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Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

DAR to hold Memorial Day observance on May 25

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Mine Creek-Paraclyfta Chapter, will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony dedicated to honoring the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in service to the nation.

The ceremony will be held Monday, May 25 at 11 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse in Nashville.

Community members, veterans, families and local officials are encouraged to attend this tribute as the nation pauses to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

"Memorial Day is a solemn reminder that our freedoms come at a great cost," said Elizabeth Wilson Overton, Regent of the Mine Creek-Paraclyfta Chapter. "We gather not only to remember, but to ensure that the legacy of sacrifice is never forgotten by future generations."

The Mine Creek-Paraclyfta Chapter of the DAR is committed to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism within the community. This annual observance is one of the chapter's most meaningful opportunities to serve and honor.

The event is free and open to the public.

Decoration at Wright's Chapel set for May 23

The annual Cemetery Decoration Day for Wright's Chapel Cemetery will be Saturday, May 23.

The day has been set aside to pay tribute to the veterans and loved ones buried there.

There will be a short business meeting at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck.

The cemetery is located at 1907 Hwy. 317 South, Lockesburg.

The public is welcome.

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Scrappers to compete for state soccer title

Nashville to meet De Queen in Class 4A finals Saturday at Lakeside

For the first time in school history, the Nashville Scrappers will play for a state soccer championship.

Nashville and De Queen will meet for the Class 4A title Saturday, May 23, at 4 p.m. at Hot Springs Lakeside.

The Scrappers advanced to the championship game with a 5-2 win over Dardanelle in the semifinals May 16 at Harrison.

De Queen defeated Green Forest 2-1 in the other semifinal.

The Scrappers never trailed in the first three rounds of state, defeating Batesville Southside and Star City May 14 and 15 before the semifinal win over Dardanelle.

De Queen entered state as the one seed from the South. The Scrappers were the two seed.

Tickets must be purchased online through gofan.co



TICKET PUNCHED. The Nashville Scrappers defeated Dardanelle 5-2 in the Class 4A state soccer semifinals to qualify for the championship game Saturday, May 23, at Hot Springs Lakeside.



FROM LAST FIRST DAY TO GRADUATION DAY. The NHS Class of 2026 gathered for the senior breakfast on the first day of school Aug. 4. They will graduate Friday, May 22, at 8 p.m. at Scrapper Stadium, weather permitting. In case of rain, the ceremony will move to Scrapper Arena.

NHS graduation to be held Friday; location set by weather forecast

Graduation ceremonies for the Nashville High School Class of 2026 will be held Friday, May 22, at 8 p.m. at Scrapper Stadium. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved to Scrapper Arena.

Several members of the class
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NSD continues to make plans for coming year

By **John R. Schirmer**
News-Leader staff

The Nashville School Board took care of several items May 18 as planning continues for the 2026-27 academic year.

Superintendent Doug Graham recommended that the board award Elio a five-year contract as the district's food service management company.

Elio is the current management company. Contracts are awarded on a five-year basis.

"We're comfortable and confident with Elio," Graham said.

Breakfast prices will be the same as last year. Lunch will increase six cents, and snacks will stay the same, according to Graham.

"All three are cheaper than any other company" that submitted a bid, Graham said.

The district will continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to every student.

The board approved the bid from Lawrence Termite and Pest Control Services for 2026-27. Total cost for the year will be \$11,057.

Curriculum Coordinator Kim Slayton recognized 28 teachers who had 80 percent or higher growth scores on the 2025 ATLAS test required by the state in public schools.

"We're getting scores back faster now than in the past,"

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County to seek grant to fund bridge repair

By **Louie Graves**
News-Leader staff

Howard County will explore the possibility of using a grant from the Arkansas Department of Transportation to repair a bridge on a county road connecting Tollette with Columbus communities.

During their regular May meeting Monday, the JPs approved the grant application resolution after hearing County Judge Brent Pinkerton said that the county could still decline the grant if engineering and other related studies turned the bridge into a "\$50 thousand" bridge.

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

SIGNING DAY. Ten Nashville High School seniors signed college letters Tuesday morning, May 12, during a ceremony in the NHS cafeteria. They include (front row) Katelyn Giddens, Southern Arkansas University, track; Cheyenne Smith, UA-Cossatot, soccer; Jayla Hendrix, Henderson State, cheer; Abbie Hill, HSU, cheer; Kynlee Shackelford, SAU, pom squad; Angel Watson, National Park College, basketball; (back row) Dakota Dixon, Arkansas State, band; Dalton Manlove, SAU, band; Heiland Tatum-Gaines, SAU, band; Connor Crabtree, University of Central Arkansas, band. (More pictures, page 8A)

Town keeps 'old-time music' alive

By **Don Hall**
News-Leader staff

Whether you're looking for mountains or meadows, flatlands or forests, you can probably find it in The Natural State. Well, except for a beach.

And if you like what the hill folk call "the old-time music," brought to the Appalachians and then to Arkansas by settlers from Scotland and Ireland, then you should plan a weekend visit to Mountain View.

Mountain View calls itself the "Folk Music Capital of the World," and it very well may be. Founded in 1890 in a valley surrounded by the Ozarks, you can hear the soft rhythms and gentle melodies of the old-time music most any evening, floating in the air from the lawn of the Mountain View Music store or the Washington Street Park.

The music store has a single Airbnb with a balcony overlooking the players.

On a recent Thursday evening, there were about 15 people sitting in a circle with guitars, banjos, mandolins dulcimers, and fiddles (not to be confused with "violins"). They ranged in age from teenagers to escapees from "the home," men in work clothes and women dressed for farm chores, all with an instrument and all good players.

One hundred feet up the street, separated from the music store by

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News-Leader photo/DON HALL

IN MOUNTAIN VIEW. Jaree Hall of Nashville takes a break on Main Street in Mountain View, Ark.



Obituaries



Martha June Tinsley Fontaine

Martha June Tinsley Fontaine passed away on May 11, 2026. She was 97. The daughter of Tella and Martha Young Tinsley she was born in Nashville on June 2, 1928.

Her sister Marjorie Clark was with her when she passed. Her sister Hattie and brothers Arthur (Dougan), Huey and Billy Jack all preceded her.

Except for a few years in California and Texas, she lived in Howard County and Nashville most of her life. Her friends and family called her June. Many remember her as the smiling face they saw at "Woody's" in Mineral Springs. She was married to Thomas Fontaine from 1946 until 1971.

Four of her five children survive her: Thomas, James, Roy, and Kenneth. Their daughter Marlyn passed away last year after a long illness. Her great joy was her grandchildren: Gary, George, Jennifer, Stephanie, Charles, Elizabeth, Hannah, Jason, Kayla, Joya and Kathleen (Whitney). Her 21 Great-Grand children and five Great-Great-Grandchildren were a constant source of pride. Her love and memories of gathering together enjoying her cakes, pies, and sweet country cooking live on in our hearts.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

A graveside service will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Ozan Cemetery in Bingen with Bro. Ben Jones officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

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

William Guy White

William Guy 'Bill' White, 73, of Nashville died May 7, 2026, in Texarkana, Texas.

He was born Feb. 5, 1953, in Ulysses, Kan., the son of the late William Glen White and Donna Marie Findley

White. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bob White.

He was a millwright and was a member of First Christian Church in Nashville.

Survivors include: his wife, Dana White of Nashville; three children, Greg White of Colorado Springs, Colo., Grant White of Texas, and Becca White Herrington of Dierks; siblings, Glenna Nivens of Nashville, Becky Reeder of Mineral Springs, Jim White of Nashville, Joe White of Nashville, Ricky White of Murfreesboro, Donna White of Murfreesboro, and Roger White of Nashville; also grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home.



Ruthy Mae Copeland Barnes

Ruthy Mae Copeland Barnes, age 94, passed away on Friday, May 15, 2026, in Texarkana, Texas. She was born on Sept. 5, 1931, in Nashville, Ark., to the late William Calvin "Rusty" Copeland and Florence Rebecca McClure Copeland.

Ruthy was a charter member of Cornerstone Church in Nashville, Ark. She was a faithful Christian who was saved early in her life. When an opportunity presented itself, she was quick to share the Gospel. A highlight in her life occurred just a few months before her death when one of her nephews was saved. She had faithfully prayed for that to happen and she was convinced her prayers had made a difference.

She also worked as a telephone operator in the days when operators politely asked, "Number, please." In small towns, operators often recognized callers by voice and usually knew whom they were trying to reach. She once shared that when she asked, "Number, please," a caller replied, "I need to talk to my daughter-in-law." Because Ruthy recognized the caller's voice and knew who his daughter-in-law was, she connected the call correctly. The era of party lines also revealed many interesting experiences.

She had many friends and always made time to visit. In later years when it was difficult for Ruthy to be out and about, her connection with friends and neighbors was using the telephone. She said that at that point in her life she realized how important the telephone was in allowing the elderly and homebound to stay connected.

Ruthy and her husband "Bill" were also active in the Sam's Travel Club introducing them to many new friends who traveled many places in their motor homes. Square dancing was also another favorite activity Bill and Ruthy enjoyed.

In addition to her parents, Ruthy was preceded in death by her husband, Wilburn W "Bill" Barnes; her two sisters, Ettie Virginia Copeland and Dorothy Capps; and her two brothers, M.J. Copeland and William Paul Copeland.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sister, Deronda Ann Godfrey of Nashville; her brother, Calvin Wayne Copeland (Sharon) of Nashville; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives; Special Friends, Donny and Sue Woods of Nashville; Her Church Family at Cornerstone Church of Nashville; and a host of friends and her caregivers at MRC Cornerstone Retirement Center in Texarkana and Texarkana Hospice in Texarkana.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., on Wednesday, May 20, in the Latimer Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Latimer Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Brent Thompson and Donny Woods officiating. Burial will follow at Nashville Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville, Ark.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Texarkana Hospice, 2407 Galleria Oaks Dr., Texarkana, TX 75503 or to Cornerstone Church of Nashville, Attention: Mark Cassady, 121 W. College St., Nashville, AR 71852

You may send an online sympathy message to latimerfuneralhome.com.



CHAMBER COMMUNITY COFFEE. To call attention to National Foster Care Awareness Month, 'The Call' hosted a community coffee in the Nashville Chamber of Commerce office, last Wednesday. Organization officers, chamber members and well-wishers gathered for a community coffee in the chamber's back room under the pictures of past chamber presidents.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Saving for retirement: Are you guessing or planning?

By Josh Tice
Edward Jones
Investments

Let's say you dream of spending your retirement mornings on a warm beach, coffee in hand, waves rolling in. To get there, you had a simple plan: save \$1 million and buy the beach house you always wanted.

But when retirement arrives, reality hits. After accounting for keeping your current home, everyday expenses and health care, \$1 million doesn't stretch as far as you thought, and the beach house remains a dream. The problem wasn't your discipline – it was that your number was never really your number. It was arbitrary, not anchored to what your ideal retirement would actually cost.

How can you make sure your retirement number is right for you?

A solid savings goal starts with a clear picture of the retirement you want. Think through where you plan to live, whether you'll keep your current home or downsize, how much you plan to travel, if you'll help children and grandchildren financially and what health care might cost you later in life.

Build a realistic monthly budget, then multiply by 12 months to find your annual need. Adjust this amount for inflation until the first year of retirement.

Then, multiply that figure by 25 to get a sense of how much may be needed to

save. It's a formula based on the idea of withdrawing 4% annually from your savings, assuming you retire in your mid-60s. If you need \$60,000 a year, your target is around \$1.5 million. You may need more or less depending on your lifestyle, health, unexpected expenses, Social Security benefits and other income. No single rate or strategy will work for everyone. A financial advisor can help you determine your number and strategy.

Once you know your target, the path forward becomes clearer. Here are a few tips for next steps:

Start early. The sooner you begin saving, the more time compound interest has to work in your favor. Small amounts set aside automatically each paycheck have the opportunity to grow significantly over decades.

Live below your means. Spending less than you earn is one of the most powerful wealth-building habits. When your income rises, save and invest the differ-

ence instead of upgrading your lifestyle.

Keep your debt under control. Since credit cards and other high-interest debt can slow your progress, pay off balances monthly when possible.

Invest consistently. If your employer offers a 401(k), aim to contribute at least 10%-15% of your salary, and increase your contributions after every raise. If you max out your 401(k), a traditional IRA or Roth IRA may offer additional tax-advantaged growth (eligibility and contribution limits apply).

Boost your income when you can. Develop new skills, ask for a raise or explore a side income.

Every extra dollar saved moves you closer to your goal.

The difference between a retirement you love and one full of compromises often comes down to the planning you do today. Know your real number, build a solid plan and get the right help along the way.

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City will seek grant to 'turf' park ballfields

In its regular meeting for May, Monday, the Nashville City Council approved a resolution for the city to seek a grant to install a 'turf' surface on six ballfields at the city park. The amount sought in the grant is \$1.2 million.

The newspaper was not in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Larry Dunaway told the newspaper afterward that the council approved an audit report which contained two requests, not errors.

Aldermen also approved a \$750 expenditure for an advertisement in the Greater Southwest Arkansas publication.

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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 KJEP-TV board of directors met in June 2005 to finalize plans for the station's annual telethon held at the Carter Day Center. The group includes (seated) Mark Cassady, Tim Pinkerton, Deb Kinkade and Kim Millwood; (standing) Larry Elrod, Jerry Jacobs, Terry Snead and Ronny Woods.

134 years ago: May 1892
The Nashville boys went to Centre Point Friday of last week and played ball. The score stood 22 to 5 in favor of the Nashville club.

Mr. Geo. Peaslee of Stuttgart, Arkansas, who has charge of the farm on the Saline River near the bridge on the road from this place to Lockesburg, will sow 150 acres in stock peas.

He is now at work and wants to hire a number of men and teams to plow the land.

(Adv.) Farmer's double shovel plows the best in town, south bend and steel beam turning plows, at our hardware store at low prices. Rector & Yowel

Notice: We positively prohibit seining or dynamiting the creek that we control; you can fish with hooks as much as you like. F. F. Holt, S. B. Reese, W. L. Deloney, Geo. M. Clark and A. H. Hutchinson.

122 years ago: May 1904
The Dierks Lumber and

Coal Company of De Queen has bought the entire lumber interests of the Phoenix Lumber Company in Sevier and Howard Counties. The Dierks interests own and operate the De Queen and Eastern Railroad, and it is now believed to be certain that the railroad will be extended to Nashville and eventually to Hot Springs.

The Dierks company has at De Queen a large lumber manufacturing plant in which about 200 men are employed.

Its acquisition of the Phoenix Company's holdings is one of the most important deals ever recorded in this part of Arkansas.

100 years ago: May 1926
An automobile belonging to Hugh Compton was stolen from his garage in this city Tuesday night about 12 o'clock, and before Mr. Compton knew his car was missing it had been recovered by the Pike County officers and was held at Murfreesboro. The man al-

leged to have stolen it was soon in Howard County jail.

J.W. Carson was the man captured with the car and placed in the Howard County jail.

He broke out and escaped Wednesday night. Carson told the remaining prisoners left in jail that he had been in jail many times, but that he never was kept in one. He had boasted that he had made his escape from a federal prison.

31 years ago: May 1995
The oldest business still operating from its original location in Nashville will mark its 100th birthday during the month of June.

The Nashville Drug company has been at its 100 S. Main Street location since 1895. The company is owned by pharmacists Mike Pinegar and Clyde Keaster and Margaret Hughes, who manages the store's gift department. The drugstore has reached a milestone of having filled 1.5 million new prescriptions.

Two sentenced in criminal court

In a brief bench trial Tuesday, May 12, Judge Tom Cooper found the defendant, Rashunda Dixon, 34, black female, Texarkana, Ark., guilty.

She had been charged in November 2024 with possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver, a class C felony. She was sentenced to four years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC).

Judge Cooper formally sentenced another defendant who had previously pleaded guilty to charges of DWI 6th offense; endanger-

ing the welfare of a minor; reckless driving; and operating a vehicle with ignition interlock not engaged. Juan Garate, 43, white male, Nashville, was sentenced to four years in the ADC plus six years suspended imposition of sentence.

The judge will dismiss two felony hot check charges against Sravanthi Joginipeli, 44, white female, Bryant, if she provides proof of restitution by May 27.

Trial dates were set for three defendants who pleaded not guilty or not true.

Kyle Whisenhunt, 43,

white male, Nashville has a June 24 date for motions. He is charged with tampering with evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of controlled substance.

The date for pretrial motions coincides with Whisenhunt's motions date on another criminal charge.

Yalonda Benson, 52, black female, Nashville pleaded not true to a charge of failure to meet the terms of her probation on a 2023 felony conviction. Her probation revocation trial will be May 20.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period May 7-13, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)
May 7. Matthew Trent Hoffman, 28, Nashville, and Laken Marie Robinson, 27, Nashville.

May 8. Keyuntray Dav-eon Harrison, 30, Nashville, and Christina Samantha Snell, 34, Nashville.

May 8. LaGarrett Dese-anel O'Bryant, 28, Nashville, and Ladarria Shar'da Murry, 27, Nashville.

May 8. Christopher D. Singleton, 38, Mineral Springs, and Hayden McKenzie Crane, 32, Mineral Springs.

May 11. Davin Blake Burgess, 23, Dierks, and Courtney Sierra Vaught, 25, Dierks.

May 11. Isidro Hernandez, 37, Nashville, and Jessica Gonzalez Reyes, 39, Nashville.

May 13. Eric Tamarcus Elliott, 45 Nashville, and Jennifer Latrice Young, 40, Gurdon.

Civil Court
CV26-88, May 7. Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Gloria Jefferson. Debt.

CV26-89, May 8. Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Kelly Colwart. Debt.

CV26-90, May 8. Ally Bank vs. Catherine Tuttle. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
No new Domestic Relations cases filed since DR26-45, May 5.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCs = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance. Defendants are innocent until proven otherwise.)
CR26-34, May 12. State of Arkansas vs. Robert Keith Graham, 53, white male, Nashville. Hot Check Law violation, class D felony.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deed
May 8. Virgil V. Hellums III and Frances B. Hellums, trustees of the Hellums Living Trust; to Virgil V. Hellums III, Frances B. Hellums, and Nathan Rayford Hellums; 3 tracts, aggregate 191.63 ac. in S5/S 6 T11S R24/R27W.

May 8. Virgil V. Hellums III and Frances B. Hellums, trustees of the Hellums Living Trust; to Virgil V. Hellums III, Frances B. Hellums, and Nathan Rayford Hellums; property in S7/S12S T11S R27W/R28W.

May 8. Virgil V. Hellums III and Frances B. Hellums, trustees of the Hellums Living Trust; to Virgil V. Hellums III, Frances B. Hellums, and Nathan Rayford Hellums; aggregate 237 ac. in S23/S26 T10S R28W.

May 11. Cynthia Turner and husband Stephen Turner; to Cynthia Turner and husband Stephen Turner; 2 tracts, part of Lots 7-8, all of Lots 9-10, Block 2, SREDC Addition to Nashville.

May 11. Alan R. Green; to Michelle Green; aggregate 2.31 ac in S16 T9S R27W.

May 11. Michelle Green; to the Green Family Revocable Trust; property in S16/S17 T9S R27W.

May 13. Lyle Lockhart and Jana Bell Lockhart, a married couple; to Keith and Zanette Bell Trust; properties in S20/S29/S30/S32/S33 T10S R27W. \$734,000.

May 13. Lillie Fay Dowdy, widow of Nolan Dowdy; to Susan Lynette Dowdy; aggregate 11.95 ac. in S25 T5S R28W.

Executor's Deed

May 8. Greg Reed, Executor of the Estate of Floy Jean Reed, deceased; to Jimmy Dale Gilbert; 0.333 ac. in S26 T9S R27W.

Mortgagee's Deed
May 8. Curtis Myers; to Pennywell Loan Services; part of Block 8, Murray's 2nd Addition, town of Dierks, aka 5112 W. First St., Dierks. At auction \$65,205.78.

Beneficiary's Deed
May 13. Steve and Celia Montgomery Revocable Trust; to Steve and Celia Montgomery; 199.43 ac. in S12/S13 T8S R27W.

Redemption Deed
May 13. State of Arkansas; to Grant Williams W/LE Kimberly Dawn Williams, Nashville; Part of Lot 10, all of Lots 11-12, Block 7, 700 W. Sunset, Nashville; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$2,996.70.

May 13. State of Arkansas; to Grant Williams and Kim Williams, Little Rock; Lot 1, Block 9, Sunset Addition, Nashville; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$336.25.

Warranty Deed
May 8. Gary Alan Lathrop and wife Jacala Alice Lathrop; to Gary Alan Lathrop and Jacala Alice Lathrop as trustees of the G&J Irrevocable Trust; Lot 1, Block 1, Chapel Hill Estates, Howard County.

May 13. Sacramento Luis Jake Gonzalez; to Howard County Farm Bureau; part of Block 11, Original Town of Nashville. \$15,000.

May 13. Christopher Shane Graham and wife Laykon Marie Graham; to George Allen Thomas and wife Josie Lynn Thomas; 95.7 ac. in S12 T8S R29W. \$238,556.83.

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Point of view

In the dark

You just *think* you can get around without lights

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I have an important question for you: What did you do when the lights went out?

A week or so ago there was a widespread electric outage. I know this because it got very dark in my house and neighborhood. I could hear the rich people's emergency generators start up. Them that have them. But I digress.

When the lights went out I was sitting at my desktop computer at the 'back' of my house. In my daughter's 'old' bedroom which I have cleverly re-purposed.

It got dark and quiet.

Not to worry I told myself. Months earlier I had cleverly placed a fine flashlight on the bedside table just a few steps away. I figured 4 or 5 steps to get to the hallway; 2 steps to get to my bedroom where I cleverly kept the flashlight; and then 8 or 9 more steps to that bedside table.

The problem is that I got lost before I even got out of the computer room.

My late wife and I built that house in 1977. She and I had stained the walls and closet doorframes.

I was confident I could find my way around barefooted even in extreme dark.

Wrong. I got so lost I couldn't even find the door to the hall.

Finally I managed to grope my way back to the chair at the computer desk again, and I managed to get myself at least pointed in the correct direction of the hall.

Two careful steps, and I was through the hall and into the bedroom.

Now I shuffled in little bitty steps because there were tables and chair legs and a cedar chest and steel bed legs lurking in the dark just hoping for an encounter with a toe. It has happened before.

I inched my way toward the end of the house where for 49 years the bed was.

AHA!! Victory! My fingers found the table, then the flashlight which still worked just fine.

Please note: I did all this without managing to stub even one toe. The flashlight got me to the living room and I tried to sleep on a recliner.

Lights came back on sometime after midnight, and I set about getting the time right on all of my @#%& flashing digital clocks.

But I was cheerful because I had not kicked a single solid object.

Can you guess where this is going?

After I got home from church Sunday and changed into something casual, I waddled into the kitchen.

There, in broad daylight and under bright overhead kitchen lights, and for no good reason whatsoever I kicked the base of a counter.

It was solid wood. As hard as the Rock of Gibraltar.

I sincerely hope that the neighbors and my Guardian Angel did not hear what came out of my mouth.

The third toe on my right foot has become extremely purple. The swelling of the toe went down somewhat overnight, and I was able to put on some shoes and hobble to my desk at work. The toe is somewhat askew but I'm trying to ignore that. I'm looking at the brighter side, and have ordered flashlights for every room in the house.



NOT ALL READERS want to give this columnist a good paddling for his remarks that are perceived to be Anti-President Trump.

I am going to frame a letter I got this week from a reader who says he agrees wholeheartedly with the remarks, and for me to keep up the good work.

The late great Arkansas Governor and U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers once told me that if I didn't offend someone some of the time, then I wasn't doing my job.

I am repeating this MC Revelation because I never get any compliments, and I'm pretty desperate.



THE VERY definition of irony. In their private talks last week, President Trump asked Chinese President Xi Jinping for some rose bush seeds for the White House Rose Garden. Trump said he had admired some roses in the Chinese palace garden where the two most powerful men in the world were meeting.

Our own famous Rose Garden, planted by First Lady Jackie Kennedy, was dug up and paved over last year by President Trump. Maybe he'll have the Chinese seeds planted at the Trump Triumphant Arch when it gets built.



MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: Two things to make your day better --- (1) Don't watch the news; and (2) don't go near the bathroom scales.



WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons. There was a difficult situation last week when we used up the last of our Paper Towels.



HE SAID: "How many emperors and how many princes have lived and died and no record of them remains, and they only sought to gain dominions and riches in order that their fame might be ever-lasting." Leonardo da Vinci, Italian artist, scientist and more



SHE SAID: "Kids come out of the chute liking science. They ask, 'How come? Why? What's this?' They pick up stuff to examine it. We might not call that science, but it's discovering the world around us." Mae Jemison, engineer, physician and NASA astronaut



SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek Revelations



By Louie Graves

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Small businesses are valuable for growth of state's economy

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

In 2025, Forbes ranked Arkansas as the third-best state in the nation to start a business. This prized positioning comes after years of hard work to foster an environment that prioritizes, supports and strengthens homegrown businesses and industries.

Small businesses underpin America's economy. In Arkansas, nearly 300,000 small businesses employ our families, friends and neighbors while an estimated 30 million businesses do the same nationwide.

It has long been a source of pride to support our local retailers — from stopping by Main Street on Small Business Saturday in search of the perfect holiday gifts to enjoying local restaurants and cafes in the summer months.

Arkansans are proud to celebrate the impact these enterprises have and the contributions they make, both economic and beyond. During the most recent State Work Period, I had the opportunity to visit Kopper Kettle Candies, a historic small business the Greer family has proudly sustained through four generations over the course of nearly 100 years.

Visiting the acclaimed Van Buren "candy kitchen" and hearing about the hard work and diligence it takes to earn recognition as the

best candy store in Arkansas and the fifth-best in the nation by the popular website Lovefood.com was a perfect way to mark National Small Business Week.

The Greer family is just one excellent example of transforming a family tradition or venture into a thriving business that contributes to the character and enjoyment of an entire community.

At Kopper Kettle, the team they have cultivated understands that intimately and it was on full display as I watched them prepare delicious sweets to celebrate Mother's Day.

I have been blessed to share a familiar dynamic as a former small business owner. Before coming to Congress, I ran an eye clinic with my brother in Rogers and cherished being a valued and respected part of the fabric of Northwest Arkansas, long before its incredible growth began to take shape. I reflect on that experience and perspective often when working with my colleagues to support initiatives that can bolster economic opportunity.

Fortunately, small businesses have champions in Washington. Earlier this year, I was pleased to support bipartisan legislation, the AFFORD Act, that would strengthen and improve the operations of Community Development

Financial Institutions (CDFIs). By increasing access to capital and encouraging upward mobility through specialized tools and resources, we can encourage more entrepreneurial endeavors in underserved and rural areas.

This past summer, we passed the Working Families Tax Cuts, landmark legislation that included long-overdue support for our farmers, critical funding to secure our borders and promote the national defense, and pro-family initiatives such as bonus deductions for senior citizens and no tax on tips or overtime.

The Working Families Tax Cuts also notably boost small and medium-size job creators by permanently extending the small business deduction and allowing full expensing for investments in machinery and equipment. The Small Business Deduction has significantly reduced the tax burden for local entrepreneurs, allowing them to keep more of their earnings or reinvest in their businesses.

Positive initiatives like these are common sense and I look forward to the continued benefits secured in the Working Families Tax Cuts. I am encouraged by the positive impact thus far and look forward to hearing about the exciting growth and economic opportunities the future holds.

Feds to revamp rural health care

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

Recently, the state Senate and House Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor met jointly to review major developments affecting rural health care in Arkansas. The Senate committee is chaired by Senator Missy Irvin, with Senator Dave Wallace serving as Vice Chair.

Committee members heard an overview of the Rural Health Transformation Program from the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration.

On July 4, 2025, President Donald Trump signed H.R. 1 into law, making significant changes to federal spending and tax policy. Some of these changes affect funding for Medicare, Medicaid, and other health coverage programs. Rural health systems, which rely heavily on public insurance programs, will feel these impacts more than urban areas.

To help address this, Congress created the Rural Health Transformation Program. It provides \$50 billion over five years for states to help soften the impact of federal funding reductions on rural communities.

The new law shifts more responsibility for supporting health care from the federal government

to states and local communities. Because of this, it is important for rural leaders to understand their communities' health needs and work together across regions to make the best use of available resources.

Arkansas will be especially affected by these changes. Nearly 45 percent of Arkansans live in rural areas, where residents often have less access to care, more challenging health outcomes, and more fragile healthcare systems. Half of the state's rural hospitals are considered at risk of closure, which is the highest rate in the country. This makes it critical to use Arkansas's Rural Health Transformation funds to strengthen the long-term stability of rural healthcare providers. The program offers a chance to improve rural healthcare infrastructure, expand collaboration, and reduce the gap in access and quality between rural and urban areas.

The state's Rural Health Plan sets a vision for redesigning rural health care around prevention, connectivity, and sustainability, rather than only keeping facilities open. The plan links healthcare improvements to broader goals such as healthier children, stronger families, a more stable workforce, and

stronger local economies. Potential applicants are encouraged to view the program as a multi-year effort to transform operations, not as a one-time grant opportunity.

Funding may be used for projects such as workforce recruitment and training, leadership development, expanding services, redesigning care models, telehealth and health IT upgrades, care coordination, and planning for long-term sustainability.

Funds may not be used to pay off debt, cover operating losses, perform routine maintenance, replace capital equipment, replace existing funding sources, or make one-time purchases that cannot be sustained.

The Rural Health Transformation Program will distribute \$50 billion to participating states from 2026 through 2030, with \$10 billion available each year. In December 2025, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced the first round of awards, including \$208,779,396 for Arkansas. Additional awards will be announced in later rounds.

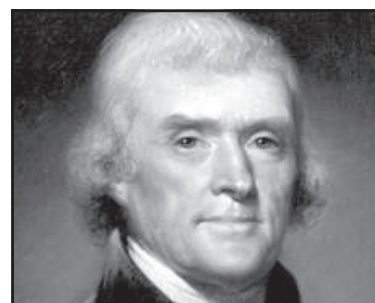
On May 4, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced the initial funding application process is underway. You can get details at www.ArkansasRHTP.com.

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A craftsman makes a dulcimer in Mountain View. The town is well known for its music and keeps "old-time music" alive.

The ice cream shop in Mountain View is between the music store and the park. Those who aren't holding ice cream cones in their hands are obviously tourists.

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sitting on the wooden benches surrounding the stage or in camp chairs folks brought with them.

The show begins when a town rep walks to the microphone and says something like, "Here in Stone County we love our God, our country and our veterans." The veterans are recognized and applauded, and without being told, the crowd stands and says the Pledge of Allegiance. Then the music begins.

And the band is good. Some couples move to the dance floor while others just sit and listen, but they all enjoy the music.

The people in the crowd all love music, but they all have something else in common. Ice cream.

Stone County is dry, but there is no prohibition on ice cream. There are lots of restaurants in Mountain View, but the most popular business in town is the ice cream stand that's between the music store and the park. If you don't have an ice cream cone in your hand, you are obviously a tourist.

While Friday and Saturday may be spent listening to music and dancing, Sunday is still The Lord's Day. From Methodist to Mennonite, Pentecostal to Catholic, all flavors of Baptist (Missionary, General, and Southern), Lutheran, non-denominational, LDS, and more, there's a place for everyone on Sunday morning.

There are lots of other things to do around Mountain View.

There's the Ozark Folk Center State Park, which has more than 20 shops with artists making things the old-fashioned way, candles, brooms, pottery, knives and more.

There's Blanchard Springs Caverns 13 miles away in the

Ozark National Forest, and there's trout fishing in the White River, but those are places to go and things to do while you're here. People come to Mountain View for the music.

If there are any bad musicians around Mountain View, they must keep them at home. Calico-clad teenaged girls with guitars and fiddles (not violins), banjo-toting bearded men fresh from the field, dulcimer-packing women fresh from the garden, they all share one characteristic: they're good players. It seems Mountain View has generations of families who have a Music gene that most people lack.

The only problem is that you can't get there from here. Well, almost. An hour and a half from Conway, if you go through Clinton and Shirley, or ten minutes farther if you go through Heber Springs.

From Clinton north you'll go through curves carved into the mountains, no shoulders and sheer drop-offs, and 15 mph switchbacks. You'll swear there's a car in front of you until you realize the curves are so tight that you're looking at your own tail lights.

You'll get closer to the Lord if you go through Clinton and Shirley, all prayed up, but do yourself a favor and take the longer way. Go through Heber Springs. Your nerves will thank you.

I've been told the Furrs of Howard County are born with a hammer in one hand and a guitar in the other. Jammy Furr, if you ever visit Mountain View, you'd better leave your guitar in Nashville. The folks in Stone County would kidnap you and never let you leave. And you wouldn't want to.

Grads

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will have speaking parts during the program.

Honor graduates, valedictorian and salutatorian were announced at the scholarship program Tuesday night after the News-Leader's press deadline.

The faculty charge to graduates will be given by science teacher Scott Horne.

Members of the senior class include the following:

James Acosta, Angela Flores Aguilera, Raymiah Alvarez, Esther Andraca, Maddon Kyle Arnold, Lucas Michael Aylett, Rylee Grace Backus, Miriam Alejandra Barajas, Ashley Hernandez Barrios, Enrique Bearden, Lyris Ari Bennett, Jerby Jagger Berruquin, Isabella Rose Beville, Luke Boon, Madilyn Aubrey Brinkman, Colton Walker-Ray Brooks, Phoenix Taylor Brown, Luis Manuel Bustamante, Irene Bustos.

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Ella Mae Newton, Emma Lea Nolen, Melanie Ortiz.

Angelica Padilla-Galvan, Charlie Lawson Parker, Roman Parker, Laney Ryan Pate, Chan Tha Peng, Jareth Perez, Marco Antonio Sanchez Perez, Jamey Pierce, Jose Manuel Piza, Edwin Irvin Pizarro, Ever Pizarro, Kenneth Portillo-Sanchez, Genesis Nevaeh Pryor, Gavin Lee Rawlinson, Wyatt Lee Reed, Jackson Kyle Reeder, Jonathon Kade Reeder, Denise Diane Robinson, Orfael Rosas, Troy Allen Sackett, Christopher Salazar, Heidy Yasmin Sanchez, Milagros Noemi Sanchez, Allie Elizabeth Sartin, Karstyn Alaine Scrivner, Kynlee Kori Shackelford, Demetrus Ke'Untre Shelley, William Eldon Shute, Zoe Bryonna Dawn Sitzes, J'Von Slaton, Kaden Keith Smelter Baylee Alexandra Smith, Mason Connor Snearly, Cassie Lynn Stephenson, Robert Dillon Strong.

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School

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Slayton said. "We hope to have this spring's scores by the beginning of the new year."

The teachers include Viviana Bustamante, Mindy Brinkman, Heather Harmon, Ginny Schwope, Amanda Brown, Ashton Conrad, Nicole Ray, Aleshia Erwin, Jennifer Walker, Kynnedi Parnell, Tabitha Jones, Karlie Worley, Tesla Gills, Erin Bell, Valerie Gillaspay, Krista Trimble, April Sartin, Monica Wallace, Mayra Cardona, Kathryn Hughes, Deidra Murphy, Ashley Simmons, Jennifer Johnson, Haley Davis, Krista Trimble, Alayna Scott, Sydney Howard and Joanna Howard.

High school Principal Ashley Riggs discussed a policy dealing with the Arkansas Accelerated Learning Guide which outlines the state's rec-

ommendations in a number of academic areas.

One of the major changes would be each district's graduation and recognition program.

The guide strongly recommends "transitioning away from only valedictorian and salutatorian rankings and instead recognizing a broader group of high-achieving students through *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *cum laude*."

Nashville already offers the "Latin honors" but also has a valedictorian and salutatorian each year.

The board tabled approval of the policy until a special meeting June 1.

In other business, the board approved assurances and GEPA report for the coming year, along with building improvement plans as required by the state.

Student activity insurance was approved.

The following resignations were accepted:

Holly Couch, dyslexia coordinator. She will continue with the district on a part-time basis in other positions.

Jacob Happy, high school band director

Justine Seavers, special education para-professional

Megan Scrivner, head junior high girls basketball coach, head junior high and senior high girls track, assistant senior high girls basketball coach.

Employment of staff included the following:

Lorena Slatton, special education teacher at elementary

Ivy Martin, dyslexia para-professional

Ashley Walston, sixth grade teacher

Sara Horn, dyslexia coordinator

Tessa Dean, ESL coordinator

Gaye Graham, bus driver

All board members were present, including Jerry Wilson, David Hilliard, Nick Britt, Tem Gunter and Anthony Whitmore.

JPs

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He said that the bridge was inadequate.

The Justices appeared favorable to an invitation to join the Red River Inter-Modal Authority which is exploring the pos-

sibility of making the Red River navigable for barge traffic.

Howard and Sevier counties have been invited to join Little River, Hempstead, Miller and Lafayette counties -- already members -- and counties in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana in the agency for economic growth.

Executive director Vanessa Weeks of Developing Howard

County told the court that she supported the project.

The county judge said he would have an ordinance ready at the June meeting.

The JPs were not so favorable to a request for a full page advertisement in the Arkansas Great Southwest magazine. A motion for the county's \$750 share was turned down by 3-5 vote.

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Brown, Dekarrein Travez, 27, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail; \$895 balance

Canales, Sarai Elizabeth, 18, Mineral Springs, \$255 BF, speeding

Iacoveli, Nicholas T., 21, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$365 balance

Jacobs, Cathy L., 54, Nashville, \$260 BF, failure to appear

Maxwell, Courtney D., 37, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$2,374 balance

Stone, Christopher Lane, 26, Hope, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360

Walker, Israel, 32, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$1,100 balance

City of Nashville

Chism, Robert Lane, 34, Nashville, \$275 BF, speeding

Ellis, Talin Shevante, 24, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of fleeing, fined \$525

Gonzalez, Elias, 36, Murfreesboro, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Henry, Jeanette, 59, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75; guilty of failure to appear,

fined \$260

Lockhart, Shankeshica D., 41, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Spencer, Chrisaiya, 25, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$725, committed to 30 days in jail-suspended conditions, no-contact order issued for victim

Stinson, Frederick, 29, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$4,9870 balance

Thomas, Evelyn, 64, Texarkana, \$255 BF, speeding

Wesson, Donna, 61, Nashville, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,125, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

City of Dierks

Dowdy, Donald W., 32, Umpire, \$140 BF, violation of city ordinance-engine break

City of Mineral Springs

Hill, Camilia R., 42, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$265; guilty of no driver's license/expired license

Lagunas, Erick, 32, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$210 BF, no trailer lights

Maxwell, Courtney D., 37, Mineral Springs, guilty of illegal use of ATV

Bench Trials

Howard County

Summer-Smith, James A., 33, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75



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ANOTHER BUSINESS WELCOMED BY NASHVILLE CHAMBER. Graham Youth Services & Transition Consulting, a home-based and mobile business operating in the southwest Arkansas area, was welcomed last week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. The business is owned by Eric and Jessica Graham, both U.S. Army veterans, and has already worked with the Mineral Springs High School, where Mrs. Graham attended school. According to the business website, GYSTC is a "proud service-disabled veteran owned small business with a mission to uplift youth, empower families and strengthen communities" and believes real success starts with "collaboration, communication and community engagement."

Two hurt in Pike County crash near Amity

A Murfreesboro driver was seriously injured last week in a one-vehicle accident near in Pike County that also injured his daughter, according to the Arkansas State Police.

Family members identified the injured as Marshall Floyd, 38, and his daughter, Mira, 8.

The state police reported that on May 13 around 7:53

p.m. Floyd was traveling westbound on Highway 84 east near Amity in a 2001 Dodge truck when he collided with Horn Creek bridge.

Floyd remains hospitalized this week with serious injuries. His daughter, who was airlifted from the scene, was not seriously hurt in the accident.

Murfreesboro's Farmers' Market to open May 30

The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce has announced their season opening date of the Murfreesboro Farmers' Market.

The first day of the 2026 season will be held on Saturday, May 30 from 7 a.m. to noon at the old city park. The pavilion site is located behind the tennis courts adjacent to

the former Pike County Hospital building.

All food vendors and crafters with home-made crafts are invited to attend and sell their wares.

Any interested vendor is asked to call (870) 285-3131 to register.

Door prizes will be given to attendees.

Hempstead Co. closings for Monday holiday

Hempstead County Courthouse, Road Department, and Waste Department will close on Monday, May 25, to observe Memorial Day. The departments will reopen during regular working hours on Tuesday,

May 26.

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Memorial Day is a special day. It marks what many people think of as the first summer holiday of the year. It's a time for remembering all of the people who have died serving our country. It's a time for decorating the graves of those who have fought for our freedom and have fallen.

Memorial Day is a day of parades and speeches. People sometimes follow the parades to a cemetery to place flowers and ribbons on the graves of soldiers or other people they knew and loved. Often, prayers, songs or memories are shared.

On this long weekend, there are also cookouts, family visits and even trips to the beach. It's a great time to ask questions to learn more about your family tree. What memories can your grandparents share?

Yay! Chicken, potato, salad, vegetable sticks, milk and brownies!

Fill in the crossword puzzle with these words about Memorial Day:

family	soldiers	love	picnics	remember
graves	flowers	flags	parades	decorate
peace	prayers	May	honor	memorials

Flyover!

Wing is flying over the cemetery to place a bow on the sign at the Memorial Garden. Can you help him get to the sign?

In Loving Memory

Keeping Memories Alive!

It is important to keep memories alive. It is a way to honor the people we have loved. Can you find and circle the underlined activities that can be done in memory of a loved or admired person?

- starting scholarships
- putting up statues
- holding church services
- planning parades
- naming schools or streets for them
- decorating graves
- writing a book
- producing a movie

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1. Lucas Muncy Mineral Springs 18:24.00	13. Unknown Unknown 24:29.00	25. Unknown Unknown 29:52.00	37. Melynda Bryant Glenwood 34:47.00	49. Judy C Buck Glenwood 42:55.00
2. Leonel Hernandez Nashville 19:01.00	14. Charles Whitaker Newhope 25:08.00	26. Eren Ponce Nashville 30:45.00	38. David Sierra Foreman 34:50.00	50. Benjamin Camacho Nashville 42:55.00
3. Unknown Unknown 19:21.00	15. Caiden Wilson Murfreesboro 25:34.00	27. Kim Howard Mineral Springs 30:51.00	39. Lucy Morales Nashville 35:16.00	51. Dennis Guzman Nashville 42:55.00
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BAND SIGNEES. (Center, front) Dakota Dixon, Arkansas State; Heiland Tatum-Gaines, Southern Arkansas; Dalton Manlove, SAU; Connor Crabtree, University of Central Arkansas.



BASKETBALL. (Back row, sixth from left) Angel Watson, National Park College.



CHEER. (Center, front) Jayla Hendrix, Henderson State; Abbie Hill, HSU; Kynlee Shackelford, SAU.



TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY. (Center, front) Katelyn Giddens, SAU



SOCCER. (Center, front) Cheyenne Smith, UA-Cossatot



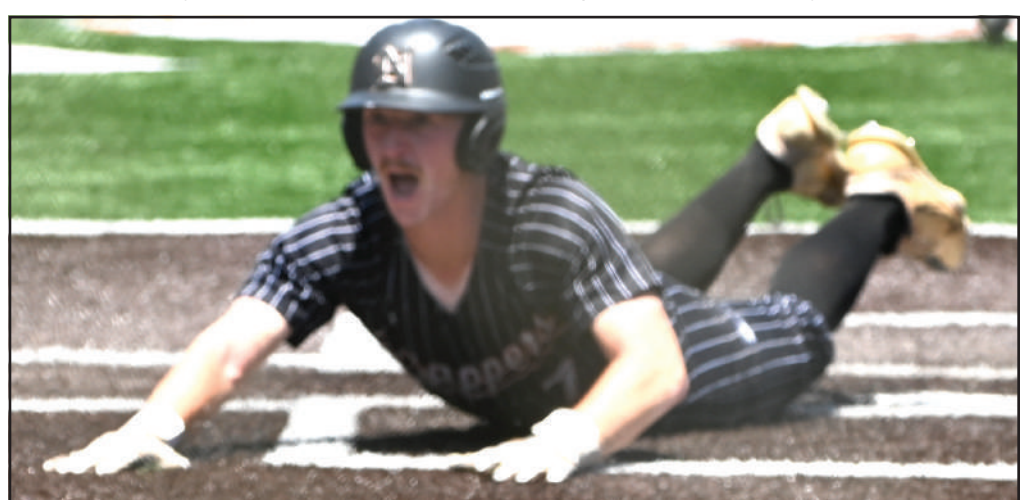
Maddon Arnold bats in the Scrappers' win over Joe T. Robinson in the Class 4A state tournament May 14 at Wilson Park.



Elli Wallis makes the catch for an out against Morrilton in the state 4A softball tournament at Futrell Field. Nashville led early but lost to the Lady Devil Dogs 11-2.



Sofia McCauley pitches for the Scrapperettes against Morrilton May 14.



Hayden Gray scores during the Scrappers' seventh-inning comeback against Brookland May 15. Nashville tied the game at 8-8 and went to extra innings before losing to the Bearcats 9-8 in the Class 4A quarterfinals at Wilson Park.

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

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Arkansas Optometric Association recognizes Dr. Aaron Tollett with special service award

LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Optometric Association recently honored Dr. Aaron Tollett of Nashville with the 2026 Special Service Award which recognizes outstanding contributions to the profession and leadership within the profession. “Dr. Tollett has shown a commitment to advancing the profession here in Arkansas, as well as nationally, and his leadership and service started even before he was a practicing optometrist,” said Matt Burns, Executive Director of ArOA.

Dr. Tollett’s commitment to advocacy began as a student at the Southern College of Optometry, where he served as Arkansas Student Club President and played an active role in the state’s scope of practice expansion

efforts.

As the Arkansas Federal Advocacy Representative with the American Optometric Association (AOA), Dr. Tollett has led by example in engaging members to invest in AOA advocacy efforts, helping position Arkansas as a national leader in participation.

He has represented the ArOA and AOA at multiple events in Washington, D.C., advocating on behalf of the profession. He also coordinates grassroots advocacy efforts across the state.

He is a graduate of both the ArOA LEAD Program (2022) and the AOA Leadership Institute 1.0 (2022).

While serving on the AOA Leadership and Development Committee, Dr. Tollett helped develop the

Leadership Institute 2.0 program and served as a mentor to nine optometrists participating in the 2023 program.

Dr. Tollett currently serves on the Arkansas Optometric Association Board of Directors (2023–present) and has been actively involved in key areas of the association. He has also contributed at the national level through the American Optometric Association Leadership and Development Committee.

Dr. Tollett has received numerous honors, including the ArOA Young Optometrist of the Year (2024) and the American Optometric Student Association Student of the Year (2019).

Dr. Tollett earned his Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Arkansas State University in 2016 and his Doctor of



SPECIAL AWARD. Dr. Ali Hall (left), chair of the ArOA Awards Committee, presents the 2026 Special Service Award to Dr. Aaron Tollett at the ArOA Spring Convention in Little Rock, Friday, May 8. (Photo credit: Michael Pirniquie)

Optometry degree from the Southern College of Optometry in 2020.

Following graduation, he returned to his hometown of Nashville, where he purchased and renovated an existing practice to ensure

continued access to care for his community.

In 2025, he expanded his practice by opening Arkadelphia Eye Care in Arkadelphia, further increasing access to care in the region.

His commitment to ser-

vice extends into the community, where he is a past President of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and remains actively involved in local leadership and economic development initiatives.



Sample of Mahjong Tiles (Wikipedia image)

American Mahjong class to be offered this summer

What is Mahjong? The centuries-old Chinese tile game is experiencing a major resurgence. What was once considered niche has quickly become one of the fastest growing social hobbies for women and community groups across the country.

Beyond the game itself, people are drawn to Mahjong because of the connection, conversation, and sense of community it creates around the table, according to local player Amber Jurek.

Jurek is part of a group of Mahjong players that is planning to host American Mahjong class this summer in Nashville. The other players include Heather Cox, Hayden Williams, Candy Stanley, Jenna Pope, Melissa Astin, Jenna Pryor, Cassandra Organista and Jennifer Revels.

The group recently attended a Miss Arkansas scholarship

Mahjong fundraiser, “Bams, Cracks, and Crowns,” at Northridge Country Club in Texarkana, Texas. The event brought together approximately 70 attendees from across the region, including the group from Nashville.

“Many attendees, like myself, are newer players who discovered Mahjong within the last couple of years and now play weekly, sometimes multiple times a week, simply because of the friendships and community it has created,” said Jurek. “It has become much more than a game.”

Jurek said the interest locally has been overwhelming. “Our hope is to continue sharing the love of the game within our community and introduce even more people to this game.”

For more information and details, follow the Nashville Mahjong Club on Facebook.

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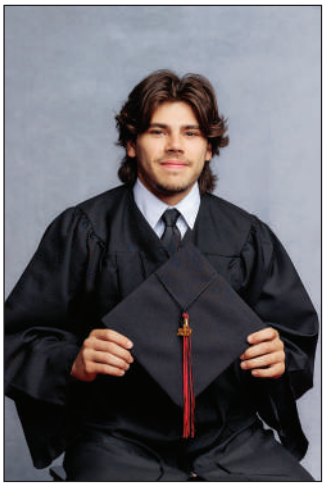
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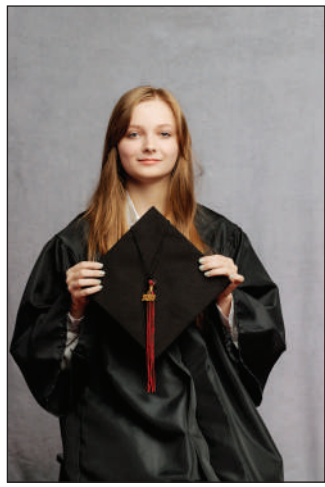
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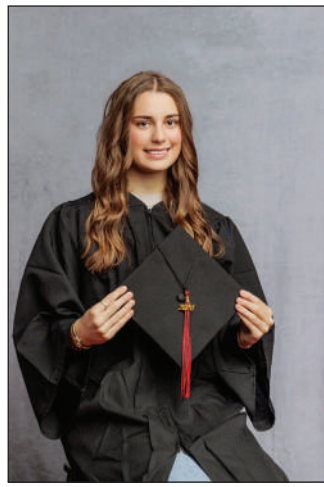
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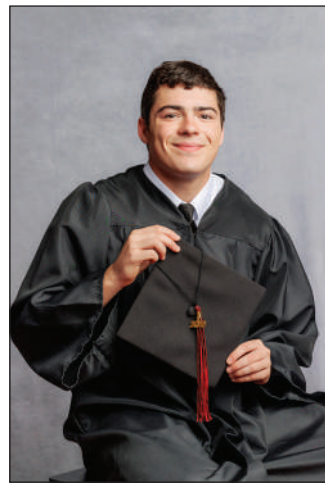
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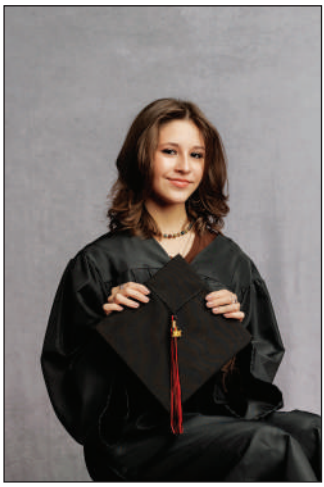
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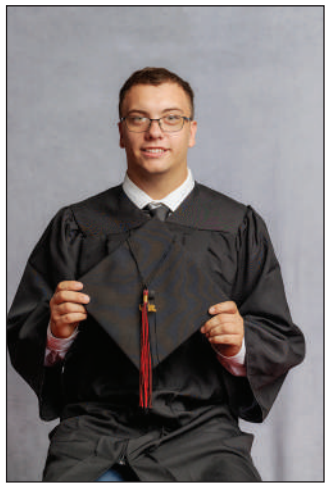
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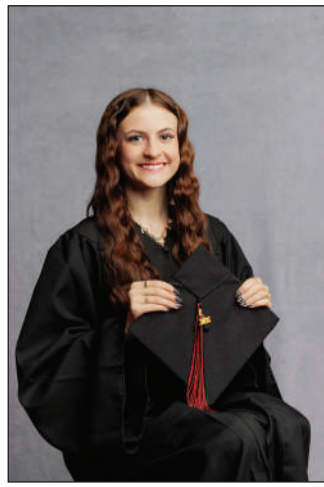
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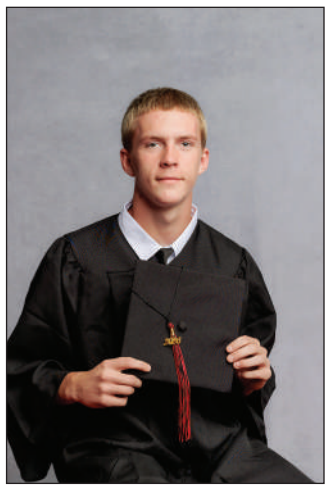
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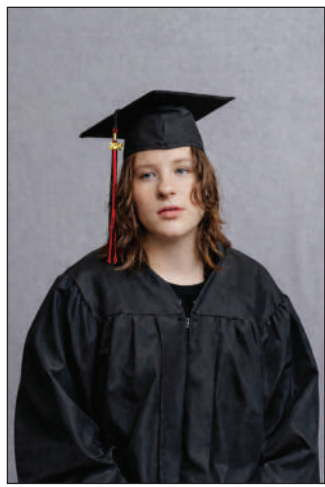
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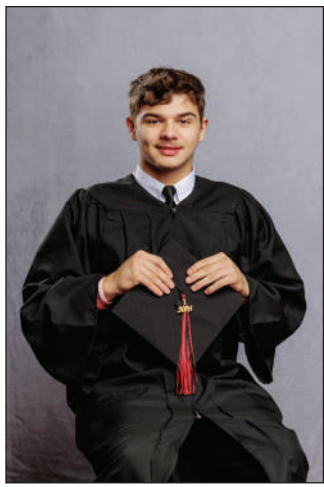
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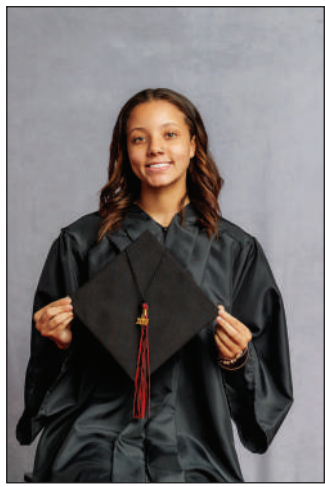
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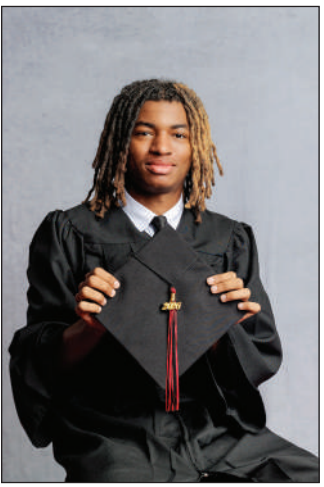
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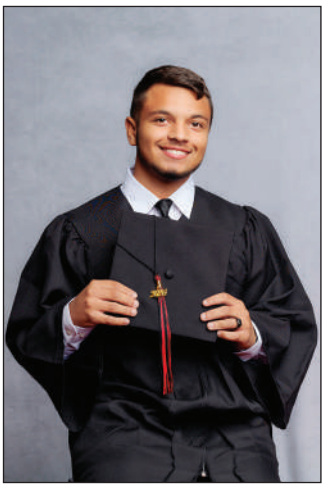
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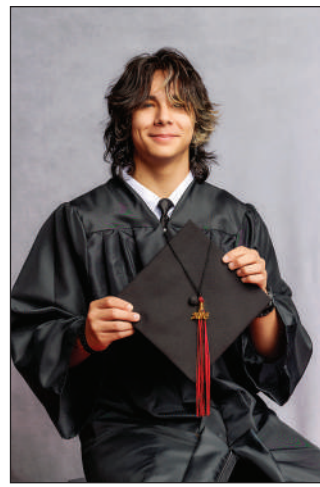
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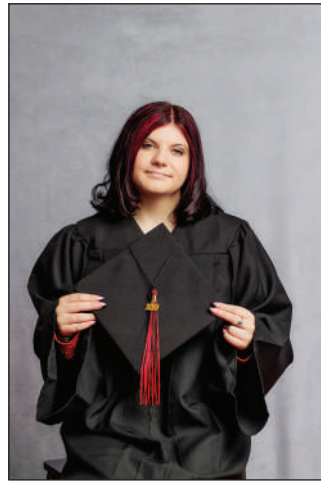
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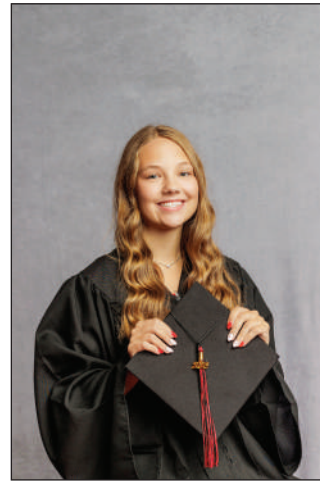
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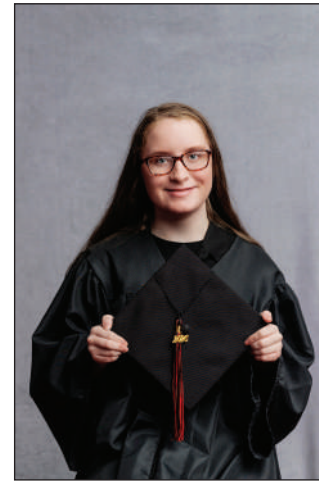
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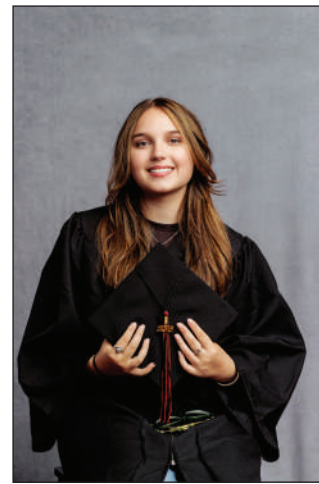
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Mayor wants Murfreesboro to be ATV/UTV city Council reviewing his request to make all city streets legal for recreational vehicles

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O'Neal has asked the City Council to consider allowing ATVs/UTVs to legally operate on all city streets to support tourism and local recreation with a balance of safety.

The mayor posed the question during the council's May meeting and it falls in line with the ongoing effort to establish ATV/UTV/bike trails in and around

Pike County.

O'Neal said that the current plan indicates the city would need to designate at least two streets within the city limits, which includes Highway 301 out to the Crater of Diamonds State Park, for the recreation vehicles to travel to Sour Springs Road outside of town to join other parts of the trail system.

The obvious street choices for designation would be North and South Washington, he said, so visitors

could go to the diamond mine, stay in motels, shop local, etc. But with just only two streets designated for legal use, O'Neal said those who do not stay in town but wanted to visit the town and the diamond mine would be illegal to do so.

The mayor added that the city-wide designation would also give locals the same opportunity to travel via ATV/UTV.

All recreational vehicles would have to meet Arkan-

sas code to become street legal, O'Neal noted, with a specific equipment criteria such as blinkers, seat belts, and headlights with a minimum age of 16 for drivers.

The mayor said Police Chief Randy Lamb was in favor of the plan and there was a strong consensus among the council to prohibit ATVs/UTVs in school zones during school hours and events, and to establish a reasonable curfew.

There was also questions

about what constitutes an ATV or UTV and it was agreed that four-wheelers should not be included in the plan if they lack required equipment set by state criteria.

The project is being spearheaded locally by the Murfreesboro Advertising & Tourism Commission. Council member Jane Fugitt serves on that commission and reported that the trail system is progressing.

"The trails are already

there," she said. "They're already using them."

The commission is now working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and moving ahead with establishing signage, trail setup, maintenance and mapping, according to Fugitt.

O'Neal did not call for a vote on the matter and advised the council to review the Arkansas ATV/UTV statute and vehicle criteria before next month's meeting.

Area students compete at Meet of Champions

Murfreesboro Lady Rattler Macy Gills participated in the May 13 Meet of Champions at Russellville High School.

The Meet of Champions faces off the best performers from all classifications.

Gills ran to a tenth place finish in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:05.11, which was slower than her mark of 1:02.14 at the Class AA state track meet the week prior.

Coach Chuck Lowery attributed it to the fact that it was Gills' only race (at the Meet of Champions) and that was a different scenario for her than multiple races at all the other track meets she participated in this year.

Other local athletes participating at the Meet of Champions included:

Alec O'Neal, Kirby -- fifth place, 3200 meter run,

10:40.33

Mineral Springs girls 4x100 meter relay team -- eleventh place, 51.24

Mineral Springs girls 4x200 meter relay team -- twelfth place, 1:51.51

Shamachia Stuard, Mineral Spring -- ninth place triple jump, 35'9"

Mineral Springs boys 4x100 meter relay team -- twelfth place, 44.01

Mineral Springs boys

4x200 meter relay team -- tenth place, 1:31.50

Jalen Staggers, Nashville, fifteenth place discus, 136'7"

Kathryn Williamson, Caddo Hills -- seventh place 800 meter run, 2:34.93

Aleigha Sanchez, Caddo Hills -- fourteenth place discus, 96'2"

Cory Passmore, Centerpoint -- seventh place high jump, 6'2"

Kirby man facing CSAM charge in Pike County

A Kirby man has been charged in Pike County with four counts of distributing, possessing or viewing matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child.

Zane Walker Duggan, 28, was charged May 15. He pleaded not guilty to

the charges Monday and an Aug. 10 pretrial date was set by Judge Bryan Chesshir.

According to case information, the Arkansas State Police opened an investigation on March 10 involving Duggan after receiving a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Ex-

ploited Children about the uploading of sexually explicit material to SnapChat.

SnapChat provided data that led to Duggan and his iPhone was seized and searched. Four different videos were allegedly found during the search.

Also Monday, Brandon

Davis, 30, of Caddo Gap, pleaded guilty to the charge of furnishing, possessing or using prohibited articles while he was an inmate at the Pike County jail. He was sentenced to 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with five years suspended.

MHS Class of '72 to gather June 6

The Murfreesboro High School Class of 1972 will hold their annual lunch on Saturday, June 6 at 12 noon at Telinga's.

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Howard County Farmers' Market Report

By Melanie Schwartz • HCFM Manager

The Howard County Farmers Market returns this Friday with plenty of fresh, local favorites just in time for Memorial Day weekend gatherings and backyard grilling. Shoppers can expect to find farm-fresh eggs, lettuce mix, bok choy, squash, purple and yellow sweet onions, fresh-cut herbs, local honey, jams and fruit butters, sourdough breads, baked goodies, handmade crafts, and more.

We hope to see families and out-of-town visitors stop by the market while celebrating NHS graduation. The market offers a chance to experience local vendors, pick up a last minute grad gift, and enjoy one of the community's growing weekly traditions.

The market is held every Friday from 7am - Noon at 110 S Washington Street. Be sure to find us on Facebook for latest information on attending vendors.

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Storm Alert: How to Identify Severe Weather, Prepare Ahead, Stay Safe

By Abby Gray
Howard County EA
Family & Consumer Science

As storm season intensifies across much of the United States, emergency officials are urging residents to understand how to recognize severe weather threats and act before conditions turn dangerous.

Guidance from federal agencies and weather experts highlights three critical steps: identifying threats, preparing in advance, and knowing where to go when storms strike.

Recognizing the signs of severe weather

Severe weather often develops quickly, but there are clear warning signals. A severe thunderstorm is defined by its ability to produce damaging winds of at least 58 mph, large hail, or even tornadoes.

Meteorologists distinguish between two key alerts:

A watch means conditions are favorable for severe storms.

A warning means a storm is already occurring, or imminent action is needed.

Preparation is key

Officials emphasize that preparation should begin well before dark clouds appear. Severe weather can happen anywhere and at any time, making planning essential. Key preparation steps include:

Create a family emergency plan and practice it regularly. Stay informed by monitoring alerts and forecasts.

Identify local risks, such as tornadoes, floods, or light-

ning in your area. Additional safety guidance recommends preparing your home and surroundings before a storm arrives this includes bringing pets indoor and secure loose outdoor objects that could become airborne and postpone outdoor activities when severe weather is expected.

Planning ahead, including knowing how to communicate with family members and where to meet can significantly improve safety during fast-moving storms.

Where to go when severe weather strikes

When a warning is issued, experts agree that immediate shelter is the best defense. The safest place to be is inside a sturdy building that can protect against wind, hail, and debris.

In a small interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows. Safety professionals recommend putting as many walls as possible between you and the outside.

If caught outside, seek shelter in a hard-topped vehicle (only during lightning storm) or enclosed building immediately. Avoid open areas, tall objects, and bodies of water. For tornado threats, moving to a basement or lowest level and covering yourself can provide additional protection.

A matter of timing and awareness

Severe thunderstorms are often brief for many; they pass within an hour but can cause significant damage at that time. Emergency officials

say the difference between safety and danger often comes down to preparation and quick decision-making.

By understanding alerts, planning, and seeking proper shelter, individuals can greatly reduce their risk during severe weather events.

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Recipe of the Week

Chewy Granola Bars

Ingredients:
2 cups quick cooking oats
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20 mini pretzels, crushed
¾ cup pancake syrup, maple syrup, or honey
½ cup peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:
• Combine oats, cereal, and crushed pretzels in a large bowl. Set aside.

• Pour syrup or honey into a microwave-safe bowl and heat in the microwave for 1 minute. Stir in peanut butter until combined. Microwave for 1 minute more. Stir in vanilla.

• Pour syrup mixture over oat mixture. Stir until completely coated.

• Spray a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray and pour mixture into pan. Press mixture firmly into the pan using wax paper or the back of a spoon.

• Allow mixture to cool completely to room temperature. Cut into bars and enjoy!

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This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of Esther, intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times.

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O MIGHTY HAMAN, KNOWEST THOU THAT MORDECAI, IN THE KING'S GATE, REFUSES TO DO REVERENCE UNTO THEE?

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Panel adopts rules for law aiding formerly consolidated school districts

By Antonette Grajeda
Arkansas Advocate

The Arkansas State Board of Education approved an emergency rule last Thursday to implement new legislation governing the creation of newly formed smaller school districts.

During April's session, lawmakers approved legislation outlining the process for providing funding and separating assets when a school district detaches from a district it was previously consolidated with to form an isolated district.

Stacy Smith, Deputy Commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Education, told the board the emergency rule expands access to funding that has been provided to districts after they are consolidated or

annexed.

Under the change, the funding would also be available to a district that lost territory due to a detachment.

The emergency rule is effective for four months, Smith said.

The districts had been consolidated with neighboring ones under a 2003 law that was enacted in response to a decade-long school funding case.

The board also released a permanent version of the rule for a 30-day public comment period. Feedback will inform any revisions to the proposed rule, which will require final approval from the education board and review by the Arkansas Legislative Council before taking effect.

Under the recently approved legislation, all personal property located in a resulting isolated school district that is the property of the existing district at the time of an election approving the detachment shall be transferred to the isolated district.

An isolated district also assumes all the debt of the existing district if the debt is related to the real property transferred to the isolated district.

The legislation also requires the existing district to transfer to the isolated district 90% of the per-student funding awarded by the state for each student who attended the isolated school.

The state will provide public schools \$8,037 per student for the 2026-2027 year.

Lawmakers will resume their work next week on a biennial process to determine how much per-student funding should be provided for the 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 academic years to provide an adequate education to Arkansas students.

The legislation outlining the isolated district funding process was added to the appropriation bill for the education department's Division of Elementary and Secondary Education. Details about providing comments on the proposed rule will be posted to the education department's website: dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/legal/rules/pending.

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Local students among 432 Ouachita Baptist University spring graduates

Ouachita Baptist University honored 432 graduates during its 139th Spring Commencement ceremony on the front lawn of historic Cone-Bottoms Hall on Saturday, May 9.

Honorees included those who earned Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of

Education and Master of Business Administration degrees in August 2025, December 2025 and May 2026.

Among this year's 221 honor graduates, 69 earned summa cum laude status (3.95 GPA or higher), including 48 who completed their degrees with a 4.0 GPA. Additionally, 84 graduated magna cum laude (3.75-3.949 GPA) and 68 graduated cum laude (3.5-3.749 GPA). The Carl Goodson Honors

Program commended 37 completers, and Alpha Chi National Honor Society honored 49 of its graduating members.

Ouachita Baptist University, a Christian liberal arts university, is in its 140th year. This year, Ouachita celebrated being named Niche's Best Small College in Arkansas and AY Magazine's Best Private College. Learn more about the university's highly personal approach, reflected in a 14:1 student-to-

faculty ratio, at www.obu.edu.

Local graduates involved in the ceremony included:

- Ella Claire Brinkley**, Murfreesboro Elementary Education
- Makenzie G. Grider**, Amity Political Science and Criminal Justice
- Tiffany Lynn Byer**, Nashville Biology

How SW ARKANSAS PLAYED THE LOTTERY IN APRIL 2026

County	Cash 3	Cash 4	Fast Play	Instant Settlement	New Lotto	Lucky for Life	Mega Millions	Natural State	Power Ball	Total Sales
Hempstead	\$73,723	\$31,986	\$16,840	\$432,025	\$2,644	\$6,080	\$4,760	\$2,800	\$10,253	\$581,111
Howard	55,135	18,105	11,547	269,838	2,106	3,770	3,135	1,522	5,399	370,557
Little River	6,578	4,161	2,805	132,505	1,028	2,605	2,210	1,130	4,350	157,372
Pike	495	632	8,884	127,737	2,666	3,155	2,345	2,177	4,822	152,913
Sevier	7,963	407	1,277	193,034	2,228	4,140	1,540	2,557	5,822	218,968
State Total	\$1,132,893	\$645,237	\$1,617,151	\$39,408,518	\$776,634	\$1,093,040	\$918,270	\$653,590	\$1,716,912	\$47,962,245

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NEW NASHVILLE POSTMASTER

Ernesto Bustamante, 26, a 2018 graduate of Nashville High School, has been named the Nashville Post Office's new Postmaster. Bustamante has worked for the postal service for six years, mostly as a carrier and a clerk before being "talked into management" for a supervisor position at the De Queen Post Office and then the position at Nashville.

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JOHN BALCH



Pike County Quorum Court holds May meeting

By PJ Tracy

Murfreesboro Diamond With the Murfreesboro Farmers Market set to open their 2026 on Saturday, May 30, the Pike County Quorum Court discussed the matter at their May meeting on Monday night.

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard said he had been approached about vendors not wanting to utilize the pavilion in the back of the old city park -- which is off the highway frontage and is out of sight to locals, and unknown to tourists, despite the sign on the highway.

Howard said that anyone was able to utilize the area, but he felt it was unlikely for a request of building facilities by the county.

The county owns the former hospital property as well as the old city park area. "They have permission to set up, but they want shade in front -- they don't like being off the highway."

"We spent \$20,000 to put it where it is -- where they wanted it," said Justice of the Peace Johnny Plyler of the existing pavilion area.

Paul Baker stated that "it's a great idea, but we can't put in a permanent structure [nearer the hospital], because if the hospital gets torn down, it will be useless."

According to Howard, the county is applying for a grant to remove the hazardous material from the building, which once completed, will allow them to apply for a grant to raze the building to the ground.

"Once the hazardous materials are removed, we will apply for the grant every year until it gets torn down," said Howard.

It was discussed amongst the court members that vendors may certainly utilize tents to provide themselves shade.

The Quorum Court also reappointed Pike County resident Gary Wofford to the Pike County Equalization Board after he agreed to serve another three-year term that

will expire in June 2029.

"I'm glad he wants to do it," Plyler said honestly. "I wouldn't."

A request by Pike County Assessor Staci Stewart to add hours to the part-time assessor employee in Glenwood was tabled until next month after Stewart was unable to attend the meeting.

Howard told the court that Pike County was the recipient of the "pavement preservation" award for the chip and seal work done on Head and Strawberry roads in Delight.

"This is an award for the best chip and seal job in the state -- across all counties," said Howard.

"I'd like to thank all who supported me on purchasing the new roller, because without this it couldn't have been done."

Howard also credited the Pike County road crew members, stating that "they did a great job and it looks really nice ... this is the first award that Pike County has ever received for road work that I know of."

Kip Holbrook asked Howard if the county had investigated the "Step Grant" from the State of Arkansas that would pay for county officer's overtime.

Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards said Sheriff Travis Hill had applied, but the first attempt had been turned down as Pike County's employee handbook specifically states that there are no overtime hours paid for, only comp time accrued.

"We have a policy for no overtime, so the employee handbook would have to be changed first."

Edwards said that the grant was a reimbursement, so the county would also have to open a dedicated account to handle any overtime payments.

"It would save the county a lot of money," Baker said.

Edwards said Hill was working to develop the verbiage to revise the handbook with state officials.

NOTICE: Howard County Children's Center Bocce Ball Team Send-Off Thursday, May 21 at 8:30
Line up outside Nashville City Hall to send the team off to the Special Olympics at Harding University

Local students earn degrees at UAMS

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) recently held commencement ceremonies to recognize 1,237 students who earned degrees or certificates from the university's five colleges and graduate school.

UAMS awarded a total of 1,249 degrees or certificates: 167 to students in the College of Medicine, 159 in the College of Nursing, 743 in the College of Health Professions, 52 in the College of Pharmacy, 72 in the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, and 56 in the UAMS Graduate School. Twelve students earned multiple degrees or certificates.

Degrees and certificates conferred at this year's ceremonies included doctor of philosophy; doctor of medicine; doctor of pharmacy; doctor of nursing practice; master of science; master of nursing science; bachelor of science in nursing; doctor of public health; master of public health; master of health administration; master of science in healthcare data analytics; and a variety of allied health disciplines, including doctor of audiology, doctor of physical therapy, master of physician assistant studies, master of science, and bachelor of science.

The following are graduates of the UAMS colleges and graduate school who authorized the release of their names and hometowns. Graduates are divided by college and hometown unless otherwise noted. If no state is listed, then the graduate is from Arkansas.

UAMS College of Medicine

The following graduates received their Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree.

Dierks -- Luke Andrew Tollett.

UAMS College of Nursing

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