

STADIUM TURF. Workers began removing the 10-year-old turf at Scrapper Stadium July 20 in preparation for a new playing surface.

Obituaries



Claudia Boozer Westfall
Claudia Boozer Westfall, age 91, of Tulsa, Okla., passed away peacefully on July 14, 2026.

Claudia grew up on a farm outside of Nashville, Ark., with a strict, loving father, a compassionate mother, and four lively brothers. She loved sharing stories of picking cotton in the fields and her role as the “recruited” test driver for a scrap-metal go-cart built by her older brothers, George and Gene — a ride that famously did not end well. Her younger brothers Thomas and Dwight had not yet arrived on the scene.

After graduating from Nashville High School in 1952, she moved to Tyler, Texas, where she attended business school and worked for “Mr. Brookshire” at the start of his grocery store expansion.

On July 25, 1953, she married T.J. Westfall. They first established their home in Texarkana, Ark., before moving to Tulsa, Okla., in the late 1950s.

Known for her extraordinary kindness, quick laugh, and total devotion to family, Claudia was easy-going and fun. She loved reading, baking chocolate chip cookies, and riding bikes along the Arkansas River with her friends Maggie and Charlie. She also treasured traveling the world in the pre-cellphone days. Growing up, her children could talk her into just about anything — including dining out, which occasionally required her son Jeff to save the day with a loan from his paper route savings when the monthly allowance ran short.

She is survived by her children, Greg Westfall and his wife Jen Ann, Jeff Westfall, and Kevin Westfall; grandchildren, Ryan Westfall, Julie Meyer, Jarrod Westfall, Kaitlyn Westfall, and Max Westfall; and great-grandchildren, Natalie, Ayden, Lane, Lola, Stella, Wyatt and Emma. She is also survived by her brother, Thomas Boozer and his wife Mary, as well as numerous special nieces and nephews.

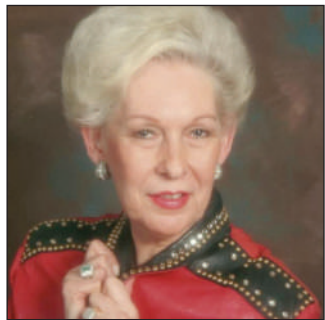
She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Bessie Boozer; her husband of 53 years, T.J. Westfall; and her brothers, George Boozer, Gene Boozer, and Dwight Boozer.

In her later years, Claudia was blessed with the unwavering support, visits, phone calls, letters, and

texts of her dear family and friends. The family extends their deepest gratitude to Thomas and Mary Boozer, Lee Boozer, Teresa Boozer, Jason Boozer, Gary Boozer, Frances Martin, the late Dean Boozer, Suzette Russell, Anna Sue Westfall, Martha Westfall, and the staff at Legend at Tulsa Hills, along with Rivercross Hospice, all of whom ensured she was always surrounded by love.

A memorial service will be held at Nashville Funeral Home (1208 W Sunset St., Nashville, AR) on Wednesday, July 22. Visitation begins at 12 p.m., followed by the service at 1 p.m. Rev. Jaimie Alexander will officiate.

Please, no flowers. Your support is more than enough. If you would like to make a gesture, a donation to the Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park in Claudia Westfall’s memory is welcomed.



Shirley Ann Anthony
Shirley Ann Anthony, 88, of Murfreesboro, Ark., passed away on July 11, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, devotion, and quiet strength that will be cherished by all who knew her.

Born in 1938 in Nashville, Ark., Shirley was the daughter of Kelsey and Verna Harper, who instilled in her the values of faith, kindness, and deep family loyalty. Throughout her life, Shirley carried those values with grace and lived them fully.

Shirley spent most of her adult life in Dallas, Texas, where she built lifelong friendships and became an active member of her community. She devoted many years to volunteer work and was a proud member — and past president — of the Lakewood Republican Women’s Club, a role she embraced with enthusiasm and commitment.

Thursday nights were reserved for one of her greatest joys: playing bingo at Lakewood Country Club with her friends. These evenings were filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the simple happiness of being surrounded by people she loved. Shirley also had a passion for travel and delighted in exploring the world with friends and family, collecting memories that brought her joy throughout her life.

Later in life, Shirley returned to Arkansas, where she spent her remaining years close to home and family. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro. She will be remembered most as a lov-

ing mom and Granny, roles she treasured above all else.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Kelsey and Verna Harper; her siblings Jean Oldner, Don Harper, and Caroline Oldner; her beloved children Karen Elmore and Gary Epton; her grandson Ron Elmore, Jr.; her stepdaughter Leslie Peterson; and her former husbands James Peterson and most recently Clarence Anthony of Murfreesboro.

She is survived by her daughters Betty Middleton, Jamie Mixon and husband Kevin, Pamela Dutra and husband Nelson, her stepson Russell Peterson; and her grandchildren Shawn Culpepper, Todd Elmore, Jennifer Lee, Amber Henderson, Julie White, Sarah Mixon, Katie Mixon, Justin Dutra, Lauren Eichman, and Jackie Conrad. She also leaves behind several great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews who will forever hold her memory close.

A private family service will be held at Restland Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer’s Association in Shirley’s honor.

Shirley’s life was defined by generosity, devotion, and a gentle spirit that touched everyone she met. Her memory will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of her family and all who loved her.

A private interment will take place at Restland Memorial Park, located at 13005 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75243.



Lt. Col. William (Bill) Harris Kolb
Lieutenant Colonel William Harris (Bill) Kolb retired from the US Army and from Dierks High School. Band Director, age 88, passed from this life on May 28, 2026. Colonel Kolb served his country for more than 31 years in the Arkansas Army National Guard and the United States Army. While in the Army, he was stationed in Germany twice for 3 years each time, in Japan for 2 and a half years, and in Vietnam. A few of his assignments were Command of a MASH Hospital, senior medical advisor for the northern sector of South Vietnam, and command of a Medical Battalion on 3 different occasions. After retiring from the Army, he started the band program at Dierks High School and led it for 18 years. He graduated

from Arkansas Tech University with a bachelor’s degree in Music Education, from Webster University with a master’s degree in Health Facilities Management, and from the United States Army Command and General Staff College Officer Course. He was married to his beautiful and wonderful wife, Christa, for 57 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Christa, and his dad, Richard B. Kolb, and his mom, Viva Curtis Kolb; three brothers, Richard, Joseph, and Dennis.

He is survived by three children, Carol Herder of Pittsburg, Pa., Diana Day and Ron of Hot Springs, Ark. and Mark Kolb and Cindy of Mary Esther, Fla., six grandchildren, Amanda Phillips, Meggan Phillips, Michael Herder, Elizabeth Herder, Daniel Kolb, and Matthew Kolb, and one great-grandchild, Pierce Gilbert; one brother, James, and three sisters, Maria, Dora, and Katy; and good friends, Jimmy and Lana Gilbert.

In keeping with Bill’s wishes, there will be no funeral.

A celebration of life for family and friends will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the Greens Chapel Cemetery, with Mark Kolb officiating.

Cremation arrangements by Wilkerson Funeral home in De Queen.

You may leave a condolence online at www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com.

Cathy Lyn Jacobs
Cathy Lyn Jacobs, 54, of Nashville, died Thursday, July 16, 2026. She was born Oct. 28, 1971, in Baytown, Texas, the daughter of the late Rodney and Verna Cole Crochet.

Survivors include: two daughters, Misty Newton (Justin) and Shelby Myrick (Charles); one son, Arron Lewis (Stormie); a brother, James Crochet; a sister Shena; also grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, July 25, at Bluff Springs Community Church with Paul Nuttall officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.

Yorgo Cabrera Pineda
Yorgo Cabrera Pineda, 43, of Nashville died Friday, July 17, 2026.

He was born August 1, 1982, in Honduras.

Survivors include: two sons, Isaac Cabrera and Leonardo Cabrera; his parents, Margarita Pineda Cruz and Mardoqueo Cabrera; three sisters, Yonia Cabrera Pineda, Erica Cabrera Pineda, and Sandra Cabrera Pineda; one brother, Edgardo Cabrera.

Visitation will be 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Graveside services begin at 2 p.m. at Ozan Cemetery at Bingen.

Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.

Mindy Kay Crews
Mindy Kay Crews, 60, of Murfreesboro died Friday,

July 17, 2026, in Little Roc.

She was born May 4, 1967, in Fort Riley, Kan., the daughter of Judy Wilson and the late John Middleton Jr.

Survivors include: two daughters, Jayda Spoo of Glenwood and Jayla Jones (Josh) of Nashville; four sons, Robbie Philhower of Florida, Keith Philhower (Vanessa) of Indiana, Justin Rodgers (Brooke) of Nashville, and Chris Rodgers (Nina) of Nashville; two

brothers, Mark Middleton of Alabama, John Middleton III (Stacy) of Nashville; two sisters, Krista Buck of Benton, and Shannon Fulcher of Mineral Springs; also grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Restland Memorial Park. Under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Online at latimerfuneralhome.com.

Independent political filing to begin

Independent candidates for county and municipal offices may begin filing at noon, Wednesday, July 29.

The filing period will end also at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 5.



KEEPING UP WITH THE COUNTY. Howard County Judge Brent Pinkerton addressed the Nashville Rotary Club, last week, and spoke about topics including the acquisition of a Mobile Command Center by way of online bidding jointly with the City of Nashville. The vehicle was shipped here from Washington State where it was also used as a mobile command post. The county’s share of the cost was \$45,000, the judge said. He also talked about the condition of county paved roads and his plan to ask the quorum court to agree to spend \$500,000 annually on roads. The money would come from the county’s share of the extended one-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2025. Club president Bobby Miller presided at the meeting which was held in Room 101 at UA-Cossatot.

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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



Dr. W.H. Cannon house in Saratoga, circa 1900

134 years ago: July 1892
Col. Dan Jones refers feelingly to the only legacy ‘us old Confederates’ have to leave our children. We suppose the children could take care of themselves if they are as shifty as the Colonel was at the battle of Mark’s Mills. Seventeen people in Little Rock were badly poisoned by eating arsenic in bread for supper Tuesday night. Cull, the famous racehorse, is making the present season at Hope. For terms and particulars write to J. L. White, Hope, Arkansas (Adv.) Buy the gilt-edge shoe dressing at Rector’s Drug Store, Nashville.

124 years ago: July 1902
Mrs. J.L. Babcock of this city is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Sargeant M. H. Hill, of the U.S. Army, written on the island of Samar, in which he states that hostilities have entirely

ceased in that section. A young man from Prescott who has been boarding at a home on Rose Hill, tried to commit suicide by taking Laudanum. A love affair is the cause of the trouble. The physician doubts that the man was sincere in his desire. There is any quantity of unimproved land from one to three miles of Ash-down which can be bought cheap that would make good homes.

80 years ago: July 1946
President Truman authorized the extension of the draft to men 19 to 29 and the Selective Service quickly tightened up on deferments. Farmers and farm workers will continue to get special consideration and fathers are exempt. About 140,000 Blacks have enrolled since last fall representing about one of

each five recruits. The army policy is to limit Blacks to a ratio of one-to-ten, in line with the ratio in the civilian population.

44 years ago: August 1982
Ken Williams of Nashville captured a gold medal last weekend for his first-place finish in the 100 meter breastroke at a two-day swim meet at the Little Rock Racquet Club. He swam the race in 1.19:24 in the 13 and 14-year-old age group. Williams was entered in four events and he won or placed in the same number. Ken earned a bronze medal for his 1.14:26 finish in the 100-meter butterfly race. He also won two fifth place ribbons in the 100-meter freestyle and the 200-meter freestyle. Ken is the son of Mickey and Nobie Williams of Nashville.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period July 9-15, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses
(Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office)
July 9. Jacob Albert Teague, 43, Mineral Springs, and Tammy Dean Lansdell, 44, Mineral Springs.
July 10. Abron Matthew Bass, 62, Little Rock, and Tamera Denise Chafin, 62, Nashville.
July 10. Samuel James Smith, 35, Mineral Springs, and Chynna Diamond Ware, 29, Mineral Springs.

Civil Court
CV26-124, July 10. Capital One vs. Michael Keeney. Contract.
CV26-125, July 13. PCA Acquisitions vs. Jerry Watts. Debt.
CV26-126, July 14. Casey Martin vs. Eldy Richardson and Tina Richardson. Declaratory judgment.
CV26-127, July 15. Crown Asset Management vs. Larenda Maldonado. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR26-65, July 10. Timothy Scott Ackley vs. Kelsey Leeann Clemons. Order of

protection.
DR26-66, July 10. Kelly Pace vs. Aron French. Divorce.
DR26-67, July 14. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Jace Amer-son. Support.
DR26-68, July 15. Juana Maria Ramirez vs. Jeremie Lynn Harris. 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.)
No new Criminal Court cases since CR26-45, June 29.

Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deed
July 14. Kenneth A. Dixon and wife Barbara G. Dixon; to Samuel A. Dixon, Trustee of the Dixon Irrevocable Trust; property in S13 T10S R27W.
Trustee Deed
July 10. Alan Ray Green, trustee of the Green Family Irrevocable Trust; to Alan Ray Green; property in S16/ S17 T9S R27W with excep-tions.
Redemption Deed
July 9. State of Arkan-sas; to George R. and Stella Shorter, Mineral Springs;

part of Lots 4 & 6, all of Lot 5, Block 14, McCullough Addi-tion, City of Mineral Springs, aka 127 N. Powell, Mineral Springs; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$1,908.56.

Distributee Deed
July 10. Bobby J. Farley, Jr., Distributee of the estate of Bobby Joe Farley, Sr., de-ceased; to Bobby J. Farley, Jr.; property in S30 T7S R28W.

Warranty Deed
July 10. Wayne Gardo-vsky; to Charlotte With-ers; Lot 19, Block 4, New Nashville Addition, City of Nashville. \$63,200.
July 13. Alan Ray Green; to Trustee of the Alan Ray Green Family Trust; prop-erty in S16/ S17 T9S R27W with exceptions.
July 13. (Special) HMOB, LLC; to John E. Hearn-sberger, Trustee of the John E. Hearn-sberger Trust and William B. Hearn-sberger, Trustee of the William B. Hearn-sberger Trust; each an undivided 1/2 interest in property in S28 T9S R27W and Units 1-2-4-5, Howard Horizontal Property Re-gime.
July 15. Sammy Coleman and wife Laurie Coleman and Jase Coleman; to Bobby Parson; Lots 1-2, Block 22, Original Town of Dierks. \$50,000.

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Point of view

Hobo memories

Goldie went ‘westbound’ many harvests ago

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I don’t remember exactly how my buddy and I started talking about hoboos, but maybe it was that old Roger Miller song “King of the Road.” My pal and I both liked Roger Miller and we had both conveniently memorized the words to the song even though we couldn’t remember the start-stop dates for the Civil War.

Roger humorously sang:
“I’m a man of means by no means,
King of the Road.”

Mine Creek
Revelations

By
Louie Graves

See, when we were kids the very idea of hopping an outgoing freight train wasn’t as foreign an idea as it is now. And at the time there were some men who didn’t have regular jobs and who traveled a lot --- we thought --- in order to stay out of John Law’s sight.

There were some female hoboos, too, but they were as scarce as hen’s teeth.

Our conversation eventually led to Goldie, the hobo who showed up here annually just before the peaches got ripe.

My memory was that for some unremembered reason I was askeered of Goldie, although he really wasn’t menacing. I heard he had summer residence here under the Mine Creek bridge on East Shepherd St. which was State Highway 27 at the time.

My pal thought Goldie had other digs --- maybe cooler and cleaner --- at other places in town in return for him sweeping and other chores.

Goldie was here because of peach activity, but that doesn’t mean he worked in the harvest. He just did odd jobs.

No one knew if Goldie had a last name. And I never heard how he got that Goldie nickname. Maybe he once had blonde hair; maybe he was totally bald. He was a little man, maybe less than five feet tall. He was short. To me he was scary.

What did Goldie do for entertainment in the days before color television and the internet?

Here’s what he did according to my observation.

After high school boys took their Saturday night girlfriends home by 11 like their dads said, the boys would gather up at a South Main Street service station.

Goldie would come, too, just to hear the boys tell lies and talk about the girls (please, we are no longer proud of this activity and we still don’t want the girls to know, so just keep yer trap shut when you’re around them).

The boys didn’t have a lot of time to lie and brag. They had to get the family car home by 11:30 like our dads said.

Overhearing this intellectual conversation about hoboos, another friend chipped in that Goldie wasn’t just here during peaches. He also showed up in town sometimes in colder months.

Kind business owners usually gave him a place to lay his head and get out of the cold when it got really bad, my second friend says.

Did he really get here by riding in an empty Missouri-Pacific boxcar? Or GN&A?

Or was it by hitch-hiking?

Goldie obviously traveled light. Among the few possessions he had were some medals he bragged he got by attending a hobo convention somewhere in Iowa. He couldn’t brag about the girls.

I asked Mr. Google, and he said that there really is an annual Hobo Days festival in August in Britt, Iowa, for ‘traveling workers.’

When a hobo died his traveling friends would say “He caught a westbound.”

You could probably wave at Goldie, now. I’ll bet he headed west long ago.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.

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THANKS TO RFK, Jr., President Trump’s pick to be the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Secretary Kennedy fired many of the researchers who WOULD have been working to find a cure and preventative for the 35 cases of cyclosporiasis that have been recorded in Arkansas.

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REALLY HATE to even mention this because it will cause us to have more rain, BUT the annual Perseid Meteor Shower is underway.

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HE SAID: “Associate yourself with people of good quality, for it is better to be alone than in bad company.” Booker T. Washington, educator and author

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SHE SAID: “Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.” Helen Keller, teacher

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby



250 Years of Freedom

On July 22, 1776, a front page printing of the Declaration of Independence in the *Boston Gazette*, with mast-head by Paul Revere, was published as the news was still being disseminated throughout the colonies in the wake of the Continental Congress’s vote in Philadelphia.

Benjamin Edes (1732-1803) is thought to have received the text of the Declaration of Independence on July 18 or 19 July, so his issue of the 22nd is the first of his weekly which could carry the news. The paper also told about the Continental Congress, the American army, the destruction of the equestrian statue of George III in New York, and a detailed account of the ceremony in which the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed at the Boston State House, 18 July: “At One o’clock the Declaration was proclaimed... after it was read and greeted with ‘three huzzas,’ thirteen pieces of cannon were fired,” a toast was offered ‘to the United States of America, the American Congress... & to General Washington,’ then ‘the bells of the town were rung.’”

National education requirements to be reduced for state’s schools

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

Arkansas will now have broader authority to shape its own education policies after the U.S. Department of Education approved the state’s Returning Education to the States Waiver, its application for Ed-Flex authority, and amendments to its federal accountability plan. Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced the approvals alongside U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon, calling the decision a major step toward reducing federal red tape and empowering local schools.

The waiver gives Arkansas greater ability to streamline federal funding, strengthen accountability, and expand flexibility for schools, particularly rural districts and programs serving advanced and alternative-learning students. State officials say the changes will help direct more resources to classrooms while reducing administrative burdens.

Through the new flexibility, the Arkansas Department of Education will be able to consolidate several federal funding streams, allowing the state to distribute money more efficiently and prioritize student achievement. The waiver also supports accelerated learning by easing certain requirements for students who complete high-school-level coursework before entering high school. Additionally,

it improves long-term accountability by ensuring students educated in alternative learning environments are counted with their home schools, providing a clearer picture of student success.

“Arkansas is giving students a better shot at success by trusting the people closest to them,” said Secretary McMahon. She noted that the waiver prevents federal dollars from “getting lost in bureaucracy” and helps schools strategically leverage funding to support advanced learners, rural communities, and students at every starting point.

Arkansas Secretary of Education Jacob Oliva said the approval marks a turning point. “For far too long, Arkansas was buried under duplicative federal systems that wasted taxpayer dollars and robbed our state and districts of flexibility and innovation,” he said. Oliva emphasized that the state’s strategy builds on the LEARNS Act, passed in 2023, and reinforced by strong recent student performance data. “ATLAS data proves LEARNS is working, and now Arkansas will be able to better support our most vulnerable students.”

Under the Returning Education to the States Waiver, Arkansas will:

- Consolidate four federal funding streams to provide greater flexibility in the use of federal dollars.

- Expand Alternative Fund Use Authority to more rural districts, giving local leaders increased decision-making power.

- Support advanced students by simplifying accountability rules for those completing high-school coursework early.

- Improve accountability by more accurately tracking long-term outcomes for students educated in alternative learning environments.

The waiver aligns with broader education reforms underway in Arkansas. Since the passage of the LEARNS Act, the state has expanded school choice, raised teacher pay, added literacy coaches and high-impact tutoring, strengthened accountability measures, and increased educational options for families.

Early results show measurable gains: this year’s ATLAS assessments reported increases in student proficiency across every grade and subject, with statewide proficiency rising more than 20 percent since 2024.

With federal approval now in place, Arkansas will continue tailoring its education system to a student-first approach. State officials say the increased flexibility will help districts invest resources where they are needed most, support accelerated learners, and maintain a more accurate and transparent accountability system.

Tax cuts from 2025 provide benefits

By Sen. John Boozman

Last year, Congress passed landmark legislation focused on making Arkansas and America stronger, safer and more prosperous.

Now known as the Working Families Tax Cuts, the package’s biggest achievement was to stop a looming \$4 trillion tax increase on hardworking men and women in our state and across the country. At a time when inflation is still too high, adding even more of a burden on Arkansans’ budgets would be disastrous.

Thankfully, we succeeded in preventing the federal government from taking an even bigger bite out of their paychecks or returns.

Our second priority was to help Americans keep even more of their hard-earned money in their pockets. That is why we included provisions such as no tax on overtime or tips, a bonus deduction for seniors on Social Security, permanently enhanced child tax credit and higher standard deduction — by double.

In fact, 97 percent of Americans who filed taxes this year got a tax cut. An analysis by the Department of the Treasury of this past tax filing season confirmed the Working Families Tax Cuts delivered the largest share of tax relief directly

to millions of low- and middle-income Americans. Of the historic refunds issued this tax season, 70 percent went to those earning less than \$100,000 per year, averaging over \$3,400. This was an 11 percent increase from last year.

Support for blue collar Americans was a defining feature of the bill, along with the pro-growth policies we advanced to help small businesses succeed and expand.

I am especially proud to have secured a generational investment for farmers, ranchers and rural communities by modernizing the farm safety net, which they will begin to see this fall, while raising the death tax threshold so they can have peace of mind about passing down the family farm to their children and grandchildren. We also managed to improve the disaster assistance programs they count on.

And there were more benefits for working families that are still coming into focus as the administration implements this law.

One example is the Accounts designed to give the youngest Americans long-term financial security. The program gives them and their families a head start in pursuing financial security through a savings and investment account that is tax-advantaged

and can receive contributions from family members, employers and others.

Additionally, the law expanded access to the Pell Grant program for students pursuing the skilled trades while also allowing 529 savings to be used for trade certifications and even tools — critical financial assistance that will also benefit our economy by preparing more workers to fill in-demand jobs and build rewarding careers.

That and more is now reality thanks to the passage of this law.

It was an honor to fight for these policies and secure their enactment. Every Arkansan I interact with agrees that things still cost too much, but these economic reforms are already helping create bigger paychecks while Congress and the Trump administration pursue additional solutions to help make life more affordable.

At the same time, we have worked tirelessly to secure the border, strengthen our military and curb violent crime. Taken together, these are significant achievements in the 12 months since the Working Families Tax Cuts became the law of the land.

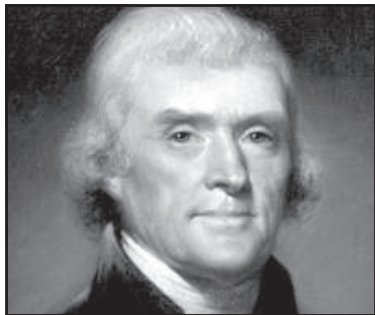
My colleagues and I will continue to prioritize Americans’ prosperity and safety.

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A drone's-eye view shows the proposed site for a pocket park on a vacant lot at 108 N. Main in Nashville.

Park

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years in Nashville. Dr. Hutchinson faithfully served the people of Nashville from 1882 to 1934.

He was widely respected and held several other positions that benefited the com-

munity, including County Health Officer and a position on the school board. Some historical reports also identify him as the school superintendent.

None of the plans for the proposed project are set in stone at this time. Many local residents have expressed interest in an art mural at the proposed location.

Another idea discussed was recognizing Nashville's heritage families and celebrating the industries that helped shape the community, such as peaches and poultry.

Main Street is the site of the annual Peach Blossom Festival.

Nashville is also unique in being the location of a

sauropod dinosaur trackway discovered in 1983 and again in 2011- possibly the largest dinosaur trackway in the world.

If you have concerns or would like to assist with this project, contact Nashville Chamber of Commerce Director Dena Tollett at 870-845-1262 or chamberdirector@nashvillearcoc.com.

School

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nancial report, which included the fiscal year that ended June 30.

The district was 92 percent through the budget when the year wrapped up,

according to Graham.

The final operating balance was \$5,590,179.

State law will not allow school districts to carry over more than 20 percent of revenue funds into the next fiscal year.

The board approved Graham's recommendation to transfer \$1,531,395 to the

building fund as the district has done each year since the law was enacted.

Board members voted to retire items on the fixed assets list, usually technology devices more than 10 years old.

The equipment that was removed from the district's inventory was valued at

\$107,448 when it was purchased new.

The board stayed with tradition and named new officers with rotation based on seniority. David Hilliard will be the president, Nick Britt vice president and Tem Gunter secretary. The position changes will take effect at the August meeting.

JPs

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of about \$128,000 is to be paid by the county. El Dorado architect Michael Rogers said that the

action will help the county get future grants to fund whole projects.

Rogers and his firm were recommended to the county by the Southwest Arkansas Planning & Development District.

The court heard updates

from Vanessa Weeks, executive director of Developing Howard County, and from Melanie Schwartz, manager of the Farmers' Market.

All JPs were present, including Kellyjo Oge, Kerry Strasner, Don Marks, Jerry Harwell, Liz McDaniel,

D'Ann Henderson, Andy Hogg, Janet O'Neal and Juanita Hendrix.

Constitutional officers included Sheriff Bryan McJunkins, County Treasurer Sheri Mixon, County Clerk Keri Teague and Judge Pinkerton.

Town hall at Tollette to feature state, local candidates

An open town hall featuring gubernatorial candidate Fred Love will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at the Tollette

School in Tollette.

All state and local candidates, regardless of political affiliation, are invited to be present and outline their

platforms to voters.

There will be a candidate presentation period followed by a public question and answer session.

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SCRAPPER

Youth football camp



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

Future Scrappers run from one station to the next at the youth football camp Monday, July 20, on the Scrapper practice field.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

Coaches Zach Stewart and Ty Gordon confer with young campers Monday afternoon.



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Coach John Martin sends players through their drills as others await their turn. About 90 youngsters in grades 1-6 attended Monday's opening session.

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Brief descriptions of qualifications:

- This job requires a minimum education of a high school diploma or GED
- Must have or be able to obtain both a Class III Wastewater license and a Class II Water license within 2 years.
- Must have a valid Arkansas driver's license

Brief description of duties:

- Be in good physical condition, as job requires physical labor in all types of weather

• Knowledge and Experience on a variety of equipment

• Have the knowledge to service and maintain equipment

- Any other duties the supervisor may assign

Personal qualifications:

- Have good hand/eye coordination

• Have a good clean appearance and teamwork attitude

- Be able to respond on a 24/7 emergency basis

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July 16, 2026
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Howard County
Beavers, Carlos, 51, Camden, \$441 BF, overload
Cornett, Thomas Ross, 68, Nashville, guilty of speeding,
fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Crowell, Jason, 45, Texarkana, \$255 BF, speeding; \$260
BF, failure to appear
French, Shamari, 21, Ashdown, \$15 BF, non-payment
of fines
Martinez, Oliver, 31, Nashville, guilty of third-degree
domestic battery, fined \$725 and no-contact issued for victim
Meeks, Dariyon T., 21, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of speed-
ing, fined \$265
City of Nashville
Altamirano Martinez, June, 34, Hope, \$210 BF, no driver’s
license / expired license
Boles, Lewis Manuel, 68, Phoenix, Ariz., \$250 BF, speed-
ing
Byers, Brittany, 27, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of
fines; \$701 balance
Childs, Geraldine F., 27, Nashville, guilty of expired
vehicle tags / no vehicle tags, fined \$125
Flowers, Keanay S., 22, Nashville, guilty of no proof of
liability insurance, fined \$125
Grant, Ieisha MariaM, 24, Siloam Springs, guilty of no
proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of speeding,
fined \$265
Hernandez-Luna, Jose G., 37, Nashville, \$310 BF, driving
on restricted license
Hill, Malachi J., 19, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liabil-
ity insurance, fined \$125; guilty of non-payment of fines;
\$2,097 balance
Jackson, Jamie K., 25, Hot Springs, guilty of attempt to
defraud drug / alcohol screen, fined \$725
Johnson, Billy R., 47, Nashville, guilty of driving on
suspended or revoked license, fined \$125
Martinez, Jacaline A., 22, Nashville, \$210 BF, no diver’s
license / expired license
Matlock, Floyd Junior, 60, Lewisville, guilty of expired
vehicle tags / no tags, fined \$125
Maxey, Samuel A., 26, Nashville, guilty of possession of
controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended
for six months
Mitchell, Deetrecia Nicole, 41, Nashville, \$15 BF, non-
payment of fines
Mullins, Seth K., 24, Nashville, guilty of possession of
controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended
for six months
Ramirez, Norberto, 31, Nash, Texas, \$210 BF, no driver’s
license / expired license
Rhodes, Mark D., 74, Nashville, guilty of driving on
suspended or revoked license, fined \$460
Sanchez Sarabia, Jesus, 35, Siloam Springs, \$210 BF, no
driver’s license / expired license
Warren, Joshua Hames, 45, Magnolia, \$210 BF, expired
vehicle tags / no tags
Wiley, Reginald, 46, Nashville, \$235 BF, drinking in public
City of Dierks
Moore, Cody R., 30, Broken Bow, Okla., \$265 BF, speeding
City of Mineral Springs
Clayton, Jacob L., 31, Nashville, guilty of third-degree
battery, fined \$675
Bench Trials
Howard County
Stickford, Melissa A., 52, Dierks, \$285 BF, disorderly
conduct
City of Nashville
Harris, James E., 71, Hope, speeding, under advisement
for six months to dismiss, fined \$255
Jefferson, Randy Jr., 37, Mineral Springs, guilty of expired
vehicle tags / no tags, fined \$110



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GETTING CLOSER. The million dollar makeover of Ayers Field in The Holler at Dierks is getting closer to completion and the big reveal by T-Mobile in September.

Deadline approaching for Pike County’s municipal races

The filing period for municipal elections is rapidly approaching. The process will begin on Wednesday, May 29 at noon and will close one week later on August 5 at noon. Candidates interested in running for municipal offices may still circulate petitions for signatures – which began on May 7th. The header of the petition must be completed with the candidate’s information and position they are running for prior to gathering signatures. Incomplete petitions will be voided and recirculation required. Positions up for election during the November General Election on November 3 are listed below with the current office holder:

TOWN OF ANTOINE
Mayor - David B Hendrix
Recorder / Treasurer - Christi Ewart
Alderman Position 1 - Carrie Tidwell
Alderman Position 2 - Lonny Van-Camp
Alderman Position 3 - Heath Van-Camp

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Alderman Position 4 - Vance Teel
Alderman Position 5 - Theresa House

TOWN OF DAISY
Mayor - Lisa Cogburn
Recorder / Treasurer - Melissa Jones
Alderman Position 1 - Linda Hughes
Alderman Position 2 - Rebecca Frazier
Alderman Position 3 - Scotty Frazier
Alderman Position 4 - Nicholas Stant
Alderman Position 5 - Helen Frazier

TOWN OF DELIGHT
Mayor - Lee Gatliff
Recorder / Treasurer - Dana Hightower
Alderman Position 1 - Rhonda Abbott
Alderman Position 2 - Ty Sherrod
Alderman Position 3 - Brandi “Row-ton” Martin
Alderman Position 4 - Ronnie Cox
Alderman Position 5 - Keith Woods

CITY OF GLENWOOD
Mayor - Billy Plyler
Alderman North Ward Position 2 - Johnny Cox
Alderman South Ward Position 2 - Chase Pope

CITY OF MURFREESBORO
Mayor - Jim O’Neal
Alderman North Ward Position 1 - Mark Barnes
Alderman North Ward Position 2 - Kirk J Stone
Alderman South Ward Position 1 - Lewis Gills
Alderman South Ward Position 2 - Jane Fugitt
Alderman West Ward Position 1 - Betty J O’neal
Alderman West Ward Position 2 - Cody Bachman

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Summertime Action

1 Echo, why are you bothering to learn how to canoe?

2 Well, I'm already a great swimmer, so I'm trying something new!

3 Don't you feel a bit like a fish out of water?

4 Nah! As you know, dolphins aren't fish. We're mammals. We are warm-blooded. Unless, of course, you are talking about the dolphin fish, which isn't **really** a dolphin. It's a cold-blooded animal. It's found in warm waters such as those around Hawaii and is commonly called Mahi-mahi.

Summertime Fun!

Hey, stop making waves!

Boy, Billy bug bobs beautifully!

stargazing

picnicking

swimming

camping

hiking

canoeing

Cheese will please these guppies!

Cheese?

Yuck!

Where Do You Go?

There is lots to do during the summer months! Match the summer activities to the spots you might visit to do them:

1. town fairs

2. baseball games

3. running races

4. nature hikes

5. outdoor concerts

A. woods, mountains, peaks

B. roads around town, tracks

C. fairgrounds

D. gazebos, town greens, parks

E. sports stadiums

1. ship cruises

2. tennis matches

3. yard sales

4. funhouses, rides

5. car shows

A. homes, yards, garages

B. amusement parks

C. courts

D. civic centers, parking lots

E. rivers, oceans

Coming! Almost done!

Be right there!

Coming!

Unplug from:

1. c _ llph _ n _ s

2. t _ l _ v _ s _ _ n

3. c _ mp _ t _ rs

4. G P S

5. _ m _ _ l

Then Spring Into Action:

A. write letter, address envelope, mail it

B. research reference books at library

C. study paper maps, a globe

D. visit and have a chat in person

E. enjoy a play at a theater or a school

Unplug. Then Spring Into Action!

Unplug from everything, then spring into action. Fill in the missing vowels to spell the names of things that you can unplug from. Next, match it to a fun activity to replace it!

Hmmm! I wonder if this would pop?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35

A P O Q N

B X R M

C Y S L

D V T K

G H U J

Water Toys!

Swimming is a big sport during the summer months. Connect the dots to see some toys to play with in the water.

Use the full activity page (top and bottom) to find and circle:

A. one word that rhymes with "biking"

B. two words that rhyme with "know"

C. 4 words that rhyme with "you" and

D. 2 words that rhyme with "lots."

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Heart&Home Healthy, Quick, Easy Summer Snacks

By Abby Gray
Howard County Extension Agent
Family Consumer Science

As temperatures rise and summer schedules become busier, nutrition experts say healthy snacking does not have to be complicated. Research-based guidance from federal health agencies and leading nutrition organizations suggests that simple snacks built around fruits, vegetables, fiber, and protein can help support hydration, satiety, and overall health during the summer months.

Health professionals increasingly recommend replacing highly processed snacks with whole foods such as fresh fruit, vegetables, yogurt, nuts, seeds, and whole grains. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nutrient-dense foods—including fruits, vegetables, protein foods, and whole grains—should form the foundation of healthy eating patterns, while foods high in added sugars and refined carbohydrates should be limited.

One reason summer is an ideal season for healthy snacking is the abundance of fresh produce.

Nutrition experts note that many summer fruits and vegetables also contribute to hydration because of their high water content. Incorporating fruits and vegetables into daily meals and snacks provides essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber while helping people feel full with relatively few calories.

Research-Based Summer Snack Ideas
Fresh Fruit with Yogurt

A bowl of berries, peaches, or melon paired with plain low-fat yogurt offers a combination of protein, calcium, and naturally occurring nutrients. The CDC recommends dairy products without added sugars, while the American Heart Association encourages pairing fruit with yogurt as a healthy snack

option.

Vegetable Sticks with Hummus

Carrot sticks, cucumber slices, celery, bell peppers, and broccoli paired with hummus provide fiber and plant-based nutrients. The CDC specifically recommends keeping washed and chopped vegetables available for snacking, while the American Heart Association lists raw vegetables with healthy dips as a smart snack choice.

Fruit Kabobs

Using seasonal fruits such as strawberries, melon, grapes, and pineapple on skewers creates a colorful snack that is easy to prepare and serve. USDA SNAP-Ed highlights fruit-based recipes and summer produce as convenient ways to increase fruit consumption.

Nuts and Fresh Fruit

Combining fruit with a handful of unsalted nuts adds fiber, healthy fats, and protein. According to Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, foods such as fruits, vegetables, legumes, and nuts contribute valuable dietary fiber, which can help manage hunger and support overall health.

Whole-Grain Crackers with Cheese

Whole grains paired with low-fat cheese provide a balance of carbohydrates and protein. CDC guidance encourages choosing fiber-rich whole grains and nutrient-dense protein foods as part of healthier meals and snacks.

Frozen Fruit Treats

Frozen grapes, banana slices, or blended fruit smoothies without added sugar offer refreshing alternatives to many traditional frozen desserts. The American Heart Association recommends fruit-based snacks and smoothies without added sugars as healthier choices during warm weather.

Fiber and Protein Remain Key

Research consistently shows that snacks containing both fiber and protein help promote fullness and may

reduce overeating later in the day. Fiber helps regulate digestion and blood sugar levels, while protein contributes to satiety and supports healthy eating patterns. Good sources include yogurt with fruit, vegetables with hummus, nuts with fruit, or whole-grain crackers paired with protein-rich foods.

Recipe: Watermelon Berry Yogurt Parfait

This simple summer snack combines seasonal fruit with protein-rich yogurt for a refreshing and nutrient-dense treat. Seasonal fruits such as watermelon, strawberries, and blueberries are widely available during the summer months and provide vitamins, minerals, water, and fiber. Plain yogurt contributes protein and calcium while avoiding the added sugars found in many flavored varieties.

Ingredients

- 1 cup diced watermelon
- ½ cup sliced strawberries
- ½ cup blueberries
- 1 cup plain low-fat Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)
- Fresh mint leaves for garnish (optional)

Directions

Layer half of the yogurt in a glass or bowl.

Add half of the watermelon, strawberries, and blueberries.

Repeat the layers with the remaining yogurt and fruit.

Top with chopped nuts and fresh mint if desired.

Serve immediately or chill for 15–20 minutes before serving.

Makes: 2 servings

This snack provides a combination of fruit, protein, and fiber that can help promote fullness and support healthy eating patterns. Watermelon and berries also contribute hydration because of their high water content, making them especially appealing during hot summer weather.



Stay Cool While You Shop at the Farmers’ Market

By Melanie Schwartz
Howard County Famers’ Market Manager

Summer is turning up the heat, but the Howard County Farmers Market is still the place to be on Friday mornings. With shaded pavilions, ceiling fans, and a welcoming community atmosphere, shoppers can enjoy the best of the season while supporting local farmers and artisans.

Last week, vendors offered onions, purple hull peas, local honey, farm-fresh eggs, hot peppers, okra, squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, and even a few early cantaloupes. As the growing season continues, each Friday brings something a little different depending on what’s ready to harvest.

This week, shoppers can expect fresh local produce, homemade baked goods, handmade crafts, and personal care products. Whether you’re stocking up on summer favorites or looking for something unique, there’s plenty to discover.

Need to cool off while you shop? Grab an iced coffee, fresh lemonade, or another refreshing drink from Aunt B’s Coffee Cart, then relax under the shade and gentle breeze of the market pavilion before continuing your visit.

The Howard County Farmers Market is open every Friday from 7 a.m. until noon at 110 S Washington Street in Nashville. Find us on Facebook for a full list of upcoming vendors.

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M’boro council hears business update, continues plans for UTV on city streets

By PJ Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond

The Murfreesboro City Council heard that finances were fine at Monday night’s meeting, after a gain of \$35,000 according to City Treasurer Penny Lamb.

After the council asked why -- following discussions about potential cuts coming just a few months previous -- she replied there was “no loss ... stuff comes due at the beginning of the year and has now come through ... sometimes it just takes a while, but we are on track.”

City Fire Chief Ricky Branch update the council on the recent closure of K&B Fuel and Nanny’s Kitchen.

Branch said the State Fire Marshall’s report had been released, and that it stated that the fuel component of the business was closed fol-

lowing discovery that the business and owner Henry Ward had never applied for the proper licenses and permits from the state to sell fuel.

He added that Ward had been aware of the lack of compliance issues since May.

Branch said the diner was closed after it was discovered the building was “not safe and contained potential hazardous breathing issues” leading to the building being condemned until sufficient repairs are made.

“The report says he can reopen after fixing the issues, but it will be a major undertaking,” said Branch, who noted that Ward had complied with all city regulations. “He did everything we asked of him -- the reason for closure was all state violations. When he called

initially and asked what he needed to do, I made him copies of the fire code laws, state gas tank regulations and handicapped bathroom regulations.”

Branch said the state code requires a submission of engineer drawings and plans to be submitted and approved before installation of gas tanks begins.

The council asked how it was put on the state’s radar, and Branch explained that it was from the Weights and Scales branch of the State and that it was noticed the business was not on the list for inspection along with the other Murfreesboro businesses they were here to visit.

“They noticed it wasn’t on the list when the were doing the rest of town,” said Branch. “That’s what go it

on the radar, then it was discovered that he couldn’t have certified his gas pumps as they were set up, and the ball began rolling, including inspection of the building.”

Branch said there were also outstanding questions to be answered about how Ward was able to purchase fuel without the proper permitted credentials as well as how the state Health Department cleared the restaurant for use in the first place.

Mayor Jim O’Neal asked the council if they had any questions, and suggested they fully read the report before the August 10 meeting.

“We can address any further issues next month after the council can fully read the report,” O’Neal said.

The council also began the task of passing ordinance 2026-3, which would

designate certain city streets and highways within Murfreesboro for use of utility task vehicles (UTV) as well as providing the rules of operation and enforcement regulations.

Prior to the council meeting, a town hall meeting was held to provide comments from the public on the issue.

Mayor O’Neal said ultimately the idea was to generate business and tax revenue for the city.

“We want to keep them [vacationers] here one more day, and if we allow them to utilize north and south Washington street, they can have access to the motels and restaurants before moving on to someplace else [outside the city] that is more fun to ride. Tourism is our industry. This could also open up businesses to rent, repair and

sell UTVs.”

It was noted that currently it was a rule that UTVs could not be parked at the Crater of Diamonds State Park.

Murfreesboro resident Rick Floyd said the initial talk of hiking and bicycle trails were preferable to him, citing them as being less impactful and more tourist friendly.

Floyd added that in cities ranked for quality of life, that the act of hiking or biking would allow for people to decompress by “getting away into nature” and exercising, which was much less a component of UTV use. He also said that bike rentals in town would be much cheaper.

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: SANDRA MYERS

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NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 119 W. Runnels St., Mineral Springs, Arkansas
Date of death: October 24, 2025

An instrument dated April 17, 2020, was on July 20, 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 July 22, 2026.

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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

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.

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Howard County will also accept bids for chip and seal overlays of various roads in the county. These bids should include the equipment to provide a double layer of chip and seal.

Bids will be opened July 31, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Howard County Judge’s Office, 421 N. Main St., Nashville, AR. More information is available by contacting the judge’s office at 870-845-7500.

Howard County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Brent Pinkerton, _____
Brent Pinkerton, Howard County Judge
(This publication was paid for by the Howard County Judge. The amount paid for this publication is \$74.70)
(HCJ: 5, 6)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: SHIRLEY ANN HARPER ANTHONY

CASE NO: 31 PR-26 -61

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 402 S. Arkansas Avenue, Dierks, Arkansas
Date of death: July 11, 2026

An instrument dated September 22, 2021, was on July 20, 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 July 22, 2026.

Pamela Dutra, Executrix, by
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(AB: 5, 6)

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MEET TEDDY THE OWL. The Pike County Library recently hosted the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Kat Chamber of Howard County and Teddy the barred owl. The visit was part of the library's summer reading program.

Hempstead County Economic Development responds to Hope Baking Company closure

Hempstead County Economic Development is saddened by the announcement that Hope Baking will cease operations, resulting in the loss of approximately 250 jobs in our community. According to information shared with employees, employment is expected to end on July 25th, following a notification distributed through the company's employee portal on the evening of July 18.

"Our thoughts are with the employees, their families, and everyone affected by this difficult news," said Anna Powell President of Hempstead County Economic Development.

"The closure of a major employer has a significant impact on our economy and

community, and we recognize the uncertainty many families are facing."

Hempstead County Economic Development is actively coordinating with state and local partners, including workforce development agencies, elected officials, and regional employers, to help connect displaced workers with available resources, employment opportunities, job training, and career transition services.

Additional information regarding workforce assistance, a hiring event, and available support services will be available on July 28 at Hempstead Hall from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Employees are encouraged to stay connected with

local workforce agencies for updates on job placement assistance and unemployment resources.

"Hempstead County Economic Development remains committed to supporting the community through this transition and to fostering long-term economic growth that creates quality jobs for the residents of Hope, Hempstead County and Southwest Arkansas. We will work closely with stakeholders to transition this property into a catalyst for future economic growth. The site holds strategic value and we are committed to finding a partner whose vision for modern investment and infrastructure will bring jobs back to Hope," said Powell

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Lamb stated that Highway 301 -- which takes visitors to the Crater of Diamonds State Park -- was not safe for bicycle riders with no shoulders on the road.

Councilwoman Jane Fuggitt said there had been attempted communication with the state about an augmented trail system at the local state park, much like they had done at Pinnacle Mountain and Queen Wilhelmina State Parks, but there was no positive response from the state park system.

Of course, any laws applying to visitors also apply to residents.

Therefore, the ordinance has certain regulations including:

- The exclusion of Owens, E. Brewer, E. Dickson, Reese, E. Haslip Streets, Second Avenue, Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue during school hours, which would be closed to UTV use during school hours and school functions, including the baseball fields.
- UTVs are not allowed in any areas not designated for motor vehicle traffic, such as sidewalks, grass, and walking trails.
- UTVs may not be operated in city limits between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Operation of lights attached to and contained in the UTV shall comply with ACA 27-36-208, which states that
- (a) Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle, other than headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle warning lamps, and school bus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three hundred candlepower (300 cp) shall be so directed that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of

the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than seventy-five feet (75') from the vehicle.

(b) (1) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device thereon displaying a red, blue, or green light visible from directly in front of the center thereof.

This subsection shall not apply to any vehicle upon which a red light visible from the front is expressly authorized or required by this subchapter.

(c) Flashing lights are prohibited except on:

- (1) An authorized emergency vehicle;
- (2) A school bus;
- (3) A funeral procession as provided in § 27-49-113;
- (4) Any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn; or
- (5) Any vehicle as a means of indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing.

Any violations of the ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$100 plus court costs for the first offense and not more than \$250 plus court costs for each subsequent offense, in addition to any penalties under state law.

The ordinance had its introduction and first reading at Monday's meeting, the second reading will be held in August and the third in September, at which time the council would take a vote.

The ordinance was made possible following the 2025 state law amending Arkansas Code 27-21-101 that allows for municipalities to designate city streets for used by UTVs.

O'Neal also reminded board members that petitions to run for their positions again would be due in two weeks, with the filing period ending on Aug. 5 at noon.

O'Neal stated for the record that he will not be seeking reelection for the position of mayor.

AUCTION
NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS
ESTATE OF PHILLIP MARKWENAS
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026
SALE TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: This sale will be held in Nashville at the Old Walmart building at SouthPark Shopping Center.

Central Machinery Metal Lathe, Central Machine 6x12 Surface Grinder, Birmingham Milling Machine, Jack Stands, Metal Band Saw, 2-Ton Motor Lift, Zay 7032G Milling Machine, Nice Big Tool Chest, Drill Press, Sand Blaster, 6½ Part Washer, 20-Ton Press, Air Compressor, 7000-Watt Generator, Spray Guns, Drill Bits, Calipers, Tool Boxes, Drills, Work Tables, Tap & Dies, Bolt Pullers, Air Hose Reel, Chain Saws, Hand Tools, Wrenches, Hammers, Vac, Punch Sets, Bench Grinders, Machinist Tool Boxes, Weedeaters, Floor Jacks, Air Tank, Pipe Wrenches, Hand Grinders, Bolt Puller Set, Small Hand-held Metal Band Saw, Tool Chest, Lift Push Cart, Sockets, Small Bins, Lots of Machinist Tools, Several Small Work Table, Hand Tool Boxes, and many more items too numerous to mention.

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Scrappers on the field, Scrapperettes on the court

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D.J. Jefferson makes the throw during 7-on-7 tournament action in Ashdown Tuesday, July 14. The Scrappers wrapped up their 7-on-7 schedule July 21 in Hope.



Jacoby Hopson (2) runs the ball after a reception in Nashville's win over Mineral Springs July 14 at Ashdown.



Coach Brad Chesshir and Coach Tyler Clift instruct the Scrapper defense last week during 7-on-7.



Nashville and Mineral Springs players shake hands after their game July 14.

35 days remaining

in the Countdown to the Scrappers' first game Aug. 28

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415 N. Main

Nashville, Arkansas

Come Worship With Us!

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night

6:00 p.m.

Rev. Kevin Sartin

SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Future Scrappers, Nashville

About 90 youngsters grades 1-6 attended the opening night of Scrapper youth football camp July 20 on the practice field. The three-night camp was led by Nashville coaches and players.

This weekly feature sponsored by McDonald's of Nashville

845-2364

South Fourth Street



Ava Basiliere (44) hits a three-point shot against Bryant during team camp Thursday, July 16, at Lake Hamilton.



Emma Hill (11) keeps the ball away from the Lake Hamilton defender at team camp last week.



Nashville Junior High Scrapperettes control the ball last week at the Lake Hamilton team camp.

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