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Heritage symposium July 25 at Washington

Historic Washington State Park will host the 20th Annual Red River Heritage Symposium Saturday, July 25, from 1-5 p.m.

The theme is "Threads Along the Red River: 250 Years at One of America's Crossroads."

Topics and speakers will include the following: "Hunter and Dunbar Expedition and Exploration in southwest Arkansas" by Pam Beasley of Historic Washington State Park.

"Documenting Trammel's Trace" by local historian and author Gary Pinkerton of Houston, Texas.

"Methodist Influence and Circuit Riders" by local historian Keenan Williams of Hope.

"Civil War Battle of Prairie D'Ane Archeology" by Dr. Carl Drexler of the Arkansas Archeological Survey.

As part of the symposium, an all-day Friday and Saturday workshop for teachers and researchers will take place July 24 and 25, beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch is included both days.

Teachers can earn a total of 12 credit hours by attending both days. The Saturday morning workshop will include a bus tour to sites in southwest Arkansas and northeast Texas related to the route of Trammel's Trace. The tour is sponsored by the Arkansas State Archives.

Research workshop presenters include staff from Historic Washington State Park, Arkansas State Archives, Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives. Sessions will incorporate Washington, Arkansas, and 19th-century-related topics into curriculum standards for the classroom.

Topics covered will include: how to document veterans of the American Revolution, free African-American communities in antebellum southwest Arkansas, "America 250" resources, African-American highlights of southwest Arkansas, Understanding and deciphering 19th century handwriting, and law and order in the courtroom of 19th century southwest Arkansas.

The cost includes:
 Friday Research Workshop \$25
 Saturday Morning Bus Tour \$15
 Saturday Symposium \$20
 All Events \$50
 Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. at the 1874 Courthouse Visitor Center.

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America at 250

Stand Up for America marks nation's semiquincentennial



News-Leader photo.DEDE ROBINSON

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA. Elidia Leyva and Audrey Grace Gunter present a giant birthday cake to the United States to mark the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence Saturday night, July 4, at Stand Up for America. The patriotic program was held at the Nashville City Park. (More pictures, page 10)



News-Leader photo.DEDE ROBINSON

MUSIC FOR THE FOURTH. Robert Womack of Nashville sings during the Stand Up for America program Saturday night, July 4.



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COUNTRY MUSIC LEGEND. Neal McCoy performs during Stand Up for America at the Nashville City Park.



News-Leader photo.DON HALL

AT CRYSTAL RIDGE. Jaree Hall of Nashville tours the Crystal Ridge Distillery in Hot Springs. The distillery, which opened in 2020, is well known for its moonshine and other products. Moonshine comes in flavors ranging from strawberry and peach to maple bacon and banana creme. Crystal Ridge is open daily and offers tours from 2-5 each afternoon.

'Legal moonshine' made in Spa City

By Don Hall
 News-Leader

"You know that Uncle Mike was a moonshiner, don't you?"

That question came from my mother when I was already an adult. My Baptist, tee-totaling mom who wouldn't allow any alcohol in her house just floated it out there like it was absolutely not a big deal. Her Baptist, tee-totaling Uncle Mike, a mainstay and senior deacon at Flatwoods Baptist Church, a man who was so squeaky clean that he not only didn't drink, but didn't even smoke, in a day when even the pastor carried a pack of cigarettes in his pocket. Uncle Mike was a moonshiner?

"It was the Great Depression. He did what he had to do, or he would have lost the farm," she said like

it was the most normal thing in the world.

So Uncle Mike turned to moonshining.

Here in the United States, we have a long history with moonshine. The name was first used when England began taxing liquor in the 1700s. To avoid being caught, distillers who wanted to evade the tax would practice their "art" by the light of the moon.

Moonshine, un-aged whiskey, was made in Ireland and Scotland by people who would later bring their knowledge of distilling to America. When farmers had more grain than they needed, they could ship it by wagon—very expensive—or they could turn it into moonshine.

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Obituaries



Verl McClure

Verl McClure, 94, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2026, in Nashville, Ark. He was born Dec. 20, 1931, in Bingen, Ark., the son of the late Bob and Martha Clingan McClure.

Mr. McClure was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville. A veteran of the United States Army. He enjoyed being outdoors crappie fishing, deer hunting and was an avid golfer. Verl enjoyed going down early in the morning and visiting with the McDonald's breakfast crew and getting coffee at Road Mart.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Alan McClure and

one sist, Judith Parrish.

Survivors include: his wife, Sue Smith McClure of Nashville; one daughter, Renee Ikard and husband Craig Parsons of Little Rock; one grandson G.T. Ikard and wife Anna of Little Rock; three great-grandchildren, Emma, George and Madeline; as well as one brother, Robin McClure and wife Kaye Lynn of Searcy.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m., Monday, July 6, at Restland Memorial Park with his brother, Robin McClure officiating. Under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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

Two guilty pleas taken at court; trial dates set for three others

Dates for criminal trials were set during last week's regular criminal court day for Howard County.

Two defendants pleaded not guilty, and another defendant pleaded not true before Judge Tom Cooper who was on the bench, Wednesday.

Robert Hines, 30, white male, Huntington, Texas, pleaded not true to failure to meet the terms of his probation on a 2022 conviction. His probation revocation

trial was set for July 29.

A trial date of Aug. 25, was set for Gonzales Chrisp, 73, black male, Ozan, who is facing two separate criminal cases both involving possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Motions will be heard Aug. 5. He is represented by the public defender.

A pretrial motions date of Aug. 12 was set for Christopher Wright, 40, white male, Murfreesboro, who

is charged with domestic battery and with furnishing prohibited articles. He made his not guilty plea from prison.

Revocation

A probation revocation trial was held for Justin Cooper, 27, white male, Texarkana, who was on probation from a 2019 conviction. He pleaded true. He was sentenced to 60 days in a regional punishment facility plus four years suspended imposition of sentence.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Small habits shape your future

By Josh Tice

Edward Jones Investments

Financial security doesn't have to come from a big salary, a lucky investment or some dramatic turning point. For most people, wealth is built more simply, through small habits repeated many times over.

If you're like many young people, you may feel you don't have enough money to start investing. The reality is that you're in a great position to build the small habits that will help you create lasting wealth. Here are five tips to help you get started.

1. Automate savings before you spend. One of the most powerful financial habits you can build is among the easiest. Set up an automatic transfer such as by contributing to an employer retirement plan or exploring if you can direct part of your paycheck to a savings or investment account.

This helps remove the temptation to spend that money instead of saving it. Even setting aside 1% to 5% of your income can help build momentum over time.

2. Watch the small stuff. It's easy to dismiss a \$15-a-month streaming service or a \$6 coffee twice a week. But those small purchases add

up. Forgotten subscriptions, food delivery fees and impulse buys can quietly drain your bank account.

"Just \$25 a week, if invested well, can grow into the thousands in a few short years." Scan your recurring charges regularly, cancel what you don't use and put that money to work instead.

3. Don't let your lifestyle outpace your income. When you get a raise or bonus, it's tempting to upgrade your apartment, car or everyday spending. This "lifestyle creep" can be a significant hindrance to building wealth.

Here's an alternate approach: Every time your income goes up, increase your savings rate before anything else. Even saving half of a raise while spending the rest puts you ahead.

4. Start now, even imperfectly. Don't wait to start investing. Even if you can only set aside a small amount each month, do it. Starting just five to 10 years earlier can result in significantly more wealth down the line, even if the early contributions are small, thanks to compounding.

Compounding means your contributions earn interest, and even that interest earns interest. Over decades, that snowball effect can

make a world of difference.

5. Stay aware, not obsessed. You don't necessarily need to track every dollar you spend. But you do need to be aware of your money habits. A quick weekly or monthly check-in on your accounts, spending patterns and progress toward savings goals can help you catch problems early.

Financial awareness also means protecting what you build. An emergency fund covering three to six months of total expenses keeps one bad month from becoming a financial crisis. Avoiding high-interest debt does the same. These defensive habits make everything else possible.

Your financial future likely won't be shaped by one big decision. Instead, it will probably be built by small choices you make every day. And the best time to start making good choices is now.

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NEW CATHOLIC PRIEST. Father Martin Siebold is the new pastor at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Nashville. He officiated his first Masses here this past weekend. He was most recently assigned to parishes in Springdale and at Elkins. Mass times have changed at the church.

Catholics welcome new pastor; changes in Mass times announced

Weekend Mass times have changed at St. Martin Catholic Church in Nashville.

The congregation has welcomed a new priest, Fr. Martin Siebold, whose residence will be in Hope where he also has responsibility for Our Lady of Good Hope.

Saturday Mass here will be in Spanish

at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, there will be a bi-lingual Mass at 8 a.m.

Other changes such as weekday Masses will be announced later.

The church is located on West Leslie St. In Nashville.

Cossatot business students will be able to finish degree at UA-M

NASHVILLE — Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas (UA Cossatot) and the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) are set to announce a new partnership that will expand access to affordable higher education in Arkansas. On Wednesday, July 8, the two institutions will unveil a program allowing UA Cossatot students to earn a bachelor's degree in southwest Arkansas at one of the state's lowest tuition rates.

The strategic partnership between UA Cossatot and UAM will integrate business programs, enabling UA Cossatot students to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. The degree program is currently pending approval from the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Higher Learning Commission.

The partnership aims

to leverage the strengths of both institutions and combine resources to support student success and improve college completion rates within the region.

The announcement will

take place at 12 p.m. on July 8 in the Atrium on the UA Cossatot's Nashville campus. The event is open to the public and media, with leaders from both institutions scheduled to speak.

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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



Summer revival at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church between Center Point and Dierks c. 1950 with pastor John L. Ferguson. The church existed as early as 1845.

124 years ago: July 1902
Columbus Brock and Miss Rose Thomas eloped from Pike City last Friday and were married at this place last Friday afternoon by Justice Rivers.

The father and brother of the bride, who were in pursuit of the couple, arrived after the ceremony had been performed and found that their trip had been in vain. Bill Bell, wanted at Antlers for horse stealing, was arrested on the Cossatot River in Sevier County last Thursday by Deputy U. S. Marshal Addis Bryan, who left with the prisoner for Antlers Friday morning.

The meeting at the Green Plains Christian Church is still in progress, and thirty-six names have already been added to the church.

94 years ago: August 1932
On Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock three men held up and robbed the Bank of Dierks of \$5,562.00 and made their getaway carrying Aubrey Gore, and the cashier of the bank, with them. The bandits were captured near King by the Sevier County officers.

Large crowds are expected to witness the ball games between Nashville and Dierks at the new High School athletic field at the south end of Main Street on Saturday afternoon.

64 years ago: July 1962
A court order issued Saturday called for Center Point residents to remove a fence that denied other property owners entry to farms and ranches. Circuit Judge Bobby Steel issued the temporary order directing the defendants, Hosey, Helen and Lester Myrick to remove the fence.

The plaintiffs asking for the temporary order were Dwight Jones and O.C. Mitchell. In their petition the two contend the defendants on July 6th built a fence across what they described as West Third Street in Center Point, prohibiting Jones and Mitchell entry to their farm properties.

The temporary order directed the defendants to

remove the fence. Failure to do so would result in the sheriff removing the fence, the order stated. A hearing on the permanent injunction was set for 10 a.m. Thursday, July 12th.

44 years ago: July 1982
A Nashville teenager was killed and another injured severely early Sunday morning in a one-vehicle accident at the edge of the city on Highway 24 East.

The death of the 19-year-old was the second traffic fatality in Howard County in 1982.

He died when the pickup truck he was riding in left the highway at a high rate of speed and overturned several times.

Another youth, also 19, the driver of the truck, suffered from a broken neck and jaw.

Investigating officer John Watson stated that the driver of the truck was traveling very fast, bounced in and out of a ditch before overturning several times throwing the two youths from the vehicle.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark, courthouse during the period June 25-July 1, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk's office)
June 30. Kelly Ryan Scott, 39, Nashville, and Mariana McCarley, 38, De Queen.

Civil Court
CV26-116, June 24. In the Matter of Barbara J. Pannell. CV26-117, June 24. Sammy Robinson vs. Michael Villalobas. Unlawful detainer.

CV26-118, June 25. Diamond Bank vs. Adam Huff, Jessica Huff. Mortgage foreclosure.

CV26-119, June 24. Jefferson Capital Systems vs. Alyssa Bryant. Debt.

CV26-120, June 25. Howard County Housing Authority vs. Shameeka Jones. Unlawful detainer.

CV26-121, June 29. LVNV Funding vs. Betty Grantz. Debt.

CV26-122, June 30. LVNV Funding vs. Dion Hawthorne. Debt.

CV26-123, July 1. LVNV Funding vs. Julio Guzman. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR26-60, June 25. Kerry Foster vs. Stephen Foster. Order of protection.
DR26-61, June 26. Tonya Rogers vs. Samuel Rogers. 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.)
CR26-45, June 29. State of Arkansas vs. Gonzolis Chrisp, 73, black male, Nashville; PODP, class D felony; POCS, class D; POCS, misdemeanor.

June 25. Meghan Floyd; to Joseph R. Floyd; 12 tracts in Nashville and Mineral Springs.

June 30. Clifton Fredrick Petty; to Clifton Fredrick Petty and Cynthia Ann Petty, Trustees of the Petty Family Living Trust; part of Lot 15, all of Lots 16-19, Block 71, New Nashville Addition, City of Nashville.

Fiduciary Deed
June 25. (Correction) Lynn W. Dyer, Administrator of the Estate of Edwin Ray Dyer, deceased; to Lynn W. Dyer; properties in S26/S35 T10S R27W.

June 26. Cameron Stark, personal representative of the Estate of L.C. Stark, deceased; to Marita Jean Sager; 27.29 ac. in S32 T11S R27W.

June 26. Cameron Stark, personal representative of the Estate of L.C. Stark, deceased; to Phillip Wade Stark; 47.41 ac. in S32 T11S R27W.

Correction Deed
June 30. Sandra B. Duke and Susan Blakely Renfrow, distributees of the estate of Patricia Ann Blakely, deceased; to Sandra B. Duke and Susan Blakely Renfrow; 2 tracts, property in S24 T9S R27W; undivided 1/2 interest in 1.03 ac. in property in S24 T9S R27W.

June 30. Sandra B. Duke and Susan Blakely Renfrow, distributees of the estate of Patricia Ann Blakely, deceased; to Sandra B. Duke and Susan Blakely Renfrow; 2 tracts, aggregate 55 ac. in property in S24 T9S R27W.

Beneficiary Deed
June 29. Edward Truman Tollett, surviving spouse of Martha Rae Tollett, deceased; to David Tollett. 1.2 ac. in S23 T9S R27W.

June 30. Daniel Kesterson, sole surviving spouse of Rhessa Joanna Kesterson; to Carol Duggan; property in S19S20 T7S R28W.

Warranty Deed
June 25. Brandon Chambly and wife Wittney Chambly; to AHW, LLC; Lot 2, Block 23, Original Town of Dierks. \$32,500.

June 25. Rex Icenhower and Linda Icenhower, husband and wife; to Bobby Ray Hamilton and Amanda J. Ashley Hamilton, husband and wife; part of Block 23, Town of Center Point. \$10.

June 26. Deven and Blaine Huffman, husband and wife; to Damon and Stephanie Gammage; Lot 8, Cornbridge Estates. \$23,000.

June 29. Mark D. Rhodes II and wife Julie Ann Rhodes; to Anna Thomas and husband Elijah Thomas; 7 ac. in S1 T10S R28W. \$237,208.

June 30. Jimmy D. Pinson and wife Sheila A. Pinson; to Shanice Sampson-Smith and husband Adrian Smith; 1.06 ac. in S14 T9S R28W. \$263,635.

June 30. Clifton Fredrick Petty and Cynthia Ann Petty as Trustees of the Petty Family Living Trust; to Jon Faulkenberry and wife Brittan Ray; part of Lot 15, all of Lots 16-19, Block 71, New Nashville Addition, City of Nashville. \$90,000.

June 30. Robbye Westfall; to Sheila A. Pinson and husband Jimmy D. Pinson; 0.475 ac in S26 T9S R27W, Block 4, Wilson and Ferguson Addition, Town of Nashville. \$299,900.

July 1. Martha Jefferson; to Irvin Jefferson; 0.5 ac. in S25 T11S R27W.

July 1. William James Stewart and wife Cheyenne Dakota Stewart; to Reggie Cannon and wife Joy Cannon; aggregate 42.69 ac. in S22/S27 T7S R28W. \$355,000.

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Point of view

That's MY seat! Someone mistakenly is in my usual spot at church

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I expect to hear from popular songstress Taylor Swift any day now.

She's not real happy.

She'll want to know why I didn't send her and Travis Kelce a nice wedding gift, and why I skipped the swell party afterward.

It's simple, Taylor, I never send a gift if the happy couple hasn't at least sent an engagement photo and article to the newspaper.

I've been looking real hard, Taylor, and I just can't find your engagement article in our paper.

As to the party after the wedding I'm not real big on fancy parties anymore.

One other thing, Taylor, Kansas City Chiefs fans are not real happy with the way you have distracted Travis.

Give him back to the team, please. It's been awhile since they won a Super Bowl.

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ONE OF THE difficult things you must do when you have been a member of a local church for many years is giving up your regular seat when new people mistakenly sit there.

I had to find a new 'regular seat' Sunday at St. Martin's Catholic Church. I had been sitting in the same place in the same pew long enough for me to call it 'mine.'

But we got a new priest Sunday. Where we once had Sunday Mass in separate English and Spanish languages, the new priest combined the two. And he has us coming in an hour earlier on Sunday morning.

This young new priest is really cool. I took his picture following the service. You can see the joy in his face as he met his new parishioners. He had a huge grin under an impressive moustache. He wore sandals and he had a ponytail. Was absolutely fluent in both English and Spanish (I mysteriously know this despite NOT being fluent in either language).

The Mass is the same, of course. It's always the same ritual whether it's in Capetown or Singapore or Montreal or Munich or Seoul or El Paso. The spoken language of the Mass changes but everything else is exactly the same.

I find that I enjoy trying to keep up with the worship service when it is alternately in English or Spanish.

Also, I will really try to keep up with the new Spanish songs that are used. The Latinos know the songs by heart; also the prayer responses which are also sung, and they sing with so much joy. I want to share that.

I kinda like my new regular seat, too.

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OH JOY! An article in Sunday's "Texarkana Gazette" sez that state and federal authorities are warning us that the presence of the Lone Star Tick has reached epidemic proportions in our area. The bite of the tick can cause "alpha-gal syndrome" which makes you allergic to red meat and other important stuff.

It's all the fault of deer hunters, the article inferred, because of the growth of the deer population. Evidently the tick just loves to get on the deer; hunters are not killing the deer; deer and the Lone Star Tick populations naturally grow; more ticks get on more humans; and the humans become allergic to Ribeye steaks; which makes our cattlemen unhappy.

I want to emphasize that we cannot rely upon Secretary of Health and Human Services RFK, Jr., and his department to come up with a solution.

It's not all RFK, Jr.'s fault. He's been busy getting rid of some of those useless researchers.

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NEXT SPORT in the Olympics? In the same issue of the "Texarkana Gazette" was an article on competitive pogo-bouncing.

No one has gone professional, yet, but apparently there are fans at an event called "Pogopalooza."

Some things are sure to change or evolve. The article didn't say anything about female pogo-ers.

Surely -- if there are Olympic sports such as curling or synchronized swimming -- there is room for another sport to bounce in.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

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WORD GAMES. I love oxymorons. Like: There was a disappointingly Small Crowd at the President's late night patriotic rally.

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HE SAID: "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." Leo Buscaglia, author & motivational speaker

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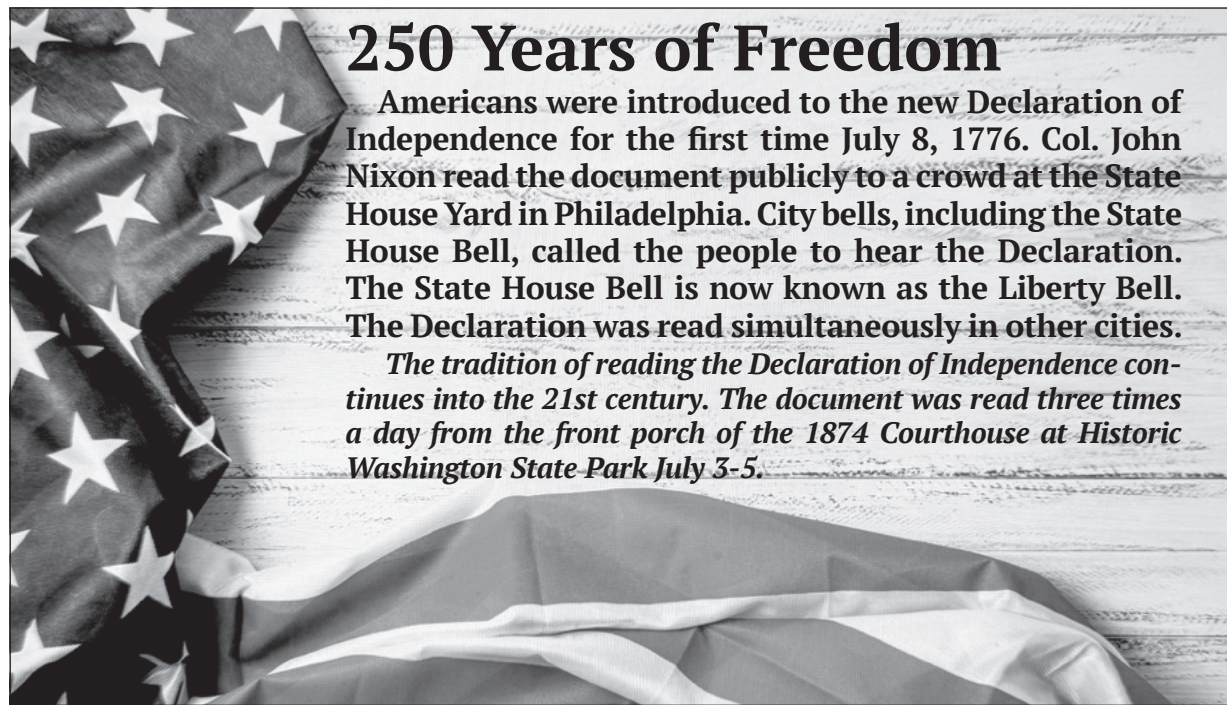
SHE SAID: "I never worry about diets. The only carrots that interest me are the number you get in a diamond." Mae West, comedic actress

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations

By
Louie Graves



250 Years of Freedom

Americans were introduced to the new Declaration of Independence for the first time July 8, 1776. Col. John Nixon read the document publicly to a crowd at the State House Yard in Philadelphia. City bells, including the State House Bell, called the people to hear the Declaration. The State House Bell is now known as the Liberty Bell. The Declaration was read simultaneously in other cities.

The tradition of reading the Declaration of Independence continues into the 21st century. The document was read three times a day from the front porch of the 1874 Courthouse at Historic Washington State Park July 3-5.

America 250 showcases U.S. and its pivotal role worldwide

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Arkansans and Americans from coast to coast have excitedly celebrated Independence Day and the added significance it carries this year.

We have so much to take pride in as the greatest country on earth marks two and a half centuries in existence.

Amid all the fanfare and festivities, it is worth reflecting on the distinct role our state has played in the American story.

From the earliest days of European exploration and settlement, our land was central to the nation's expansion. Early in the republic, the land survey baseline was established near Brinkley in 1815 to map out the territory gained under the landmark Louisiana Purchase. Afterward, it continued to transform from a frontier outpost to become the 25th state in 1836 with ongoing contributions to U.S. history and culture that have helped mold our national identity.

There is no shortage of examples that demonstrate this fact. They range from courageous civil rights leaders and talented artists to esteemed scholars and public figures. Our geography and landscape have also featured prominently, from the majestic Buffalo River to the thermal waters of Hot Springs and scenic Petit Jean Mountain.

In Washington, D.C., the halls of Congress showcase two remark-

able Arkansans whose stories mirror America's experience with struggle, reinvention and triumph. The National Statuary Hall Collection features monuments to Johnny Cash, whose music connected with multiple generations for its representation of American life, and Little Rock Nine mentor Daisy Bates.

Cash was not the only Arkansas native to leave his mark on American pop culture; in fact, he often described how fellow Arkansan Sister Rosetta Tharpe, who laid the foundation of rock and roll, inspired him. Tharpe's influence extended to many other legendary acts including Elvis and Little Richard. Meanwhile, Bates' statue personifies her palpable spirit and confident leadership as she strides forward, advancing both Arkansas and the cause of civil rights.

Beyond the nation's capital, many others have illustrated our exceptional leadership. Carlisle native Footsie Britt excelled in athletics and served our nation honorably in World War II, earning the Medal of Honor along with every top award the Army could bestow.

Our state has also produced outstanding medical and scientific minds such as Dr. Samuel Kountz, a pioneering kidney transplantation doctor, in addition to NASA testing engineer Ed Jeter who contributed to the Apollo 11 lunar mission, Hubble Telescope project researcher Dr. Jennifer Wiseman,

and trailblazers like Dorothy McFadden Hoover and Raye Montague — Arkansas's very own hidden figures.

Literary icon Maya Angelou spent her childhood in Stamps. Charles Portis penned the seminal novel "True Grit," and its Wild West setting near Fort Smith was also the backdrop that cultivated prolific U.S. Marshal Bass Reeves and, later, founder of the modern elite Army Rangers, Brigadier General William O. Darby.

I am grateful for how Gov. Sanders and her administration have worked to highlight other important milestones and personalities. The 250 Commission has deployed new historical markers to honor other Arkansas titans like Sam Walton and Hattie Caraway — the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate — as well as unique Natural State sites including Crater of Diamonds and Bauxite. And the participation in the Great American State Fair on the National Mall is showing people from all across the country what makes our state great.

As we all join to celebrate 250 years of the United States, we are proud to reflect on Arkansas's people, places and events that have helped shape it.

There can be no doubt that we are a vital part of America's heritage, as well as its exceptionalism, which will continue in the years ahead.

State's teachers work to help students reach full potential

By U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman

For decades, a student's dyslexia diagnosis meant falling behind or underperforming academically with long-lasting impacts reverberating into adulthood. Studies have shown that students who lack critical reading skills are more likely to drop out of school early, less likely to find well-paying jobs, and even risk spending time in the criminal justice system.

This week, we've seen some great reports coming out of the state of Arkansas regarding improved student outcomes on state assessment exams. This is especially encouraging given that the National Council on Teacher Quality found that 94% of Arkansas teacher preparation programs have scored a grade of A or A+ for preparing elementary school teachers to use science-backed instructional methods for teaching reading, placing Arkansas well above the national average of 53%.

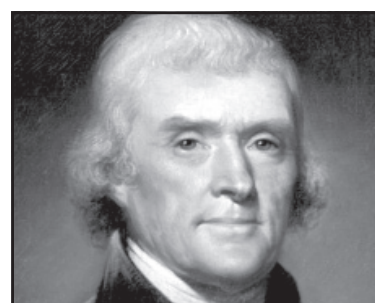
Before my time in Congress, I had the privilege of serving as school board president and in the Arkansas General Assembly where I dealt more closely with education policy. Because of this, I developed a greater understanding around dyslexia and how important a scientific understanding of this learning disability is. But understanding alone is not enough. It is also necessary to have science-of-reading based instructional programs to help students with dyslexia to overcome it. With 94% of our higher education reading programs that teach our educators how to teach in Arkansas scoring A or A+, the expectations and excitement for our students is high.

Coming to Congress and serving as co-chair of the Congressional Dyslexia Caucus, I've used my deeper understanding of dyslexia to be a strong advocate for legislation like the 21st Century Dyslexia Act that highlights the need for a

more scientific understanding and approach to prevent the harm that unidentified learning disorders can inflict on our young students.

The results we've seen in recent reports are certainly encouraging. Beyond that, they are further proof that when we give students and teachers the tools they need to gain a greater understanding around dyslexia and other learning disabilities, everyone comes out as a winner. Students feel more encouraged and eager to learn; teachers feel empowered and equipped to support their students in reaching their full potential.

Learning disabilities should never prevent students from succeeding in the classroom. I'm certainly encouraged by these excellent results and grateful for the leadership on the state level and in Congress to continue advocating for efforts that create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all learners.



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Kealey, Hannah and Sarah at Crystal Ridge Distillery in Hot Springs



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Crystal Ridge features a number of offerings on its moonshine menu.

The distillery is located at 455 Broadway St. in Hot Springs.



Crystal

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Then they had a product that wouldn't spoil, was traded like cash in colonial America, and a single horse could carry more moonshine (whiskey) than ten horses hauling the same amount of un-distilled corn. And the whiskey at that time was tax-free.

Americans are a contrary lot when it comes to taxes. "Taxation Without Representation" was a primary reason for the American Revolution, which succeeded against all odds against the mightiest military in the world. The young United States paid for their rebellion with borrowed money. Then they had to figure out how to repay it.

In 1791 the US imposed the first-ever tax on a product that was made in America. Whiskey. The farmers in Pennsylvania (the "Western Wilderness" at the time) refused to pay it, and America's first armed conflict after the end of the Revolutionary War began. The Whiskey Rebellion.

Refusal to pay the whiskey tax continued until 1794, when 500 armed men attacked the house of a whiskey tax collector. President George Washington (who happened to own the largest distillery in the nation, producing 11,000 gallons of whiskey per year) raised a militia of 13,000 men and marched to Pennsylvania. When confronted with their hero-president leading a militia 26 times their size, the farmers decided they could pay the tax after all.

In 1802 the whiskey tax was repealed, and once again anyone who wanted to make whiskey was free to build a still and get to it, tax free. Then in 1861 the US government once again needed to raise money for a war. Guess what got taxed? Yep. The Revenue Act of 1861 brought high taxes to distillers. In 1868 the law was expanded to make it illegal to make whiskey without the government's permission. That law remains in effect today.

Making moonshine isn't difficult; it's easy, and anyone can learn how to do it who wants to. And a lot of people, especially in the hills of Appalachia and the Ozarks, wanted to. People didn't stop distilling; they just got back to distilling by the light of the moon.

Then in 1920 the government, who had been prosecuting illegal distillers for decades, did something that

caused the number of moonshiners to explode. The 18th Amendment to the Constitution made all alcohol production, sales, or possession illegal in the United States. The law wasn't repealed until 1933. By that time, moonshining was ingrained into Southern culture.

"Moonshiners" produced illegal whiskey, and "runners" delivered it. To out-run the Revenuers (government agents) and local police, runners modified their cars with beefed up engines and heavier suspensions. Then they cleared out the interior to make more room for moonshine.

They often made their runs at night on backroads, and they often drove without headlights, by the light of the moon.

When runners weren't running moonshine, they often got together to race each other for fun and to see who was the best driver. In 1948 these runners came up with a set of rules for racing, and NASCAR was born. All of the early NASCAR drivers were heavy-footed bootleggers (runners) with fast cars.

Junior Johnson's dad was a runner in North Carolina who spent a third of his life in prison. Junior grew up to be a moonshiner and runner himself. He joined NASCAR in 1955, but had to sit out the 1956 season because he was in prison. Revenuers had found his still, which today sits in the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Daytona, and threw him in jail, but he was never caught running moonshine. He was too good of a driver. After he got out of prison, he came back to NASCAR, eventually winning 50 races and then owning one of the most successful race car teams of all time. All because of his "advanced training"

as a runner. Moonshining has a complicated relationship with America and with Arkansas. In downtown Hot Springs sits a building that's over a century old. Originally, the building housed a business that sold, among other things, grain to—you guessed it—moonshiners. There used to be a railroad that stopped out back, and the finished "product" made with their grain was loaded into railroad cars in Mountain Valley Spring Water 5-gallon bottles. If the labels were right-side up, then it was really water. If the labels were upside down, then the "water" had a bit of a kick.

Nowadays, that building houses Crystal Ridge Distillery, which opened in 2020 and specializes in legal moonshine. They offer tours each day at 2 p.m. and p.m., and it's interesting to hear and see how moonshine is made. They have moonshine in all sorts of flavors, like strawberry, peach, root beer, apple pie, maple bacon, butterscotch, pecan pie, banana creme, and more, that are 40% alcohol. Their only un-flavored moonshine, named "Mulekick," is 60% (120 proof), and it's probably a pretty good idea to give it a wide berth.

Crystal Ridge Distillery is impressive, and it is entirely possible to visit without drinking anything. Consider stopping in just to look around, admire the rustic decor, do the tour, have a tasting if that's your choice, and learn a bit about moonshining in Arkansas.

Oh, and a cousin of mine still lives on Uncle Mike's farm in Flatwoods, Louisiana. It seems that the moonshining that Uncle Mike resorted to in order to save the farm was successful.



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State shuts down Murfreesboro business for fire code violations

By John Balch

News-Leader staff
Murfreesboro business KMB Fuel Stop & Nanny's Kitchen was shut down last week for state fire code violations, according to John Hogue, fire marshal inspector with the Arkansas State Fire Marshal's Office.

Hogue issued stop work orders on Thursday, July 2 stemming from an inspection conducted specifically on the fuel dispensing portion of the business.

Hogue wrote in his inspection report obtained by this newspaper that he had contacted business owner Henry Ward on May 6 to set up a May 8 inspection date which centered on the above-ground fuel tanks.

Hogue reported that during the inspection Ward informed him that he had contacted the local fire department and state fire marshal's office and "was advised that he did not need any permits or inspections to install the above ground tanks."

Hogue told this newspaper Monday morning that the state has no record of being contacted by Ward concerning permits or inspections of the fuel tanks and that Ward did not provide any record of the contact. Murfreesboro Fire Chief Ricky Branch told the newspaper last week that the only city permit required involved the awning covering the fuel tanks on the parking lot.

On May 13, Hogue spoke with Branch and advised him of the situation and the violations that were noted. Branch requested that Hogue and the state fire marshal's office "make the notification of the violations and the stop work order due to a conflict between him and Mr. Ward."

On that same day, Hogue spoke with the City of Murfreesboro's attorney, Aaron Brasel, and advised of him of the situation involving the conflict and that "a stop order was appropriate for

the violations noted at the time of the inspection."

The violations involved permits for the tanks and the lack of construction documents required to be submitted for review and approval prior to the installation.

On June 15, Hogue was notified by a letter from Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O'Neal that granted the state agency jurisdiction over the city to proceed with all matters at the business, specifically the alleged noncompliance with the fuel tanks.

Plans were for only the fuel portion of the business to be shut down July 2, but Hogue confirmed Monday that he conducted another inspection that day involving the eatery and the building, which was damaged by fire in December 2023, and stop orders were issued for that portion of the business.

"This is an ongoing investigation," Hogue said.

This newspaper issued a request Monday for the second inspection report,



Murfreesboro Diamond photo

REMOVING THE FUEL. Hendry Oil Co. tankers collect fuel from the above ground tanks last week at KMB Fuel Stop & Nanny's Kitchen in Murfreesboro after the business was shut down for violations of state fire codes.

under the provisions of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

As of Tuesday morning's deadline, the report had not been provided.

When contacted Tuesday morning, Ward said he questions the "spur of the moment" shut down and that he is "waiting to get some answers."

"If it was such a public safety risk, why has it been

open for a year?" Ward said.

Ward added that he was told by Hogue during the initial inspection only about a lock issue where fuel is loaded and how it could possibly be remedied. When he received a copy of the inspection report, he said he was surprised to see the long list of violations noted by Hogue.

Ward said he is unsure of his plans and that he is

still very angry about the situation.

The day the business was shut down the closure was initially announced on the store's roadside sign that read: "Closed Due to Cowards in Our Town."

Ward said the sign was his idea and that he still stands by the statement.

The sign has since been changed and now reads: "Thank You Customers."

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Stay Safe in Hot Weather This Summer

By Abby Gray
Howard County
Extension Agent
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Science

As temperatures rise during the summer months, so does the risk of heat-related illnesses.

Whether you're working outdoors, enjoying recreational activities, or simply running errands, taking precautions during hot weather can help prevent serious health problems.

According to Heat.gov, heat-related illnesses occur when the body cannot cool itself effectively. While sweating is the body's natural cooling mechanism, extreme heat can overwhelm this process, causing body temperatures to rise to dangerous levels.

Water, Rest, and Shade:

The Keys to Heat Safety

Experts agree that one of the best ways to stay safe during hot weather is to remember three simple words: **water, rest, and shade.** Staying hydrated throughout the day, taking regular breaks from the heat, and finding shaded or air-conditioned areas can significantly reduce the risk of heat stress.

Don't wait until you feel thirsty to drink water. Heat.gov and the World Health Organization recommend drinking water regularly throughout the day, especially when spending time outdoors. Dark yellow urine may be a sign that you need to drink more fluids.

Smart Ways to Beat the Heat

When temperatures climb, consider these heat-safety practices:

Limit strenuous outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day.

Schedule outdoor work or exercise for the early

morning or evening hours when temperatures are cooler.

Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing.

Seek shade whenever possible and spend time in air-conditioned buildings during extreme heat.

Take cool showers or baths to lower body temperature.

Avoid excessive caffeine and alcohol, which can contribute to dehydration.

The World Health Organization also recommends checking on vulnerable family members, neighbors, and friends, particularly older adults and those with chronic health conditions.

Know the Warning Signs

Recognizing heat-related illnesses early can save lives.

Heat Cramps

Heat cramps often cause muscle pain or spasms and are usually accompanied by heavy sweating. Moving to a cooler location and drinking water or a sports drink can help relieve symptoms.

Heat Exhaustion

Symptoms may include dizziness, weakness, nausea, headache, heavy sweating, and rapid pulse. Anyone experiencing heat exhaustion should move to a cool area, rest, drink fluids, and seek medical help if symptoms worsen or do not improve.

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Signs include confusion, loss of consciousness, seizures, or hot skin accompanied by a lack of sweating. Call 911 immediately and begin cooling the person while waiting for emergency responders.

Keep Children Safe

Never leave children or pets in parked vehicles, even for a short time. Temperatures inside vehicles can rise

rapidly and become deadly. The World Health Organization warns that children are especially vulnerable to heat-related illness and should be protected from direct sun exposure during peak heat hours.

This homemade sports drink recipe was reprinted from the University of Maryland Extension SNAP-Ed Eat Smart Recipe Collection

Homemade Sports Drink

Servings: 16
Ingredients

1 (6-ounce) can frozen concentrate orange juice (prepared according to can directions)

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 tablespoon lime juice

3/4 teaspoon salt

Water

Directions
Mix all ingredients together.

Add enough water to equal one gallon.

Refrigerate and use as a refreshing beverage throughout the week. [

Optional Easy Version

1 cup orange juice

1 cup water

A pinch of salt

Mix and serve chilled.

Sources: Information in this article was adapted from guidance provided by Heat.gov's Heat Safety Program, Princeton University's Office of Environmental Health and Safety, and the World Health Organization's "Tips for Keeping Cool" resource.

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INTERMEDIATE DIVISION. Kris Boulton (at left) presents Guy Cooper Kroll, Kutner Reed, Brayden Worthington and JL Sorrells with their second-place award.

Howard County 4-H Intermediate Food Challenge Team Qualifies for State

By Samantha Horn
Howard County Extension Agent
4-H/Staff Chair

The Howard County 4-H Intermediate Food Challenge Team, The Hungry Boyz, have earned a spot in the Arkansas 4-H State Food Challenge after a strong performance at the district qualifying contest held on Thursday, June 25 in Clark County.

Competing against nine teams from across the district, team members Guy Cooper Kroll, Brayden Worthen, JL Sorrells, and Kutner Reeder demonstrated their culinary knowledge, teamwork, and creativity to secure their place at the state competition.

At the start of the contest, teams learned whether they will prepare an appetizer, side dish, or main dish before receiving a secret ingredient. This year's mystery ingredient

was broccoli, and The Hungry Boyz rose to the challenge by creating a delicious broccoli macaroni and cheese side dish.

Teams are given just 40 minutes to develop a recipe, prepare and plate their dish, thoroughly clean their work area, and get ready to present their creation to a panel of judges.

During the presentation, participants explain their recipe, cooking techniques, nutritional value, and how they incorporated the secret ingredient.

The Hungry Boyz will represent Howard County 4-H at the Arkansas 4-H State Food Challenge on Aug. 4, at the Culinary School in Alexander, Ark. The team looks forward to showcasing their skills and competing against the top junior teams from across the state.

Howard County Farmers' Market Report

The Howard County Farmers' Market enjoyed one of its busiest Fridays of the season last week, with shoppers filling the pavilion throughout the morning to support local farmers, bakers, artisans, and celebrate the holiday weekend.

Summer produce continues to be at its peak, and this week's market is expected to feature plenty of cucum-

bers, tomatoes, peppers, purple hull peas, onions, and other fresh-picked vegetables. Vendors will also have farm-fresh eggs, local honey, homemade jams, salsa, sourdough bread and other baked goods, personal care products, and handmade crafts.

We're pleased to welcome Howard Memorial Hospital as this week's mar-

ket sponsor. Be sure to stop by their booth to learn more about the services they provide and say thank you for supporting the market.

The Market is open every Friday from 7 a.m. until noon at the market pavilion at 110 S Washington St in Nashville. Find us on Facebook to see the full list of vendors and keep up on the latest news.

What might you see in swamps? Birds, snakes, alligators and mosquitoes. Kids: color stuff in!

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Wetlands!

I live in the ocean. I meet my "swampy" friends at the mouth of the Suwannee River, whose waters flow from the Okefenokee Swamp in southern Georgia to empty into the Gulf of Mexico! Look these up on a map!

Have you ever heard of a **biome**? It is a community of plants and animals that have adapted to their environments – such as a desert or a wetland. Wetland biomes are often found inside of another biome such as a rainforest. A wetland is wet most of the year. It hosts plants and animals that can live in its wet soil and shallow water. Water, mud, plants and living creatures make up the wetlands. There are many fascinating things to see in swamps, bogs, marshes and fens. If you explore these areas, be careful. A wetland with a boardwalk is safest!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- wetlands have _____ above the surface of the soil at least part of the year
- wetlands have fresh water, salt water or a mix of both called _____ water
- wetlands have a large variety of plants and animals; this _____ of life makes wetlands important to preserve
- about half of U.S. birds nest or _____ in wetlands
- as water flows through a wetland's soil, harmful materials are _____ out by plant life; cleaner water returns to nearby ponds, rivers, lakes, oceans and the underground 'water table'
- like a sponge, wetlands absorb and hold a lot of water; may take on millions of gallons of extra water, thereby stopping _____
- some wetlands only appear in the fall or _____, when the weather allows water to build up
- this wetlands ecosystem becomes flooded during wet seasons or high tides; see cattails, cranes, reeds, muskrats
- _____ is an ecosystem similar to a marsh, but it can support trees such as red maples or cottonwoods; other plants like pussy willows
- the _____ gets its water from rain or snowfall; soil contains few nutrients, which is perfect for peat and sphagnum moss
- a _____ gets some water from mountain streams; water picks up nutrients as it moves; supports plant life – grass, sedge, rushes
- world's largest tropical wetland is the _____ of Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay; 75,000 square miles in the center of South America
- wetlands are everywhere except _____; soil there isn't wet, but frozen; not enough plants to support a wetland
- most famous wetland in the U.S. is the Florida _____; people say the sawgrass there is so sharp that it can cut through clothes

A Well-Known Swamp!

Sometimes **swamps** in the southeastern area of our country are called **bayous**. Each word in the list is a clue to a famous swamp's name. Fill in the missing letter of each word to spell it correctly.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BETTY COULTER 31 PR-26-57

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 109 Coulter Circle, Mineral Springs, Howard County, Arkansas
Date of death: April 10, 2026

An instrument dated June 27, 2022, was on July 3, 2026, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RUTHY MAE BARNES 31 PR-26-56

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 815 N 14th St, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas
Date of death: May 15, 2026

An instrument dated March 25, 1999, was on June 15, 2026, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANCILLARY ESTATE OF ETHELYN REBECCA DAVID HICKS, DECEASED 31 PR-26-58

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 136 Swedes Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71105
Date of death: May 14, 2025

An instrument dated March 27, 2017, was on July 2, 2026, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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(This publication was paid for by the Howard County Sheriff. The amount paid for this publication is \$31.95)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND INTENTION TO SELL

YOU MAY LOSE YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU DO NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION. IF YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD, YOU WILL REMAIN LIABLE FOR ANY DEFICIENCY AND AN ACTION FOR COLLECTION MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST YOU.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 13, 2026, at or about 01:30 PM, the following real property will be sold at the Main Entrance of the Howard County Courthouse, 421 N. Main St., Nashville, AR 71852 to the highest bidder for cash:

Part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 27 West, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 27 West; thence South 510 feet; thence west 150 feet; thence North 510 feet; thence East 150 feet to the point of beginning.

More commonly known as: 1513 TINSDALE ST, NASHVILLE, AR 71852

On March 31, 2006, ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID COMPTON executed a Mortgage in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, which was recorded March 31, 2006, in Book 2006, at Page 2609 in the real estate records of Howard County, Arkansas. Default has occurred in the payment of said indebtedness, and is now wholly due. The loan is now in default.

Tenants of the property may claim an interest in the real property herein.

The terms of the call are certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale or wiring of funds within twenty-four hours of the sale. All transfer taxes will be the responsibility of the purchaser. The party initiating this action is Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., 3217 S. Decker Lake Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 800-258-8602.

May 11, 2026

Date

Chase Taskerud
Managing Attorney, Arkansas
Marinosci Law Group, P.C. as Attorney in Fact for U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-5 Trust

LEGAL PRECEDENT IS NOT CLEAR AS TO WHETHER THE SENDING OF THIS LETTER MAKES US A DEBT COLLECTOR. TO THE EXTENT IT DOES, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED IN BANKRUPTCY, THIS LETTER IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **July 30, 2026, at or about 01:00 PM**, the subject real property described herein below will be sold at the **main entrance to the Howard County Courthouse, 421 North Main Street, Nashville, AR 71852** to the highest bidder for cash. The sale will extinguish all interests, including those of existing lien holders or previous owners in the property. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH THE DAY OF SALE AND ALL TRANSFER TAXES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER.

WHEREAS, the property secured under the Mortgage is located in Howard County, Arkansas more particularly described as follows:

The following land lying in Howard County, Arkansas, to-wit: Part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 28 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 22, and run East 198 feet, Thence South 660 feet or to the right of-way of Highway No. 27, Thence following said right-of-way in a westerly direction 198 feet. Thence North 660 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. This being the same property conveyed to Christine L. Whitmarsh, dated 06/03/1991 and recorded on 06/06/199 in Book 277, Page 147, in the Howard County Recorder's Office, Parcel No. 001-04485-0000

Street Address: 1678 Highway 27 South, Mineral Springs, AR 71851

WHEREAS on February 27, 2025, Christine L Whitmarsh, Unmarried Women executed a Mortgage in favor of Regions Bank, which was recorded on March 20, 2025 as Instrument Number R2025-00434, in the real estate records of Howard County, Arkansas. The party initiating foreclosure is Regions Bank and can be contacted at or in care of its servicer initiating foreclosure at: Regions Bank dba Regions Mortgage, 1900 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203, at Telephone Number 1-800-748-9498; and

WHEREAS, there may be tenants that claim an interest in the real property herein based upon said tenancy; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the attorney for the mortgagee and is acting on and with the consent and authority of the mortgagee who is exercising its power of sale under Ark. Code Ann. §18-50-115 which implies a power of sale in every mortgage of real property situated in this state that is duly acknowledged and recorded; and default has occurred in the payment of said indebtedness, and the same is now therefore wholly due; and the holder of the debt has requested the undersigned to sell the property to satisfy said indebtedness.

The undersigned is an active, licensed member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the State of Arkansas, and the law firm of the undersigned maintains an office at 415 N. McKinley St., Suite 1177, Little Rock, AR 72205 that is located within the State of Arkansas, is accessible to the public during regular business hours, and has the ability to accept funds from a grantor, mortgagor, or obligor to reinstate or pay off a mortgage or deed of trust.

WITNESS my hand this May 20th, 2026.

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WELL REPRESENTED IN LOCKESBURG. Fireworks light up the sky over IMCS Park in Lockesburg during the Freedom Fest celebrating America250 and July 4th.

Pike County 4-H collecting clothes for July 26 Back to School Fair

The Pike County Hometown Coalition, in conjunction with Pike County 4-H, will host a Back to School Fair on Sunday, July 26 at the Pike County Fairgrounds in Glenwood from 2-4 p.m.

Activities will include bouncy houses, free clothes, a petting zoo and free groceries (while supplies last). Also included will be arts and crafts, face painting, hair stylists, school supplies, books, snacks, music, health checks, sports and community resources.

The free event invites all school aged

children and parents to attend to get a "great start to the school year."

"Have clothes you're not sure what to do with? Let 4-H take them off your hands!" said Pike County 4-H Program Assistant Shannon Ballard.

Under the motto "let's clothe our community with kindness," the event will accept donations of clothing at the Pike County Extension Office in Murfreesboro prior to the July 26 deadline.

"Your donations help make a big difference," said Ballard.

Hoops, Hope & Community Day scheduled Aug. 2 at Tollete

The first annual Hoops, Hope & Community Day, featuring a youth 3-on-3 basketball challenge, will be held Sunday, Aug. 2 at the Tollete City Hall.

Tip-off will be at 3 p.m. and teams need to register by July 12.

The challenge divisions will be grades 7-12, boy and girl separate divisions, with team requirements of four to five players per team and three players on court.

The tournament will be a single-elimination bracket with 15-minute games. The first team to 21 points wins. There will trophies, medals, special prizes and community bragging rights for the participants.

There will also be free dogs and water, a school supply giveaway, a student-led mental wellness corner, music and a family fun zone featuring kick ball, relays races and more.

To register your team, volunteer or donate, contact Chance L. Ware at (870) 899-7111. or reach her by email:

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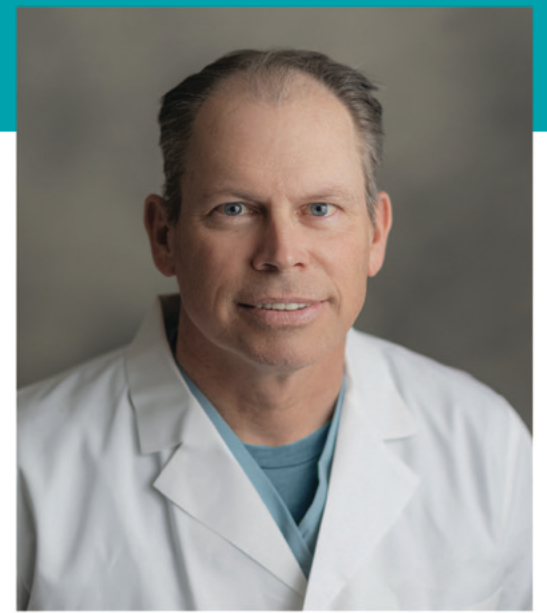
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Fireworks explode over the Nashville City Park at the conclusion of the annual Stand Up for America patriotic program Saturday night, July 4.



Leo Leyva gets in some time at bat during Stand Up for America July 4.



Eley Talley, Mark Keith and Freddie Horne perform at the Stand Up for America program July 4. They were among a number of local musicians who participated in the event.



Fans enjoy the program as the sun sets over the city park Saturday night, July 4, at Stand Up for America.



Country star Neal McCoy (kneeling) interacts with the crowd during his concert at Stand Up for America.



Patriotism could be found throughout the Nashville City park during Stand Up for America. The event was sponsored by the Nashville Chamber of Commerce.

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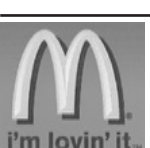
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SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Area athletes

Area high school athletes are back into their summer routines after the conclusion of the Arkansas Activities Association's two required dead weeks at the end of June and first part of July. Players will participate in 7-on-7, team camps, golf and tennis practice and number of activities for the remainder of the summer. Nashville will compete in 7-on-7 Thursday, July 9 at Lake Hamilton.



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