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Labor Day honors those who keep state, nation moving

MS church soup kitchen to be held on Sept. 9

The Mineral Springs Church of Christ soup kitchen will be Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 2-5 p.m.

The menu will include chicken alfredo and dessert.

Meals will be available by carry-out only.

The church has began a texting service to send out reminders about soup kitchen and pantry box days.

Individuals may sign up for the new service by scanning the QR code below.

They may also text "Join" to 8339425558 to join the list.

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Car show to be held Saturday in Nashville

A long line of gleaming trophies will be presented to proud owners of exotic cars, Saturday, Sept. 12, at mid-afternoon when the annual Pack the Park car show ends.

The cars will be on display at no charge to admiring crowds at the Nashville City Park from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The event is a fundraiser for the Howard County Historical Society which makes its money from the $25 entry fee charged to car exhibitors. There will be 25 classes wth 50 awards, plus Best-of-Show trophies for car, truck, Corvette, Mustang and MOPAR vehicles.

Pictures from the Howard County Fair, pages 6A and 7A of today's issue

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SCRAPPERS GET THE FOOTBALL. Blake Moody (9) and teammates celebrate after Moody recovered a Magnolia fumble in Nashville's 50-28 road win over the Panthers Friday, Sept. 4. Nashville will host Arkansas High of Texarkana Friday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the final non-conference game. More pictures from Magnolia, pages 1B and 8B.

Scrappers defeat Panthers behind productive offense, tough defense

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

MAGNOLIA - The Nashville Scrappers ran their record to 2-0 with a 50-28 win over Magnolia Friday night, Sept. 4.

The Scrappers jumped out to an early lead and never trailed in the non-conference game.

"I was extremely proud of how fast we started," Coach Brad Chesshir said. "Things went our way. We recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff. It's good to get up early on a team like Magnolia."

The Scrappers had a good week of preparation, according to Chesshir. "It always concerns you as a coach. We played pretty decent, clean football against Bauxite [in the season opener]. We challenged our guys with seeing how much more disciplined we can be, how much more effort we can put out."

Despite the margin of victory, "There were still mistakes made and things we've got to clean up," including penalties.

"We've had three touchdowns called back in two games. That takes 21 points off the board," Chesshir said.

Despite the errors, the Scrappers rolled up 548 yards total offense against the Panthers, including 440 rushing and 108 passing.

"We ran the ball extremely well. Our offensive line did a tremendous mob of being physical," Chesshir said.

Jakhari Starr ran for 264 yards on 26 carries and scored three touchdowns. "The sophomore had an outstanding night in the backfield," Chesshir said.

"We have three kids who can run the football extremely well," including Starr, Jacoby Hopson and Bryce Perrin. "I feel really good about those three."

Quarterback DJ Jefferson "had good rushing yards as well." Jefferson ran the ball 10 times for 52 yards and passed for 108 more.

"Those four dudes toted the ball well Friday night," according to Chesshir.

The Scrappers "continued to just drive down the field" throughout the game, Chesshir said. "I'm extremely proud of our offense and our offensive coaching staff."

Chesshir said the Scrappers should "continue to get better at ball security. We'll put a little more emphasis on it. We will continue to work on pass protection. It wasn't that great Friday night."

The Scrappers have a number of things that they are doing well, Chesshir said. "We have to continue to get better at what we do well."

Along with Jefferson and Starr, the Scrapper had more good numbers on offense.

Hopson had 12 carries for 63 yards and caught two passes for 68 yards. He scored three touchdowns for the night.

Perrin ran the ball 13 times for 61 yards and caught one pass for 25 yards.

Gauge Applegate caught the ball once for 13 yards.

On defense, Blake Moody recorded 13 tackles, forced a fumble and made two fumble recoveries. "He's the kind of linebacker that

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Ballots set; Election Day countdown is underway

Political observers used to say that Labor Day marked the official beginning of the campaign season.

Even though campaigns seem to go on much longer now, the countdown for the General Election is underway.

Candidates' names were drawn for ballot placement last month.

Early voting for the 2026 General Election will begin Monday, Oct. 19.

Election Day will be 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

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The story of 'Ike'

Museum depicts life of hero

By Don Hall
News-Leader staff

Abilene, Kan., is famous for two things. It's where the cattle drives from Texas and Oklahoma arrived at the rail head, and it was the boyhood home of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

David Eisenhower, along with his wife Ida, moved his family from Texas to Abilene in 1892 and went to work as a mechanic and engineer in a creamery.

Dwight, the third of seven sons, was two years old at the time. Their modest 6-room house was purchased from David's brother and was on the wrong side of the tracks, literally, in a part of town that was poor and integrated. That would become important later on in Dwight's life.

Dwight, known as "Ike," delighted in hunting, fishing, and football. In 1911 he won an appointment to West Point, much to the disappointment of his pacifist Mennonite mother. Nonetheless, he attended, played football, and promptly injured a knee, which ended his football days. Ike graduated from West Point in 1915, not cum laude, but oma laude (think about it.)

Ike did not impress his West Point teachers. He was primarily known for pranks, playing cards, smoking excessively, and mediocre grades. Dwight D. Eisenhower graduated 61st out of 164 and was sent as a newly commissioned second lieutenant to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. There he met Mamie Doud, a young woman from a wealthy Colorado family who would become his wife and a huge part in the success of what she called "our career," but that's a story for another day.

Ike wanted to see combat in World War I as a tank commander, but the Army kept him stateside training others in tank warfare. He finally received orders for France, but the war ended before he could be deployed.

Transferred to Ft. Meade, Md., he headed up the newly formed heavy tank division of the Army while his friend George Patton was in charge of light tanks. There the two of them started the Infantry Tank School, which developed into the armored division of the Army, and together they created the tank doctrine of attack rather than defense that they would later use in WWII.

After Fort Meade, Ike attended Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., graduating first in his class of 245. The mediocre student at West Point had grown up.

Eisenhower served as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's aide for seven years, three in Washington and four in the Philippines. While MacArthur was given to theatrics, Eisenhower showed himself as competent, steady, and meticulous at planning. He returned to the US to serve as an aide to the Army Chief of Staff, George Marshall.

Most Americans of a certain age know that Eisenhower was the 5-star general in charge of D-Day and the war in Europe. But June 6, 1944, was the date of the second amphibious invasion he headed up.

In 1942, Brig. Gen. Eisenhower

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

AT PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM. A statue of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower overlooks the Eisenhower Presidential Museum in Abilene, Kan. Eisenhower graduated from West Point and served in World War I and World War II. He was the commander of D-Day June 6, 1944. Eisenhower went on to serve two terms as president.

Obituaries

Jessie F. Younger

Jessie F. Younger, of Mabelvale, Ark., entered her eternal rest on July 16, 2026. Born on Oct. 29, 1938, in Nashville, Ark., she was welcomed into the world as Jessie Fern Fisher, daughter of the late James Floyd Fisher and Gracie Mae Holcombe Fisher. She was a 1956 Nashville High School Graduate.

Jessie's life was shaped by deep faith and a heart that never stopped giving. She found meaning in words, often expressing herself through poetry. Those who knew her remember her kindness as steady and sincere, her generosity as instinctive, and her support as unwavering. Jessie had a gift for lifting others—her humor brought comfort, her smile brought ease, and her love was offered freely to all who needed it.

She was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 60 years, Donald Ray Younger Sr.; her daughter, Gail Houge; her infant great-grandson, Karl Jewell; and her brothers, Floyd Ray Fisher and Fred Fisher.

Jessie leaves behind a family who will forever cherish her memory: her sons Don Jr. of Nashville; Douglas of Little Rock; Scott of Mabelvale; and Philip and his wife, Jeffrie Ann, of Palm Bay, Fla. She is also survived by seven grandchildren — Terry Whitmire, Susan Parker, James Whitmire, Amy Jewell, James Robert Younger, Colton Younger, and Zachary Younger — along with eleven great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the words she wrote, and the love she gave so freely. Jessie's presence was a blessing, and her memory will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew her.

Dennis Carl Gammon

Dennis Carl Gammon, 68, of Nashville died Sept. 1, 2026.

He was born March 9, 1958, in Fairbanks, Alaska, the son of the late Carl Gammon and Margie Flemister Gammon.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Laraine Carol Gammon.

Survivors include: his children, Tarah Gentry (Philip), Geoffrey Gammon (Hannah), and Joshua Gammon (Diane); sisters JoAnn Bennett and Nancy Hanney; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held by the family.

Sheri Nettles

Sheri Nettles, 57, of Murfreesboro died Monday, Aug. 31, 2026.

She was born Aug. 29, 1969, in Magnolia the daughter of Reda Gregory Ledbetter and the late Joe Ledbetter.

She was a member of the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Murfreesboro.

Survivors include: her three sons, Cory Seals, Cody Seals and John David Watson and wife Allie; her mother, Reda Ledbetter; a brother, Larry Joe Ledbetter; also grandchildren.

Visitation will be 10 a.m., until service time on Thursday, Sept. 3, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. with Bro. Curtis Abernathy and John David Watson officiating.

LABOR DAY VEHICLE FIRE. A couple from Hope was returning from the holday at Lake Greeson Monday afternoon when a mechanical issue resulted in a fire that destroyed their truck. Nashville firemen arrived shortly after this picture was taken and extinguished the blaze and possibly saved the couple's RV.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Build confidence in 401(k) decisions

By Josh Tice
Edward Jones Investments

In its simplest form, saving can mean putting money into a jar, adding to it and letting it grow slowly. A 401(k), or other workplace retirement plan, is a step beyond that. It's more like a garden than a jar. Once you understand the basics of your 401(k), it becomes easier to feel confident in your decisions.

In a jar, your money only grows when you add more. In a garden, what you plant can begin to grow on its own. Your investments can earn returns, and those returns may in turn earn additional returns. That's called compounding, and it can have a meaningful impact over time. Like a garden, however, growth is not guaranteed. Markets can rise and fall, and investments can lose value.

Most workplace retirement plan contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, which lowers today's taxable income; you'll pay taxes when you withdraw it in retirement. Some plans also offer a Roth option: you contribute after-tax dollars and withdrawals in retirement can be tax free. Your plan administrator can provide more information.

Many 401(k) plans include an employer match, either up to a set dollar amount, perhaps $500, or a percentage of your salary, typically 3%–5%. Contributions you make, as well as those from your employer, can grow over time. Try to contribute at least enough to capture the full match; anything less means you're leaving money on the table.

Now the question is how to invest your contributions inside your 401(k). The menu of investment options may seem complicated, but most fall into a few common categories.

Stock or equity funds focus on stocks, which represent ownership in companies. Because they're tied to company performance, they have the potential for higher growth over time, but their value can go up and down in the short term. When you're decades from retirement, that short-term volatility matters less; you have time to ride out the swings.

Bond funds invest in loans made to governments or corporations. These tend to be more stable than stock funds but typically grow more slowly. They can help balance the ups and downs.

Balanced or blended funds hold a mix of stocks and bonds in a single investment.

Target-date funds combine different types of investments in one fund. As you move toward a specified retirement year, the fund gradually adjusts to focus more on stability and less on growth.

The earlier you start planting, the more time your money has to grow. Even small contributions early in your career can end up as large amounts later, simply because they had more time to compound.

If you change jobs, keep in mind that your employer's contributions may not be fully yours immediately. It depends on your plan's vesting schedule, so it's worth checking before you go.

The most important steps in a retirement plan are getting started, contributing consistently and taking advantage of what your plan offers.

With a little knowledge, you can feel more confident moving forward.

The garden is yours. Start planting.

HERITAGE AND NAMES. Nashville author Jason Horn spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club, last Wednesday, about the efforts of the Howard County Heritage Society to preserve and promote the history, institutions and names of the people that built our community. Horn has been a HCHS board member for two years, and is grateful for "The chance to give back to our community." One of the principal fund-raising HCHS events is the Sept. 12 "Pack the Park" car show --- free to the public but raising funds by charging exhibitors. Horn said that area students are important visitors to the society's two museums here. He is in the process of writing his fourth book. He said he recently received his first check from Amazon for the sale of his books.

Three pickers knot at 9-1; tiebreaker finally finds winner

A three-way tie at 9-1 in the newspaper's football contest used the Tiebreaker to determine the winner.

Veteran contest winner Jerry Bowden of Nashville was closest to the actual margin of victory in the Scrapper game with the Magnolia Panthers. Pickers Pete Walker and Tim Dean joined Bowden in missing only on the Mineral Springs-Bearden game.

Scores of games in the contest:

Bearden 22, Mineral Springs 20
Dierks 46, Horatio 0
Danville 35, Murfreesboro 34
Arkadelphia 28, Hot Springs 7
Prescott 42, Ashdown 6
Memphis 42, Arkansas State 24
Auburn 17, Baylor 16
LSU 57, Clemson 10
Arkansas 31, N. Alabama 14
Nashville 50, Magnolia 28

SCRAPPERS & ROTARY. Nashville head football coach Brad Chesshir, right, joined Rotarian Kenneth Wilson before the coach's address to the club, on a recent Wednesday. Chesshir was accompanied by his assistant coaches and school administrators. As a kicking specialist, Wilson kicked the last points at the 'old' Scrapper stadium on Russell Street and the first points in the new and current stadium.

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EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young

Freel's Store 1940s, Ida Beene, Fleta Utley, Charlie Reed, Carl Freel

124 years ago: August 1902

A shooting occurred at White Cliffs Sunday, the result of an outsider interfering in a family disturbance.

The man who allegedly did the shooting is Paul Neal, the well-known attorney and hotel man of White Cliffs, and the man who was shot is a carpenter employed on the cement works, whose name we have not learned.

The report is to the effect that this man has been paying attention to a daughter of Mr. Neal, to which the father objected.

Mr. Neal was discussing the matter with his daughter last Sunday when a violent quarrel arose. The man who was the cause of the problem rushed into the room and espoused the cause of the young lady, when he was shot by Mr. Neal for his interference. The man was shot in the thigh.

80 years ago: September 1946

Travis (Buster) Hearn was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in the Pike County Circuit Court Thursday for the killing of Alton Walls on September 7 near Highway 27 at the Tokio intersection.

Walls was shot by Hearn following a drinking party and a gambling game in which Walls struck Hearn. The trial was started in the Murfreesboro court on Tuesday and the verdict was reached by the jury on Thursday afternoon.

Ramage Studio of Nashville was awarded top honors in the photography show of the Four States Fair at Texarkana Saturday, being awarded "Best of Show" honors. Ramage Studio also won first place in professional pictorial and third in professional colored portraits.

64 years ago: August 1962

Coach Dwight Jones of Nashville received top honors from Arkansas coaches at the All-Star games in Little Rock Saturday.

He was selected the state Coach of the Year, a significant tribute from the coaches' association. Nashville Scrapper teams under his guidance swept the football, basketball, baseball and track championships in District 7-A play last year.

Because of that grand sweep, the state coaches selected Jones for their Coach of the Year.

44 years ago: August 1982

Except at Mineral Springs where the City Council has been wrestling with a stray dog problem, Howard Countians aren't flocking to the inexpensive pet rabies vaccination program offered this week.

A total of 76 dogs and cats were vaccinated at Mineral Springs Tuesday, but turnout at other places was described as "poor."

The program is sponsored by County Judge Conrad Bagley, County Health Nurse Elaine Hoelscher, mayors of the cities in the county, the Howard County 4-H Clubs and the Cooperatives Extension Service.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Arkansas, courthouse during the period Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses

(Marriage licenses cost $60 at the County Clerk's office)

No marriage licenses issued during the period.

Civil Court

CV26-162, Aug. 27. Capital One vs. Jalen C. Key. Debt.

CV26-163, Aug. 31. Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Patricia Peper. Debt.

CV26-164, Aug. 31. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration vs. Akia Langston. Register Arkansas Judgment.

CV26-165, Sept. 1. Jose Rodriguez, et al, vs. Collette Taylor, et al. Quiet title.

CV26-166, Sept. 1. Harold Teer vs. Dierks Health & Rehab, et al. Malpractice.

CV26-167, Sept. 2. Jefferson Credit Systems vs. Shaun L. Boatright. Debt.

CV26-168, Sept. 2. Jefferson Credit Systems vs. Karen Lewandowski. Debt.

CV26-169, Sept. 2. Jefferson Credit Systems vs. Susan Head. Debt.

CV26-170, Sept. 2. Midland Credit Management vs. Andreka Alexander. Debt.

CV26-171, Dept. 2. LVNV Funding vs. Kimberly Wallace. Contract.

Domestic Relations Court

DR26-84, Aug. 31. Lavonda Coulter vs. Kiana Banks. 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.)

CR26-61, Aug. 31. State of Arkansas vs. Lavonte Thomas, 31, black male, 201 Bush, Nashville; aggravated assault upon a family or household member, class D felony; 1st degree terroristic threatening, class D.

CR26-62, Aug. 31. State of Arkansas vs. Xavier McArthur Jones, 31, black male, 801 Silver St., Mineral Springs (Tollette); POCS, felony and misdemeanors; 3rd degree domestic battery, class D.

Land Transactions

Quitclaim Deed

Sept. 1. (Corrected) Lisa Kay (Kitchens) Peek; to Donna Lynn Clegg; 0.33 ac. in S30 T7S R28W. $27,373.00.

Mortgagee Deed

Aug. 28. Richard W. Jones, Linda S. Jones; to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; part of Block 40, Mineral Springs, aka 320 Mercer St. At public auction $65,021.70.

Redemption Deed

Aug. 31. State of Arkansas; to Charles L. Jr. and Cassandra Rene Wright, c/o Cassandra Wright Wiley, Nashville; part of Lot 11, all of Lot 12, Block 19, SREDC Addition, City of Nashville; delinquent taxes and penalties of $1,636.43.

Aug. 31. State of Arkansas; to BJ Young, c/o Cassandra Wright Wiley, Nashville; Lot 1, Block 36, SREDC Addition, City of Nashville; delinquent taxes and penalties of $254.60.

Sept. 1. State of Arkansas; to Willie Hill, Jr., Troy, Ohio; 5 ac. in S19 T9S R28W; delinquent taxes and penalties of $222.73.

Deed of Trust

Sept. 2. Justin Richison and Jennifer Richison, husband and wife; to R. Brooks Kenagy (Fair Winds, LLC); 46.15 ac. in S8 T5S R28W.

Warranty Deed

Aug. 27. Madison Cook; to Glen Gilstrap; 1 ac. in S15 T5S R28W. $30,000.

Aug. 28. Janet L. Chism; to Bryan Mounts and wife Amy Mounts; Lots 16-17-18, R.L. Hayes Addition, City of Nashville. $15,000.

Aug. 28. Mark Ruth and wife Brittany Denise Ruth (fka Brittany Denise Irons); to Dawn Miller; 0.5 ac. in S22 T9S R27W. $75,916.82.

Aug. 31. Danna Elizabeth Snow; to Joel R. Whisenhunt and wife Amanda J. Whisenhunt; aggregate 8.1 ac. in S22/S23 T8S R27W. $498,000.

Aug. 31. Justin William Jackson and wife Kayla Nicole Jackson; to Khamh Bik and wife Biak Tha Chin; 72.17 ac. in S19 T8S R28W. $277,000.

Aug. 31. Robert Matthew Hill and wife Kara Nicole Hill; to Khamh Bik and spouse Biak Tha Chin; aggregate 72.17 ac. in S19 T8S R28W. $2,300,000.

Aug. 31. Maira Couch; to Lowell Lindly and wife Martha Lindly; Lot 14, Town West Addition, City of Nashville. $159,000.

Aug. 31. Ricky Lynn Westfall and Gloria Ann Westfall, Trustees of the Westfall Family Trust; to Lowell Lindly and wife Martha Lindly; Lots 1-6, Block 7, R.L. Hayes Addition, City of Nashville. $245,000.

Aug. 31. Jeffery Winton and wife Malinda Winton; to Paula Kesterson; 1.63 ac. in S34 T7S R28W. $220,000.

Sept. 1. (Special) PennyMac Loan Services, LLC; to Bryan Teodoro; Part of Block 8 Murray's 2nd Addition, Town of Dierks, aka 511 W. First St., Dierks. $55,000.

Sept. 2. (Correction of signature) Mark Ruth and wife Brittany Denise Ruth (fka Brittany Denise Irons); to Dawn Miller; 0.5 ac. in S22 T9S R27W. $75,916.82.

Sept. 2. Billy Shane Vaughn and wife Brady Vaughn; to Savanah Carver; Lot 4 and part of Lots 3 & 5; Block 3. Stephenson's Addition, Town of Dierks. $11,000.

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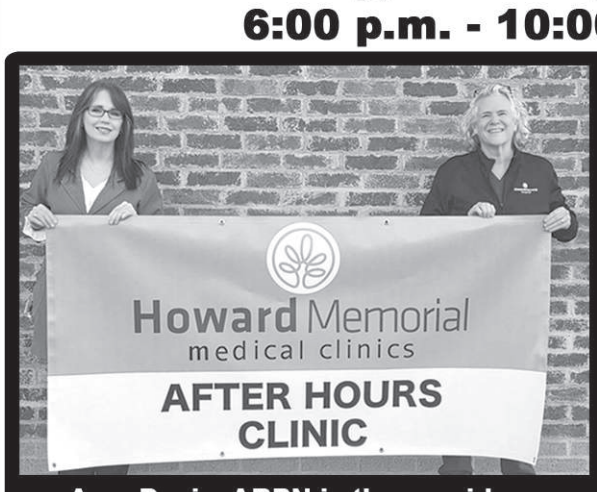

Amy Davis, ARPN is the provider, pictured here with Carla Pumphrey, M.D.

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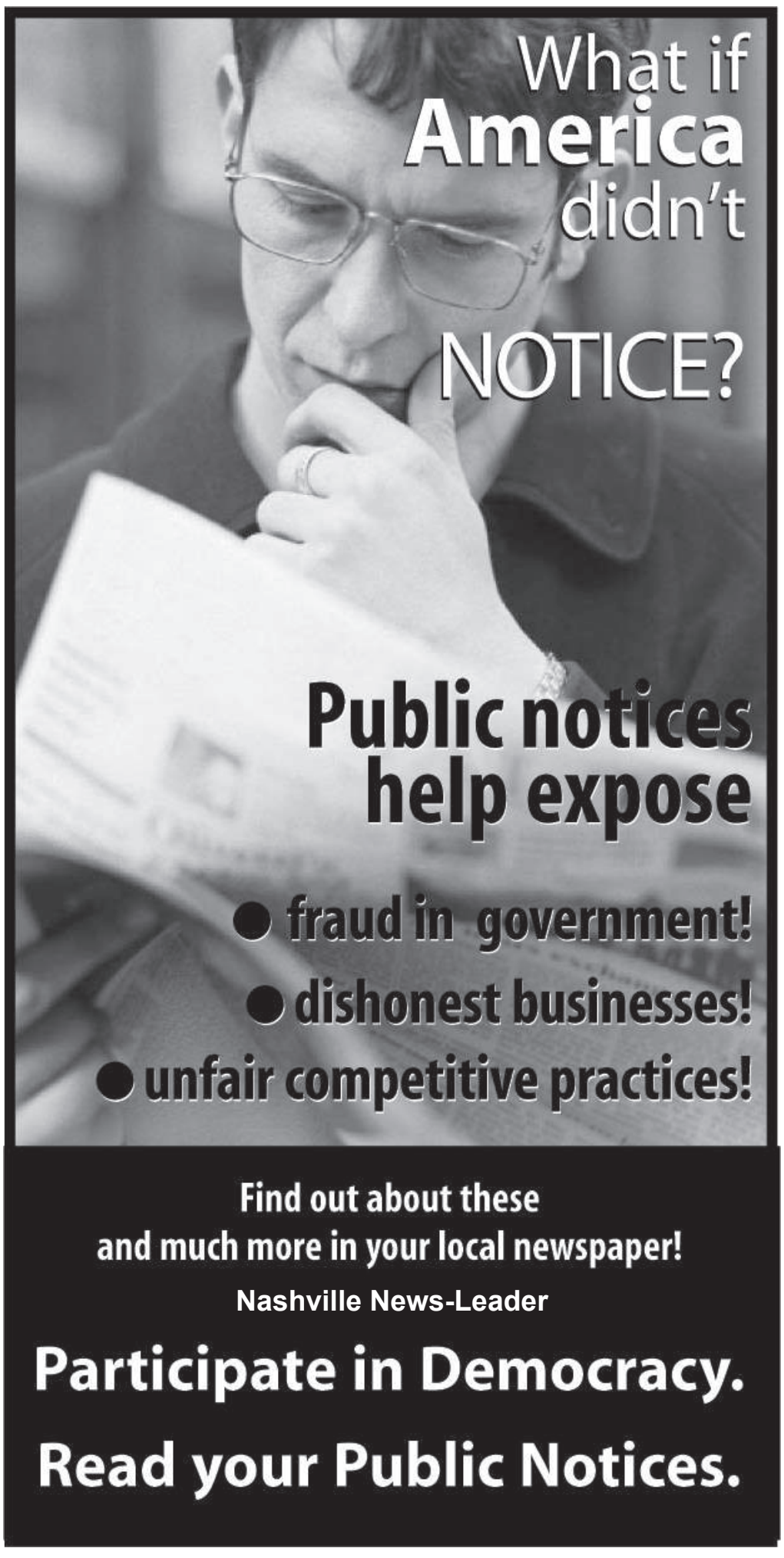

Point of view

A kink in the hose

Choking is too good for the inventor of kink-free hose

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I can hardly wait to get my hands on the person who invented the kink-free garden hose.

This summer being one of the hottest, driest ever --- I have needed several garden hoses just to keep the expensive yard plants alive. And when I bought those hoses (as in previous years) I talked myself into spending a few more bucks for the kind that promised to be kink-free.

I always seem to get the store's only kink-free hose that isn't really kink-free.

I always just grab the top one of the stack. My late wife would have handled every one. Picked each one up and examined it carefully from top to bottom, from stem to stern, from beginning to end --- you get the idea.

But not me.

The one I take home always develops a tight twist every six feet once I get it home and unwrap it and throw away the guarantee.

As soon as I unkink the first kink, another pops up six feet farther down the line. The second kink is always juuuuust out of arm's reach of the first.

Nose of the Hose

As soon as I get the unkinked hose near a plant that is desperate for water, another kink blocks the line. No water can get past a kink, and no matter how hard I jerk, the kink just tightens.

And another %#@&% hose-related thing --- I can't drag the %#@&% hose past anything, anything, without it catching. It's as bad as a kink because now I must walk back and untangle the %#@&% thing! I can't tell you how many clay pots I've destroyed just by dragging a kinky hose too near.

It's almost as if the kink reaches out and grabs the clay pot which naturally breaks and spills potting soil and little bitty pieces of styrofoam at hard-to-reach spots on the patio.

And why does my imagination automatically picture a man as the inventor of the kink-free hose? Maybe it was a woman, and if so, I'd like to put a kink in her neck.

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PIKE COUNTY ARCHIVES: My thanks to the folks who keep up with things like the 100th anniversary of Murfreesboro Rattler football.

The Archives has a picture of the 15-member team and their coach, along with the notation that the team themselves selected colors red and white, and their distinctive nickname, the Rattlers.

In the picture the kids are wearing sweaters with a very large "M" on the front.

To the best of my shaky knowledge there is only one other Arkansas high school team named Rattlers, and they're at Magazine at the foot of Mt. Magazine. Colors are also red and white.

"Our" Rattlers went through a period when they wore red and back, but they've corrected that.

Fang 'em!

A side note which includes their principal rivals, the Mineral Springs Hornets and the Dierks Outlaws: Murfreesboro was the first of the three schools to have a marching band.

I have been blessed to have been friends with many former Rattler gridders, musicians and cheerleaders.

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LOOK OVER THERE! No, over THERE! I congratulate our Commander-in-Chief on his ability to take our attention away from the Epstein List. He has driven the liberals crazy with digging up the Rose Garden, adding his name to the Kennedy Center, going ahead with plans for a Grand Ballroom, racecars and wrestling in the District of Columbia, creating a wonderful Trump Triumphal Arch, renaming Lake Ontario and the Gulf of Mexico, Trump Bibles and coins and tennis shoes --- well, the list goes on and on.

It has had entirely the effect he wanted. No one is talking about the Epstein List any more, much less the names that still hide unexposed there, much less the suspicious treatment of that Maxwell woman with the unpronounceable first tame, much less the defiance of a court order to release all files, much less the testimony of the victims. Well, the list goes on and on.

He is the shrewdest fox in the henhouse and I congratulate him and his devoted followers.

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AND MORE THINGS I have learned:

1. The Universal Law of the Alibi. If you tell your boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, and then the very next morning you really did have a flat tire, that excuse isn't nearly as good as the first time you used it.

2. The Universal Law of Variation. If you change lanes in traffic the one you changed to will immediately come to a halt.

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HE SAID: "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." George Washington Carver, agricultural scientist

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SHE SAID: "Our greatness has always come from people who expect nothing and take nothing for granted --- folks who work hard for what they have, then reach back and help others after them." Michelle Obama, First Lady

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Celebrating those who keep state moving

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

The recent Labor Day weekend gives us an opportunity to recognize the men and women whose hard work keeps Arkansas moving forward.

From teachers and nurses to construction workers, manufacturers, farmers, small-business owners, and first responders, Arkansas workers strengthen our communities and our economy every day. This weekend, we thank them for the work they do and the contributions they make to our state.

We also have encouraging signs about the future of Arkansas's workforce. The state's unemployment rate declined to 4% in July, marking the third consecutive month of improvement. Employment remains at a record high, with 22,895 more Arkansans working than at this time last year.

That progress is part of a longer trend. Between 2014 and 2024, Arkansas added nearly 139,000 jobs, an increase of almost 12%.

More opportunities are expected in the years ahead. Every major industry group is projected to experience net job growth in the next decade.

Some of the strongest growth is expected in education and health services, professional and business services, construction, financial activities, and leisure and hospitality.

Those numbers are encouraging, but continued growth does not happen by accident.

The Arkansas General Assembly is consistently working to create an environment where businesses can invest, expand, and create more jobs.

That means keeping taxes competitive, investing in education and workforce training, improving infrastructure, and removing unnecessary barriers to economic growth.

Our goal is not simply to add jobs. We want Arkansans to have access to good careers that allow them to support their families and build a future right here at home. This Labor Day, we celebrate the people who have built Arkansas' economy, and we remain committed to creating even more opportunities for the next generation of Arkansas workers.

Arkansas expands maternal health services resulting from two laws

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

Arkansas expanded its maternal health services on September 1 when Medicaid began reimbursing doula and lactation consultant care under rules recently approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council. The move follows the council's Administrative Rules Subcommittee endorsement and completes a process initiated by two laws passed in 2025: the Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Act and Act 625.

The Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Act directs $45 million annually toward improving maternal outcomes and requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to create Medicaid reimbursement for doula services.

Arkansas Act 625 updates the state's rules for Medicaid's provider-led care system. It allows certain Medicaid patients to go through a shorter, simpler evaluation process when they sign up with organizations that manage care. The change is meant to support new maternal health efforts and make it easier for people to get the care they need.

The policy arrives as Arkansas continues to rank among the states with the highest maternal and infant mortality. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Arkansas' maternal mortality rate was roughly 36 deaths per 100,000 live births in recent years, which is significantly higher than the national average. Infant mortality also remains high, with around 7.8 deaths per 1,000 live births, placing Arkansas among the ten worst-performing states. The state's healthcare landscape is further strained by rural hospital closures; 53 of Arkansas's 75 counties no longer have hospitals with labor and delivery units, forcing many families to travel long distances for care.

Doula coverage is intended to improve outcomes in this environment. Research from the Cochrane network found that women receiving doula support experienced shorter labor, were less likely to undergo cesarean deliveries, and reported more positive birth experiences.

With Medicaid covering about 60% of births statewide, supporters say reimbursing doulas could expand access to a service shown to reduce complications.

Expectant parents have welcomed the change. Many reported difficulties affording doula care, particularly those on Medicaid who faced major decisions during labor without additional support. Advocates say the new policy will help level access across income levels.

To participate in Medicaid, doulas must follow a two-step enrollment process. First, they must receive certification through the Arkansas Department of Health, which verifies training and credentials for community-based doulas. After certification, doulas may apply to DHS to become Medicaid providers.

DHS began outreach on September 1, launching an online portal with enrollment instructions, required forms, and training materials. According to DHS, once doulas submit complete applications, the Division of Medical Services typically processes approvals within 15 days. Only after approval can doulas bill Medicaid for services, and many expect an initial learning curve as providers adapt to insurance billing practices.

Maternal health advocates say implementation will require ongoing work, particularly in rural counties where provider shortages are most severe. They encourage the state to explore incentives to keep doulas practicing in underserved communities. Still, the new reimbursement rules mark a significant step toward improving maternal care statewide and expanding access to support for expecting families.

Flying Razorbacks carry out mission

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

The Flying Razorbacks of the Arkansas Air National Guard have sat in many different pilot seats over seven decades. Throughout that history, our airmen have flown everything from modified bombers in the 1950s to fighter aircraft like the F-4, F-16 and A-10.

But their current mission is unique and provides a glimpse into what 21st century military service looks like for some service members.

The 188th Wing recently celebrated 10 years of its newest mission conducting intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and precision strike operations with the MQ-9A Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA), commonly known as "Reapers." It is a notable anniversary when you look at the unit's incredible transition from its fighting wing assignment – the last of which provided close-air support via the A-10 fighter, with its airframe first introduced in 1977 – to a state-of-the-art, high-security operation with multiple primary mission sets, including global operations performed 24/7 by pilots and intelligence officers.

The fact that these airmen now go home to their families every night instead of serving overseas for weeks and months at a time is perhaps the most prominent difference between them and previous generations of Flying Razorbacks. I was struck by that contrast as well as several other observations while reflecting on this milestone.

Another was the tremendous dedication that brought this mission here to the River Valley. I am so proud of the community and service members who showed once again that Fort Smith is an incredible place with a deep commitment to our armed forces.

I also continue to be impressed by the accomplishments of these guardsmen in such a short period of time. The mission did not exist at Ebbing Air National Guard Base until 2016, yet the Flying Razorbacks have already completed 3,123 sorties, logged almost 60,000 flight hours and supported nine personnel recovery events.

At the anniversary celebration, commanders shared their pride at the unit's incredible reputation within the U.S. Air Force and cited many examples when commanders on the ground in other parts of the world have requested the Flying Razorbacks for a mission. The Wing's professionalism and success rate is legendary and even earned its 184th Attack Squadron honors as the best RPA unit in the nation last year.

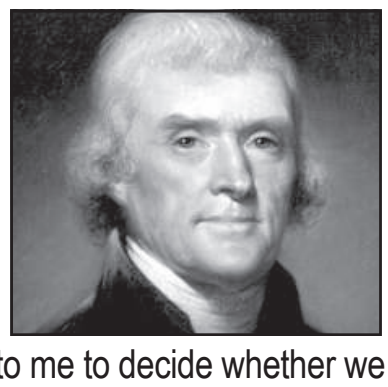
But beyond this unit's incredible work, I hope Arkansans will also appreciate the unique challenge of this mission and what it means for modern military service.

In the past, we would send our citizen-airmen off on a deployment and pray they came home safe to us. They would be focused and on-mission while on active duty and then work on the challenge of returning home to normal routines when their tour ended.

That is not always the case now. The airmen of the 188th are employed-in-place or, essentially, deployed-in-place — every day of the week. They carry out critical missions we hear about on the news and then go home for supper or attend a t-ball game. They cannot even tell their spouse what they did at work that day.

This daily deployment is a new challenge for our men and women in uniform and something I will keep in mind every time I visit them.

Stories and anniversaries like that of the Flying Razorbacks remind us that freedom is never free. I hope all Arkansans will continue to support our men and women in uniform every day with the knowledge that they are defending our nation both abroad and in our own backyard.



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Thomas Jefferson, 1787
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Ike

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impressed Army Chief of Staff George Marshall so much with his strategic planning in Washington that he was placed in charge of Operation Torch, the invasion of North Africa and Sicily, which was carried out successfully in November of 1942.

If you've made it this far, then you probably know how D-Day turned out. What you might not know is that Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Europe, prepared two press releases before the June 6 landing in Normandy: one if the invasion succeeded, crediting the soldiers and sailors with the success; and one, if it failed, where he took all of the blame.

Something else you may not know is that while Douglas MacArthur was the military commander of Japan after WWII, his former aide, Dwight Eisenhower, was the military commander of the American sector of Germany. He also became the Army Chief Of Staff in 1945, the president of Columbia University in 1948, and the first supreme commander of NATO in 1951.

Elected president of the United States in 1952 and 1956 by landslides, he forced the holdouts in the Army to implement President Harry Truman's 1948 executive order to desegregate the military, and in 1957 he sent 101st Airborne troops to Little Rock's Central High School to force integration.

Eisenhower went to South Korea in 1952 after he was elected president but before his 1953 inauguration, where he helped implement a cease-fire between North and South Korea.

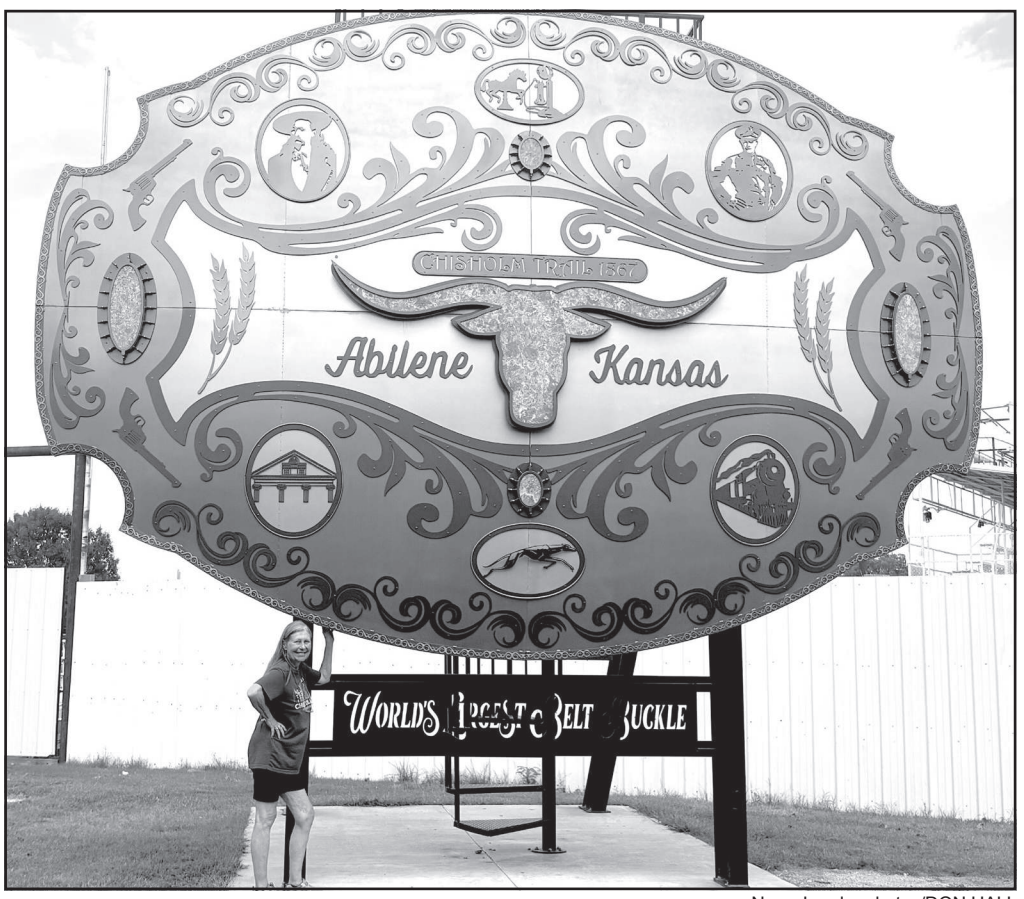
Ike was urged by the military to use nuclear weapons against North Korea and China, but the 5-star general who engineered the destruction of the Third Reich refused.

As surprising as it sounds, the warrior felt that war was never an answer if there was any alternative. A bit of his mother's pacifism had taken hold after all.

If you ever find yourself driving through Kansas, go out of your way to visit Abilene—it's worth it. And plan on spending several hours in the Eisenhower Presidential Museum. We've only scratched the surface of all you'll find there documenting the amazing life of this amazing man.

My dad was a 20-year-old second lieutenant commanding front-line combat troops in the Battle of the Bulge. He loved Patton, whose tanks probably saved his life, and he had tremendous respect for Douglas MacArthur. But he positively adored the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Europe, 5-star General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower prepared two press releases before the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion in Normandy during World War II: one was to be used if the invasion succeeded, crediting the soldiers and sailors with the success; and one, if the invasion failed, where he took all of the blame.



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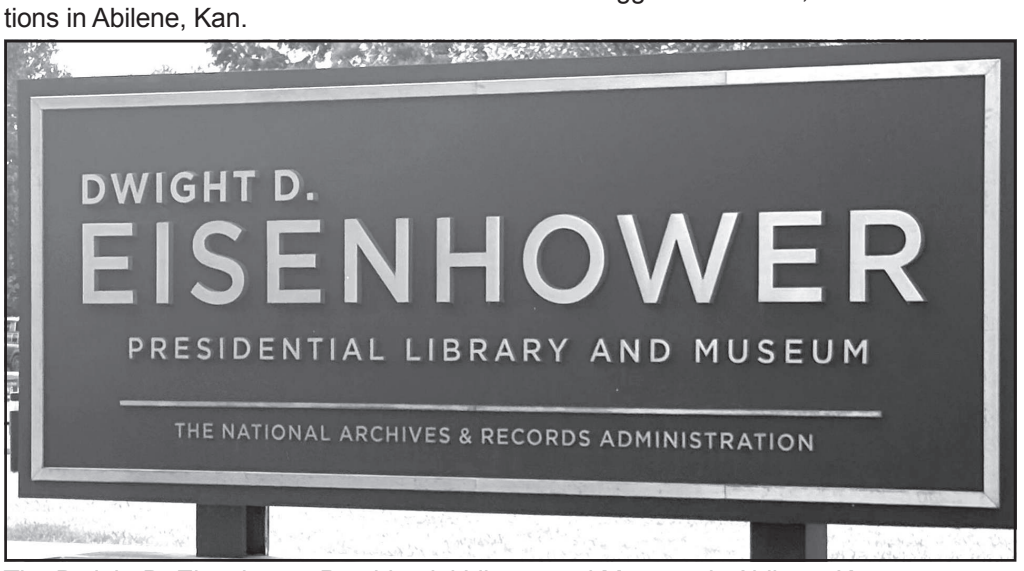

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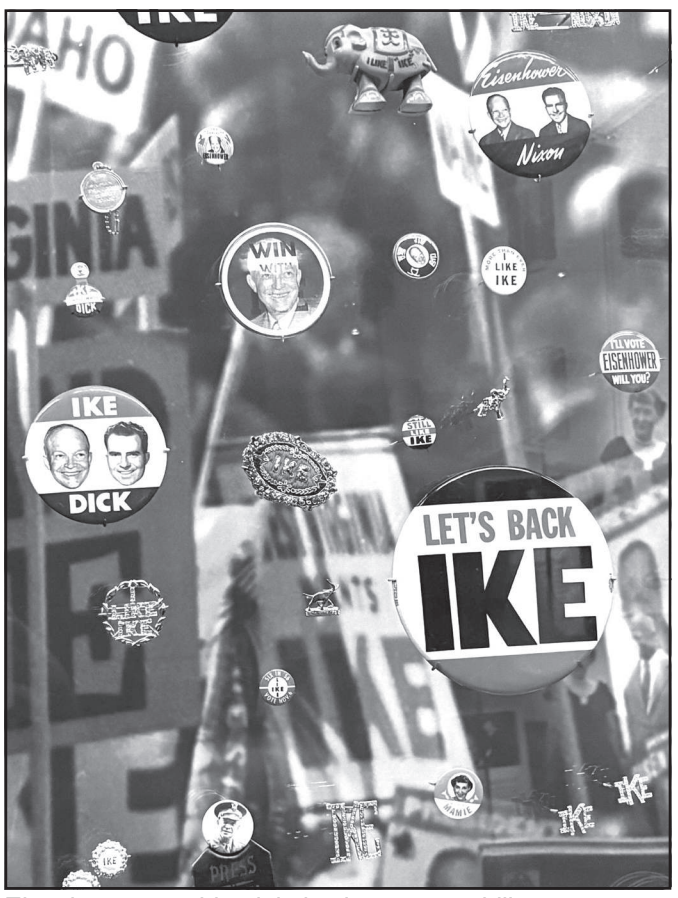

Eisenhower presidential election memorabilia

Win

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you want. He plays with that swagger and confidence. He's not afraid of a mistake and goes full speed," Chesshir said.

Kiron Johnson made seven tackles.

Jailyn Staggers had five tackles with three tackles for losses, and he forced a fumble.

Bo Dean made five tackles and posted a scoop and score after recovering a Panther fumble and running it 69 yards for a touchdown.

Trendon Northcross made three tackles and recovered a fumble.

Jacob Teague had three tackles.

Luke Lacie, Deshawn Hawkins, Hayden Crabtree, Aiden Bradley, Skyler Ramsire, Malik Gilliam and Perrin had two tackles each.

Khamari Canady made one tackle.

"I'm pleased with how we played defense," Chesshir said. "It's hard to stop Magnolia on every single play. We played physical up front."

The Panthers did "hit us on a counter play. We didn't fit it right. Number three got us. He's a really good player," according to Chesshir.

The Scrappers gave up two kickoff returns, one for a touchdown and another that went to the 10-yardline. From there, the Panthers went on to score.

"You take those away, and we had a solid, complete game. The first one was on a sky kick. We had a couple of guys not in the lane. The kickoff return on the touchdown was 100 percent on me. We onside after that. I have to be better as a coach," Chesshir said.

Chesshir said he appreciated the fans who made the drive to Columbia County to support the Scrappers. "I'm never surprised by our crowd. The faithful will show up. That's what makes this the greatest place in the world."

The game saw a 45-minute lightning delay right before halftime.

The Scrappers were driving and had the ball on third and five with 57 seconds until the half. Flashes of lightning in close proximity to the stadium led to the delay.

While the Scrappers waited in the locker room, Chesshir told them that the delay "gave us the opportunity to talk about what we would do" to score.

When they returned to the field, the team carried out the plan, scored and made the two-point conversion.

The ensuing kickoff, however, was when the Panthers ran the ball back for a touchdown.

"I messed up on the kickoff, but we didn't panic. We continued to play well like we did the first half," Chesshir said.

With the win, the Scrappers will go into their final non-conference game against Arkansas High with a 2-0 record. Kickoff at Scrapper Stadium is set for 7:30 p.m Sept. 11.

Nashville will have an open date Sept. 18 before District 7-4A action begins at home against Arkadelphia Sept. 25.

Election

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Fred Love, Democrat; Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Republican; Colt Shelby, Libertarian.

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Home&Heart The Psychology of Spending & Why We Buy Things We Don't Need

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Family and Consumer Science

Most people have experienced it. A quick trip to the store for one item turns into a shopping cart full of unplanned purchases. While it may seem like a matter of willpower, research suggests there is much more at work. Consumer decisions are shaped by psychological, social, and environmental factors that can encourage spending on products we never intended to buy. Understanding these influences can help consumers make more thoughtful financial decisions.

Emotions Play a Powerful Role

Research indicates that non-essential spending is often driven by emotional needs rather than practical ones. People may shop to relieve stress, improve their mood, seek happiness, or gain a sense of social acceptance. Studies reviewed in the *International Journal of Advanced Trends in Engineering and Technology* found that consumers experiencing stress, anxiety, or other strong emotions are more likely to make unnecessary purchases as a form of self-soothing.

Similarly, Truliant Federal Credit Union's educational guide on the psychology of spending notes that many people engage in "retail therapy" because shopping temporarily increases feelings of happiness. However, that boost is often short-lived and can eventually be replaced by stress, guilt, or financial strain if spending exceeds a person's budget.

Advertising Appeals to Feelings, Not Just Needs

Advertising is designed to do more than provide information. According to Truliant's consumer education materials, advertisements frequently appeal to emotions such as the desire to be attractive, successful, healthy, loved, financially secure, or socially recognized. Rather than simply selling a product, advertisements often associate products with an ideal lifestyle or desired identity.

Research also shows that advertising can create perceived needs that consumers may not have previously recognized. Studies cited in the journal article found that marketing campaigns focusing on aspirational lifestyles and personal improvement can encourage consumers to purchase products they do not actually need.

Social Influence Matters

People do not make purchasing decisions in isolation. Social influences can have a significant effect on spending behavior. Researchers found that individuals are often influenced by friends, peers, and broader social networks, leading them to purchase items to fit in or gain approval.

Truliant describes this phenomenon as "keeping up with the Joneses." When people see neighbors, coworkers, friends, or social media personalities enjoying certain products or lifestyles, they may feel pressure to spend money to achieve a similar image. The challenge, experts note, is that there will always be someone with more possessions, making comparisons with an endless and often expensive pursuit.

The Influence of Social Media

Modern digital platforms have amplified spending triggers. Research found that social media influencers, sponsored posts, and targeted advertising can significantly increase the likelihood of unnecessary purchases. Social media often presents idealized lifestyles and creates a fear of missing out on experiences, products, or trends.

The journal study reported a significant relationship between exposure to targeted digital advertising and the frequency of non-essential purchases. Consumers who regularly encounter these marketing messages may be more likely to spend impulsively because the advertisements are specifically designed to appeal to their interests and emotions.

Why Sales and Discounts Are Hard to Resist

Many consumers believe they are saving money when they buy items on sale, but psychological research suggests that discounts can sometimes encourage unnecessary spending. Studies have found that limited-time offers and scarcity-based promotions create a sense of urgency that can override rational decision-making.

Truliant's spending guide notes that consumers often focus on the amount saved rather than the amount spent. A discounted item may seem like a bargain, but if it were never needed in the first place, the purchase still reduces available money that could be used for savings or essential expenses.

Impulse Buying and Instant Gratification

Impulse buying is one of the most common forms of unnecessary spending. Research identified

emotional states, sales promotions, peer influence, and social media advertising as major triggers

of impulse purchases. Emotional states were among the strongest influences reported.

Retail environments are often designed to encourage these purchases. Truliant explains that checkout displays, featured products, store layouts, and extended browsing opportunities can increase the likelihood of impulse buying. Research cited in the guide suggests that the longer consumers remain in a shopping environment, the greater the chance they will purchase additional items they had not planned to buy.

The Cost of Buying for Today Instead of Tomorrow

Both sources highlight the challenge of prioritizing immediate satisfaction over future needs. Consumers naturally prefer rewards they can enjoy immediately, which can make it difficult to save money consistently. This tendency may contribute to overspending and excessive reliance on credit.

The consequences can include debt, reduced savings, financial stress, and buyer's remorse. The journal study found a strong positive relationship between frequent non-essential spending and feelings of regret after purchases. While buying may provide short-term satisfaction, it often creates long-term financial and emotional challenges.

Becoming a More Mindful Consumer

Researchers and financial educators agree that awareness is one of the most effective tools for improving spending habits. The journal article recommends improving financial education, increasing digital literacy, and adopting mindful spending techniques such as implementing waiting periods before making purchases.

Truliant encourages consumers to pause before making a purchase and ask themselves important questions: Will I really use this item? Why am I buying it? Do I already own something similar? Can I afford it? By becoming more conscious of spending motives and recognizing emotional triggers, consumers can make choices that better support their financial goals and overall well-being.

Healthy Recipe: Frozen Fruit Yogurt

After thinking about spending habits and making intentional choices, consider trying this simple, budget-friendly frozen treat at home. Frozen Fruit Yogurt uses just a few ingredients and can be customized with your family's favorite fruits.

Frozen Fruit Yogurt

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Makes: 3½ cups

Ingredients

4 cups frozen fruit (such as peaches, pineapple, berries, kiwi, or a combination)

1 cup nonfat or low-fat plain yogurt

1 to 3 tablespoons sugar, to taste

Directions

Wash hands with soap and water.

Combine frozen fruit, yogurt, and sugar in a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth and creamy, about 2 to 4 minutes.

Serve immediately or store in an airtight container in the freezer for up to one month.

Freeze or refrigerate leftovers within two hours.

Helpful Tips

Adjust the sugar based on the sweetness of the fruit you use.

Use low-fat vanilla yogurt and omit the added sugar if desired.

If using canned fruit, drain, chop, and freeze before blending.

Frozen leftovers may become very firm. Scoop into serving bowls or freeze in treat molds for a refreshing snack.

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Nashville native hired as city's new Public Works Director

Nashville native Jonathan Roquet has been hired as the City of Nashville's new Public Works Director.

Roquet, 35, was hired during a special Nashville City Council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 3 with his first day on the job Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Roquet is a 2009 graduate of Nashville High School, who played football under Coach Billy Dawson, and is a 15-year veteran of the railroad business. He has worked as general manager and train master for various short line and regional companies. His railroad job - most recently based out of De Queen - required him to be on the road constantly, "living in airports" and away from his family, including his wife and young daughter, Grace.

Roquet said his new job will be a "new chapter" for him that will allow him to finally return home to stay and work.

"I'm ready to start a new chapter in my life and see what I can give back to the city that gave me so much," he said about his return.

"At this point in my life, I really wanted to get back home to be around my family more and raise my daughter where I was raised."

The public works director duties will also be new to him, but the former Scrapper said he confident he can get the job done.

"I know how to run a crew and set expectations," he said.

The new job will require a Class 3 water license and Roquet will immediately get to work on obtaining the license and will spend this week getting acquainted with his crew.

NEW PWD Jonathan Roquet

All 75 Arkansas counties now under high wildfire risk

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is urging Arkansans to stay alert as wildfire danger continues to rise across the state.

All 75 counties are now designated at a high wildfire risk, and more than 65 counties have active burn bans. Persistent drought and extremely dry vegetation have created conditions where fires can ignite easily, spread quickly, and become difficult to control.

Wildfire risk levels are determined using current fuel dryness, drought indicators, and long-range weather forecasts. Unattended campfires, debris burning, and other outdoor flame sources can escape containment in moments.

Recommended Precautions

To help reduce the likelihood of wildfire ignition, the Department urges residents to:

Avoid all outdoor burning, including campfires, trash burning, grilling with open flames, and any prescribed or controlled burns.

Never leave an outdoor flame unattended.

Use caution when driving or operating machinery near dry vegetation. Avoid driving over tall, dry grass; ensure trailer chains do not drag; and do not drive on flat tires.

Properly extinguish and dispose of cigarettes—never discard them outdoors.

Smoke or fire should be reported immediately to the Department at 1-800-468-8834 or to local authorities.

Arkansans can monitor current conditions by checking the Department's county-by-county fire map, viewing active incidents on the wildfire dashboard, and following updates on social media.

Arkansas is home to more than 18.8 million acres of forests and over 11.5 billion trees. The Department protects more than 15 million acres of non-federal forestland through seven districts across the state, where foresters and rangers work daily to prevent, detect, and suppress wildfires. The Department currently maintains a force of 175 wildland firefighters, 110 bulldozers, and an aviation detection and response fleet to support wildfire response in all regions of Arkansas.

Additional arrest, charges upgraded in death of child

The Hempstead County Sheriff's Office has provided an update regarding the ongoing investigation into the death of a four-year-old child who died as a result of injuries sustained in an alleged abuse incident.

Following the continued investigation by Hempstead County Sheriff's Office Investigators, and Agents of the Arkansas State Police, additional charges have been filed against James Ivey, 33, of Emmet.

Ivey has now been charged with:

- Capital Murder
- Kidnapping
- Endangering the Welfare of a Minor

These charges are in addition to the charges previously filed in connection with this investigation. He remains in the Hempstead County Detention Center with a Two Million Dollar Bond on the previous charges, He is awaiting a first court appearance on the Capital Murder and other charges.

Additional Arrest

As the investigation continued, investigators uncovered additional information concerning the circumstances surrounding the child's death. As a result of that investigation, an additional arrest has been made.

Tiffany Edwards, 28, the mother of the four-year-old victim, has been arrested and charged with:

- Capital Murder
- Kidnapping
- Endangering the Welfare of a Minor
- Domestic Battery in the First Degree

Edwards is currently being held at the Hempstead County Detention Center pending her first appearance in court.

Benefit dinner Sept. 13 in Delight for cancer survivor

A benefit meal will be held for Angel Rowton in Delight on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The event will start at noon at the Delight School Cafeteria.

The meal will consist of a pork butt plate with sides, drink and a dessert for $12 or greater donation.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to Rowton to help with her medical expenses and daily needs during her battle with cancer.

Nitrate & Prussic Acid Poisoning Prevention on The Farm

By Dawson Bailey
Howard County Agriculture Agent

Prussic acid or nitrate toxicity can kill animals in a matter of hours. It is important that producers understand the conditions that cause buildup of these toxins in their forage. While the environmental conditions and animals symptoms of these two disorders are similar, there is little to no relationship between prussic acid and nitrate poisoning.

We will start with nitrate poisoning in cattle. Nitrate poisoning has a slew of symptoms. The most likely signs include difficult and painful breathing, cyanotic membranes, rapid breathing, muscle tremors, weakness, low tolerance to exercise, incoordination, diarrhea, frequent urination, dark to chocolate-colored blood, collapse, and milk production may be reduced. Nitrate poisoning may cause death within 30 minutes to 4 hours after symptoms appear. You should contact your veterinarian immediately if symptoms occur. You should also stop feeding the hay that's being fed or moved them off the grass they are grazing. An injection of 1% solution of methylene blue (4 mg per pound of body weight) into the bloodstream is the preferred treatment.

There are several ways to help prevent nitrate poisoning in cattle. A few of these include follow recommendations for nitrogen fertilizer and be careful not to exceed 2 tons of poultry litter yearly per acre on pastures, have suspected forages tested before harvesting for hay or feeding, feed suspect forage in small amounts several times a day rather than at one feeding, and observe animals closely for signs of toxicity.

All plants contain some nitrate, but excessive amounts are likely to occur in forges which have been grown with excessive fertilization and/or stress. Excessive fertilization with poultry litter or animal manure is a common cause of nitrate accumulation in plants. Any stress condition which causes an abrupt decrease in plant growth may contribute to nitrate accumulation, even with a normal nitrogen supply. Some of these conditions are lack of sunlight, detrimental weather (drought and high temperatures or low humidity, cold temperatures, hail damage, and frost), herbicides, diseases, and imbalance of soil nutrients.

Nitrates persist in the grass when it is cut for hay. Prussic acid does not. If you consider cutting for hay, think about getting it tested first, especially if that field received heavy nitrogen fertilization.

The symptoms of prussic acid poisoning are very similar to nitrate poisoning. They include anxiety, progressive weakness and labored breathing, and death may follow. The dead animals may be found without visible symptoms of poisoning. To treat prussic acid poisoning, get the animals off that pasture immediately and contact the vet. Animals affected by prussic acid poisoning may be treated with a sodium nitrite-sodium thiosulfate combination. It has to be injected intravenously and very slowly.

The amount of prussic acid found in plant tissue varies among species. In Arkansas, those belonging to the sorghum category are most likely to contain potentially toxic levels. Johnsongrass is of the most concern in our area because it grows wild in pastures. There are several ways to prevent prussic acid poisoning

Do not allow animals to graze fields with succulent, young, short growth. Graze only after plants have reached a height of 18-24 inches.

Do not graze drought damaged plants in any form, regardless of height, within four days following a good rain. It is during this period of rapid growth that accumulation of prussic acid is mostly likely to occur.

Do not graze wilted plants or plants with young regrowth.

Do not rely on drought damaged material as the only source of feed.

Do not use frost damaged sorghum as pasture or green chop during the first seven days after the first killing frost.

Delay pasturing for at least 7 days or until frosted material is completely dried out and brown. Do not graze at night when frost is likely.

Do not turn hungry cattle into a pasture of sorghum, sorghum Sudan hybrid, or Johnsongrass. Fill them up on hay or other forage first and graze in the late afternoon.

Harvest potentially toxic forage as hay or silage. Prussic acid levels decline in stored forages.

For more information about nitrates and prussic acid poisoning, contact the Howard County Extension office at 870-845-7517 or email dbailey@uada.edu.

MINERAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT
(From left) Sophomore Football Maid Tiana Collins, Junior Football Maid Zyion McElroy, Senior Football Maid Paloma Campos, Maid of Honor Brenayja Barton, Queen Rihanna Collins, Senior Class Maid Kadynce Harris, Junior Class Maid Christen Bell and Sophomore Class Maid Kaylan Neal. Hornet homecoming activities are scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25.

'Can my 2-year-old drive a tractor or combine?' Federal law has surprising answer

By Mary Hightower
University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

Youngsters have worked on family farms for generations, but federal labor law is very specific about when and in what jobs minors under 16 can work, said Audry Thompson, staff attorney at the Penn State Center for Agricultural and Shale Law.

Thompson provided specifics during her webinar "Minors Working on the Farm: Child Labor Laws for Agriculture," hosted by the National Agricultural Law Center on Aug. 19.

"When we look at the history of child labor in the United States, agricultural work is really the first kind of work that minors were doing prior to the Industrial Revolution," she said. "There's a long history of minors working on farms and often, those farms were where they lived."

Audry Thompson laid out specifics of child labor laws during a webinar hosted by the National Agricultural Law Center.

The Fair Labor Standards Act, or FLSA, defines many areas of labor law in the United States. It was passed in 1938, a time when the United States had nearly 7 million farms and work by minors was common.

However, the FLSA does impose limits on child labor in general and on farms.

There is a significant exception to child labor laws on the farm.

"A child of any age can be employed by their parent at any time in any occupation on a farm owned or operated by that parent," Thompson said. "Essentially, if a minor is working for their parent on their parent's farm, federal labor law does not have anything to say about them."

However, the parental exemption does not apply when children are working on non-parental farms or when doing secondary processing on ag products raised by others, even if parental permission has been given.

There may also be limits imposed by state child welfare laws.

"Is it a violation of federal labor law to let your two-year-old drive your tractor or combine? No, it is not," she said. "It will be your state Family Services or, potentially, criminal charges at that point if that child is injured."

When not working on a farm run by their parents, children with parental consent under 12 may work on a small farm outside of school hours, provided the child is not doing work the Department of Labor classifies as hazardous.

Actions defined as hazardous include handling decontamination equipment, operating power-driven farm equipment, applying anhydrous ammonia or other specific chemicals, or working inside a manure pit.

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The Fair Labor Standards Act specifies that:

Children 12-13 can work non-hazardous jobs on any size farm as long as it is outside of school hours and has either parental consent or if the labor is conducted on a farm where the parent is employed.

Children 14-15 can work any non-hazardous farm job outside school hours.

Youth 16 and older can work any farm job, including those categorized as hazardous, any time.

Thompson noted that ag operations need to pay attention to state labor laws as well.

"There are many states that come in above this and say no work — period — below the age of 14," Thompson said.

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Scrappers take 50-28 victory over Panthers

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Jacoby Hopson (2) drags the Magnolia defender with him into the endzone for a Scrapper touchdown Friday, Sept. 4.

A tackle by Jailyn Staggers (0) separates the Magnolia Panther from the football, which flies into the hands of Bo Dean (10). Dean snared the loose ball and ran it 69 yards for a Scrapper touchdown in the first quarter of Nashville's 50-28 road victory Sept. 4.

Bryce Perrin (left), Trendon Northcross (5) and Khamari Canady (6) stop the Panther ballcarrier Sept. 4 at Magnolia.

Scrapper cheerleaders sing the Nashville Alma Mater before the game last Friday night at Magnolia. The contest began in bright sunshine, but thunderstorms moved toward the stadium later and forced a 45-minute lightning delay shortly before halftime.

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Nashville linksters pick up wins

Nashville golf teams went to the Magellan Golf Course in Hot Springs Village Sept. 4.

This was the first time in at least a decade that six boys have posted scores under 90 in a match.

Results include:

Girls Champions

Molly Marion- Medalist

Kinley Martin- 2nd

Emma Gunter- 4th

Kaylee Pizarro-5th

Boys Runner Up

Luke Wallis- 2nd (78)

Colton Brown & Parker Giddens- 3rd (81)

Lucas Pennington- 5th (82)

Andrew Reese & Gunner Davis- 8th (86)

Nashville Country Club

The Scrappers and Scrapperettes played their final matches at home Sept. 3 at the Nashville Country Club.

Both teams came out with wins.

Girls:

Kinley Martin- Medalist (43)

Molly Marion- 2nd

Kaylee Pizarro- 4th

Emma Gunter- 7th

Boys:

Luke Wallis- Tied for Medalist (38)

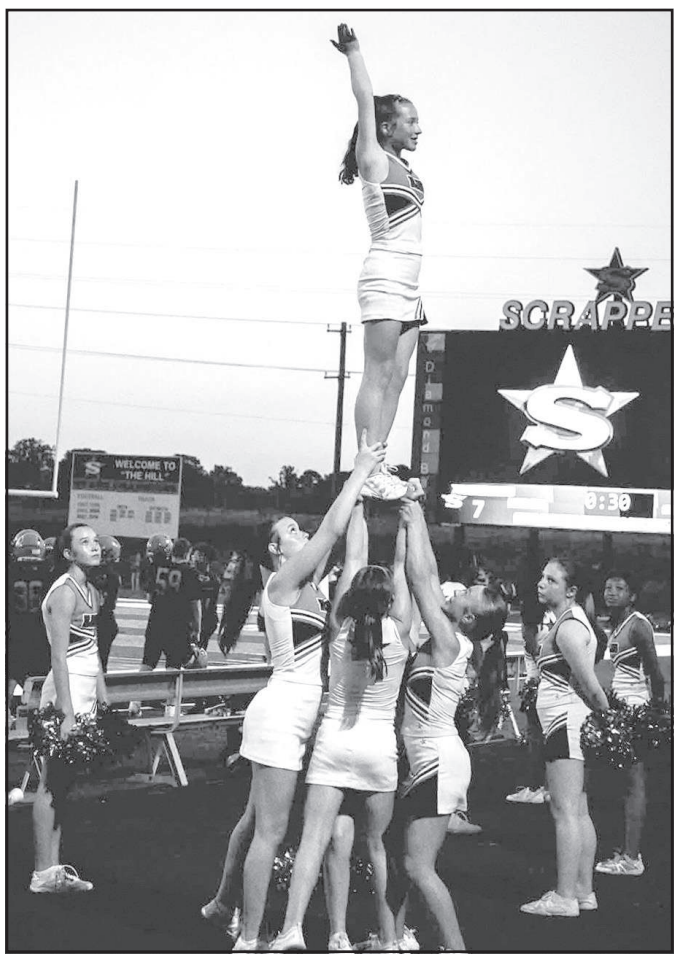
Andrew Reese, Gunner Davis, & Parker Giddens - Tied for 3rd (39)

Lucas Pennington & Graham Horn- Tied for 9th

Colton Brown- 14th

Wyatt Floyd- 18th

The Nashville Junior High Scrappers take the field before their home win over Magnolia Thursday night, Sept. 3.



(Above) The NJHS band performs at halftime of last week's game against Magnolia at Scrapper Stadium.

(Right) Junior Scrapper cheerleaders keep fans in the game during Nashville's home victory over Magnolia.

NJHS photos

NJHS Scrappers

Sept. 10 open date
Sept. 17 Genoa here
Sept. 24 at Arkadelphia
Oct. 1 Fountain Lake here
Oct. 8 at Fouke
Oct. 15 Ashdown here
Oct. 22 Hope here
Oct. 29 at Malvern

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Coach Tyler Clift (right) congratulates Blake Moody (9) and other Scrapper defenders after Moody recovered a Magnolia fumble during Nashville's 50-28 victory over the Panthers Friday, Sept. 4. The Scrappers will host Arkansas High this Friday, Sept. 11, with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Arkansas High to visit in non-conference game

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

The Nashville Scrappers will wrap up the non-conference portion of their schedule when they host Arkansas High of Texarkana Friday, Sept. 11.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Nashville (2-0) will enter the game with wins over Bismarck and Magnolia.

Arkansas High is 0-1 after a 28-21 loss to Atlanta, Texas, Sept. 4.

Nashville and Arkansas High met on occasion from the 1930s through the 1950s and have not played since.

The Scrappers remain the number two team in Class 4A in this week's *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* rankings.

They moved up to number three in Class 4A in Rex Nelson's Road to the Rock Rankings.

This week's game "isn't about Arkansas High. It's about us. We will use the final non-conference game to grow as a football team," Coach Brad Chesshir said.

The Razorbacks are a talented team, Chesshir said.

In order to be successful, the Scrappers must "continue to focus on football fundamentals, eliminate mistakes and win the turnover battle," according to Chesshir.

"We have to continue to grow. This is just [the third game]. We have a long way to go."

Texarkana "is a team that will bring a lot of speed. The quarterback is 6-4, 230 pounds. He's hard to tackle, always going forward," Chesshir said.

The Razorbacks' running game "will try to spread you out. We have to be disciplined."

On the other side of the ball, the Scrapper offense must keep getting the ball to the playmakers and "be good up front," Chesshir said.

Nashville will face a cover four team similar to Bismarck on defense, according to Chesshir.

"We need to do a good job of setting things up. We have to continue to improve on third down and in the red zone," Chesshir said. "This is another opportunity to grow and get better. I want us to improve as a team as we move forward to the bye week."

The Scrappers adjusted their practice schedule while the Nashville School District is out for the Labor Day break this week.

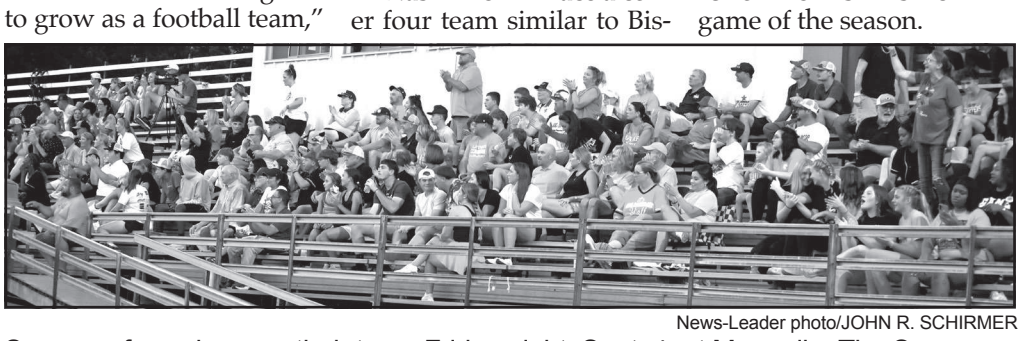
They reported at 5 p.m. Monday.

Practice was scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

The game Friday night will be the last until conference contests begin.

The Scrappers will have an open date on Friday, Sept. 18.

Arkadelphia will come to Scrapper Stadium Sept. 25 for the first District 7-4A game of the season.



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Scrapper fans cheer on their team Friday night, Sept. 4, at Magnolia. The Scrappers jumped out to an early lead and went on to defeat the Panthers 50-28 in the last non-conference game of the season.

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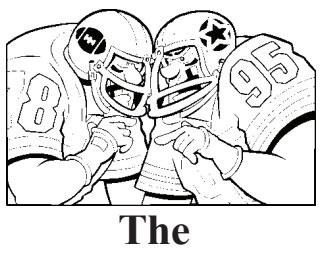

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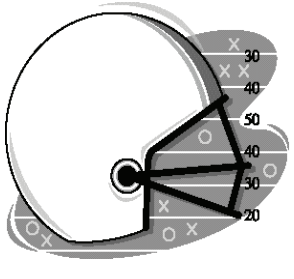

This week's top games	John R. Schirmer (70%)	Louie Graves (65%)	Eddie Cobb (85%)
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Murfreesboro at Genoa Central	Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro
Hope at De Queen	De Queen	De Queen	De Queen
Arkadelphia at Bauxite	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Oklahoma at Michigan	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Arizona St. at Texas A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M
Ohio State at Texas	Texas	Texas	Ohio St.
Arkansas at Utah	Utah	Utah	Arkansas
Tex. Arkansas High at Nashville	Nashville	Nashville	Nashville

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Team captains DeQuincy Staggers (60) and Jacob Teague (10) make their way to midfield for the coin toss before the Scrappers' 50-28 road win over Magnolia Friday, Sept. 4.

Circle the teams you think will win in the entry below. Deadline for entries is Friday at 2 p.m. You can drop entry in box in front of the Leader office, or email screenshot of newspaper entry to tracy@nashvilleleader.com or mail your entry form to PO Box 205, Nashville, AR 71852 (must be postmarked by Friday). Only one entry per person per week. No copies please.

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OFFENSE #2 Keiandrian Nunally and #17 Braxton Keaster work on offense Friday night in Hornet Stadium

Hornets play Bears tough in 22-20 loss

The Mineral Springs Hornets and the Bearden Bears banged heads Friday night at Hornet Stadium with the 2A-4 Bears coming out on top, 22-20.

The game opened with a strong Hornet defensive stance to turn the Bears over on downs halfway through the first quarter. The Hornets stumbled on their first possession and sophomore quarterback Braxton Keaster was picked off for a touchdown. The two-point play put the visitors up 8-0 with 5:33 left in the first quarter.

The Hornets responded with 2:46 left in the first quarter when QB Keaster hit sophomore Jamerian Staten for the Hornets first home TD of the season.

The Hornet defense forced another turnover on downs with 2:31 left in the half deep in their down territory. The MS possession was shut down by another interception.

The second half was much of the same battle with the Bears able to pull away with the two-point win, despite some big plays from the Hornet special teams.

"Offensively, we came out a little flat and never really got the run game established the way we wanted," said Head Hornet Jarrod Jackson.

The coach added that the offense has "some areas that need improvement, and we'll work hard this week to get those corrected."

Keaster finished the night with 11/17 passes for 140 yards, one TD and two interceptions. Staten led the receivers with 3/4 catches for 73 yards and one TD and also led the rushing game with 16 carries for 65 yards and one TD.

The Hornet offense totaled 231 yards.

On defense, Jackson said his players "made some better adjustments as the game went on and were able to get some key stops. However, we allowed too much inside and need to improve our pad level and eye discipline moving forward."

Sophomore Carter Stewart led the Hornet tackle chart with six solo stops and seven assists followed by Cortney Thomas with five solo stops and for assists.

The coach credited the play of the Hornet special teams in helping the Hornets get back in the game late in the second half. "We had an opportunity to win it, but we came up short against a very good football team." Jackson said he expects the Bears to be in the plays at the end of the year.

"As for us, we have to continue focusing on ourselves, improving each week and getting better," he said. "It's a tough loss, and it's on me as the head coach to make sure we get the issues corrected and have our team ready moving froward."

The Hornets will return to the road Friday with a trip to 2A-4 England.

MS HORNET DEFENSE wrangles down Bearden Bear runner early Friday.
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DIERKS@HORATIO #52 Tristen Godwin (at left) brings down the Horatio quarterback Friday night in Horatio; #9 Drake Thatcher led the Outlaw rushing game.

Outlaws to bring 2-0 record to The Million Dollar Holler

The Dierks Senior Outlaws will make their long-awaited season debut at the newly renovated football stadium this Friday night when they host the 7-4A Fouke Panthers for a non-conference game.

The Outlaws will bring their 2-0 record for their return home after whipping 7-3A Horatio Friday night on the road, 46-0.

Dierks ran all over the Horatio Lions, collecting nearly 400 yards of offense in the shutout. Drake Thatcher led the offensive charge with 12 carries for 152 yards and four touchdowns. Jett Jackson added 12 carries for 49 yards and one TD and Maxton Greene contributed two carries for 34 yards.

Quarterback Maclane Smith hit 9/10 passes for 175 yards and one TD. His receivers included Jacoby Faulkner with 3/92 yards and one TD, Madden Hill 2/21yards, Maxton Greene with 1/16 yards and Elijah Hawthorne with 1/15 yards.

The Outlaws were up 38-0 at the half to set the game clock in continuous motion with the sportsmanship rule for the second half.

Horatio managed less than 80 yards of offense due to a stingy defense led by Maxton Greene and Gavin House with nine tackles each. Elijah Hawthorne, Jason Bailey, Cooper Smith, Braden Foran and Griffin Shankles each had four stops while Jett Jackson and Tristen Godwin had two each.

Asa Hooper also had a fumble recovery and Drake Thatcher picked off Horatio for an interception.

Jr. Outlaws' Historic Win

The Dierks Junior High Outlaws officially christened the renovated stadium Thursday night with a 46-0 win over Horatio.

The young Outlaws were led by seventh-grade quarterback Tyler Tedford, who had a 100 percent completion rate for 210 passing yards, three touchdowns and two two-point conversions. Seventh-grade receiver MJ Wright hauled in a 56-yard TD recession, Klay Helms caught a 33-yard TD and seventh-grader Sawyer Janes hauled in a 50-yard TD and Henry Semmler had a 50-yard reception.

The Dierks rushing game included MJ Wright and Bryce Castleman who combined for 86 yards. Wright also had a rushing TD.

The Outlaw special team also contribuetd to the historic win with ninth-grader Eli Brinkley returning two punts for touchdowns.

The junior Outlaws will travel to Fouke this Thursday in search of a 3-0 record after their opening wins over Horatio and Centerpoint.

FIRST WIN AT RENOVATED STADIUM
Dierks Junior Outlaw Sawyer Markham heads for the end zone of The Million Dollar Holler

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3	27,320	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	33,000	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	38,680	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	44,360	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	50,040	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
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Rattlers drop to 0-2 after 35-34 loss to Danville

The Murfreesboro Rattlers fell to 0-2 on the season after a heartbreaking 35-34 loss on the road at Danville last week.

The Rattlers fell behind as Danville's Jake Crane scored on a 37-yard TD rush for the game's only first quarter score

MHS would get back into the game on an Aiden "Bubba" Stinson 17 yard TD rush in the early second quarter. The two-point conversion failed, leaving Danville with a 7-6 lead.

On the ensuring possession Danville broke free for a 65 yard TD run. The PAT attempt was no good, extending their lead to 13-6.

The Stinson show continued in the second quarter, as the back caught a pair of passes from QB Kooper Caldwell (47 and 30 yards) to give the Rattlers a 22-13 lead heading into halftime.

Danville would come back quickly in the third, returning the opening kickoff 60 yards for a touchdown, narrowing their deficit to 22-20.

Keith Wilkinson would score on a six-yard reception, and after the two-point conversion failed, the Rattlers extended their lead to 28-20.

Crane would cap the next Danville possession with a one yard TD run, and with the two-point conversion tied the score at 28.

Caldwell would cap the next Rattler drive with a two-yard rush for a score. The two-point conversion failed, giving Murfreesboro a 34-28 lead heading into the final quarter.

MHS would utilize a drive that ate up much of the fourth quarter (from seven to two minutes), but ultimately came up unfruitful in the red zone, returning the ball to Danville with just two minutes remaining in the game.

That proved to be more than enough for Danville, who scored with an 8 yard run and successful PAT kick to win the game 35-34.

Overall, the Rattlers (417 yards on 76 plays) outgained the Little Johns (364 yards on 55 plays) with a very balanced offense – 197 yards passing and 220 rushing.

Danville was much more ground based, rushing for 316 yards and passing for 48.

MHS had 20 first downs, and was very efficient on late down attempts, going 7-16 on third down, but 4-5 on fourth down conversions.

Danville was 3-8 on third down conversions and 0-4 on fourth down attempts.

Murfreesboro had three direct turnovers (one fumble, two interceptions) to Danville's one (fumble).

The Rattlers won the penalty battle (6/39 yards) versus Danville (7/16 yards) but two of those came at a very costly time for Murfreesboro – a holding call that helped end the final drive and a roughing the passer call that helped progress Danville's game winning drive.

Individually, Caldwell was 21/32 passing for 197 yards, three TDs and a pair of interceptions. He would also rush for 94 yards on 15 attempts and a touchdown.

Stinson had 118 yards on 19 rushes with a score and seven receptions for 96 yards, two TDs and a two-point conversion.

Wilkinson would add 68 yards on seven receptions, a touchdown and a two-point conversion reception.

Cayden Ballard had three receptions for 19 yards.

Danville's QB Crane was 5/12 through the air for 35 yards and gained 135 yards on 13 rushes and two touchdowns.

COACH'S COMMENTS

In spite of the loss, head coach Jay Turley said that he was "probably the most proud" of the Rattlers effort Friday night as any team he has ever coached.

"I saw a bunch of kids who fought their hearts out for 48 minutes and left it all on the field."

Turley said injuries had the team down to it's final reserves going into the final part of the game.

"I looked over to the sideline, and I couldn't find someone to put in … but the kids that were in there were giving it their all. They were tapping their [helmet], and I was like 'I can't pull you, I don't have anyone else to put in.' Ultimately, we just came up on the short end of the stick Friday night."

Turley said he would never blame the officials for an outcome, but a "phantom" holding call in the last drive negated a first down at the five-yard line and put the Rattlers behind the sticks in the red zone. On the ensuing possession that culminated in the Little John's game winning drive, a roughing the passer call was at best "a bang-bang play, a 50/50 call, more like 70/30 against … I wouldn't have called it."

"The holding call just killed us – it made us have to throw the ball, and we didn't have our whole crew in there. There was just very limited things we could do [in that moment]."

Turley said Stinson came into the game sick, and was literally running on fumes at the very end in his overall excellent game.

"He had an unbelievable game – didn't play a lot of defense because he was sick … he was throwing up before the game, he didn't look well. You can build on things like that, when you have kids that are tough and get out there and compete, even when they don't feel well. I would have carried him off the field if I needed to."

Despite the 0-2 record, Turley said there was nothing to be concerned about as of yet.

"I told the kids after the game there was nothing to hang their head about – we played a good 3-A football team. Prior to the game, I didn't know if we would have a chance to win. Then we had a 22-point second quarter and a 15-point third quarter. We should have scored to win the game in the fourth, but it was nothing to be ashamed about."

"We played hard and physical," Turley said. I got a text from Danville's head coach and he talked about how beat up his team was after the game. That's always good to hear – I don't think that was ever the case last year. We came to hit and we did."

The injury list has mounted for the Rattlers early in the season, and Turley said it was going to come down to mental toughness in order to move forward.

"A lot of our guys don't know the difference between pain and injury – and until we figure that out, we may stay banged up all year. Football is painful."

It continued to impact the team Monday, as roughly half the roster was at practice in the early morning of Labor Day.

"There is a difference between a pain and an injury – an injury is okay. I get it – you are injured. But we have kids that are playing through injures, and we have some kids that are banged up and can't play. That's frustrating. [Monday] we had 15 kids show up [to practice] … that's frustrating. We had a couple kids that were sick, the rest were just no shows, and that's just disappointing. We had a long talk with the guys that were here, and they need to step up and be the voice of accountability to those that weren't here – it's unacceptable. We are here, trying to win football games. We have a good football team. After Friday night I am sure of that, showed me all I needed to see. Danville was pretty dang good – bigger, faster and stronger than us, and we really beat their butts. We won almost every statistical category, except the one that matters – the scoreboard. We were just wore out on that last possession, and not up two scores because we didn't execute the drive before. They ran the ball down our throats."

The last drive aside, Turley felt the Rattlers were better overall conditioned than Danville, and said the Little Johns head coach agreed.

"If [Danville] was in better shape, they might have beat us by two touchdowns instead of squeaking out a one point win. They are bigger, faster, stronger than we were, they were supposed to win the game. They are well coached, athletic kids, with size up front. So, yes, our conditioning could be better, but we are getting there. It's just hard in this heat, because there is only so far we can push them so far. There is a fine line to where you can push them, and then it becomes dangerous, and I will always err of the side of caution. I will always take care of the kids first."

On the positive side of things, Turley said the team may have found some answers on Friday night, rushing for 220 yards.

"I don't think we did that last year at all … we were very balanced, and our defense played really good early, until we just ran out of gas. Lots of positives, we played really physical … lots of positives to build on. Kooper Caldwell had a great game, both at quarterback, and played defense for us – has to of the biggest hits we've had all year. He threw the ball efficiently, two interceptions one just came out of his hand wrong, the other was a missed read. Other than that he was on -- at one point he had ten completions is a row, he just finished the game unbelievable after a slow start. The offensive line played 110% better than they did the week before. We were more physical and moved people out of the hole. It took us a while, but once we got going … we rushed for 220 yards. They were doing something right. We found some things we can do well, and try to stick to that. We have things we can work on that we do well."

Turley said the last two weeks, as well as Friday night's game, would set them up for the conference season.

"We are playing tough competition to set up ourselves up for the conference battles to come. Our conference is better this year – Junction City and Gurdon are up to number two in the state, depending on what poll you look at, Mineral Springs and Dierks are ranked statewide."

However, Turley feels his squad is being overlooked thus far, and is fine with that.

"We are better than what people think we are, and that's fine, I like being the underdog. We had the bullseye on our back last year, being two-time defending conference champs. Everybody was out for the Murfreesboro Rattlers and gave us their best game."

AT GENOA CENTRAL

Turley said this week the Rattlers would travel to play a "much improved" Genoa Central team.

The Dragons are 2-0 with wins over Spring Hill (18-0) and Parkers Chapel (32-6) in the first two weeks of the season.

"They haven't beat any powerhouses, but they are 2-0. They are gaining confidence, and I am sure this is a game they think they need to win, because their conference is brutal. If they are going to win another game, I'm sure they feel like this is the week."

Turley said that it would be good for the Rattlers to win a game for confidence.

"I don't think our kids are down, I think they understand they are getting better, but it still would be nice to have a win under our belt before conference. I'd like for them to get that, but we will have to play well, and a lot of that may depend on how mended we get this week."

The Rattlers will have a bye week following the game against Genoa Central, which should allow they to mend some of the ails.

"The goal of this week is to not get anyone so injured they can't be back after the off-week, and we need to take advantage of that," said Turley.

Garrett Lamb, according to Turley is the Rattlers' best offensive and defensive lineman, and has missed the first two weeks of the season.

"If he's not 100% by Friday, he's not going to go."

Turley then credited sophomores Benji Brewer at offensive guard and Jaxon Crabtree at defensive end for stepping in and spelling him while he was out.

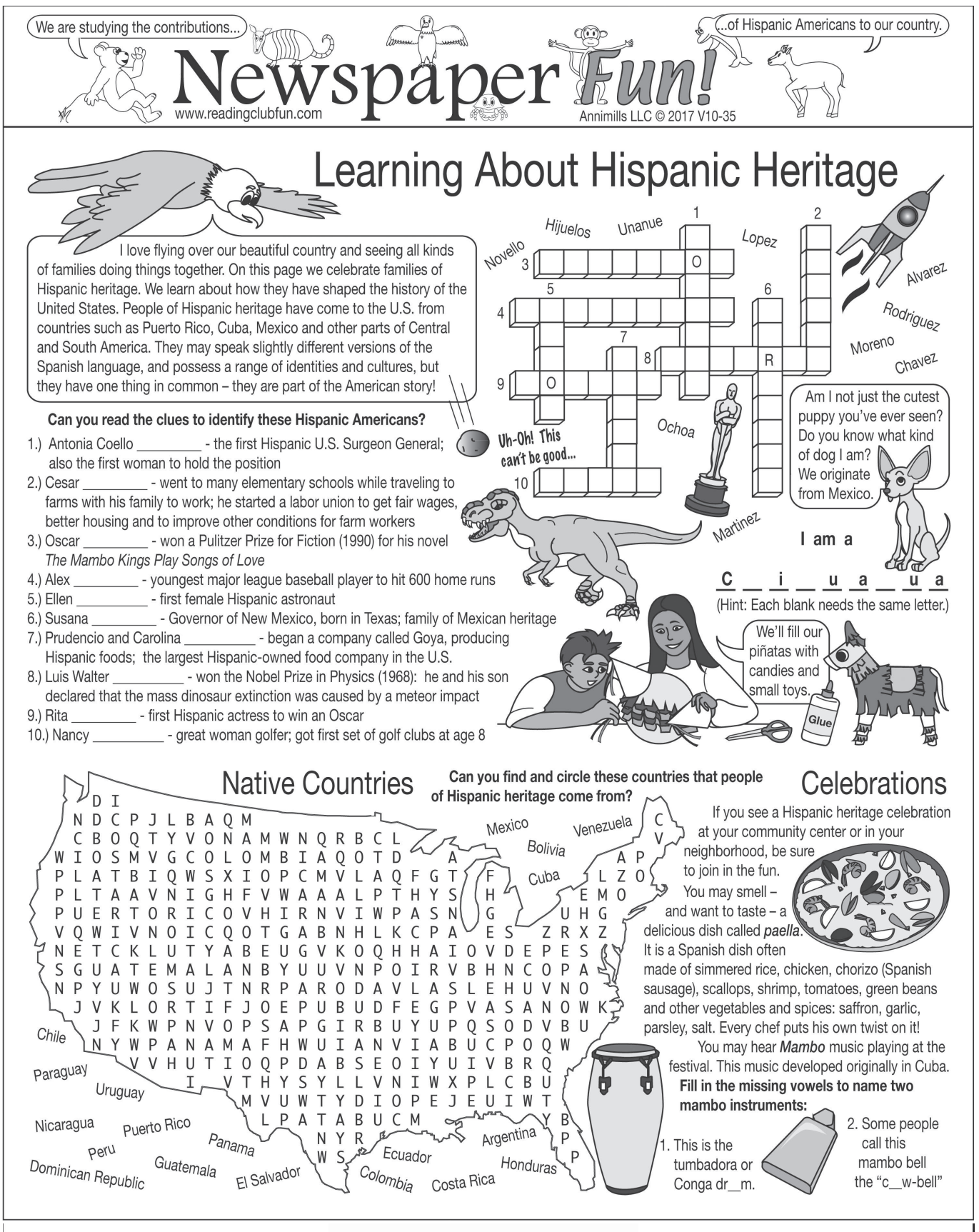
On other injury fronts, Cayden Ballard is still nursing a sprained ankle and Cale Humphry also has a lower leg ailment. "We've got to get healed … football is a war of attrition. You have to be both mentally and physically tough to play this game and play through it."

Turley said Drake Eoff was likely out for the season with torn ligaments, while Alex Parker was likely out for two to three more weeks with his injury.

Junior Rattlers 2-0, off this week

The Murfreesboro Hunior High Rattelrs are 2-0 on the season with victories of 22-16 over Centerpoint and 34-8 over Danville at home last week.

The Junior Rattlers will be off this week before returning to the field on Sept. 19 at Mineral Springs.



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DIERKS BAND at Horatio Friday night

Dierks High School Marching Band to debut home halftime show Friday

The Dierks High School Marching Band will make it's home debut this Friday night on Ayers Field in the newly renovated football stadium when the senior Outlaws host the Fouke Panthers.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: IVORY J. JOHNSON

31 PR-26-67

NOTICE OF PROBATE-INTESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 9 Dartwood Street, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas
Date of death: June 6, 2026

Denise Taylor was appointed the Administratrix of the Estate of Ivory J. Johnson, by order dated August 25, 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 2nd day of September, 2026.

Denise Taylor, Administratrix, by
Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138
Post Office Box 813
Nashville AR 71852
(870) 845-4100 – Telephone
(AB: 11, 12)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
DERRY WAYNE PINSON, deceased
No. 31PR-26-66

PUBLIC NOTICE

Last known address of the decedent: 1393 Highway 84 E, Umpire, AR 71971

Date of Death: February 18, 2026

An instrument dated August 24, 2026, lawfully appointed KRISTIAN JERI FORGA and WESLEY WAYNE PINSON as Co-Administrators of the above estate.

That all persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, 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 on this day of September 2, 2026.

KRISTIAN JERI FORGA and WESLEY WAYNE PINSON, Petitioners

BY: /s/ Dustin Bissell
DUSTIN BISSELL
Attorney for Petitioner
306 E Broadway
Glenwood, AR 71943
(870) 356-2589
Arkansas Bar #2022047
(DB: 11, 12)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Sheriff's Office is seeking professional bids for a new roof for the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Jail located at 101 Isaac Perkins BLVD. Nashville, AR. 71852. This roofing project will include a large area of flat roof and some portions of metal roof. The metal portions will need to be totally removed and replaced with new. Contact the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 870.845.2626 to schedule a time to see the job and for measurements. Bids can be emailed to bmcjunkins@howardcountysheriffar.com on or before Friday, September 18, 2026.

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DJ Jefferson (8) and Jacoby Hopson (2) are greeted by Coach Zach Stewart and Coach Kirby Adcock as they return to the sideline following a touchdown by Hopson during Nashville's 50-48 win Friday, Sept. 4, at Magnolia.

The Scrappers leave the field to start what became a 45-minute lightning delay with 57 seconds left before halftime. When the game resumed, Nashville picked up where it left off and added a touchdown.

Scrappers over Magnolia 50-28

News-Leader photos/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

Coach Brad Chesshir walks along the sideline as the Scrappers take the field before the game Sept. 4.

Byron Murillo (30) kicks the extra point as Bay Nolte holds in the first quarter of the Scrapper victory over Magnolia.

DJ Jefferson (8) awaits the snap from Halton Howard (55) during the non-conference game at Magnolia Friday night, Sept. 4.

Up next for the Scrappers

Sept. 11 Arkansas High here, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18 Open date
Sept. 25 Arkadelphia here, 7 p.m.
Oct. 2 at Fountain Lake, 7 p.m.
Oct. 9 Fouke here, Homecoming 7 p.m.
Oct. 16 at Ashdown, 7 p.m.
Oct. 23 at Hope, 7 p.m.
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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Jakhari Starr, Nashville

Jakhari, a Scrapper sophomore, ran the ball 26 times for 264 yards and three touchdowns in Nashville's 50-28 road victory over Magnolia Friday night, Sept. 4.

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