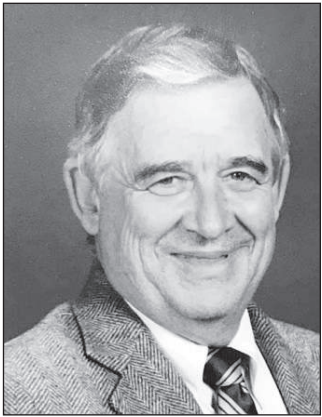


Obituaries



Connie Mac Milum
Connie Mac Milum, 93, of Nashville, Ark., passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on Aug. 8, 2026. He was born on June 15, 1933, in Pyatt, Ark., the only child of R.A. and Zena Huddleston Milum.

Connie Mac grew up in Flippin, Ark. After graduating from Flippin High School, he attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. In 1953, eager for adventure and a chance to serve his country, he paused his studies and joined the United States Navy as a pilot. He was sent to Pensacola, Fla., for flight training and was later stationed at NAS Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Fla., where he served as a member of the “Grim Reapers” fighter squadron. It was in Jacksonville that Connie Mac met and married the love of his life, Gail Scarborough Milum, on May 25, 1957.

Connie Mac loved his home state of Arkansas. After completing his active-duty service in the Navy, he and Gail returned to Fayetteville and he earned his bachelor’s degree in ag business from the U of A. After graduation, he was hired by Central Soya and was sent to Murfreesboro, Ark., to begin his career in the poultry industry. Connie Mac later started Sunnyside Poultry Company in Nashville, Ark., and was a founding board member of Citizens State Bank. In 1979, Connie Mac and Gail embarked on a new adventure, moving to Pine Bluff, Ark., and establishing Milum’s First Class Feeds. Wherever he lived, Connie Mac was actively engaged in the communities he called home, participating in numerous civic and religious organizations.

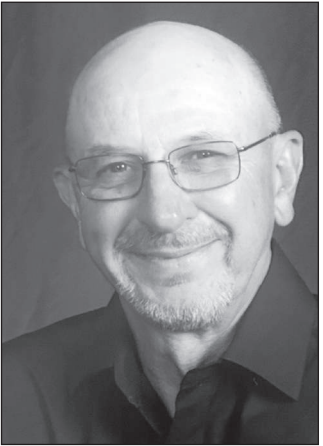
After his retirement, Connie Mac and Gail moved back to Nashville, where he was a member of First United Methodist Church. He was a devoted supporter of his grandchildren and the Scrappers, attending countless football, baseball, and basketball games, dance recitals, tennis matches, and award assemblies.

Although he had many accomplishments throughout his life, nothing brought Connie Mac greater pride and joy than his family. He is survived by his loving wife

of 69 years, Gail; his children, Mike Milum (Cathy) and Stacy Purnell (Robert); his grandchildren, Meredith Milum DuBose (Connor), Michael Milum (Whitney), and Nancy-Gail Purnell; his great-grandchildren, Mary-Milum DuBose, Cooper Milum, Rush DuBose, Conley Milum, Wyatt DuBose, and Mitzi-Catherine Milum; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son-in-law, Rick Purnell.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Sammy Barnes, NP, and Connie Mac’s care team at the VA Clinic in Hot Springs; Ashton Sirmon, Sharon Rauth, and Kaitlin Woodruff of Elite Hospice; and Cristy Adams, Bonnie Self, and Freddie & Michelle Ortiz for their exceptional kindness, compassion, and care.

Connie Mac’s life will be celebrated on August 12, 2026, at First United Methodist Church in Nashville, Ark., with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. and the memorial service immediately following at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church in Nashville, the Nashville Scrapper Booster Club, or the charitable organization of your choice.



Thomas Jay Tollett
Thomas Jay Tollett, 69, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026.

Jay was born Jan. 2, 1957, in Nashville, Ark., to Leroy “Buck” Tollett and Winnie Pearl Tollett. A lifelong son of Nashville, Jay graduated from Nashville High School and went on to spend nearly 40 years with Husqvarna, where he built a career marked by hard work, loyalty, and dedication before his retirement.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents, Buck and Winnie Pearl Tollett, and his brother, Alan Tollett.

He is survived by his wife, Terre Tollett; his son, Chris Tollett and wife Rebecca; his daughter, Mandi Tollett Houk and husband Chris; and five grandchildren, Mallory, Will, Graham, Miriam, and E.B., who were among the great joys of his life.

He is also survived by his brothers, Don Tollett and Ralph Tollett; his sister, Judy

Stewart and her husband, Jerry; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends far too numerous to list.

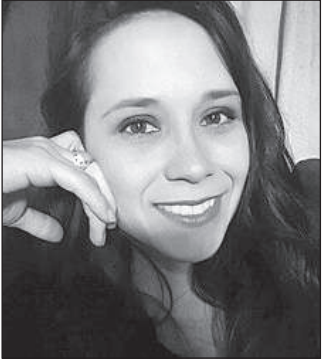
Jay spent his life surrounded by people. He had a gift for knowing folks, remembering them, keeping up with them, and making connections that lasted across years and miles. Family, friendship, and community were not separate parts of Jay’s life—they were woven together. If you knew Jay, there was a good chance he knew your people, too, and an even better chance he had a story about them.

He loved his family deeply, valued a good story and a good laugh, and never seemed to meet a stranger. The measure of Jay’s life can be found not simply in the years he lived or the work he did, but in the extraordinary number of people whose lives crossed his and were made a little richer for having known him.

He leaves behind a family who loved him dearly, a hometown filled with memories of him, and friendships and connections stretching far beyond Nashville.

His absence will be deeply felt, but the love, laughter, friendships, and family he leaves behind will carry his memory forward for generations to come.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday night, Aug. 12, 2026, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home. A memorial service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Bro. Kevin Sartin and Chris Tollett officiating.



Kali Anne Gregory Hasty
Kali Anne Gregory Hasty, age 35, passed away on July 25, 2026. Kali was a beloved mother of four children, a daughter, niece, cousin, and friend who brought deep love and joy to those closest to her.

Kali’s sudden departure leaves a profound void in the hearts of her family and friends, who will always

cherish her memory, her unique spirit, and whimsical humor.

Kali is survived by her father, children, and many extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville, with Bro. Tim Freel officiating; burial will follow in Liberty Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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

Robert Lynn O’Neal
Robert Lynn O’Neal, age 77 of Murfreesboro, A., passed away on Monday, Aug., to the late Tannie and Ruby Folsom.

Robert was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. He was a devoted husband, Father and Grandfather. He was a retired locomotive engineer for Kansas City Southern Railway for over 30 years.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, Infantry division and fought in the Vietnam War.

He loved being outdoors camping, hunting, fishing or working in the shop.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Wanda O’Neal; two sons, Stuart O’Neal and Jay O’Neal and his wife, Alana; three grandchildren, Madison O’Neal, Kane O’Neal and his wife, Emma, and Aaron Lott.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026, the First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro .

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. O’Neal’s memory to The Roy Cemetery Fund, 2306 Hwy. 301 S, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

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

Debbie S. Floyd
Debbie S. Floyd, 65, of Murfreesboro died Aug. 3, 2026. She was born Feb. 9, 1961, in Bluffton, Ind., the daughter of the late Dean Edward Ford and Mary Sue Smedley Ford.

Survivors include: her husband, Ranay Floyd of Murfreesboro; her son, Marshall Floyd; a sister, Stacey Furr; and a brother, Shane Ford.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Celebration of Life and Balloon Release for Margaret Denise Archer

Sunrise: February 25, 1960
Sunset: July 21, 2026

Surviving Spouse: Mr. James L. Archer married 46 years.



**Saturday, August 15th from 5 - 7p.m.
at Victory Way Free Church
of God True Holiness
400 E. Russell**



Ida Mae White Horn
Mrs. Ida Mae White Horn, age 88, a resident of De Queen, passed from this life on Friday, August 7, 2026, at Sevier County Medical Center.

She was born to Ridgeway and Ida Mae Barbo White on December 14, 1937, in Kinder, Louisiana. She married Carrol Horn on October 14, 1967, in DeQuincy, Louisiana. They shared 48 wonderful years together until his death in 2015. She was a homemaker and worked at Fort Polk, Louisiana, before moving to De Queen. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of Colonial Wars, the Ancient and Honorable Society, the Descendants

of the Mayflower Society, and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She and Carrol were members of the AKC Kennel Club, and she enjoyed showing her dogs. Ida also enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading, shopping, and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Carrol Horn.

Ida is survived by her special children, Debi Lee of De Queen, and Dena Tollett of Nashville, Arkansas; her special friends, Ernestine Watkins, Mary Ida Pearce, Greg and Maribeth Revels, all of De Queen, Tommie and Andra Ayers of Texarkana, Texas, and Pat of Dierks, Arkansas.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Ida Horn will be held at 11:00 A.M., Friday, August 14, 2026, at Redmen Cemetery with Bro. Kenny Haney officiating, under the direction of Chandler Funeral Home in De Queen, Arkansas.

Visitation will be on Thursday, August 13, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. You may send an online condolence at www.chandlerfuneral.com.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Clarence Dallas would like to express our deepest gratitude for the love shown us during this difficult time. Thank you for the flowers, food, prayers, phone calls and visits. We take comfort in knowing he is pain free walking the streets of gold and one day we will join him.

Thank you,
The Dallas Family

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THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Nashville Scrapper second team 1947-48. (Photo loaned by Susan Nannemann)

124 years ago: August 1902

Cy Griffin, a well-known citizen of Sevier County, whose home is near Walnut Springs, allegedly shot his wife with a revolver, after which he attempted to commit suicide with the same weapon.

Neither Griffin nor his wife were badly wounded. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were living together at the time of the shooting, notwithstanding that the woman had instituted proceedings for a divorce.

They became involved in a quarrel last Saturday, when Griffin shot his wife in the forehead. The ball did not penetrate the skull, but running around under the skin came out at the back of her head. She fell to the floor and her husband thinking that he had killed her, fled to the woods. After going some distance, Griffin thought he heard pursuers following and placing the revolver to his neck and he fired.

In this instance, as with his wife, the ball did not do the work intended but glanced around and came out on the opposite side of his neck.

(Adv.) Have a Coke. 5¢

80 years ago: August 1946

Pete Diggs died in a De Queen hospital last Tuesday at noon as a result of an accident last Monday. He was employed by the Dierks Lumber and Coal Co. and was helping load logs when one of them fell on him.

He was carried to the De Queen hospital and lived until Tuesday. The deceased is survived by his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Diggs of Provo.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 acres of the 52,000-acre Southwestern Proving Ground area near Hope are permanently lost to agricultural or other use and will be sealed off with a charged fence indefinitely as too dangerous for occupancy as a result of shells and traps in the firing range according to the Federal War Assets Corporation.

64 years ago: August 1962

Twenty marijuana plants were harvested and destroyed Tuesday afternoon by Sevier County Sheriff David Godwin. The plants, which averaged five feet

in height, were found near Lockesburg. Also destroyed were other plants found in various parts of the county recently.

Ray Kennedy, a veteran lineman for the Southwestern Electric Power company here is recovering from a spine injury suffered in a fall in July. Mr. Kennedy fell some 22 feet from a power pole on East Clark Street and was taken to Memorial Hospital

A fellow worker said he was descending the pole and coming around some metal connections when his spikes apparently slipped. No bones were broken.

44 years ago: August 1982

A knee injury jeopardizes Mark Millwood’s pro career. The ex-Scrapper signed, with a bonus, as a wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons has suffered two injuries to the same knee, reducing to only four the number of full practices in pre-season camp according to his father, Bill Millwood.

Millwood was an all-state athlete at Nashville High and then went on to become all-AIC with Arkansas Tech University.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Arkansas, courthouse during the period July 30-Aug. 4, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

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

Civil Court
CV26-138, July 29. Merrick Bank vs. Tyease White. Debt.
CV26-139, July 29. LVNV Funding vs. Joshua Grubbs. Contract.
CV26-140, July 29. SLR, LLC vs. Scotty Gaddis. Replevin, contract.
CV26-141, July 30. PCA Acquisitions vs. Jerry Watts. Debt.
CV26-142, Aug. 3. LVNV funding vs. Rosemary Penney. Debt.
CV26-143, Aug. 3. Ally Bank vs. Fred Mays. Debt.
CV26-144, Aug. 4. LVNV Funding vs. Suzanne Kight. Debt.
CV26-145, Aug. 5. Diamond Bank vs. George Shorter. Mortgage foreclosure.

Domestic Relations Court
DR26-71, July 31. Kynsie Bea Hill-Launius vs. Cason Launius. Divorce.
DR26-72, Aug. 3. Amber Hohenstein vs. David Hohenstein. Divorce.
DR26-73, Aug. 4. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Jaquel McGough. Support.
DR26-74, Aug. 5. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Eduardo Ortiz. 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.*)
CR26-51, July 28. State of Arkansas vs. John Paul Garate, 24, white male, Nashville; breaking or entering, class D felony; inhaling certain compounds, misdemeanor
CR26-52, CR26-53, CR26-54, Aug. 3. State of Arkansas vs. Rickey Piniero, 67, white male, Dierks; all are appeals of District Court findings.
CR26-55, Aug. 4. State of Arkansas vs. Felix Lorenzo Gomez, 27, Hispanic male, De Queen; electronic facilitation of child sex abuse, class B.
CR26-56, Aug. 4. State of Arkansas vs. Cayden Collins, 18, black male, Mineral Springs; commercial burglary, class C; theft of property, misdemeanor; handgun possession on school property, class B; theft by receiving, class D.
Land/Property Transactions
Quitclaim Deed
July 31. Nancy Sharon Seale individually and as surviving spouse of Walter Dewitt Seale, deceased; to SAC, LLC; Lots 1-2, Block 2, Murray’s Second Addition, Town of Dierks.
July 31. Lisa E. Boozer; to Jason D. Boozer; 30 ac. in S9 T9S R27W.
Aug. 03. Leamon Wray Edwards and wife, Rebekah Edwards; to Remington Miller and Macy McCamack; 15.56 ac. in S35 T9S R28W.
Aug. 04. Rachell Millward, et al; to Charlie Bennett and Rachell Millward; aggregate 0.66 in S14 T11S R28W.
Aug. 04. Jackie Carl Robinson, et al; to Jackie Robinson and Sammy Maxwell Robinson; property in S21 T10S R27W.
Distributee Deed
July 30. Diana Sharp, Distributee of the Small Estate of Edward L. Sharp, deceased; to Diana Sharp; properties in S13/S27 T7S/10S R9W/27W.
Warranty Deed
July 30. Randall D. Pugh and wife Kelly R. Pugh; to Cameron Pugh; 30 ac. in S11 T6S R29W. \$105,000.
July 31. (Correction of Special Warranty Deed)

HMOB, LLC; to John E. Hearnberger, trustee of the John E. Hearnberger Trust, et al; each 1/2 interest in 1.619 ac in S28 T9S R27W and Units 1-2-4-5,Howard Horizontal Property Regime.
July 31. John E. Hearnberger, Trustee of the John E. Hearnberger Trust, et al; to Howard Memorial Hospital; 1.619 ac in S28 T9S R27W and Units 1-2-4-5, Howard Horizontal Property Regime. \$1,700,000.
July 31. SAC, LLC, through Manager Gregory Dewitt Seale; to Dalton Saxour, LLC; Lots 1-2, Block 2, Murray’s Second Addition, Town of Dierks. \$95,200.
July 31. Janice Hughes; to Brandi M. Sharp and Michael Bradley Hughes; property in S16 T8S R28W, life estate reserved.
July 31. Andrew Jackson Davis III; to N&M Davis, LLC; 3 tracts in S17/S31 T9S/T10S R28W with exception. \$241,000.
Aug. 03. Don Pounds, surviving spouse of Wanda Pounds, deceased; to John Henderson and wife Elizabeth D’ann Henderson; Lots 1-2-3 and part of Lot 4 plus part of alley; Block 54, City of Nashville. \$20,000.
Aug. 03. Leamon Wray Edwards, et al; to Remington Miller and Macy McCamack; 6 ac. in S34 T9S R28W. \$172,000.
Aug. 03. (Correcting error in legal description recorded July 31, 2026) Andrew Jackson Davis III; to N&M Davis, LLC; Tract 2 in S31 T9S R28W.
Aug. 04. Jonathan Paul Simon; to Joe Scott Floyd, part of Block 8, Town of Center Point. \$10,000.
Aug. 04. Jackie Carl Robinson, et al; to Corey Whisenhunt and wife Anna Whisenhunt; 3 tracts in S21 T10S R27W. \$702,000.
Aug. 05. Donnell Bullock and wife Felicia Bullock; to Rosalva Cuevas; Lots 1-2-3, Block 7, SREDC Addition to Nashville. \$35,000.

One sentence imposed; trial date set

Two persons charged with sex crimes appeared last Wednesday, Aug. 5, before Judge Tom Cooper. One pleaded guilty and was sentenced; the other pleaded not guilty and had a date set for trial.

The guilty plea was by Katie Winer, 36, white female, Umpire, who was charged in 2025 with first degree sexual assault and with endangering children in sexual conduct for use in visual or print medium. The charges were class A and Y felonies, respectively.

According to the police file, she was a schoolteacher at Dierks, and the victim was a 16-year-old male student at Dierks.

In addition to having sexual relations over a period of time, the two allegedly exchanged nude pictures, resulting in the latter charge.

Winer pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 20 years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), with a further eight year suspended imposition of sentence, meaning eight more years could be added to the term. She must register as a sex offender.

Felix Gomez, 27, Hispanic male, De Queen, pleaded guilty through an interpreter.

He is charged with electronic facilitation of child sexual abuse, a class B felony. Pretrial motions will be heard Sept. 30, and a Nov. 3 trial date was set.

More sentenced

Sentences were handed down for several defendants who pleaded guilty:

--- Nicole Marie Thomas, 34, white female, Mineral Springs, charged with possession of controlled substance with purpose of delivery. She was sentenced to 60 days in a regional punishment facility, a \$2,500 fine, and five years of probation.

--- Ransdale Hockaday, 77, white male, Nashville, was charged with Arkansas

Hot Check violation, two counts. The second charge was not pursued by the state. He was sentenced to two years of probation, a fine of \$250, and must make restitution of \$11,900.

--- Latre Richards, Jr., 25, black male, Nashville, was charged with several counts of delivery of controlled substance enhanced by proximity, and unlawful use of communications equipment. Several of the charges were not pursued by the state, and he was sentence to a combined 10 years in the ADC. A probation revocation trial on another charge will be held.

--- Alex Allen, 24, white male, Ashdown, was charged with residential burglary and theft of property. He was sentenced to a fine of \$2,500 and probation of five years.

--- Robert Johnson, 56, black male, Mineral Springs, was charged with theft of property, criminal trespass and fleeing. He was sentenced to two years in the ADC with four years suspended imposition of sentence, to be served concurrently with a sentence from Hempstead County.

--- Robin Atterberry, 50, black male, Delight, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to probation of six years and a fine of \$2,500.

--- James Summers-Smith, 33, white male, Delight, was charged with possession of controlled substance. He was sentenced to 20 years in the ADC plus six years suspended imposition of sentence.

--- Meagan Hill, 31, white female, Nashville, had already pleaded guilty to original charges of drug possession and domestic battery, and returned for formal sentencing, which was five years in the ADC.

Trial dates set

Pretrial and trial dates were set for a defendant that pleaded not guilty to felony charges, including:

--- Caden Collins, 18, black male Mineral Springs, who is charged with commercial burglary, theft of property, handgun possession on school property and theft by receiving. Motions will be heard Oct. 7.



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Point of view

Pooper Pond

City missed anniversary of a fragrant event here

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I have a sneaking suspicion that the Powers-That-Be are going to overlook the anniversary of a big event in the history of our town.

Actually, the anniversary date has already passed --- I'm talking about the day in 2009 when a dozen Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (G&FC) guys gathered at dawn at the wastewater treatment pond south of Walmart on Highway 27B.

They were there to do something about the resident population of Canada Geese which had totally gotten out of hand. In fact, the big birds were disrupting nearby traffic, and may have been trying to flag down drivers to ask for handouts of corn.

As both of you know, the official name of the body of water is Lake Chiffon. If you don't believe me just look on Google Maps. This newspaper declines to use the trashy other name for the impoundment --- Lake Lottahockey. We're fortunate that they don't call it Pooper Pond.

But I digress. On that memorable day the uniformed Arkie G&FC biologists arrived with a half-dozen boats which they launched with much grumbling.

The Arkie G&FC Navy herded the birds to the bank and they were unceremoniously tossed into a cattle trailer and were hauled off to a lake near Lewisville.

Why didn't the geese simply fly away? I have been reliably told that it was because the geese were molting and were thus unable to get airborne to safety. How clever these biologists were to choose the right time!!

Maybe as many as a dozen birds escaped anyway, and as soon as the G&FC cattle trailer left they came back to restart the Lake Chiffon population of Canada Geese.

At the time, Liz McDaniel was a city employee at the wastewater treatment plant. She was also the City's Unofficial Chief Disinformation Spokesman for Lake Chiffon.

I asked her what the Lake Chiffon Monster did whilst the pond was invaded by the G&FC Navy.

She said that the Monster -- if it really existed at all --- was nowhere in sight. She said she was not admitting it existed, but if it did it was probably as big as a Chevy Crewcab. If it slinked away from the action -- if it even existed -- it would have left a wake as big as a Coast Guard Ice-breaker. That is, if it existed which she was not admitting.

The newspaper reporter did manage to get his story, but had left his camera/phone at home on the charger, so he did not get a picture of the 12 Arkie G&FC biologists' uniforms abandoned and hanging on the fence which the city had put up to keep visitors away.

The uniforms were rather fragrant from all the splashing of the Great Goose Roundup, and the biologists insisted they did not want the uniforms returned.

Same with the square-nosed boats they used to herd the geese to shore. And the paddles. And the lifevests. You can pick 'em up cheap.

City Hall has excused itself for ignoring the anniversary, saying that the remaining resident geese cause no problem.

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: Half the people you know are below average.

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AND ANOTHER THING. Sometime in recent weeks I've become unable to turn pages of my book, whether at bedside or at church. And I am unable to get dental floss to let go of my fingers.
No cash reward offered for any useful suggestions.

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HAVEN'T SEEN IT, yet, but I understand that the 'Farmers Almanac' is predicting a wetter, colder winter for the Southern states. Usually pretty accurate.

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HINDSIGHT. This is a needed repeat of part of last week's column. Ain't hindsight great? There are some 'experts' in the U.S. Senate who have attacked Dr. Anthony Fauci for his handling of the Covid crisis. He was a physician, scientist and immunologist, and was medical advisor to the President during that crisis.

He is being raked over the coals for the shutdown of the country and his efforts effort to stop the spread of what we now know was a fatal virus. I am thinking about some wonderful local people who still died of Covid despite all efforts.

Hindsight is so nice. We can also look back and say it was too bad that we dropped The Bomb on Japan to end WWII.

Rest assured these guys think they know more about the spread of lethal viruses than a mere immunologist.

The same people that are attacking Dr. Fauci don't want you to have your children vaccinated against measles.

I wish the GOP senators would get to the bottom of why all Epstein Files can't seem to be released as ordered by the courts.

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HE SAID: "By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest." Confucius, Chinese philosopher

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SHE SAID: ""An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets, the more interested he is in her." Dame Agatha Christie, British author of detective novels

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations



By
Louie Graves

Legislative review of compliance with Lake View decision underway

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey
The Arkansas Educational Adequacy Report is a biennial, legislatively mandated study that evaluates public school funding, resource distribution, and whether the state's K-12 finance system meets constitutional requirements. The Senate and House Education Committees lead the review, and recent documentation is available on the Arkansas State Legislature's Adequacy Reports webpage.

A major focus of the study is the state's funding formula, including foundation funding and the resource "matrix" that outlines staffing and operational needs for a standard 500-student district. Lawmakers also assess compliance with long-standing legal benchmarks, particularly the Arkansas Supreme Court's decision in *Lake View School District No. 25 v. Huckabee*.

That ruling requires the state to provide an equal and adequate education and to monitor how well districts are able to meet student needs. The adequacy review additionally tracks expenditures, categorical funding, and updates to teacher retirement and health insurance programs.

The 2026 review began in February, with committee chairs Senator Jane English and Representative Keith Brooks inviting all members

of both Education Committees to participate. Their work continues more than two decades of legislative oversight prompted by the Lake View decisions.

In 2001, the Pulaski County Chancery Court found Arkansas's school finance system inequitable and unconstitutional. The Arkansas Supreme Court upheld the ruling in 2002, citing the state's failure to define adequacy, low statewide academic rankings and benchmark scores, high college remediation rates, uncompetitive teacher pay, recruiting challenges, and unmet needs among students in poverty, English learners, and districts with either low income or rapidly growing enrollment.

In reaffirming that all students must receive an adequate education on a substantially equal basis, the Court directed the state to define adequacy, evaluate public education statewide, and monitor how revenues are spent to ensure equal opportunity.

Current data highlight ongoing challenges. Under the state's long-term ESSA plan, 80 percent of students in each federally reported subgroup are expected to score proficient.

No subgroup has met that benchmark. No grade level between third and tenth grade has exceeded 39 percent proficiency

in reading or science, or 43 percent in math.

Currently, schools receive an average of \$15,499 per student from a combination of local, state, federal, and grant sources.

As part of the adequacy process, lawmakers may consider changes across several areas. In funding, they can revise the tool used to determine foundation funding; increase or decrease funding levels; adjust what is funded; alter spending restrictions; or change distribution methods. Policy-related options include modifying staffing levels, adjusting curriculum requirements, changing accountability structures, or expanding district flexibility. Statutory considerations may involve refining the definition of adequacy, revising what must be studied, expanding how statutory duties are carried out, or introducing new data elements and fund codes to support more precise analysis.

The adequacy study will conclude with a final report containing recommendations for the 2027-2029 biennium. Each recommendation must include timelines, implementation steps, responsible agencies, required resources, and draft legislation. The final report is due to the Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House by November 1.

Support for law enforcement important in Arkansas, nation

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

The men and women in law enforcement dedicate their lives to protecting their neighbors, responding in moments of crisis and helping build stronger communities. They answer the call when others need help most and deserve our support and the tools necessary to serve safely and effectively.

To support public safety, we must build trust between law enforcement and those they serve.

Across The Natural State, National Night Out events give residents and officers the opportunity to create or maintain relationships outside of emergency situations. The Pine Bluff Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office hosted a joint event where residents could connect with the officers who serve them. Rogers and Springdale also hosted events recently that brought families and first responders together to reinforce healthy police-community partnerships. And a similar opportunity is scheduled for residents of Bentonville in October.

These gatherings remind us that the men and women behind the badge are also our neighbors, friends and fellow Arkansans.

But building trust must be matched with action. Our officers need the tools, training and resources to safely serve their communities and respond to the challenges they face every day.

Law enforcement agencies in our state recently received significant federal investments to support public safety. A federal STOP Formula Grant provided \$1.8 million to strengthen statewide initiatives, while additional Byrne Justice Assistance Grants are helping departments purchase equipment, improve training and expand their ability to combat crime. I am pleased that the Working Families Tax Cuts package bolstered these successful programs so they can support even more law enforcement agencies with resources to combat violent crime.

I have also worked to secure targeted investments through the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations process, including \$5.5 million to establish the Arkansas Criminal Intelligence Network, allowing agencies to share critical information and evidence analysis in real time.

Additional funding I secured is supporting real-time crime centers in Jonesboro and Batesville, upgrades for the Bald Knob Police Department and resources for the Arkansas State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Crime does not stop at city or county lines, and our efforts to combat it shouldn't either. By improving information sharing, expanding technology and strengthening partnerships be-

tween agencies, we can better protect Arkansas families.

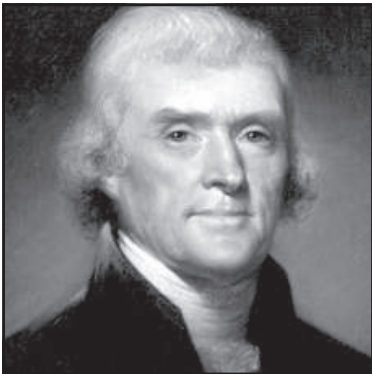
Enhancing tools, resources and training for first responders is an important part of promoting public safety. And it is unquestionably necessary in light of the risks they face every day. That is something we must never lose sight of.

Earlier this summer, Arkansas lost one of these heroes when Marked Tree Police Officer Trevor Howard was killed while serving his community. On June 28, Officer Howard lost his life in a vehicle crash when an impaired driver struck his patrol vehicle after running a stop sign. His fellow officer, Anthony Johnson, was also injured and has since recovered.

Officer Howard served with the Marked Tree Police Department for nearly two months after spending five years with the Lawrence County Detention Center. He leaves behind family, fellow officers and a community grateful for the role he played in protecting them. We continue to keep his loved ones and colleagues in our thoughts and prayers.

Supporting law enforcement is an ongoing commitment. By strengthening trust between officers and the people they serve, providing agencies with the resources they need and honoring the sacrifices made by those who wear the badge, we can help build a safer, stronger Arkansas.

“Crime does not stop at city or county lines, and our efforts to combat it shouldn’t either. By improving information sharing, expanding technology and strengthening partnerships between agencies, we can better protect Arkansas families.”
Sen. John Boozman



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NEW FACULTY AND STAFF. Superintendent Doug Graham introduced new employees during the Nashville School District’s general faculty and staff meeting Wednesday, July 29. They include (front) Gabi Bevill, Abbie Lamb, Avy Martin, Ashley Morrow, Emily Robins, Cassandra Hamilton; (back): Jana Stewart, Emily Kesterson, Lee Greenfield, Clara Prater, Kimberly Greenfield, Shytionna Swift, Ashley Walston, Dalton Robertson, Lorena Slatton, Tara Green, Nathaneal Staggers, Spencer Green, Ty Gordon.



BACK TO SCHOOL. Nashville High School seniors Lily Arbuthnott, Anna-Kate McKinnon and Lariat Morris visit at the “last first day of school” breakfast Monday, Aug. 3, in the First Baptist Church Family Activities Building. Classes began Aug. 3 in the Nashville School District.

Bible prophecy meeting during August in Nashville

There will be a free Bible Prophecy meeting on 12 nights in August in the GreenRoom of the Nashville City Park.

Dates will run through Thursday, Aug. 20 with varying times. Remote participants may register for the sessions at: AttendSeminar.Live/Nashville.

Mass schedule at St. Martin’s to change starting this weekend

The Mass schedule for St. Martin’s Catholic Church will change as of the weekend of Aug. 15-16. The new schedule was announced recently by the pastor, Fr. Martin Seibold. On Saturdays there will be a bi-lingual service at 5 p.m.; and there will be a Mass in Spanish at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

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Races

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was asked by the City Council to serve as interim mayor when then-Mayor Mike Reese was medically incapacitated for several months. She served both offices for approximately nine months, and was later an unsuccessful candidate for mayor at the end of Mayor Reese's term.

Other races
Other candidates also filed as independents for Howard County municipal positions in the Nov. 3 General Election, in several instances creating races. In addition to Windham and Woodruff, independent candidates included: Nashville City Council --- Joe Hoen, incumbent al-

derman Ward 1 Position 2; Carol Mitchell, and Gynder Benson, alderman Ward 5 Position 2. Mitchell is a former member of the City Council.

Tollette --- for alderman, Henry Jackson, Position 1, Lois Hendrix, Pos. 2, Pamela Miller, Pos. 3, Martha Forte, Pos. 4, and James Porter, Pos. 5. All are incumbents.

Also at Tollette, incumbent Brenda Porter for mayor, and incumbent Dorothy Walker, Recorder-Treasurer.

City of Dierks --- incumbent Ronald Cogburn and Jesse Edge for mayor; incumbent Sherri Edge and Kristi Janes, for City Treasurer. All filed as independents.

A complete list of candidates in Howard County will be printed later.

Early voting for the General Election will begin Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Grant

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to the chamber if it is successful getting the grant in the amount of \$74,460.

He said that the city could donate the space to the chamber as an in-kind contribution worth more than \$20,000.

The council also went into an executive session in which some water office personnel matters were discussed.

No action was taken in open session.

The newspaper was not in attendance at the meeting.

Practice

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pers’ schedule are the rescheduled Bash Aug. 14 and the Arkansas Activities Association benefit against Hot Springs Lakeside Aug. 18 at Scrapper Stadium.

“We’re excited about the Bash. It’s a good opportunity for the community to come out and support our kids in all fall sports, and the band, cheerleaders and junior high,” Chesshir said.

“We hope to see all our fans. The kids are looking forward to getting there. It’s an exciting time, time to roll.”

The season will officially open Friday, Aug. 28, at home against Bismarck. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

The remainder of the non-conference slate includes a trip to Magnolia Sept. 4 and a home game against Arkansas High of Texarkana Sept. 11

The Scrappers will have an open date Sept. 18 before opening the District 7-4A schedule Sept. 25 at home against Arkadelphia.

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Practice under the lights

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Micah Thompson (32) stops Kishon Jefferson (4) near the endzone Friday night, Aug. 7.



Scrappers warm up on the new turf at Scrapper Stadium before their practice Friday, Aug. 7. Turf installation was completed earlier in the day at the stadium and during the night in the Scrapper Dome.



Jacoby Hopson scores last Friday night.



Gauge Applegate (11) runs the ball during practice Friday night, Aug. 7, at Scrapper Stadium.



DJ Jefferson (8) hands the ball off to Bryce Perrin at the practice. The Scrapers will participate in the Back-to-School Bash Aug. 14 at the stadium.

Coming up
Back-to-School Bash Friday, Aug. 14
Host Hot Springs Lakeside in AAA benefit Aug. 18
First game of season Aug. 28

16 days remaining in the Countdown to the Scrapers' season opener Aug. 28 at home against Bismarck

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Area athletes

Practice and the actual season are underway for high school athletes. Football players are continuing their practice schedule. The season has opened for golfers and tennis players, with cross country coming up. Cheerleaders and band members are preparing their routines for the games.

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IN PIKE COUNTY. Steve Campbell (at left) and Jamie Terrell of the Murfreesboro Advertising & Tourism Commission with one of the new Glen Campbell Memorial Highway signs in Campbell's hometown of Delight.

Pike County’s favorite son honored with memorial highway designation

By PJ Tracy

Murfreesboro Diamond

The Glen Campbell Memorial Highway is now official.

Signs were placed recently on State Highways 301, 19 and 26 by Branch Construction.

The legislative effort was started in 2023 in Arkansas Senate Bill 535 that was sponsored by local elected officials Senator Steve Crowell and Representative Justin Gonzales following the groundwork being done by the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission.

The bill stated that “Glen Travis Campbell was born on April 22, 1936, in Billstown, Arkansas ... [and] began to learn to play the guitar when he was four years old with a five-dollar guitar bought from the Sears, Roebuck Company catalogue.”

Campbell, who left Arkansas during his teenage years “always billed himself as being from Delight, Arkansas” and would go on to “achieved fame within the music industry by playing guitar with well-known musicians, including the legendary group of studio musicians known as the Wrecking Crew, The Beach Boys on their landmark album, Pet Sounds; Frank Sinatra on Stangers in the Night; and The Monkees on I’m a Believer.

Campbell would achieve solo fame with the songs such as Gentle on My Mind, By the Time I Get to Phoenix, Galveston and Wichita Lineman.

He also has star appeal on the screen and not just the radio airwaves, appearing in several movies and shows with Arkansas connections, including “True Grit”, based on Arkansan Charles Portis’ novel of the same name and as the star of the movie “Norwood” based on the book also by Charles Portis as well as hosting The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour and The Glen Campbell Music Show.

In his later years, in 2014, Campbell raised awareness about Alzheimer’s disease when he opened up to his fans about his struggle with the disease in a documentary chronicling his farewell tour called “Glen Campbell: I’ll Be Me.

Campbell died on August 8, 2017, and is buried in the Campbell family cemetery in Billstown.

The bill stated that “the designation of the Glen Campbell Memorial Highway is essential to preserve the music history of southwest Arkansas; [to] honor one of

Arkansas’s famous sons; and [to] promote the economic development of communities in Pike County.

While the bill didn’t pass in 2023, in late 2025 the City of Murfreesboro, the Town of Delight and the Pike County Quorum Court all passed resolutions in support of the act.

On Dec. 5, 2025, the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission, with chairman Jamie Terrell’s signature, sent a letter of request to the Arkansas Highway Commission to officially approve the measure of the memorial highway.

Then, on Feb. 13 of this year, the Arkansas Department of Transportation replied to the commission saying they preliminary approved the plan with only the details of sign left to be worked out.

“It means everything ... not just to the family, but to the communities,” said Steve Campbell. “We get about 6-10 visitors a week at the cemetery, and a lot of tourists come through here for the diamond mine, for the lake, and hunting. It’s just an experience. Having the Glen Campbell Highway down 301 to 19 and 29 back into Delight it guides people. This is where he came from.”

Steve, who is Glen’s nephew, would go onto tell a story “from back in the old says.”

He said on the stretch of Highway 301 headed to the Pike County Courthouse square, the Campbell family came to the Pike County Fair in Murfreesboro, approximately 1939-1940.

“All the family would come ... Uncle “Shorty” Campbell and my father were part of a mule race that started about here [where First Baptist Church is now] and ended at the courthouse square. These mules had already brought the wagons with the Campbell family in it. There were about six to eight entries. They took off -- but there was a blacksmith’s shop on the right just before the square. These mules had been taken to this blacksmith’s shop many, many times. Shorty was in third place, but when the two mules in the lead peeled off to go to the blacksmith’s shop, the lead two mules turned in, allowing Shorty to go right on by to win the race.”

Steve said the award was free ride tickets at the fair, which Shorty eventually “shared with his brother after he saw his long face.”

“So the history is all right here in the area,” Steve concluded. “It will be good for all of south Pike County, the whole of the county, good for everybody.”

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From The Sidelines to the Principal's Office

Dierks High School's new principal ready to tackle job

By John Balch
News-Leader

This school year at Dierks High School opened under the new direction of first-time administrator Paul Ernest, who is still known as "coach" after years on the sidelines. His transition from longtime coach to high school principal comes with built-in challenges Ernest said he is already tackling.

"Without a doubt the biggest challenge I face is overcoming the stigma of 'another coach who moved into administration,'" Ernest said as he prepped for the start of school this week.

"That somehow means athletics will get priority over education, that I'm not willing or able to understand problems in the math classroom. Coaching is moving people from one place forward to another.

"Whether that's on the field or in a classroom the same truth remains. Move people."

Ernest has 25 full-time years in the educational field but this is his first time in the principal's chair. "I have served as a fill-in at each school I've taught for various reasons and various lengths," he said. Serving as athletic director and Dean of Students has placed me in the room but never at the head of the table."

Ernest is originally from central Ohio and he moved to Horatio in the summer of 1985. He graduated from Horatio in 1991 before attending Henderson State University to earn his Bachelor of Science in Education. He also graduated from Arkansas State University in 2010 with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership.

His first full-time job was in 2000 at Horatio High School where he taught English, physical education, health and driver's education, as well as getting on the sidelines for the first time as an assistant football coach, assistant baseball coach and eventually head football coach.

He also served the Nashville School District from 2010 to 2015 when he taught test preparation with an emphasis on writing while also getting on the field with the Scrappers as assistant football coach, offensive coordinator, assistant baseball coach and head softball coach.

Ernest left Nashville in 2015 to take the lead for the Gentry Pioneer's football and softball programs.

He returned to Southwest Arkansas in 2020 to serve as offensive coordinator and Dean of Students at Mineral Springs High School before taking over as head coach for the 2021 season.

Ernest completed his

"Howard County triangle" in 2021 when he was hired by Dierks as athletic director, head football coach and head baseball coach.

It's a little early in the game, but Ernest said he sees many similarities between coaching and being an admin.

"The most glaring similarity is that in coaching I always tried to surround myself with assistants who were hard-working, trustworthy and experts at their job, give them the tools they need, clear obstacles, then get out of their way and let them do the job."

Ernest said the high school staff are certainly up to that task.

Another similarity would be what Ernest, a self-described nerd, said involves what was his favorite part of coaching: Organizing and studying data, developing a plan to attack weakness and emphasize strengths.

"There is so much more to dive into and the areas are so broad that it presents challenges I have really enjoyed taking on."

One big difference at his new job is the extent of the behind the scenes duties that seem to never stop.

"There is no off-season. It's all go, all the time."

The coach in him can't help but set goals and he already has some for his first



New Dierks High School Principal Paul Ernest

school year.

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#3. "Bust attendance numbers for the state."

When he first took the principal job, Ernest thought the students would be his #1 concern. "But, I quickly learned the students have 46 adults who put them first all the time. Students might not see it, but it's true. I have to provide materials, time and tools for our facility to do their thing."

He added, "I will be relying completely on the faculty and staff to reach each of the goals I have set for the year."

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Bryan McJunkins
Howard County Sheriff

They’re going back to school at Mineral Springs

School Supt. Jondavid Amerson says that the recognition was not exactly expected, and was the “Gold Standard” for Arkansas schools.

The Mineral Springs district was recognized recently as one of the top 10 in the state for percentage increase in achievement.

In addition to some campus beautification projects, MS students will notice some new faces and changes.

For one thing, Grades 6-7-8 will be separated into a true junior high school. The students will be housed in the ‘old’ high school building.

Among the new faces are band director Jacob Capper who was hired by the board a week ago. Also new is Resource Officer Jerry Carey who comes to the job with experience gained in a career with the Department of Justice.

School faculty for 2026-27;

Kindergarten --- Aubrie Lance, Sherri Marshall.

1st grade --- Kim Lacy, Amanda Shanks.

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3rd grade --- Sandra Hernandez, Viri Gallardo.

4th grade --- America Pulido-Rojas, Lisa Duren.

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Prosecutor Bradford bails on remaining term, governor appoints replacement

Ninth Judicial District West Prosecutor Jana Bradford will not fulfill her elected term and will be replaced next month by a former opponent appointed by the governor.

Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders announced Monday the appointment of longtime Ashdown attorney and former prosecutor Mickey Buchanan to serve out Bradford’s term, effective Sept. 2.

The judicial district includes Howard, Pike, Little River and Sevier counties.

The governor’s announcement did not provide a reason for Bradford’s decision to step down.

Buchanan’s appointed

term will end Dec. 31.

Buchanan was defeated by Bradford for election to the prosecutor position in 2022 and Bradford took office in January 2023. Bradford was defeated for another term this year by her former deputy prosecutor, Erin Hunter of De Queen, who takes office on Jan. 1.

Arkansas added to list of ongoing cyclospora outbreak states

By Ainsley Platt
Arkansas Advocate

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention added Arkansas to its list of states connected to an ongoing outbreak of a parasitic illness linked to lettuce, the state health department confirmed Wednesday.

The microscopic parasite known as cyclospora has sickened thousands of people across the U.S. in recent weeks. Arkansas and five other states were added to the list, bringing the total number linked to the outbreak to 15.

As of Wednesday, 205 cyclospora cases have been confirmed in the state, according to the health department. The majority are

concentrated in northwest Arkansas. More than half of identified cases are in Benton County.

Michigan, which has logged more than 12,000 cases, announced the first known deaths connected to the outbreak earlier this week. The two people who died had “significant underlying health conditions,” Michigan’s health department said.

The parasite can cause severe diarrhea, as well as nausea, cramping and loss of appetite. Austin Porter, Arkansas’ state epidemiologist, said in a statement that not everyone infected will have symptoms.

“Symptoms may seem to go away and then return one

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Dinkins, Blake T., 27, Nashville, \$210 BF, expired vehicle tags/nbo tags
Evans, Michael Andrew, 29, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Jefferson, Dorrell, 41, Nashville, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Jones, Jeffrey L., 55, Mineral Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$245; guilty of tampering with evidence, fined \$235
Jones, Tierra, 40, Nashville, \$255 BF, speeding
Pessel, Brady Owen, 31, Texarkana, Texas, \$195 BF, running stop sign or light
Pierce, Johnny, 31, Ozan, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$670 balance
Wildbur, James C., 38, Nashville, \$265 BF, failure to appear
Wilkerson, Heath A., 51, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$5,297 balance
City of Nashville
Abalos, Claudia E., 39, De Queen, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Abalos, Karla, 20, Russellville, guilty of theft of property, fined \$698
Acosta, James, 18, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver’s license/expired license; \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance

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Burruss, Darrell E., 72, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460 and sentenced to two days in jail-suspended
Gonzalez, Usvaldo N., 49, Nashville, guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined \$210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Haywood, Terrance Jaymes, 30, Ashdown, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Hernandez, Benito, 51, Nashville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
Hernandez-Gonzalez, Vanesa, 33, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver’s license/expired license
Lee, Deborah Kaye, 62, De Queen, \$240 BF, speeding
Maxwell, Victoria N., 22, Mineral Springs, \$285 BF, disorderly conduct
Miller, Jeffrey L., 58, Columbus, \$230 BF, speeding
Pryor, Dariyonna Rachelle, 21, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Rhodes, Blake A., 21, Nashville, \$230 BF, speeding
Richard, Later S., 25, Nashville, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$710
Saldana, Miguel, 53, Murfreesboro, \$390 BF, shoplifting; \$265 BF, failure to appear; \$265 BF, failure

to appear
Schmidt, Jacqueline, 46, Lockesburg, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$1,717 balance
Silvrantz, Dawn Michelle, 53, Glenwood, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Wright, Bailey E., 23, Nashville, \$255 BF, speeding
City of Dierks
Lollis, Justin, 30, Emmet, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of defective equipment on vehicle, fined \$225
Nimmala, Jayaprakash, 41, Round Rock, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding
Paslay, Timothy, 46, Texarkana, \$240 BF, speeding
City of Mineral Springs
Saldana Miguel, 53, Murfreesboro, \$390 BF, shoplifting; \$245 BF, fictitious vehicle tag/license; \$245 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$265 BF, failure to appear
Bench Trials
Howard County
Landers, Charles Franklin, 44, Bogata, Texas, guilty of speeding, fined \$215
Reyes-Gibson, Juan, 78, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360
Roberts, Marcus, 52, Fort Worth, Texas, guilty of consuming or possession alcohol while on duty, fined \$255
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White, Caney David, 17, Nashville, loud exhaust, under advisement for one year to dismiss

UAHT college recognized in top 250 trade schools by USA TODAY

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana has been named one of the 250 best trade schools in the United States in USA TODAY’s 2026 ranking of America’s Best Trade Schools.

UAHT was one of only six schools in Arkansas selected for the national list, highlighting the university’s commitment to providing affordable, hands-on education that prepares students for successful careers in high-demand fields.

“This national recognition reflects the outstanding work of our faculty, staff, students and industry partners,” said UAHT Chancellor Dr. Ricky Tompkins. “At UAHT, we are committed to helping students develop practical, career-ready skills while providing employers with the highly trained workforce they need. Being named one of America’s best trade schools confirms that our programs are making a meaningful difference for our students, our communities and the regional economy.”

UAHT offers career and technical education programs designed to prepare students for direct entry into the workforce or continued professional advancement. Programs include

welding, diesel technology, electromechanical technology, industrial maintenance, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, construction technology, and more.

USA TODAY’s America’s Best Trade Schools 2026 list recognizes institutions across the country that provide strong vocational and career-focused educational opportunities.

ASP urges caution as school starts

To help keep Arkansas students, families and communities safe as the new school year begins, the Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office is conducting the “Extreme Safety” campaign from August 10 through August 16. The campaign encourages motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to practice safe behaviors during the busy back-to-school season when more children are walking and biking.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 73 pedestrians and pedalcyclists were killed on Arkansas roadways in 2024. Also in 2024, the state recorded 178 serious pedestrian injuries and 50 serious pedalcyclists injuries. Of the 603 total traffic fatalities, in Arkansas, these vulnerable road users accounted for 12 percent.

“Back-to-school means more children walking to

bus stops, more families crossing streets and more bicycles on our roads,” said Arkansas Public Safety Secretary Colonel Mike Hagar. “Every driver has a responsibility to slow down, eliminate distractions and stay alert, especially in school zones and residential neighborhoods. By working together, we can help ensure every student arrives safely to school and returns home safely each day.”

The “Extreme Safety” campaign highlights simple life-saving actions for everyone on the road:

- Drivers: obey posted

speeds, put the phone down, stop for pedestrians in crosswalks and expect foot and bike traffic in school zones and neighborhoods.

- Cyclists: wear a helmet, check the bike before riding, use lights and reflective gear after dark and follow traffic laws.
- Pedestrians: use sidewalks, cross at marked crossings, make eye contact with drivers before stepping off the curb and stay aware of your surroundings.

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Rising Childcare Costs Continue to Challenge American Families

By Abby Gray
Howard County EA
Family Consumer Science

Access to affordable, reliable child-care remains one of the most significant challenges facing American families in 2026. Family and Consumer Sciences professionals recognize that childcare affects family finances, workforce participation, and overall family well-being, making it an important issue for communities across the country.

Recent reports indicate that child-care expenses continue to place considerable pressure on household budgets. The economic impact extends beyond individual families, influencing employers, local economies, and workforce stability nationwide. According to a 2026 ReadyNation report, difficulties related to childcare cost the U.S. economy approximately \$172 billion annually in lost earnings, productivity, and tax revenue.

Researchers found that more than 90% of parents report experiencing challenges with childcare availability, and over 60% of working parents report being late to work, leaving early, missing workdays, or being distracted at work because of childcare issues. These disruptions affect both family income and business productivity.

The financial burden on families can be substantial. National estimates suggest that full-time infant childcare averages approximately \$14,760 per year, although costs vary significantly depending on location. In some areas, annual childcare expenses exceed the cost of in-state college tuition.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services considers childcare affordable when it costs no more than 7% of a family’s income. However,

current data show that many families spend substantially more than that benchmark. Some households report spending 20% or more of their annual income on childcare.

In response to these challenges, families are increasingly seeking strategies to manage childcare expenses. Family and Consumer Sciences educators recommend:

Creating a detailed household budget that includes childcare as a fixed expense.

Researching eligibility for childcare assistance programs.

Utilizing dependent care flexible spending accounts when available.

Comparing center-based care, family childcare homes, and shared care arrangements.

Planning for childcare costs before major family transitions such as returning to work after the birth of a child.

Research also highlights ongoing challenges within the childcare industry itself. A report from Child Care Aware of America found that reimbursement rates often do not fully cover the actual costs of providing quality care, creating financial strain for providers and limiting available spaces for families.

Despite these obstacles, experts emphasize that quality childcare provides important benefits for children’s development while supporting parents’ ability to participate in the workforce. As communities continue to address affordability and accessibility issues, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals remain committed to helping families locate resources, develop financial management skills, and make informed decisions regarding

childcare options.

Black Bean & Corn Salad

This economical, nutritious recipe comes from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Foodwise Program and is rich in fiber, protein, and vegetables.

Ingredients

1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed

1 (15-ounce) can corn, drained, or 2 ears corn, cooked and cut from the cob

3 fresh tomatoes, cubed and drained

1 green bell pepper, chopped

2 celery stalks or ½ cup cucumber, chopped

2 cups cooked quinoa

1 teaspoon dried cilantro or 2 teaspoons fresh cilantro

1 clove garlic, minced (or 1 teaspoon garlic powder)

2 tablespoons lime or lemon juice

¼ cup vinegar

¼ cup oil

Directions

Drain and rinse black beans and place in a medium-sized bowl.

Add corn, tomatoes, green pepper, celery or cucumber, and cooked quinoa.

Stir in cilantro and garlic.

In a separate container, combine lime or lemon juice, vinegar, and oil.

Pour dressing over salad and toss to combine.

Refrigerate until thoroughly chilled before serving.

Nutrition Tip:

Beans are an affordable source of protein and fiber. Rinsing canned beans can help reduce sodium content while maintaining nutritional value. This salad can be served as a side dish, a light lunch, or as a topping for leafy greens.



Area 4-H members receive state scholarships

More than 40 Arkansas 4-H members start college later this month with scholarships earned through years of project accomplishments, leadership development and community service through 4-H.

The Arkansas 4-H Foundation recently awarded \$91,500 in college scholarships to 41 members. The scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$8,000 each.

The scholarships were announced July 22 during Arkansas 4-H State O-Rama, a four-day event held on the University of Arkansas Fayetteville campus.

The largest scholarship — the Sue Marshall Scholarship — provides \$8,000 to recipients. Opal Samons of Montgomery County and David Culver of Franklin County each received the award.

Local 4-H members receiving scholarships included:

Zack O. and Jennie D. Jennings Scholarship — \$2,000

Kyle Williamson, Sevier County

Division of Agriculture Livestock — \$2,000

Tessa Deann Stone, Nevada County

4-H License Plate Scholarship — \$2,000 each

Ahvielle Wilson, Faulkner County

Krystal Estrada, Benton County

Jacob Seymour, Sevier County

Arkansas 4-H Centennial Endowment — \$2,000

Annah Martin, Greene County

Advanced Record Book Winners

Forty-one 4-H members were advanced record book winners and will receive \$1,500 sponsorships to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta in November.

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Kody O’Brien, Outdoor Education

Pike County

Cayden Ballard, Civic Engagement

Cale Humphry, Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Management

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Several Pike County contested races set for Nov. 3 ballot

Following the closure of the filing period for municipal elections last week in Pike County, several positions will be contested in the the November elections.

Jack Bonds and Mary Jean Barbre filed for the position of Murfreesboro mayor.

Also in Murfreesboro, three people -- Patrick May, Doris Scoggins and Angie Strawn -- filed for the West Ward position one on the city council.

In addition in Murfreesboro, Mark Barnes filed for North Ward position one, Joan Hooper for North Ward position two, Lewis Gills for South Ward position one, Jane Fugitt for South Ward position two and Cody Bachmann for West Ward position 2.

The Town of Delight will see no contested races with filings from Lee Gatliff for mayor, Dana Hightower for recorder/treasurer, Rhonda Abbott for council position one, Ty Sherrod for council position two, Brandi Rowton for council position three, Ronnie Cox for council position 4 and Chris Goodson for council position 5.

Incumbent Glenwood Mayor Billy Plyler registered for election along with Johnny Cox for councilman of North Ward position two in Glenwood. South Ward position two on the council went without a filed candidate.



Murfreesboro Diamond photo

BALLOT DRAW. Pike County Election Commission Dr. Terry Hutson conducts the ballot draw last week with West Ward Position1 Murfreesboro City Council candidate Doris Scoggins.

In the Towns of Daisy, Lisa Cogburn filed for mayor, Rebecca Frazier for recorder/treasurer, Amanda Huggins for council position two, Scotty Frazier for council position three and Nicholas Stant for council position four. Council positions one and five saw no

candidates file.

No one registered for election in the Town of Antoine in any of the positions, including mayor, recorder/treasurer, and positions one through five on the council.

The elections will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Murfreesboro man charged after short pursuit; Prescott man charged with drug possession

A Murfreesboro man has been charged with multiple offenses related to a traffic stop that he allegedly fled from earlier this month.

Darrell Edward Evans, 60, was charged Aug. 7 in Pike County Circuit Court with fleeing, resisting arrest, speeding, defective brake lights and driving left of center. Evans pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday and a Sept. 28 pretrial date was set.

According to case information, the Murfreesboro Police Department was attempting to stop Evans in a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado on Aug. 2 when he allegedly failed to stop.

Evans led an officer on a short pursuit up Highway 19 North before driving through a ditch and pulling up in front of his residence. Evans reportedly did not comply with the officer's commands but later com-

plied after the officer's Taser was deployed.

After Evans was placed under arrest, he stated, "I'm not going anywhere until I talk to (Pike County Sheriff) Travis Hill."

The pursuit reached speeds of 75 to 80 MPH n a 55 MPH zone with an approximate distance of 3.10 miles.

Also on Aug. 7, Jeremy Ward, 34, of Prescott, was charged in Pike County with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop July 30 in Delight.

Ward pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday and a Nov. 30 pretrial date was set.

According to case information, Ward was stopped for unconfirmed liability insurance and an inoperative lamp.

A check of Ward's status showed he had a search

waiver on file due to a previous conviction and a search of his person and vehicle took place.

Suspected methamphetamine weighing .42 grams and paraphernalia were recovered.

Two Sentenced Monday
During Monday's court in Pike County, two defendants were sentenced after entering guilty pleas.

Joshua G. Lemons, 35, of Nashville, pleaded guilty to the charge of criminal nonsupport; sentenced to four years of probation, fined \$1,500 plus court costs and ordered to satisfy child support arrearage.

James Lloyd Cogburn, 61, of Glenwood, pleaded guilty to the charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); sentenced to four years of probation and fined \$1,000 plus court costs.

Pike County murder trial pushed back to October

The murder case against a Pike County man has been given another continuance and is set for pretrial in October.

Gage King, 24, of Murfreesboro, is charged with the second-degree murder of Daniel Cain Lamb, 44, on June 18, 2025. He was

scheduled for a pretrial on Monday, Aug. 10 but the case has now been moved with an Oct. 5 pretrial date and a jury trial date set for Oct. 22.

NCC's Tea with Miss Arkansas' Teen set for Aug. 24 at Midtown Social

The Nashville Chamber of Commerce will host "Tea with Miss Arkansas' Teen" on Aug. 24 immediately following the Howard County Fair Parade.

The gathering will be held at Midtown Social, 117 East Howard St., and tickets are now available ay the NCC office or House of Crystal Bridal and Formals. The ticket cost will be \$10.

Presley Bennett, 17, of White Hall, was crowned Miss Arkansas' Teen 2026 on June 12, earning the opportunity to represent Arkansas at Miss America's Teen 2027.

Two-vehicle crash Aug. 4 in Pike County kills two drivers

A two-vehicle accident on Tuesday, Aug. 4 in Pike County killed two drivers, according to the Arkansas State Police.

The accident happened around 6 p.m. on Highway 70 in between Glenwood and Kirby and killed Gail Davis, 71, of Fayetteville and Garrett Whitt, 33, of Hot Springs.

Davis was driving east-bound in a 2023 Nissan Rogue when she crossed the centerline and hit a west-bound 2022 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Whitt.

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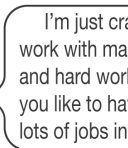


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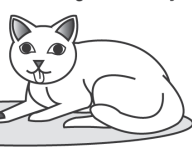
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- _____ biologist - works in the lab and on the ocean; names and classifies the animals in the seas
- _____ worker - rescues animals that are sick or abandoned; helps to find them new, loving homes
- helps animals have babies safely; keeps the whole family healthy; sells the babies to people looking for pets
- uses praise and treats to teach animals behaviors
- maintains land for livestock to graze; uses herding dogs to make sure livestock is guided and kept safe
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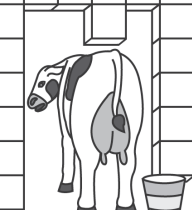
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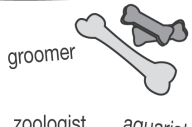
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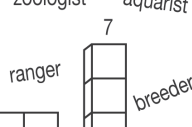
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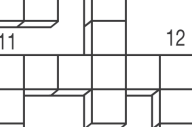
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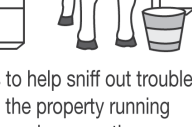
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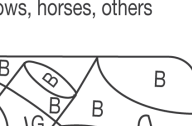
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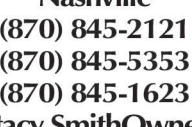
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERNON JAY PINKERTON, deceased **31PR-25-67**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Estate of VERNON JAY PINKERTON, deceased
Address of decedent: 596 Parsons Road, Newhope, Howard County, Arkansas 71959
Date of Death: JUNE 23, 2025

The undersigned person was appointed Executrix of the estate of the above-named decedent on the 28th day of July, 2026.

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. Provided, that claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed 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 5th day of August, 2026.

Phyliss Parsons
Administratrix
P.O. Box 810,
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Mailing Address

Prepared by:
Erin Hunter
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(EH: 7, 8)

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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 **August 26, 2026, at or about 10:00 AM**, 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:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section Twenty-Six (26), Township Nine (9) South, Range Twenty-Seven (27) West, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and running North 60 feet, thence East 16.4 feet for the point of beginning, thence North 220 feet, thence East 115 feet, thence South 220 feet, to the North line of Clark Street, thence West along the North line of Clark Street 115 feet to the point of beginning.

Street Address: 624 West Clark Street, Nashville, AR 71852

WHEREAS on September 11, 2006, Charles R. Archer and Patrenda Archer, his wife executed a Mortgage in favor of CTX Mortgage Company, LLC, which was recorded on September 18, 2006 in Book 2006, Page 8526, in the real estate records of Howard County, Arkansas. The beneficial interest of said Mortgage has been assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, which is the party initiating foreclosure. The party initiating foreclosure is Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for the Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-NS1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-NS1 and can be contacted at or in care of its servicer initiating foreclosure at: Nationstar Mortgage LLC, PO Box 619080, Dallas, TX 75261, at Telephone Number 214-756-2432 ; and

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

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

WITNESS my hand this June 17, 2026.

TIMOTHY D. PADGETT, P.A.
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TTY: 800-735-2989

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Nashville School District is taking sealed bids on a Gooseneck fifty-foot enclosed utility trailer. Trailer may be seen at Wilson Park in front of hitting cages. All sealed bids should be sent or dropped off to James Nichols at Nashville Administrative Building, 600 North 4th Street, Nashville, Arkansas 71852. The Nashville School District has the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be opened Thursday, August 20th at 10 a.m.
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Week of August 10, 2026

Murfreesboro takes next step to become UTV city

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

The Murfreesboro City Council took care of the second reading of an ordinance and will have one more reading next month before adopting the policy that would designate and set regulations for certain city streets and highways within the city limits for use by utility task vehicles (UTVs).

The reading was by title only Monday night with the final reading scheduled for the council's Sept. 14 meeting.

In related news, Mayor Jim O'Neal reported that he and council member Jane Fugitt will meet with state tourism officials next week with the primary topic concerning the Crater of Diamonds State Park and whether the state will permit the UTVs to access and park at the state park.

Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb also cleared up an issue involving \$5,000 pledged by the city for the Pike County Economic Commission to help pay and defray the cost of hiring a director. The issue was brought up by council member Cody Bachmann.

Lamb said it took the commission several months to send the city the bill for the pledged money and when she did receive the bill the commission still had not hired anyone.

"So, I sat on it for a couple months, thinking that they were going to get someone hired for the position that our money was going to be used for," Lamb said.

Lamb further explained

that she did not submit the pledged funds because "I did not feel it was appropriate for us to pay out funds for something that the county had not filled its portion of."

Lamb said she possibly "overstepped my bounds" but as recorder/treasurer it is her job to "protect the interest of the City of Murfreesboro, and that's what I felt that I was doing."

She also said the check for the pledged funds was now ready and awaiting the mayor's signature. Mayor O'Neal told Bachmann he would sign the check and get it to the commission first thing the next morning.

Mayor O'Neal reported during the meeting that Danny Dougan of Glenwood is "very interested" in possibly purchasing the now-closed Murfreesboro nursing home and converting it to an assisted living facility.

The mayor also informed the council that the city is tentatively scheduled to receive a \$400,000 grant for overlay work on city streets.

The council also approved Lamb's financial report which included the following beginning and ending balances for July:

General Combined	\$311,954/\$296,300
Street Combined	\$394,601/\$379,487
Park	\$45,975/\$33,400
Special Funds	\$333,423/\$328,421
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AUGUST 15, 2026

 **6:00 PM**

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Annual Tollette Homecoming underway, continues through Saturday afternoon

The annual Tollette Homecoming kicks off Wednesday, Aug. 12 and will run through Saturday, Aug. 15 with registration 6:30-7:00 nightly.

The homecoming was established in 1958 and the homecoming committee has been working tirelessly to make this a very special event.

"We love our Purple and Gold, the Mighty Tigers that we are."

There will be three nights of celebration, starting with Wednesday's meet-and-greet that will include door prizes.

Thursday is class night when all the classes will gather to show the pride of Howard County School. There will be fellowship and singing. "You don't want to miss school on this night."

Friday night is the banquet, a night to dress to impress. The night will fea-

ture a speaker, solo and praise dancers and singers and more door prizes.

Saturday will be a day for fun and laughter and the annual parade. The parade entry fee will be \$5 and all invited to paratipate.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. with line-up at 8:30.

Homecoming festivities will end at 4 p.m.

Historic Washington State Park's free summer concert series starts Saturday

Historic Washington State Park announces the annual summer concert series Music in the Park with the theme "Celebrating America." Free concerts will be held in June, July, and August on the 1874 Courthouse lawn.

This year America celebrates 250 years since the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Listen to mixtures of Americana music over the years from the 19th century to the present. Join the community as they did in the past to enjoy evenings of great musical entertainment at Historic Washington State Park. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, perfor-

mance will continue indoors.

Aug. 15—McWilliams Family and Music Competition

McWilliams Family Band is a local family from Southwest Arkansas that plays a mixture of Americana folk and bluegrass music. They have entertained neighbors and friends alike at church gatherings and community events. They also run the

Gap Mercantile Store in Caddo Gap, Arkansas. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/gapmercantile/>.

In addition, we will host a competition allowing musicians and soloists to compose and perform their own original work with some aspect of "America" and its 250-year history as the topic. Area judges will award prizes at the end of the evening for 1st

place—\$500, 2nd place—\$300, and 3rd place — \$200.

The event is supported in part by City of Washington Tourism, Bobbie Arnold Atkinson Foundation, Tyson Foods, Farmers Bank and Trust, Lagrone Williams Hardware, Washington Grace Cottage, Hempstead County Historical Society, and Historic Washington State Park.

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