

## Leader Board

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Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

### Soup kitchen at MS church to be open on June 10

The Mineral Springs Church of Christ soup kitchen will be open Wednesday, June 10, from 2-5 p.m.

The menu will include pasta salad, fruit and cookies.

Meals will be available by carry out only.

The church's summer meals for kids will continue on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The church is located at 318 Bridgeman Drive.

For more information, call 870-451-4441.



### Halls of Fame, Honor set induction for Saturday

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

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

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

Hall of Fame membership is based on athletic accomplishments.

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

Hall of Fame inductees include the following:

- Kyle Slayton
- Woody Futrell
- Clint Reed
- Chris Benson
- Ivory Johnson
- Karen Turley Garcia
- Willie Moe Henry
- Rick Baker
- Anita Stuckey
- Willie Scott
- Tessa Ray Jamison

Hall of Honor inductees include the following:

- Katie Wesche
  - Jim Hill
  - Deb Tackett
  - Larry Teague
  - E.T. and Louise Moody
- Saturday will mark the third induction class.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

**AT THE MARKET.** Jodi Brackett, owner of Brackett's Petals and Produce at Lockesburg, was among the vendors at the Howard County Farmers' Market on a recent Friday.

## The Farmers' Market

### It's much more than you thought

By Don Hall  
News-Leader staff

On a recent Friday morning, things were hopping at the Howard County Farmers' Market on South Washington Street, next to the county health unit.

Vendors were occupying all of the floor space under the roof, and others were even set up outside on the grass. You figure out real quickly that the Farmers' Market is more than just fruits and vegetables.

Kevin and Angie Nason are beekeepers from Old Washington. They own Southern Yankee Homestead, and by mid-morning they're sold out of eggs, cucumbers, and zucchini, but they definitely still have honey and honey products.

Kevin is from the Northeast ("He's the Yankee," Angie says with a smile), and he grew up working bees with his dad. After a few years away in the Marine Corps, he got back into beekeeping in a big way.

He now sells bees as well as honey products and he works as a mentor with *Hives for Heroes*, a group that helps veterans get involved in beekeeping. He and

Angie currently tend 50 hives, and they expect to have 100 by the end of the year.

Jodi Brackett, owner of Brackett's Petals and Produce in Lockesburg, has some beautiful onions, leaf lettuce, and radishes for sale. Everything else is already gone.

"I've been gardening since my mother made me," she says. Mom's lessons must have taken hold. Jodi has a 2-acre no-till garden. "We try not to disturb the soil any more than we have to," she explains.

After breaking up the ground in the spring, it's only mulching in Jodi's garden, using old hay, shredded paper, cardboard, and wood chips from a tree service. "I let my worms do the composting for me," she grins.

Jodi is in Nashville most Fridays, and she manages the Lockesburg Farmers' Market that's open from 8-noon on Saturdays.

Louise Hicks has a familiar face. It turns out she retired from Walmart last July, where she spent the last few years as a greeter. No wonder she looks familiar.

Louise loves quilting. "I've been doing this a long time, at least 30 years," she says.

In addition to quilts, she makes beautiful handmade items that are useful in the kitchen, things like aprons, potholders, kitchen towels, bottle grippers, and plastic bag holders. And don't forget the dog bandana scrunchies, in small, medium, and large, for the assistant cook.

Glen Shortridge was raised in De Queen and worked for a time there as a carpenter and roofer. But wanting to make a better living moved him to Texas, where he eventually retired as a safety manager for a company based in San Antonio. Then, it was back to De Queen.

"It looks like you're into woodworking," I say. "Well, I've been working with wood all my life, but it's a little more refined now." His pieces are intricate and impressive, and all done by hand. He doesn't use computerized equipment for his creations, just a scrolling saw and a sharp eye. He's been at it for 10-12 years, and Fridays, he's in Nashville.

Lanny Brothers works the counter at the Farmers' Association Co-Op in Nashville.

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## Scholarships for NHS Class of '26 exceed \$7 million

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

The Nashville High School Class of 2026 received more than \$7 million in scholarships, according to Career Coach Natalie Sherman and Counselor Beverly Tedford.

The amount includes the following:

State scholarships - \$1,905,000  
Institutional scholarships - \$3,975,864

Local scholarships - \$110,150  
Military scholarships - \$1,329,328

Grand total - \$7,320,342

Students who have enlisted in the military include Jonathon Theresa, U.S. Army; Destiny Hendrix, U.S. Army; Ruvi Martinez, U.S. Army National Guard; Dylan Jackson, U.S. Army National Guard; Johnathon Mejia, U.S. Navy; Melanie Ortiz, U.S. Marines.

Local scholarships, the amount and recipients included the following:

Mattie Harper Ball Memorial, \$1,000 - Abigale Hill

Floyd Clark Memorial, \$3,000

- Ellison Wallis

Ralph Gross Memorial, \$500

- Landyn Tompkins

Scrap Media, \$500 each - El-

lison Wallis, Zeus Hutchinson,

Maddon Arnold, Rylee Backus,

Allie Sartin, Christopher Salazar,

Peyton Fritts

Charles Hubbard Sports Media Award, \$500 - Landyn Tompkins

Florence and Odis Rosenbaum Band Scholarship, \$500

- Connor Crabtree

Joe Goodrum Memorial, \$500

- Karstyn Scrivner

Barry Wright Memorial, \$500

- Amya Davis

10 Minit Lube, \$500 each -

Madilyn Brinkman, Landyn Tompkins

DAR Honor, \$100 - Bailey Kessler

Forrest Wilson Memorial Coca-Cola, \$500 - Denise Robinson

Ramon Wilson Memorial Coca-Cola, \$250 - John Wallis

Nelda Wilson Memorial Coca-Cola, \$200 - Joshua Howard

Rick Castleberry Memorial Dr Pepper, \$200 - Maddon Arnold

Kenneth and Tiffany Wilson

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## Scrappers hit the field at Ouachita team camp

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

ARKADELPHIA - The Nashville Scrappers saw action against three other schools during team camp at Ouachita Baptist University Thursday, June 4.

The Scrappers faced Joe T. Robinson, Monticello, Mena and Jacksonville.

The camp was "very productive, more than I thought it would be," Coach Brad Chesshir said. "Sometimes you go into a camp and it's a glorified spring game. We got to see some good teams in four 25-minute games."

Robinson, whom the Scrappers played first, is the defending Class 4A state champion. "They're have a really good team back. We held our own and competed really well versus Robinson. We fought hard and didn't back down," Chesshir said.

"We got to see a lot of different looks on offense and defense," Chesshir said of the competition at the camp. "There are things we still have to coach up on alignment and assignment. We saw chances to get better in a lot of base situations."

Overall, "When you get on the bus to go home after a camp, you either feel pretty good about how you performed or you go into panic mode. Last Thursday, I thought we were on the right track on our schemes and personnel," Chesshir said.

Coaches saw "a lot of good things" and a lot to improve, ac-

ording to Chesshir.

"One thing I was pleased with was our effort. We competed well. Our guys played the right way," Chesshir said.

The Scrappers are "a lot more explosive now offensively than we were a year ago. We're getting the ball in the hands of some of our best athletes. We moved the ball well without many negative plays. We only had one turnover the whole day," according to Chesshir.

The offensive line is "the strength of our team right now. They did a good job up front and let us run the ball hard," Chesshir said.

The Scrapper defense "did a decent job on the run. We're still trying to fill some holes" left by graduation.

Bottom line for Chesshir is that the Scrappers "got better. We were able to come in this week and watch film. We'll learn from our mistakes."

One Scrapper who received some attention was defensive lineman Jaydon Williamson. "Nobody could block Jaydon," Chesshir said. "A lot of coaches there were high on him."

Williamson was perhaps best known last season for intercepting a pass in the Homecoming game and returning it for a touchdown.

Jakhari Starr "ran the ball really hard," Chesshir said. "He did

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**OBU TEAM CAMP.** Jacoby Hopson (2) and Keyshawn Jefferson (4) celebrate after Hopson scored for the Scrappers last Thursday, June 4, during team camp at Ouachita Baptist University. More pictures, page 8A.



# Obituaries



**Justo Pérez Pérez**  
Justo Pérez Pérez, de 92 años, de Nashville, Ark., falleció el viernes 5 de junio de 2026 en su domicilio. Nació el 12 de diciembre de 1933 en San Juan de La Maguana, República Dominicana.

Fue miembro de Poder Y Alabanza, donde fue diácono y participó en la iglesia. Amaba profundamente a su esposa y a su familia, pero sobre todo amaba al Señor. Una de sus misiones en la vida era alabar a Dios y seguir exaltando su nombre. Llegó a muchas personas y tocó sus vidas, especialmente las de sus nietos. Muchos de sus nietos pueden decir que conocen al Señor gracias a los incansables esfuerzos de Justo por enseñarles y mostrarles la voluntad y los caminos del Señor.

Además de sus padres, le precedieron en la muerte su esposa de más de 50 años, Rogelia Pérez, y su hijo, José Antonio Pérez.

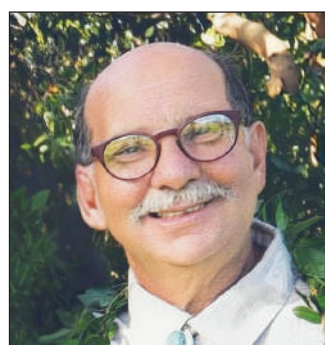
Le sobreviven sus hijos, Ramón Pinales, Juan Pinales, César Pérez, Luciano Pérez, Silvilio Pérez, Jesús M. Pérez, Juan José Pérez, Juan Antonio Pérez; sus hijas, Flor María y Lidia Pérez; numerosos nietos, así como numerosos otros familiares y amigos.

El velatorio será de 1:00 p.m. a 2:00 p.m. horas el viernes 12 de junio de 2026 en la funeraria Latimer en Nashville.

Los servicios funerarios comenzarán a las 2:00 p.m. horas del viernes 12 de junio de 2026 en la funeraria Latimer en Nashville; el entierro seguirá en el cementerio County Line. Los servicios están bajo la dirección de Latimer Funeral Home de Nashville.

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a [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com).



**Christopher Mark Gladman**  
Christopher Mark Gladman, 63, of Center Point, Ark., passed away on May 21, 2026, in Texarkana, Texas. Chris was born Jan. 19, 1963, in Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii.

Christopher is survived by his wife Lisa; sons Chris jr., Kimo and his children James and John Gladman of Center Point, Ark., daughter Melissa (Manu) Pacanas of Hanapepe, Hawaii; brother Steven (Jo Lynn) of Waiawa, Hawaii; sister Glenda (Dean) Silva, of Kapa'a, Hawaii; sister Jaeda (Curtis) Elvenia of Koloa, Hawaii, father-in-law Raymond Jones of Mineral Springs, Ark., with numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents, mother Charmaine Castillo Archer, and father Donald Gladman, brother Donald Gladman, grandfather John Castillo, and mother-in-law Bondina Lipcomb Jones.

After graduating from Kapa'a High School, Chris worked on the Blue Finn Aku boat for Bumble Bee Tuna Company, later he worked as a groundskeeper for Barking Sands, and other businesses on Kauai. Chris loved swimming, bodysurfing in the ocean, and fishing on his boat. After moving with his family to Arkansas he enjoyed taking care of his farm animals, gardening, fishing and adventuring. Chris was a self-made comedian always with a joke to tell. We will miss his laughter and smiling face.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., at Blue Bayou Church of Christ, Nashville Ark. The spreading of his ashes on Kauai, Hawaii, will take place at a later time.



**CLASS REUNION.** Members of the Nashville High School Class of 1966 celebrated their 60-year class reunion Saturday, June 6. The group includes (front row) Patricia Couch Cox, Barbara Chambers Hughes, Charlotte Tribble Bagley, Rebecca Page Dye, Annice Floyd Steadman, Butch Mobbs, Suzie Vinson Dunn, Judy Burkhart Armstrong, Leila Couch Lockeby, Connie Mabry Crisp, Sharon Moses Waldrop, Ricky Wakefield, Judy Livingston Aydelott; (second row) Judy Dyer Blalock, Carol Bratton Williams, Dennis Hausman, Bonnie Fox Reich, Linda Wallis Campbell, Mike McClure, Paul Kemp, Vicki Lane Gray, John Gilbert, Jimmy McLaughlin, Ransdale Hockaday; (back row) Paul Willard, Randy White, James Dyer, Dave Allen, Wayne Clark, Zane Clark. (Submitted photo)



**FREE FLAGS FOR USA BIRTHDAY.** Bobby and Sheila Miller, owners of Nashville Funeral Home will hand out 100 free US flags during business hours on Friday, June 26, one week before the nation's 250th birthday. The 3x5 flags are on a 6-ft 3-piece pole topped by an eagle, and are suitable for mounting in yards, homes and businesses. Bobby Miller said that the patriotic giveaway might become an annual tradition.



**BIBLES FOR THE WORLD.** Edgar Ware McCrary has been a member of Gideons since 1977. He told Nashville Rotarians last Wednesday that the organization exists to make Bibles available to every person, by placing them in motels, schools, jails, hospitals, and face-to-face. He is one of a group of six local Gideons that meets monthly. Local churches contribute money to finance purchase of Bibles to give away. There are 255,000 Gideons internationally, giving away 70 million Bibles each year in some countries that do not welcome their efforts. The international headquarters are in Nashville, Tenn.

## Defendant sentenced for probation violation

Violation of his probation for a 2024 theft of property conviction meant a three-year prison term for a Nashville man. Corey Hazelwood, 31, white male, Nashville, was convicted of stealing a solar-lighted stop sign from a bypass intersection in 2024.

He appeared before Judge Bryan Chesshir here last week, charged with failure to meet the terms of his probation.

He pleaded true. His sentence was three years in the Arkansas Department of Correction with a further two years suspended imposition of sentence. He must also make restitution which, at the time of his conviction, the City of Nashville estimated to be slightly more than \$2,000.

The judge took a not guilty plea for Davonte Witherpoon, 24, black male, Nashville, charged with second degree battery, class D felony. Pretrial motions will be heard Aug. 5.

## Blood drive June 11

The Moonlighters EHC will sponsor a LifeShare blood drive on Thursday, June 11. The drive is from 2-7 p.m. at the Center Point Community Center.

Donors are asked to bring donor card or other identification. For more information, call Cindy Harding at 870-451-3179.

## Public hearing set here

A public hearing required for application for grants from the Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program will precede the monthly meeting of the City Council, Monday, June 22.

The hearing will be at City Hall at 11:45, preceding the council meeting at noon. The public is invited to attend and to give suggestions for uses of the ACEDP funds, if granted.

## YARD SALE

321 W. Shepherd St. \* Nashville  
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**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
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## THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



The Belleville Cemetery Board met in 2005, marking the 60th anniversary of the Belleville Cemetery Association. The group includes Herman Clay, Jim Graves, Jane Latimer, Jamie Taylor, Margaret Wall, Rose Nash and Joe Roberts.

### 134 years ago: June 1892

Mr. J. T. Price of upper Howard was in town Saturday. He is just recovering from a long spell of slow fever. He has not been able to work a day since the last of March and has missed a crop. He also had his gin to burn last winter.

An enthusiastic Democratic club of 31 members was organized at Mineral Springs last Saturday night. Mr. B. Ward is president. The membership will be largely increased and the interests of the Democratic Party carefully looked after.

The Third Party state convention appointed Mr. J. T. Dillard of this county as delegate to the national convention at Omaha, Nebraska. We had thought all the time that Mr. Dillard was a "dyed in the wool" Democrat.

(Adv.) Malaria produces weakness, general disability, biliousness, loss of appetite, indigestion. Grove's tasteless chill tonic will relieve the reason for these prob-

lems. Try it for 50¢.

Notice: For the year 1892 I will be at Nashville on Wednesday of each week. Persons desiring my professional services will find me at the office of Jas. F. Smith, in Old Town or Jon. P. Cowling, New Town. Those owing me for services will find me without trouble. R. G. Shaver, Attorney at Law.

### 80 years ago: June 1946

The Nashville Basket Factory has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$50,000, which has been fully paid in. The new factory is to be put in operation as early a date as possible to get in production in time to furnish many of the baskets for next year's peach crop here.

It has been announced by the officers of the company that a contract will be let in a short time for the erection of the buildings on the tract of land just south of the Joe D. Scott Lumber Company mill, west of Fourth Street and south of the G.N. & A.

Railroad. The plot of ground was recently purchased by the business firms of the city to furnish as an inducement to the organization

### 72 years ago: June 1954

Two civilians escaped death or serious injury Sunday when their cabin airplane made a forced landing near Dierks.

City Marshal Robert Moore advised Sheriff Ambrose Chesshir Sunday that the plane apparently was forced down when an oil line broke. Marshall Moore said the aircraft landed in a pasture near the railroad tracks west of Dierks and then overturned. Neither of the men were injured. The two men were businessmen from Cincinnati, Ohio.

### 46 years ago: June 1980

Kenneth Egger, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Egger, left Tuesday for a one-year tour of duty at Balikesir, Turkey. His wife Debbie and children will remain in Nashville.

## Honor Roll named at NJHS

The Honor Roll for the fourth nine weeks has been announced at Nashville Junior High School.

Students named to the list include the following:

### Ninth Grade All A's

Rayniah Alvarez, Guadalupe Arroyo-Martinez, Abigail Bailey, Owen Bauer, Emily Byers, Weller Chesshir, Luke Cooley, Kaylie Couch, Abishai Cruz, Bo Dean, Miranda Dukes, Aniyah Gilliam, Gemma Harberston, Jady Johnson, Royce Johnson, Brayley Lowery, Molly Marion, Ace McKinnon, Elijah Muresan, Cason Parker, Emiline Petty, Taylon Schooley, Addison Sullivan, Savannah Taylor, Emory Wallis, Harlee Webb.

### A's & B's

Aron Barajas, Zakyrius Beasley, Khloe Brewer, Jonathan Bustamante, Dalton Carter, La'Tiana Cheatham, Landry Craven, Braiden Friend, Addison Gammage, Ledger Green, Zania Green, Jacob Hale, Hudson Halter, Ethan Hamilton, Yerik Hernandez, Alythia Hibberd, Kiron Johnson, Warren Jones, Ezra Loggins, Maddie Lovelis, Raven McFadden, Brooklyn Morgan, Bay Nolte, Karson Pack, Adrian Perez, Corban Perez, Emily Perez, Jarely Perez, Aubrie Reed, Copelin Reeder, Andrew Reese, Tahya Riggins, Yuliana Rojas, Jacob Salazar, McKynlee Scott, Christopher Singleton, Mallory Smelser, Ava Stucky, Ma'Layah Trotter, Luke Wallis, Kaegan Waters, Kharizma Wynn.

### Eighth Grade All A's

Brynlee Bagley, Mollie Boone, Carson Clifton, Autumn Dillard, Davin Dowdy, Parker Giddens, Brantley Goodwin, Connor Gordon, Dieuocotie Green, Hudson Harrison, Kallen Horn, Kale Hughes, La'Trevious Johnson, Kimber Jones, Macey Keeton, Gage Kinkade, Lucas Lowrey, Harmony Mar-

tin, Avery Mascarenas, Ailyn Mendez, Caleb Mounts, Jaxson Parker, Kaylee Pizarro, Eli Romero, Abigail Sartin, Annabelle Schooley, Braylee Smith, Dawson Smith, Hunter Stone, Bella Topor, Cherish Tucker, Terra Vanderziel, Nicolas Vilar.

### A's & B's

Brianna Alexander, Katelynn Bailey, Addison Banegas, Selina Berruquin, Alonso, Benjamin Betancourt, Chloe Bohn, Heavenly Brett, La'Miyah Canady, Bailey Carver, Wyatt Chesshir, Tarlaycia Chipps, Kailani Cox, Arleth Cuevas, Jahce Curry, Gunner Davis, Jaicee Davis, Betsaida De La Rosa, Wyatt Floyd, Emma Gunter, Aaliyah Hamilton, Alexis Hernandez, Allison Hernandez, Tara Hill, James Hobbs, Jayce Jones, Bre Langston, Austin Lockhart, Eden Lopez, Joshua Martinez, Tucker McConnell, Emily Mendoza, Loraine Natividad, Billy Osorio Mendez, Kate Parker, Giovanni Pineda, Ayleen Pioquinto, Kennedy Porter, Carter Reeves, Channing Shackelford, Kennedy Smith, Minka Stanley, Kemiayah Stewart, Alonzo Stroud, Braylan Thomas, Imani Underwood, Julianne Webb, Adilynn Wescott, Z'onna

Williams, Aiden Wright, Kamille Wynn.

### Seventh Grade All A's

Nora Bauer, Hank Bell, Addison Bicek, Chomi Bretado, Blakelee Britt, Lilliana Gonzalez, Georgiana Hawthorne, Emari Johnson, Evelyn Lima, Layla McNeal, Georgia Pinegar, Mia Portillo, Maddie Propps, Knox Stinson, Yael Velazquez, Weston Wallace, Jagger White, Adyson Winton.

### A's & B's

Jake Adams, Ava Aguilar, Kaisen Allen, Adrian Aranda, Khole Bahner, Abrial Brown, Raul Bustamante, Aron Chandler, Raeley Clements, Quinn Coffee, Cooper Cogburn, Jaylie Eskew, Brylie Garner, Lenyx Green, Robb Hainen, Adeyani Hernandez, Eli Hill, Sean Hopson, Lakyn Hugg, Genesis Alonso, Maddie McDaniel, Jolie McLelland, Brody Moody, Raiden Moore, Sienna Norton, Brylie Otwell, Njhi Phan, Payne Ray, Mollie Revels, Jack Rios, Giovanni Santana, Racie Scott, Davonte Slaton, Tyler Toliver, Keyleth Turcios, Russell Vallee, Jaxon Whisenhunt, Rajon Witherspoon, Hudson Worley, Kamryn Wright, Olivia Wright.

## Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period May 28-June 3, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

### Marriage Licenses

(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office) No marriage licenses issued during the period.

### Civil Court

CV26-97, May 30. Capital One vs. Matthew Nutt. Contract.

CV26-98, June 3. Midland Credit vs. Lee Jefferson. Debt.

### Domestic Relations Court

DR26-50, May 28. Luis Calderone vs. Leticia Valeriano. Divorce.

DR26-51, May 29. Abigail Hart vs. Christian Hart. Divorce.

DR26-52, June 1. Tania Muniz vs. Jose Bocanegra. Order of protection.

DR26-53, June 2. Tessah Corbridge vs. Micah Corbridge. Divorce.

DR26-54, June 3. Madina Mason vs. Doyle Mason, Jr. Divorce.

### Criminal Court

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

CR26-38, May 29. State of Arkansas vs. Davonte Witherspoon, 24, black male, 212 Clermont, Nashville; 2nd degree battery, class D felony.

### Land/Property Transactions

#### Quitclaim Deed

June 1. Judy Sanders; to Rogelio Maguey and wife Irene Perez; property in S25 T9S R27 with exceptions.

June 3. George E. Steel, Jr. and Rebecca Steel, his wife; to George E. Steel, Jr., and Rebecca Steel Revocable Trust; properties in S22 T9S R27W and Lots 1 thru 13 Steel's First Addition, Town of Nashville with exceptions.

#### Beneficiary Deed

May 29. Martha J. Dowdy, surviving spouse of John C. Dowdy; to Jon Paul Dowdy and Angela Rae Dowdy Lewis; 3 ac. in S10 T9S R27W.

June 1. Donald Wayne Youngblood and Margie Sue Youngblood, husband and wife; to Donald Wayne Youngblood and Margie Sue Youngblood, co-trustees of the Youngblood Family Revocable Trust; properties in S19/S28/S30 T5 R30W.

June 3. Donna M. Ellsworth; to Richard E. Ellsworth II and Steven R. Ellsworth; part of Lots 12-15, Block 43, Heights Addition, Town of Mineral Springs.

#### Commissioner's Deed

June 1. Angela Lewis as Commissioner in 31CV26-4, First State Bank of De Queen/Dierks vs. Penny Musick, et al; to First State Bank; 2 tracts in S14 T5S R28W; at auction \$468,853.43.

#### Heir's Deed

June 2. Verna H. Hockaday, surviving spouse of Jimmy B. Hockaday, deceased; to Amanda Willis; Lot 2, Block 6, Wilson and Ferguson Addition, City of Nashville.

#### Warranty Deed

May 28. Jeff Witherspoon and wife Jessica Witherspoon; to Guadalupe Victoria Alfaro and husband Jeffery James Cook; 1.93 ac.; part of Block 66, Town of Mineral Springs. \$188,700.

May 28. Lawrence Ray Teague and David Carlton Teague, co-trustees of the

Herschell R. and Cay Carlton Teague Living Trust; to Allison Horn Insurance, PLLC; part of Lots 1-2-3-4, Block 34, Town of Nashville. \$100,000.

May 28. Ricky Westfall and Gloria Ann Westfall, trustees of the Westfall Family Trust; to Arklatex Radio, Inc.; properties in S34 T8S R27W. \$30,000.

May 28. Bryan D. Billings, trustee of the Bryan D. Billings Living Trust; to Dillon and Cassidy Billings, husband and wife; property in S20 T8S R27W.

June 1. Nancy Peters Living Trust thru trustees William C. Peters and James H. Peters; to William C. Peters and James H. Peters, tenants in common; aggregate 60 ac. in S19 T9S R25W.

June 2. Verna H. Hockaday, surviving spouse of Jimmy B. Hockaday, deceased; to Amanda Willis; 7.16 ac. in S5 T10S R27W with exceptions.

June 2. Verna H. Hockaday, surviving spouse of Jimmy B. Hockaday, deceased; to Amanda Willis; part of Lots 1-2-12-31, Block 5, Wilson and Ferguson Addition, Town of Nashville.

June 2. Verna H. Hockaday, surviving spouse of Jimmy B. Hockaday, deceased; to Amanda Willis; Lot 2, Block 6, Wilson and Ferguson Addition, City of Nashville.

June 2. (Special) Penny-Mac Loan Services, LLC; to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; 1 ac. in S26 T5S R29W, aka 147 Young Loop, Umpire.

June 3. Mark Kitchens and wife Karen Kitchens; to Randy Lynn Allen and wife Tamara Denise Allen; property in S36 T7S R28W/R29W with exceptions. \$216,500.

## Center Point homecoming to be held July 3-5

The bi-annual Center Point homecoming will be July 3-5.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 3, and resume at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Headquarters will be at the Center Point Community Center, 210 N. Center Point St.

Early bird registration is

\$45; after that registration will be \$55.

Information may be mailed to Carolyn Jefferson 184 Texas St., Nashville, AR 71852.



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# Point of view

## A fine souvenir

### Oh beautiful, for silver coin above the fruited plain

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and you can stop holding your breath if you were worried this column would be critical of the President. It isn't.

Instead, this column will laud the organizers of the Ultimate Fighting Championship event which is planned as a tribute to America's 250th birthday.

The event will tastefully be held on the White House lawn. Perhaps you've seen photos of the giant 'cage' being erected for the bouts. I do not know if the contestants' names have been released yet but I am sure they are the best and most famous in the business.

Unfortunately, progress on the new ballroom has been interrupted.

If you go to the UFC event, you will have a marvelous chance to purchase a souvenir coin. The cheapest coin sells for \$249.99. Reduced from \$250 for this event only.

If you really want a nice souvenir you can buy the topflight coin for a mere \$11,999.99 reduced from \$12,000 also for this event only. I have been assured that the President does not personally benefit from the sale of the coins.

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We Americans really do go 'all out' for special occasions, don't we!



**ANIMAL CRACKERS.** Possibly resulting from all the recent rains, flies are a real nuisance this year. I've tried many things, but the best I have found is to just stay indoors until October.



**THE GOOD EARTH.** There is a place in England where wild plant seeds are stored in order that the species will not go extinct.

The place is called the Millennium Seed Bank, and it holds some 2.5 billion seeds from 40,000 species that were gathered from 190 countries.

The seeds are first dried, then stored in subfreezing condition. They are estimated to remain viable for hundreds of years, although --- of course--- no one actually knows if after a loooooong time they will come back to life if needed.

This place is a couple of decades old, going back to a time when some perffessers recognized that loss of habitat plus natural disasters (like fires or floods or predators) were wiping out some species.

I truly hope that the perffessers are not storing poison ivy or briars or sweetgum tree seeds. Noah blew our chance to permanently get rid of some nuisances. Instead, he let houseflies and skeeters come aboard the Ark. I could write more about this but I'm sure you wouldn't be interested.

Seriously, every now and then you read about some cave up in the Siberian permafrost where some seeds of a long-extinct species are found in the belly of a frozen mastodon and are able to sprout plants anew.

Stories such as: Archeologists digging at King Herod's site in the Middle East found a buried jar containing a handful of seeds of the Judean Date Palm, a tree which had been extinct for more than a thousand years. The seeds were estimated to be 2,000 years old.

Some perffessers somewhere were able to germinate one of the male seeds, and that survivor then gave them a half-dozen more seeds, some of which were female. Can't explain.

Since then lots of Judean Date Palms have been grown. People everywhere are once again able to enjoy Judean dates.



**MORE THINGS I LEARNED** from opening an email: Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.



**WORD GAMES.** I love oxymorons. "Journalists were unable to get an Accurate Estimate of the size of the crowd at the White House cage fighting event."



**HE SAID:** "You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty." Mahatma Gandhi, activist



**SHE SAID:** "Somewhere out in this audience may even be someone who will one day follow my footsteps, and preside over the White House as the president's spouse. I wish him well!" Barbara Bush, 1st Lady



SWEET DREAMS, Baby

*Mine Creek Revelations*



By Louie Graves

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## Delegates to Arkansas Girls State visit LR, take over Capitol for a day

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

The halls of the state Capitol rang with youthful enthusiasm on May 28 as delegates from Arkansas Girls State took over for a day.

Founded in 1942, Arkansas Girls State is a week-long leadership and civic engagement summer program for high school girls finishing their junior year, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. It educates young women on state government through mock elections, legislative sessions, and more.

The program is designed to educate young women on the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship.

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders is just one notable alumna. It is considered the second-largest Girls State program in the nation.

The students spent a week at Harding University in Searcy, running campaigns and electing officials from the city and county level up to state government. The Girls State legislators discussed and developed mock legislation and arrived in Little Rock on Thursday, May 28 to debate and vote on their bills.

Real-life senators Breanne Davis, Jamie Scott, Jim Dotson, and Jonathan Dismang were on hand to offer advice and support to the

Girls State senators.

The mock legislative session in the Senate chamber was gavelled in by the Girls State President Pro Tempore of the Senate Bhavana Gudipati of Bentonville High School.

It was interesting to see the topics that were on the minds of these young women. The session featured votes and lively debate on 10 bills that included the following topics:

Adding additional Saturday hours to early voting periods.

Regulating the use of growth hormones in cattle to ensure the nutritional value of beef consumed by Arkansans.

Reducing the number of community service hours required for high school graduation. Currently 75 hours are required. Citing circumstances for some students with transportation issues and family or employment obligations, the bill proposed dropping the minimum required number of hours to 40.

Permitting private school students to participate in local public or public charter school interscholastic activities if his or her school does not offer those activities.

Requiring information about safe vehicle operation in highway work zones to be placed in the state

driver's instruction manual and the driver's license examination.

Requiring "high risk" drivers (drivers over 65 who had received two traffic citations within one calendar year) to submit to a driver's license examination retest.

Exempting textbooks and other instructional materials from the gross receipts tax.

Creating support for excused absences for students in severe medical crises.

Requiring data centers to abide by certain environmental standards.

Creating a pilot program for junior and senior high students to get training as community-based doulas by enrolling in concurrent credit courses through community and technical colleges. This was designed to help combat the state's maternal and infant mortality crisis, particularly in rural areas.

These young women were very prepared, thoughtful, and impressive.

Perhaps some of them will return to the Senate chamber as members one day!

Arkansas Boys State also spent time running the government this week.

That will be the topic of next week's column.

## Arkansas's role in national security

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Arkansas has a long tradition of strongly supporting the armed forces as a whole, and especially our men and women in uniform. From the National Guard to defense depots, training facilities and air bases, communities across our state have always stepped up to advance our national security and demonstrate how much we value the servicemembers who protect us.

As Chairman of the Senate Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (MilCon-VA) Appropriations Subcommittee, I've worked to expand Arkansas's leadership in military readiness and modernization. These efforts continue to build on local longstanding military contributions with significant regional and statewide benefits in addition to being integral to the defense of the country.

Recently, we have secured major military construction projects that will shape the future of defense operations in The Natural State for years to come.

One standout endeavor is the ongoing work at Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith. Through hard work and collaboration among city and state leaders alongside the congressional delegation, Ebbing has become the home of the Foreign Military Sales F-35 training mission. Con-

gress has provided strong support with \$83 million allocated for 2024 and another \$135 million for 2025 to expand the base. These investments make Arkansas a key hub for allied pilot training that undeniably bolsters America's global partnerships.

Other investments are modernizing and improving readiness statewide.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Military Construction appropriations bill funds projects at Camp Robinson. These include a new Medical Command Readiness Center and a headquarters for the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. It also invests in planning for a consolidated C-130J maintenance hangar at Little Rock Air Force Base, which plays a critical role in supporting the Air Force's tactical airlift mission. As home to the world's largest C-130 training center, Little Rock Air Force Base is essential in preparing pilots, aircrews and maintainers who conduct or assist with missions across the globe. Modernized maintenance infrastructure will help ensure the base can continue supporting the next generation of C-130J aircraft and sustain its essential capabilities well into the future.

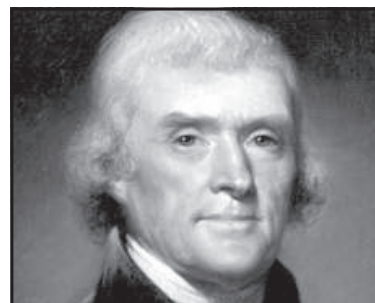
Red River Army Depot, which employs many residents of southwest Arkansas, remains vital to keeping military equipment mis-

sion-ready and fortifying the broader defense industrial base. For decades, the depot has restored, rebuilt and maximized the effectiveness of essential military vehicles and components used by U.S. servicemembers around the world. In FY2026, we delivered \$93 million for a new Component Rebuild Shop that will upgrade depot operations, improve efficiency and enhance America's ability to retain and rapidly repair military equipment at a time when readiness and supply chain resiliency are increasingly important to our national defense.

These projects represent long-term commitments to military readiness, national security and those who serve while also generating jobs, economic growth and exciting opportunities for Arkansas communities.

As our state maintains this proud tradition, I will continue championing policies that complement our current installations and assets, as well as the personnel behind them, eagerly and strategically in my role as MilCon-VA Chairman.

Alongside Senator Cotton and our Arkansas colleagues in the House of Representatives, we will work tirelessly on boosting our state's national security footprint that makes all Americans safer and more prosperous.



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Thomas Jefferson, 1787  
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# Market

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He also raises a lot of sheep.

If you've ever noticed a large flock about five miles out of town on the way to Murfreesboro, they belong to LTB Farms.

Lanny's wife Theresa can be found on Friday mornings at the Farmer's Market, selling lamb raised on their

farm and then processed in Hope. She also has baked goods for sale, including delicious-looking homemade sourdough bread.

You can contact Theresa and Lanny online at the LTB Farms website, or just stop in at the co-op and tell Lanny what you want.

But the easiest way to get your locally-raised lamb is to head to the Farmer's Market.

We have a thriving Farmer's Market here in Howard

County, but you'd better get there early. It opens at 7 a.m. and by 10:00 there are very few vegetables and no eggs left, and almost all of the lamb is gone.

That's really early for retired folks or school teachers on summer break, but the early bird really does get the worm.

Or, in this case, the garden-fresh veggies and loads of other things for sale every Friday morning on South Washington Street.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

Scrapper defenders Skyler Ramsire (18), Luke Lacie (56), Jaydon Williamson (tackle) and Trent Johnson (23) close in on Monticello.

# Camp

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a good job north and south. He proved that if we need four yards, he can get it. He's very physical. I love the way he ran the ball" at camp.

Bryce Perrin "had a good day at receiver," Chesshir said.

Jacoby Hopson saw playing time at quarterback and receiver. "The ball has to be in his hands. He's explosive in the run game."

DJ Jefferson saw action at quarterback, including de-

living the ball to Hopson.

Hayden Crabtree stood out all spring and at camp as offensive guard and defensive tackle, Chesshir said.

After camp, the O-line "is what I'm really high on. There are a lot of returners" along with players "stepping up to fill holes. We'll continue to get better in the run game," according to Chesshir.

Jefferson is back from a knee injury last season.

"He made some good throws and some bad throws," Chesshir said.

"He's patient at the quarterback position, decent

with his feet."

The Scrapppers came out of the camp healthy, Chesshir said.

They'll move into their summer routine along with getting ready for July 7-on-7 competition.

The Arkansas Activities Association dead period will be June 21-July 5, with 7-on-7 to begin July 7 at Ashdown.

The Scrapppers will compete in a 7-on-7 tournament July 9 at Lake Hamilton High School.

They will return to Ashdown July 14 and will wrap up 7-on-7 at Hope July 21.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Glen Shortridge has been working with wood all his life. He used a scrolling saw and a sharp eye to create the items at his Farmers' Market booth.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Louise Hicks has been quilting for at least 30 years and makes other items such as aprons, potholders, bottle grippers and plastic bag holders. Her work was available recently at the Howard County Farmers' Market in Nashville.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

Angie and Kevin Nason, beekeepers from Old Washington, own Southern Yankee Homestead and are Farmers' Market vendors.

# Class

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Coca-Cola, \$250 - Jamison McIntosh

Swampy Graves Memorial Coca-Cola, \$200 - Ellison Wallis

P.E.O., \$2,500 - Rayleigh Harmon

P.E.O. STAR, \$2,500 - Raymiah Alvarez

Herman Stavely Memorial, \$300 - Zoe Sitzes

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Nashville Band Boosters, \$1,000 each - Raymiah Alvarez, Klaire Hendry

Nashville Rotary Club, \$500 each - Peyton Fritts, Karson Chambers

Pafford Medical Services, \$500 - Hayden Gray

Garrett Jones Memorial, \$1,000 - Mattison Tollett

Garrett Jones Memorial, \$300 - Abigale Hill

Donyell King Scholarship, \$500 each - Zeus Hutchinson, Parker Tate

Paul Tollett Memorial, \$500 each - Gracelynn Tollett, Mattison Tollett

Robert Chism Memorial, \$500 - Josh Walker

Texarkana Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, \$500 - Joscelyn Clark

Dr. A.L. Smith Memorial, \$1,000 each - Zoe Sitzes, Roman Parker

Nashville Junior Auxil-

iary, \$1,500 each - Leilani Vargas, Parker Tate, Rylee Backus, Milagros Sanchez, Charity Miller

Howard County Fair Board, \$500 each - Lily McLelland, Josh Walker

Howard County Farm Bureau, \$1,000 each - Josh Howard, Wyatt Reed, Abigale Hill, Natalie Talley

Scrapper Alumni Future Nurse Award, \$1,300 - Genesis Pryor

Phyllis Honea Memorial, \$100 each - Luke Boon, Ellison Wallis

Rooted Conference Scholarship, \$100 each - Ellison Wallis, Landyn Tompkins, Rayleigh Harmon, Parker Tate

Latimer Funeral Home, \$500 each - Maddon Arnold, Parker Tate

Arkansas High School Rodeo Association, \$500 - Natalie Talley

Robert and Mary Frances Schirmer Memorial, \$300 each - Dede Robinson, Klaire Hendry, Raymiah Alvarez, John Wallis, Landyn Tompkins, Karstyn Scriver, Lyris Bennett, Parker Tate, Natalie Talley, Elli Wallis, Milagros Sanchez, Rylee Backus, Allie Sartin, Cassie Stephenson, Carson Kirby.

Hagan Scholarship, \$2,000 each - Raymiah Alvarez, Rayleigh Harmon

Class of 1953, \$1,000 - Enrique Bearden

Farm Credit of Western Arkansas, \$500 - Madilyn Brinkman

Dwight Jones Honorary Memorial, \$1,000 - Madilyn Brinkman

Hockaday Memorial,

\$1,000 - Christopher Salazar

York Gary, \$250 each - Rayleigh Harmon, Jamison McIntosh

Jamie Green Memorial, \$500 each - Wyatt Reed, Mattison Tollett, Gracelynn Tollett, Bailey Kessler

Eloise Harper Keen Balm-er, \$2,000 each - Allie Sartin, Landyn Tompkins

Howard Memorial Hospital, \$1,500 - Milagros Sanchez

Principal's Scholarship, \$150 each - John Wallis, Rayne Morris, Makhi Johnson

Culp-Smith Scholarship, \$8,000 over four years - Phoenix Brown

Leeman J. Naar Memorial, \$5,000 - Joscelyn Clark

Don Cooley Memorial, \$250 each - Makhi Johnson, Brayden Erby

AAA/Centennial Bank Athletic-Community Service Award, \$1,000 - Parker Tate

First State Bank, \$500 each - Gracelynn Tollett, Mattison Tollett

Drew Walston Memorial, \$2,000 each - Parker Tate, Carson Kirby

John Shaddox Memorial, \$300 - Rylee Backus

Class of 1969 Scholarship, \$500 each - Ellison Wallis, John Wallis both in memory of Bubba Wallis

Burger King Scholars, \$1,000 - Zoe Sitzes

AEP Educational Trust, \$20,000 - Landyn Tompkins

Miss Howard County, \$250 - Dede Robinson

Larry Teague, \$250 - Dakota Dixon

# Correction

A Nashville Scrapperette ninth grader was omitted from the sports awards story in the June 3 News-Leader.

Softball player Brayley Lowery was named All-District. She recorded the team's highest number of bases on balls with 15.

The News-Leader regrets the error.

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2006	Ford	3/4 Ton 4x4 Pickup	V8 5.4L	168,217	Automatic	Gas	1FTNF215X6ED84312	2006-39
2000	GMC	2 Ton Digger Truck	3126 CAT	94,603	6 Speed Manual	Diesel	1GDM7H1C5YJ527974	2000-04
2008	GMC	1-1/2 Ton C500 4x4 Basket Truck	Duramax	151,985	Automatic	Diesel	1GDE5C3928F409026	2008-10
2001	Ford	1-1/4 Ton F450 4x4 Basket Truck	7.3L	145,481	Automatic	Diesel	1FDXF47FX1EB11198	2001-21

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## New World Screwworm detected in south Texas Arkansas State Veterinarian issues guidance

### New World Screwworm is considered threat to all livestock, wildlife, humans

**By Ryan McGeeney**  
University of Arkansas  
Division of Agriculture  
The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Wednesday that the presence of a New World Screwworm was confirmed in a calf in Zavala County, Texas, about 15 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border.

The area is about 450 miles southwest of Texarkana, Arkansas. A 20-kilometer containment area has been established around the detection, halting the movement of livestock in and out of the area.

While confirmation of the insect — a serious parasite of cattle and warm-blooded animals — in south Texas does not present a threat to the food supply, Arkansas ranchers are being advised to keep a close eye on their herds.

Although the insect is largely discussed as a problem for cattle producers, Kirsten Midkiff, extension animal welfare specialist for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, said it can affect “any warm-blooded mammal,” including humans.

According to the USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the worm is “a serious pest that affects livestock, pets, wildlife, and less commonly, people and birds.”

“It’s a danger to all livestock,” Midkiff said. “We hear a lot about it in cattle because historically there was significant cases in cattle and economic losses, but it can affect wildlife, pets, and humans. There have been several cases in pets, in fact there were a lot of cases seen in Mexico in dogs. We’ve seen it in deer and other animals.”

Kelly Loftin, professor and extension entomologist for the Division of Agriculture, said the last notable incursion of NWS in the United States was in 2016-2017 in a population of Key deer in the Florida Keys.

“Production livestock were not involved,” Loftin said. “NWS was eradicated

by the spring of 2017 through vigilant surveillance, sterile male releases and preventative animal treatment.”

The USDA recently updated its page dedicated to identifying and stopping the spread of screwworm.

#### Transmission

Midkiff said infestations spread between animals through the New World Screwworm fly, which lays egg packets in open wounds or orifices, including mucus membranes. The screwworm gets its name, in part, from barbs on its mouth parts, which allow it to burrow deep into a host organism.

“It can be an umbilical site, a dehorning site, a scrape from barbed wire, even a tick bite,” she said. “The eggs can also be laid around the mucus membrane as well — around external genitalia or the anus.”

“They lay the egg packet, and then the larvae emerge a few hours later. They’ll begin burrowing into the wound causing extensive damage. Seven days later, they’ll fall out and pupate on the ground for another seven days, then reemerge as flies.”

“It’s not something that can move from animal to animal via larvae,” Midkiff said. “The flies have to be present.”

Midkiff emphasized that while this is an animal welfare issue, it is not a food safety issue.

“In terms of consumer products and food safety, it’s not a concern,” she said. “It’s on the live animal side.”

Under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, inspectors with USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service are required to inspect animals before slaughter to ensure they’re fit for human consumption.

FSIS inspectors also examine carcasses after slaughter to check for any issues

that might require condemnation.

#### Prevention and treatment

The USDA and allied agencies have worked for decades to prevent the spread of the worm to the United States from Mexico, largely succeeding in repelling the spread since the 1950s using a “sterile insect technique.” Using radiation, populations of male flies are sterilized, then released on the ground or from airplanes over areas where the screwworm is thought to exist. The eggs eventually laid in or on host organisms never produce larvae, thus curtailing the infestation cycle.

In Arkansas and other livestock-producing states, Midkiff said surveillance is key for farmers at this moment.

“The big thing is going to be paying attention,” Midkiff said. “Keep an eye on wounds, signs and symptoms.”

Symptoms of a screwworm infestation include a foul odor in an animal, especially if there is an open wound where larvae may be present.

“We’re looking for signs that an animal is uncomfortable or acting different than normal,” Midkiff said. “They’re going to be lethargic, not feeling well. They may seem depressed — they may go off feed and isolate themselves. If the infestation is around the head area, there may be some head shaking — like a dog with ear mites. They may be off by themselves, laying down, ears droopy.”

Midkiff said that if an animal is infected with screwworm, it does not necessarily need to be euthanized. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has recently

issued several emergency use authorizations specifically for the prevention and treatment of screwworm in livestock, pets and other host species.

“Whether euthanasia is necessary will depend on the severity of the case,” Midkiff said. “But infestation can be treated. Clean the wound, get all the larvae out. Secondary bacterial infections may be common, so antibiotics may also be necessary.”

Screwworm can affect humans. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control noted that as of June 2, there were more than 2,000 human cases in Central America and Mexico and cautions those who travel to those areas. However, the CDC said the risk to people in the U.S. is not immediate.

On June 6, the Arkansas State Veterinarian issued new guidance for livestock handling in Arkansas. According to the release, all animals entering Arkansas from the affected area in Texas will be restricted and a state entry permit will be required for those animals.

“Additionally, all warm-blooded animals from Texas must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) dated within seven days of entry into Arkansas,” according to the release.

For more up-to-date information on the New World Screwworm, visit the Division of Agriculture’s dedicated information page.

If you believe a livestock or domesticated animal on your property is showing signs of a screwworm infestation, contact the Arkansas Department of Agriculture Animal Health Division. If you believe a wildlife animal is infested, contact Arkansas Game and Fish at agfc.health@agfc.ar.gov or 833-345-0325. If you believe you or another person in your family may have an infestation, contact the Arkansas Department of Health.



Screwworm Fly (USDA photo)

## New World pest grows bigger the deeper it feeds

**By Dawson Bailey**

Howard County Extension Agent – Agriculture

The New World Screwworm was detected in Zavala County, Texas. The sample was taken from a 3-week-old calf, and the larvae was confirmed in its umbilical area by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

The name screwworm refers to the maggots’ feeding behavior as they burrow into open wounds. Wounds can become larger and deeper as they feed, resulting in serious and often deadly damage. Eggs hatch only 12-24 hours after they are laid, and the larvae begin eating for up to 7 days. Mature larvae will then drop to the ground, burrow, and pupate.

The USDA and Texas officials are taking action to contain and eradicate the New World Screwworm including implementing a 20 km infested zone around the detection area with quarantines, movement controls, and surveillance. They are also increasing trapping of the flies along the border, and implementing surveillance and management strategies in wildlife, among other practices to control the pest.

If you suspect an animal is infested with New World Screwworms, contact your veterinarian to evaluate your pet or livestock. Some signs of infestation may include irritated behavior, head shaking, the smell of decay, or the presence of fly larvae (maggots) in wounds. According to the USDA, eradication is only possible through sterile insect technique. With this method, sterile male flies are released into an area with a known population of screwworms. Female New World Screwworm flies only mate once in their lifespan, so mating with sterile flies will stop them from laying eggs that will hatch until the population ultimately dies out.

For more information about New World Screwworms, contact the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517 or email at dbailey@uada.edu.

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Nashville High School Class of 2026

# Shared experiences shaped the NHS Class of 2026

**By Milagros Sanchez**  
 NHS valedictorian  
 Good evening everyone,  
 My name is Milagros Sanchez, and I have the honor of standing here this evening as the valedictorian representing the Class of 2026.

I would like to begin by thanking our Lord and Savior for allowing us all to gather here today to celebrate this milestone in our lives. I would also like to extend a warm thank you to all the family, friends, faculty, and staff in attendance tonight. Your love, support, and guidance helped make this moment possible.

For the last thirteen years, we have looked forward to this very moment—the moment that signifies our time to leave this school and begin creating lives of our own. While this transition is both exciting and nerve-racking, we must not forget our hometown, our community, and the many memories we have made here.

As a class, we experienced things that challenged us and brought us closer together. From living through COVID to surviving the bus wreck together, these moments reminded us of the strength we carry and the importance of leaning on one another. Through every challenge, celebration, and ordinary school day, our families, friends, and teachers helped shape us into the people we are today.

We are about to experience a lot of change, but that does not mean we should be afraid.

Change is not always a bad thing. In fact, some of the greatest blessings in life come from stepping into the unknown. I often imagine how different my life would be if I had never moved to this school district in sixth grade. I would not have met some of the incredible teachers and faculty members who helped shape me into the person I am today.

In particular, I would like to thank Ms. Brizo, Mrs. Wakely, Mrs. Davis, and Mr. Horne for supporting me throughout these past four years. Without a doubt, they showed up for me every single day, and I will forever be grateful for their guidance and encouragement.

I also would not have met the friends and teammates who stood beside me every step of



Valedictorian Milagros Sanchez accepts her diploma from school board president Jerry Wilson during the NHS graduation ceremony May 22.

the way. Whether it was after a difficult loss or a hard test, they were always there to lift me up and remind me that everything would be okay.

Most importantly, though, I would not have learned what it truly means to have Scrapper spirit.

Being a true Scrapper—whether on the field, court, or in the classroom—means showing up and giving your best even when things are difficult. It means working hard, staying resilient, and continuing forward when the easier choice would be to quit.

So, my advice to my fellow classmates and to the generations that come after us is this: never let anyone tell you what you can or cannot do. Do the hard things in life, because growth rarely comes from comfort. Trust in yourself, trust in the process, and above all, trust that our Creator has a plan for each and every one of us and will always walk beside us.

I also could not give this speech without thanking my parents.

Mom, thank you for showing me that anything is possible and that I can accomplish anything as long as I give it my all. Your unwavering love, strength, and support are the reason I stand here today.

And thank you, Jorge, for always being there for me—whether it was helping with

physics projects or sitting through long and sometimes boring events. Your support has meant more than words can express.

To the Class of 2026: tonight is not just about celebrating what we have accomplished, but also about embracing what lies ahead. Although we may leave this place and follow different paths, we will always share the memories, lessons, and spirit that brought us here.

And as we move forward into this next chapter, I want us to remember this:

Life is not measured by how easy the journey was, but by the courage it took to live it. So chase your dreams, embrace change, and never forget where you came from—because one day, the memories we made here will remind us not only that we made it through, but that we were lucky enough to experience it in the first place.

Thank you, and congratulations to the Class of 2026.



Senior class sponsors Aleshia Erwin, Lacy Britt and Scott Horne model the class T-shirts with a picture from the bus wreck which shut down part of Interstate 30 at exit 124 during the senior trip to Little Rock in late April.



Members of the Class of 2026 enter the field at Scrapper Stadium at the beginning of graduation May 22.

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# Scrappers at OBU team camp

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Jakhari Starr (1) runs through a hole created by Halton Howard (55), Hayden Crabtree (58), Jace Wright and other offensive linemen in Nashville's game against Mena June 4 during team camp at Ouachita Baptist University.



Scrapper and OBU running back alum Willie Hopson visits Ouachita Sports Digital Network Director Chris Babb.



Bryce Perrin (7) scores for the Scrappers in their game against Robinson.



Trendon Northcross (5) runs past Monticello defenders to pick up yards for the Scrappers at the Ouachita team camp last Thursday.



Khamari Canady (90) returns to the huddle after picking off a pass at OBU team camp June 4. Teammate Jaydon Williamson(62) signals the interception.



Jacoby Hopson (2) carries the ball for a Scrapper touchdown against Joe T. Robinson in Nashville's first game at the team camp.



Jaielyn Staggers makes the catch for the Scrappers and ran the ball to the endzone for a touchdown.



Gauge Applegate (11) gets by the Monticello Billie defender at the camp. Nashville played Robinson, Monticello, Mena and Jacksonville during the morning session June 4. Teams came to Arkadelphia from throughout the state.



Quarterback DJ Jefferson (8) sets up a pass as linemen buy time in the Scrappers' game against Monticello.

79 days remaining in the Countdown to the Scrappers' season opener Friday, Aug. 29, at home against Bismarck. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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## SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

**Jacoby Hopson, Nashville**

Kacoby, a Scrapper junior, saw playing time at quarterback and at receiver during team camp last week at Ouachita Baptist University. He also ran for yardage after receptions and took the ball on handoffs from DJ Jefferson.

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FIND NEW ROADS



**RARE BLOOMS.** Almost hidden in Lou Jamison's palm is one of the 22 blooms this year on her venerable lemon tree. There are also some tiny lemons similarly hidden among the foliage. The tree is a story. In 1975 her grandmother brought a large Florida lemon home to her own home in Dardanelle. She picked and cleaned the seeds, and planted the one which resulted in this tree at Lou's secluded rural home northwest of Nashville. Despite its size, the tree is moved in and out of her plant room depending upon the season. The tree has produced neither blooms nor lemons in 40 years, she says.

## Donations sought for fireworks show at Dierks Lake

A fireworks show is planned for July 3 at Dierks Lake and donations are now being sought to make the show bigger than last year's event. Organizers are reporting that around \$3,000 was spent

during last year's show. Anyone wanting to donate to the firework fund may do so by Cash App \$tjanes; Venmo Tori-Janes; or PayPal tori-janes01@gmail.com

## City of Mineral Springs planning clean-up day June 20

Mineral Springs is having a "Community Clean Up Day" in the city park, and has invited citizens to help with the project. Clean up day is Saturday, June 20, with work beginning

at 8 a.m. A statement from the city was "Let's work together to keep our City Park clean and beautiful for the entire community to enjoy."

## Pike 4-H bake sale June 13 at M'boro Farmers' Market

Pike County 4-H will hold a bake sale at the Murfreesboro Farmers' Market on Saturday, June 13 starting at 7 a.m.

The baked goodies will be sold for proceeds to attend Star Camp by Pike County 4-H youth.



## Rain or Shine Flavors of Early Summer Friday at Howard County Farmers' Market

By **Melanie Schwartz**  
HCFM Director

The Howard County Farmers' Market continues to showcase the flavors of early summer as more locally grown produce arrives each week.

Last Friday, shoppers found blackberries, green tomatoes, yellow squash, cucumbers, green beans, onions, radishes, fresh herbs, eggs, okra, local honey, lamb, jams and other canned goods, along with sourdough breads, fried pies and other baked goods, handmade quilts, woodcrafts, original artwork, tallow-based personal care products, and more. As summer progresses, shoppers can expect to see even more fresh produce making its way to market tables.

This week's market sponsor is Howard Memorial Hospital, which will be on site to share information about its After Hours Clinic and answer questions from community members.

The market is a rain-or-shine event held every Friday from 7 a.m. to noon at 110 S. Washington Street in Nashville.

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# Pike County District Court

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Adamson, Mindy, 50, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay; \$465 balance

Camos, Mauricio A., 47, Hot Springs, \$140 BF, defective/improper head lamps

Cates, James, 32, Umpire, guilty of failure to pay; \$2,115 balance

Cox, Brittney N., 32, Nashville, \$545 BF, third-degree domestic battery

Cox, Jacob H., 31, Murfreesboro, \$545 BF, third-degree domestic battery

Davenport, Allen E., 34, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Dinger, Dustin G., 31, Delight, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$140

Eoff, Drake Daniel, 17m Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Fant, William Michael, 38, Kirby, guilty of failure to pay; \$825 balance

Farmer, Christian Faith, 28, Newhope, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Garland, Tiyonna Nicole, 28, Nashville, \$140 BF, speeding

Garrett, Justin T., 34, Amity, \$170 BF, speeding

Gatliff, John D., 63, Texarkana, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75

Goehring, Mary Lynn, 70, Kirby, \$150 BF, speeding

Goolsby, James Hayden, 31, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Graves, Cassandra L., 40, Amity, \$140 BF, speeding

Grissom, April Lynn, 45, Amity, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125

Hawkins, Aarian Shawn, 21, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$140

Hendrix, David Brian, 56, Prescott, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Hernandez, Ernesto, 31, Hot Springs, guilty of failure to pay; \$255 balance; guilty of speeding, fined \$150

Hernandez, Manuel, 62, Horatio, \$85 BF, failure to present insurance

Hill, James M., 48, McCaskill, guilty of failure to pay; \$2,425 balance

Hines, Josiah James, 27, Pauls Valley, Okla., \$140 BF, speeding; \$220 BF, failure to appear

Irvin, Tracy Dee, 64, Newhope, \$250 BF, overweight

Kitchens, Scott Charles, 39, Amity, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Lockeby, Nickolas, 31, Delight, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$140; guilty of leaving scene of accident-property damage, fined \$210; \$340 BF, driving with suspended license; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220

Lucas, Braedon Lee, 21, New Bruanfels, Texas, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$140; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220

Matos, Alexander, 38, Mesquite, Texas, \$140 BF, non-English speaking driver; \$215 BF, non-current log duty status

Montgomery, Patricia Ann, 76, Texarkana, Texas, \$150 BF, speeding

Ortiz, Juandaniel Garcia, 25, Amity, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Post, Remond A., 50, Okolona, guilty of failure to pay; \$905 balance

Rather, Jonathan G., 41, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Robinson, Ollie Joseph Jr., 41, Arkadelphia, \$255 BF, overweight

Ross, Christian Dominick, 19, Glenwood, guilty of public intoxication, fined \$235

Sanchez, Heriberto, 47, Nashville, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Sanchez, Lesli Cristal, 19, Hot Springs, \$150 BF, speeding

Shelton, Bobby, 44, Murfreesboro, guilty of speeding, fined \$140

Spencer, Kayla Deanne, 33, Glenwood, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Vancamp, Dillon Scott, 33, Antoine, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$125

Vazquez, Pascual, 73, Fort Smith, \$140 BF, speeding

Ward, Mignon Jean, 52, \$140 BF, speeding

White, Charles R., 55, Kirby, \$140 BF, speeding

White, Morgan T., 27, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340; guilty of speeding, fined

\$140; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$615; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340; guilty of speeding, fined \$140

Williams, Carey Dawn, 54, Coalgate, Okla., \$150 BF, speeding

Wooten, Curtis W., 52, Amity, \$85 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Wright, Jacob Corey, 41, Norman, guilty of failure to pay; \$1,010 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

**City of Murfreesboro**  
Castrejon, Cesar A., 23, Raeford, N.C., \$160 BF, no driver's license

Cox, Jacob H., 31, Murfreesboro, \$145 BF, no vehicle license; \$225 BF, failure to appear



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**NASHVILLE CHAMBER WELCOMES ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS.** Leah, Kade, Yale and Julia Linhoff (center) and their family business, Roots Wellness & Aesthetics, were welcomed by the last week by a Nashville Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony. The business is located at 105 W. Shepherd, and offers treatment and injectables like botox lip treatments, micro needling, various skin and acne care IV hydration, vitamin therapy and more. Julia is a certified nurse injector and family nurse practitioner. In attendance were (from left) Phyllicia Chesshir, Rayleigh Faulkner, Jamie Doss, Morgan Rowland, Candy Stanley, Avy Martin, Leah, Kade, Yale and Julie, Jasmine Furr, Susan Berruquin, Tina Carver and Emily Moore.



**35TH ANNIVERSARY COOKOUT.** On Friday, June 5, Diamond Bank in Nashville held a 35th birthday community cookout at their Main Street location. Here, bank employees (from left) Garry Richards, Bob Jamison, Paula Watts (front), Rusty Burks and Alex Bailey serve up a meal to Nashville Chamber of Commerce member Susan Berruquin.

Cox, Kevin B., 57, McCaskill, guilty of failure to pay; \$1,275 balance

Robinson, Matthew W., 44, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay; \$1,917 balance

Walton, Belinda J., 58, Nashville, \$170 BF, speeding

**City of Glenwood**  
Aguilar, Juan Carlos, 50, Arkadelphia, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350

Bowser, Jessica Lynn, 38, Malvern, \$160 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Bradford, Sandra Joyce, 72, Glenwood, \$160 BF, failure to stop or yield

Castillo, Victoria, 55, Glenwood, \$160 BF, no driver's license

Downer, Wesley A., 61, Norman, guilty of no seat

belt, fined \$45

Fant, William Michael, 38, Kirby, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$280

Massey, Scottie Lance, 54, Bonnerdale, improper muffler, under advisement for 60 days to dismiss

McFadden, Margaret Mary, 68, Richmond, V.A., \$170 BF, speed

Morrisette, Bruce A., 45, Glenwood, \$255 BF, improper window tinting

Murray, Eleanor Jean, 61, Iowa City, Iowa, disorderly conduct, under advisement

for 60 days to dismiss

Pittman, Clayton Ray, 23, Glenwood, guilty of first-degree criminal mischief, fined \$390

Stewart, Zachery Bill, 29, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Williams, Shawn Calvin, 21, Glenwood, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$160; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350; guilty of reckless driving, fined \$480; guilty of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$255

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# Heart & Home

# Fast Fashion vs. Sustainable Fashion What's The Real Cost?

By Abby Gray

Howard County Extension Agent  
Family Consumer Science

Fashion trends come and go quickly, but the impact of the clothing industry lasts much longer. As consumers increasingly seek affordable and trendy clothing, fast fashion has become a dominant force in the global marketplace. While low prices and constantly changing styles may seem appealing, experts warn that the true cost of fast fashion extends far beyond the price tag. In contrast, sustainable fashion aims to reduce environmental harm and promote ethical labor practices, though it often comes at a higher upfront cost.

Fast fashion refers to the rapid production of inexpensive, trend-driven clothing designed to move quickly from manufacturers to store shelves. According to the University of Pennsylvania's Environmental Innovations Initiative, the industry has faced growing criticism for its significant environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions that exceed those produced by global aviation and shipping combined. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change estimates that emissions from textile manufacturing could increase by 60% before 2030 if current trends continue.

One of the most significant environmental concerns associated with fast fashion is resource consumption. Research highlighted by Bucknell University notes that producing a single cotton T-shirt can require approximately 700 gallons of water, while a pair of jeans may require around 2,000 gallons. Additionally, textile dyeing and finishing processes often release harmful chemicals into waterways, contributing to water pollution in many manufacturing regions.

The fashion industry is also responsible for a substantial share of global wastewater production.

Waste is another major issue. As clothing becomes cheaper and trends change more rapidly, consumers often purchase more garments and wear them fewer times before discarding them. A study from Fordham University explains that fast fashion encourages a culture of overconsumption, resulting in enormous amounts of textile waste entering landfills each year. Many garments are made from synthetic materials such as polyester, which can take decades or even centuries to decompose.

Beyond environmental concerns, fast fashion raises serious ethical questions. Much of the industry's low-cost production relies on garment workers in developing countries who often work long hours for low wages under unsafe conditions. The 2013 Rana Plaza factory collapse in Bangladesh, which killed more than 1,100 workers, brought international attention to labor conditions within the apparel supply chain. Although reforms have been implemented in some areas, concerns about worker safety and fair wages remain.

Sustainable fashion offers an alternative approach. Rather than prioritizing speed and volume, sustainable fashion focuses on producing clothing in ways that minimize environmental damage and support ethical labor practices. This may include using environmentally friendly materials, reducing waste, improving supply chain transparency, and creating garments designed to last longer.

However, sustainable fashion is not without challenges. According to experts interviewed by the University of Pennsylvania, sustainable clothing often costs more and may not always

be as accessible or size-inclusive as fast-fashion alternatives. These factors can make it difficult for some consumers to choose sustainable options, even when they want to reduce their environmental footprint.

Ultimately, the debate between fast fashion and sustainable fashion comes down to understanding the true cost of clothing. While fast fashion offers affordability and convenience, its environmental and social consequences are significant. Sustainable fashion may require a larger initial investment, but advocates argue that its benefits—including reduced pollution, less waste, and improved working conditions—make it a more responsible long-term choice.

As consumers become more aware of the impacts behind the garments they purchase, the question is no longer simply what clothes cost at the register, but what they cost the environment, workers, and future generations.

This article is based on information from the University of Pennsylvania Environmental Innovations Initiative, Bucknell University's Sustainable Living Blog, and research published through Fordham University's Environmental Studies program.

### Recipe: All-Purpose Cleaner

#### Ingredients:

- ¼ cup vinegar
- 12 to 20 drops of essential oil (lavender works well)
- 1 teaspoon castile or phosphorus free dish soap or washing soda
- 2 cups of boiled or distilled water

#### Directions:

- Fill cleaning spray bottle with 2-4 cups of distilled or boiled (cooled) water
- Add all other ingredients. Shake well

# FREE SUMMER MEALS

## Lockesburg foundation offering free meals through July 24

The Try Jesus Foundation, located at 114 West Walnut in Lockesburg, is currently offering free summer meals through July 24. Serving times are 12 noon

to 1:30 p.m. or until gone. The meal includes a hot lunch and a sack breakfast for the next day.

No registration or application is required.

## Nashville student earns 'Grassmanship' scholarship



Kiersten Priddy of Nashville

Nufarm Range and Pasture Solutions has announced the recipients of scholarships awarded in the 2026 Grassmanship™ Scholarship Program, including one \$5,000 and four \$1,000 scholarships provided to exemplary current and incoming students pursuing careers in the field of agriculture.

While there were hundreds of applicants with a passion for agriculture, the students selected truly embody the concept of Grassmanship through plans, aspirations and innovative ideas that will positively impact tomorrow's land management practices. Nufarm recognizes the importance of investing in students who will contribute to the sustainability and success

of agriculture for years to come.

"This year's scholarship competition was exceptionally competitive, with nearly 500 students applying. It is exciting to gain a front row seat to the talent coming into the agriculture industry", said Reggie Young, Territory Sales Manager with Nufarm.

One of this year's \$1,000 scholarship winners is Kiersten Priddy of Nashville.

She attends the University of Arkansas. Kiersten is studying Agricultural Business with plans to graduate in 2029.

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# Murfreesboro mayor calls town hall meeting for input on street-legal ATVs in city

By John Balch  
News-Leader staff

The City of Murfreesboro is pumping the brakes on its quest to become a street-legal ATV city and will hold a town hall meeting to solicit citizen input before proceeding.

The public meeting is set for Monday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The city council is currently considering a proposal by Mayor Jim O'Neal to allow street-legal ATVs/UTVs to legally operate on all city streets to support tourism and local recreation. The proposal was pitched during the council's May meeting and the mayor said it falls in line with the ongoing effort to establish ATV/UTV/bike trails in and around Pike County.

All recreational vehicles would have to meet Arkansas law to be street legal, with a specific criteria such as blinkers, seat belts, and headlights with a minimum age of 16 for drivers, etc.

A rough-draft ordinance is expected to be presented

at the public meeting and will detail the involved state statutes and include specific local policies for operating within the city limits. It was consensus of the council at last month's meeting to prohibit recreational vehicles in school zones during school hours and events, and to possibly establish a reasonable curfew.

The mayor noted Monday night that there is no emergency attached to the issue and, if an ordinance is drafted, it will require three readings, which will be held over the next three months. If passed, there will then be a 30-day waiting period, making November the earliest date the ordinance could take effect.

In other council business Monday night, Mayor O'Neal reported the city has experienced a net loss of approximately \$20,000 over the last two months and informed the council the issue will need to be addressed "if it doesn't level off."

"So, let's be thinking about some possibilities,"

O'Neal said about possible money-saving options. "None of them are going to be pretty, but we're going to have to adjust our budget at some point."

Also Monday, Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb reported that iPads approved for use of council members are almost ready to be distributed and she hopes the devices will be ready for next month's meeting. The devices are expected to reduce paper use, Lamb said.

The council also approved the city's financial report, which included the following beginning and endings for May:

- General Fund** \$297,112/\$276,451
- Street Fund** \$393,999/\$382,458
- Park Fund** \$42,624/\$42,809
- Special Funds** \$329,907/\$3232,943
- Tourism Commission Fund** \$64,037/\$64,244
- Waterworks Fund** \$917,713/\$931,562



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**STAND UP FOR AMERICA SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE.** The commemorative T-shirts for this year's Stand Up for America celebration are now available for \$25 at the Nashville Chamber of Commerce office, Merle Norman/Sweet Peppers Designs and Special Moments: The Shop on Main. Tickets are also now on sale for this year's headliner, Neil McCoy, and can be purchased by visiting the chamber's website: [nashvillearcoc.com](http://nashvillearcoc.com). Posing with this year's T-shirt design is chamber members Susan Berruquin and Tina Carver.

## Stand Up for America July 4th Nashville City Park

Gates Open at 4:30 • Fireworks After The Concert

# Arkansas Free Fishing Weekend Noon June 12 to Midnight June 14

Thanks to a proclamation by Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders presented during Thursday's Arkansas Game and Fish Commission meeting, June 12-14 is officially Free Fishing Weekend in Arkansas. Anyone may fish in Arkansas without a fishing license or trout stamp from noon, Friday, June 12, through midnight Sunday night, June 14.

An annual tradition sponsored by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and approved by Gov. Sanders, Free Fishing Weekend gives

many people the opportunity to enjoy the amazing angling The Natural State has to offer.

"An Arkansas annual fishing license is only \$10.50 per year, making it one of the least expensive fishing licenses in the country," said AGFC Director Doug Schoenrock. "But for this special weekend, even that fee is waived, thanks to our governor's focus on increasing participation in the outdoors and outdoor recreation being the lifeblood of Arkansas's economy."

designated ponds at their facilities on Saturday, June 13, in the midst of the celebration.

Fishing derbies will run from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Anglers may catch and keep up to three catfish.

I'm putting addresses into the... ...GPS to help map the way. Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

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## Long Weekends Away!

Long weekends away! More families are taking a few long weekends away from home in place of one longer vacation. It takes a lot of planning to get ready, but people like the change of pace from their weekly routines and feel that they get more breaks. Some families like the idea of visiting three or four different places during the year. It's also a good way to make time to visit relatives and still be able to have a couple of private getaways for just your own family.

**What Should We Pack?**  
Find and circle:

hairbrush	soap	shirt	slippers	I've stuffed everything into my pack, Forest!
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**Fill in the crossword with things you might do or places you might visit:**

- tropical \_\_\_\_\_ getaway
- national \_\_\_\_\_
- fly to a foreign \_\_\_\_\_
- visit the stores along the \_\_\_\_\_
- your Mom's or Dad's Mom or Dad \_\_\_\_\_
- place to ride horses: Dude \_\_\_\_\_
- higher than hills; you can see the peaks \_\_\_\_\_
- take a tour on a ship \_\_\_\_\_
- learn about animals, growing crops \_\_\_\_\_
- cabin in a \_\_\_\_\_ near a lake
- place to ski and be entertained \_\_\_\_\_
- ride a Ferris wheel at the \_\_\_\_\_ park
- beach \_\_\_\_\_
- busy place full of people, tall buildings, lights and cars \_\_\_\_\_

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**SKILLS COMPETITORS.** Howard County 4-H members (from left) Drake Jones, Brayden Worthen, Asher Howard, Rhett Henderson and Tate Henderson.

## Howard County 4-H Members Win at State 4-H Outdoor Skills Competition

By Samantha Horn

Howard County Extension Agent  
4-H/Staff Chair

Six Howard County 4-H members competed at the State 4-H Outdoor Skills Competition on June 1, 2026, in Ferndale, bringing home several top honors.

During the competition, participants had 30 minutes to catch as many fish as possible before competing in a variety of outdoor skill events. Junior division contestants competed in fishing, axe throwing, BB gun shooting, and slingshot events. Senior division contestants participated in the same events, with fire starting added as an

additional challenge.

In the junior division, Brayden Worthen earned 3rd Overall Individual, 1st Place in BB Shooting, and 2nd Place in Slingshot.

Howard County also fielded two junior teams:

- Junior Team 1, consisting of Rhett Henderson and Holden Worley, placed 1st Overall Junior Team, 2nd Place in Fishing, and 3rd Place in Axe Throwing, BB Shooting, and Slingshot.

- Junior Team 2, made up of Tate Henderson and Drake Jones, placed 2nd Overall Junior Team, and 2nd Place in Axe Throwing.

Representing Howard County in

the senior division, Asher Howard had an outstanding performance, placing 2nd Overall Individual, 1st Place in Fishing and BB Shooting, and 3rd Place in Slingshot.

The youth have been practicing weekly in preparation for the competition and look forward to participating each year.

Their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship were evident throughout the event, making Howard County proud.

Congratulations to all of the Howard County 4-H members on their success at the State 4-H Outdoor Skills Competition!



**HOWARD COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR TEAM 1**  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

A public hearing will be held on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 11:45 a.m. at Nashville City Hall for the purpose of identifying and prioritizing the community needs of Nashville, determining whether an application for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program (ACEDP) funds should be developed and if so, for what community need. Also, comments on proposed project activities will be discussed, especially those with possible impacts on the community, should the project receive funding.

ACEDP funds are federal assistance received by the State of Arkansas and administered by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. These funds will be made available to cities and counties according to need and can be used for community facilities, public infrastructure, or economic development, but must address one of the following objectives:

1. Provide benefit to low and moderate income families,
2. Aid in the prevention of slum and blight, or
3. Meet other community needs, which pose a serious, immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where no other funding is available to meet such needs.

All residents of the City of Nashville are encouraged to attend the hearing and participate in the community development process. The City of Nashville will provide technical assistance in developing proposals by groups representing low and moderate-income persons. Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print, or recorded materials, please contact Mayor Dunaway at 426 N. Main, Nashville, AR no later than Thursday, June 18, 2026. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that two-day notice is received by the City of Nashville.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF §  
HOWARD DELAIN KILLIAN, § NO. 31PR-26-50-1  
DECEASED §

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF AS EXECUTOR  
Last known address: Date of Death: 6102 Castle Oaks Circle, Texarkana, Arkansas 71854  
Date of Death: March, 11 2026

An instrument dated September 8, 2006, was admitted to probate on May 28, 2026, as the Last Will and Testament of HOWARD DELAIN KILLIAN, and notice is hereby given that MELBA ROSE KILLIAN was appointed Personal Representative thereunder. Contest of the probate of the Will can be affected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published this 10th day of June, 2026. Estate of HOWARD DELAIN KILLIAN, Deceased c/o Robert B. Crayne  
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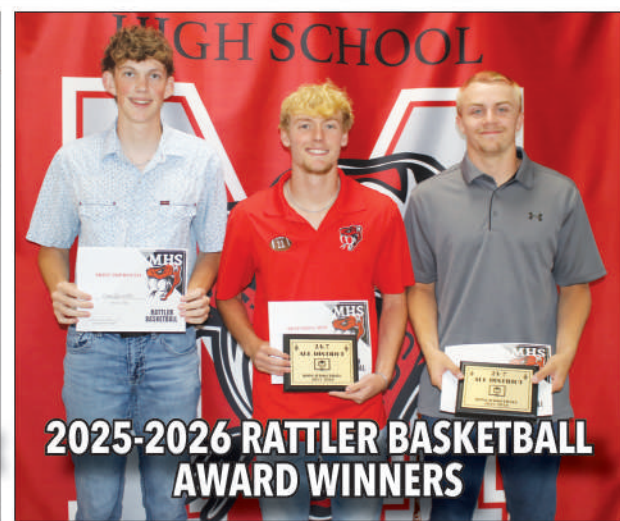
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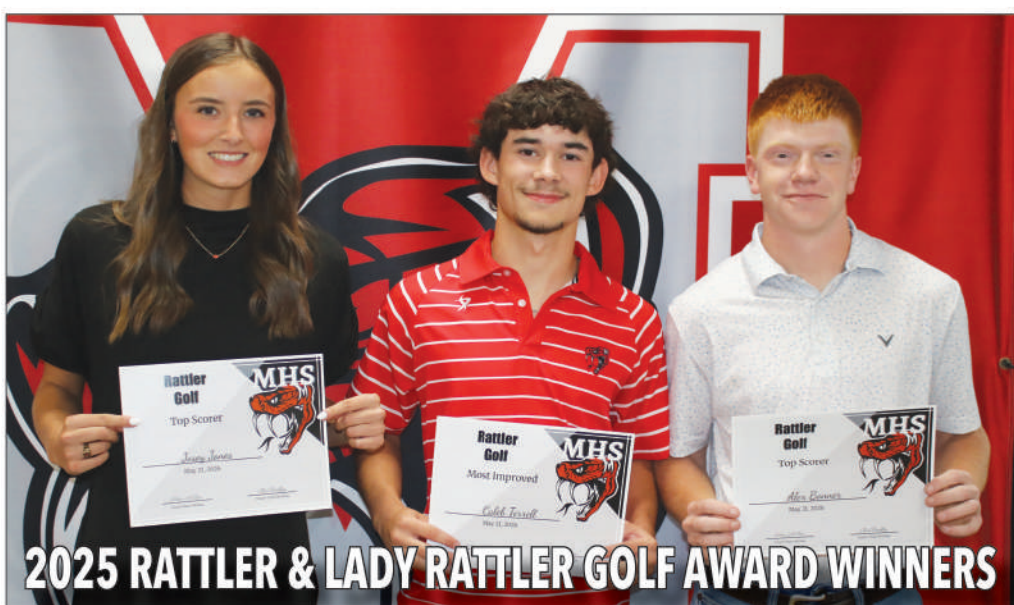
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