

## Leader Board

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Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

### Soup kitchen set May 27 at church in Mineral

The Mineral Springs Church of Christ soup kitchen and pantry box handout will be Wednesday, May 27, from 2-5 p.m.

The menu will include hot dogs, chips and cookies. Pantry boxes will be available.

The church is located at 318 Bridgeman Drive. For more information, call 870-451-4441.



### VBS event planned for June 6 at Cross Point

A Vacation Bible School kickoff day Saturday, June 6, will include horse rides, hot dogs and games at Cross Point Cowboy Church.

The kickoff will be from 3-6 p.m.

VBS will be June 7-10, each night from 5:30-8 p.m., and is for children K-5.

The church and arena are located west of Nashville on Hwy. 371.

For information call Carrie Chambers, 870-403-3087.

### Weekend gun show to be held at Spa City

The annual gun and knife show sponsored by the South Hot Springs Lions Club will be moved to the Garland County Fairgrounds for the first time.

The show will be Saturday and Sunday, May 30-31, beginning at 9 a.m. each morning. Admission is \$10 for adults; children under 12 are free.

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## Weather cooperates as NHS graduation goes without a hitch

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

What had been a cloudy, rainy week turned into a perfect night Friday, May 22, as 159 Nashville High School seniors received their diplomas during graduation ceremonies at Scrapper Stadium.

Part of the week was spent setting up the stage and seating at the stadium and at Scrapper Arena in case the weather forced the event inside.

In the end, the biggest weather-related issue turned out to be the wind which threatened to blow over the backdrop standing behind the stage.

The maintenance team quickly moved in a tractor and front-end loader to park behind the stage and support the backdrop through the ceremony.

Friday night's program included the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" processional by the Scrapper band, followed by "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Senior Raymiah Alvarez gave

the invocation.

Class president Brayden Erby welcomed the crowd, with Angelica Padilla-Galvan giving the welcome in Spanish.

NHS Principal Ashley Riggs introduced Superintendent Doug Graham, members of the school board and administration.

Graduates received framed copies of the Nashville Alma Mater donated by Allison Ball Horn, granddaughter of Amy Holcombe Ball Johnston who wrote the song.

Seniors recognized their class sponsors Lacy Britt and Aleshia Erwin.

Salutatorian Karstyn Scrivner delivered her address, followed by valedictorian Milagros Sanchez.

NHS counselor Beverly Tedford reviewed the seniors' scholarships, which totaled more than \$7 million.

Brendan Gregory introduced science teacher Scott Horne, who gave the faculty charge to graduates.

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**VAL AND SAL.** Milagros Sanchez was valedictorian; Karstyn Scrivner was salutatorian for the NHS Class of 2026. Graduation photos may be found on pages 1B-4B.



News-Leader photo/LAYLA SIRMON

**SCRAPPER SPIRIT.** NHS Assistant Principal Eric Perez waves a Scrapper flag at the Class 4A state championship game against De Queen May 23 at Hot Springs Lakeside. The contest was close throughout, with the Leopards edging the Scrapers 1-0. Photos from the state finals, page 8A.

## Scrapers runners-up in first trip to soccer finals

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

**HOT SPRINGS** - The Nashville Scrapers held De Queen to one goal, but that was all the Leopards needed in the Class 4A state soccer finals Saturday, May 23, at Hot Springs Lakeside.

De Queen won 1-0. Thunderstorms caused delays in the earlier matches, moving the 4A championship game from the original 4 p.m. start to around 5:45 p.m.

Once the contest got underway, the teams played to a standoff through much of the first half before De Queen scored on a shot into the left rear corner of the goal.

The Leopards carried their 1-0 lead into the locker room at halftime and held on in the second half to win

the state title for the first time since 2023.

The Scrapers were playing in their first 4A championship game, a big step forward for a program which began in the spring of 2017. Nashville's first home match was March 31 that year, a 7-5 overtime win over Mena.

The Scrapers have made three straight appearances in the state semifinals ahead of this year's trip to the finals.

They ended the season with an overall record of 17-4-1.

Nashville was the two seed from Class 4A-South. The Leopards were the one seed from the conference.

Ahren Turner is the head coach, assisted by Jacob Greenfield, Jesse Bearden and Clarissa Brizo.

## State abruptly closes Murfreesboro nursing home

By John Balch  
News-Leader staff

Findings of alleged facility mismanagement and cases of misappropriation of funds, ranging from a resident's Social Security check to residents' bingo winnings, resulted in the state abruptly shutting down Murfreesboro Rehab & Nursing Home last week and relocating its residents to area facilities.

The Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Provider Services & Quality Assurance (DPSQA) and the Office of Long Term Care (OTLC) notified the facility staff and residents the

afternoon of Wednesday, May 20, that the facility's operating license was being revoked, as was the administrator license of Sandra Barnett, owner and administrator.

The revocations come on the heels of a nursing home survey conducted by the OTLC on May 4 in which the facility was cited for an "immediate jeopardy citation that is ongoing," according to the notification letters that were hand-delivered to the facility on May 20 and provided to the newspaper.

"Due to the amount and severity of violations, Murfreesboro Rehab's continued non-compliance

with the Rules for Nursing Homes, and the insolvency of the facility" the DPSQA decided to revoke the facility's nursing home license on May 31 "or immediately upon transfer of all residents," according to the documents.

ADHS employee, David Parker, was also appointed on May 20 as the facility's temporary manager, who began to coordinate the pre-arranged transfers to area nursing homes.

That afternoon, transport vehicles and personnel began to arrive on the scene and joined throngs of family members, friends, con-

cerned citizens and community leaders, who all said they were caught off guard by the sudden announcement.

The nursing home has officially been cited with failing to keep residents free from misappropriation/exploitation; lacking proper administration and a governing body; failing to protect the residents' rights to manage their financial affairs; failing to maintain a proper accounting system for residents' funds; failure to investigate/prevent/correct alleged violations;

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## Ozark Folk Center has answers about the past

By Don Hall  
News-Leader staff

Have you ever wondered how people did this or made that when Arkansas was young? If they didn't raise it or grow it, shoot it or pick it, make it or repair it, then they probably didn't have it.

One of our state parks in Arkansas can not only answer many of your questions, but in most cases you can even see how it was done.

The Ozark Folk Center State Park in Mountain View has a craft village filled with more than 20 shops that feature what were useful talents in pioneer days.

The first shop you come

to dips candles the old-fashioned way. You can even try your hand at it.

When you leave the candle shop, you'll climb a few steps to get to the kiln and pottery shop, next door to where several ladies are creating stained glass art.

There's a woodcarver and a woodsmith, a leathersmith and a fellow that makes things from copper.

An apothecary shop fills the air inside with the smells of tinctures and soaps made with Ozark herbs, and it sits right next to the blacksmith shop.

Oddly entertaining is the shop where a man and his wife are making brooms.

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News-Leader photo/DON HALL

**AT MOUNTAIN VIEW.** During a trip to Mountain View, Jaree Hall of Nashville visits an authentic school house built in the mid-1800s.



# Obituaries



**Theresa Pearl Ross Parrish**

Theresa Pearl Ross Parrish, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on Sunday evening, May 17, 2026, age 79, at her home in Glenwood, Ark., with her family by her side.

Born on July 28, 1946, in Bisbee, Ariz., Theresa was the second of five children born to Raymond Jefferson Ross Sr., and Marilyn Brooks Ross. She spent her childhood between her grandparents' home in Bisbee, Ariz., and her parents' home in Bellflower, Calif.

In 1964, she graduated from La Mirada High School, Calif., where she met her future husband, Johnce Lyle Parrish. The two acted in plays together, and through the years would occasionally put on impromptu theatrical performances, singing and dancing and getting many laughs at family gatherings. Theresa won a scholarship to the prestigious Pasadena Playhouse, but unable to meet all costs, attended Cerritos College instead. With their flair for the dramatic, Theresa and Johnce married on Halloween, 1965, a date that was thereafter commemorated by face-painting, dressing up, and general family fun.

While living first in California, Theresa had 5 daughters. Although a full-time mother, she attended Rio Hondo Community College and honed her ceramic skills. In 1979, the family moved to Murfreesboro, Ark., to be near her father, Ray Ross and beloved stepmother, Lola Ross. While living in Murfreesboro, Theresa and Johnce had 2 more children, this time sons, while trans-

forming the property with beds of terraced flowers. In 1986, Theresa continued the family tradition of working at newspapers, and began building ads for The Glenwood Herald, where her father had been owner and editor. Theresa eventually became the Advertising Editor who broke the Herald record for the most ads sold and earned the highest salary through her commissions.

In the early 2000s, Theresa and Johnce purchased and moved into the house previously owned by her father and stepmother in Glenwood. Later, a life-long learner, Theresa continued her education at National Park Community College, in Hot Springs, unsurprisingly earning 'A's. In her retirement, she dedicated herself to gardening the large property, and caring for family and friends. She was famous for bouquets created with flowers from her own garden, and delivered by Johnce to friends all over.

While it was well-known that Theresa's husband, Johnce, was a talented and prolific artist, most people did not realize that Theresa was also an artist, who could not only produce life-like sketches, but who could also make pottery, landscape gardens, arrange flowers, and decorate interiors with an aptitude to challenge any expert in design. Beauty was evident in everything she did, from her careful cursive writing to her gift wrapping to her table decor and terrariums. Any visitor to her home could not fail to notice that artists lived there, as fascinating objects adorned every surface. This artistry also shone through her storytelling, both verbal and written: she held audiences rapt at family gatherings, regaling them with vignettes of spider encounters; her letters to friends and family were beloved; and she spoke of plans to one day submit stories to Reader's Digest.

Theresa's life was defined by her devotion to family and community. Theresa's more reserved and quiet-spirited personality balanced out her husband's

more flamboyant nature, and she was committed to always seeing the best in people and giving them the benefit of the doubt. Her Catholic school upbringing and previous employment as a telephone customer service representative contributed to her meticulous good manners and unflinching politeness in every social situation. She was a nurturing and forgiving person who delighted in small children and who made life-long friends. She was a calm and helpful presence wherever she was, and a talented and devoted mother admired by everyone who knew her. Theresa's legacy of love, compassion, and resilience through hard times will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Theresa was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Johnce Lyle Parrish, and by 3 brothers: Jeff Ross, Greg Ross, and Ronald Ross. Theresa is survived by her sister, Diane Ross (Randy Parsley) of Winter Park, Florida, and seven children: Cindy Tinsey of St. Clair, Michigan; Elisabeth Parrish Eaton (Carl) of Doddridge, Arkansas; Maria Parrish-Eichman (Gregg) of Burleson, Texas; Catherine Parrish (Chris Fitter) of Merchantville, New Jersey; Rachel Parrish (Phil McKenna) of Cambridge, Massachusetts; Ian Parrish (Larissa) of Benton, Arkansas; and Justin Dru Parrish of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Theresa holds closely in her heart her daughter in spirit, Sarah Kesterson, and Sarah's children Bell and Wilson. Theresa also leaves behind 17 grandchildren: Isaac Doggett (Jessica), Johnce Tyler Doggett (Ainslee), Julian Doggett, Jeffrey Parrish, Seth Batts (Samantha), Matthew Parrish-Eichman, John Parrish-Eichman, Sarah Parrish-Eichman, Christian Parrish-Eichman, Sophia Fitter, Michael Fitter, Julian Fitter, Finnegan McKenna, Talia McKenna, Emerson Parrish, Duncan Parrish, and Roman Parrish; five great-grandchildren; 11 nieces and nephews; numerous extended family; and many friends who became like family.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service on Saturday, May 30th, 2026, 2-4 pm, at the Smith Family Funeral Home, 209 N 3rd St., Glenwood, AR 71943, and to

share stories of the love and the fun that characterized Theresa. An open reception for all friends and family will follow immediately at the Glenwood Senior Center. While the memorial service is at 2 p.m., it will not start until 3 p.m., because Theresa will be late!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made towards funeral expenses: Venmo: @Catherine-Parrish-24

CashApp: \$ElisabethEaton Or: Ian Parrish - 8171 Zuber Rd Benton, AR 72019.

**Isaac Stewart**

Isaac Stewart, 89, died May 14, 2026.

He was born Jan. 8, 1937, in the Clow community, Hempstead County, the son of the late Andrew Stewart, Sr., and Ora Bell Whitmore Stewart.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

He was a U.S. Army veteran. With a degree in agriculture, he worked with the Food and Drug Administration. He later became a teacher.

Survivors include: a sister, Velma Shaw William-son of Little Rock; stepchildren Barbara Bishop of Manhattan, Kan., Nellie Williams of Hope, Thomas Jenkins of Nashville, and Steven Jenkins of McCaskill; also step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday at Hicks Funeral Home, Hope. Funeral services will be 2:30 Saturday at Hicks Memorial Chapel, 407 South Hazel, Hope. Burial will follow at Cummings Cemetery in Clow.

**Denzil Draper**

Denzil Draper, 60, of Mineral Springs died May 18, 2026.

He was born Feb. 23, 1966, in Mineral Springs to the late James and Verdia Lee Draper.

Survivors include: six children, Jamie Smith, Jamin Draper, Taylor Draper, Dexter Draper, Damorris Draper, and Shaniah Draper; five siblings, Linda Gamble, Perry Draper (Lanette), Shirleen Hicks, Carolyn (Charles) Ogden, and James Earl Draper; also grandchildren.

Visitation was at the M&H Memorial Chapel, Hope, from 3-5 p.m. on Friday, May 22.

The funeral service was at Maranatha Baptist Church in Nashville at 11 a.m. Saturday. Burial followed in the Flint Hill Cemetery in Mineral Springs.



Photo Courtesy of HCSO

**AREA OF SEARCH.** Nashville Fire Marshal Justin Thornton points to an area to be searched for a Nashville man missing for three days. Many agencies joined the search for Joshua Hagood, later found deceased.

## Search teams find man deceased after three days missing

Searchers from two states and 29 agencies combed an area north of Nashville, during the holiday weekend, before finding the body of a man missing for three days.

Joshua Hagood, 44, walked away from his residence at 371 Pump Springs Road with his pet dog. He was last seen on the morning of May 20; searchers found him deceased on May 23.

According to Howard County Chief Deputy Joey Davis, Hagood's body has been sent to the State Medical Examiner to determine the cause of death. Hagood reportedly had medical issues. When he was found, his dog was still with him.

Among agencies involved in the search were a number of canine units.

Local agencies included the sheriff's department, Nashville Police Department, and fire departments from Nashville, Center Point, Dierks, Athens, Umpire, County Line, and others not local. Several county search and rescue units also participated.



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**REMEMBERING.** Nashville High School senior Tyler Vaughn plays "Taps" during the Memorial Day program Monday at the Howard County Courthouse.



**FIRST PLACE IN ARKANSAS.** Nashville Primary School student Savanah McElyea's 'Project Prevent' drawing in a tobacco prevention contest among all second grade students was judged the best. The contest was sponsored Arkansas Children's Hospital.

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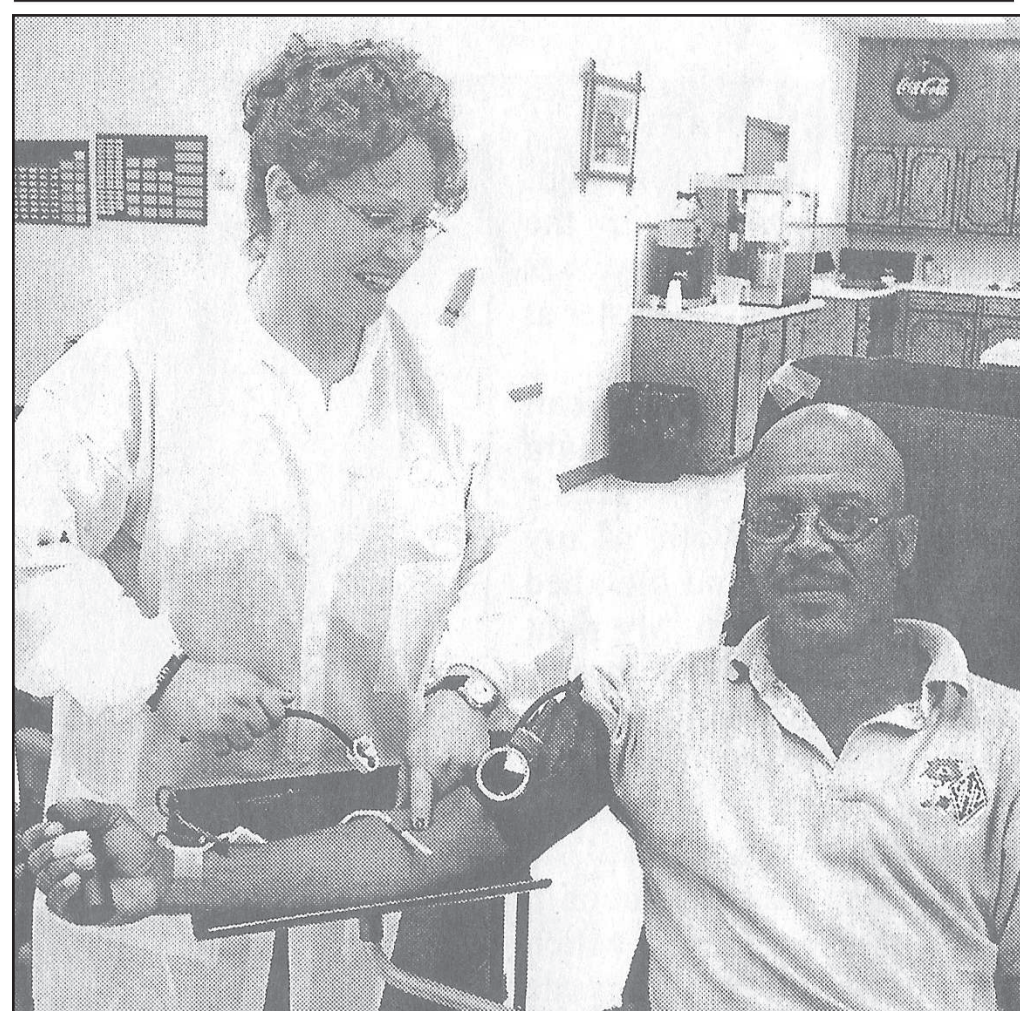
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## THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL EARLY FILES

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



Laura Hester takes blood from Stacy Boles at the Center Point Community Center for the Red Cross blood drive in June 2004.

**134 years ago: May 1892**  
Red River at Fulton was within three feet of the highest point reached in 1890 and was rising one-half inch per hour Wednesday night with a big rise reported above. It is perhaps now within one foot of high-water mark and is doing great damage to the stock and crops.

The Baptist Sunday school of Hope did not come last Saturday as was expected on account of rain which fell steadily all morning. They hope to come, however Saturday the weather permitting at which time there will be a game of baseball between the Hope club and the home nine.

(Adv.) Buy the gilt-edge shoe dressing at Rector's drug store.

**54 years ago: May 1972**  
Five persons died Friday

in the worst traffic accident in recent Howard County history.

Included in the dead were three teenage boys from the Athens area. Darrel Ray Pate, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pate, Nebo D. Davis, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen Davis and Larry Bissell, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Collie Bissell, all of near Athens died instantly.

Other dead were identified as Leonard McCurtsey, 51 of Dallas, Texas and his brother Homer L. McCurtsey, 43 of North Little Rock.

According to Trooper Dave Hendershott of Dierks the Pate car was traveling at a high rate of speed and the driver lost control in a curve approximately four miles east of the Umpire turn-off.

Pate and Davis were students at Umpire High School.

(Adv.) 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sale, West's Nashville, Arkansas, weekdays 9:00 to 5:30. Saturday 9:00 to 6:00. Dacron double knit 100% polyester double knit, \$1.77 per yard.

**47 years ago: June 1979**  
S.A. "Sam" Westbrook, timberman and owner of Clear Creek Tie company in Nashville, was elected chairman of the board of the First National Bank at a directors meeting Wednesday.

The announcement was made by President Clayton Franklin, who also said two new directors have been named to the board, John Anthony and Howard Wright.

Other directors include Al Backus, Neely Cassady, James Sullivan, Billy Masey, Louis Power, J.C. Dyer and Franklin.

## Defendant found fit to proceed

A Dierks man has been found fit to proceed with his defense on charges of a terrorist act, class B felony, and 1st degree criminal mischief, class D.

Phillip Lain Janes, 34, white male, Dierks, will have pretrial motions on Aug. 12 with a Sept. 1 date set for a potential jury trial. He was charged in 2025. According to court documents he is held on charges in Oklahoma. His bond here has been revoked with no new bond set. Here, he allegedly shot a house and a vehicle at Dierks.

Four defendants entered not guilty or not true pleas and had trial and pretrial dates set by Judge Bryan Chesshir.

Michael Markcum, 55, white male, Nashville, is charged with possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Pre-trial motions will be heard Aug. 5.

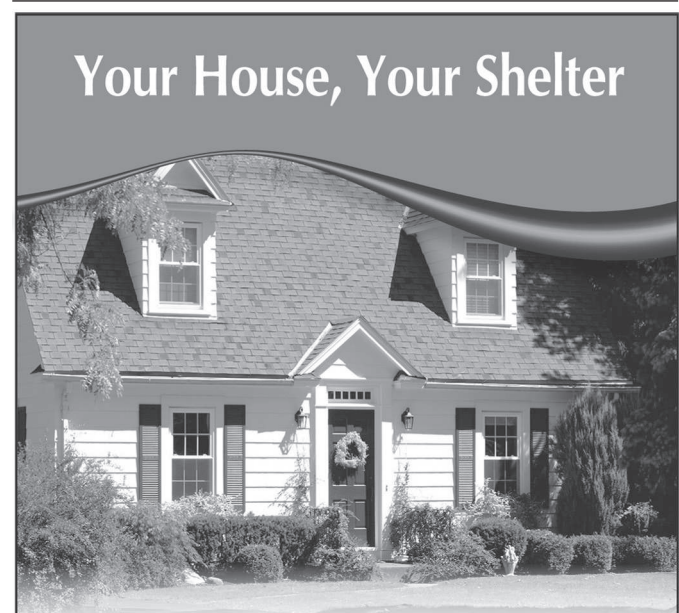
Eric White, 56, black male, Nashville, is charged with felony and misdemeanor drug offenses. Pretrial motions will be heard June 24.

A not guilty plea was also heard from Ransdale Hockaday, 77, white male, Nashville, who is facing two charges of violation of Arkansas's Hot Check Law. Motions will be heard Aug. 5.

A probation revocation trial will be June 3 for Corey Hazelwood, 36, white male,

Nashville, charged with failure to meet the terms of his 2024 conviction for theft of property.

**One guilty plea**  
Dante Gilliam, 21, black male, Nashville, was sentenced to five years in the Arkansas Department of Correction on his true plea on revocation of his probation for a 2023 residential burglary conviction and a guilty plea for a 2025 charge of felon in possession of a firearm.



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## Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period May 14-20, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

**Marriage Licenses**  
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)  
May 15. Aaron Ross Kesterson, 28, Dierks, and Destiny Danielle Faulkner, 26, Dierks.

May 19. Jared Wayne Crabtree, 20, Murfreesboro, and Gracen Carol White, 18, Kirby.

**Civil Court**  
CV26-91, May 15. Velocity Investments vs. Christopher Wright. Debt.

CV26-92, May 18. Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Brad Ewing. Debt.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
DR26-46, May 15. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Gorta Neal. Support.

DR26-47, May 18. Jakeshia Jetton vs. Kejuan Jetton. Order of protection.

DR26-48, May 19. Kejuan Jetton vs. Jakeshia Jetton. Order of protection.

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

CR26-35, May 18. State of Arkansas vs. Eric White, 56, black male, 1203 W. Leslie, Nashville; POCS, class C felony; PODP, misdemeanor.

CR26-36, May 19. State

of Arkansas vs. Michael Eugene Markcum, 55, white male, 203 N. 4th St., Nashville; POCS and PODP, both class D.

CR26-37, May 19. State of Arkansas vs. Londell D. Trotter, 37, black male, 619 W. Henderson, Nashville; aggravated assault, class D.

**Land/Property Transactions**

**Quitclaim Deed**  
May 19. Hayes Halcombe and wife Caroline Halcombe; to Stephanie Kesterson; 2.36 ac. in S20 T7S R28W.

May 19. Doris Milam, surviving spouse of Ronald Milum; to Dustin Spray; Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, Block 1, Stephenson's Addition, town of Dierks.

**Executor's Deed**  
May 18. Bradley Wayne Ashford, executor of the estate of Joseph Wayne Ashford, deceased; to Sonja M. Summers; part of Block 6, Murray's 2nd Addition, town of Dierks. \$165,000.

**Redemption Deed**  
May 19. State of Arkansas; to Beth Anderson, Dierks; 4 ac. in S3 T8S R28W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$2,975.89.

**Distributee Deed**  
May 18. Sandra B. Duke and Susan Blakely Renfrow, distributees of the estate of Patricia Ann Blakely, deceased; to Sandra B. Duke and Susan Blakely Renfrow; property in S24 T9S R27W.

May 18. Sandra B. Duke and Susan Blakely Renfrow, distributees of the estate of Patricia Ann Blakely, deceased; to Sandra B. Duke

and Susan Blakely Renfrow; 100 ft. strip of land in S24 T9S R27W.

**Warranty Deed**  
May 14. Tony Chesshir and Julie Chesshir; to Glen Allen Adams and wife Marissa Adams; Lot 18, Cornbridge Estates, Howard County. \$3,000.

May 15. David Williams and wife, Tina Williams; to Dale K. Jones and wife Luanne M. Jones; 21.5 ac. in S30 T9S R27W. \$299,000.

May 18. (Special) Jeanette Nguyen wife of Angel Xuan-Nguyen Bui, and Robert Nguyen; to Jason Nguyen; 304 Castleberry St., Nashville. \$10.

May 19. Jesse Dossey; to Timothy Ackley; 6.041 ac. in S25 T6S R28W. \$154,000.

May 19. Darrell Lynn Williams and Mary Lois Williams; to Leticia Organista Bibiano and Gumercindo Mejia Meza, joint tenants; 0.25 ac. in S23 T9S R27W, City of Nashville. \$2,500.

May 19. (Correction) Jordan Sue Mike Pope; to Vivian Sue Pope, trustee of the Eddie Mike Pope and Vivian Sue Pope Revocable Trust; 2.37 ac. in S17 T11S R27W. \$0.00.

May 19. Alfred Douglas Godson and Geneva Sue Goodson, husband and wife; to Mike Goodson and Karen Goodson, husband and wife; 1.54 ac. in S8 T9S R27W.

May 20. Carl H. 'Tim' Freeland and Malloy Freeland, husband and wife; to Waylon Roberson and Michelle Roberson, husband and wife; Lot 4, Block 23, City of Nashville. \$50,000.

## Summer meals planned at MS

A free summer breakfast and lunch program is open June 1-30 for students 18 and under in the Mineral Springs

School District. Meals will be served in the school cafeteria at no charge to eligible students.

Breakfast will be from 7-8 a.m. Lunch will be from 11 a.m. until 12 noon.

## VBS set June 1-5 at First Baptist

"Illumination Station" is the theme for the 2026 Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church in Nashville.

VBS will be June 1-5 for pre-K through 6th graders. The event is from 8:45 a.m. -- noon.

Pre-registration is encouraged. The church is located at 415 N. Main, Nashville.



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BP Trap with trailer, 2 gates, 9 panels, 1 walk thru panel, Solar Panel 1 - 12 V Marine Battery

**Item #2 — Used 2022 Bull Creek Hog Trap Minimum Bid: \$5,000**

Electronic Package 1 - 12 V Marine Battery Live view Camera System with output Gate drop 150 W Solar Panel with Charge Controller; Omni Directional Antenna

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**Item #3**

2020 Ozark Mfg. Trailer (With Title)

All equipment is sold "As is, Where is" with no express or implied warranties. Equipment may be inspected by appointment at the Mine Creek Conservation District located at 101 S. Washington St., Nashville, AR 71852 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). For Appointment Contact Louise Morris at 870-845-4121 Ext. 3 Bid forms may be picked up at the District Office.

Sealed bids must be submitted in a physical envelope clearly marked on the Outside or "SEALED - BID - SURPLUS EQUIPMENT" to prevent accidental early opening. Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities, and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the district. Terms of Sale Cash or Cashier's Check. Bids will be received at the Mine Creek Conservation District Office 101 S. Washington St., Nashville, AR 71852 until 3:00 p.m., June 26, 2026. The bids will be opened and read aloud at the Mine Creek District Director's Monthly meeting in July. Late Bids or electronic bids will be rejected.

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# Point of view

## Somnambulism

### Your eyes are getting very heavy; very very heavy

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and you're not wrong if you think you just saw my eyelids getting heavy.

With years comes sleepiness. I just made that up. Remember it, please. Within a few years I'm sure it will become a famous wise saying, Like: "Haste makes waste."

Or: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

But I digress, and I need to write down a few more things before I really do nod off.

*Mine Creek Revelations*



By  
Louie Graves

#### SOMNAMBULISM.

Some-Nam-Byul-ism.

I thought it meant stamp collecting or something thrilling like that. But NO! Turns out it is something I erroneously thought was only in cartoons, but is REAL.

In fact, nearly 30% of people have experienced an episode of sleepwalking at least once in their lives.

Children are more likely than adults to sleepwalk.

According to an article by a group of sleepyhead professors in one sorta-scientific journal, more than three percent of Americans had an episode of sleepwalking in the past year.

Europeans are apparently less prone to sleepwalk than Americans. And sleepwalking has some genetic connection --- if yer momma was a sleepwalker you might be one, too.

The aforementioned researchers conducted telephone interviews with about 16,000 persons.

I'm not sure but I think they called me. The interview was so boring I kept slipping away to Dreamland.

Again, according to the professors, if you take medication for depression or something to HELP you sleep, then you are more likely to sleepwalk.

Sleepwalking isn't dangerous in and of itself until you get behind the wheel or walk out on the roof of a multi-story building, or plug-in someone's silent electric chainsaw.

I am amazed that more criminals caught in the act haven't claimed that they were innocently sleepwalking.

In retrospect, it is entirely possible that our Razorback football team was involved in some form of sleepwalking, last year.

I double-dog dare you to prove me wrong.



ANIMAL CRACKERS. "Please don't write again about the Bluebirds in your backyard," one unappreciative reader shouted at me as I hobbled away from the Memorial Day gathering on the courthouse lawn, Monday.

Okay, I won't. But I will tell you that while looking at some of our old issues from the past I came across a column in which I mentioned seeing a Pileated Woodpecker twice in my neighborhood.

That was one summer more than a decade ago. Haven't seen one since, but I sure did see one back then.

A little research tells me that the crow-sized redhead is not endangered, but isn't seen so often because it is shy and requires a wide range.

Because of its size some amateur birdwatchers got it confused with another woodpecker which is thought extinct -- the Something Something Woodpecker.

There was some excitement when a non-amateur said he really did see the extinct bird in a swamp in Eastern Arkansas.

After awhile, some other birdwatchers discounted the alleged sighting, saying: "Naw, he's probably been drinking again."

Some birdwatchers just don't get respect.



CRIME PAYS. I know what I saw on that dark January 6, and I cannot get over how some people can say they saw something else.

First, Trump pardoned the insurrectionists; now he wants to divide \$1.776 billion of our tax dollars amongst those poor innocent patriots.

Unbelievable!

I see occasional articles about some Republicans in Congress bucking up, but our Arkansas delegation goes along with anything the boss says.



MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: DUST -- Mud with the juice squeezed out.



WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons. I lied to the lady: "Your Eastern Kentucky Beet and Celery Casserole was Awfully Good."



HE SAID: "Hope for the best; prepare for the worst." Hieronymus 'Harry' Bosch, LAPD Detective, Hollywood Division



SHE SAID: "It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive. Forgive everybody." Maya Angelou, poet and teacher



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## Legislative committee hears about state's excellence in teaching plan

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

The Joint Education Committee met this week for a presentation about the Arkansas Excellence in Teaching Fellowship Program, delivered by Jacob Oliva, Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Education, Lyndsey Laster, a 3rd-grade teacher from Poyen Elementary, Melanie Brotherton, who teaches 3rd grade at Drew Central Elementary in Monticello, and Lissa Monroe, a 3rd-grade teacher at Ward Central Elementary in Cabot.

The Arkansas Excellence in Teaching Fellowship program celebrates some of our state's greatest educators. The program is intended to uplift educators who receive merit pay and make clearer to the public what great teaching looks like and how it is celebrated.

Selected teachers participate in a series of virtual sessions to improve their practice, increase understanding of the state's Merit Teacher Incentive Fund, and raise public awareness of the teaching profession. Participants benefit from professional learning, networking, and collaboration and receive a \$1,500 stipend.

Lawmakers spent over two hours on questions and answers with Secretary Oliva and the teachers, discussing the program, the new literacy standards for third

graders, and other developments related to LEARNS Act standards.

For the first cohort in 2025, the Arkansas Department of Education selected 23 high-performing educators from across the state to participate in the inaugural fellowship program:

Jessica Adair, a math teacher in the Vilonia School District in Vilonia.

Cheron Atkins-Butcher, a 5th-grade teacher at Sherwood Elementary in Sherwood.

Mark Bauer, a geometry teacher at Rogers High School in Rogers.

Jamie Bond, a 3rd-grade teacher at Genoa Central Elementary in Genoa.

Monica Brewington, a 5th-grade math teacher at M.D. Williams Int. School in Pocahontas.

Melanie Brotherton, a 3rd-grade teacher at Drew Central Elementary in Monticello.

Hayleigh Harris, a 5th-grade English language arts teacher at Valley View Middle School in Jonesboro.

Kim Herdes, a 4th-grade teacher at Willowbrook Elementary School in Bentonville.

Amber Hern, an English language arts teacher at Danville High School in Danville.

Chelsea Jones, a 4th-grade teacher at Parkview Elementary School in Van Buren.

Lee Ketchum, a 5th-grade teacher at Central Elementary in Magnolia.

Lyndsey Laster, a 3rd-grade teacher at Poyen Elementary School in Poyen.

Heather McGhee, a mentor teacher at Fairview Elementary School in Fort Smith.

Lissa Monroe, a 3rd-grade teacher at Ward Central Elementary in Cabot.

Tiffany Moore, a math teacher at Spring Hill High School.

Carlie Qualls, a 5th-grade English language arts teacher at Cave City Elementary in Cave City.

Araya Ossius, a 4th-grade science teacher at Eastside Elementary School in Greenbrier.

Lou Petrone, an 8th-grade math and Algebra 1 teacher at Woodland Junior High in Fayetteville.

Melissa Rogalla, a Biology and Environmental Science teacher at eStem High School in Little Rock.

Beverly Rogers, a 3rd-grade teacher at Cherokee Elementary School in Highland.

Sonya Taylor, a 5th-grade teacher at Thomas C. Brunson Elementary in Warren School District.

Ginny Schwoppe, a 3rd-grade math and science teacher at Nashville Primary School in Nashville.

Lance Walters, a 5th-grade teacher at Lakewood Elementary School in North Little Rock.

## Preparing for tomorrow's workforce

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

As we prepare young people for the future, a good education is critical. But, in 2026, a good education can mean a lot more than taking the right math classes or learning a foreign language.

More and more school districts in Arkansas are investing in efforts to not just educate students' minds but also give them real-life skills that open doors to meaningful careers.

I've been fortunate to visit several of these efforts throughout Arkansas, including recently with a firsthand look at the Lonoke Business Academy. This innovative program combines the resources of the Lonoke School District with Arkansas State University-Beebe, Baptist Health, local businesses and the Arkansas Office of Skills Development. While in high school, students can pursue pathways to college, post-secondary training and direct workforce entry with programs in industrial technology, diesel technology, agriculture, aquaculture and healthcare.

One of the partners in this effort is Greenway Equipment, a John Deere company. Through a two-year training program, teenagers can learn to diagnose and repair agricultural equipment, earning industry-recognized certifications

and full-time job opportunities right out of high school.

The same is true of the health professions. Classrooms and labs dedicated to instruction in everything from biology basics to beginning medical skills are available for young adults in Lonoke County. The program even offers concurrent classes at other facilities where students can become a CNA or even an LPN before they graduate.

As you can imagine, initiatives like these provide a tremendous benefit to the students, their families and the local industries that want to hire them for good-paying jobs. At the heart of these efforts is helping young people build stable careers that allow them to support themselves, raise families and contribute to their communities.

One of the points that stuck with me during the tour was that this environment gives students a chance to "try before they buy." Many people are hesitant to invest in trade school or higher education in a career field they've never been exposed to.

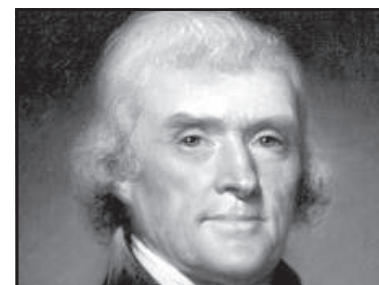
But here, students can work with a welder, learn to start an IV or try out basic tractor repair free from certain pressures that limit flexibility. Whatever path they pursue, these skills build confidence and open doors, even if they

choose a different career.

The other critical piece of this program's success is it is tailored to the needs of the region. These skills relate to real jobs, right in central and eastern Arkansas. These students learn that they don't have to leave their hometown to have a fulfilling career. It was interesting to compare the Lonoke program to Fort Smith, where the school district's Peak Center was a model for Lonoke. Although some of the programs overlap, Peak features different professions unique to the job opportunities in the western part of the state, such as advanced manufacturing.

I am grateful for these efforts by educators, industries and community leaders across Arkansas who continue to look for ways to raise up young people and meet the needs of their region. Our students are smart, talented and looking for 21st Century opportunities. That's why Congress also included a provision in the Working Families Tax Cuts expanding eligibility for Pell Grants to students in skilled labor training programs.

We must continue finding ways to equip them with the tools and experiences they need to succeed in the workforce, ensuring their ability to provide for themselves and their families.



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# Center

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Sounds exciting, right? He has a sharp wit and loves to visit and joke while he's making brooms. His hands and his mouth never stop moving. He stands a broom upright in the middle of the floor, lets it go, and it stays there, perfectly erect. "Try that with a Walmart broom!" He says his brooms are "Automatic. A well-made broom will stand upright all by itself and then just gather dust." Like I said, he likes to joke.

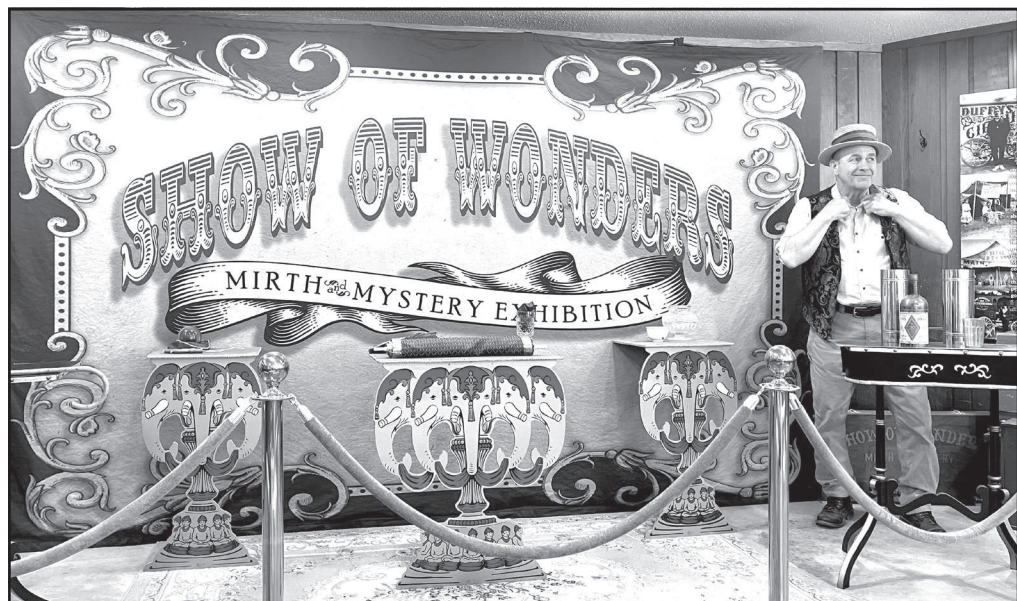
There's a shop that makes dolls from corn shucks and another that makes things with homemade paper, and an authentic school house that was built in the mid-1800s. There's live music throughout the day and a donkey-powered swing that you can ride.

Don't miss the Old Time Magic & Medicine Show. Housed in its own shop, the magician makes props for magic tricks and tells the stories of traveling medicine shows. Then at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day, he puts on a really good show of his own. You'll laugh a lot and wonder, "How did he do that?"

All of the shops have items that are for sale, but there's never any expectation or pressure to buy anything. People wander in and out, and the artisans visit with them and answer their questions.

Many of the shops sponsor hands-on workshops. You can make your own leather flyswatter (for \$79), make a white oak basket (\$127 for the small, \$143 for a bigger one), and even make your own hunting knife (\$379). There are lots of other workshops, and some are even more expensive than knife-making. Keep your debit card handy.

Where do these people come from? The woodsmith is a young woman who grew up in a family of five that traveled Texas living in a pop-up tent, going to craft and art shows throughout the state, selling their creations. The broom maker is middle-aged and from Colorado. He happened through the Ozarks, went



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## Old Time Magic and Medicine Show at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View

back to Colorado, sold his house, and moved. The magician is a retired agriculture teacher from Jonesboro that has loved sleight-of-hand since he was a child.

With more than 20 artist shops there are more than 20 different stories.

The park is open from mid-April until mid-November. Adults pay \$15 for a day pass, \$8 for kids, or \$35 for a family pass. There's a huge parking lot with a shuttle to carry you up the steep hill to the entrance, or you can take the hundreds of wooden steps that vanish somewhere up in the clouds. Take the shuttle.

There's the Skillet Restaurant on-site that serves Southern-style food, there are cabins for those who want to hang around overnight, and there's the Ozark Highlands Theater that seats 1,000. It offers musical shows throughout the spring, summer, and fall, keeping alive the music of the mountains.

The theater also hosts a live program of Southern mountain music on Saturday and Sunday nights, *Ozark Highlands Radio*. Featured on dozens of National Public Radio stations throughout the United States, you can listen to it online on the park website, either live or archived, or tune in to NPR on an FM radio.

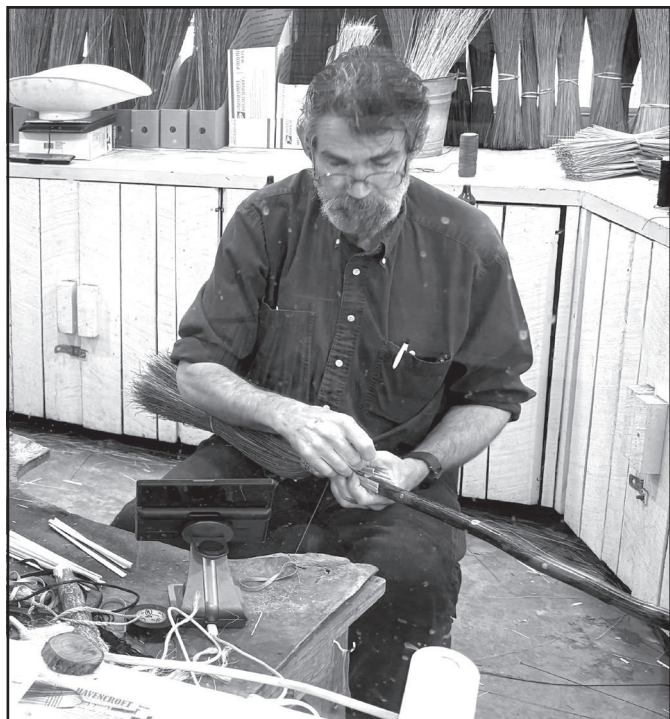
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When you visit Mountain



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## A donkey-powered swing



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## Binding an "automatic" broom

View, plan on spending a few hours or even a night or two at the Ozark Folk Center State Park. It's worth the time, especially if you have a kid or a grandkid with you. Let someone else answer their questions for a change.

# Grads

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From there, the moment the students had been waiting on as Riggs called out each senior's name. School board president Jerry Wilson presented diplomas.

The program concluded with singing the Alma Mater, turning tassels and tossing caps as fireworks burst over the west side of the stadium.

Honor graduates included the following:

*Summa Cum Laude* - Valedictorian Milagros Noemi Sanchez, Salutatorian Karstyn Alaine Scrivner, Denise Diane Robinson, Allie Elizabeth Sartin, Natalie Nicole Talley, Landyn Elise Tompkins, Anna Ruth Watts, Cassie Lynn Stephenson, Rayleigh Bryce Harmon, Karson Matthew Chambers, Ellison Rose Wallis, Joshua Robert Howard, Madilyn Aubrey Brinkman, Brendan Cole Gregory, Parker Alexis Tate, Raymiah Alvarez, Lyris Ari Bennett, Connor Sinclair Crabtree, Joscelyn Keala Malunia Clark, Roman Parker, Edwin Irvin Pizarro, Bailey Kathryn Kessler, Rylee Grace Backus, Kynlee Kori Shackelford.

*Magna Cum Laude* - Carson Luke Kirby, Dalton James Manlove, Baylee Alexandra Smith, Zoe Bryonna Dawn Sitzes, Kadence Cheyanne Morris, Dakota Wayne Dixon, Joshua Michael Walker, Hayden Parker Gray, Donna Claire Hendry, Dralyn James Cortez, Irene Bustos.

*Cum Laude* - Emma Rose Chambers, Enrique Bearden, Wyatt Lee Reed, John Benjamin Wallis, Mattison Claire Tollett.

Honor graduates - Manning Allen Goff, Peyton Wesley Fritts, Anna Sofia McCauley, Zeus Adonis Hutchinson, Brandon Eduardo Cuevas, Gracelynn Kay Tollett, Melishia Charnisa Moore, Lindzi Linette Lorenzo, Kaden Keith Smelser, Peyton Grace Chandler, Mason Connor Snearly, Angelica Padilla-Galvin, Payne Louise Morris.

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, Jerry Jagger Berruquin, Isabella Rose Bevell, Luke Boon, Madilyn Aubrey Brinkman, Colton Walker-Ray Brooks, Phoenix Taylor Brown, Luis Manuel Bustamante, Irene Bustos.

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# Closure

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violating a resident's rights; and failure to report alleged violations.

The results of the 36-page survey showed that the "immediate jeopardy" issue began on July 30, 2025, when a staff member opened mail belonging to a resident without their permission. The check was a Social Security disability settlement for \$56,481 and was addressed to the resident. The resident was not notified that the check they had been waiting for, and had consistently asked staff and Barnett about, had arrived. The employee said she contacted Barnett, who was on vacation, and was instructed to deposit the check into the facility's account.

The report noted the facility's account balance prior to the deposit was \$16.83.

In an interview by the OLT, Barnett stated that she thought the check in question was a back payment from the resident, who she claimed owed \$39,000. The survey found no evidence that the resident owed any back pay from a review of their "ledger account cash journal."

When asked about the ledger showing no debt for the resident, Barnett said the electronic system used for accounting was "never correct" for the facility, so accounting was done on paper.

Barnett also stated that the resident had agreed to be repaid for the \$56,481

check with \$1,000 per week because she "could not just come up with \$56,000..." The survey found no evidence of that agreement and that the facility continued to use the misappropriated funds for operations. Barnett did later provide confirmation of at least four \$1,000 checks that had been issued to the resident for payback.

Barnett also acknowledged there had been no investigation into the matter and that she and other certain employees are "mandated reporters," resulting in the OLTC citing the facility with failure to report.

The survey further stated that the health of the resident involved suffered from the incident.

The facility was further cited in this matter with violating the resident's rights by failing to ensure they were not subjected to "abuse or misappropriation of their property and failed to ensure the right to privacy."

The survey also determined that the facility failed to protect "four of five residents" reviewed for misappropriation of Medicaid funds and that residents' personal funds, including bingo winnings, were missing.

The missing funds were discovered after a resident had passed away and their family was directed to collect their belongings and "residential envelopes," which were held in a lockbox in the facility's medication room and included the \$40 residents receive monthly plus money given by families and bingo winnings. The family returned two months later to



### THE SCENE WEDNESDAY AT MURFREESBORO.

Transport vans await to transfer residents of Murfreesboro Rehab & Nursing Home after the facility was abruptly closed by the state Department of Health on May 20 while employees started the process of packing up and shutting down.

Murfreesboro Diamond Photos



collect and found the envelope that was said to contain \$54 in cash only had \$14.

Two employees checked the contents of the lockbox and found "money missing from about half of the envelopes." Barnett responded in an interview that several employees could have accessed the lockbox and that she had returned the money to the family.

The facility's financial records also revealed instances when facility funds were allegedly deposited into Barnett's personal bank account and that there were

instances of Medicaid funds commingling with business funds. Barnett is described as the "sole governing body" of the facility who handles all the banking and finances. Appeal Rights

In the letters delivered on May 20, Barnett was advised of her right to a hearing when an "administrative remedy is imposed" on the facility, as well as the right to a hearing to appeal the revocation of her administration license. Requests for hearings must be received by the state within 60 days, as of May 20.

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# Howard County District Court

May 21, 2026

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## Howard County

Bradshaw, Ashley Michelle, 35, Newhope, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$1,251 balance

Branch, Michael S., 50, Nashville, \$265 BF, speeding  
Cao, Michael Van, 33, Royal, \$255 BF, speeding  
Cates, James L., 32, Umpire, \$285 BF, criminal trespass

Couch, Cameron A., 31, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460

Davis, Kylee, 27, Hot Springs, \$210 BF, failure to transfer

Diddy, Joshua R., 34, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$405 balance

Gonzalez, Ninel, 20, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$245 BF, failure to appear  
Hazelwood, Cory, 31, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$385 balance

Lee, Wendy D., 53, Murfreesboro, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$807 balance

Morris, Larry R., 45, Dierks, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail; \$1,202 balance

Neal, Elbonee D., 43, Ashdown, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Turner, Gareth K., 55, Mineral Springs, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines

Wilkerson, Teresa K., 53, Antoine, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$2,065 balance

Williams, Abari Omar, 17, Mineral Springs, \$265 BF,

speeding

## City of Nashville

Alonzo, Anthony Angel, 27, Bishop, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$255; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$575

Barajas, Cesar Jovany, 21, Nashville, \$265 BF, speeding  
Carthorne, Antonio D., 49, Nashville, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines

Cheek, Justin Neal, 45, Delight, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360

Fleming, Lukas K., 26, Adams, Tenn., \$265 BF, speeding

Garcia, Merida Neri, 50, Gilliam, \$210 BF, no child restraint; \$60 BF, no seat belt

Goodwin, Lena Katie, 38, Nashville, \$210 BF, running stop sign or light

Green, Tesean, 31, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions

Haislip, Nikita, 34, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$160

Hernandez, Faustino, 33, Blevins, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Jacoby, Joshua D., 36, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$85

Palmer, Ladarris K., 21, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$962 balance

Stewart, Corey, 48, Nashville, guilty of violation of protection order, fined \$1,035

Swopes, Columbus, 65, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/ no vehicle tags, fined \$210

Swopes, Tina M., 44, Nashville, guilty of expired

vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$210; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260

Thomas, Maneeya, 32, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210

Villalobos, Beverly, 34, Murfreesboro, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$210; guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360

White, Stacie, 48, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$110

Witherspoon, Devonte R., 24, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$1,690 balance

## City of Dierks

Funderburk, Greg A., 65, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$245

Gomez, Alexander Matos, 38, Mesquite, Texas, \$575 BF, non-English speaking driver; \$260 BF, no copy of duty status

Morris, Larry r., 45, Dierks, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260

## Bench Trials

**Howard County**  
Hetzel, Katelyn Mae, 31, Nashville, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50

Parks, Brandon K., 32, Murfreesboro, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$50

**City of Dierks**  
Gist, Orville L., 55, Dardanelle, guilty of speeding, fined \$275



**A SCRAPPER PROMOTION.** On May 1, at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia, Daniel Ince, son of Jean and Michale Ince of Nashville and a 2011 graduate of Nashville High School, was promoted to rank of Major in the United State Air Force. His family and team were in attendance for the promotion ceremony.



**MCC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED.** The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce recently presented scholarship certificates to two 2026 Murfreesboro High School graduates. The scholarship awards of \$500 each will help pay for their respective tuitions. Sydney Jade Braden and Kale Burns were chosen by the group because of their "outstanding applications reflecting their commitment to work in our community and their volunteer efforts for our community." The pair also received many recommendations from various teachers and community leaders. "We are proud to be able to help further their education and develop our future community leaders," said Chamber President Ricky Branch.

## Saratoga VFD receives fire suppression kits

The Saratoga Volunteer Fire Department was among 65 rural fire departments across 36 counties to be awarded wildland fire suppression kits.

"Our rural volunteer fire departments play an essential role in Arkansas' wildfire response," said Arkansas State Forester Kyle Cunningham. "These kits ensure that the firefighters who know their communities best have the tools they need to respond quickly and safely. Their commitment and expertise remain vital in protecting lives and property across the state."

Each kit includes essential wildfire suppression tools and protective gear, such as personal protective equipment, leaf blowers, backpack pumps, and rakes, valued at approximately \$4,850 per kit.

Fire departments interested in participating must submit applications, which are evaluated based on criteria including district population, response area size, current equipment needs, and

other factors. The next application period is expected to open in August 2026, and eligible rural and volunteer departments will be able to apply online.

Since 2014, the Department's Rural Fire Protection Program has provided more than 897 kits to strengthen local wildfire response capabilities. The kits are funded by the U.S. Forest Service through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant.



## Market continues to grow as summer produce arrives

By Melanie Schwartz • HCFM Manager

The Howard County Farmers Market continues to grow each week as more summer produce begins making its way to market tables. Last Friday, shoppers who braved the rain found eggs, lamb, onions, lettuce, turnips, radishes, squash, carrots, a large selection of baked goods, jams, local honey, handmade crafts, and other locally made products from area vendors.

Even more seasonal produce is expected this week — one of the most exciting parts of the summer market season. Visitors can also shop market merchandise like T-shirts, tumblers, and totes, and enjoy the return of Aunt B's Coffee Cart while they browse and visit with vendors.

The market is a rain or shine event held every Friday from 7 a.m. to noon at 110 S. Washington St. in Nashville. Follow the Howard County Farmers Market on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest news, vendors, and weekly offerings.

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# Runners-up in Class 4A soccer

## Leopards edge Scrappers in state championship game



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Enrique Bearden pursues the ball in the Class 4A soccer finals May 23 at Hot Springs Lakeside.



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Landon Morris (15) goes up for the ball during the Scrappers' 1-0 loss to De Queen in the state soccer finals.



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Nashville goalie Booz Vazquez eyes the field after stopping a De Queen scoring threat Saturday, May 23.



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Orfael Rosas uses his head to deflect the ball Saturday afternoon, May 23, in the Class 4A state championship soccer game against De Queen at Hot Springs Lakeside. The Leopards won the title 1-0 on a first-half goal.



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Bayron Murillo (3) kicks the ball away from the De Queen Leopards Saturday afternoon in the state 4A soccer championship game.

### 2026 Scrapper soccer

First appearance in Class 4A state finals; 17-4-1 overall record



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The Scrappers gather with their runner-up trophy after the state soccer finals. De Queen got by Nashville 1-0 in the Scrappers' first trip to the championship game in school history. Nashville's soccer program began in the spring of 2017.

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The Scrappers huddle before Saturday afternoon's Class 4A soccer championship game at Lakeside High School in Hot Springs.

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## SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

State runner-up Nashville Scrapper soccer

The Scrapper soccer team finished as the Class 4A runner-up in Nashville's first-ever trip to the state championship game. The Scrappers played De Queen close the entire contest before falling to the Leopards 1-0.

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## NHS Class of 2026



**MILESTONES.** Nashville graduate Bailey Kessler reached two academic milestones earlier this month. She graduated from UA-Cossatot May 15 with two associate degrees and a certificate of General Studies. She received her diploma from Nashville High May 22.

### NHS student earns concurrent college, high school diplomas

Bailey Kessler, a 2026 Nashville High School honor graduate, recently achieved two major academic milestones in the same week.

On Friday, May 15, Kessler graduated from the University of Arkansas Cossatot Community College, receiving an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, an Associate in General Studies, and a Certificate of General Studies. Kessler began taking college classes independently while still in junior high, later taking full advantage of the concurrent credit courses offered at Nashville High School alongside extra summer classes.

May 22, her journey came full circle as she graduated *summa cum laude* from Nashville High.

Following graduation, Kessler plans to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, with the ultimate goal of obtaining a law degree emphasizing constitutional law.

High school counselor Beverly Tedford spoke highly of Kessler's work ethic and character.

"Ever since I met Bailey,

she has been driven and has accomplished so many goals," Tedford said. "She is service-oriented, and I know that she will go out of her way to use her skills and accomplishments to give back to her community."

At the NHS Honor Graduate and Scholarship Ceremony May 19, Kessler was recognized with several awards. She received a monetary prize for an essay contest hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Presidential Scholarship from Southern Arkansas University, the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship and the Arkansas Governor's Scholarship in addition to the Jamie Green Memorial Scholarship.

Kessler is the daughter of Nashville School District employees Dr. Josh Kessler and Courtney Kessler, and sister of fourth grader, Isabella.

Her parents said, "We could not be more proud of all that she has accomplished and we know she will continue to be great in the future! Good luck Bailey, we love you so much!"



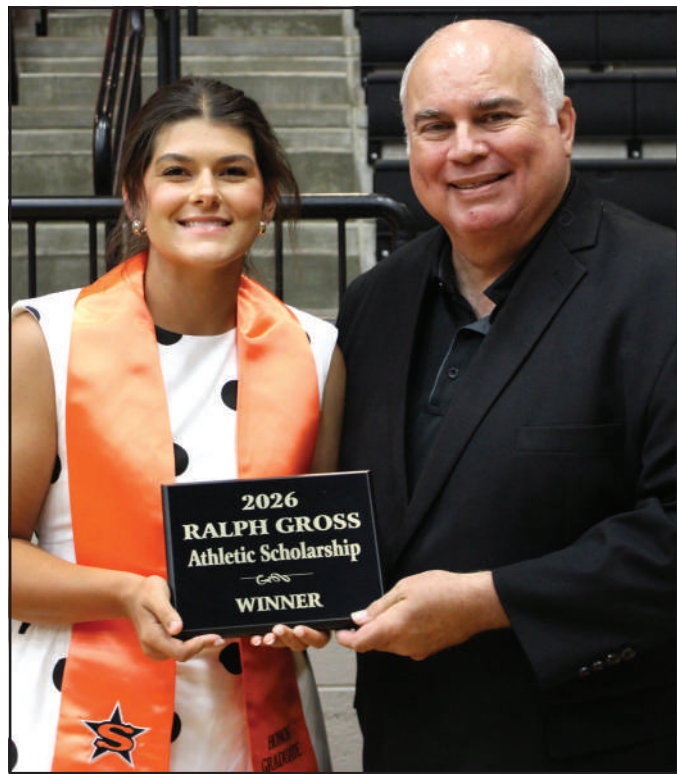
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**ROBERT E. AND MARY FRANCES SCHIRMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.** Recipients include (front row) Parker Tate, Raymiah Alvarez, Cassie Stephenson, Milagros Sanchez, Elli Wallis, Dede Robinson, Klaire Hendry and Lyris Bennett; (back row) Karstyn Scrivner, Allie Sartin, Rylee Backus, Landyn Tompkins, Carson Kirby, John Wallis and Natalie Talley. Presentations were made at the NHS scholarship program Tuesday, May 19, in Scrapper Arena. More pictures, pages 2B-4B.



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**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.** Karstyn Scrivner accepts the Joe Goodrum Athletic Scholarship from Gaye Graham, daughter of the late Joe Goodrum. Scrivner, NHS salutatorian, will play basketball at Harding.



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**AT SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY.** Landyn Tompkins receives the Ralph Gross Memorial Scholarship from Jeff Gross, son of Ralph Gross, a five-sport letterman at Nashville High School. Tompkins, a Nashville honor graduate, will play softball at Ouachita Baptist University.

**we made it!**

**Congratulations 2026 Graduates**

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Nashville High School graduation Friday night, May 22, Scrapper Stadium

# Class of 2026: 'Once a Scrapper ...'

**By Karstyn Scrivner**  
NHS salutatorian

Good evening administrators, teachers, family, friends, and the graduating Class of 2026.

It's hard to believe the moment we spent years counting down to is finally here. People always say high school goes by fast, but I don't think any of us truly believe it until moments like this. One day you're walking into freshman year nervous about finding your classes, and the next, you're sitting here in a cap and gown. Tonight is more than a celebration of diplomas and accomplishments — it's a celebration of every challenge we overcame, every memory we created, and every person who helped us get here.

Before anything else, I want to take a moment to thank the people who made this journey possible.

First, I want to thank God for being my rock through every season of life. My faith has given me strength, direction, and peace, even during uncertain moments. One thing high school has taught me is that God is greater than any fear or failure, and for that, I will always be grateful.

To my parents, thank you for pushing me to become the best version of myself. Thank you for every sacrifice, every late-night conversation, and believing in me even when I had doubts. I

truly would not be standing here without you.

To the rest of my family, thank you for your constant love, encouragement, and support. Whether it was showing up to games, checking in during stressful moments, or simply reminding me to keep going, your support has meant more than I could ever put into words.

To Coach Dean, thank you for the past two years and for giving me some of my favorite memories. Playing for you ended up being one of the best decisions my family and I could have made. Thank you for pushing me daily, believing in me, and helping me build confidence both on and off the court.

I also want to thank this school and community. Even though my family has only been here for two years, Nashville has truly become home to me. This community welcomed my family and me in ways I never expected. The pride and support here is too meaningful to put into words, but experiencing it is something I will never forget. People here show up for one another. In Nashville, friends become family, and that is truly something special.

When I think about high school, I don't think we'll remember every assignment, every test, or even every grade. We'll remember the little things — the bus rides, Friday night lights,

the last-minute homework, the inside jokes, the stressful mornings, and the moments that somehow turned into memories we'll carry forever.

And now, here we are at the end of it all.

Lately, there's one question that seems to follow us everywhere: "What are you doing after high school?"

"What's next?"

And honestly, at 18 years old, those questions can feel overwhelming. Some people here have had their future planned out for years. Others are still figuring it out day by day. And I think most of us are probably somewhere in between.

But maybe right now, the most important thing isn't having every detail of our future mapped out.

Maybe the better questions are:

What kind of person do I want to become?

What kind of impact do I want to leave on others?

Because the truth is, not having everything figured out doesn't mean we're falling behind. We are still growing, still learning, and still becoming who we're meant to be.

High school has taught us that growth rarely comes from having all the answers. It comes from learning how to keep going when we don't.

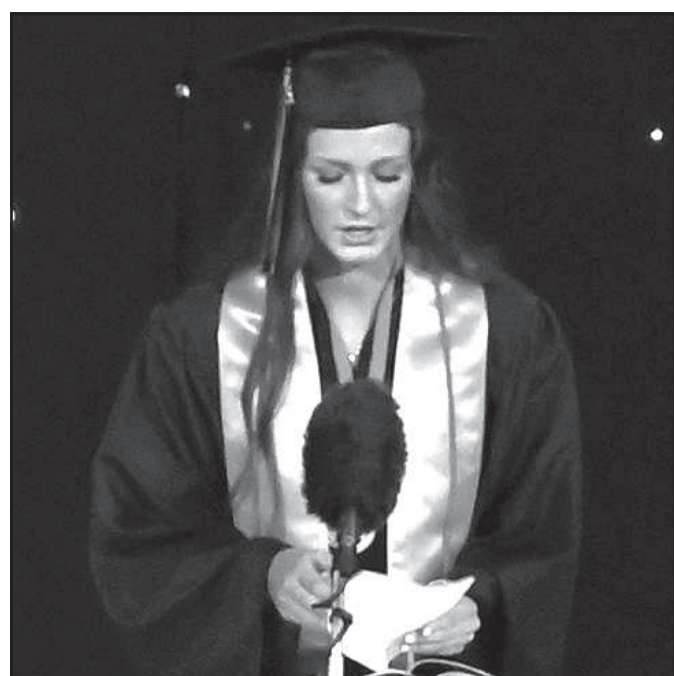
Over the past few years, we've all faced moments

where we doubted ourselves — bad grades, failed plans, lost friendships, stress about the future, and moments where it felt like everyone else had life figured out except us. But somehow, through all of it, we made it here tonight.

For me, faith has been the reminder that I don't need to see the entire path ahead to trust that there is purpose in it.

So as we leave this chapter behind, I hope we remember that success isn't about having your whole life planned out at 18. It's about continuing to grow, continuing to trust God through every season, and continuing to become someone you're proud to be.

A lot of things will change after tonight. We'll move to different places, meet new people, and walk different paths. Life will look different



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Salutatorian Karstyn Scrivner delivers her address.

for all of us.

But no matter where life takes us, one thing will always remain true:

Once a Scrapper, always a Scrapper.

Congratulations, Class of 2026.

Angel Watson (right) accepts her diploma from Nashville School Board president Jerry Wilson during graduation exercises Friday night, May 22, at Scrapper Stadium. Nearly 160 students received diplomas, making the Class of 2026 one of the largest in school history. The graduates received more than \$7 million in scholarship offers.



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**Congratulations to the 2026 Graduates**

We salute you, graduates, for a job well done. You've really worked hard for your diplomas, and we know you have many more accomplishments ahead of you. We expect great things from you in the future, and we wish you all, good luck and much happiness.

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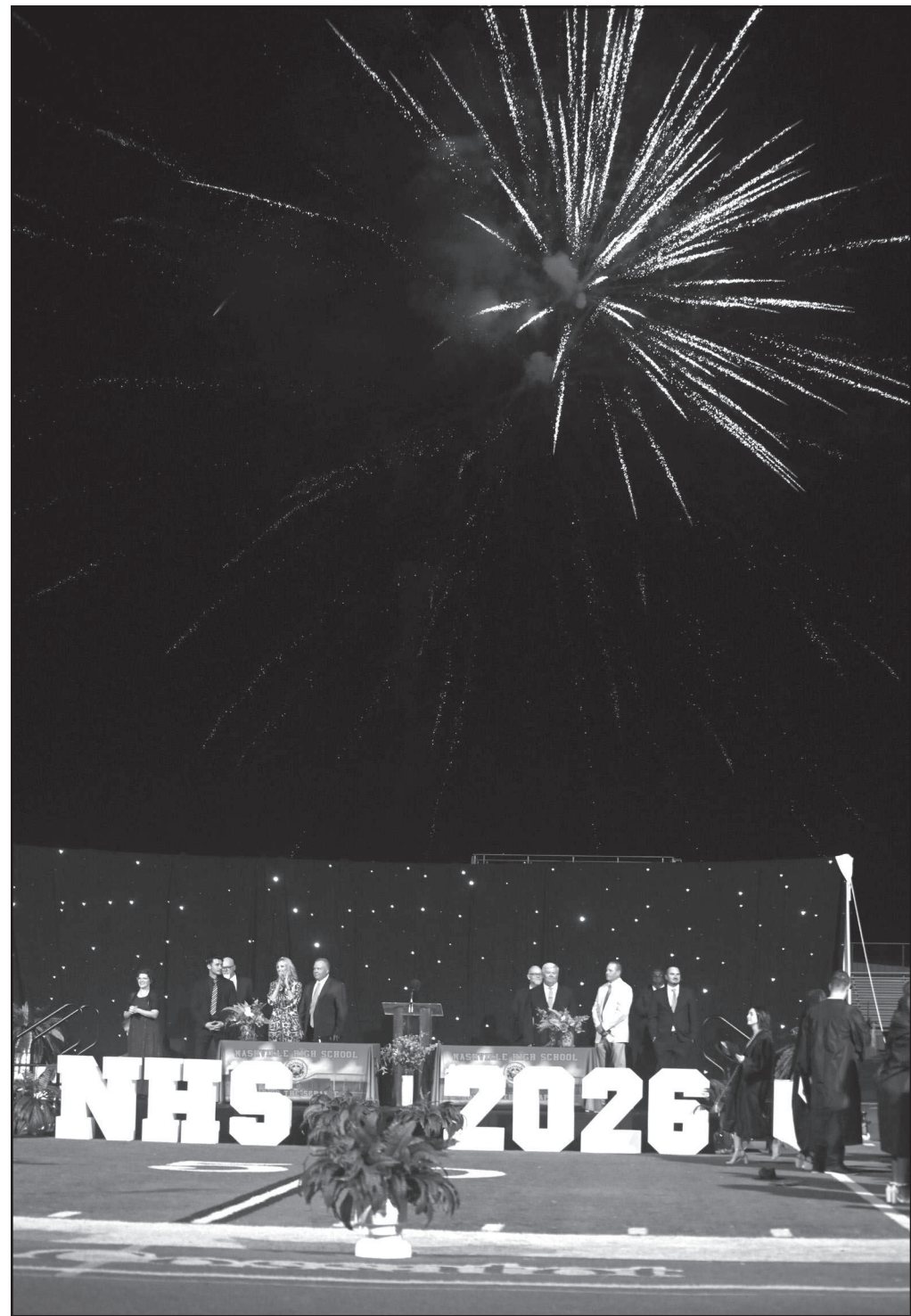
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 Graduates Dede Robinson, Allie Sartin and Natalie Talley leave the field with diplomas and framed copies of the NHS Alma Mater in hand after the ceremony.



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Fireworks explode over Scrapper Stadium Friday night, May 22, after Nashville High School seniors turned their tassels.



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A tractor and loader keep the graduation backdrop in place as high winds blow over the field at Scrapper Stadium before the program

# Nashville High School graduation

## Friday night, May 22

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# Pike County District Court

May 5, 2026

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## Pike County

Adams, Larry Caleb, 61, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Bennett, Jeffrey Don, 45, Benton, \$140 BF, speeding

Boyd, Zachary Wayne, 30, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Brewer, Lauren Rescha, 29, Arkadelphia, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Burnett, Dakota C., 29, Dierks, \$150 BF, speeding

Coalson, Jennifer G., 45, Delight, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$110

Cogburn, Sandy R., 50, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,370 balance

Collier, Daniel O., 48, Magnolia, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Funderburk, Kevin B., 52, Delight, \$240 BF, failure to yield-accident

Gillon, Robert Moore, 32, Dyersburg, Tenn., \$140 BF, failure to transfer at AR DL

Goodwin, Michael Ray, 64, Prescott, \$150 BF, speeding

Hellums, Jarrett Chandler, 19, Mineral Springs, \$200 BF, speeding

Hernandez, Fidelia M., 38, Dallas, Texas, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Hibner, Christine R., 36, Delight, \$150 BF, speeding

Hill, Kaelyn Faith, 21, Prescott, \$140 BF, no child restraint device

Hill, Michael, 63, Glenwood, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of defective lights, fined \$140

Horn, Vanessa G., 40, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330

House, Shane Michael, 36, Newhope, guilty of terroristic threatening, fined \$565; guilty of harassing communications, fined \$415; guilty of harassment, fined \$225; guilty of DWI #2, fined 1,635, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of violation of Ignition Interlock Device Act, fined \$185; guilty of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$235

Howard, Cade Emory, 26, Fort Worth, Texas, \$150 BF, speeding

Hurt, Devin Joseph, 38, Bryant, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Jordan, Katherine Kay, 22, Arkadelphia, guilty of careless prohibited driving, fined \$460; guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$795

Lanier, Jeneva Mae, 61, Ben Lomond, \$240 BF, following too close-accident

Lemons, Nickolas E., 33, Nashville, guilty of fleeing, fined \$645

Maxey, Wesley C., 35, Ozan, \$340 BF, driving with suspended license; \$210 BF,

use of handheld wireless device in work zone

Murillo, Reshelle Marie, 48, Hot Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315

Nash, Billy D., 31, Delight, guilty of unsafe vehicle, fined \$140

Purtle, Justin Kevin, 41, Prescott, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$70

Sanders, Devin Lee, 25, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Solano, Jose A., 55, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Stone, Bufford D., 40, Hot Springs, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,179 balance; committed to jail-suspended conditions

Strasner, Sophie Lauryn, 20, Mena, \$170 BF, speeding

Tigue, Austin L., 21, Glenwood, guilty of improper muffler, fined \$140

Waid, Nicolas, 38, Hot Springs, \$150 BF, speeding

Webb, Rhonda L., 44, Murfreesboro, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125

Weeks, Draven Lee, 17, Murfreesboro, \$150 BF, speeding

### City of Murfreesboro

Anthony, Wesley Garrett, 43, Hernando, Miss., \$160 BF, no child restraint device

Beyza, Florina, 69, Irving, Texas, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Cawvey, Kaylie Jane, 20, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$510 balance

Cornish, Michael E., 42, Murfreesboro, \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Cummings, Wesley E., 48, Murfreesboro, \$345 BF, driving with suspended license; \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$225 BF, failure to appear

Myers, Rolland William, 29, Bauxite, guilty of speeding, fined \$160

Pierce, Gregory Cort, 30, McCaskill, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360

Reed, Eddie Charles Jr., 33, Mineral Springs, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,335 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240

Smith, Matthew Kahyden, 19, Murfreesboro, guilty of violation of city ordinance prohibiting pit bulls, fined \$580; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240

Tash, Nathan Lanell, 48, Royal, \$170 BF, speeding

### Game & Fish

Crabtree, Christopher A., 28, Hot Springs, guilty of fishing without license, fined \$135

Crabtree, Jacob Edward, 29, Glenwood, \$235 BF, length limit on smallmouth bass

Davis, Cameron Dewayne, 17, Glenwood, guilty of fishing without license, fined \$135

Davis, Zachary Lee, 19, Glenwood, guilty of fishing without license, fined \$135

Flowers, Tyler Shane, 21, Glenwood, \$235 BF, prohibited activities



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**GATHERED TO HELP.**  
Searchers from two states and 29 different agencies converged on Howard County after a 44-year-old man was reported missing on May 20 and found deceased on May 23. The deceased has been identified as Joshua Hagood of Pump Springs Road in Nashville.

### City of Glenwood

Bland, Terry Allen, 73, Norman, \$670 BF, passing stopped school bus

Buck, Daniel Ray, 64, Glenwood, \$255 BF, public intoxication

Carroll, Amanda C., 47, Glenwood, \$160 BF, speeding

Coleman, Eryk Vohnhunter, 20, Glenwood, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$160

Davis, Cameron Dewayne, 17, Glenwood, guilty of improper muffler, fined \$160

Drye, Matthew Edward, 18, Amity, guilty of improper muffler, fined \$160

Dunn, Amanda Beth, 48, Glenwood, \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Hernandez, Cassandra L., 21, Hot Springs, \$220 BF, speeding

Horn, Vanessa G., 40, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125

Jones, Daniel Lynn, 19, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Jones, Steven Clay, 73, Durant, Okla., \$160 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$80 BF, no proof of liability insurance

King, Gilbert Own, 66, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Listeberger, Timothy James, 42, Glenwood, \$160 BF, failure to register within 30 days

Lynn, Zachary Wade, 34, Caddo Gap, \$160 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Mammen, Phiullip Beil, 38, Amity, \$160 BF, speeding

Martinez, Elizabeth Sanchez, 44, De Queen, \$160 BF, speeding

Maxey, Roy E., 56, Umpire, \$90 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Morales, Leonides, 34, Glenwood, \$170 BF, speeding

Nieves, Jesus, 24, Glenwood, \$225 BF, criminal trespass

Pennington, Ricky, 47, Amity, \$45 BF, no salt belt

Potter, Esther Maurene, 66, Choctaw, Okla., \$220 BF, speeding

Rader, Ory Patricklee, 32, Pearcy, guilty of speeding, fined \$170

Recendiz, Mary Carmen, 28, Glenwood, \$160 BF, speeding

Romero, Mauricio Lara, 25, Glenwood, \$160 BF, no driver's license; \$160 BF, speeding

Rowland, Braden Mitchell, 18, Mount Ida, \$160 BF, failure to stop or yield

Thompson, Edward D., 41, Glenwood, \$160 BF, speeding

Stone, Bufford Dean, 40, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,670 balance

Tigue, Calbe Allen, 19, guilty of improper muffler, fined \$130

Tigue, Jo W., 64, Kirby, \$160 BF, failure to register tags/expired

West, William Rayburn, 34, Pine Bluff, guilty of failure to pay, committed to jail; \$1,155 balance

Willis, Karen Sue, 53, Amity, \$170 BF, speeding; \$240 BF, failure to appear

York, Charles M., 43, Caddo Gap, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350

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Full time opening at the Nashville library, and a part time position at the Dierks library.

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## Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area

First week of June loaded with activities

**Thursday, June 4**

**Technology in Nature Hike** 11a.m. @ Visitor Center  
Please bring your smartphone or tablet that is able to take photos and connect to Wi-Fi.

**Friday, June 5**

**Birdhouse Painting** 9a.m. @ Visitor Center

**Friday, June 5**

**River Safari** 2p.m. @ Sandbar Bridge

Explore the underwater world of the Cossatot River with a park interpreter! Snorkel in search of macroinvertebrates and learn how to assess water health based on our finds. All supplies provided. Dress water ready!

**Saturday, June 6**

**Trail and Tributary Turnaround**

9-11a.m. @ Brushy Creek Recreation Area

Celebrate National Trails Day 2026 at Cossatot River State Park. Join park interpreters to give back and create a lasting impact on a high-use area and trail in the park. This beautification project includes removing litter and debris from the shoreline where the creek flows into the river, the day-use picnic areas, and on nearby trails. All supplies are provided for volunteers. Please wear protective, but water friendly shoes and clothing.

**Saturday, June 6**

**Amphibian Crawl** 2:30p.m. @ Cossatot Falls

Frogs, toads, salamanders and newts are all types of amphibians we have at Cossatot River State Park. Join a park interpreter to find and identify as many as possible on a section of the River Corridor Trail. This is a 2-mile round trip hike rated easy to moderate.

**Saturday, June 6**

**Reptile Residents** 3:30p.m. @ Visitor Center

Discover your inner herpetologist and get ready for a memorable experience with reptiles! Explore snakes, turtles and other species with a park interpreter and enjoy an up close and personal look at some of our reptile friends!

**Sunday, June 7**

**Birding Walk** 8:30a.m. @ Waterleaf Trailhead

Bring your binoculars and rise with the birds for an early birding stroll! Join a park interpreter and identify common species of birds at Cossatot River State Park and sharpen your birding skills on the Waterleaf Trail. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Sunday, June 7**

**Mammals of Cossatot River**

9-11a.m. @ Sandbar Campground

Are you ready to discover the wild side of Cossatot River State Park? Stop by to investigate the diverse wildlife of the area with a park interpreter. This is a come and go station.

**Sunday, June 7**

**Survival Skills** 2p.m. @ Cossatot Falls

Do you know the rule of 3? Join a park interpreter and learn basic fire-starting skills, orienteering, and more!

**Every Sunday**

**Snake Feeding** 3p.m. @ Visitor Center

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Dierks School Board of Education has a current school board vacancy. Individuals interested in serving must be a resident of the Dierks School District, must be a registered voter, and obtain twenty voter signatures.

The petition form is available on the district website at [dierksschools.org](http://dierksschools.org) or on the district's Facebook page, Dierks School District.

Compelled petitions must be submitted by June 17, 2026.

The Board of Education will meet on June 30, 2026. Candidates will be given five minutes to address the board prior to the board voting and appointing its next member. (DSD: 49)

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**FIVE RETIRE FROM TEACHING.** The South Pike County School District recently held a retirement party for departing teachers at the Murfreesboro School cafeteria. The teachers honored included (from left) Lois Hunter-Wesson, Linda Anderson, Sandra Elliott, Caroline Wise and Terrie Slatton.

## Take Care of Your Pollinators

**By Dawson Bailey**  
Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture

If you have a vegetable garden at home or flower beds around your house, pollinators are essential to your production. Pollinators include bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, wasps, and even flies, with bees performing a majority of the pollination.

Pollination is the transfer of pollen from the anthers of a flower to the stigma of the same plant or another plant of the same species. This process results in fertilization and reproduction of the plant to produce seeds. Many important crops are pollinated by honeybees including many of the fruits and vegetables we eat as well as a number of important crops such as

nuts, herbs, spices, oilseed crops, forage for dairy and beef cattle, as well as medicinal and numerous ornamental plants. Honeybees add an estimated \$15 billion to the U.S. economy annually in increased crop yields.

Pollinators have evolved with native plants which are best adapted to the local growing season, climate, and soils. Some plants that we consider weeds such as goldenrods, milkweed, thistle, and black-eyed Susan are actually good plants for pollinators. If you are planning on planting a flower garden, try to plant native or well adapted flowers. Phloxes, asters, begonia, lantana, marigolds, bee balms, and salvia are some options.

Biologists fear that several butterfly and bee populations have disap-

peared. Habitat loss and pesticide poisoning appear to account for much of the population declines. It is important to remember why to support pollinators. An abundant and healthy population of pollinators can improve fruit set and quality and increase fruit size. In farming situations this increases production per acre. In the wild, biodiversity increases, and wild-life food sources increase. Remember that pesticides are toxic to pollinators. Use extreme caution if you choose to use any pesticide. Strategically apply pesticides only for problematic target species.

For more information on pollinators you can contact the Howard County Extension office at 870-845-7517 or find helpful fact sheets at [www.uada.edu](http://www.uada.edu).

We're going to the ballpark to... ..watch the ball game and eat hot dogs!

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Kids: color stuff in!

### Let's Go Out to the Ball Game!

The crowds, popcorn and peanuts, home runs and cheers are just a few of the things we like when going to a ball game. The baseball season is in full swing! Do you play on a team like us? Are you a fan? Just about everyone can play a little baseball, so grab a glove and ball and get out into the sunshine and fresh air!

Pop out to a ball game, get popcorn and watch pop flies!

Can you find and circle these baseball words in the puzzle?

bases	baseball	bat	coach
southpaw	pitcher	run	glove
grand slam	pop up	bunt	gullpen
bleachers	batter	steal	bench
umpire	inning	team	catcher

fence  
infield  
outfield  
foul line  
first base  
home plate  
pitcher's mound

How many parts of the baseball field can you name? Fill in the blank spaces (the ones with arrows) with the names from the list above.

Hot dog, a baseball game! Mustard, anyone?

"Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack..."

Kids: color stuff in!

### A "Sense"ational Baseball Game!

The many sounds, smells and sights at a baseball game give our senses a workout! Fill in each box with the word that makes sense:

feel	smell	hear	see	taste
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- the outfielder leap for the ball  
the batter warm up for a turn at bat
- the crack of the bat hitting the ball  
the cheer of the crowd
- the aroma of hot dogs in the air  
the leather of baseballs and baseball gloves
- the warm sun  
the wind blowing gently across the bleachers
- the cold, bubbly fruit drink  
the hot, crunchy, buttery popcorn

Plaaaay Ball!

Baseball has been a popular sport for many years. We even borrow words from the game of baseball to express other ideas. Can you match the phrases below to their meanings?

- right off the bat
- go to bat for
- to get to first base
- out in left field
- play ball
- bat an eyelash

Fun Idea! Design your own "team" pennant!

Team Awesome

A. wrong, doesn't know what's going on  
B. show surprise or fear  
C. to get a good start  
D. begin a game, cooperate with others  
E. help out someone  
F. immediately

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### ONF seeking comments on proposed fee changes at Shady Lake Recreation Area

The Ouachita National Forest is proposing changes to recreation fees at Shady Lake Recreation Area and at group use pavilion/picnic sites across the forest.

The increase in recreation fees will better enable the Ouachita National Forest to maintain campsites at Shady Lake Recreation Area and group picnic sites at Charlton Day Use, Cedar Lake Day Use, and Shady Lake Day Use. More than 80% of the Ouachita National Forest's recreation sites do not charge a fee.

The proposed fees by site are listed below.  
 Shady Lake Campground, Campsite with Electric/Water/Sewer/Current Fee \$25; Proposed Fee \$35  
 Shady Lake, Group Picnic Site (Group Size 30)/Current Day Fee \$0/Proposed Day Fee \$50  
 Cedar Lake Day Use, Group Picnic Site (Group Size 30)/Current Day Fee \$0; Proposed Day Fee \$50 per group  
 Charlton Day Use, Group Picnic Site (Group Size 30)/Current Day Fee \$0; Proposed Day Fee \$50

The public is invited to comment on the proposed recreation fee changes. The comment period is set to end by close of business on July 20. To ensure that your comments are considered, please send your comments no later than the above date to Ouachita National Forest, Attention: Bill Jackson, Recreation Program, PO Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR, 71902 or by email to SM.FS.ONF\_PA@usda.gov. Comments can also be provided online at <https://arcg.is/1Gu8zH1>.

Oral comments must be provided in person at the Ouachita National Forest during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) or by calling 501-321-5253 and indicating you would like to provide comments on the proposed recreation fee changes.

### MS man charged in Pike County

A Howard County man has been charged in Pike County with felony possession of methamphetamine and tampering with evidence following a May traffic stop by the state police.

Gregory Cort Pierce, 30, of Mineral Springs, was charged May 22. He is currently being held in the county jail on \$15,000 bond and is awaiting a first court date.

According to case information, Pierce was stopped on May 5 by an Arkansas state trooper for an improper lane change. Prior to stop, the trooper reportedly observed a white object being thrown out of the passenger's side and into the ditch.

The object was an Advil bottle that contained approximately 3.2 grams of meth and was claimed by Pierce. A passenger in Pierce's vehicle, Ashley Pate, was not charged in the incident.

Also on May 22, James Loyd Cogburn, 61, of Glenwood, was charged in Pike County with possession of methamphetamine. He has been released on \$5,000 bond and is awaiting his first court appearance.

Cogburn was arrested on May 12 by a Pike County deputy who had observed Cogburn walking along the roadway and stopped to check on the subject's welfare. Cogburn was offered a ride and the deputy first conducted a pat-down for weapons before allowing him in the patrol unit. Cogburn was found to be in possession of less than two grams of meth.



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**RENEWAL OF CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP.** Smith's Ready Mix of Nashville recently renewed its membership with the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. The company has been around since 1947 and was founded by Hix Smith and carried on by Hix Smith, Jr., whose children Matt (holding the scissors) and Shana Smith (who could not attend the ribbon-cutting) are now third-generation owners of the company. Here, Big Smith, an all-in-one mobile concrete making/distributing vehicle provided the backdrop for the chamber's welcome back celebration.



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**NCC WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS.** The Nashville Chamber of Commerce also recently welcomed a new business, Shop Tailor Navarro, at 206 South Main Street. The business is owned and operated by Jorge Navarro (center of ribbon with scissors) who does alterations and custom tailoring. Here Navarro is joined by friend Dora Elia and musician Ram Garcia and chamber members Jim Pinson, Dena Tollett, Carlos Martinez, Susie Berruquin, Melanie Schwartz, Bill Craig and Kristin Stavely.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16

THE 2026 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

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

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

Howard County Road Machinery and Equipment (2000-0200-4004) should increase by \$11,126.66. This increase comes from a reimbursement from the Association of Arkansas Counties Risk Management fund/Claims Acct. for total loss payment 2004 Silverado.

Howard County Election Extra Help (1000-0109-1003) should increase by \$500.00. This increase comes for a reimbursement Stipend payment for County Election Coordinator from the State Board of Election Commissioners.

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

Brent Pinkerton, Howard, County Judge

ATTEST:  
 Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk  
 May 18, 2026  
 (H.C.J: 49)

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**MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION.** With the bell of liberty at his side, Pike County Veterans Service Officer Bob Williams opens the Memorial Day Recognition Ceremony held Monday at the Pike County War Memorial located on the courthouse square in Murfreesboro. Pike County has lost 78 soldiers, who were killed in action during American conflicts spanning from WW-I, WW-II, Korea, Vietnam, and through the continuing war in Iran.

**Free kids fishing event coming to Glenwood's public lake**

A free fishing event for children with special needs is set for Friday, June 12 in Glenwood.

C.A.S.T. for Kids is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The event will be held at John Benjamin Public Fishing Lake, 25-53 Industrial Park Land in Glenwood from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Visit <https://castforkids.jotform.com/form/child2026-johnbenjaminreg> to register. Participants must be at least six years old and be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For more information, contact coordinator Tilly Davis at (870) 867-7901 or e-mail [johnbenjamin@castforkids.org](mailto:johnbenjamin@castforkids.org).



**A PERFECT SCORE.** Avery Sunderman, a first-grader in Cynthia Bailey's class at Nashville Primary School, recently scored a perfect score on the ATLAS Math test. The student is pictured here with Bailey, Assistant Principal Miranda Serrano and Principal Nathan Evans. She is the daughter of Kristina and Aaron Sunderman.

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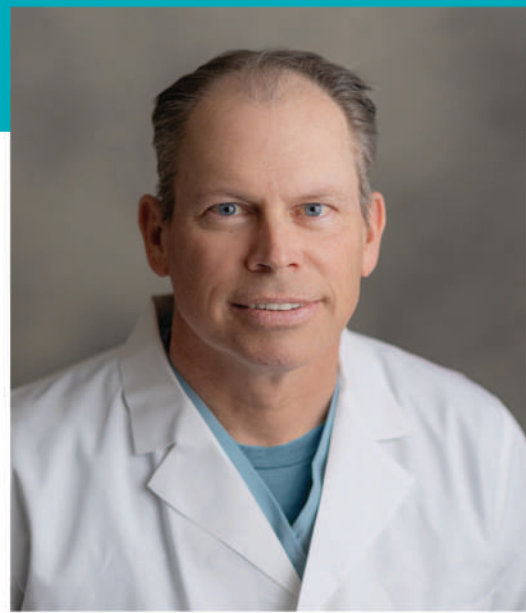
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