

Soup kitchen at MS church

Free flu shots to be offered on Sept. 24 at health unit

Golden Gathering to be Oct. 1 at city park

HCCC golf classic set for Oct. 3 in Nashville

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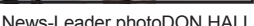
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DISTRICT OPENER. Coach Brad Chesshir and the Nashville Scrappers will face Arkadelphia Friday in the District 7-4A opener.



BIG NIGHT AT THE HOLLER. Dierks fans celebrate at their newly renovated stadium Friday night, Sept. 18, when T-Mobile came to town with a tailgate event. Dierks won the nationwide 2025 T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights competition to earn a \$1 million stadium renovation. The Outlaws hosted Class 4A Central Arkansas Christian and fell to the Mustangs 33-32. (More photos page 12)



HISTORIC SITE. Visitors gather at the Avenue of Flags in front of iconic Mount Rushmore in southwestern South Dakota. Mount Rushmore features the 60-foot tall heads of four United States presidents carved into a granite mountain. They include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

Bucket list journey to Rushmore

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Obituaries



Diane Oliver
Charlotte Diane Oliver was born April 2, 1947, to Ed and Mary Oliver of Mineral Springs, Ark.
She passed away on Sept. 15, 2026, in Augusta, Ga., and is now in her heavenly home reunited with the best parents that God could have given her. Diane was a special and happy daughter, sister and friend.
Although she faced developmental challenges, Duane was gifted in unexpected ways. She had a special spirit and a loving heart. Her talent for singing gave place to her being in the church choir and also a member of the high school glee club. Marjorie Copeland played an important role in her life. At school Diane was accepted, had many friends, and graduated in 1966.
An amazing Mineral Springs neighborhood gave her a true sense of belonging. Throughout the years the McAlisters, Bridgemans, Joneses, Smiths and Clarks welcomed Diane into not only their homes (without a knock), but most importantly their lives. Her neighbors loved and protected her fiercely. She became a part of their hearts.

The joy of living in a small town was clearly seen as all parts of Mineral Springs became Diane’s safe place. Walking to the library to ‘work’ for Fairy Lou Graves, her Mother’s sister friend, was a fun time for her. Until age 65 Diane was blessed to still be living with her Mother who passed away in 2012.
Diane is survived by two sisters, Linda Terwilliger (Bob) of Nashville and Debbie Welch (Larry) of Augusta, Ga.
No service is planned at this time.



Reginald Frank ‘Reggie’ Eaton
Reginald Frank “Reggie” Eaton, age 83 of Murfreesboro, Ark., passed away on Friday, Sept. 18, 2026, in Hot Springs. He was born on Feb. 6, 1943, in Texarkana, Ark., the son of the late Gordon Byron Eaton and Ova Eola Thomas Eaton.
Mr. Eaton was of the Baptist faith. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He worked in the hospitals in Murfreesboro and Hope as a lab technician for over 43 years. He is remembered as one of a kind and somebody that those he worked with could confide

in and trust.
He enjoyed being outdoors hunting, fishing and running dogs. He enjoyed gardening and watching hummingbirds. He was also a wood craftsman. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. He was also a Mason.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Betha Ruth Eaton; his first wife, Peggy Joyce Spenser Eaton and his second wife, Phyllus Ann Eaton.
Those left to cherish his memory include his three children, Carl Wayne (Elisabeth) Eaton, Carroll Gene Eaton and Reginald Anthony Eaton; his sister, Anita Gayle Swanson; Two grandchildren, Brady Adam (Lindsey) Eaton and Bailey Savannah (Kalob) Eaton-Goldman; five great-grandchildren, Faithlyn, Madison, Landon, Lawson and Koty; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.
The family will receive friends for visitation from 9 a.m. until the service begins on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.
Funeral services will follow at 10 a.m. with Bro. Brian Adair officiating in the Latimer Funeral Chapel in Murfreesboro.
Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, in the Rocky Mound Cemetery in Fouke, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.
You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.

Restored firetruck to be attraction Oct. 4 at Historical Society’s “Family Day”

The Historical Society’s unique 1934 Dodge firewagon will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting Sunday, Oct. 4, at the society’s “Family Day.” The public is invited.
Area firemen and their families have a special invitation. The free event will be 1-3 p.m. at the Howard County Historical Society fire station museum on W. Sypert St., Nashville.
In addition to the display of the restored firetruck there will be hotdogs, a cornhole contest, a pumpkin painting contest and more.
The gleaming red truck has been restored in a step-

by-step process since it was acquired in June of 2021. Several local restoration and vintage automotive enthusiasts have participated in the project.



ROTARY SPEAKER. Nashville Rotary Club members got to meet the city’s new Public Works Director, last Wednesday, when Jonathan Roquet spoke to the club. Roquet’s first day on the job was Sept. 8, just a few days after he was hired at a special meeting of the Nashville City Council. Before joining the city Roquet spent 15 years in railroads. The Rotary Club meets at noon Wednesdays in Room 101 at UA-Cossatot’s Nashville campus. *(Photo furnished)*

Annual Camp Meeting set at Athens

For the 146th year, the annual Camp Meeting will be held at Mt. Zion Church in Athens.
The camp meeting will be from Sunday, Sept. 27, through Wednesday, Sept. 30.
Services are at 7 nightly, and there will be a different speaker each night.
The public is welcome.

New Light CME to host Garage Sale, 3rd

New Light CME Church in Nashville will host a Garage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 3.
Hours of the sale are 7-noon. The sale will be at D&S Service Center, 1215 S. Fourth St. in Nashville. There will be hotdogs, chips and softdrinkser. The public is invited.

You’re Welcome!

We are glad to provide cooler fall weather for your Garage Sale at no extra charge.
Don’t delay, though.
Put your Garage Sale ad in the News-Leader.

Thank You

The family of Robert O’Neal wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who reached out during the loss of our loved one.

The outpouring of love and support we received meant more than words can fully capture. To those who brought meals, sent cards, made donations toward the cemetery, or even lent an ear during this sad time, thank you. These gestures, large and small, carried us through some of the hardest days our family has faced.

We were reminded again and again how much our community matters, and how much Robert meant to the community. We are especially grateful for those who took time out of their busy lives to attend the service in his honor.

To everyone that contributed in ways big or small we are eternally grateful for your generosity and compassion. Please know that your kindness did not go unnoticed and will be remembered by our family for years to come.

With the deepest gratitude,
The family of Robert O’Neal

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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



Courtesy photo/HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fair Parade on Nashville Main Street September 1962

124 years ago: September 1902

The matched ponies belonging to D. P. Terry were stolen from his premises in this city last Thursday night, but were recovered near Belton Friday afternoon.

The horses were stolen after the heavy rains Thursday night and were tracked without difficulty until found in the road near Belton, where they had been abandoned by the thief. A saddle and a bridle had also been stolen, the thief riding one of the horses and leading the other one. A short time before the horses were found a house was located where a man had spent a portion of the night with the horses, giving the bridle as payment for the lodging. The horses were found near this house in the road where the thief had liberated them. The thief has not been found.

80 years ago: September 1946

In memoriam: In loving memory of our darling, Jake Webb, who was killed in

New Guinea July 8, 1943. An angel called the roll one day and turned and saw a new soul there. It was Jake our dear husband, daddy, son and brother. Oh, how we do miss you down here, Jake more than words can say. But we will carry on for you, darling, until the end. The Webb Family (Adv.) Peach Labels. We are in position, as in the past, to supply your needs in Peach Labels, as well as rubber stamps, stamp pads, stamp pad ink and other needs. You can depend on us. The News.

64 years ago: august 1962

A prank set off Nashville’s idled Civil Defense siren Thursday night, aroused the community, and stirred up the old dispute. The siren, lodged high on the elevated water tank, began growling shortly after 9 p.m. It never reached its high-pitched alarm.

Electrician Harold McMullan climbed up the 30 feet to the control box and shut it off. He found the box

open and a string dangling. He concluded that pranksters had set it off.

A neighborhood objector to the siren location cursed loudly while McMullan worked on the controls.

44 years ago: 1982

Pvt. Roy G. Rogers, son of Don and Betty J. Harper of Route 3 Nashville, Arkansas, has arrived for duty at Camp Casey, South Korea. Rogers, a tank systems mechanic with the 2nd Infantry Division, was previously assigned at Fort Knox, KY.

His wife, Anita, is the daughter of Jimmy D. and Gruenel Flaherty, Murfreesboro.

Suzanne Tollett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tollett , S. Front Street, Nashville, was among the 102 graduates to receive degrees from Harding University in commencement ceremonies August 13 in Benson Auditorium.

Tollett majored in elementary education. She is a member of Kappa Phi social club.

Pleas heard; court dates set

Trial or pretrial motion dates have been set for eight defendants who pleaded not guilty in criminal court here last Wednesday, Sept. 16.

On the bench was Judge Tom Cooper.

A trial date of Dec. 15 was set for Rickey Pineiro, 67, white male, Dierks, who is appealing the findings of District Court. Pineiro pleaded not guilty in District Court to two charges of harassment and one charge of careless or prohibited driving -- all misdemeanors. The District Court found him guilty and assessed a total fine of \$985.

Other defendants who pleaded not guilty and got court dates included:

--- Xavier Melton, 31 black male, Texarkana, who was charged with theft of property in April, 2023. Pretrial motions will be heard Dec. 2.

--- Steven Foster, 51, white male, Mineral Springs, has a motions date of Jan. 13, 2027, on a charge of violating a protective order. He is to re-

turn Dec. 9 with his attorney.

--- Lavonte Thomas, 31, black male, Nashville, has a motions date of Dec. 2 on charges of aggravated assault upon a family or household member, and with first degree terroristic threatening.

--- Ronald Tidwell, 60, white male, Hope, has a motions date of Jan. 13, on two charges of felony theft of property.

--- Derek Wright, 69, black male, Nashville, is charged with aggravated assault. Motions will be heard Jan. 13.

--- Prentis Winkle, 60, white male, Winnsboro, Texas, is charged with failure to register as a sex offender. Motions will be heard Jan. 13.

Sentences pronounced
Sentences were handed down for two defendants who pleaded guilty or no contest.

--- Jason Paul Dixon, 48, Hispanic male, Nashville, pleaded no contest to charges of sexual indecency with a child, and with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He was sentenced to three years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) with a further three years suspended imposition of sentence. He must also register as a sex offender.

--- Steven Feasel, 49, white male, Fouke, was charged with controlled substance possession. He was sentenced to five years of probation and 120 days in a regional punishment facility.

A probation revocation hearing was set Sept. 23 for Yalonda Benson, 52, black female, Nashville, who was picked up on a failure to appear warrant. She is on probation on a 2023 conviction for possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Arkansas, courthouse during the period Sept. 10-16, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

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

Sept. 10. Jarrett Chandler Hellums, 20, Nashville, and Madelyn Tayler Stucky, 18, Nashville.

Sept. 15. Benjamin Thomas Lee O’Neal, 22, Newhope, and Rendi Danielle Warren, 22, Newhope.

Civil Court
CV26-177, Sept. 8. BCG Equities vs. Leslee Welborn. Contract.

CV26-178, Sept. 10. LVNV Funding vs. Earl Dunnington. Debt.

CV26-179, Sept. 11. LVNV Funding vs. Belinda Coulter. Debt.

CV26-180, Sept. 11. Ozark Capital Corporation vs. Rocha Miguel. Civil (Contract).

CV26-181, Sept. 14. Amanda Cox vs. Mike Hawkins. Unlawful detainer.

CV26-182, Sept. 15. LVNV Funding vs. Erica Moreno. Debt.

CV26-183, Sept. 16. LVNV Funding vs. Melissa Hamilton. Debt.

CV26-184, Sept. 16. Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Dana Manasco. Debt.

CV26-185, Sept. 16. Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. John F. Sproles. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court

DR26-88, Sept. 9. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Kevin Wright. Support.

DR26-89, Sept. 9. Kandy Wilson vs. Alexander Wilson. Divorce.

DR26-90, Sept. 9. Amanda Barbre vs. Airc Barbre. Divorce.

DR26-91, Sept. 16. Trey Vaughn Wesson vs. Anel Cruz. Divorce.

DR26-92, Sept. 16. Alexis Young vs. Hunter Young. 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.)

CR26-63, Sept. 14. State of Arkansas vs. Ronald Dale Tidwell, 60, white male, 148 Hempstead Road 36, Hope; 2x felony counts theft of property.

CR26-64, Sept. 15. State of Arkansas vs. Prentis Winkle,

60, white male, Winnsboro, Texas; failure to register as sex offender, class C felony; identified and arrested while working in food concession here at the county fair.

CR26-65, Sept 15. Stephen A. Foster, 51, white male, 113 Corbell Lane, Mineral Springs; violation of order of protection, class D.

CR26-66, Sept. 15. State of Arkansas vs. Derek Edward Wright, 69, black male, 1014 Hutchinson, Nashville; aggravated assault, class D. At the time of this report Wright had not been located.

Land Transactions

Quitclaim Deed
Sept. 11. Glenda R. Moor-er thru attorney-in-fact John Mark Cox, Sr., and Billy Rex Moor-er thru attorney-in-fact William Rex Moor-er, husband and wife (sic); property in S23 T9S R27W.

Sept. 16. Karen Spicer; to Robert Jason Dillard; 210 N. 10th St. Nashville; and Lots 6-8, Block 2, Bissell Addition, Town of Nashville.

Trustee Deed
Sept. 11. Rose Lynn Cox, successor trustee of the Glenda R. Sipes Revocable Trust; to Glenda R. Moor-er; property in S23 T9S R27W in Nashville.

Redemption Deed
Sept. 16. State of Arkansas; to Travis Lee Hile, c/o Stacy L. Piggee, Dierks; Lots 5-6, Block 1, Heights Addition, Dierks, aka 109 E. 9th St., Dierks; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$978.42.

Beneficiary Deed

Sept. 11. Glenda R. Moor-er, thru attorney-in-fact John Mark Cox, Sr.; to John R. Cox, Sr., and Rose Cox Alfano; property in S23 T9S R27W.

Sept. 16. James E. Stuckey and wife Anita R. Stuckey; to Ryan Stuckey; property in

S25/S36 T9S R27W.

Sept. 16. James E. Stuckey and wife Anita R. Stuckey; to Ryan Stuckey; Lot 1, part of Lot 2, Block 5, Hillcrest Addition; and part of Lot 1, Block 1, Summit Addition, all in Town of Nashville.

Warranty Deed

Sept. 11. Aaron Kesterson and Elizabeth Kesterson, brother and sister; to Aaron Kesterson; 40 ac. in S7 T8S R28W.

Sept. 11. Aaron Kesterson and Destiny Kesterson, husband and wife, and Elizabeth Kesterson; to Elizabeth Kesterson; aggregate 26. ac in S7 T8S R28W.

Sept. 14. Billy Wayne Launius and wife Michelle Rea Launius; to Cassidy Jean Gray and husband Austin Tyler Gray; 3 ac. in S1 T10S R27W. \$7,500.

Sept. 15. Trace Hamilton and wife Kailee Hamilton; to Double U Properties, LLC; aggregate 2.13 ac. in S10 T9S R27W. \$190,000.

Sept. 15. Donny Woods, signatory for JRCRM Limited Partnership; to ATC Sequoia LLC; 0.326 ac., Lots 3-4, Block 6, Wilson & Ferguson Addition, Town of Nashville.

Sept. 16. Justin Hostetler and Juanita Hostetler, husband and wife; to Justin R. and Juanita M. Hostetler Family Trust; 3 tracts in S13/S14/S23 T9S R28W.

Sept. 16. Justin Hostetler and Juanita Hostetler, husband and wife; to Justin R. and Juanita M. Hostetler Family Trust; 2 tracts, S198/S19 T9S R28W.

Sept. 16. Lawrence Martin Kahler; to Robert Matthew Hill and wife Kara Nicole Hill; 2 tracts in Block 3, Stephenson’s Addition, town of Dierks. \$74,000.

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Fresh Homemade Fudge: 1/2 lb. - \$9.00: Chocolate Pecan, Rocky Road, Butter Pecan, Salted Caramel Nut
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Deadline to place an order is October 23, 2026
Orders will arrive second week in November.

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Point of view

Earthquake advice

Also: nervous breakdown caused by food containers

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and I gladly share this information with you.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE of an earthquake. Prompted by the extent of our weird weather this year, I began looking on the Internet for what we should here if the earth begins to shake. Our neighbors in Oklahoma have had some recent tremblors and after all, we're not that far from the New Madrid Fault.

According to the article, there are three things to do if you are caught in an earthquake:

1. Drop to the ground.
 2. Take cover under something like a desk or table.
 3. Hold on until the shaking stops.
- If you are in your buggy stay inside it, but don't park under a tree or power line.

My best advice is to stay away from Oklahoma. Used to be I only went to Oklahoma when I needed to replenish my supply of adult beverages. But now we've got Footsie's, Cowlingville and Fulton.

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I KNOW THAT both of my regular readers will be surprised that I recently committed a stoopid act.

I was rummaging around in my bachelor kitchen looking for one of those sorta clear plastic containers to put leftover food in.

What do you call those things? My co-workers helpfully suggest "Food storage containers." Thanks.

I needed just one container so that I could take some leftover gumbo to a brother.

Anyway, let me tell you how many containers I could find: Zero, Zip, Nein, Nada, None.

There were loads and loads of lids. But no containers.

I went through every cabinet and storage space looking. Please!! Let there be just one useable container, I begged.

In a rage I threwALL lids and containers into a filthy trashcart. Not my own thy trashcart, mind you. No, I drove under cover of darkness to someone else's filthy trashcart. When I returned home I congratulated myself for this clever way of gaining extra storage space.

Then I went to the spare bedroom which I am wisely using as a storage room. There, on my late wife's grandmother's bed were about two dozen containers. Many sizes. Clean and in perfect condition. Containers only.

I'm trying to work up courage to sneak back to that other filthy trashcart to retrieve just a few of the lids.

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ANOTHER SURE SIGN of the 'End Times.'

A group of students at Notre Dame University wanted to form an "Athiest, Agnostic and Questioning Students Club" complete with university funding so they could bring in speakers and hold events in facilities that they wanted the university to provide.

The students say they are surprised and dismayed their request was denied. What? Are these all remedial college students? They are at the best-known Catholic university in the world and they actually thought the university would encourage their insanity.

They should enroll instead at the University of Texas. As we all know, the Devil says "Hook 'em."

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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 them. As soon as this newspaper issue comes off the press I'll probably spot one circling the neighborhood buffet table.

UPDATE. I spotted something gliding around Tuesday, but it was a hawk.

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 Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy. As soon as you find a product that you really like and can afford, "they" will stop making it, or Walmart will re-arrange the shelves.

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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

Mine Creek
Revelations



By
Louie Graves

Legislators consider state issues

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

Last week at the State Capitol, lawmakers examined issues ranging from state finances and education to childcare, workforce services and Arkansas's growing energy needs.

The Arkansas Legislative Council reviewed the state's financial picture. Gross general revenue collections for the fiscal year are approximately \$1.34 billion, up \$50.6 million from this time last year. ALC also reviewed the restricted reserve transfer requests of \$70 million for Educational Freedom Accounts and \$200 million in funding for Medicaid.

The Joint Committee on Energy held an extensive discussion on

data center development in Arkansas. Google provided an update on its \$4 billion West Memphis data center, while lawmakers heard from utilities and local officials about electricity demand, water use, infrastructure, and protecting existing ratepayers.

Another important conversation focused on access to quality childcare. The Early Childhood Education Task Force heard updates on Arkansas Head Start and Early Head Start and examined early childhood education policy and school readiness. Reliable childcare affects not only children and families, but also parents' ability to work and employers' ability to find workers.

Arkansas officials develop plan to help families on CES waitlist

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

Arkansas officials have announced a new plan aimed at helping families who have been waiting for years for services through the state's Community and Employment Support (CES) Waiver program. Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Department of Human Services Secretary Janet Mann outlined a framework that will allow families on the CES waitlist to receive supportive living services, a benefit that has been one of the most requested by caregivers across the state.

The CES Waiver provides a wide range of assistance to Arkansans with intellectual or developmental disabilities, helping them live at home, participate in their communities, and work with support. While families on the waitlist already have access to most CES services, they do not currently receive supportive living services, which pay for in-home care that allows individuals with disabilities to remain safely in their homes. State officials say this gap has created significant strain for families who have been deemed eligible but cannot yet enroll due

to limited waiver slots.

The CES Waiver is capped at 8,233 participants, and more than 2,400 Arkansans remain on the waitlist. The state estimates that extending supportive living services to those families will cost about \$17 million. The Governor's office plans to work with legislators to determine how to fund the expansion both immediately and in the years ahead.

All families on the CES waitlist are automatically enrolled in the Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE), the managed-care model that coordinates services for individuals with complex needs. Under the new plan, PASSE organizations will begin offering supportive living services to waitlisted families no later than January 2027. The state also intends to include this change in its upcoming CES waiver renewal submission, which is scheduled for February. If approved, the renewed waiver would make supportive living services a permanent part of what families on the waitlist can receive once it goes into effect in August.

State leaders say the goal is to

This week, the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee adopted its interim report on the Legislative Study of Workforce and Social Services Reform, outlining recommendations aimed at making Arkansas' workforce and social services easier to navigate.

The recommendations will help guide the subcommittee's continued work as it develops a legislative package for the 2027 Regular Session.

From managing state finances to preparing our workforce and infrastructure for future growth, these discussions will help guide many of the decisions lawmakers face in the months ahead.

close the gap between families who are fully enrolled in the CES Waiver and those still waiting. Supportive living services are considered essential because they allow individuals with disabilities to remain at home rather than move into institutional care. Families have repeatedly told state officials that this type of help is their most urgent need.

The CES Waiver program supports people with intellectual or developmental disabilities in all major areas of daily life. It helps clients live independently, work with assistance from employment coaches, participate in community activities, and access medical and therapeutic services. It is available to Arkansans of all ages who meet eligibility requirements.

By expanding supportive living services, the state hopes to ease the burden on families who have waited years for help and to strengthen long-term support systems for Arkansans with disabilities. The administration says this effort is part of a broader push to improve access to services and create lasting solutions for families across the state.

Restoring rulebook for college sports

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

College athletics have changed dramatically in recent years, but the rules governing student athletes have struggled to keep pace.

Last week, the Senate took an important step by voting to advance the bipartisan Protect College Sports Act. This legislation would establish a clear national standard for name, image and likeness (NIL) as well as compensation; create uniform rules for athlete eligibility, transfers, scholarship and health protections; and overall help preserve the true embodiment of what it means to be a student athlete.

Our favorite college players work incredibly hard to represent their universities and communities. They deserve clear rules and meaningful protections, and we have an opportunity to bring greater certainty to college sports while keeping student athletes at the center of the conversation.

I know firsthand the dedication it takes to compete as a college athlete.

As a former football player for the University of Arkansas, I experienced the demands of balancing academics with the pressure to compete on the field at grueling practices and on game days. Participating in sports teaches discipline, teamwork and perseverance. And in some cases, it creates opportunities that can have a lasting impact long after an athlete's playing days

are over.

That is why it is so important that we get this right. Today's student athletes are navigating a college sports landscape that looks very different from the one I navigated. Competition is fiercer, demands are higher and the pressure to perform extends well beyond fans in the stands on any given gameday. While the growth of NIL and changes to transfer and eligibility rules have created new opportunities, they have also brought uncertainty and inconsistency from one school and conference to another.

In Arkansas, college sports is a way of life for many of us. While we understand they will change with the times, there is widespread concern with the risk of losing what makes them special.

The current status quo of a conflicting patchwork of different state laws, conference policies and NCAA rules threatens to undermine the integrity of the college sports we all know and love. Athletes, coaches and universities need to know what rules apply to whom and what they can expect — all in a way that's fair.

The Protect College Sports Act would help provide that clarity. The legislation's reforms are designed to end the chaos in a way that, as Razorbacks Basketball Coach John Calipari recently said is "good for all sports, all athletes and all conferences." Just as impor-

tantly, it would strengthen health and safety protections for the students who dedicate countless hours representing their schools.

We should not lose sight of what makes college athletics special.

For many student athletes, competing in college is more than what happens on the scoreboard. It allows them to earn an education, develop critical skills, represent their communities and prepare for the next chapter of their lives. Now, it also gives them a chance to be entrepreneurial and share in the economic benefits.

But that must happen in an environment built to ensure these opportunities remain available for future generations.

Arkansas's proud tradition and passion for college athletics is as strong today as ever. This may be a new era, but the young men and women donning their school's colors deserve a system that is transparent, protects their wellbeing and empowers them to focus on what brought them to campus in the first place — earning an education while also pursuing excellence on the field, court, track or any other venue.

I am confident the Protect College Sports Act, which has strong support from both sides of the aisle, can provide that certainty and preserve what we all agree makes it such a meaningful identity for the fans as well as the student athletes.

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Mount

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“This has to be fake.” (There’s another destination for your Bucket List.)

Mount Rushmore is the brain child of Doane (not misspelled) Robinson, the State Historian of South Dakota a century ago.

Automobiles and pass-able roads were becoming more and more common in the 1920s, and Robinson wanted somewhere in South Dakota that would draw tourists. So, in 1923, he con-tacted a rather famous artist named Gutzon Borglum and convinced him to come to South Dakota and talk about a new project.

Gutzon Borglum, the son of a Danish immigrant, had been born in Idaho but had lived in and studied sculpt-ing in a number of differ-ent states and European countries. Most importantly, he had learned to carve mountains with dynamite as well as jackhammers when he was in charge of Stone Mountain, the monument to the Confederacy, located in Georgia.

A disagreement with those funding Stone Moun-tain led to Borglum leaving the project for others to fin-ish, and he moved to South Dakota.

Robinson originally wanted Borglum to carve Western figures like Buffalo Bill and Lewis and Clark into the mountain. Thank goodness Robinson listened to Borglum, who convinced him to make Mount Rush-more national instead of

regional in scope.

The work on the re-imag-ined Mount Rushmore be-gan with a big dream and a small army (400 men with a lot of dynamite) in October of 1927.

Borglum continued the project until his death in 1941 at the age of 74. His son Lincoln, who had worked alongside him for years, took over and the Mount Rushmore National Memo-rial was declared officially completed on October 31st of that year.

Interestingly, the original plan was to carve not just the heads but also the torsos of each of the four presidents. The work was stopped in its current form, with only Washington’s torso being done, due to a lack of fund-ing, and, more importantly, the coming war.

Why were George Wash-ington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln chosen?

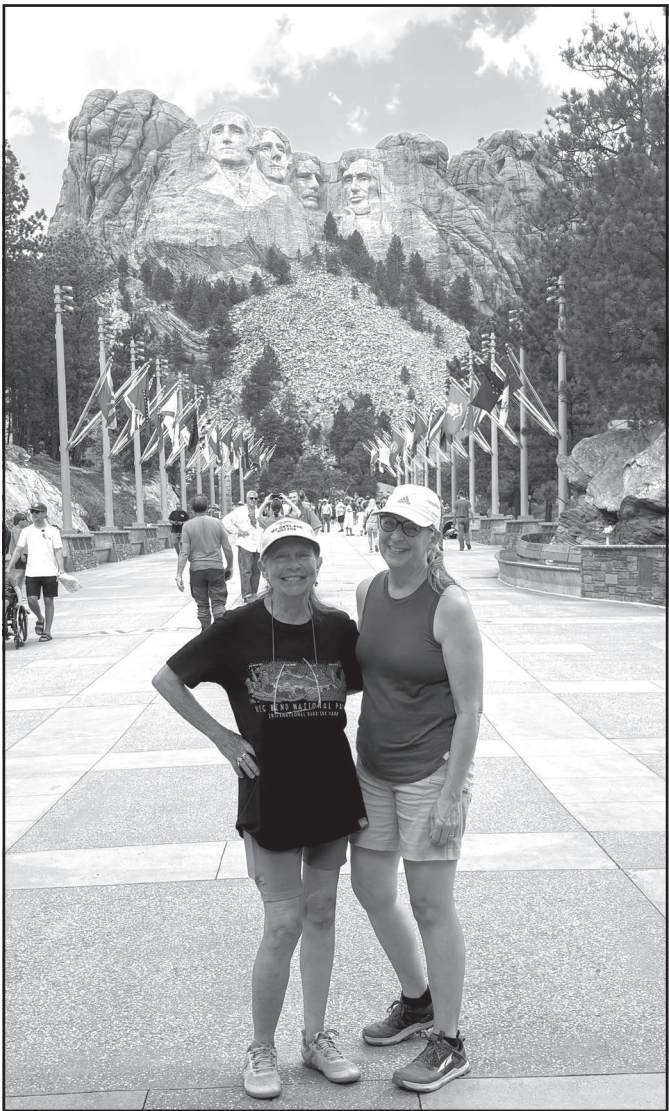
George Washington rep-resents the birth and found-ing of the United States, and also acknowledges his leadership in securing its independence.

Thomas Jefferson, pres-ident during the 1803 Loui-siana Purchase, represents the growth and territorial expansion of the new nation.

Teddy Roosevelt rep-resents the country’s develop-ment, under his presidency, into a global power, as well as his accomplishments as a conservationist.

Abraham Lincoln—well, that one’s obvious. He rep-resents the preservation of the United States during the bit-ter division of the Civil War.

Plan your trip to Mount



Jaree Hall of Nashville and her sister Janell Van Every of Custer, S.D., visit at Mount Rushmore.

Rushmore, but remember that we’re talking about South Dakota. Unless you’re part Eskimo, you may want to visit between April and October, and you still might need your Arkansas winter clothes for April or October. You’re pretty safe from May through September, but take a jacket just in case.

Doane (not misspelled) Robinson, the State Histori-

Game

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The Badgers “do a good job on both sides of the ball. Their offense is good at set-ting things up. We have to be good as defensive coaches to adjust when needed,” ac-cording to Chesshir.

On offense, “We have to be multiple within our of-fense and keep the defense on their toes.”

Nashville and Arkadel-phia are among the majority of teams that took their bye week Sept. 18.

“You can look at it two ways,” Chesshir said of the open date. “It can be a good thing or a bad thing. For us, it was good. We were able to work on fundamental things defensively. We did some Arkadelphia preparation on both sides of the ball.”

Nashville went unde-feated in the non-conference portion of the schedule, earning wins over Bismarck, Magnolia and Texarkana.

Arkadelphia fell to Cam-den Fairview in the season opener but defeated Hot Springs and Bauxite.

“It’s been a grind for us since Aug. 3” when fall camp started, Chesshir said. “The bye was a good opportu-nity to keep fresh. We didn’t

practice as long as usual dur-ing a game week.”

The open date was “a pro-ductive week,” according to Chesshir.

“When you start district against Arkadelphia, it’s never easy. They’re a good football team. They’ll be the most disciplined, sound team we’ve seen so far.”

Arkadelphia’s sopho-more quarterback Turner Ross “is a threat. He throws a hard football. He’s good on his feet. He looks just like last year’s quarterback,” Chesshir said.

The Badgers have a cou-ple of running backs who are “a big-time threat. One is returning from last year,” along with a Division I pros-pect who gets reps at run-ning back and linebacker.

Arkadelphia’s offense “is similar to ours,” Chesshir said.

The Badger defense “doesn’t make a lot of mis-takes. It’s hard to run the ball at the A and B gap on them. Defensively, they’re a top two team.”

The Scrappers will have to be disciplined on both sides of the ball, according to Chesshir.

And, “We have to play extremely hard.”

The Scrappers won last year’s meeting 24-23 at Ark-adelphia.

JPs

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zone changes for the next school election cycle.

The court tabled the mat-ter.

JPs did take action on several issues.

Unanimously approved the reappointment of Dr. Glenn Lance, Nashville, and

Wes Howard, Dierks, to the Howard Memorial Hospital board.

Approved a low bid of \$117,255 from Langford Roofing Construction Co. of Texarkana to remove the old flat roof and replace it at the building which houses the county jail and the sheriff’s department offices.

Approved a reimburse-ment of \$7,300 from the county to the City of Nash-

ville for the county’s share of outfitting and housing the new multi-use Mobile Com-mand Center vehicle.

Voted to instruct county offices to charge the maxi-mum allowed for preparing copies on FOIA requests. Treasurer Sheri Mixon said her office had been inun-dated with FOIA requests from District Judge Jessica Gunter. Mixon asked the JPs for guidance on charg-

ing for time and materials spent upon answering the requests.

JP Kelkyjo Oge made the motion for maximum fees, and the motion’s voice vote had no objections.

County Judge Brent Pinkerton handed out docu-ments showing work the road department had done all over the county since he had made a request for increased road funds.

School

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based on the number of stu-dents in the schools.

In Breathitt County, Ky., a district of 1,700 students received \$27 million, accord-ing to Reddick.

If the lawsuit is success-ful, the Reddick firm will receive a 25 percent contin-gency fee from the settle-ment.

At any time, “We can get out of the lawsuit as we choose,” Graham said.

Other firms are also en-listing clients, Graham said, but Riddick and Lanier “have been at it from the beginning. They were ready to go to court in September when Meta said it wanted out” and was ready to settle.

The resolution passed on a 5-0 vote.

In other business Monday night, the board approved Graham’s recommendation to increase substitute pay to \$85 per day. The current rate is \$75 per day.

“It’s been seven years since we gave a raise to subs,” Graham said.

In the Scrapper Moment for September, Nashville High School senior Roland Schwope told of his journey to becoming a National Mer-it Scholarship semifinalist.

He mentioned four con-tributing events from his high school career.

The first was RYLA, the Rotary Club youth leader-ship camp.

Next was Arkansas Boys State, where Schwope was elected a county secretary.

Then came a summer program at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

“It was truly amazing,” he said.

Schwope also attended a two-week honors sym-po-sium at Harding University in Searcy. “It showed what college is like,” he said.

Schwope is one of four Southwest Arkansas stu-dents to be named semifinal-ists in the Merit Scholarship competition.

He is in the process of completing his application. “I hope to be a finalist,” he told the board.

Schwope said that if he attends college instate, he wants to go to Harding and be part of ROTC.

If he goes out of state, his choices include the Coast

Guard Academy, Air Force Academy and West Point.

“I’m grateful for my op-tions,” he said. “They’re all because of the support from the faculty and staff” in the Nashville district.

Prior to Monday night’s board meeting, campus ad-ministrators presented the district’s annual report to the public.

Details will be printed in future issues of the *News-Leader*.

All board members were present, including David Hilliard, Nick Britt, Tem Gunter, Anthony Whitmore and Jerry Wilson.



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Mayor Tullis was paid \$2,170 in excess of his authorized salary to compensate for 62 days of around-the-clock monitoring of the city's well to maintain the city's water supply. The mayor

According to the case file in Howard County against Juniell, on Nov. 5, 2025, auditors met with her to review the result of the audit. Juniell admitted of misusing city credit cards for purposes of gambling, as well as using “whiteout” to erase line items on some of the bank statements to hide the misuse from auditors.

In last week's issue of the newspaper, the photo captions for the two businesses joining the Nashville Chamber of Commerce failed to identify the owners of the businesses. They included: D & S Flooring, owner Chas Davis, located at 807 Mine Street; and Jenky's Corner Store, owners Shane and Jennifer Upton, located at 1001 South Main. The newspaper regrets the errors.

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Mineral Springs educator among 25 leaders named to policy-making branch of Teach Plus

CLEVELAND, Miss. - Teach Plus Arkansas & Mississippi has named 25 teacher leaders, including one from the Mineral Springs School District, to its 2026-27 Policy Fellowship, marking the inaugural cohort for the newly merged two-state region. Over the next year, these educators will work directly with the Arkansas and Mississippi departments of education and state policy leaders to bring classroom-tested solutions to a region where over 25% of public school students face chronic absenteeism, missing class time that follows them for years.

Selection into the Fellowship was highly competitive, with 130 applications for the 25 spots. The Fellows share a single mission: dramatically increasing the number of students who graduate truly ready for college and careers, with a dedicated focus on the rural and Delta communities where that work is most urgent. The Fellowship builds on each state's own track record of educator-driven policy change, from Mississippi Fellows' successful advocacy for a weighted student funding formula to Arkansas Fellows' advocacy on early childhood education and teacher retention.

Teach Plus trains Policy Fellows in policy analysis, research, advocacy, and communications, including storytelling and op-ed writing, so rigorous data and



Chancy Ware of The Mineral Springs School District

firsthand classroom experience from educators reach decision makers and the public directly.

- Key policy focus areas:
- **Chronic Absenteeism:** Fellows will research which policies may actually reduce chronic absenteeism in the hardest-hit districts, including how other states track 9th grade on-track rates, an early sign of whether a student stays on pace to graduate.
 - **Data Systems:** Fellows will push for data systems that measure progress as students transition from elementary school to secondary, and then to postsecondary institutions (ex. college, job training) before entering the workforce. The aim is to identify where preparation is falling short, including whether the K-12 system is laying the right groundwork for postsecondary success.
 - **Student Success Plans:** Arkansas and Missis-

sippi both require students to plan what comes after high school. Fellows will work to make sure those plans are real and guide decisions around course selection, actual access to career and technical education (CTE) programs, and direct ties to colleges and employers, so every student with a plan is also able to follow it successfully.

- Meet the Arkansas Fellows:**
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Carolyn Chrestman, Marion School District (Marion)
 - Aniyah Smith, Marion School District (Marion)
 - Brenda Wilson, West Memphis School District (West Memphis)
 - Southwest Arkansas**
Chancy Ware, Senior Policy Fellow, Mineral Springs School District (Mineral Springs)
 - Yolanda Smith, Texarkana Arkansas School District (Texarkana)



LET FREEDOM RING! Kevin Sartin of First Baptist Church joined the Mine Creek-Paraciflta DAR in ringing the church bell as part of Bells Across America during Constitution Week. Pictured with Sartin are DAR members Elizabeth Overton, Velma Owens, Fran Strawn, Gwen Harrison and Deb Tackett.

Local DAR chapter helps communities celebrate Constitution Week

By Fran Starwn

Mine Creek-Paraciflta Chapter, DAR Area communities joined the Mine Creek-Paraciflta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in celebrating Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, with activities reminding citizens of the importance of the United States Constitution and the freedoms it represents.

A highlight of the week was Bells Across America, an observance commemorating the signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787.

In Murfreesboro, community members gathered on the courthouse square with Mine Creek-Paraciflta DAR member Judy Hile to ring bells in recognition of Constitution Day.

In Nashville, Mine Creek-Paraciflta members were joined by Kevin Sartin, pastor of First Baptist Church, to ring the church bell at 12:30 p.m.

The ringing of bells is a reminder of the bells that rang in Philadelphia following the signing of the Constitution in 1787.

Constitution Week also reached area classrooms.

Schools participated with Constitution displays and educational activities designed to help students better understand the nation's founding document and the freedoms it protects. At Nashville Elementary, students joined in with ringing bells, Elizabeth Overton, a member of Mine Creek-Paraciflta DAR, read "We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution" to first-grade students. NJHS and NHS participated by making school-wide announcements and ringing bells.

The chapter also worked with local officials to recognize Constitution Week through proclamations in communities throughout the area.

These activities are part of the DAR's ongoing effort to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism while encouraging younger generations to understand and appreciate the foundations of American government.

Mine Creek-Paraciflta DAR encourages everyone to take a few moments during Constitution Week to read the Constitution, learn about its history and reflect on the freedoms and responsibilities it represents.

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What is Foodborne Illness?

How to Prevent It and What to Do If you Get Sick

By Abby Gray
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Food is an important part of daily life, but if it is not handled, stored, or prepared properly, it can become a source of illness. Health experts estimate that foodborne illness affects millions of people every year, making food safety an important concern for families and communities. Fortunately, many cases can be prevented by following basic food safety practices at home.

What Is a Foodborne Illness?
Foodborne illness, sometimes called food poisoning, occurs when people consume food contaminated with harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites, toxins, or chemicals. Researchers have identified more than 250 foodborne diseases, and virtually any type of food can potentially carry disease-causing organisms.

Common causes of foodborne illness include bacteria such as *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, *Listeria*, and *Campylobacter*. Some illnesses result from toxins produced by bacteria that have grown in food, while others occur when harmful microorganisms are ingested and multiply in the digestive system.

According to Tufts University experts, foods commonly associated with foodborne illness include undercooked eggs, poultry, meats, raw milk, unpasteurized dairy products, and even fresh fruits and vegetables. Contamination can occur during production, processing, transportation, storage, or food preparation.

Common Symptoms
Symptoms vary depending on the type of contamination, but many foodborne illnesses share common signs. These often include:

- Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Abdominal cramps
 - Fever
- Symptoms may begin within hours of eating contaminated food or may not appear for days or even weeks, depending on the germ or toxin involved. In healthy individuals, symptoms typically last from two to seven days and often resolve without medical treatment.

Who Is Most at Risk?
Although anyone can become sick from contaminated food, certain groups face a higher risk of severe illness and complications. These include:

- Older adults
- Pregnant women
- Young children
- People with weakened immune systems
- Individuals undergoing cancer treatment
- People with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, liver disease, or kidney disease

For these populations, even a mild foodborne illness can become serious and require medical attention.

How to Prevent Foodborne Illness
Food safety experts often summarize prevention with four simple steps: **Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill**.

Keep Everything Clean
Proper handwashing is one of the most effective ways to prevent contamination. Penn State Extension recommends washing hands with soap and warm running water for at least 20 seconds before preparing food, after handling raw foods, after using the restroom, and after contact with animals.

Kitchen surfaces, utensils, cutting boards, and sinks should also be cleaned regularly. Raw meat and poultry juices can spread harmful bacteria to other foods and surfaces.

Fresh fruits and vegetables should be rinsed under running water before eating, peeling, or cutting. Experts recommend using water only rather than soap or specialty produce washes.

Prevent Cross-Contamination
Cross-contamination occurs when harmful bacteria spread from one food to another. To reduce this risk:

- Use separate cutting boards for raw meats and produce.
- Keep raw meats separate from ready-to-eat foods.

Use clean plates for cooked foods.
Store raw meat away from other foods in the refrigerator.
Food safety experts also recommend avoiding the practice of washing raw poultry or meat, which can spread bacteria throughout the kitchen.

Cook Food Thoroughly
Proper cooking temperatures help destroy harmful microorganisms. Penn State Extension recommends using a food thermometer to verify that foods reach safe internal temperatures:

- Poultry: 165°F
- Ground poultry: 165°F
- Ground beef: 160°F
- Fish, beef, pork, and lamb cuts: 145°F

Experts emphasize that food should never be judged by appearance alone. A thermometer is the most reliable tool for determining food safety.

Keep Hot Foods Hot and Cold Foods Cold
Temperature control is critical because disease-causing bacteria grow rapidly within the “danger zone” between 40°F and 140°F. Refrigerators should be maintained at 40°F or below, and freezers should be kept at 0°F or below.

Food safety experts recommend following the two-hour rule: refrigerate leftovers, prepared foods, and perishables within two hours. Shallow containers can help leftovers cool more quickly and safely.

What Should You Do If You Get Food Poisoning?
Most foodborne illnesses improve on their own with rest and hydration. However, keeping fluids down is important because vomiting and diarrhea can lead to dehydration.

Medical attention should be sought if symptoms become severe. Tufts experts recommend contacting a healthcare provider if you experience:

- Diarrhea lasting more than three days
 - High fever
 - Blood in the stool
 - Frequent vomiting that prevents you from keeping liquids down
- Prompt medical care is particularly important for people in high-risk groups, including older adults, children, pregnant women, and individuals with weakened immune systems.

Making Food Safety a Daily Habit
Foodborne illness is common but largely preventable. By practicing good hygiene, avoiding cross-contamination, cooking foods thoroughly, and storing foods at safe temperatures, families can significantly reduce their risk of becoming ill. Food safety begins in the kitchen and continues all the way from purchasing groceries to serving meals.

Do-It-Yourself Trail Mix
This easy snack recipe is a fun way for families to create customized snack mixes using wholesome ingredients.

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Makes: 6 cups
Ingredients
1 cup square-type whole grain cereal
1 cup O-type whole grain cereal
1 cup puff-type whole grain cereal
1 cup dried fruit of your choice
1 cup small pretzels
½ cup small nuts
Directions
Wash hands with soap and water.
Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.

Store in an airtight container or divide into individual snack-sized containers.
For groups, set out bowls of each ingredient and allow participants to build their own trail mix before shaking to combine.

Helpful Tips
Young children should be supervised while eating nuts and other small foods that may pose a choking hazard.
Try adding popcorn as another whole-grain ingredient.
Recipe Source
Recipe courtesy of **Food Hero**, a nutrition education program that provides healthy, affordable, and family-friendly recipes.

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Breaking: Shooting reported in Kirby

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The victim was transported by

air ambulance for further treatment. The suspected shooter was detained at the scene with the Arkansas State Police Criminal Investigation Division handling the case.
The investigation is ongoing.

Glenwood man facing multiple counts involving child pornography

A tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has led to 20 felony counts for a Glenwood man.
Jay Dee Bishop, 65, was charged Sept. 18 in Pike County Circuit Court with 20 counts of distributing, possessing, viewing matter depicting child sex. He pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday and a Jan. 11 pretrial date was set. Bishop remains in county custody this week.
According to case infor-

mation, an investigation by the Arkansas State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force began in July after a cyber tip from the NCMEC. On Aug. 20, officers executed a warrant at Bishop’s home at 511 Rock Creek Road and three mobile devices were seized.
Also on Sept. 18 in Pike County, Wesley E. Gullett, 51, of Amity, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and simultaneous possession of drugs and firearms.

Gullett pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday and an Oct. 5 pretrial date was set.
He will be assessed for inclusion in drug court.
Gullett was arrested on Sept. 13 following a traffic stop when a county deputy smelled the odor of suspected marijuana in his vehicle that resulted in a search. The search found marijuana, suspected methamphetamine (less than two grams) and a loaded .22 caliber firearm.

M’boro youth basketball sign-up Oct. 2

Murfreesboro Youth Sports will be conducting their basketball sign-ups through Friday, Oct. 2.
The leagues are for students in third through sixth grades.
Parents/guardians will

be asked to sign permission, waiver and release documents for the students to be eligible for participation.
The cost of entry into the league is \$50 by cash or check, or \$30 if you do not need a uniform.

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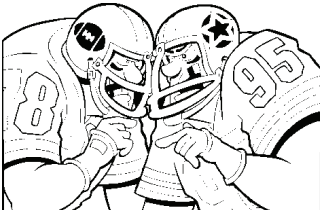
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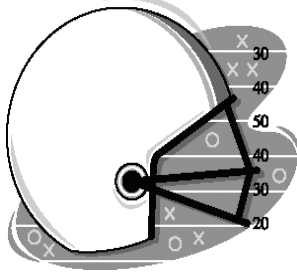


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Murfreesboro at Gurdon

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Genoa Central at Malvern

Pine Bluff at De Queen

Texas at Tennessee

Henderson State at Southern Arkansas

Harding at Ouachita Baptist

Tulsa at Arkansas

Arkadelphia at Nashville

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Quarterback DJ Jefferson and the Nashville Scrappers will open District 7-4A action against Arkadelphia Friday, Sept. 25, at Scrapper Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.



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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Mineral Springs Hornets to host Homecoming, SH Bears Friday night

The Mineral Springs Hornets played another tough team Friday in Queen City, Texas, holding their own but coming up short, 44-30.

“We played a really good football team Friday night,” said Head Coach Jarrod Jackson, who noted Queen City has a student enrollment “more than twice our size.”

“I felt like our kids competed extremely hard and played the best football we’ve played all season.”

The Hornets’ offense collected

393 yards with 297 yards coming the ground game, which was led by sophomore Jamerian Staten with 25 carries for 255 yards and three touchdowns.

Staten also started as QB for the Hornets and hit 8/12 passes for 96 yards. Adding to the rushing total were junior Cortney Thomas and sophomore Carter Steward.

The Hornet receiver corps included senior Keiandrian Nunally with five catches for 39 yards and senior Kamarion Vaughn

and sophomore Braxton Keaster pulling in one pass each for 25 yards each.

The Hornet tackle chart was led by Carter Steward with seven total tackles and Keiandrian Nunally with six total stops.

Rounding out the tackle chart were Cortney Thomas, Damean Nolen, Kamarion Vaughn, Braxton Keaster, senior Mason Golston, sophomore Anthony Perez., senior Bryce Thomas, Christian Stewart, senior Shane Goodloe and Kylan

Neal.

“I’m proud of the effort, toughness and discipline our players showed for four quarters,” Coach Jackson said. “We made some plays, responded to adversity and continued to fight throughout the game.”

The Hornets will open conference play this Friday night against the Spring Hill Bears. Friday is also homecoming for Mineral Springs High School.

The Bears are 1-3 on the season

with losses to Genoa Central (18-0), Poyen (30-22) and Centerpoint (28-20). SH beat Mountain Pine on the road 50-18 in the third game of the schedule.

“I really like where we’re at as a football team heading into conference play,” Jackson said. “Our kids are improving each week, and it we continue to prepare and compete the way we have, I believe we’ll put ourselves in a good position moving forward.”

0-3 Murfreesboro Rattlers return to action Friday to face Gurdon Go-Devils

The Murfreesboro Rattlers (0-3) got a jump on preparing for their first conference game this week at Gurdon following a bye.

Gurdon now sits at 2-2 on the season following a last second 37-30 loss to Mount Ida last Friday night.

Coach Jay Turley said that the his team had a “great off week” saying his team responded to less contact in practices, but went “hard and fast.”

He said the week of recuperation was good on the team -- injuries to Cayden Ballard, Cale Humphry, Jarrin Burgess and Alex Parker should be healed enough for the quartet to play against the Go-Devils.

While Turley said it was “a new season” following the conclusion of non-conference play, he also admits his squad has an uphill battle in their first conference matchup.

“Gurdon is really good ... Ar-

kansas Sports Network has them ranked number two in AA last week [Hooten’s had them tenth]. It took a late fourth quarter drive for Mount Ida to beat them.”

Offensively, Turley feels his team can attack some things that Gurdon may be weaker at on defense.

He said that Gurdon’s youth was a potential plus for MHS. “They are young, with lots of tenth graders. We have to take advan-

tage of that.”

Defensively, he said the Rattlers had a solid game plan to combat Gurdon, especially based on their success this year.

“We held Genoa to eight first downs – now, we will be challenged [by Gurdon] as they are the best offense we’ve seen, if we play physically, they are the type of offense we can compete very well against.”

Overall, Turley said the match-

up was a “great conference opener,” and he expected a big crowd to Travel to Gurdon – as they have over the past two weeks to Danville and Genoa Central. “That really helps us.”

“It’s a new season, and we have to pick up our intensity,” he said of the Rattlers. “They are calling for cooler temperatures later this week, and that can only help as well.”

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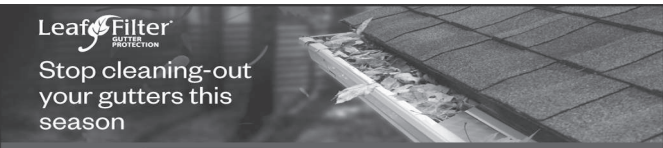
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JULIUS C. CROFTON, DECEASED
CASE NO. 31PR-26-71

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 13012 Cimarron Avenue Gardena, CA 90249
Date of Death: December 10, 2021

Laverne Knight filed an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee on September 7, 2026 pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. Among the assets owned by the decedent and listed in the Affidavit was a tract of unimproved real property located at 593 Bright Star Road, Howard County, Arkansas 71851, described as follows: “Part of the E /2 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 28 West, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the said SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 1, and run West 362 feet, set stake; thence South 694 feet to a point of beginning; thence run North Westerly direction 84 1/2 feet, this being the point of beginning of land to be described; thence South 187 feet, set stake, thence West 84 1/2 feet, set stake, thence North 187 feet to South line of County Road, thence following south line of said county road in an Easterly direction 84 1/2 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1 /3 of an acre, more or less, Howard County, Arkansas.” The decedent also owned an undivided one- fourth interest, said property listed in the Affidavit, in a tract of unimproved real property legally described as follows: “East Half of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 28 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.” The decedent also owned an undivided one-fourth interest, said property listed in the Affidavit, in a tract of unimproved real property legally described as follows: “Part of the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 28 West, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the said W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence North 330 feet to the point of beginning; thence West 331 feet to stake, thence North 270 feet to the center of Schaal and Tollett Public Road, thence Southeasterly with said road 332 feet to the East line of the said W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence South 205 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.8 acres, more or less.”

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Sophomore Maddie Lovelis scores for the Scrapperettes during fall ball against De Queen Sept. 15 at the Nashville City Park. The Lady Leopards will be back in Nashville Sept. 29 to close out fall ball.

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OUTLAWS VS. MUSTANGS. Outlaw Drake Thatcher (#9) breaks out for yardage Friday night in Dierks and Outlaw lineman Maxton Greene at work on a CAC Mustang.

Dierks Outlaws take it to CAC Mustangs in 33-32 loss

The only thing missing in the Million Dollar Holler Friday night was a Dierks Outlaw win.

An estimated 3,200 fans were on hand Friday night in Dierks and were treated not only to an exciting high school football game but also got to enjoy the massive T-Mobile reveal tailgate celebration for the newly renovated stadium, which featured a 200-drone half-time show.

The Outlaws were edged out by the 4A Central Arkansas Christian Mustangs, 33-32, in the big game that saw a battle until the very end.

“We knew going in that we were facing a very talented team in CAC,” said Outlaw Head Coach Lantz Castleman. “It would’ve been easy to count ourselves out, but our guys have too much pride for that.”

The coach said his team kept believing and played with tremendous effort in the final non-conference game of the season. The

Outlaws will be off this week and will return to the field on Oct. 2 when they travel to Spring Hill to face the Bears.

“We see where we’re at and we’re excited to get back to work and improve in areas where we struggled to execute,” Castleman said.

“The next time we’re in that situation we have to find a way to win.”

CAC has several big plays early on that put Dierks behind 14-8 after the first quarter. The Outlaws scored first for an 8-0 lead but the next 14 points came from CAC on a 60-yard touchdown kickoff return and a 83-yard run.

Dierks scored 14 points in the second quarter to lead 24-20 at the half.

The Mustangs opened the scoring in the second half to move ahead 27-24 to start the fourth quarter.

Outlaw Drake Thatcher answered when he broke a 21-yard TD run in the fourth and Jason Bailey added the two-point play for a 32-27 lead.

With not enough time on the clock for the Outlaws respond, CAC completed a 57-yard TD pass to pull ahead 33-32 for the win.

Outlaw quarterback Maclane Smith hit 10/12 passes for 93 yards and also rushed 26 times for 146 yards and two TDs. Drake Thatcher was right behind in the rushing game with 29 carries for 117 yards and two TDs.

Maxton Greene was Smith’s top receiver with three catches for 60 yards followed by Madden Hill with four for 29 yards and Thatcher with three for four yards.

Maxton Greene also led the Outlaw defense with eight combined stops followed by Cooper Smith with six combined tackles. Other Outlaws making stops Friday night included Gavin House, Maclane Smith, Jacoby Faulkner, Tristen Godwin, Asa Hooper, Griffin Shankles, Jason Bailey and Madden Hill.

The Outlaws ran 72 total



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ON DEFENSE. Dierks Outlaw Jacoby Faulkner trips up a CAC Mustang runner in the 33-32 loss Friday night in the Million Dollar Holler.

plays compared to the Mustangs’ 36 that gained a total of 264 yards, including 83 passing and 181 rushing. The Outlaws gained 19 first downs while CAC had 10 and each team was penalized four times, Dierks for 17 yards and CAC for 21 yards.

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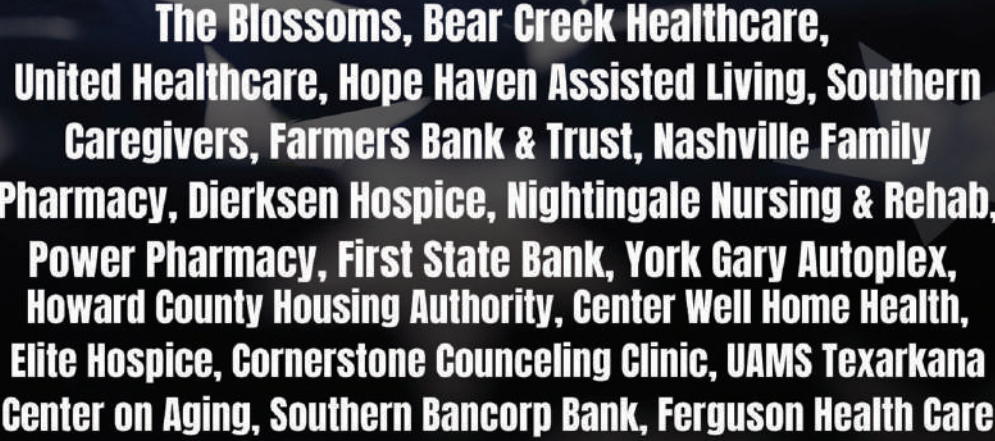
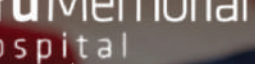


Smith (at left) hit 10/12 passes for 93 yards and rushed the ball 26 times for 146 yards and 2 TDs while Greene caught 3 passes for 60 yards and led the Outlaw tackle chart against CAC.



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