

Obituary

Dorothy Young
Dorothy “Hodge” Young, 89, of Nashville died Aug. 22, 2026. She was born June 23, 1937, the daughter of the late Thomas Hays Hill and Terra Hill.
She was preceded in death by two sons, James Ralph and Gene Young; and two brothers, Jesse and Bruce Hill.
Survivors include: three children, Doug and wife Jana

Young, Sharon Cummins, Laurie and husband Richey LaGrone; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also, a sister, June Chandler.
Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at County Line Cemetery, Nashville, with Rev. Billy Sanders officiating. Services are by Latimer Funeral Home.
Online at latimerfuneral-home.com.

UA Cossatot shooting sports team schedule underway

UA Cossatot Shooting Sports have unveiled their fall 2026 slate, with five trips on the schedule before the end of the new year.
Cossatot will look to have another successful season and build off a 2025-26 season that included two top-three finishes at the Tri-States Championships.
The Colts began Aug. 20-23, with a return to a familiar location, competing at the Bair Hatcher Memorial Shoot at the Fort Worth Trap & Skeet Club in Fort Worth, Texas. That is followed up by an appearance in the Magnolia Collegiate Classic in Sedalia, Mo. on Sept. 26-27.
October begins with another appearance at the Central Midwest Conference Champ in Sparta, Ill on Oct. 9-11. The Colts came in 15th in last year’s event. UAC finishes up October at their home range, with the Remington Gun Club in Lonoke, Ark. playing host to the Magnolia Clay Classic on Oct. 24-25.
The fall season concludes on Nov. 7-8, with the Colts traveling to Ellsworth, Kan. to take part in the Red Devil Classic.



ARKANSAS FOOTBALL EXPERT. Barry Grooms, a veteran contributor for 28 years to “Hooten’s Arkansas Football” magazine, spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club, last Wednesday. He covered topics such as NIL and the transfer portal, both creating great change in college and even in high school football. He said questions most popular from Arkansans concerned the UA Razorbacks. The team, he said, is the worst in the SEC, and he predicted a three-win season. In high school ranks, Stuttgart is #1 in class 4A, and the Nashville Scrappers are ranked third in preseason. Cub president Bobby Miller presided at the meeting.

Local voters will see contested races on November General Election ballots

Candidates’ names were drawn for ballot placement, last Friday. No candidates were present for the drawing, according to Howard County Clerk Keri Teague who oversees elections.
Early voting for the 2026 General Election will begin Monday, Oct. 19. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 3.
Contested races for local, state, and national positions with names in order of ballot position:
Howard County
Sheriff/Collector --- Joey Davis, Republican; Alex L. Gamble, Democrat.
Justice of the Peace Dist. 9 --- John Reeder Raulerson, Republican; Juanita Jackson, Democrat.
City of Nashville
Mayor --- Mayor Larry Dunaway, Republican; Denise Woodruff, Independent; Kelly Rhea Windham, Independent.
Nashville City Council Ward 1 Pos. 2, Joe Hoen, Independent, Susan Berruquin, Democrat.
Nashville City Council Ward 5 Pos. 2, Gynder D. Benson, Independent, Carol Mitchell, Independent.

City of Dierks
Mayor --- Ronald Cogburn, Independent, Jesse Edge, Independent.
Dierks Treasurer --- Sherri Edge, Independent, Kristi Janes, Independent.
United States of America
U.S. Senate --- Senator Tom Cotton, Republican; Hallie Shoffner, Democrat; Jeff Wadlin, Libertarian.
U.S. Congress Dist. 4 --- Congressman Bruce Westerman, Republican; James ‘Rus’ Russell III, Democrat.
State of Arkansas
Governor --- State Senator Fred Love, Democrat; Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Republican; Colt Shelby, Libertarian.
Lt. Governor --- Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge, Republican; Michael Kalagias, Libertarian.
Secretary of State --- Michael Pakko, Libertarian; Kelly Grappe, Democratic; Senator Kim Hammer, Republican.
Commissioner of State Lands--- Secretary of State Cole Jester, Republican; Christopher Olson, Libertarian.



In Monday’s annual Howard County Fair Parade

OLDIE BUT A GOODIE

The Howrd County Historical Society showed off a venerable fire truck.

Photos by John R. Schirmer



RIDING IN THE RAIN

Miss Arkansas Teen Presley Bennett waves to the slightly damp but enthusiastic crowd lining Main Street.

Due to E. Coli, beaches closed on Dierks Lake by Army Corps

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has closed the swim beaches at Jefferson Ridge Park East and West on Dierks Lake until further notice because of higher than acceptable E. coli levels.
the levels were found during routine testing.
USACE has posted signs indicating high bacteria levels at the swim beaches.
Park rangers will reopen the swim beaches when test results indicate bacteria levels are within an acceptable range.

To check the status of other swim beaches at Dierks Lake contact the Millwood Tri-Lakes Project Office at 870-898-3343 or visit www.swl.usace.army.mil/Home/Swim-Beach-Closures/.
Recreation information can be found on the Internet at www.swl.usace.army.mil, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/littlerockusace and on the USACE Little Rock water level mobile app at www.swl.usace.army.mil/Home/water-control-app/.

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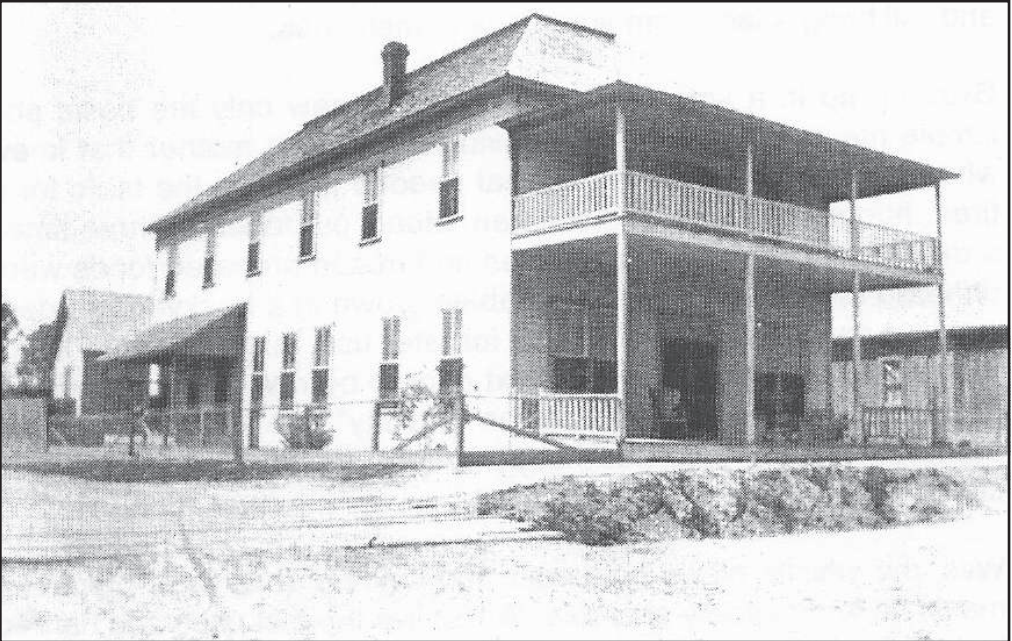


THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

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



Westbrook Hotel, Main Street in Dierks, c. 1950

124 years ago: September 1902

Geo. Mattock was arrested at the dive kept by Mary and Ada Wesson Thursday night, locked up on the charge of carrying a pistol. Yesterday morning he entered a plea of guilty and was fined by the mayor. The people of the vicinity of the house kept by the Wesson women are getting very tired of the nightly carousing occurring there, and an effective remedy is apt to be applied at an early date if better order is not maintained.

94 years ago: September 1932

The play “Captain Blood” directed by Marguerite and Mary Toland will be at the High School Auditorium on Friday and Saturday nights.

The cast includes Leon Beauchamp, Rex Ramsey, Louise Utley, Robert Linsey, Burton Cupp, Billy Gains and Ware Lindsey. Admission is Adults 35¢, children 15¢.

64 years ago: August 1962

Festivities will start early Saturday morning for the 1962 Peach Festival with a horse show, and a cake walk, and will conclude at night with a street dance and fiddler’s contest. Thousands are expected to jam the streets this year, although few peaches will be on sale from the late Elberta harvest. Miss Susan Robbins, 16-year-old redhead and junior class member at Nashville High, will reign over the festival and her float will be the highlight of the parade. Susan won the queen’s title in a contest in

May and was crowned by last year’s queen, the former Miss Brenda Echols.

44 years ago: September 1982

Kristie Hudson will reign over this week’s fair activities in Howard County. The NHS cheerleader was named Howard County Fair Queen Saturday night before a record crowd in the elementary auditorium. She is the daughter of Mrs. Vertise Oliver of Nashville. First runner-up in the fair queen competition is Carol Ann Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Clark Sr. She was also named Miss Congeniality. Darla Pinkerton was named second runner-up to the fair queen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Pinkerton of Dierks.

Bench trial set in drug case

A Sept. 16 date has been set for a bench trial for William E. Chambers, 63, white male, Nashville, who has pleaded not guilty to a drug possession charge enhanced by proximity. According to police records he was charged after his arrest in an undercover action for the sale of methamphetamines. The alleged sale took place near a church in Nashville resulting in the enhancement. On the bench last Wednesday, Aug. 19, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County, was Judge Tom Cooper.

Mental exams figured in two cases before the judge. The court awaits results of a mental examination of Stacie Elaine White, 68, black female, Nashville, who was charged in August of 2024 with delivery of controlled substance, hydrocodone pills, in proximity of certain areas. The court will review the evaluation Sept. 16. The public defender requested a mental examination for Davonte Witherspoon, 24, black male, Nashville, who is charged with third degree battery.

Pleas are heard
Sentences were passed down for two defendants who pleaded guilty or true. Ronald Alexander, 47, black male, Mineral Springs, pleaded true to violating the terms of his probation on a previous conviction. A more recent felony charge also awaits him.

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A guilty plea was given by Preston Roberson, 57, black male, Nashville, who was charged with felon in possession of firearm, and with aggravated assault. The state did pursue the latter charge in return for the guilty plea. He was sentenced to seven years in the Arkansas Department of Correction. A no contrst plea was given by Steven Michael Williams, 50, white male, Foreman, who was charged

with drug possession. He was sentenced to five years of probation and 120 days in a regional punishment facility to begin Jan. 2, 2027. A failure to appear warrant was ordered for Austin Hooks, 28, white male, Saratoga, who missed his court date. He is charged with trafficking fentanyl, an unclassified felony, and possession of a controlled substance, a class C felony. He was charged in November of 2025.

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Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Arkansas, courthouse during the period Aug. 13-19, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office*)

Aug. 13. Carson Lyn McKiever, 23, Nashville, and Lindsey Danielle Aylett, 23, Nashville.

Aug. 14. Alvin Wayne Coulter, 28, Washington, and Kaylen Grace Fannin, 24, Washington.

Civil Court
CV26-153, Aug. 13. Sonya Summers vs. Matthew Sommers. Civil.

CV26-154, Aug. 13. Portfolio Recovery vs. Patricia Peper. Debt.

CV26-155, Aug.17. Bank of America vs. Michael Keeney. Contract.

CV26-156, Aug. 18.LVN-VFunding vs. Justin Williams. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
DR26-76,Aug. 12. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Marcus Brannon. Support.

DR26-77, Aug. 17. Gracie Hill vs. Waylon Funderburk. Order of protection.

DR26-78, Aug. 18. Shytionna Swift vs. Xavier Williams. Order of protection.

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

CR26-60, Aug. 17. State of Arkansas vs. John Paul Garate, 24, white male, Nashville; 1st degree criminal mischief, class C felony. Defendant allegedly damaged his jail cell. Damages estimated \$8,000-\$10,000.

Land Transactions

Quitclaim Deed
Aug. 14. Lisa Kay (Kitchen) Peek; to Donna Lynn Clegg; 0.33 ac in S30 T7S R38W, in the City of Dierks. \$27,373.

Aug. 17. Jatora Starr Jef-

ferson; to Lee Jefferson; 2.609 ac. in S25 T9S R28W.

Aug. 18. Debra Helton and husband Jerry Helton; to Debra Helton and Russell Cason, Joint Tenants; 3 tracts in S26 T9S R27W.

Aug. 19. Darwin Eric Corbell, Jr., and wife Melba Corbell; to Charles Richard Tallman; aggregate 12.006 ac. in S23 T10S R28W.

Mortgagee Deed
Aug. 18. Estate of John David Compton; to Mortgage Electronic Registry Systems, Inc.; property in S24 T9S R27W, aka 1513 Tinsdale, Nashville. At auction \$107,108.79.

Heir Deed
John Robert Schirmer, sole surviving heir of Robert E. Schirmer; to Craig Kirchhoff and wife Lindsey Kirchhoff and Kendall Kirchhoff, Joint Tenants; Lot 10 and part of Lot 11, Block 6, Greenwood Addition, Town of Nashville. \$155,555.

Beneficiary Deed
Aug. 14. Nina Rodgers; to Brenda Blankenship and Becky Stewart; 2 ac. in S31 T7S R28W.

Warranty Deed
Aug. 13. Jordan Mike Pope; to JMP Farms, LLC; property in S17/S22 T10S/T11S R27W with exceptions. \$0.

Aug. 13. Jordan Mike Pope; to JMP Farms,#2, LLC; property in S17/S18 T11S R27W. \$0.

Aug. 13. Jordan Mike Pope; to JMP Farms,#3, LLC; property in S21/S22?S27/S28 T11S R27W. \$0.

Aug. 13. Denzil R. Stewart; to Jason and Shakieta Stewart. 0.5 ac. in S4 T11S R27W. \$1,000.

Aug. 13. Jackie Hill and wife Gayla Hill; to Jerry B. Hill and wife Verna Fae Jones Hill; 61 ac. in S30 T6S R28W.

Aug. 13. Irene Smith Ludlum; to Robert E. Schirmer; Lot 10 and part of Lot 11, Block 6, Greenwood Addition, Town of Nashville.

Aug. 13. John Michael Hicks and wife Sheila Hicks; to Gary Lynn Simmons; aggregate 11.477 ac. plus access road easement, S30 T10S R27W. \$275,000.

Aug. 14. (Correction) Jackie Hill and wife Gayla Hill; to Jerry B. Hill and wife Verna Fae Jones Hill; properties in S30 T6S R28W.

Aug. 14. Danny R. Lockeby and wife Myrna Lockeby; to Ronnie Gainey Jr.; Lots 11-12-13 and part of Lot 14, Block 1, Hancock Addition, City of Nashville. \$113,500.

Aug. 14. Jacob Andrew Sharp and wife Kaylynn Michelle Sharp; to Janelle Neece; Lot 6, Deerwood Estates, Phase III. \$335,000.

Aug. 14. Joshua N. Tice and wife Jamey L. Tice; to Hendry Oil Co., Inc.; aggregate 1.959 ac. with exceptions in S22/S24 T9S R27W. \$275,000.

Aug. 14. Jackie Hill and wife Gayla Hill; to Ci Lian Cin Chung and wife Ni Har and Bawi Peng Ceu, joint tenants; 18.78 ac. in S30 T6S R28W. \$1,000,000.

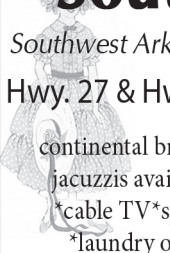
Aug. 17. Michael Shane Chandler and wife Tiffany Chandler; to Leslie Allen Bradley and wife Ashley Bradley; Lots 20 thru 33, Block 6, Toland Heights Subdivision, City of Nashville. \$55,000.

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Point of view

A forgotten topic

It was important, but you must settle for 2nd choice

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I am writing today about something extremely important.

Whups! I’ve forgotton what it was, and until it comes back to me I’ll write about something else.

Like the planet Saturn. Astronomers recently turned their telescopes toward Saturn because the planet was about to have a ‘solstice,’ in which the position of the rings in relation to our sun makes the rings almost invisible. It happens every 15 years almost like clockwork. Sometimes the way the universe works is totally amazing.

But I digress and when I do that I often forget what I was trying to write about in the first place. Or, the second place.

Articles about the Saturnal Solstice almost all stress that no matter who won the 2020 Presidential election we STILL don’t know much about those mysterious rings.

Several decades ago members of the Red River Astronomy Club set up their large --- and I do mean LARGE --- telescopes on a vacant lot at the intersection of Main and Shepherd Streets.

Diamond Bank wasn’t there yet, and First United Methodist Church was already just a loving memory.

Members of that club invited the public to turn their headlights off and come to the spot for a telescopic look at the heavens.

I went to one that was trained on Saturn and I got a really good look at the planet and the rings. It was something that obviously is still with me.

The rings were discovered by a guy named Galileo in the 1600s but he never knew what he was seeing.

In 1655 a Dutch astronomer with a better telescope figgered out that it was some rings, by golly, that circled the planet.

The rings are thought to be dirt, ice and rocks, but they could be Monterey Jack cheese for all those Dutch astronomers really knew.

Do Dutch astronomers wear wooden shoes when they look at the stars? That’s another question and I’m sure you wouldn’t be interested.

Why don’t other planets have similar rings? Actually, I’ve heard that one other planet does, and I meant to tell you but I forgot.

One thing that skygazers DO know is that Saturn’s rings are relatively very thin. They extend out 170,000 miles from the surface of the planet yet they are only about 30 feet thick.

That’s what I’ve heard, anyway.

What else is out there?

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MORE THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

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AND ONE MORE THING I LEARNED at the School of The Hard Way: Never leave the keys in your buggy with the motor running for even a micro-moment. I did last Friday morning. Outside the District Court office where I had gone to pick up the previous day’s courtroom results.

As I waddled away from my buggy I heard a click. Sounded like a door locking. “Hope I didn’t accidently leave the keys,” I told myself with a false laugh.

It WAS the door locking.

So there I was. Spare keys were safely inside my locked house two miles away. Buggy motor was running and my cell phone was perched in plain sight beside the \$#@%^&* keys on the console INSIDE the \$#@&*&% locked buggy.

There was no one to call anyway.

I had few alternatives --- the best one was to throw myself on the mercy of an officer inside the Cop Shop. The problem was that the officer wanted to record the whole doggone episode on the patrol car video camera.

He planned to put me in handcuffs and said I would have to ride in the back seat with the drug dog which he said might not bite my ear off if I was real lucky.

Great luck was with me on the way to the patrol car and the waiting pooch. I tried the back door of my buggy one more time and, hallelujah, it somehow opened.

The officer insisted continuing his precious recording of my efforts to reach the keys. I was in great luck again because on the back floorboard was an umbrella which was exactly long enough to reach the keys.

I drove away redfaced because I had a hunch what would happen to that video.

Also, I had put on a 10-minute show for the jail inmates who had gathered. They were happy and laughing.

All except one guy who was disappointed he didn’t get to see the dog bite my ear off.

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HE SAID: “No one should be ashamed to admit he is wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.” Alexander Pope, English poet and translator

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SHE SAID: “As long as the people don't fear the truth, there is hope. For once they fear it, the one who tells it doesn't stand a chance. And today, truth is still beautiful ... but so frightening.” Alice Walker, American novelist and short story writer

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Voters encouraged to be prepared for General Election Day on Nov. 3

By State Rep. Dolly Henley
Election Day may still seem a long way off, but now is the time for Arkansans to make sure they are prepared for the November General Election.

On Tuesday, November 3, voters will choose who represents them at the local, state, and federal levels. Depending on where you live, your ballot may also include local races and issues.

Voting is one of the most direct ways citizens participate in our government, yet many eligible Arkansans do not cast a ballot. In the 2024 General Election, 1,187,243 of Arkansas’s 1,828,133 registered voters participated—a turnout of

64.94%. Turnout is typically lower in non-presidential election years.

At the Arkansas House, we have seen just how much a single vote can matter. Over the years, several House races have been decided by fewer than 50 votes. In fact, we have even had a race decided by just one vote. Elections like these are powerful reminders that the outcome can come down to only a handful of neighbors who chose to cast their ballots.

The first important deadline is October 5, the deadline to apply to register to vote for the General Election.

Early voting begins October 19 and is available from 8 a.m.-6

p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays. Early voting ends at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 2.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

If a county or municipal race requires a runoff, the General Runoff Election will be held December 1. The registration deadline for that election is November 2.

We encourage every Arkansan to check their voter registration status, make a plan to vote, and know where to cast their ballot. Voter information is available at the Arkansas Secretary of State’s website.

Legislative panel meets in Spa City, looks at economic development issue

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey
The Joint City, County, & Local Affairs Committee met in Hot Springs recently to review and discuss Senate Joint Resolution SJR15, known as Issue 3 on the November ballot.

The proposal would amend the Arkansas Constitution to give the General Assembly broad new authority to support economic development across the state. It would allow lawmakers to create “economic development districts” within cities, counties, or multi-county regions, and permit those districts to issue bonds, levy certain charges, and receive public funds for development projects.

The amendment would allow public money, including loans and grants, to be used for a wide range of economic purposes such as reducing unemployment, expanding transportation and commerce, and improving or developing real estate tied to economic growth. Economic development districts created under this authority could finance projects and issue bonds without being subject to the state’s existing constitutional debt limits.

Local governments would also be allowed to provide funding or lend credit to these districts, an exception to current prohibitions

on aiding private entities. The amendment revises definitions of “economic development projects,” “services,” and “infrastructure,” expanding eligible uses to include manufacturing facilities, corporate headquarters, sports complexes, industrial parks, and more.

Property located within an economic development district would be exempt from most taxes, except those levied by the district itself. The amendment also clarifies that bonds backed by property taxes for economic development must still be approved by local voters.

Finally, the measure gives the amendment priority over any conflicting constitutional provisions and includes a severability clause.

Bill sponsor Senator Jonathan Dismang presented to the committee along with Justin Allen, partner at Wright, Lindsey, and Jennings LLP.

There was further discussion on local impact of potential Economic Development Districts from Pope County Judge Ben Cross, Clark County Judge Troy Tucker, and Hillrey Adams, the Mayor of Mountain Home.

Arkansas offers a range of incentives for major industrial projects through the Economic Development Commission, many

of them tied directly to job creation. The state also boasts one of the nation’s strongest tax credits for rehabilitating historic buildings. Local officials, however, say a key piece is missing. Arkansas lacks the tools used in most other states to spur investment in retail development, office space, housing, and recreational projects.

Forty-eight states provide local sales tax rebates or tax abatements that encourage private investment and help fund the infrastructure needed to support it. Arkansas and Arizona are the only states without such incentives. As a result, local leaders, especially in border communities, say they routinely watch potential projects slip away, either to neighboring states or not at all, because Arkansas cannot offer comparable incentives.

The officials said that Issue 3 gives local control to communities to make their own decisions about incentivizing development they may need.

Senator Dismang emphasized that the development tools are not one-size-fits-all by design. Different tools may be leveraged in different areas to help a community’s specific goals.

If approved by voters, Issue 3 will take effect January 1, 2027.

More paid leave for more Americans

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman
In today’s economy, most households rely on two incomes to afford to live. That reality often-times forces hardworking Arkansans to choose between their career and financial security or caring for a loved one.

But our state’s workforce is not alone in facing that dilemma.

Right now, nearly three-quarters of American workers lack access to employer-provided paid family leave. Whether welcoming a new child, nursing a sick parent back to health or managing an unexpected medical emergency, too many workers face these pivotal life moments without the flexibility of paid leave.

Simultaneously, the rise in disparate state-level paid leave laws has created complex and confusing compliance requirements. Multistate employers face significant administrative hurdles such as navigating varied state rules, tax systems and eligibility criteria, while aiming to provide consistent benefits for their employees.

The challenges facing everyday Americans have shifted since my time as a small-business owner. We all have seen family dynamics evolve along with the economic landscape. With these changes, unpaid leave puts an even greater strain on a family’s financial security today.

Arkansas has seen significant and encouraging advancements in paid family leave at the state level. The state has extended paid leave to eligible state employees, granting up to 12 weeks of paid maternity leave after the birth, adoption or foster-care placement of a child. Additionally, our public

school employees are guaranteed up to 12 weeks of fully paid maternity leave, setting a strong example nationwide. I am grateful to Governor Sanders, her administration and the many leaders in Arkansas who are making a difference toward this shared priority.

We cannot overlook the connection between paid family leave and improved maternal health outcomes. Arkansas has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the country, and the Arkansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee has reported that the vast majority of these deaths are preventable.

Research consistently associates paid leave with lower rates of postpartum depression, improved infant health and greater financial stability for families. Studies show that mothers who take maternity leave have 51 percent lower odds of hospitalization for themselves and 47 percent lower odds for their infants, while 10 weeks of paid maternal leave is linked to a 12 percent reduction in infant mortality.

Beyond these benefits to moms and newborns, paid family leave provides critical support for all caregivers, helping shoulder responsibilities more equally.

As a father of three daughters, I’ve seen firsthand the joys and challenges that come with starting a family, and as a Member of Congress, I’ve learned just how much families can benefit from greater access to paid leave. That is why I am proud to share that we recently made important progress toward expanding paid leave benefits for working Americans.

Recently, I joined Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), alongside

a dedicated, bipartisan coalition in the House of Representatives, to introduce the More Paid Leave for More Americans Act. This legislation offers a sensible, flexible framework designed to expand access to paid leave by encouraging states to adopt or expand scalable, sustainable benefit programs that work for employees in their states. Our approach rests on two core principles: state-led collaboration and public-private partnership.

The More Paid Leave for More Americans Act establishes a competitive, three-year pilot program for states to enact their own paid leave systems in partnership with private industry. This program will provide financial support and assistance to states that choose to design and implement tailored family, medical and/or caregiving leave programs. Importantly, the legislation also establishes the Interstate Paid Leave Action Network (I-PLAN), a national framework designed to encourage collaboration among participating states, reduce compliance burdens and harmonize administrative standards to ease navigation for multistate employers.

When families have the resources to meet life’s milestones and challenges without sacrificing their financial stability, we strengthen our communities and our entire economy. By championing a model that empowers states, fosters public-private partnerships and promotes family values, workers and businesses alike will continue to thrive.

Making life more affordable is a mandate across the country. It is time to deliver benefits that work for modern families.

“Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.”
Thomas Jefferson, 1787
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Season

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have to bring pressure,” Chesshir said.

On defense, the Lions have a four front and have been in a 4-3.

Seven Lions play both ways. “We have to try to take advantage of that,” Chesshir said.

Bismarck has “really good size on both sides of the ball. They’re very physical at outside linebacker and extremely quick. The secondary keeps everybody in front of them. We have to get the ball to our playmakers,” Chesshir said.

Scrapper quarterback DJ Jefferson “has to be good on his feet. Our offensive line has to be extremely physical and create gaps and lanes. We’ll have to get the ball to our receivers and stretch the field.”

On defense, “We must be very sound fundamentally and have sound alignment,” Chesshir said.

On offense, “We have to do a good job on third down and second down. We have to be prepared for every situation on down and distance.”

One of the most important areas for play callers “is the red zone. We have to make good calls there.”

For the Scrappers to be successful Friday night, “We can’t turn the ball over. We have to eliminate penalties and negative plays” on offense, according to Chesshir.

On defense, “We need to create negative plays. We have to eliminate penalties. We have to get off the field on third down.”

The season

Going into the fall campaign, the Scrappers have “a lot of good players. We have all the tools to be successful. We just need to put the pieces in the right places and get our kids in the best situation to win,” Chesshir said.

The offense has “a lot of firepower. Jacoby Hopson has to have the ball in his hands,” according to Chesshir. “If he doesn’t have the ball in his hands, I have failed. He can make catches, and he can run the ball. He will be a key part of our success on offense.”

DJ Jefferson “had a good spring and summer. He’s able to manage the offense” at quarterback. “He can set things up and correct alignment issues. He throws one of the best balls in the conference,” Chesshir said.

Jakhari Starr “is not the average sophomore. He looks like a senior when he runs. He has to be better at blocking in pass protection. We will take time with him

in practice.”

Bryce Perrin, Jailyn Staggers and more of the Scrappers “have some weapons to catch the ball and get a lot of positive yards. They can really be dangerous,” Chesshir said.

Kishon Jefferson will get reps at receiver said.

MJ Jefferson moved in and will have reps at receiver.

Bay Nolte and Zee Beasley “continue to grow. They will continue to help us now and in the future. They’re two very attractive kids,” Chesshir said of the sophomores.

Skyler Ramsire was “a really good runner in fall camp. He blocks well in the run game” and will also see time on defense.

As a whole, Scrapper receivers must have “a selfless mentality on every play. They will have to block and do a good job of running routes,” Chesshir said.

The Scrapper offensive line has some returners from last year. However, Chesshir said he was “not pleased up front against Lakeside” in the benefit game last week, but is “confident we’ll be solid.”

Three players have been rotating in at center, Chesshir said, led by senior Luke Lacie. Juniors Hayden Crabtree and Halton Howard are in the rotation.

Lacie “will have to play defense too just from depth issues.”

Howard “really stepped up in August and is able to play center.”

The Scrappers “don’t have a lot of depth at offensive tackle. ‘Staggers, Smalley and Hale will have to develop and get ready to go,” Chesshir said.

“Our O-line will continue to grow up front.”

On defense, Nashville has “a lot of kids that didn’t start a year ago. They will only get better with depth and experience,” Chesshir said.

“We have a long way to go defensively to make sure we have the most sound defense for Friday nights. We have to be aggressive. We’ll have a better idea after the first two or three weeks” of the season, according to Chesshir.

Staggers “anchors the D-line at defensive end. He’s very athletic and makes a lot of plays. Crabtree and Smalley are key factors on the D-line,” Chesshir said.

Sophomores Malik Giliam and Kiron Johnson “will be special players. I’m very pleased with their effort. We want to develop them.”

Linebackers Bo Dean, Blake Moody and Jacob Teague will all have key roles.

Dean, a sophomore, “can



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Heath Wallis mans the grill at the annual Diamond Bank Steak Cookout Monday night, Aug. 24, for Scrapper coaches, pressbox crew, chain gang and others who help with the football program. Wallis has been the cook for 18 years. He says he’s cooked about 60 steaks per year during that time for a total of 1,080. The cookout is in its 57th year, with other Nashville banks sponsoring the event before Diamond. Scrapper Athletic Director James “Bunch” Nichols hosted the cookout.

play sideline to sideline. He’s very smart with his eyes. He’s proven himself to play inside linebacker,” Chesshir said.

Moody, a junior, “has really come along this fall with his feet and physicality. He’s a very smart football player and makes good reads.”

Teague, a senior, “will be a leverage player. He can be physical at the point of attack. I feel good about these three,” Chesshir said.

Drew Gitchell “really has worked extremely hard. He’s proven himself to help win games.”

The Scrappers have depth in the secondary, Chesshir said.

Trendon Northcross has transitioned to safety. Kishon Jefferson and MJ Jefferson “have proven themselves to play corners.

Khamari Canady has strong feet. He’s shown tremendous growth during the spring and summer at the

strong safety position.”

Overall, the Scrapper defense will have to be “extremely fast. We have to be

physical. We have to be good tacklers. We have to get off the field on third downs,” Chesshir said.



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Coach Brad Chesshir (right) speaks during the Back-to-School Bash. Chesshir is beginning his second season as head coach at his alma mater.

Council

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In the audience Monday were Independent mayoral candidates Kelley Windham and Denise Woodruff; along with council candidate Mike Ponder.

Council members present included: Lynn Dyer, Charles Pinkston, Kay Gathright, Phil Jones, Kahlid Benson, Kathy Combs, Donna Harwell, Brent Thompson, Will Turley and Joe Hoen.

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(NOTE: Nashville score is listed first)

1910 – Record 0-2
Coach: Whiteford “Whitey” Mauldin
Nov. 24 at Hope, 6-23
Dec. 3 Lockesburg, loss

1911 – Record 3-0
Coach Mauldin
Oct. 23 Ashdown, 20-0
Nov. 18 Texarkana Arkansas High, 16-0
Dec. 2 De Queen 23-5

1912 – Record 2-2
Coach Mauldin
Oct. 25 Hope 56-0
Nov. 11 Lockesburg 0-6
Nov. 16 at Texas High 6-34
Nov. 23 at Lockesburg 12-0
Notable: Lockesburg’s first loss in three years; Nashville school holiday declared

1913 – Record 6-0
Coach: JesseTollett
Oct. 3 at Ashdown 12-0
Oct. 24 Lockesburg 6-0
Nov. 1 at Lockesburg 7-0
Nov. 7 at De Queen 7-6
Nov. 14 Murfreesboro 61-0
Nov. 27 De Queen 39-0
Notable: No team scored on the Scrappers

1914 – Record 2-3
Coach: Prof. L.W. Godsea
Oct. 23 at Arkadelphia 6-36
Nov. 5 at Prescott 8-26
Nov. 10 Min. Springs 44-0
Nov. 13 Hope 27-3
Nov. 25 Ouachita JV 0-14

1915 – Record 2-2
Coach: Earl Mills
Oct. 1 Mineral Springs 20-0
Oct. 8 Prescott 20-0
Oct. 29 Ouachita JV 0-15
Notable: Final game of the year was played in a storm which killed more than 50 in a nearby community. Also notable: Beginning coach was Dudley Hutchinson who then left for school; vacationing Earl Mills coached the remainder of the brief season.

1916 -- Record 2-2
Coach: Lawrence “L.C.” Honeycutt
Oct. 6 Hope 19-0
Oct. 20 at Arkadelphia 0-19
Nov. 3 at Prescott 0-13
Nov. 17 Prescott 20-0
1917 – No season
1918 No season
1919 – Record 1-2-1
Coach: Jay Toland
Oct. 10 Hope 6-0
Oct. 30 at Prescott, 0-40
Nov. 15 at Gurdon, 0-12
Nov. 21 Prescott 0-0

1920 – Record 5-2
Coach: Roy “Wild Bill” Wilson
Sept. 24 Texas High 0-13
Oct. 16 Prescott 9-7
Oct. 29 De Queen 45-0
Nov. 18 Magnolia 20-7
Nov. 24 at Hot Springs 7-13
Notable: Newspaper account of the Oct. 16 game referred to the Nashville “warriers” and the Prescott “braves.” Also notable: No newspaper accounts of two games, although at the end of the season the newspaper reported the team’s record to be 5-2.

1921 – Record 4-4-1
Coach Elbert “E.T.” Moody
Sept. 16 at Texas High 0-25
Sept. 23 Arkansas High 7-14
Oct. 8 at Arkadelphia 0-6
Oct. 14 De Queen 61-6
Oct. 20 at Hope 6-6
Oct. 28 at Prescott 0-20
Nov. 11 Hope 34-0
Nov. 18 at Magnolia, 13-3
Nov. 24 Waldo 62-0

1922 – Record 4-3-2
Coach Moody
Sept. 29 Bauxite 31-0
Oct. 7 Arkadelphia 0-0
Oct. 13 Idabel, OK 35-0
Oct. 20 Prescott 13-28
Oct. 27 at Texarkana Arkansas High 0-0
Nov. 3 Horatio 30-6
Nov. 10 Hope 13-7
Nov. 17 Texas High 0-7
Nov. 24 at Mena 6-20
Notable: Team is nicknamed “Scrappers”

1923 – Record 6-4
Coach Moody
Sept. 28 at Dierks 32-0
Oct. 5 Atlanta, TX 0-13
Oct. 11 De Queen 25-0
Oct. 19 at Prescott 0-13
Oct. 26 at Arkadelphia 20-6
Nov. 2 Mena 6-0
Nov. 9 at Hope 0-12
Nov. 16 Stamps 6-13
Nov. 23 Fort Towson, Okla. 73-0
Nov. 29 at Dermott 12-0

1924 – Record 5-4-1
Coach Moody
Sept. 25 Magnolia 0-0
Oct. 3 Texas High 12-24
Oct. 10 Broken Bow, OK 7-12
Oct. 17 Fulsom Academy, Smithville, OK 6-7
Oct. 24 Ashdown 6-0
Oct. 31 Horatio 0-41
Nov. 7 at De Queen 6-0
Nov. 14 Foreman 89-0
Nov. 21 Gurdon 26-7
Nov. 27 Hope 15-0

1925 – Record 3-6
Coach Wilber J. “Red” Whitthorne
Sept. 25 Ashdown 16-0
Oct. 2 Malvern 14-0
Oct. 9 Fulsom Academy,

Smithville, OK 0-23
Oct. 16 Stamps no score reported
Oct. 23 Prescott 0-19
Oct. 30 at Magnolia 3-6
Nov. 6 Henderson Brown College JV 0-6
Nov. 10 at Gurdon 16-0
Nov. 20 Arkadelphia 0-19
Nov. 26 at Hope 13-16

1926 – Record 7-1-2
Coach Whitthorne
Sept. 24 Waldo 33-6
Oct. 1 at Ashdown 41-0
Oct. 8 Gurdon 14-14
Oct. 15 Stephens 49-0
Oct. 22 at Prescott 13-6
Oct. 28 at Malvern 35-0
Nov. 5 Magnolia 52-6
Nov. 11 Benton 14-0
Nov. 19 at Arkadelphia 8-13
Nov. 25 Hope 14-14

1927 – Record 3-5
Coach Whitthorne
Sept. 30 Murfreesboro 34-0
Oct. 7 at Gurdon 0-13
Oct. 14 Stephens 27-6
Oct. 21 Henderson JV 0-12
Oct. 28 Prescott 0-20
Nov. 3 Ouachita JV 6-25
Nov. 11 Broken Bow, OK 51-6
Nov. 24 at Hope 0-12

1928 – Record 2-5-2
Coach: Lester Bradley
Sept. 28 Lockesburg 13-0
Oct. 5 Gurdon 0-6
Oct. 12 Dierks 0-0
Oct. 18 at Texas High 0-44
Oct. 26 at Prescott 6-51
Nov. 2 Ashdown 26-0
Nov. 9 at Murfreesboro 7-7
Nov. 16 Amity 6-13
Nov. 28 Hope 0-31

1929 – Record 9-1
Coach Bradley
Sept. 20 Idabel, OK 31-12
Oct 4 Murfreesboro 58-7
Oct. 11 at Dierks 14-0
Oct 18 at Ashdown 27-0
Oct. 25 Prescott 6-18
Nov. 1 De Queen 32-0
Nov. 8 at Horatio 7-6
Nov. 15 Magnolia 21-0
Nov. 22 Arkansas High 24-2
Nov. 28 at Hope 25-7

1930 – Record 8-1-1
Coach Bradley
Sept. 19 Lockesburg 7-0
Sept. 26 at Murfreesboro 19-0
Oct. 3 Bauxite 14-0
Oct. 10 Dierks 15-0
Oct. 17 Amity 27-0
Oct. 24 at Prescott 6-6
Oct. 31 at Malvern 0-26
Nov. 7 Waldo 46-6
Nov. 14 at Magnolia 19-0
Nov. 27 Hope 20-13

1931 – Record 7-2
Coach Bradley
Sept 25 Lockesburg 13-0
Oct. 2 Murfreesboro 44-0
Oct. 9 Bradley 52-0
Oct. 16 at Gurdon 7-13
Oct. 23 Prescott 6-15
Oct. 30 Dierks 45-0
Nov. 6 Malvern 26-0
Nov. 13 at Benton 6-0
Dec. 2 at Hope 20-6

1932 – Record 8-2
Coach Bradley
Sept. 23 Waldo 40-0
Sept 30 at Texas High 2-0
Oct. 7 Lockesburg 32-0
Oct. 14 Glenwood 48-0
Oct. 21 at Prescott 7-25
Oct. 28 Linden, TX 40-0
Nov. 4 Goodland, OK 20-6
Nov. 11 Morrilton 0-6
Nov. 18 at Dierks 27-0
Nov. 24 Hope 18-6

1933 – Record 8-2
Coach Bradley
Sept. 22 at Hot Springs 0-14
Sept. 29 Waldo 58-0
Oct. 5 at Texas High 27-19
Oct. 13 Idabel, OK 20-14
Oct. 20 Prescott 20-7
Oct. 27 Beebe 35-0
Nov. 3 at El Dorado 0-34
Nov. 10 Morrilton 19-0
Nov. 24 Lockesburg 45-0
Nov. 30 at Hope 44-6

1934 – Record 8-3
Coach Bradley
Sept. 21 at Camden 0-6
Sept. 28 Dierks 37-0
Oct. 5 at Idabel, OK 12-0
Oct. 11 at Texas High 39-12
Oct. 19 at Prescott 30-0
Oct. 26 Horatio 30-6
Nov. 2 at El Dorado 0-6
Nov. 9 Malvern 66-0
Nov. 16 Morrilton 65-0
Nov. 23 at De Queen 13-19
Nov. 29 Hope 13-0

1935 – Record 6-3-2
Coach Bradley
Sept. 20 Dierks 46-14
Sept. 27 Russellville 0-0
Oct. 4 at Camden 0-14
Oct. 11 Idabel, OK 26-0
Oct. 18 De Queen 0-0
Oct. 25 at Hope 6-19
Nov. 1 Arkansas High 6-7
Nov. 8 at Horatio 25-0
Nov. 15 at Malvern 55-6
Nov. 22 Searcy 38-7
Nov. 28 Prescott 84-6
Notable: Scrapper Stadium gets lights

1936 – Record 10-2
Coach Bradley
Sept. 18 Beebe 54-7
Sept. 25 Dierks 46-0
Oct. 2 Camden 7-6
Oct. 9 Smackover 13-0
Oct. 16 at De Queen 25-0
Oct. 23 Hope 6-31
Oct. 31 at Texarkana Arkansas High 13-0

Nov. 6 at Russellville 0-47
Nov. 11 at Ashdown 40-0
Nov. 13 Horatio 68-0
Nov. 20 Subiaco 13-6
Nov. 26 at Prescott 25-0

1937 – Record 8-4
Coach Bradley
Sept. 10 Murfreesboro 32-0
Sept. 17 Dierks 106-0
Sept. 24 at Camden 6-52
Oct. 1 De Queen 20-12
Oct. 8 Ashdown 27-7
Oct. 15 Prescott 74-0
Oct. 22 at Hope 0-25
Oct. 27 Arkansas High 7-25
Nov. 5 Subiaco 14-6
Nov. 11 at Horatio 44-0
Nov. 19 at Smackover 13-7
Nov. 25 at Hot Springs 7-19
Notable: 106 points most ever scored by the team

1938 – Record 7-3
Coach: Bo Sherman
Sept. 15 Murfreesboro 24-0
Sept. 23 Camden 26-6
Sept 30 El Dorado 20-26
Oct. 7 Gurdon 13-0
Oct. 13 at Prescott 15-7
Oct. 21 Hope 0-12
Oct. 28 at Ark. High 6-12
Nov. 4 Subiaco (at Paris) 30-6
Nov. 11 Dierks 45-25
Nov. 24 at De Queen 18-0

1939 – Record 2-8
Coach Sherman
Sept. 15 Murfreesboro 25-7
Sept. 22 at Camden 6-39
Sept. 29 Horatio 21-6
Oct. 13 Prescott 0-6
Oct. 20 at Hope 0-47
Oct. 27 Arkansas High 7-33
Nov. 3 Dierks 0-14
Nov. 10 Magnolia 7-26
Nov. 17 at El Dorado 6-50
Nov. 30 De Queen 13-19

1940 – Record 8-3
Coach: Lester Bradley
Sept. 20 Camden 0-13
Sept 27 Smackover 6-13
Oct. 4 Gurdon 39-0
Oct. 11 at Prescott 39-0
Oct. 18 Hope 44-7
Oct. 25 at Texarkana Arkansas High 13-0
Nov. 1 Dierks 39-0
Nov. 8 at Magnolia 45-0
Nov. 15 Arkadelphia 58-6
Nov. 22 at Horatio 12-14
Nov. 29 at De Queen 19-0

1941 – Record 10-0-1
Coach Bradley
Sept. 19 Murfreesboro 66-0
Sept. 26 at Smackover 0-0
Oct. 3 Broken Bow, OK 30-0
Oct. 10 Prescott 28-0
Oct. 17 at Hope 27-6
Oct. 24 Arkansas High 38-0
Oct. 31 Dierks 12-0
Nov. 7 Magnolia 38-0
Nov. 14 Arkadelphia 6-0
Nov. 20 Horatio 25-0
Nov. 27 De Queen 71-0
Notable: Referred to as Southwest Arkansas champions.

1942 – Record 9-0
Coach Bradley
Sept. 18 Malvern 45-0
Sept. 25 Smackover 33-6
Oct. 2 at Broken Bow, OK 38-0
Oct. 9 Prescott 46-0
Oct. 16 Hope 46-7
Oct. 23 Dierks 19-0
Oct. 30 at Texarkana Arkansas High 26-7
*Nov. 13 at Batesville 19-6
*Nov. 26 McGehee 27-0
*Challenge games
Notable: State champions; Lester Bradley named Ark-ansas Coach of the Year.

1943 – Record 3-4-1
Coach Bradley
Sept. 24 at Smackover 7-37
Oct. 1 Broken Bow 31-0
Oct. 15 at Hope 19-19
Oct. 22 at Ark. High 14-40
Oct. 29 Dierks 13-19
Nov. 11 at Ashdown 19-13
Nov. 19 Hope 26-7
Nov. 25 Dierks 13-19

1944 – Record 7-3
Coach Bradley
Sept. 22 at Ark. High 12-30
Sept. 29 Smackover 7-34
Oct. 6 Arkansas High 20-12
Oct. 13 Hope 6-0
Oct. 20 at Ashdown 28-0
Oct. 27 at Dierks 7-0
Nov. 3 De Queen 39-0
Nov. 10 Ashdown 34-0
Nov. 17 at Hope 0-6
Nov. 30 Dierks 40-7

1945 – Record 6-3-1
Coach Bradley
Sept. 14 Horatio 15-6
Sept 21 Arkansas High 6-13
Sept. 28 at Smackover 14-0
Oct. 12 at Hope 21-0
Oct. 19 at Fair Park, Shreveport, LA 0-25
Oct. 26 Dierks 0-0
Nov. 2 at De Queen 20-7
Nov. 7 Ashdown 62-0
Nov. 16 Hope 0-14
Nov. 29 Dierks 38-0

1946 – Record 8-3
Coach Bradley
Sept. 13 at Ark. High 0-39
Sept. 20 Horatio 53-7
Sept. 27 at Gurdon 27-0
Oct. 4 at Prescott 25-0
Oct. 11 Hope 0-12
Oct. 18 Magnolia 7-13
Oct. 25 Dierks 13-6
Nov. 1 De Queen 27-0
Nov. 8 Ashdown (Forfeit) 2-0
Nov. 15 Mineral Springs 20-0
Nov. 28 Dierks 7-2

1947 – Record 10-2
Coach Bradley

Sept. 12 at Ark. High 12-6
Sept. 19 Horatio 33-0
Sept. 26 Gurdon 21-0
Oct. 3 Prescott 27-0
Oct. 10 at Hope 6-13
Oct. 17 at Magnolia 6-13
Oct. 24 Dierks 40-12
Oct. 30 at De Queen 53-7
Nov. 7 Smackover 47-7
Nov. 14 at Arkadelphia 40-7
Nov. 21 Brinkley 6-0
Nov. 27 Dierks 41-0

1948 – Record 8-4
Coach Bradley
Sept. 10 at Texarkana Arkansas High 7-6
Sept. 17 Jonesboro 19-6
Sept 25 Gurdon at Hope 18-0
Oct. 1 at Prescott 33-0
Oct. 8 De Queen 39-7
Oct. 15 Magnolia 6-0
Oct. 22 Dierks 33-0
Oct. 29 at Blytheville 7-39
Nov. 5 at Smackover 7-19
Nov. 11 Arkadelphia 38-0
Nov. 19 Warren 6-14
Nov. 25 Hope 0-14
Notable: First “radio” broadcasts from game site to a paying audience in the visiting team’s gym – for Magnolia and Blytheville games.

1949 – Record 8-2-1
Coach Bradley
Sept. 9 Mena 38-0
Sept. 16 at Texarkana Arkansas High 0-0
Sept 23 at Jonesboro 19-7
Sept. 30 Prescott 59-0
Oct. 7 at De Queen 13-26
Oct. 14 at Magnolia 0-13
Oct. 21 Dierks 12-7
Oct. 28 Blytheville 13-6
Nov. 4 Gurdon 14-0
Nov. 11 at Arkadelphia 34-13
Nov. 24 at Hope 6-0

1950 — Record 6-5
Coach: Clint Fuller
Sept. 15 Mena 27-0
Sept. 22 at Texarkana Arkansas High 26-19
Sept. 29 Hot Springs 0-27
Oct. 6 at Prescott 40-0
Oct. 13 De Queen 0-19
Oct. 20 Magnolia 39-33
Oct. 26 Dierks 21-6
Nov. 3 at Malvern 0-24
Nov. 10 at Gurdon 7-24
Nov. 17 Arkadelphia 40-6
Nov. 30 Hope 7-19

1951 – Record 5-6
Coach: John Shaddox
Sept 14 Mena 7-25
Sept. 20 at Ark. High 0-44
Sept. 28 at Hot Springs 13-33
Oct. 5 Prescott 28-12
Oct. 12 at De Queen 12-49
Oct. 19 at Magnolia 0-34
Oct. 25 Dierks 12-7
Nov. 2 Malvern 40-7
Nov. 9 Gurdon 46-13
Nov. 16 at Camden Fair.view 20-7
Nov. 22 at Hope 7-32

1952 – Record 8-3-1
Coach Shaddox
Sept. 12 Ashdown 31-6
Sept. 19 at Ark. High 0-32
Sept. 26 Hot Springs 33-13
Oct. 3 at Stamps 7-14
Oct. 10 at Prescott 25-13
Oct. 17 De Queen 37-0
Oct. 24 Hope 7-6
Oct. 31 at Mena 33-13
Nov. 5 Dierks 39-12
Nov. 14 at Gurdon 46-6
Nov. 21 Booneville, game at Mena 13-25
Nov. 26 Magnolia 14-14

1953 – Record 5-7
Coach Shaddox
Sept. 11 Ashdown 25-0
Sept. 18 at Hot Springs 27-20
Sept. 25 at Malvern 13-35
Oct. 2 Stamps 19-20
Oct. 9 Prescott 41-0
Oct. 16 at De Queen 15-33
Oct. 22 at Hope 12-21
Oct. 30 Mena 33-0
Nov. 4 Dierks 0-6
Nov. 13 Gurdon 25-0
Nov. 20 at C. Fairview 13-20
Nov. 26 at Magnolia 7-12

1954 – Record 10-2
Coach: Dwight Jones
Sept. 10 at Idabel, OK 33-6
Sept 17 Dermott 26-0
Sept. 24 Malvern 13-6
Oct. 1 at Stamps 26-0
Oct. 8 Hot Springs 20-0
Oct. 15 De Queen 6-32
Oct. 22 at Prescott 54-0
Oct. 29 at Mena 6-0
Nov. 5 at Ashdown 13-6
Nov. 12 at Gurdon 34-0
Nov. 19 Camden Fair. 13-6
Nov. 25 Hope 6-14

1955 – Record 10-0-1
Coach Jones
Sept. 9 at Monticello 7-0
Sept. 16 Idabel, OK 34-0
Sept. 23 at Malvern 39-6
Sept. 30 Stamps 39-0
Oct. 7 at Hot Springs 13-13
Oct. 14 at De Queen 24-7
Oct. 21 Prescott 70-0
Oct. 28 Mena 57-0
Nov. 2 Ashdown 33-0
Nov. 11 Gurdon 46-0
Nov. 24 at Hope 38-20
Notable: NHS ranked #1 in class A; #6 overall.

1956 – Record 9-2
Coach Jones
Sept 7 Monticello 19-12
Sept 14 at Idabel, OK 20-14
Sept. 20 Malvern 12-6
Sept 28 at Conway 45-6
Oct. 5 Hot Springs 0-34
Oct. 12 De Queen 7-0
Oct. 26 Mena 41-12

Nov. 2 at Ashdown 32-0
Nov. 9 at Gurdon 41-7
Nov. 16 DeWitt 40-6
Nov. 22 Hope 0-7
Notable: DeWitt ranked #1, Nashville #2 going into game.

1957 – Record 10-2
Coach Jones
Sept. 13 at Hot Springs 7-38
Sept. 20 Arkadelphia 20-0
Sept. 27 at Jacksonville 26-7
Oct. 4 Gurdon 26-0
Oct. 11 Idabel, OK 39-6
Oct. 18 at De Queen 7-12
Oct. 25 at Prescott 27-20
Nov. 1 Mena 33-0
Nov. 8 Ashdown 26-0
Nov. 15 Foreman 48-13
Nov. 22 at DeWitt 18-6
Nov. 28 at Hope 33-20

1958 – Record 1-9-1
Coach Jones
Sept. 12 at Hot Springs 0-38
Sept. 19 at Arkadelphia 13-19
Sept. 26 Jacksonville 6-26
Oct. 3 at Gurdon 0-20
Oct. 10 at Idabel 14-14
Oct. 17 De Queen 0-39
Oct. 24 Prescott 6-12
Oct. 31 at Mena 0-39
Nov. 7 at Ashdown 13-26
Nov. 14 Foreman 14-7
Nov. 27 Hope 13-61

1959 – Record 9-2
Coach Jones
Sept. 4 at Stamps 38-0
Sept. 11 Ashdown 19-14
Sept. 18 Arkadelphia 6-7
Sept. 25 Norphlet 14-0
Oct. 2 Gurdon 13-7
Oct. 9 Idabel, OK 7-6
Oct. 16 at De Queen 7-21
Oct. 23 at Prescott 19-6
Oct. 30 Mena 33-7
Nov. 6 at Bearden (incomplete game) 6-7
Nov. 13 at Foreman 45-0
Nov. 26 Hope 12-7
Notable: Scrappers leave field at Bearden in protest of officiating.

1960 – Record 5-6
Coach Jones
Sept. 2 Stamps 19-7
Sept. 9 at Ashdown 0-25
Sept. 16 at Arkadelphia 7-14
Sept. 30 at Gurdon 19-6
Oct. 7 at Idabel, OK 12-22
Oct. 14 De Queen 13-6
Oct. 21 Prescott 25-6
Oct. 28 at Mena 6-12
Nov. 4 at Camden Fair. 13-20
Nov. 11 Foreman 34-7
Nov. 24 Hope 0-13

1961 – Record 9-1-1
Coach Jones
Sept. 1 at Dierks 25-0
Sept. 8 Ashdown 13-0
Sept. 15 Arkadelphia 0-0
Sept. 22 Gurdon 25-0
Sept. 29 at Mabelvale 32-0
Oct. 6 Idabel, OK 33-14
Oct. 13 at De Queen 20-0
Oct. 20 at Prescott 7-6
Oct. 27 Mena 26-7
Nov. 3 Camden Fairview 6-7
Nov. 23 at Hope 14-6

1962 – Record 10-1
Coach Jones
Aug. 31 Dierks 19-6
Sept. 7 at Ashdown 18-0
Sept. 14 at Arkadelphia 14-0
Sept. 21 at Gurdon 33-7
Sept. 28 Mabelvale 21-0
Oct. 12 De Queen 19-6
Oct. 19 Prescott 19-6
Oct. 26 at Mena 41-0
Nov. 2 Magnolia 13-7
Nov. 9 at Idabel, OK 44-20
Nov. 22 Hope 0-13
Notable: Dwight Jones is named Arkansas Coach of the Year

1963 – Record 2-10
Coach Jones
Sept. 6 at Dierks 7-19
Sept. 13 Ashdown 6-27
Sept. 20 Arkadelphia 6-7
Sept. 27 Gurdon 14-13
Oct. 4 at Crossett 0-7
Oct. 11 Idabel, OK 6-20
Oct. 18 at De Queen 0-21
Oct. 25 at Prescott 0-20
Nov. 1 Mena 18-7
Nov. 8 at Magnolia 7-28
Nov. 15 Open
Nov. 22 Lakeside 0-52
Nov. 27 at Hope 13-42

1964 – Record 6-6
Coach Jones
Sept 4 Dierks 21-19
Sept. 11 at Ashdown 0-9
Sept. 18 at Arkadelphia 33-0
Sept. 25 at Gurdon 0-10
Oct. 2 Magnet Cove 32-6
Oct. 9 at Idabel, OK 0-54
Oct. 16 De Queen 13-27
Oct. 23 Prescott 12-0
Oct. 30 at Mena 25-7
Nov. 6 Magnolia 6-14
Nov. 13 Hope 0-7
Nov. 20 at Lakeside 7-0

1965 – Record 10-2
Coach Jones
Sept. 3 at Dierks 33-0
Sept. 10 Ashdown 0-19
Sept. 17 Arkadelphia 13-0
Sept. 24 Gurdon 25-13
Oct. 1 at Magnet Cove 30-7
Oct. 8 Idabel, OK 34-0
Oct. 15 at De Queen 7-13
Oct. 22 at Prescott 28-14
Oct. 29 Mena 18-0
Nov. 5 at Magnolia 14-0
Nov. 12 at Hope 47-6
Nov. 19 Lakeside 20-6

1966 – Record 10-1
Coach Jones
Sept. 2 Dierks 48-6
Sept. 9 at Ashdown 14-19
Sept. 16 at Arkadelphia 19-0
Sept. 23 at Gurdon 35-6
Oct. 7 at Idabel, OK 6-0
Oct. 14 De Queen 20-19
Oct. 21 Prescott 19-6
Oct. 28 at Mena 14-7
Nov. 4 Magnolia 20-13
Nov. 11 Hope 26-7
Nov. 18 at Lakeside 52-0
Notable: NHS finished ranked 4th in class A

1967 – Record 10-1
Coach: Joe Goodrum
Sept. 1 at Dierks 13-7
Sept. 8 Ashdown 21-0
Sept. 15 Arkadelphia 33-0

Sept. 22 Gurdon 6-0
Oct. 6 Idabel, OK 48-20
Oct. 13 at De Queen 41-0
Oct. 20 at Prescott 20-7
Oct. 27 Mena 46-12
Nov. 3 at Magnolia 14-19
Nov. 10 at Hope 27-13
Nov. 17 Lakeside 37-18

1968 – Record 7-4-1
Coach Goodrum
Sept. 6 Dierks 63-13
Sept. 13 at Ashdown 13-12
Sept. 20 at Arkadelphia 7-13
Sept. 27 at Gurdon 26-6
Oct. 4 at Hope Yearger 20-20
Oct. 11 Peake (Arkadelphia) 42-6
Oct. 18 De Queen 27-7
Oct. 25 Prescott 14-17
Nov. 1 at Mena 31-0
Nov. 8 Magnolia 0-33
Nov. 15 Hope 7-14
Nov. 22 at Lakeside 6-0

1969 – Record 5-5
Coaches: Goodrum, Edwin Dale
Sept. 5 Foreman 26-12
Sept. 12 Ashdown 6-30
Sept. 19 Arkadelphia 7-39
Sept. 26 at Gurdon 38-0
Oct. 10 Broken Bow, OK 7-6
Oct. 17 at De Queen 25-0
Oct. 24 – at Prescott 13-35
Oct. 31 Mena 14-7
Nov. 7 at Magnolia 19-34
Nov. 13 at Hope 0-42
Notable: After opening game, Coach Goodrum stricken with blindness, and assistant Edwin Dale becomes head coach. Also notable: Last varsity game played at old Scrapper Stadium.

1970 – Record 5-4
Coach Dale
Sept. 4 at Foreman 26-0
Sept. 11 at Ashdown 0-14
Sept. 18 at Arkadelphia 8-33
Sept. 25 Gurdon 27-7
Oct. 9 Stamps 26-0
Oct. 16 De Queen 13-0
Oct. 23 Prescott 6-12
Oct. 30 at Mena 13-12
Nov. 6 Hope 8-35
Notable: First varsity game played on “The Hill.”

1971 – Record 8-4
Coach: Ronnie Bell
Sept. 3 Bradley 47-0
Sept. 10 Magnolia 0-7
Sept. 17 at De Queen 30-7
Sept. 24 at Gurdon 13-7
Oct. 1 Alma 40-0
Oct. 8 at Stamps 0-10
Oct. 15 Foreman 25-0
Oct. 22 at Prescott 23-22
Oct. 29 Mena 13-6
Nov. 5 at Hope 14-15
+Playoffs
+Nov. 12 at Joe T. Robinson 37-0
+Nov. 19 Atkins at Hot Springs (OT) 6-12
Notable: Playoff loss to eventual state champions

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1977 – Record 6-3
Coach Kerr
Sept. 2 Ashdown 10-8
Sept. 9 Magnolia 6-0
Sept. 16 at De Queen 7-21
Sept. 23 at Gurdon 35-6
Oct. 7 at Stamps 21-20
Oct. 14 Camden Fair. 27-7
Oct. 21 at Prescott 6-22
Oct. 28 Smackover 48-16
Nov. 4 at Hope 20-29

1978 – Record 11-2
Coach: Gary Segrest
Sept. 1 at Ashdown 28-8
Sept. 8 at Magnolia 13-12
Sept. 15 De Queen 21-12
Sept. 22 Gurdon 24-8
Sept. 29 at Alma 14-20
Oct. 6 Altheimer 32-8
Oct. 13 at Camden Fair. 20-7
Oct. 20 Prescott 32-0
Oct. 27 Huntsville 27-13
Nov. 3 Hope 13-12
+Playoffs
+Nov. 10 Turrell 18-8
+Nov. 17 Stamps at Prescott 13-0
+Nov. 24 Booneville at Conway 0-12

1979 – Record 5-6-1
Coach Segrest
Aug. 31 Ashdown 7-44
Sept. 7 Magnolia 6-13
Sept. 14 at De Queen 17-0
Sept. 21 at Gurdon 20-26
Sept. 28 at Altheimer 0-0
Oct. 5. Mineral Springs 34-7
Oct. 12 Camden Fair. 13-6
Oct. 19 Prescott 33-7
Oct. 26 at Lake Ham. 20-21
Nov. 2 at Hope 7-41
+Playoffs
+Nov. 9 at Parkin 9-7
+Nov. 16 at Clarendon 6-18

1980 – Record 5-4-2
Coach Segrest
Sept. 5 at Ashdown 13-19
Sept. 12 at Magnolia 20-14
Sept. 19 De Queen 31-12
Sept. 26 Gurdon 19-0
Oct. 3 Altheimer 6-6
Oct. 10 at Min. Springs 21-0
Oct. 17 at Camden Fair. 6-0
Oct. 24 at Prescott 0-13
Oct. 31 Lake Hamilton 6-6
Nov. 7 Hope 7-27
+Playoffs
+Nov. 15 Smackover 0-14

1981 – Record 9-4
Coach Segrest
Sept. 4 Dierks 13-7
Sept. 11 Magnolia 6-27
Sept. 18 at De Queen 21-6
Sept. 25 at Gurdon 28-0
Oct. 2 Fayetteville 24-14
Oct. 9 at McGehee 21-7
Oct. 16 Camden Fair. 18-0
Oct. 23 Prescott 7-9
Oct. 30 Ashdown 28-0
Nov. 6 at Hope 8-20
+Playoffs
+Nov. 13 Marked Tree 29-13
+Nov. 20 at McGehee 22-21
+Nov. 27 at Highland 6-14
Notable: Fayetteville was unbeaten and highly-ranked in state’s biggest school classification. Also notable: Injury-plagued Scrappers lost in playoff semi-final to eventual state champs.

1982 – Record 8-4
Coach Segrest
Sept. 3 at Dierks 28-7
Sept. 10 at Magnolia 0-21
Sept. 17 De Queen 28-6
Sept. 24 Gurdon 17-0
Oct. 8 Horatio 42-8
Oct. 15 at Camd. Fair. 10-17
Oct. 22 at Prescott 7-0
Oct. 29 at Ashdown 21-0
Nov. 5 Hope 7-21
+Playoffs
+Nov. 12 at Eudora 28-0
+Nov. 19 Hughes 28-15
+Nov. 26 at Oak Grove 9-14

1983 – Record 10-2
Coach Segrest
Sept. 2 Lakeside 20-0
Sept. 9 Strong 34-0
Sept. 16 at Camden 7-26
Sept. 23 Arkadelphia 28-20
Sept. 30 at Prescott 10-0
Oct. 14 Magnolia 18-8
Oct. 21 Camden Fairv.21-3
Oct. 28 Ashdown 32-12
Nov. 4 at Hope 7-0
+Playoffs
+Nov. 11 Dumas 14-11
+Nov. 18 at White Hall 21-0
+Nov. 25 at Cabot 13-14
Notable: NHS moved up in class and lost to eventual state champions in the semi-final playoff game.

1984 – Record 3-6-1
Coach Segrest
Aug. 31 at Lakeside 7-0
Sept. 7 at De Queen 7-7
Sept. 14 Camden 0-10
Sept. 21 at Arkadelphia 7-35
Sept. 28 Prescott 6-7
Oct. 5 Durant, OK 14-21
Oct. 12 at Magnolia 0-3
Oct. 19 at Camd. Fair. 10-28
Oct. 26 at Ashdown 14-10
Nov. 2 Hope 13-12

1985 – Record 7-3
Coach Segrest
Sept. 6 Lakeside 20-6
Sept. 13 De Queen 14-9
Sept. 20 at Gurdon 13-14
Sept. 27 Junction City 21-14
Oct. 4 at Prescott 11-8
Oct. 11 at Hampton 20-12
Oct. 18 Magnolia 9-20
Oct. 25 Camden Fair. 21-12
Nov. 1 at Fordyce 12-2
+Playoffs
+Nov. 15 Prescott 0-7

1986 – Record 5-5
Coach Segrest
Sept. 5 at Lakeside 18-3

Sept. 12 at De Queen 0-12
Sept. 19 Gurdon 13-12
Sept. 26 at Jun. City 8-28
Oct. 3 Prescott 7-3
Oct. 10 Hampton 34-7
Oct. 17 at Magnolia 17-20
Oct. 24 at Cam. Fair. 12-14
Oct. 31 Fordyce 7-10
Nov. 7 Cotton Plant 35-8
Notable: Season ends in a game between two teams nicknamed Scrappers.

1987 – Record 4-6
Coach Segrest
Sept. 3 Lakeside 21-14
Sept. 11 Magnolia 7-28
Sept. 18 at M’boro 10-0
Sept. 25 Foreman 13-0
Oct. 2 at Prescott 6-14
Oct. 9 at Fordyce 21-20
Oct. 16 Junction City 13-14
Oct. 23 at Gurdon 13-29
Oct. 30 De Queen 18-14
Nov. 6 at Stamps 0-3

1988 – Record 6-4
Coach Segrest
Sept. 1 at Lakeside 7-21
Sept. 9 at Magnolia 6-18
Sept. 16 Murfreesboro 19-0
Sept. 23 at Foreman 28-6
Sept. 30 Prescott 18-0
Oct. 7 Fordyce 6-0
Oct. 14 at Junction City 14-0
Oct. 21 Gurdon 6-20
Oct. 28 at De Queen 12-13
Nov. 13 Stamps 38-7

1989 – Record 6-4
Coach Segrest
Aug. 31 Lakeside 29-8
Sept. 7 Magnolia 13-28
Sept. 14 at Murfreesboro 7-13
Sept. 21 Texas High JV 28-0
Sept. 28 at Prescott 3-0
Oct. 6 at Fordyce 27-34
Oct. 13 Junction City 31-16
Oct. 20 at Gurdon 20-7
Oct. 27 De Queen 7-14
Nov. 2 at Stamps 21-6

1990 – Record 5-5
Coach Segrest
Aug. 31 at Lakeside 21-0
Sept. 7 at Magnolia 6-14
Sept. 14 Murfreesboro 28-8
Sept. 21 Glenwood 28-7
Sept. 28 Prescott 6-7
Oct. 5 Fordyce 6-14
Oct. 12 at Junction City 29-0
Oct. 19 Gurdon 31-0
Oct. 26 at De Queen 6-15
Nov. 1 Stamps 14-20

1991 – Record 6-5
Coach Segrest
Sept. 6 at M’boro 12-14
Sept. 13 Ashdown 14-20
Sept. 20 Mena 20-14
Oct. 4 at Prescott (OT) 22-21
Oct. 11 at Fordyce 14-38
Oct. 18 Junction City 20-19
Oct. 25 at Gurdon 16-0
Nov. 1 De Queen 6-0
Nov. 8 at Stamps 7-9
+Playoffs
+Nov. 15 at Atkins 21-14
+Nov. 22 at Fordyce 0-34

1992 – Record 8-4
Coach: Billy Laird
Sept. 4 Murfreesboro 21-0
Sept. 11 at Ashdown 16-18
Sept. 18 at Mena 41-7
Sept. 25 Hooks, TX 7-10
Oct. 2 Prescott 19-7
Oct. 9 Fordyce 14-49
Oct. 16 at Junction City 42-3
Oct. 23 Gurdon 26-6
Oct. 30 at De Queen 28-6
Nov. 6 Stamps 27-0
+Playoffs
+Nov. 13 at Atkins 35-14
+Nov. 20 at Fordyce 6-35

1993 – Record 11-3
Coach Laird
Sept. 3 at M’boro 41-20
Sept. 10 Ashdown 44-6
Sept. 17 Mena 41-9
Sept. 24 at Hooks, TX 14-52
Oct. 1 at Prescott 24-3
Oct. 8 at Fordyce 25-6
Oct. 15 Junction City 13-6
Oct. 22 Gurdon 34-7
Oct. 29 De Queen 13-18
Nov. 5 at Stamps 41-12
+Playoffs
+Nov. 12 at Pochontas 39-7
+Nov. 19 at Atkins 34-21
+Nov. 26 at Boonvl. 29-27
+Dec. 4 PB Dollarway at Little Rock 28-42
Notable: Lost in state championship game

1994 – Record 11-1
Coach Laird
Sept. 2 Murfreesboro 30-0
Sept. 9 at Ashdown 13-0
Sept. 16 at Mena 49-7
Sept. 30 Prescott 35-16
Oct. 7 Fordyce 28-0
Oct. 14 at Junction City 34-0
Oct. 21 at Gurdon 27-6
Oct. 28 at De Queen 13-6
Nov. 4. Stamps 18-10
+Playoffs
+Nov. 11 Huntsville 21-0
+Nov. 18 at Atkins 34-20
+Nov. 25 Lonoke (OT) 14-20

1995 – Record 12-3
Coach Laird
Sept. 1 at Murfreesboro 40-6
Sept. 8 Ashdown 33-7
Sept. 15 at Mena 13-18
Sept. 22 Fouke 41-7
Sept. 29 at Prescott 13-28
Oct. 6 at Fordyce 35-7
Oct. 13 Junction City 55-6
Oct. 20 Gurdon 19-12
Oct. 27 De Queen 42-18
Nov. 3 at Stamps 40-20
+Playoffs
+Nov. 10 Warren 17-7
+Nov. 17 at Nettleton 14-14
+Nov. 24 at Atkins 45-14
+Dec. 1 at PB Dollar. 10-6
+Dec. 9 Prescott (in LR) 8-14
Notable: Lost in state cham-

pionship game to district rival.
1996 – Record 15-0
Coach Laird
Sept. 6 at Junction City 54-6
Sept. 13 at Ashdown 43-40
Sept. 20 at Hope 44-14
Sept. 27 Bearden 41-0
Oct. 4 Prescott 32-21
Oct. 11 Fordyce 52-15
Oct. 18 at Bismarck 55-22
Oct. 25 at Fouke 55-16
Nov. 1 at De Queen 34-7
Nov. 8 Ftn. Lake 49-7
+Playoffs
+Nov. 15 Perryville 49-7
+Nov. 22 Gravette 56-7
+Nov. 29 Mena 49-14
+Dec. 6 Lonoke 49-7
+Dec. 14 Osceola (LR) 35-7
Notable: Unbeaten, untied state champions

1997 Record 11-2-1
Coach Laird
Sept. 5 Junction City 40-20
Sept. 12 Ashdown 35-28
Sept. 19 Hope 27-27
Sept. 26 at Bearden 22-12
Oct. 3 at Prescott 29-12
Oct. 10 at Fordyce 0-31
Oct. 17 Bismarck 53-14
Oct. 24 Fouke 35-7
Oct. 31 De Queen 21-14
Nov. 6 at Ftn Lake 28-18
+Playoffs
+Nov. 14 Gentry 22-15
+Nov. 21 Rivercrest 49-16
+Nov. 28 at Pul. Ac. 35-12
+Dec. 5 at Osceola 16-21

1998 – Record 10-3
Coach Laird
Sept. 4 at N.Boston TX 36-0
Sept. 11 Ashdown 35-14
Sept. 18 at Hope 28-29
Sept. 25 at Mena 52-6
Oct. 2 Prescott 35-10
Oct. 9 Fordyce 49-38
Oct. 16 at Bismarck 32-0
Oct. 23 Fouke 33-10
Oct. 30 at De Queen 20-37
Nov. 6 Ftn Lake 42-7
+Playoffs
+Nov. 13 Pochontas 41-20
+Nov. 20 Lake Village 42-6
+Nov. 27 at McGehee 33-34

1999 Record 12-3
Coach Laird
Sept. 3 N.Boston, TX 34-13
Sept. 10 at Ashdown 20-7
Sept. 17 Hope 24-23
Sept. 24 Mena 54-7
Oct. 1 at Prescott 7-32
Oct. 8 at Fordyce 16-17
Oct. 15 Bismarck 34-0
Oct. 22 at Fouke 40-14
Oct. 29 De Queen 7-0
Nov. 5 at Ftn Lake 47-6
+Playoffs
+Nov. 12 Huntsville 46-6
+Nov. 19 Rivercrest (Wilson) 35-21
+Nov. 26 at Brinkley 28-14
+Dec. 3 at Booneville 28-27
+Dec. 11 McGehee at Little Rock 0-28
Notable: NHS lost in championship game to unbeaten McGehee in a driving storm at War Memorial Stadium.

2000 – Record 13-2
Coach Laird
Sept. 1 at Hope 10-6
Sept. 8 Br. Bow, OK 49-3
Sept. 15 at Warren 14-27
Sept. 22 at Mena 21-7
Sept. 29 Prescott 48-12
Oct. 6 Ashdown 54-13
Oct. 13 at Bismarck 33-6
Oct. 20 Fouke 28-6
Oct. 27 at De Queen 50-13
Nov. 3 Ftn Lake 28-0
+Playoffs
+Nov. 10 Harrisburg 33-7
+Nov. 17 Brinkley 26-0
+Nov. 24 Ozark 13-0
+Dec. 1 Fordyce 42-28
+Dec. 6 Booneville 21-29
Notable: NHS lost in state championship game to unbeaten Booneville.

2001 – Record 10-4
Coach Laird
Aug. 31 Hope 14-20
Sept. 7 at B. Bow, OK 42-12
Sept. 14 Warren 42-76
Sept. 21 Mena 44-21
Sept. 28 at Prescott 62-30
Oct. 5 at Ashdown 34-47
Oct. 12 Bismarck 54-12
Oct. 19 at Fouke 27-13
Oct. 26 De Queen 33-13
Nov. 2 Fountain Lake 46-26
+Playoffs
+Nov. 9 Hamburg 35-21
+Nov. 16 at Yellville-Summit 21-14
+Nov. 23 Dumas 54-27
+Nov. 30 at Booneville 12-42
Notable: High-scoring War-ren game reported in “USA Today.”

2002 – Record 11-3
Coach Laird
Sept. 6 at Hope 14-27
Sept. 13 at Texarkana Pleasant Grove, TX 48-27
Sept. 20 at Arkdel. 41-12
Sept. 27 at Mena 48-6
Oct. 4 Prescott 40-14
Oct. 11 Ashdown 7-21
Oct. 18 at Bismarck 65-0
Oct. 25 Fouke 33-12
Nov. 1 at De Queen 49-14
Nov. 8 Ftn Lake 41-14
+Playoffs
+Nov. 15 Dumas 48-12
+Nov. 22 Dover 32-13
+Nov. 29 Newport 21-0
+Dec. 6 Rivercrest 34-36

2003 – Record 6-6
Coach Laird
Sept. 5 Hope 20-21
Sept. 12 at P Grove, TX 6-31
Sept. 19 Arkadelphia 8-24
Sept. 26 Mena 38-7
Oct. 3 at Prescott 26-28
Oct. 10 at Ashdown 13-42
Oct. 17 Bismarck 2-0
Oct. 24 at Fouke 41-0

Oct. 31 De Queen 33-7
Nov. 7 Fountain Lake 42-16
+Playoffs
+Nov. 14 at Warren 32-29
+Nov. 21 at Pr. Grove 12-23

2004 – Record 13-1
Coach: Chris Wood
Sept. 3 at Hope 21-6
Sept. 10 Fouke 55-0
Sept. 17 at Arkdel. 36-13
Sept. 24 at Mena 41-18
Oct. 1 Prescott 42-21
Oct. 8 Ashdown 15-12
Oct. 15 at Glen Rose 49-12
Oct. 22 Lafayette Co. 56-13
Oct. 29 at De Queen 42-7
Nov. 5 Fountain Lake 32-12
+Playoffs
+Nov. 12 Clinton 42-8
+Nov. 19 Ozark 28-7
+Nov. 26 Green Forest 21-14
+Dec. 3 CAC 6-27
Notable: NHS lost at home in semi-final playoff game to eventual state champions.

2005 – Record 14-1
Coach Billy Dawson
Sept. 2 Hope 13-22
Sept. 9 Fouke 41-7
Sept. 16 Arkadelphia 50-18
Sept. 23 Mena 42-0
Sept. 30 at Prescott 49-0
Oct. 7 at Ashdown 47-28
Oct. 14 Glen Rose 48-12
Oct. 21 at Lafayette Co. 49-0
Oct. 28 De Queen 56-6
Nov. 4 Fountain Lake 54-14
+Playoffs
+Nov. 11 Bauxite 56-27
+Nov. 18 Highland 49-12
+Nov. 25 Booneville 47-14
+Dec. 2 Pulaski Acad. 31-8
+Dec. 10 CAC in LR 28-14
Notable: NHS wins state championship.

2006 – Record 15-0
Coach Dawson
Sept. 1 at Hope 14-7
Sept. 8. Prescott 59-19
Sept. 15 at Arkdel. 48-7
Sept. 22 at Ftn. Lake 49-19
Sept. 29 Mena 55-6
Oct. 6 at CAC 38-21
Oct. 13 De Queen 55-6
Oct. 20 Ashdown 49-13
Oct. 27 at Ark. Baptist 48-6
Nov. 3 Pul. Oak Grove 44-7
+Playoffs
+Nov. 17 Heber Spr. 41-24
+Nov. 24 Pr. Grove 49-14
+Dec. 1 Fordyce 55-15
+Dec. 9 Warren (LR) 21-20
Notable: Unbeaten NHS wins class 4A title

2007 Record 14-1
Coach Dawson
Aug. 31 Hope 26-13
Sept. 7 at Prescott 36-14
Sept. 14 Arkadelphia 33-6
Sept. 21 Ftn. Lake 47-14
Sept. 28 at Mena 47-7
Oct. 5 Cent. Ark. Christ. 28-38
Oct. 12 at De Queen 24-10
Oct. 19 at Ashdown 27-14
Oct. 26 Ark. Baptist 56-7
Nov. 2 at Oak Grove 61-28
+Playoffs
+Nov. 9 Gosnell 40-20
+Nov. 16 Booneville 56-7
+Nov. 23 at Warren 49-39
+Nov. 30 at Gravette 42-6
+Dec. 7 Pine Bluff Dollarway (LR) 42-26
Notable: NHS wins third consecutive state title

2008 Record 11-1
Coach Dawson
Sept. 5 at Hope 48-0
Sept. 12 Prescott 49-27
Sept. 19 L-Eylau, TX 58-35
Sept. 16 De Queen 34-14
Oct. 3 at Mena 57-14
Oct. 10 P. Oak Grove 42-12
Oct. 17 at Ashdown 38-0
Oct. 24 at Waldron 52-13
Oct. 31 Malvern 41-23
Nov. 7 at Arkadelphia 58-0
+Playoffs
+First round bye
Nov. 21 Stuttgart 63-35
Nov. 28 PB Dollar. 12-16

2009 Record 13-1
Coach Dawson
Sept. 4 Hope 42-7
Sept. 11 at Prescott 34-10
Sept. 18 at Txx. L-Eylau 37-27
Sept. 25 at DeQueen 35-16
Oct. 2 Mena 52-31
Oct. 9 at Oak Grove 49-21
Oct. 16 Ashdown 55-35
Oct. 23 Waldron 42-0
Oct. 30 at Malvern 20-7
Nov. 6 Arkadelphia 49-21
*Nov. 13 Fordyce 52-6
*Nov. 20 Pr. Grove 49-12
*Nov. 27 at Shiloh Christ. 49-51
Notable: lost to eventual state champions after leading 35-0

2010 Record 10-3
Coach Tim Perry
Sept. 3 Hope 45-9
Sept. 10 Prescott 45-7
Sept. 17 CAC 38-35
Sept. 24 De Queen 45-6
Oct. 1 Pul. Academy 64-53
Oct. 8 Oak Grove 52-20
Oct. 15 Ashdown 27-19
Oct. 22 Pulaski Rob. 28-30
Oct. 29 Malvern 28-23
Nov. 5 Bauxite 61-21
+Nov. 12 Gentry 50-20
+Nov. 19 Gosnell 65-27
+Nov. 26 at ShilohC. 10-45
Notable: 20th consecutive year to advance to state quarterfinals

2011 -- Record 6-7
Coach Perry
Sept. 2 Hope 48-21
Sept. 9 Prescott 21-28
Sept. 16 CAC 14-28
Sept. 23 De Queen 13-38
Sept. 30 Pul. Acad. 40-59
Oct. 7 Maumelle 26-29
Oct. 14 Ashdown 28-26
Oct. 21 P. Robinson 28-24
Oct. 28 Malvern 7-20

Nov. 4 Bauxite 61-14
+Nov. 11 Highland 35-21
+Nov. 18 De Queen 28-21
+Nov. 25 Malvern 16-28
Notable: first losing season since 1987, but won 2 games in playoffs

2012 -- Record 10-3
Coach Dawson
Sept. 5 Hope 40-13
Sept. 12 De Queen 54-14
Sept. 19 Wtsn. Chap. 28-30
Sept. 26 Arkadelphia 21-42
Oct. 3 CAC 49-21
Oct. 10 Ark. Baptist 68-19
Oct. 17 Ashdown 28-7
Oct. 24 Pu. Robinson 49-13
Oct. 31 Malvern 52-21
Nov. 7 Bauxite 58-21
+Playoffs
Nov. 14 Maumelle 55-20
Nov. 21 +CAC 49-13
Nov. 28 Pl. Grove 34-41.
Notable: Scrappers’ 22nd consecutive appearance in the state football playoffs

2013 -- Record 6-5
Coach Dawson
Sept. 6 Hope 21-35
Sept. 13 De Queen 35-0
Sept. 20 Wtsn. Chap. 20-14
Sept. 27 Arkadelphia 19-28
Oct. 4 CAC 43-12
Oct. 11 Ark. Baptist 56-20
Oct. 18 Ashdown 6-10
Oct. 25 Pu. Robinson 55-28
Nov. 1 Malvern 21-56
Nov. 8 Bauxite 55-28
+Playoffs
Nov. 15 Lincoln 14-27
Notable: Scrappers’ 23rd consecutive appearance in the state football playoffs

2014 -- Record 10-2
Coach Dawson
Sept.5 Hope 53-10
Sept. 12 De Queen 45-2
Sept. 19 Wats. Chap. 22-13
Sept. 26 Arkadelphia 38-21
Oct. 3 Ftn. Lake 29-32
Oct. 10 Waldron 54-7
Oct. 17 Ashdown 31-15
Oct. 24 Mena 35-7
Oct. 31 Malvern 28-26
Nov. 7 Bauxite 56-21
+Playoffs
Nov. 14 Bye
Nov. 21 Prairie Gr. 49-32
Nov. 28 Dardanelle 19-35
Notable: Scrappers’ 24th consecutive appearance in the state football playoffs

2015 -- Record 15-0
Coach Mike Volarvich
Sept. 4 Hope 32-31
Sept. 11 at De Queen 32-13
Sept. 18 at W. Chpl. 69-48
Sept. 25 at Arkdphla. 49-28
Oct. 2. Ftn Lake 13-12
Oct. 9 at Waldron 69-7
Oct. 16 Ashdown 37-18
Oct. 23 Mena 44-0
Oct. 30 at Malvern 56-14
Nov. 6 Bauxite 42-14
+Playoffs
Nov. 13 Crossett
Nov. 20 Shiloh C. 48-23
Nov. 27 Warren 42-37
Dec. 4 Pea Ridge 42-20
Dec. 12 Prairie Grove 39-20 in Little Rock
Notable: Undefeated state champions; Scrappers’ 25th consecutive appearance in the state football playoffs

2016 - Record 11-1
Coach Volarvich
Sept. 2 at Hope 61-14
Sept. 9 De Queen 47-8
Sept. 16 Idabel 91-63*
Sept. 23 Arkadel. 71-40
Sept. 30 at Ftn. Lake 65-29
Oct. 7 JTR 31-28
Oct. 14 at Ashdown 56-51
Oct. 21 at Mena 42-7
Oct. 28 Malvern 54-21
Nov. 4 at Bauxite 49-12
+ Playoffs
Nov. 11 Dover 49-7
Nov. 18 Pea Ridge 28-53
Notable: Combined score vs. Idabel highest in Arkansas high school football history; unbeaten district champions; no conference loss dating back to Oct. 3, 2014; 26th consecutive appearance in playoffs, most of any team in Arkansas; 15-game win streak broken in second round of playoffs.

2017 - Record 8-4
Coach Volarvich
Sept. 1 Hope 60-20
Sept. 8 De Queen 42-49
Sept. 15 Idabel OK 51-30
Sept. 22 Arkadel. 24-34
Sept. 29 Ftn. Lake 65-28
Oct. 6 Joe T. Rob. 10-34
Oct. 13 Ashdown 35-28
Oct. 19 Mena 45-7
Oct. 26 Malvern 64-28
Nov. 3 Bauxite 53-22
+ Playoffs
Nov. 10 Monticello 47-7
Nov. 17 Booneville 21-24
NOTABLE: 27th consecutive year to make state playoffs

2018 - Record 10-3
Coach Volarvich
Aug. 20 Wats. Chapel 28-22
Aug. 31 Hope 63-6
Sept. 7 De Queen 63-7
Sept. 14 Open
Sept. 21 Arkadelphia 28-23
Sept. 28 Ftn. Lake 58-14
Oct. 5 JT Robinson 25-39
Oct. 12 Ashdown 27-20
Oct. 19 Haskell HG 21-26
Oct. 26 Malvern 69-10
Nov. 2 Bauxite 20-14 OT
+ Playoffs
Nov. 7 Elkins 36-0
Nov. 16 Bauxite 41-18
Nov. 23. Shiloh Christ. 21-40
NOTABLE: State record 28th consecutive playoff trip

2019 - Record 11-2
Coach Volarvich
Aug.27 Watson Chpl. 35-28
Sept. 6 Hope 56-0
Sept. 13 at De Queen 55-13
Sept. 27 at Arkadelphia 22-21
Oct. 4 Ftn. Lake 42-14
Oct. 11 at JT Robinson 7-34
Oct. 18 Ashdown 55-20
Oct. 25 Haskell HG 42-6
Nov. 1 at Malvern 37-12
Nov. 8 Bauxite 49-14
+Playoffs
Nov. 15 Rivercrest 54-21
Nov. 22 Dardanelle 35-34
Nov. 29 Shiloh Christ. 27-49
NOTABLE: District tri-champs; state record 29th playoffs appearance

2020 - Record 9-3
Coach Volarvich
Aug. 28 P Grove 14-55
Sept. 4 at Hope 40-20
Sept. 11 De Queen 48-6 open
Sept. 25 Arkadelphia cancelled, Covid-19
Oct. 2 Fountain Lake 41-3
Oct. 9 Joe T. Robinson 36-35
Oct. 16 at Ashdown 24-26
Oct. 23 at Hrm. Grove Haskell 41-7
Oct. 30 Malvern 41-12
Nov. 6 at Bauxite 58-23
+Playoffs
Nov. 13 Bye
Nov. 20 Waldron 2-0 (forfeit, Covid-19)
Nov. 27 Elkins 48-6
Dec. 4 Warren 41-48
Notable: Mercy ruled for first time on home field in opener; 9th consecutive winning season; 3rd straight years advance to quarterfinals.

2021 - Record 4-6
Coach Volarvich
Aug. 27 Pl Grove, Tx, 0-57
Sept. 3 Hope 35-21
Sept. 10 at De Queen 41-27
Sept. 24 at Arkadelphia 14-42
Oct. 1 Ftn Lake 21-54
Oct. 8 at JTRobinson 14-62
Oct. 15 Ashdown 21-26
Oct. 22 Harm. Grove 28-21
Oct. 29 at Malvern 19-40
Nov. 5 Bauxite 55-19
Notable: 1st shutout loss since 1999; state record of 30 consecutive appearances snapped.

2022 - Record 10-4
Coach Volarvich
Aug. 26 Magnolia 27-35
Sept. 2 at Hope 74-42
Sept. 9 De Queen 50-21
Sept. 16. at Charleston 27-19
Sept. 23 Arkadelphia 12-49
Oct. 7 at Mena 40-7
Oct. 14 Ashdown 28-20
Oct. 21 at Waldron 41-6
Oct. 28 Malvern 48-34
Nov. 4 at Lonoke 36-35
+Playoffs
Nov. 11 at Bauxite 25-8
Nov. 18 at Pochontas 37-7
Nov. 28 at Elkins 63-62
Dec. 2 at Malvern 37-56
Notable: Return to state playoffs after state record streak snapped. Advanced to state semi-finals.

2023 - Record 8-4
Coach Volarvich
Aug. 25 - Magnolia 20-48
Sept. 1 - Hope 24-21
Sept. 8 - De Queen 49-0
sept. 15 - Charleston 26-21
Sept. 22 - Arkadelphia 6-44
Sept. 29 - Open
Oct. 7 - Mena 46-14
Oct. 14 - Ashdown 52-20
Oct. 20 - Waldron 55-6
Oct. 27 - Malvern 21-35
Nov. 3 - Lonoke 62-7

Howard County District Court

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Howard County
Boze, Jeremy Lee, 49, Briggsville, \$273 BF, overload
Godwin, Kimberly Marie, 40, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$250
Hernandez, Sergio, 30, De Queen, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of speeding, fined \$250; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Marlow, Damean M., 39, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$1,322 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
Rodriguez, Alejandra D., 21, De Queen, \$265 BF, speeding
Rogers, Kevin D., 40, Texarkana, Texas, \$220 BF, violation of state park rules and use directive
Valdivia, Fernando, 37, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
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Almond, Jamie L., 43, Nashville, guilty of theft of lost or mislaid property, fined \$465; guilty of failure to comply with court order, fined \$220; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285; guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$1,860 balance
Ashby, Kaelyn, 29, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Foster, Stephen, 51, Mineral Springs, guilty of violation of protection order, fined \$1,120
Gonzalez Cruz, Elias, 36, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Green, Kennan D., 29, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$635 balance
Johnson, Darjet, 28, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Ortiz Martinez, Julian M., 38, Umpire, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Ortiz, Lourdes Victorina, 53, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of improper or prohibited passing
Rhodes, Blake A., 21, Nashville, \$250 BF, speeding; \$215 BF, improper or prohibited passing
Torres, Juan J. 21, Nashville, \$425 BF, contributing to delinquency of a minor
Whitmore, Shalonda D., 49, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; \$5,320 balance
City of Dierks
Sanchez, Teresa, 22, Nash, Texas, \$290 BF, speeding
City of Mineral Springs
Applegate, Brent, 38, Roanoke, Texas, \$215 BF, improper or prohibited passing
City of Tollethe
Parkman, Brandon L., 23, Bloomberg, Texas, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of possessing open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, fined \$220
Bench Trials
City of Nashville
Foster, Stephen, 51, Nashville, guilty of violation of protection order, fined \$1,120, sentenced to five months in jail-suspended conditions
Vasquez Martinez, Juan, 35, Albuquerque, N.M., possession of marijuana, deferred adjudication, for six months to dismiss, fined \$1,090; possession of drug paraphernalia, deferred adjudication for six months to dismiss, fined \$575
City of Dierks
Breshears, Aaron, 21, Hot Springs Village, speeding, deferred adjudication for six months to dismiss, fined \$260
Wheeler, Misty Marie, 40, Dierks, third-degree domestic battery, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$710; public intoxication, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$220
Wheeler, William W., 47, Dierks, public intoxication, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$220; third-degree domestic battery, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$710



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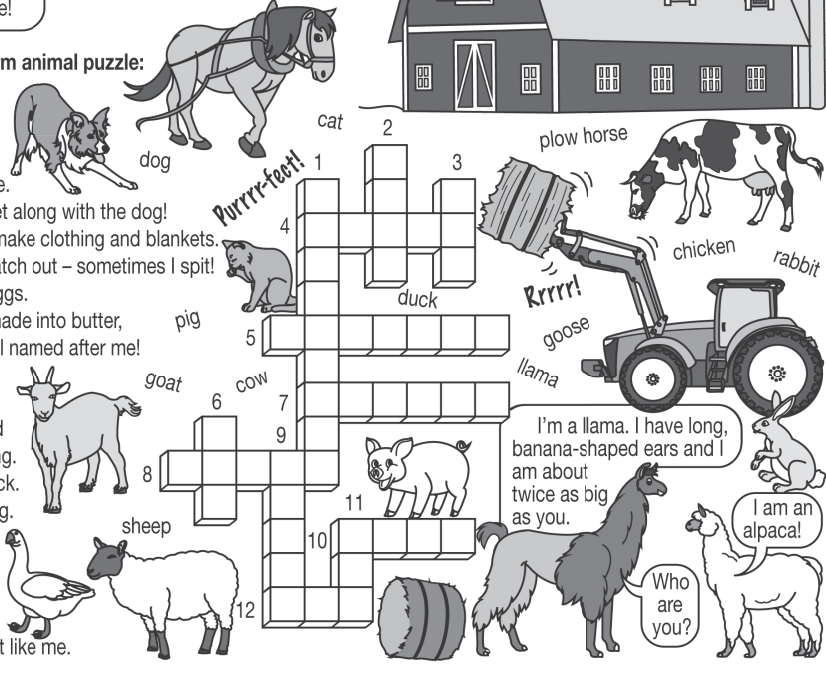
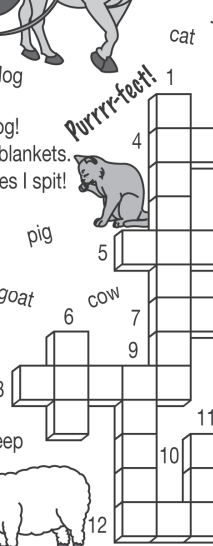
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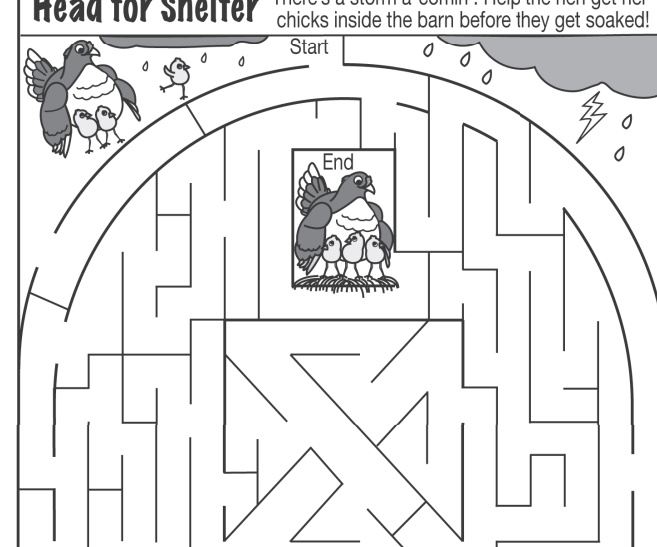
Farm Times
Riddles & Rhymes!

Who Am I? Read the riddles to fill in this farm animal puzzle:

- Most farmers use tractors, but I still may help to break ground in some fields or pull heavy loads.
- I can eat many kinds of plants. My milk may be drunk or made into cheese. I don't have a "baaaaaad" attitude.
- I am the "purrfect" pet. I chase mice away. I may not get along with the dog!
- I have a long neck like a camel. My soft fur is used to make clothing and blankets. I can help carry things up mountains. I am calm, but watch out - sometimes I spit!
- If I am a rooster, I crow at sunrise. If I am a hen, I lay eggs.
- I might eat hay, grass, barley or corn. My milk can be made into butter, cheese, yogurt and ice cream. I even have a type of bell named after me!
- I have long ears and great hearing. I may freeze when frightened, then thump the ground to warn others.
- I lay eggs. My feathers are used for pillows. I have good eyesight and honk loudly when something seems wrong.
- My fluffy wool ranges in color from creamy white to black. It is sheared and used for making clothing and carpeting.
- Some say I like damp and rainy weather. My babies follow me in a line. I have webbed feet for swimming.
- I help to herd and gather sheep. I guard and protect.
- I have a pink curly tail. I lie in mud to keep cool. When someone makes a mess, others may joke that they act like me.



Head for Shelter
There's a storm a-comin'. Help the hen get her chicks inside the barn before they get soaked!



What Kind of Farm?
There are lots of different kinds of farms. Fill in my rhyming clues one by one - you'll know seven types when you are done!

- You'll find birds at poultry farms, in coops, in fields, in pens; feathered creatures: roosters, chicks and _____.
- Large, refrigerated tank trucks let us deliver milk with ease - to the dairy plant to be readied for butter, cream and _____.
- Black and yellow insects can 'bee' farmed to make us money; dripping sweetly in their hives is gold, delicious _____.
- A livestock farm may have ranchers or sheepherders - like little Bo Peep; they breed different animals like goats, cattle and _____.
- An orchard grows apples to bite and bake and squeeze; it's a farm that plants endless rows of leafy apple _____.
- A cranberry bog grows bitter berries we crush into sauce and chomp; they're farmed in a wet, marshy field that looks a bit like a _____.
- A vineyard is a farm for grapes, the fruit that grows on vines; the grapes are used in juice and jam, in jellies and in _____.

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Home&Heart Tips, Tricks for Safe, Fun Time at The County Fair

By Abby Gray
Howard County EA Family Consumer Science

County fair season is a favorite time of year for many families. From livestock shows and exhibits to carnival rides, games, and fair food, there is something for everyone to enjoy. While fairs create lasting memories, a little planning can help ensure the experience is both safe and enjoyable for the whole family. Extension specialists and health experts offer several tips to help visitors make the most of their fair experience.

Start with the Right Attitude
For families involved in livestock shows, exhibits, or youth competitions, county fairs can be exciting but also emotional. Michigan State University Extension encourages parents and caregivers to focus on the learning experience rather than the outcome of competitions. Fair activities provide opportunities for youth to develop responsibility, confidence, and life skills.

Parents can support their children by respecting judges’ decisions, emphasizing what participants did well, and treating every experience as a chance to learn and grow. A positive attitude can help make the fair enjoyable for everyone involved.

Practice Good Sportsmanship
Whether showing animals, entering exhibits, or simply cheering on partici-

pants, good sportsmanship goes a long way. Michigan State University Extension recommends congratulating others, offering words of encouragement, and showing kindness regardless of the results. Every family comes to the fair with different experiences, resources, and challenges.

Simple comments such as “Good job,” “You worked hard,” or “You handled that well” can make a meaningful difference and help create a welcoming fair environment.

Stay Hydrated and Dress for the Day
Summer temperatures can make fairgrounds hot and tiring. Health experts advise drinking plenty of water throughout the day, especially since most fair visitors spend hours walking outdoors. Water helps replace fluids lost through heat and activity more effectively than sugary soft drinks.

Comfortable clothing and sturdy, closed-toe shoes are also important. Fairgrounds often include gravel paths, livestock areas, and amusement rides. Closed-toe shoes help protect feet and make it easier to stay comfortable while walking long distances.

Be Smart About Fair Food
Fair food is a beloved tradition, but many favorites are high in calories, sugar, and fat. According to the University of Arkansas Co-

operative Extension Service, enjoying fair treats does not necessarily mean abandoning healthy eating habits. The key is moderation and planning.

Experts recommend:
Choosing water instead of large sugary beverages.
Sharing large food items, such as funnel cakes, with friends or family.
Limiting purchases to favorite fair treats rather than sampling everything available.
Planning mealtimes instead of grazing throughout the day.
Being mindful of portions allows visitors to enjoy traditional fair foods without overdoing it.

Wash Your Hands Around Animals
Livestock exhibits and petting zoos are often among the most popular attractions at a county fair. While the animals are generally well cared for, health experts emphasize the importance of washing hands thoroughly after touching animals and before eating. Some animals can carry germs that may cause illness if accidentally ingested.

Soap and water are best, but hand sanitizer can also be used when handwashing facilities are not immediately available.

Keep Children Safe
Crowded fairgrounds can be overwhelming for young children. Parents should keep children close and hold hands with younger chil-

dren when walking through busy areas. Bright lights, attractions, and crowds can easily distract children and lead to separation.

Experts also recommend developing a family plan before arriving at the fair. Children should know what to do if they become separated and should be instructed to seek help from a police officer or fair official. Carrying a parent’s name and cell phone number can also be helpful.

Follow Ride Safety Rules
Amusement rides are a major attraction, but safety should always come first. Visitors should read and follow all ride instructions; use required safety equipment and pay attention to posted restrictions.

If a ride stops unexpectedly, riders should remain seated and wait for instructions from operators. Visitors who observe unsafe behavior, maintenance concerns, or operators not following procedures should report the issue to fair officials rather than attempting to intervene themselves.

Know Where to Get Help
Before exploring the fairgrounds, take a few moments to locate first aid stations, fair offices, security personnel, and emergency assistance areas. Knowing where help is available can save valuable time during an emergency. Fair maps and signage can help visitors become familiar with the grounds before they begin

activities.

Enjoy the Experience
County fairs offer opportunities to learn new skills, experience agriculture, spend time with family and friends, and create lasting memories. By planning ahead, practicing kindness, making smart food choices, and following basic safety precautions, families can enjoy all the fun the fair has to offer while staying safe and healthy.

Stay Cool at the Fair with a Peach Cooler
After a day of walking the fairgrounds, watching livestock shows, and enjoying exhibits, staying hydrated is important. This simple Peach Cooler offers a refreshing option that can be enjoyed as a snack, breakfast beverage, or cool treat on a hot day.

Peach Cooler
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Makes: 2 cups
Ingredients
½ cup nonfat dry milk

1 cup chopped frozen peaches
½ cup cold water
½ cup orange juice (juice from 1 orange)
Directions
Wash hands with soap and water.
Place all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.
Refrigerate leftovers within two hours.
Helpful Tips
One cup of chopped or sliced peaches equals about 1½ to 2 medium fresh peaches.
Serve as a refreshing summer snack or light dessert.

Recipe Source
This recipe is from **Food Hero**, a nutrition education program that provides healthy, affordable recipes and food preparation tips for families. The Peach Cooler is described as a cool, creamy, and refreshing drink that is especially enjoyable on hot days or as part of a quick and easy breakfast.

The 2026 Howard County Fair continues through Saturday, Aug. 29
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BY JOHN LEHTI

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THE MOTHER MARY.
AS THE MOTHER OF THE MAN DESTINED TO BECOME THE MESSIAH, MARY COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN THE FULL FATE THAT AWAITED HER SON, BUT WHENEVER SHE IS MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IT IS EVIDENT THAT SHE WAS A PATIENT AND TRUSTING WOMAN. ONLY ONCE DID SHE CHIDE HER SON--THE INSTANCE BEING THAT OF THEIR TRIP TO JERUSALEM WHEN JESUS WAS TWELVE YEARS OF AGE (LUKE 2:42) WHEN THEY HAD TO GO BACK A FULL DAY'S JOURNEY BECAUSE THE YOUNG JESUS HAD STAYED BEHIND IN THE CITY TO CONVERSE WITH THE DOCTORS AND RABBIS IN THE TEMPLE. ONLY A VERY PATIENT AND SPIRITUALLY MINDED MOTHER WOULD HAVE PUT UP WITH THE ANSWER THAT HER SON GAVE HER-- AFTER HAVING TO GO THREE MORE WORRISOME DAYS BEFORE FINDING HIM! (LUKE 2:49)



ONE OF THE LAST PICTURES THAT WE HAVE OF HER IS, STILL PATIENT AND SUFFERING, WAITING BESIDE THE CROSS FOR HER SON TO DIE IN AGONY--AND NEVER COMPLAINING OF HER ROLE IN LIFE OR THE SORROWS SHE HAD TO CONTEND WITH-- A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF A DEVOTED AND PIOUS MOTHER!

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Murfreesboro Elementary sees enrollment increase

By PJ Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond
With school back in session last week, South Pike County Schools Superintendent Tanya Wilcher told the school board that the first two days were “good” outside of the traditional bus transition for young students.

She added that three new students had transferred in from the Prescott school district and two had departed to attend the Dierks School District.

Athletic facilities were being worked on, with the drainage system being finished “hopefully” right as football season was starting.

The basketball floor resurfacing in the gymnasium was completed last week.

Wilcher said armyworms had invaded campus, and preventative spraying had been accomplished both on campus and at the baseball/softball complex.

Cheyana Burns delivered the high school report, stating that 7-12 grade attendance through the first two days was 301, up from 293 at the end of last school year.

The senior “last first” breakfast was attended by 64 students.

Burns said the new phone/device and beverage/food policies were being adhered to without any infractions in the first two days.

She told the board that the school had a individualized plan for each student, and that schedule changes were being made as necessary to get the students into the classes they needed or wanted.

Students in grades 9-12 will have the opportunity for concurrent college credits and that the school is offering both college level algebra and chemistry.

As school gets into the swing of things, the school will look to implement response to intervention (RTI) and high impact tutoring (HIT) programs to improve the state testing scores.

Burns said the three new instructors at the high school were getting along well and that “we look forward to what they bring [to the table].”

Prior to his elementary school report, MES Principal James Riley said that while concurrent credits were a “big responsibility,” they were “a deal” and he wished he had the same opportunity when he was a high school student.

MES saw an increase in student population with 368 students in the first two days, versus 340 at the end of last year. Riley said that included 17 new students in grades one through six.

Riley said that a K-3 state testing screener had to be accomplished within 30 days of school opening, and after a period of iPad acclimation, the process would begin around September 1 starting with the third grade.

He joked with the board, “say a prayer for us when we do kindergarten.”

RTI would then begin at MES after the screener.

With MES’ new looks and faces, Riley said the school was more decorated, including a program by new art teacher Regina Walker.

“She’s just a bundle of creativity,” Riley said, noting she had plans for an after school art club.

In addition, a box has been placed at the school for stu-

dents to submit drawings from their free time to be displayed on a dedicated wall.

“We want to target all kids in a special way -- they are eating it up,” Riley said of the art submission program.

Due to the extreme heat, students were being given very little recess time in the early school year thus far.

“We are being very careful and cautious,” Riley said, noting that a recent storm had felled the major shade tree on the elementary playground. “We are looking into some sun shades.”

Beginning in September, Riley will implement a program that recognizes teachers’ and students’ major accomplishments at the monthly school boards. Students will vote on a teacher to recognize and they will be given time at the board meetings to be acknowledged.

The board approved a resolution to allow Wilcher to sign documents for Arvest Bank in regards to the district’s bus leases. The board had already approved the money previously.

The winning bidder (from two submitted bids) to be the fuel provider for the school in 2026-2027 will be Blackmon Oil for both diesel and gasoline. They provided the winning bid on delivery for 16.5 cents for gasoline and 17 cents for diesel over the regular costs.

The district’s CD will again stay at First State Bank after they provided a bid of 4.32%, just over Diamond Bank’s 4.278%.

“We have to go where it will make the most money,” said Wilcher.

Seth and River Kirkham were awarded the rights to purchase the Brocktown and Bowen properties after they submitted the winning bids of \$3,024 and \$7,575 respectively.

Two properties adjacent to the school -- one the other side of the cafeteria and activity center -- were potentially coming up for sale in the near future.

One contains an older house on .8 acres. The family has asked if the school was interested and after deliberations has indicated they would sell it for \$28,000.

Wilcher said her plan, if the board approved the purchase, was to raze the house.

“We always need more parking,” she said.

Additionally, a “nice” three bedroom and two bath brick

house was also potentially coming up for sale, perhaps for \$75,000-\$85,000.

“These properties are worth more to us [the school district] because they are right here,” Wilcher said. She reiterated she was asking for the board’s permission, and assured them that they had the money.

“This is why we keep money in the building fund, for cases just like this.”

Wilcher told the board that one possibility of the purchase of the brick home would be to moved administration to that location, allowing them to be separate yet still on campus.

She said that Shea Caldwell was often interrupted in her bookkeeping duties with visitors to the school.

By moving the administration offices, it would provide more security by allowing the high school administration to be right inside the door, allowing Danny Eckert to play gatekeeper before allowing people into the school.

“It would be good for Shea and Grace [Hoover] if we could do that.”

Wilcher added that space for more mental health facilities and pre-k room would also be options on the table for the location.

The current ABC Pre-K is being held in the old kindergarten classes at MES.

“It would allow us to own most of the block, now that two options have opened up in the last two weeks,” Wilcher told the board. “These options won’t be available forever.”

The board unanimously approved a \$110,000 figure for Wilcher to negotiate with in the possible purchase of the properties.

In personnel matters, the board approved putting Christy Terrell on a bus driver’s contract. Terrell will handle the afternoon duties of delivering kids home on the Antoine route, while Chuck Lowery handles the morning shift.



AERIAL VIEW. Danny Jones of Dierks provided this drone shot that shows the \$1 million makeover at Ayers Field in what is now being called “The Million Dollar Hollar.” T-Mobile is planning a tailgate reveal party for Friday, Sept. 18.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
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IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: TRAVIS GLENN GREGORY
31 PR 26-63

NOTICE OF PROBATE-INTESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 11124 Highway 278 W, Nashville, Arkansas 71852
Date of death: June 8, 2026

Seborn Gregory and Nellia Williams were appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Travis Glenn Gregory, by order dated July 24, 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.

This notice first published the 19th day of August, 2026.

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Last known address of decedent: 820 N. Maple Ave, Murfreesboro, Arkansas 71958
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An instrument dated November 18, 2020, along with two codicils, was on August 4, 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 August 19, 2026

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By **Samantha Horn**
Howard County EA
4-H/Staff Chair

This summer, Howard County 4-Her Anna Kate McKinnon and Samantha Horn, Howard County 4-H Agent and Staff Chair, had the incredible opportunity to travel to Greece through the 4-H Ag Tech Career Exploration (ACE) program.

The trip was the culmination of an exciting program designed to expose Arkansas 4-H youth to the many ways technology is shaping agriculture and the wide variety of careers available within the agricultural industry.

For Anna Kate to be selected for the international experience, she first completed an application and participated in a formal interview with a panel. After being selected, Anna Kate and Samantha committed to four weekend trips across Arkansas, where participants explored different areas of agriculture and agricultural technology right here in their home state.

Throughout the ACE program, youth were introduced to agriculture, technology and the many careers connected to the industry. Experiences included forestry, food science, drone technology and heavy equipment operations.

The program demonstrated that modern agriculture extends far beyond the traditional image of farming and relies on science, technology and innovation to meet the needs of a growing population.

The international trip to Greece provided another opportunity for Anna Kate and Samantha to see how agricultural practices and technology are used in another part of the world. The

group visited agricultural businesses and learned how agriculture in Greece compares with agriculture in Arkansas.

One memorable stop was an olive farm, where participants learned about olive production and had the opportunity to taste different types of olives and olive products produced on the farm.

The group also visited an aloe vera farm, which provided a unique look at a small-scale agricultural operation. Aloe plants are grown in residents' yards throughout a small community and are harvested as orders are received. This allows products to be prepared fresh to order while making use of locally grown crops.

The trip also provided opportunities to learn from agricultural professionals and gain a broader perspective on sustainable farming practices. Participants were able to see how different cultures approach agriculture and how technology and resource management can help producers work efficiently while protecting the environment.

In addition to the agricultural experiences, the trip offered Anna Kate and Samantha the opportunity to experience Greek culture, food, history and breathtaking scenery.

One of the highlights of the trip was a day cruise through the Greek islands. The cruise included visits to three islands, each offering its own unique experience.

On Hydra, visitors experienced an island where donkeys and ponies are commonly used for transportation. The group also visited



SCENES FROM GREECE with Anna Kate McKinnon (at left) and Howard County 4-H Agent Samantha Horn



Aegina, an island known for its pistachios, providing yet another opportunity to see how agriculture is an important part of local communities and economies.

"This trip showed me how agriculture connects people and communities around the world. I am very thankful for this once-in-a-

lifetime experience!" Anna Kate said.

The 4-H Ag Tech Career Exploration program helped demonstrate that agriculture is a global industry filled with opportunities in technology, science, business, food production, environmental conservation and many other fields.

For this Howard County 4-Her, the opportunity to travel to Greece was a memorable conclusion to an educational experience that began right here in Arkansas. Through 4-H, Anna Kate was able to explore agriculture in her own backyard and then take what she learned across the world

to see agriculture from an international perspective.

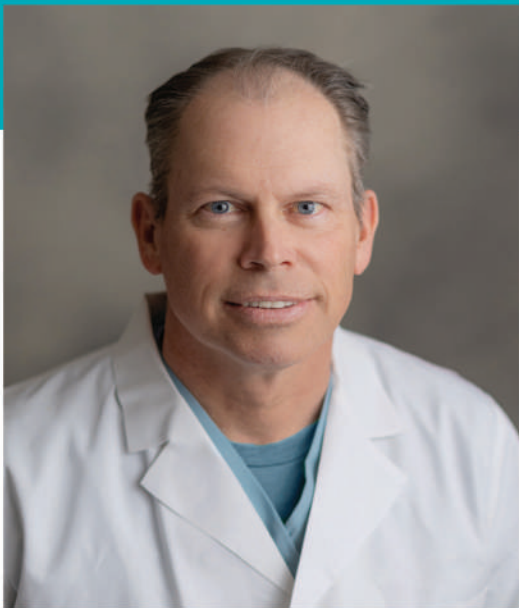
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Scrappers to face new teams in 7-4A, with five others back from past seasons

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

District 7-4A will take on a slightly different look in the new season.

Gone are Haskell Harmony Grove and Bauxite.

In their place, the Arkansas Activities Association has added Hope and Fouke.

The rest of the line-up is the same as it has been for the past few years - Nashville, Arkadelphia, Malvern, Fountain Lake and Ashdown.

Coach Brad Chesshir looks for Arkadelphia, Malvern and Fountain Lake to be “very competitive.”

Fountain Lake has “the leading passer” in the conference, Cooper Buss, who threw for 3,454 yards and 38 touchdowns last season, Chesshir said.

The Cobras also have “two of the better receivers in the conference. I anticipate Fountain Lake making a run” this season.

Arkadelphia has been “the top dog the last few years,” Chesshir said. The Badgers “lose quite a bit from last year, but every team loses key players” to graduation.

Arkadelphia lost seven starters on defense but will return two cornerbacks “who are really good,” according to Chesshir.

The Badger quarterback from last season moved to Louisiana and has been replaced by a sophomore “who is a good athlete,” Chesshir said.

Chesshir looks for Arkadelphia to be “competitive and well coached.”

Chris Kizer was named the team’s new head coach after Trey Schucker left for Sylvan Hills. Kizer was the defensive coordinator before moving to the head coaching position.

“He brings a lot of energy. They will be competitive,” Chesshir said.

Malvern has “decent size up front,” according to Chesshir.

Hope moves to Class 4A after many years as a 5A school.

“They think they can compete. Hope may surprise a lot of teams,” Chesshir said.

Looking at Fouke, Chesshir said he isn’t “sure what to expect.” New coach Phillip Binkley usually has “a flexbone-based offense.”

Chesshir looks for the Panthers to be competitive.

The Ashdown roster includes Bryson French, whom Chesshir calls “one of the better receivers in 4A.”

The Panthers have “skill positions that can beat you, and we go to Ashdown this year,” Chesshir said.

The Scrapper schedule includes the following:

Aug. 28 Bismarck at home 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 4 at Magnolia 7 p.m.

Sept. 11 Arkansas High at home 7 p.m.

Sept. 18 open date

Sept. 25 Ashdown at home 7 p.m.

Oct. 2 at Fountain Lake 7 p.m.

Oct. 9 Fouke at home 7 p.m., Homecoming

Oct. 16 at Ashdown 7 p.m.

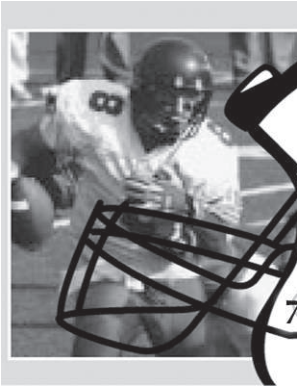
Oct. 23 at Hope 7 p.m.

Oct. 30 Malvern at home 7 p.m. Senior Night

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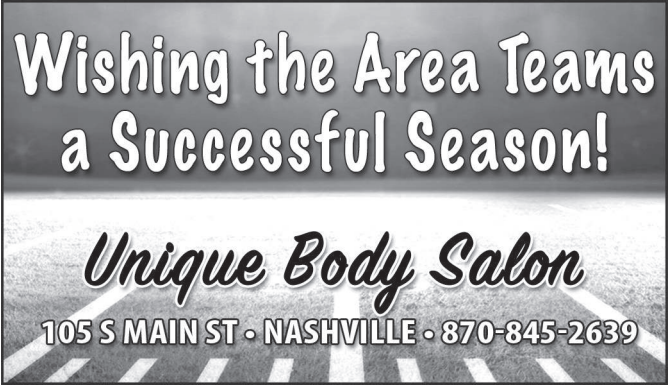
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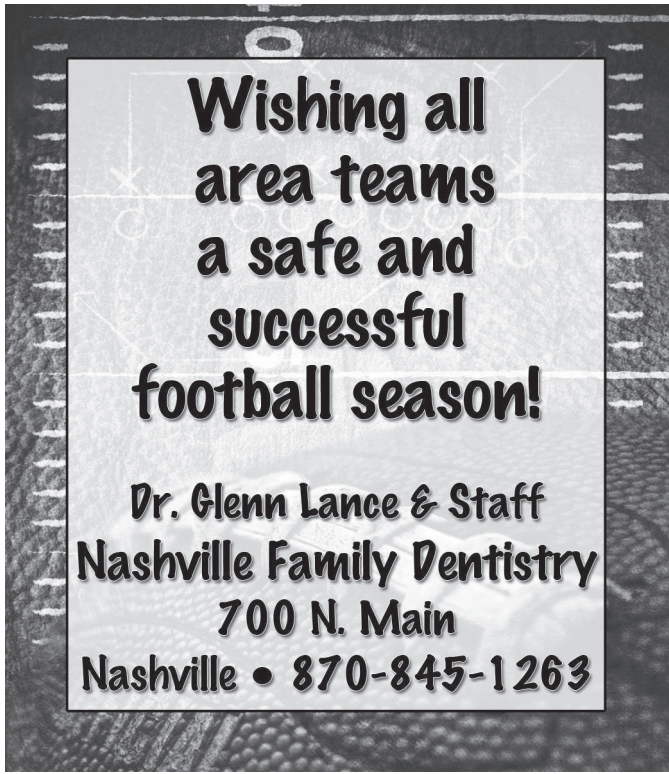
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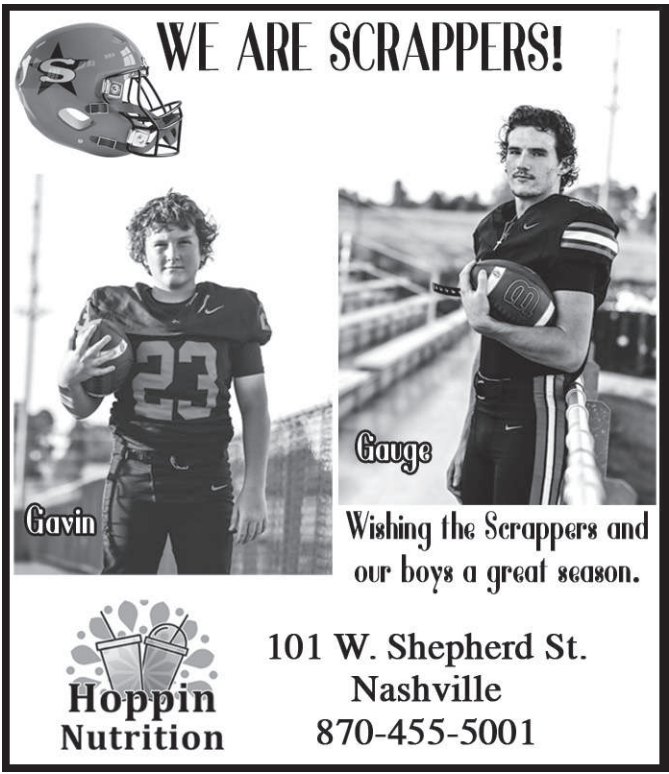
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First game of the 2026 season
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Scrappers have ‘room for growth’ after benefit game against Lakeside

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

After lining up against their teammates in fall camp, the Nashville Scrappers hosted Hot Springs Lakeside Tuesday, Aug. 18, in their benefit game for the Arkansas Activities Association.

The first half was played under game-like conditions with 12-minute quarters.

The second half saw both teams playing their JV units in 12-minute quarters with a running clock.

Nashville took the lead 19-14 in the second quarter before the Rams capitalized on Scrapper miscues to end the half on top 21-19.

Going into the game, “We were pretty base offensively and defensively,” Coach Brad Chesshir said. “We weren’t very aggressive on either side.”

In the first half, the Scrapper offense ran 24 plays, while the defense was on the field for 41 plays.

Defensively, “We had a lot of mental errors. There were way too many penalties, especially offsidess and personal fouls,” Chesshir said. “We allowed drives to continue.”

For the offense, Jakhari Starr “ran the ball extremely hard. DJ Jefferson completed two huge deep passes to Jacoby Hopson for touchdowns. One was 81 yards, the other 59 yards, perfectly thrown,” according to Chesshir.

The Scrappers “didn’t block very well up front. We didn’t block well on the

perimeter. We have to get better moving forward,” Chesshir said.

On the other side of the ball, “We’ve got to get off the field defensively. Early on you expect some missed tackles, but we have to get better. We weren’t very aggressive defensively. We didn’t pressure a whole lot. We have to do more during the season,” Chesshir said.

The defense “gave up an explosive play on third and long that resulted in a touchdown, a 77-yard scoring reception on a missed tackle. We can’t be back on our heels.”

Defenders also faced Lakeside on third and long and were hit with a penalty resulting in a first down.

“A lot of that can easily be corrected,” Chesshir said. “It’s good to have room for growth. Our defense will have some growing pains. We have eight kids who didn’t start last year. They have to continue to get reps.”

The Scrappers “have got to be better at discipline. We will continue to coach it,” Chesshir said.

Offensively, “We have to get the ball on the perimeter and get the ball in space. We didn’t do that very well on [Aug. 18]. We have to stretch the field sideline to sideline.”

The benefit game was the team’s final tune-up against another opponent before the season opens Friday, Aug. 28, at Scrapper Stadium against Bismarck. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.



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Jailyn Staggers (0) and Bo Dean (12) stop the Hot Springs Lakeside Ram Aug. 18 at Scrapper Stadium.

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Junior Scrappers to open season Aug. 27 at Bismarck

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

The Nashville Junior High Scrappers will open the season Thursday, Aug. 27, with a non-conference game at Bismarck. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. for the ninth grade game.

The Scrappers were to have played at Hot Springs Lakeside Aug. 20 in an Arkansas Activities Association benefit game, but the contest was cancelled after lengthy lightning delays.

“It was kind of a dress rehearsal,” Coach John Martin said. “We got loaded on the bus and saw the process of getting ready to go” to an

away game.

Martin said the eighth and ninth grade Scrappers “have a chance to be pretty competitive. They’re a pretty good bunch of kids, citizen-wise.”

Players “put in a lot of work in the spring and summer,” Martin said. Now, they’re ready for the season to start.

The junior high program includes 65-70 eighth and ninth graders and about 30 seventh graders, according to Martin. “We’re usually right at 100 kids.”

The Scrapper offense has “several options to run the ball and catch it,” Martin said.

“We can share the ball and not just rely on one thing. We can run and throw, and the offensive line is pretty solid.”

Ninth graders are seeing the results of their work on weights and strengthening,” Martin said. “As opposed to a year ago, the ninth graders have made huge gains.

There’s a lot of difference in a year.”

Freshmen Lucas Lowery and Jalen Shepard will see time at quarterback, Martin said, with Ty Bell and Brody Moody the eighth grade quarterbacks. “We try to work two at every class.”

The Scrappers are “pretty

good” on defense, Martin said. Zion Williams is “big and strong” on the defensive line.

The team has good depth on the defensive side, according to Martin.

There is a lot of anticipation “with the new season,” Martin said.

The District 7-4A race will see some familiar opponents along with some new ones.

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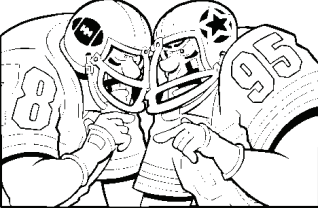
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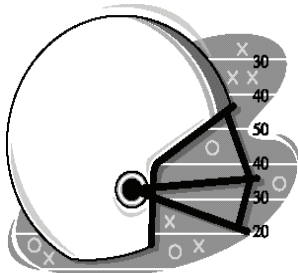
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Coach Buddy Ray confers with sophomore Jakhari Starr during the Scrappers' AAA benefit game against Lakeside Aug. 18. The season will open this Friday night at home against Bismarck.



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2026 Dierks Outlaws

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

After drawing national attention with “The Million Dollar Holler,” it’s time for the Dierks Outlaws to play some football under new head coach Lantz Castleman.

Castleman knew his work was cut out for him when he accepted the job as Paul Ernest moved up to the high school principal position for the new school year. He has been on the Dierks sidelines for two years as defensive coordinator and he knows what it’s going to take to put the Outlaws back in contention.

The last time the Outlaws made the playoffs was in 2022 and they are picked to finish this season in the bottom half of the conference. The 2025 Outlaws finished last season 4-6, despite a promising 1-3 start. Dierks dropped five of their last six conference games.

Even the major improvements made to the football stadium, including a turf surface, and all the surrounding hoopla, Castleman said his team is focused on the season and ready to rebound.

“Our team is excited about coming to work each day, and from that we expect great things to happen,” the coach said. “We’ll just continue to focus on progress, and what we have to do each day to prepare.”

Castleman, 35, joined the Dierks Outlaw staff in 2024 after a four-year stint as head coach of the Horatio Lions. He is also Dierks’ head track coach. He got his start in coaching at his alma mater, Lafayette County, as an assistant football and baseball coach in 2013.

Castleman grew up in Lewisville and played football for the LC Cougars and

graduated in 2009. He was also a four-year starter at right tackle for the Southern Arkansas University Muleriders. He has coached at Mena (2014-2016), Genoa Central (2016-2017) and Magnolia (2017-2020).

He and wife, Ariel, who teaches second grade at Dierks, have four children: Faith, 14; Bryce, 13; Haston, 9; and Cross, 2. Bryce is a seventh grader and he is playing football for his dad this season.

After two years, the Castleman family is already invested in the Dierks community and the Outlaw tradition.

“It is a tremendous blessing to be a part of the Dierks football program,” he said. “To be part of the Outlaw tradition is special. I’ve built relationships with these players, coaches, parents, and community members. When you invest in people and work alongside them every day, that sense of pride develops naturally.”

Dierks will return five starters on offense and six on defense, including junior and Newcomer of the Year last year Maclane Smith at quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back; senior Drake Thatcher at running back and defensive back; senior lineman Tristen Godwin; senior linebacker Braydon Foran; junior lineman Cooper Smith; junior tight end and defensive end Eligah Hawthorne; and junior Jason Bailey at running back and linebacker.

Castleman said “rising underclassmen” include sophomores Maxton Greene at half back and linebacker; Madden Hill at wide receiver and defensive back; and Jacoby Faulkner at wide receiver and defensive back. Faulkner is also working at quarterback.

“We feel great about where we are at with the QB position.”

The Outlaws’ senior class is 11-strong and includes Isaac Turner, Drake Thatcher, Treaton Alexander, Braydon Foran, Brayden Ackley, Jerry Barkman, Treven Hill, Tristen Goodwin, Rhett Simmons, Braxton Ward and Johnny Kirby.

The new head coach said the senior class has already stepped up to be proven leaders.

“Our group of seniors have done a phenomenal job preparing for the season, and stepping up as leaders,” Castleman said. “We truly believe we have a special group of seniors when it comes to field talent, and leadership on and off the field.”

The Outlaws’ strengths while running a “Gun T” offense will be the front line with athletic and talented skills positions with depth/consistency continuing to be developed.

The “3-4” defense will propped up by a physical line with experienced linebackers and speed and ball skills in the secondary with depth/consistency also continuing to be developed.

The Outlaws have been practicing on and have also played a scrimmage game on the new turf. They will play their first official home game on Sept. 11 against Fouke before T-Mobile’s big tailgate party scheduled for Sept. 18.

“Our goal is to build more than just football players. We want to develop young men who demonstrate character, discipline and accountability,” the coach said.

“We’re excited about this season, but we’re even more excited about the culture we’re building within our program.”



MONITORING THE HEAT. Dierks Head Coach Lantz Castleman gets a reading from a wet bulb device used to measure heat conditions before last week’s Blue & White scrimmage game.



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SENIOR OUTLAWS (Front from left) Jerry Barkman, Drake Thatcher, Johnny Kirby, Treven Hill; (back) Tristen Godwin, Braydon Foran, Isaac Turner, Braxton Ward, Rhett Simmons, Brayden Ackley and Treaton Aleaxander

2026 Dierks Outlaw Roster

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Juniors: Jason Bailey, Maclane Smith, Eligah Hawthorne, Gavin House, Gauge Graham, Miguel Gonzalez, Cooper Smith, Asa Hopper
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AUG 28	HACKETT	7:00pm	AWAY
SEPT 4	HORATIO	7:00pm	AWAY
SEPT 11	FOUKE	7:00pm	HOME
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OCT 9	MURFREESBORO*	7:00pm	HOME
OCT 16	JUNCTION CITY*	7:00pm	HOME
OCT 23	FOREMAN*	7:00pm	AWAY
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SEPT 10	FOUKE	7:00pm	AWAY
SEPT 17	GURDON*	7:00pm	AWAY
SEPT 24	HACKETT	7:00pm	HOME
OCT 1	SPRINGHILL*	7:00pm	HOME
OCT 8	MURFREESBORO*	7:00pm	AWAY
OCT 15	JUNCTION CITY*	7:00pm	AWAY
OCT 22	FOREMAN*	7:00pm	HOME
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2026 Mineral Springs Hornets

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

Mineral Springs Head Coach Jarrod Jackson is relying on some of the momentum from last year’s turn-around season to carry over as the Hornets prepare to open with another tough schedule Friday night in Jessierville.

Jackson’s first season as head coach saw the 2025 Hornets open 0-5, scoring only 18 points on offense with the defense allowing 209 points in the games against Bismarck, Fordyce, Quitman, Spring Hill and Junction City. The Hornets switched gears in the second half of the season and went 1-4, knocking both the Murfreesboro Rattlers and the Dierks Outlaws out of playoff contention. The No. 4 Hornets then entered the first-round of the Class 2A playoffs and shocked No. 1 Hampton, 32-6, before being sent home in the next round by Des Arc, 48-18.

“This year, the expectation is different,” said Coach Jackson. “We don’t want to wait until the middle or end of the season to figure things out. We want to come out from day one with the right attitude, the right work ethic and the right physicality.”

The coach added that the Hornet players understand the challenge ahead and what it takes to meet it head-on. “Last year, we went through some adversity early, but we didn’t let that define our season. We kept working, kept believing in each other and eventually put ourselves in position to make that playoff run.”

Jackson said the 2026 Hornets are “still a young team in some areas, so we’re not going to act like we have everything figured out. But, I like where we’re headed, and I like the way the kids have worked.”

Mineral Springs hosted team camps this summer and also competed in the SWAR 7-on-7 league where Jackson said the Hornets finished in the middle of the pack but competed well against some larger-classification schools.

“Those are the kinds of experiences like that are valuable for us because they challenge our guys and give them a chance to see where they stack up against different competition,” said Jackson.

The Hornets worked in the preseason getting stronger and becoming more physical, which Jackson said

is especially important for the Hornets up front. MS will have “some size and experience” along the offensive and defensive lines with Shane Goodloe, A.J. Dean, Kylan Neal, Christian Stewart and Mason Golston.

“Those guys have to set the tone for us,” said their coach.

The Hornets will welcome back a “good mixture of experience and young talent” with seniors Damoney Nolen, Keiandrian Nunally, Bryce Thomas and Shane Goodloe returning as starters.

Jackson said his seniors need to “take ownership of this football team” and not just on Friday nights.

“They’re expected to be leaders Monday through Thursday, too,” Jackson said. “We need them teaching the younger guys how to practice, how to prepare and how to handle adversity.”

The Hornets will have to rely on each other for a successful season, Jackson said, since “we’re not going to have one guy carry us. We’re going to have to play together, play physical and execute.”

With another year of experience with Jackson and staff’s game plan under their

belts, some of the younger players are now being asked to contribute, including players who moved up from the junior high ranks.

“The young guys have done a really good job coming in and competing,” the coach said. All of the Hornet sophomores were moved up at the end of their junior high season.

“They got an early opportunity to see what high school football is like.” Some of the young players expected to contribute this season include Braxton Keaster, Carter Steward, Jamarian Staten and Kylan Neal.

“They’re still young, but they have already gotten a taste of what the game is like at this level,” Jackson noted.

Jackson said Coach Darren Horn is continuing to build off last season’s spread offense, adding more formations and movement to create different looks for defenses. “We’ve got some good athletes at our skill positions, and we want to create opportunities for those guys to make plays while still being able to run the football effectively.”

Lining up at the outside receivers positions and bringing “size, athleticism and experience” will be Kam

marion Vaughn, Damoney Nolan and Antwan Sauls. In the slot, Keiandrian Nunally and Cortney Thomas are expected to give the Hornets “versatility and the ability to make plays in space.”

The backfield will feature Carter Steward, Jamarian Staten and Cortney Thomas with sophomore Braxton Keaster working at quarterback. Jackson said he and his staff are excited about this 6’1” player that continues to develop.

“Our goal is to put him in situations where he can play fast, make good decisions and take advantage of the athletes we have around him.”

The Hornet QB will be provided the foundation to work by the O-Line led by Goodloe, Neal, Dean, Golston and Stewart. “If we can be physical up front and give our skill guys opportunities, I think we have the ability to make some big pays.”

Defensive coordinator Coach Clint Smith has moved the Hornets to a 4-2-5 defense this season, but Jackson said the philosophy remains the same: Be physical, know your assignment and get to the football.





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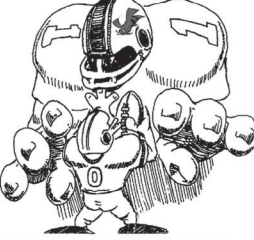
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SENIOR HORNETS (from left) Keiandrain Nunally, Bryce Thomas, Christian Stewart, Mason Golston, Cortney Thomas, Shane Goodloe and A.J. Dean

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Mason Golston, A.J. Dean,
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9-18-26	QUEEN CITY (TX)	AWAY
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10-2-26	JUNCTION CITY	HOME
10-9-26	FOREMAN	AWAY
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9-3-26	BEARDEN	HOME
9-10-26	ENGLAND	AWAY
9-17-26	MURFREESBORO	HOME
9-24-26	SPRING HILL	AWAY
10-1-26	JUNCTION CITY	HOME
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Bryce Perrin (7), Aiden Bradley (78), Jace Wright (54) and Halton Howard (55) clear the way for a big gain by Jakhari Starr (1) in the AAA benefit game.



Jaydon Williamson (50) and Khamari Canady (6) stop the Lakeside quarterback in last week's game at Scrapper Stadium.



JV Scrappers and Rams compete in the second half of the Arkansas Activities Association benefit game Aug. 18.



DJ Jefferson eyes the field for a receiver in the benefit game against Hot Springs Lakeside at Scrapper Stadium. Nashville will open the season Friday night, Aug. 28, at home against Bismarck.

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The wait is over for area football players and fans as the high school season kicks off Friday, Aug. 28. Bismarck will visit Scrapper Stadium for the first regular-season game on the new turf. Dierks will host Hackett in the first game at the Outlaws' renovated stadium. Centerpoint will visit Murfreesboro, and Mineral Springs will travel to Jessieville.

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Scrappers host Rams in pre-season contest

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Marquez Jefferson (19) takes off after recovering a Hot Springs Lakeside fumble and returns the ball for a touchdown Tuesday night, Aug. 18, at Scrapper Stadium.



Jacoby Hopson (2) makes the catch and heads to the endzone for a Scrapper touchdown against the Lakeside Rams.

2 days remaining in the Countdown to the Scrappers' season opener

Friday, Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at home against Bismarck

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