

**AT THE PARK.** Joey Wilson looks over the attractions at the Pack the Park car show Sept. 12 in the Nashville City Park. The event was hosted by the Howard County Historical Society.

The family would like to express a very special thank-you to Betsy McJunkins, truly an angel on earth, and

Even during the hardest days of her illness, Robin's attention remained on the

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with a mustache, wearing a dark suit jacket, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a mottled grey.

Flowers may be sent to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in North Little Rock. Memo-



**A RARE ONE.** Automobile enthusiast Mike Ponder showed his rare Studebaker Avanti sports car at the city park, Saturday. The vehicle was one of many prized automobiles exhibited under shade trees at the city park, Saturday. The show was a fund-raiser for the Howard County Historical Society.

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com).



**NOT ONLY FOR DISASTERS.** Roddy Smith, Howard County Emergency Management director, spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club last Wednesday about the duties of his office including disaster recovery, rural fire departments and 9-1-1 addresses. He was also involved with recovery from a major train derailment north of Nashville. The Rotary Club meets at noon Wednesday in Room 101, UA-Cossatot.

Flu shots will be given 8-5 at the 'drive thru' between the Health Unit and the Farmers' Market. The health unit is located at 201 E. Hempstead, Nashville.

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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Nashville High School majorettes 1956 include left to right Thomasene Ryan, Elizabeth Griffin, Patricia Puryear, Linda Foshee, Pat Ray and Shirley Cook.

124 years ago: September 1902

The love of a dusky damsel apparently was the cause of the sudden termination of the friendship heretofore existing between two men in this city Sunday afternoon, and as a result of the sudden declaration of war between the two men one has badly cut arm and the other has a fine of \$100 staring him in the face.

The trouble occurred at the home of the woman who was the bone of contention and one man used a razor on the other, almost severing his left arm from his body, the bone being all that kept the victim from coming out of the fray minus an arm.

From Amity, news reached us that Sid Morgan, living near Alpine, allegedly shot his son-in-law, Joe Hankins. The weapon used was a double barrel shot gun, the charge taking effect in Hankins' back. Hankins was able to get back home, but he is said to be seriously wounded, as he was filled with squirrel shots. It seems that Hankins' wife and child

had gone to Morgan's, and he ordered his son-in-law to keep away.

114 years ago: September 1912

Austin Q. Miller, of the syndicate that has secured the management of the diamond property of M.M. Mauney and the Kimberlite Co. has arrived in Murfreesboro. He will construct a narrow-gauge railroad to run from the mine to Prairie Creek, where a washing plant will be located. The railroad will be over a mile long and the cars will be operated with gasoline power.

64 years ago: September 1962

An elderly Dierks woman was critically injured Friday in a Highway 70 accident near Dierks involving two Dierks automobiles.

Mrs. C.H. Gaddis, 81, was not expected to live, according to a report from a hospital in De Queen Monday morning. She suffered a broken neck, broken left leg, internal and head injuries. Her husband, 82, is

in serious condition. He sustained chest injuries, cuts and bruises.

Three young women traveling in the second car suffered lesser injuries. They were Dorothy Scantling, 27, Reba Tabor, 16 and Wanda Kesterson, 17 years old. Miss Scantling and Miss Tabor were still in the hospital Monday, but Miss Kesterson was released after being treated.

According to unofficial report, the Gaddis automobile was proceeding east when the driver made an effort to turn into a service station on the highway. It collided with the second car driven by Miss Scantling.

Both vehicles were heavily damaged.

44 years ago: August 1982

A local nursing home has scheduled an old-fashioned county fair for Aug. 6 from 7-9 p.m. at Leisure Lodge. Entertainment will be provided by the Live Oak Bank of Kirby. Guests and residents will be served hot dogs and drinks. Carnival-type booths will be set up.

# Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Sept. 3-9, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

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

Sept. 4. Khalid Malik Benson, 26, Nashville, and Bethany Jennyla White, 20, Nashville.

Sept. 4. Ryan Gregory Bush, 34, Nashville, and Kristen Jade Cogburn, 33, Nashville.

**Civil Court**  
CV26-172, Sept. 4. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Ashanti Burris. Contract.

CV26-173, Sept. 4. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Carolyn Russey. Debt.

CV26-174, Sept. 8. Capital One vs. Donny Turley. Debt.

CV26-175, Sept. 8. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Aundray Gentry. Debt.

CV26-176, Sept. 8. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Jimmy Carroll. Debt.

**Domestic Relations Court**  
DR26-85, Sept. 3. Rachel Michelle Jones vs. Kevin Edward Jones. Divorce.

DR26-86, Sept. 4. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Timothy Stubbs. Support.

DR26-87, Sept. 8. Bailey Lott vs. Caleb Dinger. Divorce.

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

No new Criminal Court cases filed since CR26-62, Aug. 31.

**Land Transactions**

**Quitclaim Deed**  
Sept. 04. Martha Brown, through her agent Jane E. Brown; to Nicholas Jajuan Fowler; property in S9 T11S R27W. \$15,000.

Sept. 08. Catherine Thomas; to Lawrence Kevin Thomas; 3 ac. in S15 T10S

R27W.

Sept. 08. Catherine Thomas; to Lawrence Kevin Thomas; 0.5 ac. in S4 T11S R27W.

Sept. 08. Catherine Thomas; to Juanita Thomas Jackson and Henry Jackson; 0.5 ac. in S4 T11S R27W.

Sept. 08. Catherine Thomas; to Juanita Thomas Jackson and Henry Jackson; 4.42 ac. in S4 T11S R27W.

Sept. 08. Catherine Thomas; to Juanita Thomas Jackson and Henry Jackson; property in S9 T11S R27W in the Town of Tollette.

**Trustee Deed**

Sept. 03. Ashley Alexandra Weems, Trustee of the William and Judy Tabler Living Trust; to William Wiseman Tabler and Julie 'Judy' Lou Tabler, husband and wife; 0.543 ac. in Block 65, Original Town of Mineral Springs.

**Administrator Deed**

Sept. 08. Krista J. Cannon Coats, Executor of the Estate of Cepha Joan Cannon, deceased; to Krista Cannon Coats; 37.29 ac. in S18 T8S R28W.

**Redemption Deed**

Sept. 03. State of Arkansas; to Joseph Hill, Sr., c/o Larry Hill, North Little Rock; Lot 4, Block 36, SWREDC Addition, Town of Nashville; delinquent taxes and

penalties of \$269.45.

Sept. 03. State of Arkansas; to Harlette M. Wagner, Dierks; Lots 5-6, Block 16, Murray's first Addition, aka 311 Fourth St., Dierks; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$3,157.58.

Sept. 03. State of Arkansas; to Jason Spigner, Mineral Springs; 0.5 ac. in S20 T10S R27W, aka 326 Hwy. 27N, Mineral Springs; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$271.02.

**Beneficiary Deed**

Sept. 03. William Wiseman Tabler and Julie 'Judy' Lou Tabler, husband and wife; to Ashley Alexandra Weems; 0.543 ac. in Block 65, in Original Town of Mineral Springs.

Sept. 09. Diane M. Crofton; to Alexis B. Wells; 0.5 ac. in S8 T11S R27W.

**Warranty Deed**

Sept. 03. Joseph Henry Bailey, Trustee of the Joseph Henry Bailey Living Trust; to Edgar Dunn; 6.69 ac. in S23 T8S R29W. \$25,000.

Sept. 09. William W. Dyer and Lynn W. Dyer; to James M. Dyer; 20 ac. in S26 T10SR27W.

Sept. 09. Lisa Gail Hearn, Trustee of the Gretta Faye Hosey Irrevocable Trust; to John Carter and wife Cheryl Lynn Carter; 17.66 ac. in S21 T10S R28W. \$334,000.

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## ATRS director updates retirees

"Providing retirement security for Arkansas's past, present, and future public education professionals" is the mission of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, said Mark White, ATRS executive director. White spoke at the Howard County Retired School Employees' first meeting for 2026-27 Sept. 9 at the Nashville Fair Barn.

White said the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System remains financially sound, with assets of approximately \$25 billion this year. The system added \$1.5 billion this year.

He also noted that U.S. stocks are performing well, along with Arkansas investments such as Big River Steel and Hybar Steel in Osceola.

In July, \$120 million was distributed to approximately 1,500 ATRS members. Twelve members are over age 100, and the oldest is 108.

Judy Cassady, president of the local organization, called the meeting to order, gave the inspirational message and led members in the pledge.

Ruth Ann Jacobs, secretary, read the minutes, and Linda Campbell presented the financial report.

The group also discussed potential community projects.

Lunch was provided by Bi Yu Catering.

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Judy Cassady, president of the Howard County Retired School Employees Association, visits Mark White, executive director of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. White spoke to the local retirees Sept. 9.

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# Point of view

## Firewood story

### Don’t doubt me; you’ll need a fireplace soon

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I know it sounds crazy but it’s not too early to worry about firewood.

This may be one of the hottest, driest summers ever, but remember that the “Farmer’s Almanac” forecasts a colder-than-usual winter. It’s coming, I assure you.

A couple of years ago at this time of year, I wrote about my worries and my firewood shortage. By that time in life I was reduced to grabbing sticks of wood someone spilled on the side of the road, or dreaming of raiding a certain neighbor’s firewood stash.

I didn’t know it at the time but I was on the verge of halting the use of my fine inside fireplace altogether because I seriously dreaded Ash Cleanout Day.

Finally I gave up fires except the firepit on my patio. A solicitous brother brought some firepit-sized sticks of hickory, hackberry and oak.

He asked again the next year and this time threw in some pieces of pinion pine which I think he got in New Mexico. Pinion burns real good and smells wonderful. You can’t cook hotdogs over it, however.

Bro asked about my firepit/ fireplace wood needs again this year but I am older now and have given up on the firepit. Thanky anyway, Brother.

So I still have about three years worth of short sticks piled up in the carport. Maybe I’ll get up the gumption to do the firepit again before winter.

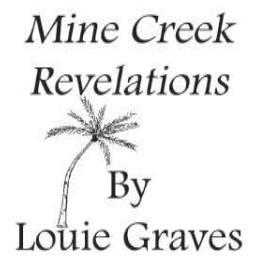
It would have to be before sundown because for some reason I have been going to bed earlier. And, honestly, do you think we’ll have an autumn anyway?

AND I hate to call your attention to our current drought especially because that same “Farmer’s Almanac” also predicts a drier-than-usual winter.

Already: July was more than an inch below normal rainfall; August more than an inch-and-a-half below normal; and September by Monday afternoon an inch behind.

It’s already dry, dry, dry, and if the winter is going to be worse the judge may ban firepits anyway.

Still, I dream of the day when the smell of fireplaces drifts through my neighborhood.



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ANIMAL CRACKERS: It has taken a few weeks and two bags of raw, unshelled peanuts, but ‘my’ bluejays seem to have returned to the Peanut Table on the patio.

And I do believe that ‘our’ Mississippi Kites have departed to wherever they go just before hot weather lets up. I sure hope they are right about the weather.

I have spent several mornings on the patio scanning the skies for the Kites. As soon as this newspaper issue comes off the press I’ll probably have spotted one circling the neighborhood buffet table.

And even though my granddaughter removed about a half-dozen old nests from inside the Bluebird Box in June no prospective Bluebird parents have come by for a look.

Maybe it’ll happen next spring. I hope to be here.

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AND SOME OTHER THINGS I have learned:

1. The Universal Laws of Theaters and Arenas: The people whose seats are furthest from the aisle always arrive last. They are the ones who get up most often for refreshments or bathroom trips, and they always leave before the end of the game, movie or performance. The people in aisle seats always come early and never get up for refreshments or bathroom trips. They always have very long, gangly legs and/or big bellies. They are hard to get past and also act ‘put out’ if you want to get by.
2. The Universal Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone a machine won’t work it works perfectly. This Law is closely related to the Universal Law of Toothaches and Dentist’s Chairs.
3. The Universal Law of Bio-Mechanics: The severity of the itch is proportional to the difficulty of reaching the itchy spot.
4. The Universal Law of Logical Arguments: Anything is possible if you don’t know what you’re talking about.
5. The Universal Law of Physical Appearance: If the clothes fit, they’re ugly.

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HE SAID: “We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.” Walt Disney, American animator, film producer, voice actor, and entrepreneur

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SHE SAID: “I would tell anyone who wants something from someone else to feign not wanting it. People are perverse. If you show great affection to them, they’ll run the other way.” Hedy Lamarr, Austrian and American actress and inventor

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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## Flashing lights on road side mean ‘Just Move Over’

**By State Rep. Dolly Henley**

Flashing lights on the side of the highway should immediately tell every driver to do two things: slow down and move over.

It is a simple action, but it can save a life.

Last week, state leaders, law enforcement, highway officials and first responders gathered at the State Capitol to launch the “Just Move Over” campaign, a statewide effort to increase awareness of Arkansas’ Move Over Law and protect those who work alongside our roadways.

The campaign grew out of a working group assembled by House Speaker Brian Evans after he personally witnessed several close calls involving highway workers and first responders in his district. Speaker Evans joined partners from that working group at this week’s press conference to encourage Arkansans to take the law seriously.

Arkansas’s Move Over Law requires motorists approaching an authorized vehicle stopped on or alongside a roadway to move to the farthest possible lane. If moving over cannot be done safely, drivers must slow down and exercise caution.

The law applies to emergency response and law enforcement vehicles as well as ARDOT vehicles and contractors, utility vehicles, and tow trucks.

The numbers show why this matters.

On average, at least five emergency vehicles are struck on the shoulders of Arkansas state highways each year. Over the past five years, more than 600 crashes on state highways have involved a vehicle parked on the shoulder. More than 60 resulted in a fatality or serious injury.

Just Move Over will emphasize both awareness and enforcement. Public service announcements,

graphics, and educational materials will help remind drivers what the law requires. Law enforcement will reinforce that message through warnings and citations. More than 8,000 move-over-related citations or warnings have been issued statewide during the past five years.

The goal is not simply enforcement. The goal is to change behavior, prevent injuries and save lives.

Law enforcement officers, paramedics, highway crews, utility workers and tow truck operators routinely work just feet away from vehicles traveling at highway speeds.

They are our neighbors, friends and family members, and they deserve the space to do their jobs safely.

Every driver can help.

When you see flashing lights, slow down, pay attention and give them room.

Just move over.

## Voter registration deadline Oct. 5 for November General Election

**By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey**

As the United States continues to celebrate its 250th year, Arkansans are preparing for another important election season. The nation’s founders set in motion a system based on the idea that government draws its power from the people. That idea continues today through every ballot cast. With Arkansas’s voter-registration deadline for the November election approaching on October 5, 2026, residents have a timely opportunity to take part in that process and make their voices count.

Voting remains one of the most effective ways to shape everyday life. Local, state, and federal officials make decisions about school funding, road repairs, public transportation, healthcare access, economic development, public safety, and how tax dollars are used. By voting, Arkansans help choose the people who will represent them and decide how community resources are spent. Each ballot directly influences the quality of life for families across the state.

Even small numbers of votes can shape the outcome of an election. Local races are often decided by very tight margins, and grow-

ing participation from various communities has influenced the results of statewide contests in recent years. When more people vote, issues that matter most to them are more likely to be noticed and addressed. Every ballot adds to a collective voice that leaders can’t ignore.

Being well-informed strengthens the impact of each vote. Election seasons can be overwhelming, with constant ads and political messaging. Reliable, nonpartisan information helps voters sort facts from persuasion. Resources such as [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) and [ballotpedia.org](http://ballotpedia.org) provide clear details about candidates and ballot measures. Reviewing all races, including local contests and proposed amendments, helps voters match their choices with their values. Voters can be more confident and stress-free on Election Day by preparing a plan which includes researching candidates, noting preferred choices, and bringing those notes to the polls.

Registering to vote in Arkansas is simple. Residents must complete a paper voter-registration form, which is available from county clerks, public libraries, DMV and

revenue offices, disability agencies, and military recruitment centers. Forms can also be printed online or requested by mail from the Arkansas Secretary of State. Once the county clerk processes the application, the voter receives a registration card, which may take a few weeks. Voters can confirm their registration status at any time by visiting [voterview.ar-nova.org](http://voterview.ar-nova.org) or by contacting their county clerk.

To register to vote in Arkansas, you must meet several requirements: you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Arkansas, and at least 18 years old on or before Election Day. You cannot be currently serving a felony sentence that has not been discharged or pardoned, and you must not be legally declared mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

With the October 5 deadline approaching, Arkansans have a chance to shape their communities and take part in a democratic tradition that has lasted for two and a half centuries. Every ballot is a reminder that the strength of American self-government depends on citizens who stay informed, participate, and make their voices heard.

## A quarter-century later, Americans continue to remember events of 9/11

**By U.S. Sen. John Boozman**

Twenty-five years ago, radical terrorists shockingly and ruthlessly attacked our nation. In a matter of hours, 2,977 innocent lives were taken, families were changed forever and America entered a new era.

A quarter of a century later, we still remember those lost and honor the heroes who ran toward danger that fateful day.

One of those victims was Sara Low, a 28-year-old flight attendant from Batesville who was working on American Airlines Flight 11. After terrorists seized control of the plane, authorities believe Sara gave her telephone calling card to fellow flight attendant Madeline Amy Sweeny, who used it to relay critical information to the ground. Flight 11 ultimately crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, killing everyone aboard.

Sara’s story reminds us that September 11 was not something that happened somewhere far away to people we did not know. It affected families and communities across our country, including right here in Arkansas.

So it is no surprise that Arkansans continue gathering to mark its impact.

Mountain Home observed the anniversary at its Veterans Plaza around a memorial that includes a piece of steel from the World Trade Center, continuing a tradition of solemnly reflecting as well as educating new generations.

At Little Rock Air Force Base, airmen, families and community members participated in a 9/11 Memorial 5K and Ruck at Heritage

Park before collectively acknowledging the service and sacrifice in the attack and military operations that followed.

At the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, the Army and Air Force ROTC programs once again honored the fallen through a memorial stair climb. They scaled the equivalent of 110 flights of stairs, symbolizing the journey first responders made to save lives in the Twin Towers.

These acts of remembrance are important. A generation of Americans has now been born since September 11, 2001. Many young people have no personal memory of that morning. They know 9/11 as a moment in history, not as the day when the world watched the unimaginable unfold on television or waited anxiously for word from a loved one.

It is our responsibility to make sure they understand what happened and why it matters.

We must always teach our children and grandchildren about our fellow Americans who never made it home. We must remember the firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel, military members and civilians who risked their lives to help others. We must remember the passengers on Flight 93 who fought back against their hijackers and prevented even greater loss of life.

We must also remember how America responded.

In the days and weeks after the attacks, Americans came together in ways that transcended political parties, geographic boundaries and other differences that often divide us. Neighbors helped

neighbors. Strangers reached out to strangers. Americans stood together, united by a shared love of country and a determination to protect our way of life.

The spirit of unity and service is part of the legacy we must preserve.

I have consistently joined my colleagues in supporting legislation to commemorate anniversaries of 9/11 and honor the memory of those who were lost. But our commitment to remembering cannot end with a ceremony, a resolution or an anniversary. The best way to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice is to carry their example forward.

We can do that by serving our communities, supporting our first responders who continue to answer the call and standing behind the men and women in uniform who defend our nation. In cherishing and protecting the freedoms we hold dear, we sustain the work of these heroes.

The lessons of September 11 remain with us a quarter-century on. The world has changed, but the courage and resolve displayed that day will not be forgotten.

From Batesville to Mountain Home, from Little Rock Air Force Base to our college campuses, Arkansans continue to show that we will remember, honor and serve.

We will never forget Sara Low and every American whose life was taken that day. And we will never forget the strength, compassion and resilience that day revealed.

I am proud that The Natural State continues our efforts to ensure we never forget.

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The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library is located in Medora, N.D. The library blends in with the Badlands and has a dirt roof covered with native plants. There's a walking path all around the roof.

# Teddy

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fishing, and anything that involved the outdoors. He became a rugged outdoorsman that sought out the solitude and adventure of remote areas.

In 1880, at 22 years of age, Teddy married a 19-year-old from a wealthy family of Massachusetts bankers. His wife Alice became pregnant with their first child a little less than three years later, and died of kidney disease on Valentine's day 1884, just two days after giving birth to their daughter.

On the same day and in the same house, Roosevelt's mother Mittie passed away from Typhoid fever. The two most important women in his life, gone on the same day.

Teddy, already involved in politics and a member of the New York State Legislature, sought refuge from his grief in nature and in strenuous physical work. He headed west.

A year earlier, in 1883, Roosevelt the outdoorsman had ridden a train from New York City to Medora, a small town in the western part of North Dakota, to go on a buffalo hunt. He fell in love with the Badlands and bought a ranch.

When his wife and mother died, he left New York City and politics and headed back to North Dakota to be a rancher.

He returned to Medora and started a second ranch, and for more than two years Teddy proved to the cowboys that he could out-ride, out-work, and out-tough all of them.

He finally returned to New York City and to politics in 1886, but he maintained his ties to Medora, N. D.

In May of 1898, Roosevelt, having risen through

the ranks of politics and now Assistant Secretary of the Navy, sold his Medora ranches and resigned his government position to help organize the Rough Riders, a volunteer group of horsemen and fighters.

He would lead them into combat in the Spanish-American War in Cuba the next month, ending in the Battle of San Juan Hill on July 1. That battle ended the war. He received a Medal of Honor for his heroism and for his disregard to personal safety in that charge.

Interestingly, in 1944 Brigadier General Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., was killed in the D-Day invasion. He was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously, and he and Teddy, Sr., are one of only two father-and-son duos (with General Douglas MacArthur and his father) to both be recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Teddy Roosevelt returned from Cuba as a war hero and went back into politics. He became vice president two years later in 1900 and then president in 1901 when President William McKinley was shot.

Roosevelt himself was shot in October of 1912. Just before making a campaign speech in Milwaukee, he took an attempted assassin's bullet to the chest.

Since he wasn't coughing up blood, Teddy, the hunter, decided the bullet hadn't pierced his lung, so what did he do? He gave his campaign speech. For 90 minutes.

He started by telling the crowd, "Ladies and gentlemen, I don't know if you fully understand that I have just been shot, but it takes

more than that to kill a bull moose."

For Roosevelt, "tough" wasn't an act. He carried that bullet, lodged in his chest, for the rest of his life. His bloody shirt is on exhibit at the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, which opened July 4, 2026, in his adopted home town of Medora, North Dakota.

Unless you're up close and looking directly at it, the Presidential Library is difficult to see—it's designed to blend in with Teddy Roosevelt's beloved Badlands.

The roof is dirt and covered with native plants, and there's a path that goes all around the roof, giving spectacular views of the area.

It's a short 19 hours, 53 minutes from Nashville, Ark., and worth every minute of the drive.

Teddy Roosevelt, the self-taught naturalist, is known as the conservationist president. He believed that the next generations deserved to enjoy the beauty of our country, and as president, he acted on that belief.

From 1901 to 1909 he established five national parks, 18 national monuments (including the Grand Canyon), 150 national forests (increasing reserved forests from 43 million to 194 million acres), 51 federal bird preserves, and multiple national game preserves.

In a lifetime that would not make a believable novel, the sickly, asthmatic rich kid from New York City became a hunter, a cowboy, a rancher, an outdoorsman, a combat leader, a hero, a president, a statesman, and a driving force for conservation.

Only in America.

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# Merit

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honors and awards.

The students are required to be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm the earlier performance on the qualifying test administered to juniors in 2025.

Finalists will be notified

in February 2027.

Schwoppe, a member of the NHS band, said he found out about being named a semifinalist "at the [football] game" Friday night, Sept. 11. His father showed him a picture of the state semifinalist list.

After taking the qualifying test, "I thought I wasn't going to make it" to the next round, Schwoppe said. He thought about Reserve Officers Training Corps as a way to attend college.

He's still looking at

ROTC, possibly at Harding University.

He's also interested in the Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy and West Point.

"Dad and I are trying to find good scholarships," and ROTC is one avenue, he said.

Schwoppe's father David, a Nashville High School teacher, was a also semifinalist when he attended NHS and advanced to the finalist round of the Merit competition.

# Summit

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ment and opportunities to connect Southwest Arkansas with companies exploring U.S. investment.

The relationship adds another important link to the growing network Southwest

Arkansas is intentionally building nationally and internationally.

The trip represents the side of economic development the public does not always see: relationships being built before a prospect calls, communities being positioned before a site search begins and Southwest Arkansas being introduced

to decision makers before the next investment is announced.

From Washington, D.C., to Mexico City, Southwest Arkansas is showing up, working together and making sure our rural communities remain on the map for what comes next, according to Weeks and Ozura.

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downs. He also caught a 24-yard pass for TD.

Kishon Jefferson stepped in at receiver while Gauge Applegate was "trying to get healthy," according to Chesshir. Jefferson had six receptions for 135 yards and a touchdown.

Jacoby Hopson missed some plays in the first half with a shoulder injury but still caught 4 passes for 79 yards and a touchdown. With a key playmaker out for part of the game, "It goes to show we have other weapons too. Obviously we want Jacoby out there," but the Scrapper offense continued to move the ball.

Complete offensive numbers for the Scrappers include the following:

Jefferson 13 rushes, 58 yards, two touchdowns

Starr 14 carries, 110 yards, three touchdowns, one reception, 24 yards, one TD

Hopson 1 carry, three yards, four receptions, 79 yards, one touchdown

Bryce Perrin, four carries, 30 yards, three receptions, 61 yards

Zavion Vaughn, one reception, 11 yards

Kishon Jefferson, one rush, one yard, six receptions, 135 yards, one TD

Jaylin Stagers, one reception, 38 yards

Trendon Northcross one rush, 31 yards

On defense, "We didn't tackle well in the first half. That was obvious to anybody watching the game. We had done a good job the first two weeks but didn't the first half Friday night," Chesshir said.

"We had some issues up front with open gaps and

had to fix them at halftime."

In the second half, Arkansas High scored two touchdowns "on explosive plays. The first was on a busted coverage. The other was lack of effort on a missed tackle. We have to tackle better. Arkansas High has athleticism, but we have to put our attention on tackling better moving forward."

Chesshir said he was "really proud to see" the Scrappers respond to challenges posed by the Razorbacks. We talked about it all week. It was good to get tested. The kids responded well. I'm proud of how tough they played. We were able to bounce back from tough situations. Even on big [Texarkana] plays, we didn't get down and start pointing fingers. Our guys picked each other up."

Defensive stats include the following:

MJ Jefferson seven tackles, two interceptions

Blake Moody six tackles

Kishon Jefferson six tackles, TFL

Stagers five tackles, one sack

Jacob Teague five tackles, two TFL

Bo Dean four tackles, one TFL

Northcross four tackles, one TFL

Kiron Johnson three tackles, one TFL, one sack

Aiden Bradley two tackles, one TFL

Hayden Crabtree two tackles, one TFL

Perrin two tackles, forced fumble

Luke Lacie two tackles, one TFL

DeShawn Hawkins two tackles

Malik Gilliam one tackle

Al Green one tackle

Going into the bye week, "We have a lot of things to clean up and continue to work on," Chesshir said. "There's a lot to accomplish."

The Scrappers will come out of the open date with their District 7-4A opener at home against Arkadelphia Sept. 25. "We have to prepare for Arkadelphia as we open district," Chesshir said. The Badgers are also in their bye week.

Nashville players will "spend more time on fundamentals - blocking, tackling, ball security," according to Chesshir.

The Scrappers also will "spend time on special teams" during the week.

Chesshir wants to "keep the kids fresh and let bumps and bruises heal. We don't want to be beaten down going into conference. We'll do what we need to do to prepare."

Players "have really been grinding the last month and a half. This is a good opportunity to get healthy," Chesshir said.

## Junior Scrappers, Genoa to play at home Sept. 17

The Nashville Junior High Scrappers will be back on the field Thursday, Sept. 17, to host Genoa Central.

The ninth grade game will begin at 7 p.m.

Nashville is 2-0 going into Thursday night. The Scrappers have wins over Bismarck and Magnolia.

They had an open date Sept. 10.

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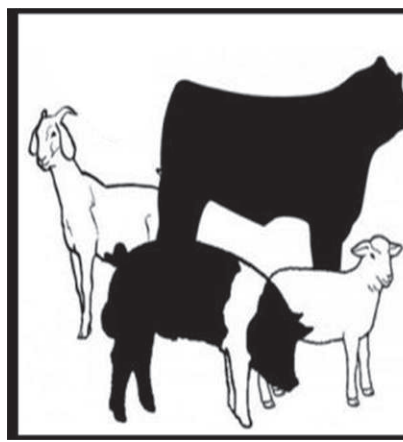


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# Pike County Circuit Court Report

After depositing the checks, Villalobos allegedly used her debit card to purchase gift cards and withdraw the funds. The Texas bank in-

Heather F. Rather, 43, of Delight, charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth) and drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. She pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday and a Nov. 30 pretrial date was set.

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Service: 6:00 p.m.**

Pike County District Court

**Aug. 18, 2026**  
*BF=Bond Forfeited*  
**Pike County**  
Bunnell, Josua Michael, 38, Beirne, guilty of no motorcycle endorsement one license, fined \$140  
Fant, William Michael, 38, Kirby, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325  
Hughes, Alisha Dawn, 40, Mena, \$321 BF, overweight  
Johnson, Jerry David, 37, Prescott, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315  
Lindsey, Ashley Depre, 37, Arkadelphia, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125  
Morris, Lacsresia Marie, 45, Clarksville, \$135 BF, speeding  
Tidwell, Ryan J., 45, Glenwood, \$125 BF, careless prohibited driving  
Wilson, Patricia Lorene, 44, Arkadelphia, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$615; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of refusal to submit to chemical test, fined \$125; guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$220; guilty of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$220

**City of Murfreesboro**  
Jackson, Jamie Keystone, 25, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, committed to jail; \$6,101 balance  
**City of Glenwood**  
Fant, William Michael, 38, Kirby, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$280  
Parker, Larry Wayne Jr., 49, Lockesburg, \$245 BF, public intoxication  
Tobin, Kyle Edmond, 35, De Queen, guilty no vehicle license, fined \$145; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335; guilty of speeding, fined \$145

## M'boro council approves UTVs on city streets by 4-1 vote

**By John Balch**  
**News-Leader staff**  
The Murfreesboro City Council voted 4-1 Monday night to allow UTVs to operate on certain public streets and highways within the city limits.  
Ordinance No. 2026-3 also establishes reasonable rules for UTV operation, as well as regulations and restrictions. The new law will go into effect 30 days after the ordinance is published in the Murfreesboro Diamond newspaper this week.  
All city streets are open to UTV traffic except parts of Owens, East Brewer, East Dickson, Reese, East Hailsip, Second Avenue and Fourth Avenue. These streets shall be closed to UTVs during school hours and all school functions.  
UTVs may not be operated on streets or state highways within the city limits between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.  
According to the ordinance, any person found operating a UTV in violation of any provisions shall but cited and upon conviction be fined not less than \$100 plus court costs for the first offense and up to \$250 for each subsequent offense, in addition to any penalties under state law.  
The ordinance was approved by a 4-1 vote with council member Mark Barnes casting the dissenting vote. Council members voting for the ordinance included Cody Bachmann, Jane Fugitt, Lewis Gills and Betty O'Neal.  
Mayor Jim O'Neal, who will leave office this year, requested the council review the ordinance in 12 months and assess whether "it has accomplished what you meant for it to accomplish."  
Mayor O'Neal informed council members Monday night that the City of Murfreesboro has been subpoenaed in the civil case against the estate of Barry Walker, the Pike County serial child rapists who is now serving multiple life sentences and is being sued by his victims in the ongoing case.  
The mayor said he was served the subpoena on Sept. 9 and the city has 14 days after that date to respond and the matter has been referred to city attorney, Aaron Brazel, for formal

**Bench Trials**  
**Pike County**  
Dean, Teri G., 54, Glenwood, guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$140  
Otts, Emily Lauren, 34, Kirby, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$595  
Roberts, Paula Rae, 58, Delight, third-degree domestic battery, under advisement for one year to dismiss  
Shepard, Latasha A., 48, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$140  
Wiggins, Floyd, 69, Glenwood, first-degree criminal mischief, under advisement for six months to dismiss; terroristic threatening, under advisement for six months to dismiss  
Wise, Matthew Ray, 37, Colbert, Okla., guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months  
**City of Glenwood**  
Cogburn, Jacob Dempsey, 21, Glenwood, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,100 and license suspended for six months

legal guidance on the city's response.  
Walker is the uncle of former 9th West Prosecuting Attorney Jana Bradford, who is also a defendant in the civil case against Walker.  
In other council business, the mayor was given authorization to enter an easement agreement with SWEPCO to route electricity across a city alleyway for a new RV park just south of City Hall. The business is being opened by Joel and Misty Wilson.



**WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.** Friends, owners of Jenky's Cornher Store, and Nashville Chamber of Commerce directors joined in the shade, Thursday morning, for the traditional ribbon cutting for new members. The store is located on South Main at the Russell St. intersection.

## MCC to host event for municial candidates at City Hall Oct. 6

A "Meet the Candidates" event will be sponsored by the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Oct. 6.  
The event would be held from 6-8 p.m. at Murfreesboro City Hall, with three to five questions for each candidate and a three minute window for their own speech.  
The event would focus on the contested races of mayor, with Mary Jean Barbre and Jack Bonds, and the three candidates for West Ward One in Murfreesboro -- Patrick May, Doris Scoggins and Angie Strawn.

## NHS Class of 1976 to gather Oct. 9-10

The Nashville High School Class of 1976 will gather for its 50th reunion the weekend of Oct.9-10.  
The class will meet Friday, Oct. 9 in the Scrapper Room in Scrapper Stadium for appetizers and fellowship before the homecoming game. On Oct. 10, there will be a hamburger cookout at the Nashville Country Club at 5:00.  
For more information, contact Terry Young at 870-557-2902.

## Community bingo Sept. 24 at The Blossoms

The Blossoms at Nashville will host a community bingo event on Thursday, Sept. 24, starting at 1:30 p.m.  
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**Read the clues to fill in the crossword with fall words:**

- juice made from crushing apples; made for over a thousand years
- ninth month of year; first month of autumn
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- place where people are educated; teaches skills for life
- long stick with comb-like prongs used to gather leaves
- degree and intensity of heat; measured in Fahrenheit or Celsius
- nuts of an oak; tough shells protect a single seed
- flower that belongs to the daisy family, often called a "mum"
- seasonal travel of animals (birds) from one place to another
- deposit of small ice crystals, a major problem for crops
- time of year for gathering crops grown during summer
- orange gourds with fleshy center, used for pies or as decorations
- stuffed person-shaped figure; used to scare birds away from crops
- temperatures start to drop; crops harvested; September to December
- parts of plant connected to a stem; absorb sunlight for photosynthesis
- fruit of trees from the rose family; green, red or yellow skin; crisp, juicy inside
- type of tree that sheds leaves every autumn and regrows them in the spring
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## Mum's the Word

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**These smell so nice!**

## Falling to Work on This Fall Puzzle!

Have you ever heard of **idioms**? They are words or expressions that have a meaning that's different from what you would think from reading the words. For example, look at the expression, "It's raining cats and dogs"! Do people really mean that cats and dogs are falling from the sky? No, they mean that it is raining heavily. Read the **idioms** below. **Match them to their meanings. One is done for you.**

- He is **falling down** on the job.
- The advertisement is **falling flat**.
- The boy is **falling behind** in his studies.
- A **falling star** shot by.
- They had a **falling-out**.
- She is **falling over backwards** to help.

A. failing to sell  
B. not doing the job well  
C. doing everything she can  
D. meteor  
E. argument, quarrel  
F. not keeping up

- The inspections are **falling through the cracks**.
- The students are **falling short** in their budget.
- The new members are **falling into line**.
- The can opener is **falling apart**.
- The teacher is **falling for** my story.
- Their family is **falling on** hard times.

A. not working right  
B. beginning to believe  
C. do not have enough  
D. not being done  
E. obeying the rules  
F. has many troubles

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**OUTLAW FAN READY IN THE HOLLER.** Walker Green gets his game face on while awaiting the start of the Dierks Outlaws game Friday night against Fouke in the newly renovated football stadium.



**THAT'S ONE BIG HORSE HEAD.** The Dierks Outlaws (above) burst onto Ayers Field from their new massive run-through tunnel. The Dierks High School Marching Band also made their debut on the new turf Friday night.

## Youth deer hunts coming up at Millwood, Dierks Lake

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Millwood Tri-Lakes Project Office is accepting applications for a special youth deer hunt at Millwood Lake Nov. 7-8.

Eight permits will be issued to hunters ages 6-15. Applicants must submit a completed form by Oct. 8. Forms are available at the Millwood Tri-Lakes Project Office located at 1528 Highway 32 E, Ashdown, AR or by calling 870-898-3343. A random drawing and hunter notification will occur on Oct. 9.

Participants must have guardian consent and be accompanied by an unarmed adult over 21 years old the day of the hunt who has completed hunter's education and has a valid Arkansas hunting license.

Youth hunters are limited

to modern guns, must provide their own firearms and be proficient in their use. Access and hunting blinds will be provided.

This event promotes conservation, outdoor interest and ethical hunting while improving the local deer herd.

### Dierks Lake

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Dierks Lake Project Office is also accepting applications for a special youth deer hunt at Dierks Lake Oct. 24-25, 2026.

Six permits will be issued to hunters ages 6-15. Applicants must submit a completed form by Oct. 2. Applications are available at the Dierks Lake Project Office located at 246 Jefferson Ridge Road, Dierks, AR or by calling 870-286-2346. A random drawing and

hunter notification will occur on Oct. 7.

Participants must have guardian consent and be accompanied by an unarmed adult over 21 years old the day of the hunt who has completed hunter's education and has a valid Arkansas hunting license.

Youth hunters are limited to alternative firearms, must provide their own firearm and be proficient in its use.

For a list of firearms approved for use during the alternative firearms season, visit [www.agfc.com/hunting/deer/deer-specific-hunting-regulations/](http://www.agfc.com/hunting/deer/deer-specific-hunting-regulations/).

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The Scrapper band and color guard performs at halftime of last week's Scrapper home game against Arkansas High of Texarkana. The band is directed by Spencer Greene and Hadley Lewis.

## Scrappers take win over Razorbacks

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Members of the NHS 45-year reunion class of 1981 were honorary team captains Friday night before the Arkansas High game. They include Mike Frohnappel, Tim Ponder, Jay Chesshir, Lance Click, Rufus Keeton, Marty Renfrow and Greg Nation.



Coach Brad Chesshir signals the start of the fourth and final quarter of the 54-34 win over Arkansas High.



Student Council members Lucas Muncy, Sophie Dale and Kinley Martin await the sportsmanship presentation.



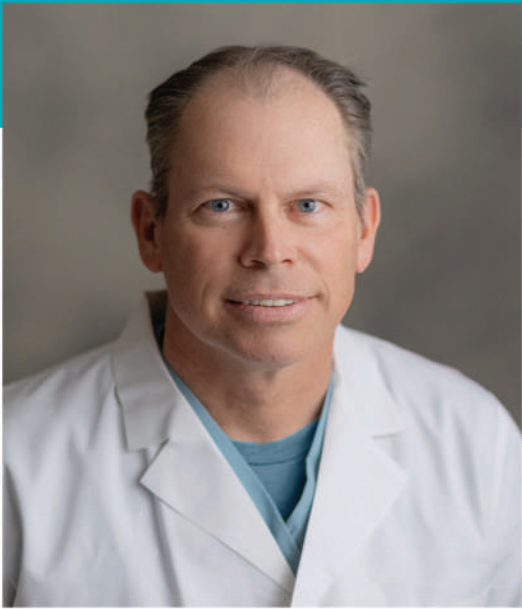
Jakhari Starr scores in the second quarter of Nashville's non-conference victory over Arkansas High Sept. 11.

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**RATTLERS VS. DRAGONS.** Murfreesboro receiver Keith Wilkinson (#2) goes up for a pass Friday night in Genoa Central against a Dragon defender.



Photo Courtesy of Jillian Caldwell

**PASSING DRIVE.** Rattler QB Kooper Caldwell sets to deliver a pass Friday night against the GC Dragons.

# Rattlers to take break this week after 0-3 start

The Murfreesboro Rattlers moved to 0-3 on the season after last week’s 16-14 loss at Genoa Central.

The Rattlers will focus on their off week to recoup and prepare for the first conference contest at Gurdon on Friday, Sept. 25, according to head coach Jay Turley.

“The kids played really hard, we’re just not in peak shape yet, which caused some fourth quarter issues,” Turley said of his squad.

He also noted that Genoa Central, a 4-A school, had a much larger roster that allowed for much more substitution and less two way players.

“We just found a way to lose a game again -- when you lead at halftime you can’t just continuously get beat in the second half. We had way too many missed opportunities, lots of dropped passes and fumbles. We have to clean all that up ... we are too good of a team to be doing that. Our problems are in our control to solve.”

While Turley admits Genoa Central is better than they have been in the recent past, and that the Rattlers may have had their worst offensive performance in the last two years.

“We had more yards and led in most statistical categories, and our defense was good minus two plays when we lost eye level in

the backfield and missed assignments. We ran 70 plays to their 40. We had 190 total yards.”

Now, the question is, how does that get fixed?

“It’s my job to fix it and we will figure it out,” Turley said. “This week [a bye week] we will focus on fundamentals.”

He said his team needed the off week to help medically.

“We are banged up -- a lot of nagging type injuries. This week off will really help. This week we will focus on conditioning, not so much banging on each other. We’ll do a lot of film work, fundamentals, and probably lift weights a little more than in a normal week.”

He said the off week will also give his team a change to prepare extensively for the Gurdon clash. The Go Devils are 2-1 on the season with wins over Magnet Cove (32-6) and Hampton (42-8) before a loss last week to Fountain Lake (48-12) last week. This week Gurdon will host Mount Ida (3-0).

“We don’t know a lot about Gurdon yet, but Gurdon’s Gurdon ... I do know they are better than last year. They are young, so we have to go hit them in the mouth. We’ve been much more physical this year versus last overall.”

One issue the team will

work on this week is the offensive line, backs and wide receivers staying on their blocks longer, an issue that may have cost his team a couple of touchdowns this past week against Genoa.

“We have to stay engaged ... the offensive line has to finish blocks, but they are smart kids. We’ll get there.”

He said there was still plenty of season to play for despite the 0-3 record.

“We have a lot to build on -- we have to keep our heads up. We have lost three games by a total of nine points. We are getting better, just not where we need to be yet. We have a good defense, it’s really sound. We just have to be disciplined. Offensively, we can’t drop balls -- we dropped six-seven catchable passes Friday night. Kooper [Caldwell] has thrown the ball well -- it can be very frustrating.”

Turley said that they kids haven’t checked out mentally on the season.

“When you are 0-3 psychology does play a role, but the kids understand where we are. Gurdon started 0-3 last season, and ended up second in the conference. It’s not a problem -- here’s the deal. Everybody in the state wants to be good, but are you willing to do what it takes? Are you willing to pay the price to get there?”

He said that he did want to see his team have more intensity at practice, making it closer to a game type atmosphere.

“Michael Jordan would make practices so uncomfortable for himself that the games were not as big of a deal. We need to do the same to make the intensity of Friday nights less of an issue.”

So, ultimately the message to his team this week?

“We have to play hard every week and stay mentally engaged. We have a good team, but can we put it together? Can we find a way to put a good game together both offensively and defensively? We are getting to the point in the season where there will be less breaks -- often the best 11 players will have to be on the field. So, we have to be in top-notch condition. We had three to four players with cramping issues Friday night. Yes, it was very hot and humid ... but are you preparing all week with the proper rest and hydration to be ready for Friday nights? That’s where they have to take accountability of themselves.”

Turley admits that the upcoming Gurdon contest is an important game.

“It’s not a must-win, so we can’t put too much pressure on ourselves. But, yes, we need to win the game.”

## MS Hornets drop to 1-2 after road loss to England Lions

The Mineral Springs Hornets dropped to 1-2 Friday. Night after a 19-14 road loss to the England Lions.

The Hornets will hit the road again this Friday for a non-conference game with Queen City, Texas.

Head Hornet Jarrod Jackson said his team played hard “all four quarters and gave us everything they had all night along” in the loss to the Lions. “I feel like we’re a team that’s in shape and prepared to play the entire game.”

The coach noted that the Hornets have lost by seven points combined over the last two games and ultimately that falls on him as head coach.

“It’s our job as coaches to find a way to make enough plays to finish the game,” Jackson added.

The Hornet defense showed improvement in tackling this game but the Jackson said there are still some things “we can clean up with our run fits as we continue to get better.”

The Hornets have the big playmakers and Jackson is looking to putting those playmakers in positions to be successful as the season progresses.

“We have some explosive players, and it’s on us as coaches to maximize their opportunities and put them in situations where they can make an impact.”

The Hornet offense was led by Jamerian Staten with seven rushes for 183 yards and two touchdowns followed by Cortney Thomas with seven carries for 29 yards.

Quarterback Braxton Keaster was 9/18 in passing for 56 yards. The sophomore QB also had two passes picked by the Lions.

Keiandrian Nunally led the Hornet receivers with three catches for 29 yards.

The Hornet tackle chart was topped by Carter Steward with eight total tackles followed by Bryce Thomas, Cortney Thomas and Christian Stewart with four stops each.

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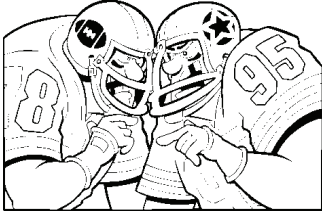
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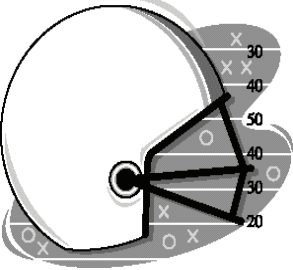
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Ashdown at De Queen  
Arkansas State at TCU  
Ouachita Baptist at Arkansas Tech  
Southern Arkansas at Harding  
UA-Monticello at Henderson  
LSU at Ole Miss  
Kentucky at Texas A&M  
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Quarterbacks Coach Buddy Ray and Offensive Coordinator Zac Stewart confer following a Scrapper touchdown during Nashville's 54-34 win over Arkansas High Friday night, Sept. 11.



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"Our team is playing with the type of attitude and effort that it takes to have a chance to be good at this game," said Head Coach Lantz Castleman. "We want to continue building on that fact. We can't take anything for granted moving forward. We want to continue grinding and improving. We need that kind of mindset with another tough 4A opponent this week."



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**PRESENTING THE COLORS.** Dierks Outlaw alumni Jaxton Kesterson was joined by Outlaws Treaton Alexander (#15), Johnny Kirby (#86) and Isaac Turner (#6) and the night's officiating crew while presenting the flag Friday, Sept. 11 in Dierks.

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Bryce Perrin (7) hauls in a pass during the Scrappers' 54-34 win over Arkansas High of Texarkana Sept. 11 in the final non-conference game of the season.



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Kishon Jefferson runs for the endzone after a catch against Arkansas High last Friday night. He had six receptions for 135 yards and a touchdown.



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DJ Jefferson (8) runs past the Arkansas High Razorback Friday night at Scrapper Stadium. Jefferson ran the ball 13 times for 58 yards and completed 16 of 22 passes for 348 yards. He accounted for three touchdowns on the night.



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Byron Murillo (30) kicks the PAT on a hold by Bay Nolte Sept. 11.



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Jacob Teague (10) goes head to head with the AHS Razorback.



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Lucas Muncy runs the Scrapper flag following a touchdown in the win over Arkansas High.



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