** into chocolate
  - What ideas do you have?

Yum!

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If you need a little help starting a surprise, then finish this note for Mom. Fill in the middle with your ideas. Color and decorate it to give it your special touch. Cut it out and give it to your mother! (Or, slip this into a fancy card that you make for your Mom.)

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## Mine Creek-Paraclifta DAR announce 2026 Good Citizen, Essay Contest Winners

By Fran Strawn

MC-P DAR Chapter Registrar

The DAR Good Citizen Award and Scholarship Contest, established in 1934 by the Daughters of the American Revolution, encourages and rewards the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism among high school seniors. Students are selected by their teachers and peers for demonstrating these traits to an exceptional degree in their homes, schools, and communities.

Members of the Mine Creek-Paraclifta DAR Chapter invited this year's honorees from six area schools to participate in the scholarship portion of the chapter's April meeting. Students recognized included Bailey Kessler of Nashville, Kaedon Davis of Horatio, Lillian Hogg of Dierks, Mabree Sweat of Murfreesboro, Maddelyn Harris of Mineral Springs, and Lizeth Baltazar-Bahena of De Queen.

In preparation for the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding, students were also encouraged to enter the Patriots of the American Revolution High School Essay

Contest, which highlights the men and women who played significant roles in the American Revolution. Mabree Sweat of Murfreesboro was named the essay contest winner.

Students, their families, and chapter members enjoyed a taco salad meal together prior to the meeting, making the event both a celebration of achievement and a time of fellowship.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Over one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

## Rep. Henley receives consumer advocate award

State Representative Dolly Henley has received the 2026 Consumer Advocate Award from the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA) in recognition of her leadership and commitment to protecting the rights of Arkansas consumers during the 2025 Arkansas General Assembly.

The award was presented at the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock by Jim Jackson, a noted trial attorney who practices statewide and a 1985 graduate of Hope High School. A photograph accompanying this release shows Jackson presenting

Representative Henley with the commemorative plaque at the Capitol.

The Consumer Advocate Award is given annually to elected officials and community leaders who demonstrate a strong commitment to safeguarding access to the civil justice system and preserving the rights of individuals and families across Arkansas.

Representative Henley was recognized for her stance on tort reform legislation considered during the 2025 legislative session. In particular, she voted against House Bill 1204, legisla-

tion that trial lawyers and consumer advocates argued would have restricted citizens' legal rights while increasing leverage for insurance companies in civil cases.

Jackson, who graduated from Hope High School in 1985, said it was especially meaningful to present the award on behalf of ATLA.

"I'm proud to be from downtown Columbus and to practice law across Arkansas," Jackson said. "It's important to recognize public officials who stand up for fairness and accountability in our legal system."



**DAR GOOD CITIZENSHIP, ESSAY WINNERS**

(Top from left) Lizeth Baltazar-Bahena of De Queen, Lilly Hogg of Dierks, Mabree Sweat of Murfreesboro and Bailey Kessler of Nashville; and (at right) Maddelyn Harris of Mineral Springs.



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The Top Dog in the PBF costume contest was Rusty, who is pictured here being dressed by his people, Tina and Jerry Thompson



Getting some congratulations at the finishing line from her husband is PBF 5K runner Judy Buck, 73



Bennie Bradford and band provided the soundtrack for the festival from a "pocket park" on Main Street



Best in Show in the kids' bicycle costume parade went to rider Maggie Dyers



Dozens of bike riders showed by for the parade, which was moved along Main Street by NCC member Tina Carver (at right) on her own nifty form of transportation



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