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Jam, jelly
workshop
set July 21
at EH House

The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. and there will be a \$15 registration fee per person. To sign up, call (870) 845-7517.

Bullock
Family
Reunion
July 24-26

There will be six headstones unveiled and another one honoring a WWI veteran whose stone is already in place.

Alice Bullock Benson (1904), Doc Amos Bullock (1924), William Bullock (1923), John Henry Bullock (1930), Viney Bullock (1944) and Alice Jackson-Bullock (1946).

The Saturday event will include attendance by Pastor Kenneth McCollough, Machella Jackson, Howard County Judge Brent Pinkerton and a special butterfly release by Charlotte Carr and singing by Denisha' Coulter.

Family members from all over the country are expected to attend.

Howard
County
Fair
Aug. 24-29

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LEMONADE FOR A CAUSE. Young volunteers sell homemade lemonade and strawberry drinks on a hot July 7 morning on the First Baptist Church parking lot in Nashville. Proceeds went to The Call of Howard County. The girls include Julianne Stanley, Tinlee Jamison, Caroline McRae, Jolee Stanley and Joely Pryor.

SUMMERTIME SPORTS

Scrappers visit Garland County for Lake Hamilton 7-on-7 tourney

"I thought we competed well," Coach Brad Chesshir said. "It was a long, hot day. We tried to keep the kids as fresh as we could. We had three tents and snacks and drinks for the players. Lake Hamilton did a good job taking care of the kids. They had plenty of fluids and fruits."

In the first bracket game after lunch, "We won but we knew we were sluggish," Chesshir said.

Every Scrapper receiver "was productive. They touched the ball about the same number of times. They did a really good job of getting open, catching balls and staying disciplined."

The defense "got better as the day went on. Of the seven we had, only one started a year ago. We had inexperienced players, but they will be really good" as the season goes on, Chesshir said.

Tournament games were played with a 15-minute running clock. There were limited possessions,

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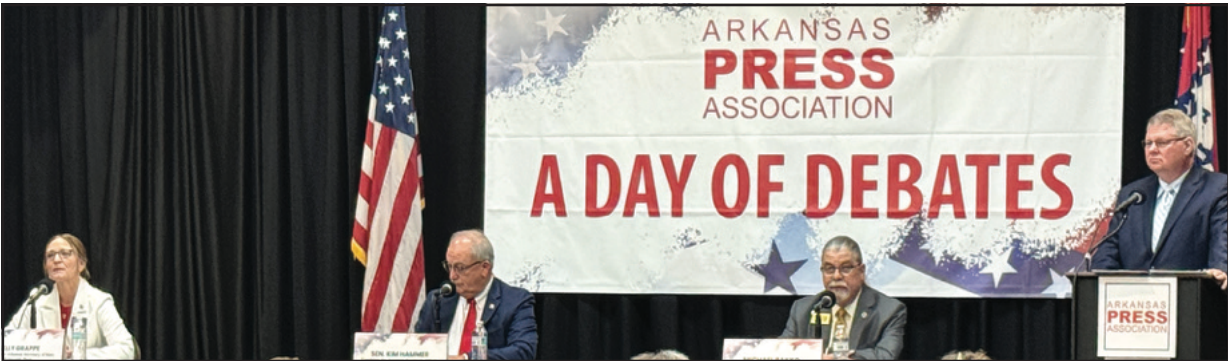
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LOOSE BASKETBALL. Ava Basiliere goes after the loose ball during team camp July 8 at Scrapper Arena. Basiliere recovered the ball for a turnover. (Photos, p. 9)

Secretary of state candidates hold debate

They included Democrat Kelly Grappe, Republican State Sen. Kim Hammer and Libertarian Michael Pakko.

Moderator Andrew Bagley of the *Helena World* asked questions submitted by reporters at the convention.



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DEBATE. Secretary of State candidates Kelly Grappe (D), Sen. Kim Hammer (R) and Michael Pakko (Libertarian) participate in a debate moderated by Andrew Bagley during the recent Arkansas Press Association convention in Eureka Springs.

Each candidate made an opening statement before the questioning began.

Grappe said that people “deserve to have a government which trusts them. Power rests in the people. We make our own decisions.”

The people's trust in govern-

ment has diminished, according to Grappe. "We have a big job to do to restore that trust."

Pakko said he has “seen how the system is rigged. We’ve given enormous power to two political parties.

“Elections are too important to

leave to Democrats and Republicans."

Hammer said he has 16 years experience in government and 47 years in ministry.

Bagley asked the candidates

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Obituaries



Gloria Jean Stone
Gloria Jean Stone, 82, of Nashville, Ark., passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 7, 2026.
Born on Feb. 10, 1944, in Dierks, Ark., Gloria devoted her life to her family. She spent many years as a loving wife and devoted mother, dedicating herself to raising her family before beginning a career outside the home. After working in several different fields, she found her calling as a pharmacy technician, where she enjoyed a long and rewarding career helping others.
She was well known for her delicious banana pudding and her “pink fluff” that her kids and grandkids looked forward to enjoying on the holidays.
Gloria was a woman of Christian faith. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Dierks before later moving her membership to First Baptist Church of Nashville.
Her greatest joy was her family. She was blessed with three children, Susan Stone of Prescott, Steven and Christie Stone of Nashville, and Shannan Friend and husband Jimmy of Nathan; five grandchildren, Megan Tullis and husband Brandon of Prescott, Jonathan Friend and wife Kelsey of Gurley, Ala., Seth Reeder and wife Megan of Prescott, Chance Stone and wife Taylor of Nashville, and Taylor Friend and wife Bailey of Nathan; one bonus grandchild, Lida Lee Daly and husband Mike of Alexandria, Va., nine great-grandchildren, Will Reeder, Slade Tullis, Laura

Reeder, Liam Friend, Easton Friend, Harlyn Tullis, Kade Friend, Amelia Reeder, Madelynne Friend, two bonus great-grandchildren, Lily and Gabe Daly, one brother-in-law, Harold Stone and wife Rosemary of Bismarck and two sisters-in-laws Linda Bell of Nashville and Debbie Stone of Dierks, all of whom she loved dearly. She was blessed with a lifelong friend, Rita Hunter and special friends, Caney Lee and Treva Young.
She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, Dwayne Stone; her parents, Clyde Lee Bell and Ruth Ann Edwards Bell; her brother, Wayne Bell and nephew, Dennis Bell.
She leaves behind a legacy of faith, kindness, hard work, and unconditional love that will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.
The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the compassionate staff of The Springs of Hillcrest in Prescott for the exceptional care, kindness, and support shown to our Mom and Mamaw during her time there.
A graveside service of Gloria’s life will be held at County Line Cemetery on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 11:00.
Though Gloria will be deeply missed, her family finds comfort in knowing she is now at peace in the presence of her Lord and Savior.
William Anderson
William “Bud” Anderson, 67, of Murfreesboro, died Saturday, July 4, 2026.
He was born July 12, 1958, in Murfreesboro, the son of the late Jesse Aaron Anderson and Peggy Joyce Lane Anderson.
He was a US Army veteran and attended the Church of Christ.
Survivors include: his son, Buddy A. Anderson; three sisters, Janice Nixon and husband Clifford, Vickie L. Reid, and Peggy McGee.
The immediate family will hold graveside services on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at

10 a.m. at Kirby Cemetery with Bro. Kevin Jewell officiating.



Justin Wescott
Justin Wescott, 43, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, in Nashville, Ark. He was born March 17, 1983, in Berkeley, Calif., the son of Felicia Hall Merrell and the late Troy Merrell.
Justin was a member of Center Point Missionary Baptist Church and was a Master Mason at the Dierks Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed hunting, running dogs and being a member of the Blue Bayou Hunting Club. Justin loved collecting especially Ninja Turtles.
In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandparents John Cass, Cathy Cass and Gladiola Merrell. One aunt Johnna Peek, as well as several aunts and uncles.
Survivors include: his wife Alicia Venable Wescott; one son Wade Wescott; two daughters, Emily and Adi Wescott; his mother, Felicia Merrell; two brothers, Jason Merrell (Jazzmyn) and Billy Wayne Merrell (Julie); his father-and-mother-in-law Jim and Sheila Venable and Karen Mumau; one sister-in-law Stephanie McBride; as well as a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.
Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Friday, July 17, at Center Point Missionary Baptist Church.
A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Center Point Missionary Baptist Church, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.
You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.

New partnership brings UAM degree program to UA-Cossatot

On Wednesday, July 8, Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas (UA Cossatot) and the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) unveiled a new partnership designed to expand affordable higher education opportunities in Arkansas. This initiative allows UA Cossatot students to earn bachelor’s degrees from UAM while remaining in southwest Arkansas and benefiting from some of the state’s lowest tuition rates.
The agreement will enable UA Cossatot students to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from UAM through coursework offered on UA Cossatot’s campuses. The degree offering is pending approval from the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Higher Learning Commission.
Employing a campus-within-a-campus model, the partnership offers students the opportunity to complete all four years of their degree on UA Cossatot’s campuses, starting as UA Cossatot students for the first two years before enrolling as UAM students for their junior and senior years. Tuition will be based on UA Cossatot rates for the initial two years and UAM rates for the junior and senior years of coursework. Throughout their studies, students will have access to services and resources from both institutions and will earn an associate degree from UA Cossatot and a bachelor’s degree from UAM.
Prioritizing the affordability of the program, UAM will offer the Colt Transfer Scholarship, awarding \$3,000 per semester to UA Cossatot students who complete 55 credit hours and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. This scholarship helps ensure these bachelor’s degrees remain among the most affordable options in Arkansas.
Dr. Steve Cole, chancellor of UA Cossatot, highlighted the increased opportunities available to students through the new partner-



AN AGREEMENT SIGNED. UA-Cossatot Chancellor Steve Cole and UA-Monticello Chancellor Peggy Doss signed the partnership agreement documents for the mutual education project, last Wednesday in the Nashville campus atrium. On hand for the signing and brief remarks from the chancellors was an appreciative crowd of college staff, students and the Nashville Rotary Club
ship, stating, “Partnering with UAM is going to be a huge win for students all across southwest Arkansas. Just think: our students can start with us and finish with a top-flight university like UAM, never travel too far from home and family and, with a Colt Transfer Scholarship from UAM, essentially pay our tuition rate throughout the entire process.
“I encourage folks to watch this space carefully, as much more could be coming from this partnership.”
Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, emphasized the value of the new partnership, stating, “We are excited to launch our innovative campus-within-a-campus model with UA Cossatot. This strategic partnership represents an effective and efficient way to address Arkansas’ workforce needs. By working with UA Cossatot, we can ensure the UAM Bachelor of Business Administration degree remains both affordable and accessible for students in southwest Arkansas.
“We look forward to many future collaborations between our institutions.”
The announcement occurred on UA Cossatot’s Nashville campus on Wednesday, where both Dr. Cole and Dr. Doss delivered remarks and participated in a ceremonial signing.

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Search is underway again for farms owned by same family for 100 years

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is reminding farm families that applications for the Arkansas Century Farm Program are open now through July 31. The program recognizes Arkansas families who have owned and continuously farmed the same land for 100 years or more, honoring their longstanding contribu-

tions to the state’s agricultural heritage.
The program is voluntary, and there is no cost to apply. To qualify, farms must meet the following requirements:
-- The same family must have owned the farm for at least 100 years by December 31, 2026. Ownership may pass through generations, including children,

grandchildren, siblings, and nephews or nieces – by birth, marriage, or adoption.
-- The farm must include at least 10 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.
Qualifying farms will receive a personalized Arkansas Century Farm certificate

and metal sign listing the farm name and year established.
Established in 2012, the Arkansas Century Farm Program highlights the historical significance of Arkansas farm families and their lasting impact on the state’s agriculture industry. Since its inception, 687 farms have been inducted.

A Heartfelt Thank You from
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The Center Point Homecoming Association extends its deepest gratitude to all the incredible local businesses, organizations, and individuals who generously donated door prizes for this year’s event.
Because of your overwhelming support, Center Point Homecoming 2026 was a resounding success! Your contributions brought extra joy, excitement, and community spirit to the festivities, making it an unforgettable celebration for everyone who attended.
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Bowman, Samuel Dylan, 47, Ashdown, \$245 BF, speeding
Caruthers, Cameron Daniel, 34, De Queen, \$460 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$260 BF, failure to appear
Christopher, Gregory A., 53, Dierks, \$275 NF, speeding
Davis, Christopher E., 35, Dierks, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to maintain control, fined \$235
Garney, Robert 64, Nashville, \$245 BF, speeding
Grissom, Ellis Ray, 58, Texarkana, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines
Harvey, Tory L., 50, Horatio, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Neal, Alisha Helleen, 55, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$110
Northcutt, Joshua Lee, 38, Idabel, Okla., guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Nunally, Bobbie, 38, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$497 balance; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
Ortiz Martinez, Julian M., 37, Umpire, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Parks, Erica Lae, 27, Texarkana, Texas, \$255 BF, speeding
Patterson, Paul A., 53, Antlers, Okla., \$275 BF, speeding
Perez, Selena, 27, Nashville, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines
Phillips, Leslie M., 48, Texarkana, Texas, \$245 BF, speeding
Schooley, Charles D., 39, Benton, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$1,218 balance
Shuffit, Brendon, 23, Nashville, \$360 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$260 BF, failure to appear; \$235 BF, failure to comply with court order; \$260 Bf, failure to appear
Simpson, Derrick A., 39, Cloves, Calif., \$265 BF, speeding
Teague, Daniel Allen, 33, Benton, guilty of failure to maintain control, fined \$235; guilty of inattentive driving, fined \$360; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$210
Williams, Anita, 44, Washington, guilty of non-payment of fine; \$730 bal-

ance
Wyrick, Aaron, 35, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$1,285 balance
City of Nashville
Ahrens, Scott C., 28, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210
Amonette, Carl T., 42, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
Capetillo, Katherine Reneae, 32, Nashville, guilty of permitting unauthorized driver, fined \$260
Dubbs, Daniel, 41, York, Penn., guilty of non-payment of fines; \$1,755 balance
Epperson, Geoffrey K., 37, Kirby, \$360 BF, careless or prohibited driving
Felix, Manuel Gustavo, 42, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$210 BF, following too close
Furr, Charles Thatcher, 23, Nashville, \$210 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Gentry, Bobby Ray, 63, Fulton, \$210 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Goodloe, Karl D., 43, Mineral Springs, \$255 BF, speeding
Hetzel, Katelyn Mae, 31, Nashville, guilty of unlawful entry of school bus, fined \$635
Hill, James M., 48, McCaskill, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$4,900 balance; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345; guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,030 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$515; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$265; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
Hill, Malachi J., 19, Nashville, guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$360
Hollingsworth, Lonnie, 33, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail; \$3,575 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Knox, Vicki Jean, 23, Sedalia, Mo., \$265 BF, speed fig
Lewis, DonDawayne, 54, Nashville, \$210 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Lewis, Myeshia Danielle, 23, Jacksonville, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$670 balance
Moore, Corey Darel, 52, Mineral Springs, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$110
Murphy, Austin, 27, Mineral Springs, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Nava, Antonio, 35, Hope, \$345 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license; \$245 BF, failure to appear; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Nunally, Bobbie, 38, Mineral Springs, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags,

fined \$110; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$110; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$185
Pate, Ashley, 36, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$245
Pearce, Delphine, 63, Mineral Springs, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines
Perez, Kimberly Krystal, 24, Nashville, \$265 BF, speeding; \$260 BF, failure to appear
Sharp, James, 26, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$110
Stiles, Joseph David, 35, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$11; guilty of non-motorcycle endorsement, fined \$200; guilty of speeding, fined \$245
Taylor, Frankie, 24, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$1,075 balance
Thomas, TJ Demitrus, 40, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of drinking in public, fined \$235; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$360
Thompson, Ebony D., 34, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$1,215 balance
Velez, Jorge, 19, Nashville, \$210 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$260 BF, failure to appear
City of Dierks
Cornish, Mark A., 28, Talco, Texas, \$240 BF, speeding; \$195 BF, no child restraint; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Davis, Christopher E., 35, Dierks, guilty of violation of city ordinance-code of sanitation, fined \$240
Green, Nevaeh, 21, Dierks, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210
Howard, Stephanie, 33, Murfreesboro, \$285 BF, speeding
Richards, Spencer, 31, Blytheville, \$275 BF, speeding
City of Mineral Springs
Shelton, David, 33, Little Rock, guilty of no license plate light, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Bench Trials
City of Nashville
Abalos, Karla, 20, Russellville, no child restraint, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss
Conway, Jeremy, 26, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$110; failure to appear, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss
Couch, Cameron A., 32, Nashville, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$575
Sabus, Shawn James, 53, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of failure to yield, fined \$210
Thomas, Maneeya, 33, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$622 balance; guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$50

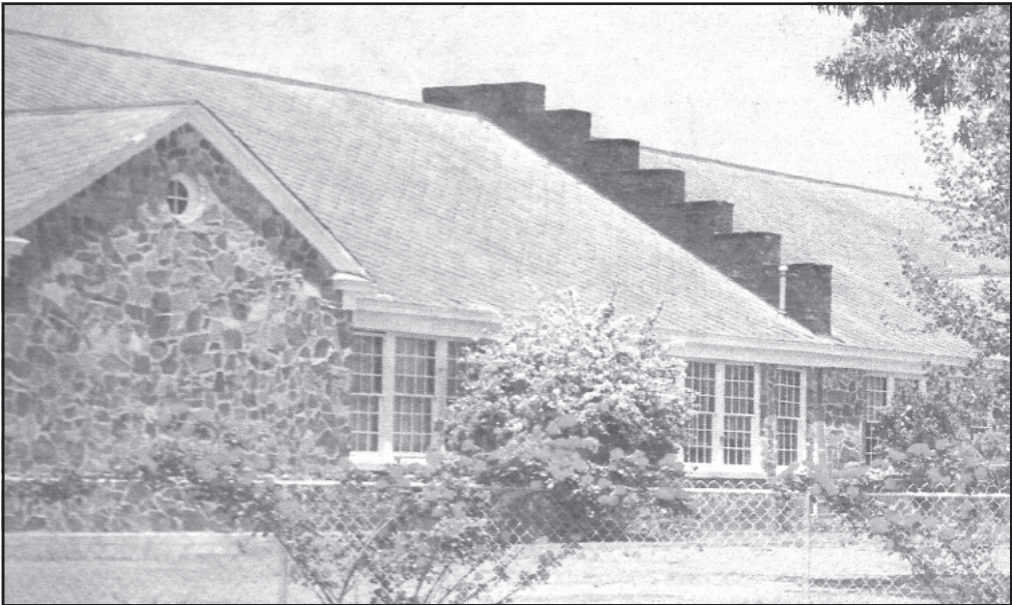


THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Dierks High School, circa 1960

134 years ago: July 1892
The *Hope Gazette* says there are some excellent players in the Nashville baseball nine. It is right, and they do not propose to be beaten. They are practicing some too and are ready at any time to play ball.
The *Bingen Visitor* says: This is an era of enlightened civilization. Every man is allowed the liberty of his choice without rendering account to any man. Freedom of opinion in political, social and religious affairs is a divine right beyond the authority of a man to question. Proscription because of political or religious differences is therefore a relic of barbarism.
(Adv.) The best poultry powders , 15 cents, per package at Rector’s Drug Store.

124 years go: July 1902
The fourteen-year-old daughter of a family living near Euclid has disappeared from home. It is thought she

has eloped to marry.
At a picnic at Shramb Springs last Saturday four men, who are making staves on Messer Creek, got a little boozy and tried to make an old man dance. They were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Williams

David Sanders, of near Centre Point, the last veteran of the Indian War of 1836, died Saturday, age about 90 years.

64 years ago: July 1962
Dierks Forest Co. construction personnel are in the process of building the Briar Plant for the manufacture of gypsum wallboard. A wide area is being cleared for the quarry. The plant will cost in excess of \$1,500,000. Capacity of the plant will be 400,000 sq. ft. of ½ inch wall board per day. An estimated 70 people will be employed at an annual payroll in excess of \$250,000. The site is near Perkins Junction.

44 years ago: August 1982
Former Scrappers Anthony Whitmore and Garland White turned in good performances at Saturday night’s All-Star football game, according to Coach Gary Segrest.
The duo played on the West squad, which lost to the East 15-0. Segrest, who was an assistant coach for the West, said White was close to being the leading rusher on the team. His longest run was about eight yards.
In addition to running, White also served as kicker for the West, and did “a fantastic job kicking,” Segrest said.
Whitmore was the fourth largest player on the team, weighing in at 239 pounds.
“He made a super adjustment from linebacker to nose man. Whitmore was real solid and played about half the game.” Segrest said both have indicated an interest in attending Henderson State University.

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Point of view

A slippery phone

Darn thing squirts loose and hides in the buggy

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I have an urgent request:

Please
WHATEVER YOU DO, don't call my cell number.

Please. Pretty please. Pretty please with a cherry on top.

Don't call for at least the next two or three days until the dadgum phone's dadgum battery finally gives up.

The hard cover of my bargain cellphone is made of the slickest material known to man. It will not stay in any pocket no matter what I do.

Pants pocket, shorts pocket, jacket pocket, shirt pocket. It just squirts right out and lands who knows where.

Usually have no idea I've lost my phone until I have need of it.

Firstly and full of hope I search my desk at work. That's when I discover an overdue bill I laid aside three weeks ago.

Then I drive home to search through that cave with a fine tooth comb. I never find the phone there because all along it has been in my buggy.

Always and all along.

I know, I shoulda looked there better in the first place.

But I never find it easily in the buggy because it has usually squirted between the seat and console where plump old fingers are forbidden to travel.

So if you or some bill collector calls me, that danged phone will beep and beep and beep and beep for three or so days until the battery surrenders. I may have set a record for beeping. It will drive me slapdab nuts.

In desperation, Monday, after I had gone through the aforementioned desk and cave, I had a co-worker call the number while I rested behind the wheel.

I heard it ringing but still could not locate the source of the sound. Why?

Well, because the phone is naturally the same color as the floor carpet and upholstery. It always lands face down so the lighted face cannot give away its hiding place.

After searching every crevice for a half-hour my chubby fingers located the phone --- guess where?--- on the floor between the seat and the console. My efforts to grasp the danged thing had just pushed it farther under the seat and lodged it impossibly under all of the stupid supports and wires and rails and stuff that General Motors thinks it just HAS to cram under there.

For five fearful minutes my hand was literally stuck under the seat. Not only was I afraid I'd spend the night more-or-less standing there, I also came to the embarrassing realization that I was exposing my best side to all of the traffic on Main Street. I was mooning Nashville and I could do nary a thing about it.

Finally --- hallelujah! --- my fingers and the elusive quarry came aloose at the same time, and the phone squirted to freedom once again. But at least my hand was free.

Some good did come from this whole sorry episode. I found 7 pennies, a carwash token, four ballpoint pens and maybe a half-dozen peppermint candies under the seat.

Oh, yeah, I found an old US Census form and I'm lucky ICE Commandos haven't roused me for not answering the questions about my voter registration. I would never have found it if I hadn't been looking for that phone. I might have ended up in a prison in Honduras.

My solution for the slick phone is to rub it on the concrete sidewalk to rough up the slick cover. And I'll do just that next time I find it, because it has squirted away again.

And now my fingers are sticky from the peppermints.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

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JUST MY LUCK, probably. I'm reading with alarm about the 'bug' making the rounds. It causes what is delicately described as "explosive diarrhea." I'm sure it's a lot of fun. Cases have been reported in Arkansas; so, it's here.

It's a parasite --- cyclosomething --- which is very hard to wash off produce.

I truly hate to remind some of you that Trump's Secretary of Health and Human Services fired many of the people who would have been working on a cure and on prevention. Without a vindictive bone in my body I hope that RFK, Jr., gets a good case.

Since the parasite is found on produce imported to Arkansas, the veggies you get at the Farmers' Market from local gardens should be free of the parasite.

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HE SAID: "For my birthday I got a humidifier and a de-humidifier --- I put them in the same room and let them fight it out." Steven Wright, comedian

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SHE SAID: "Everything I worry about would be better if more people could read, write and comprehend." Barbara Bush, First Lady

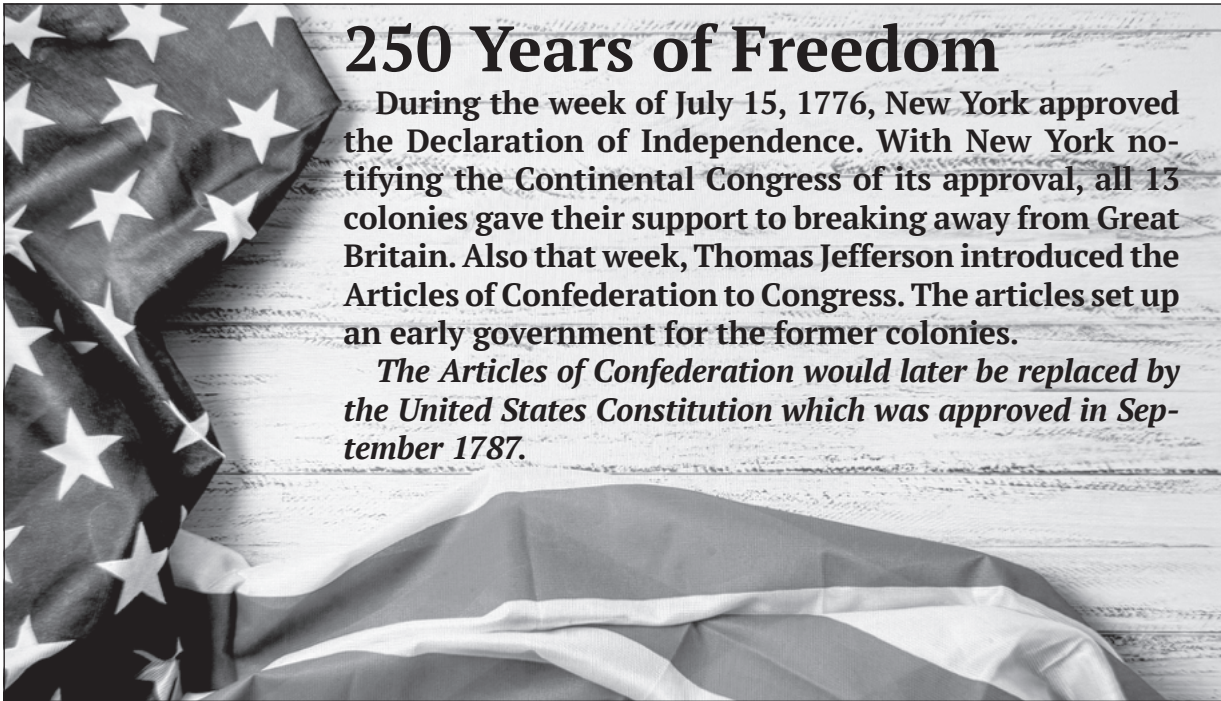
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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations



By
Louie Graves



250 Years of Freedom

During the week of July 15, 1776, New York approved the Declaration of Independence. With New York notifying the Continental Congress of its approval, all 13 colonies gave their support to breaking away from Great Britain. Also that week, Thomas Jefferson introduced the Articles of Confederation to Congress. The articles set up an early government for the former colonies.

The Articles of Confederation would later be replaced by the United States Constitution which was approved in September 1787.

NHS grad comes full circle with award for story in paper

Note: Adelene Westfall of Nashville will be a senior this fall at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. A story that she wrote for the News-Leader has been recognized by the Arkansas Press Association.)

By Adelene Westfall
UA-Fayetteville

I'm honored to share that I received Second Place in Freelance Recognition (Smaller Newspapers) in the 2026 Arkansas Press Association Better Newspaper Editorial Contest for my work with the *Nashville News-Leader*.

This award is especially meaningful because I grew up read-

ing the *Nashville News-Leader*. Like many kids in a small town, I always got excited when my name or photo made it into the paper—whether it was for 4-H, school events, or community activities. I never imagined that one day I'd not only be published in those same pages, but also receive statewide recognition for my work.

The story that received this award reflected on my study abroad experience last summer and the opportunity to explore new cultures, perspectives, and agricultural communications around the world.

Being able to bring those experiences back home and share them with my community made the story even more rewarding to write.

I'm incredibly grateful to the *Nashville News-Leader* for the opportunity and encouragement, and I'm excited to continue growing as a communicator as I head into my senior year at the University of Arkansas.

It's a special feeling to come full circle—from eagerly searching for my name in the newspaper to now seeing my byline recognized by the Arkansas Press Association.

Arkansas wraps up fiscal year with its fifth-largest surplus ever

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

Arkansas concluded Fiscal Year 2026 with a general revenue surplus of \$655 million, marking one of the strongest financial performances in state history and highlighting continued economic growth across the state. The surplus, released by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), is the fifth largest ever recorded and represents a sharp increase from the previous year's \$367.9 million surplus.

Fiscal Year 2026 ran from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. During that period, gross state revenue collections reached nearly \$8.7 billion, which is a gain of \$327 million over Fiscal Year 2025.

Strong individual income tax and sales tax receipts served as the primary drivers behind the state's financial results and contributed to Arkansas' total reserve funds reaching an unprecedented \$4 billion.

Individual income tax collections led all revenue categories, generating \$3.859 billion. Sales and use taxes followed at \$3.666 billion, underscoring consistent economic activity and consumer confidence. After accounting for refunds,

deductions, and other required distributions, the state's net available revenue totaled \$7.149 billion.

The entire \$655 million surplus was transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund. That fund is composed of unrestricted surpluses from current and prior fiscal years along with investment earnings. Combined with the Catastrophic Reserve Fund and the Arkansas Reserve Fund Set Aside, Arkansas's total reserves now include \$1.814 billion in the Catastrophic Reserve Fund, \$1.221 billion in the General Revenue Allotment Reserve, and \$1 billion in the Arkansas Reserve Fund Set Aside.

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders praised the revenue results and attributed the strong fiscal performance to conservative budgeting and tax policy choices. "Arkansas is doing the impossible: cutting income taxes by 25% while still recording massive surpluses and pushing state reserves to record levels," Sanders said. She reiterated her intention to continue working with the legislature to gradually phase out the state income tax, which she described as a long-term priority.

DFA Secretary Jim Hudson said the numbers reflect a healthy state economy heading into Fiscal Year 2027. "Arkansas's economic momentum is reflected in our FY26 results," Hudson said. "Personal income tax and sales tax collections were especially strong year over year, a sign that Arkansans are doing well. Our state's reserves, totaling over \$3 billion, are at record levels...the Arkansas economy is strong going into Fiscal Year 2027."

State officials noted that maintaining high reserve balances is a central part of Arkansas's long-term financial strategy. Those reserves help protect the state during economic downturns, natural disasters, or other unexpected fiscal pressures. The record totals provide lawmakers with both financial stability and flexibility as they evaluate tax reform proposals and budget priorities in the coming year. The 96th General Assembly is scheduled to convene its Regular Session on the second Monday in January 2027.

The full monthly and year-end revenue reports for FY26 are available on the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration website.

Legislature adds enhancements to Americans With Disabilities Act

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

This month marks the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, landmark legislation signed into law on July 26, 1990. For more than three decades, the ADA has helped remove barriers and expand opportunities for Americans with disabilities. Its anniversary is also an opportunity to consider how we can continue improving accessibility, independence, and participation in our communities.

During the 2025 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed several laws aimed at improving accessibility and opportunities for Arkansans with disabilities.

Acts 906 and 907 strengthen support for students with disabilities attending Arkansas colleges and universities. These laws require institutions to establish clearer policies for evaluating accommodation requests, work

directly with students to determine reasonable accommodations, and report information that will help the state better understand how students with disabilities are being served.

The Arkansas ACCESS Act also created the Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program to help eligible students with disabilities pursue qualifying postsecondary programs.

Other legislation focused on greater independence and accessibility in everyday life. Act 98 allows physical therapists to certify patients for disability parking permits, while Act 855 establishes accessible bed-height requirements for mobility-accessible hotel rooms.

Lawmakers also passed measures to improve interactions with law enforcement and strengthen protections for vulnerable Arkansans. Act 16 created the Blue Enve-

lope Program to help individuals with autism communicate with law enforcement during traffic stops. Act 531 created a similar Green Envelope Program for individuals diagnosed with a mental illness.

Act 951 established a new Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System for missing adults with certain disabilities who do not meet the requirements for a Silver Alert.

The anniversary of the ADA reminds us that accessibility is about more than meeting legal requirements. It is about ensuring every Arkansan has the opportunity to learn, work, travel, live independently, and participate fully in their community.

The General Assembly will continue working to identify barriers and advance policies that help Arkansans with disabilities live with greater independence, dignity, and opportunity.

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Jakhari Starr scores for the Scrappers against Haskell Harmony Grove at the Lake Hamilton 7-on-7 tournament July 9.

Tourney

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according to Chesshir, with not many high-scoring games.

The Scrappers “didn’t give up a lot of points. We didn’t give up many big,

explosive possessions.” Moving forward, “We have to coach alignment and assignment, attention to the little details,” Chesshir said. “We will continue to grow. This is a really fun group They’re nowhere near as good as they can be. I’m excited about those guys.” The Scrappers have also

played in a 10-team 7-on-7 league in games at Ashdown and Hope. Nashville played at Ashdown July 7 and 14. They will wrap up the 7-on-7 schedule July 21 at Hope in a tournament with seeding determined by their performance in the first two days of games.

Camp

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played on defense because “she knows it,” Dean said. “It’s good to have these camp games and see who steps up,” according to

Dean. The high school Scrapperettes were 4-0 at last week’s camp. Junior high also went 4-0, with the seventh grade team 3-1. “The seventh grade played 18 girls in each game,” Dean said. “Their record was really good to play

that many in every game. That’s pretty impressive.” The junior high and high school Scrapperettes will play at the Lake Hamilton team camp Thursday, July 16. After that, they will be off for the remainder of the summer.

Debate

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about election security in Arkansas. Hammer said he has “sponsored or co-sponsored legislation that has led to Arkansas being named number one in the nation in election security. Whatever comes from the legislature and the federal government, we will be the administrators of those laws.” He said he is not in favor of requiring paper ballots. “You have that option when you vote. If it’s not broke, don’t fix it.” Pakko said Arkansas has “a very good system. Our tabulation devices were proven 100 percent accurate” in a recount. “We have a very open, transparent system.” Grappe said elections are “secure here in Arkansas. I have confidence in our clerks and election commissioners. We owe it to Arkansans to be very transparent.” While she trusts election security, Grappe said Arkansas is “the worst in the country on civic engagement,” according to a survey earlier in the summer. “We need to build trust and show people how secure it is.” Pakko said that “increased competitiveness of elections would improve engagement” among voters.

Bagley asked if the state allows citizens access to the initiative process. Grappe said that legislation sponsored by Hammer was “a direct assault on *reg-nat populus*,” the people rule. “I’ve been out collecting petitions and working with canvassers. Sen. Hammer’s willingness shows he’s a loyal footsoldier of the establishment,” according to Grappe. Hammer replied that Arkansas is “one of only 16 states with the ability for citizens to change the law. It’s difficult for grass roots organizations to get it done. The legislation I supported is a team effort. Legislators and the governor recognized that our Constitution has become pimped out, available to the highest bidder. We need standards that are consistent.” Pakko said he would “remove all restrictions from the last three or four years. Restrictions mean the only voters are big money interests. They’re not protecting election integrity.” Grappe said the restrictions should be removed and young people should be taught how to plug into the system. All three candidates were asked what would happen if the president tries to expand the federal election role. Hammer said the states are in charge of elections. “The Constitution says so.

There’s no place for the federal government over-reaching into what we’re in charge of.” Plakko said the SAVE Act aimed at increasing the federal government’s election role “probably won’t pass the Senate. I’m opposed to it and any other measure” like it. “The states control voting. This is vast overreach, a solution in search of a problem. We don’t have a real issue with non-citizens voting.” Grappe said she does a lot of voter registration work. “People are not carrying birth certificates with them. Why make it harder to vote? We don’t need SAVE. It’s especially a challenge to women if they changed their name” when they married. Hammer said Arkansas is “doing a fine job without the federal government” intervening. In closing statements, Pakko said that a vote for a Libertarian is not “wasted. It sends a message to the establishment politicians that we need better choices.” Hammer said he has 16 years of legislative experience, runs a small business, has a faith-based daycare” and appreciated the chance to answer questions. Grappe thanked the press and noted that journalists have a critical role “to ensure that the public knows what to do.”

Festival

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There will also be a loader competition at 7 a.m., followed by a baking contest at 9 in the Dierks Community Building, an antique car show at 11 and a corn hole tournament at 12 noon. A “sawdust scramble” for the kids and the saw competitions will start at 1 p.m. The Rusty Relics Antique Tractor Club will also be in attendance. The Pine Tree Festival Parade will roll down Main Street at 10 a.m. with lineup at 9 behind Mariachi’s Mexican Restaurant. For more in-

formation about the parade, contact Jaron Tipton at (870) 584-6325. The day will also include arts, crafts and vendors, mini train rides and bounce houses. On July 26 at Jo Ann Walters Elementary Gymna-

sium, the Miss Pine Tree Festival Pageant will take place. Divisions range from Baby (0-12) to Miss (18+). For more information, about the pageant, contact Kayla Aylor at (870) 279-0070 or Crystal Leyva at (870) 200-3941.

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The Public Record

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

Civil Court
No new Civil Court cases since CV26-123, July 1.

Domestic Relations Court
DR26-62, July 6. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Lauren Helmsderfer. Support.

DR26-63, July 6. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Jordan Summers Mallory. Support.

DR26-64, July 6. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Jalon Jones. Support.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance. Defendants are innocent until proven otherwise.)
No new Criminal Court cases filed since CR26-45, June 29.

Land/Property Transactions

Quitclaim Deed
July 2. Simbo Custom Logging, Inc.; to Gary Lynn Simmons and wife Melissa DeAnn Simmons; 2 tracts in S4/S3 T9S/T10S R28W.

Trustee Deed
July 2. Shirley M. Hamilton, trustee of the Shirley M. Hamilton Revocable Trust; to Trace Hamilton; 4 ac. in S25 T9S R28W.

Warranty Deed
July 2. (Correction) Terry Rice Broach, et al; to TGR Ventures, LLC; 4 tracts in S24-25-26-2734-35-36 T8-9S R27W-28W-R29W.

July 6. Forrest Vertz and Sami Vertz, managing members of Vertz Enterprises, LLC; to Carlos Huesca Lopez and wife Eduvigis Huesca; Lot 3 and part of Lot 2, Block 1, Stephenson Addition, Town of Dierks. \$40,000.

July 7. Thomas Mallette and wife Meadow Joy-Delight Mallette; to Judd Hickerson and Joy Hanson-Hickerson, husband and wife; 4 ac. in S28 T5S R30W. \$31,000.

July 8. Brady Scott and wife Alayna Scott; to Brady Scott and wife Alayna Scott; 5.2 ac. in S3 T9S R27W.



Photo Courtesy of Center Point Cemetery Association

QUILT RAFFLE WINNER. Doria Brown (left) from Los Angeles, Calif., was the lucky winner of the gorgeous quilt raffled off to benefit the Center Point Cemetery Association. The quilt was beautifully crafted by Sylvia Graham and generously donated here by Kelvin Dedner. The association issued a “thank you” to everyone who bought a ticket to support our community’s history.



ATHLETIC CELEBS ON HAND last Wednesday for the education agreement signing in the UA-Cossatot campus here were the costumed mascots for both college’s athletic teams -- the UA-Cossatot Colts in red and black, and the UA-Monticello Boll Weevils in green and white. (See related article, Page 2)

Wrong-way Pike driver killed in Interstate wreck

An 82-year-old Glenwood man was killed in a head-on crash on Interstate 30 Monday, July 7 in Clark County. William M. Warnick died in the crash, according to the Arkansas State Police. The accident was reported at 8:46 a.m. Warnick, driving a 2005 Buick Terraza, was traveling the wrong way on I-30 in the westbound lane when he struck a 2026 Ford transit van head on which caused a 2022 Freightliner to hit the rear of Warnick’s vehicle.

The driver of the transit van, Dexter S. Christian, 56, of Conyers, Ga., was injured and was taken to a hospital by medical flight ambulance.

Road conditions were listed as clear and dry.

Nashville man charged at Prescott

A Nashville man has been arrested and charged Nevada County with felony possession of marijuana and tampering with physical evidence following a safety check point stop in May.

Devonte Isaiah Neal, 24, was charged July 8 in Nevada County Circuit Court.

According to case information, Neal was arrested on May 2 at safety check point in the area of Highway 355 and Highway 53 in Falcon.

Neal, along with an unidentified passenger, arrived at the check point and an officer immediately observed a strong odor or raw marijuana in the vehicle and could see marijuana bud in the vehicle’s cup holder and under the emergency brake lever.

Homecoming July 19 at Greens Chapel

The annual homecoming at Greens Chapel will be Sunday, July 19.

The speaker will be Jerry Cox. The worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a provided lunch.

The annual Cemetery Committee meeting will be on Saturday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

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...find while beachcombing?

Kids: color stuff in!

Yeah, yeah, I know all about the beach so I'm stuck hosting the page. Listen closely, because I don't repeat myself.

What kinds of things might a beachcomber find in the sand or in shallow waters?
Read the clues to find out:

Across

1. box of valuable jewels in the ground
5. forts with moats around them
8. trash
9. glass tube formed in sand when lightning strikes the sand
10. soft-bodied water animals live in these
12. carry their "homes" on their backs
13. plants that live in the ocean
14. broken pieces worn smooth
15. paw prints

Down

2. reddish-brown coated piece of metal
3. have tentacles that can sting
4. have large oval shells and long stiff tails
6. pieces of trees, furniture, etc. washed ashore
7. birds that live by the seashore
11. soft-bodied water animals with narrow, dark-blue shells

Beachcombing!

A **beachcomber** is a person who likes to search the sands and shallow waters for things that he can use, make into something else or sell because they have some value.
Pretend that you and your family live on the beach and are beachcombers. What do you think you might discover?

Grab your colored pencils and color in everything!

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mussels
driftwood
fulgurite
litter
seaweed
sea glass
horseshoe crabs
snails
animal tracks
sand castles
clamshells
sea jellies

Fill in the blanks to name 2 pieces of equipment used to comb beaches for treasure.
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Let's Go Beachcombing!
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You and your family are diving deep into the sea. You find a cave and explore it. In the center, this is what you see! **Everything is mixed up in this sea scene. What silly things do you see?**

Sea Scene

Motion in the Water

All sea creatures use different body parts to move through the water. The body part you will see in the box below works with the fish's muscles to push it through the water. It also keeps the fish from "rolling over." It helps the fish steer and "brake," too. **What part of a fish is like a man's arms and legs?**

B = Blue G = Green

2 in 1 puzzle!
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Treasure Hunt After crowds leave for the day, Pinch scuttles around looking for treasure. What did he find today?

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STATE HONOR. Jonathan Canaday (right) of Nashville accepts an Arkansas Press Association award for freelance writing from Nashville News-Leader Editor John R. Schirmer, a member of the APA board. Canaday received third place in the freelance recognition contest for a News-Leader story about past movie theaters in Nashville. Awards were announced at the Arkansas Press Association convention in Eureka Springs. Entries were judged by members of the Missouri Press Association. Judges said Canaday’s story was a “well-researched feature on the history of Nashville, Ark., as seen through the lens of a once-popular movie house. Vintage photos add context for the reader.”

Connecting to the American Dream

By Sen. John Boozman

Arkansas is home to many veterans who have served our nation with honor and distinction. As I continue to fight for policies that support our servicemembers and veterans in Washington, I was proud to see the final passage of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act including my Veterans Affairs Loan Informed Disclosure (VALID) Act to ensure our current and former servicemembers are made aware of their earned VA home loan benefits.

Access to affordable housing remains one of the greatest challenges in Arkansas and across the country. Working with my colleagues in Congress, we passed this comprehensive package as a first step toward expanding housing affordability and increasing the supply of homes for Arkansans.

The legislation, which is now law, is designed to boost affordable housing by cutting federal regulations, streamlining construction financing, and modernizing housing programs. By making it easier for builders to build, we can unlock the potential of our construction industry to meet the growing demand for new homes across Arkansas and the rest of the country.

It also encourages local governments to reform zoning codes and permitting processes that are constraining housing supply. After all, the authorities best suited to address local issues are the people who live in those communities. Attempting to solve every problem from far away in Washington, D.C. does not make sense.

This focus on local solutions is designed to help relieve bottlenecks across all segments of housing while increasing buyers’ access to capital through policies that bolster our community lenders.

Starting and affording a home isn’t easy in today’s world.

With complex mortgage options, many eligible veterans miss out on the VA home loan benefits available to them in light of their honorable service to our country. These benefits can include smaller down payment requirements, fewer private insurance requirements and interest rates that are lower than those offered through Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and conventional loans. Those who sacrifice so much for our security should always be aware of the range of possibilities in a very competitive market.

Through the bipartisan VALID Act, which I proudly introduced with Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), we are ensuring veterans receive the information they need when it matters most.

Our measure updates FHA mortgage disclosures to include clear side-by-side comparisons of VA home loans alongside standard options. It also ensures that lenders inform veterans about VA benefits at the outset of the mortgage process.

This important reform is another tool in the toolbox to achieve greater housing affordability.

Working closely with my Senate colleagues and House Financial Services Committee Chair French Hill (AR-02), this package targets many of the issues that contribute to the shortage we are experiencing in Arkansas and nationwide.

When veterans are empowered with the right information, they can make decisions that are right for their families. We are confident these efforts will work hand in hand to build stronger communities across our state. By approving the 21st Century ROAD to Housing and VALID Acts, we are making important progress toward helping more veterans and families put down roots, build wealth and achieve the American dream of homeownership.

There is still more work that needs to be done on housing, and I will continue to pursue additional solutions. I am pleased Congress came together to achieve a significant jumpstart in making homeownership more attainable for all hard-working Arkansans.

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(GEN. 46:20)
HE HAD FOUR SONS AND A DAUGHTER NAMED SERAH (GEN. 46:17, 1 CHRON. 7:30) THE TRIBE OF WHICH ASHER WAS THE PROGENITOR, WAS ASSIGNED THE TERRITORY TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PALESTINE AND, IN THE SOUTH, BOUNDED BY CARMEL, A LENGTH ABOVE SOME SIXTY MILES. (JOSH. 19:24-31) UNFORTUNATELY THE ASHERITES COULD NOT EXPEL THE CANAANITE INHABITANTS FROM SUCH STRONG CITIES AS SIDON, ACCHO, TYRE, AND THIS FAILURE TO CAPTURE AND OCCUPY THE PHOENICIAN PLAIN, ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, LEFT THEM ONLY THE INLAND HILL COUNTRY--EXCEPT NEAR CARMEL. HOWEVER, THIS TERRITORY WAS WELL ADAPTED FOR THE GROWING OF OLIVE TREES--SO THAT THE BLESSING OF MOSES UPON THE TRIBE OF ASHER COULD BE FULFILLED --
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(DEUT. 33:24)
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IN THE MATTER OF
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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.

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 the July 8, 2026.

Donny Woods, Executor, by
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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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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.

This notice first published the 8th day of July, 2026.

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(This publication was paid for by the Howard County Sheriff. The amount paid for this publication is \$31.95)
(HCS: 3,4)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND INTENTION TO SELL

YOU MAY LOSE YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU DO NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION

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:

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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.

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(Above) Ava Basiliere (44) drives to the basket for the Scrappettes July 8. (Below) Ki-yanna Stewart controls the ball for Nashville.



Lucy Hagler (25) looks for a shot against Horatio in Nashville's win over the Lady Lions at the Scrappette team camp July 8.

Junior high Scrappettes go for the ball at last week's camp.

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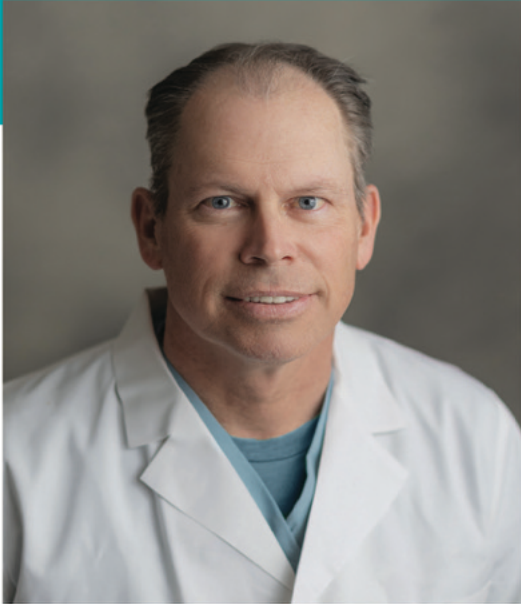
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Scrappers take the field for 7-on-7

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Marquez Jefferson (19) and Skyler Ramsire (18) close in on the Lake Hamilton player during Nashville's win over the Wolves at a 7-on-7 tournament July 9 at lake Hamilton.



Coach Paul Morrow snaps the ball to quarterback DJ Jefferson at the Lake Hamilton tournament.



Zavion Vaughn (3) scores for Nashville against Ashdown July 7. The Scrappers will travel to Hope July 14 to wrap up their summer 7-on-7 schedule.



Jakhari Starr (1) goes up for the catch in Nashville's win over Haskell Harmony Grove July 9 at Lake Hamilton High School.



Bryce Perrin makes the catch for Nashville in a victory over Arkansas High at Ashdown.



Coach Brad Chesshir talks to the Scrappers at Ashdown's 7-on-7 competition July 7.

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Ava Basiliere, Nashville



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