

Obituaries



Linda Ann McAllister Bell

Linda Ann McAllister Bell, known as “Nanny,” passed away on Sept. 28, 2026, at the age of 84. Born on Jan. 20, 1942, in Nashville, Ark., to Charles and Tollie McAllister, she graduated from Nashville, where she also married her husband, Wayne Bell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Tollie; her husband, Wayne; her son, Dennis; her siblings, John McAllister, Keith McAllister, Charis Cleveland, and Joyce Brewer; her nephew, Johnny McAllister; and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dewayne and Gloria Bell Stone.

She was a devout member of the Methodist Church. Known for her love of softball in her youth, her greatest joy in life was her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter Holly and son-in-law Scott; two granddaughters, Heather and her husband Shaun, and Lindsey and her husband Cole; a great-grandson, Cooper; and she also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. until service time on Friday, Oct. 2, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 2, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville, with Rev. Wade Eggers officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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



David Neil Young

David Neil Young, 57, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, in Texarkana, Texas. He was born June 26, 1969, in Little Rock, Ark., the son of Sharyn Ross Young and the late Jesse Earl Young.

David was a graduate of Nashville High School, Class of 1987. Music was an important part of his life. He played the French horn and spent six years in the Scrapper Band. He also spent four years as a member of the Arkansas Razorback Band. In 2009, David earned his Associate of Applied Science Information Technology degree from University of Arkansas Cossatot Community College.

He was a lifelong Razorback fan and carried enthusiasm with him throughout his life. Outside of music, he was an avid animal lover, enjoyed hiking, canoeing, and found enjoyment in time spent outdoors.

David is survived by his mother, Sharyn Young of Nashville; his son Adam Byers of Nashville; one brother Mark Young of North Little Rock; as well as a number of friends.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at Redmen Cemetery in De Queen with Dr. Glenn Lance officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SWA Paws, P.O. Box 125, Nashville, AR. 71852.

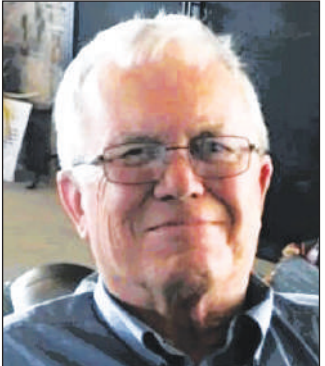
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Debbie Floyd

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, Oct. 10, for Debbie Floyd, 65, of Murfreesboro, who died Aug. 3.

Family and friends are invited to attend the event which will be at noon at the Parker Creek Camp Area on Lake Greeson.



Henry George Sunderman

Henry George “H.G.” Sunderman, age 89 of Mena, Ark., passed away peacefully at the Springs of Mine Creek in Nashville, Ark., on Oct. 1, 2026.

Born on Feb. 27, 1937, in Nashville, Ark., Henry was the son of the late Charles Frederick Sunderman and Lydia Susan Voerster. Henry was known by his family and his schoolmates in Nashville as H.G. He graduated from Nashville High in 1956 and attended the University of Arkansas. He was a devoted husband for 61 years to the late Betty Sue Ryals Sunderman and was a loving father to the late Lisa Sunderman Kelly. He is survived by his son, Wesley Sunderman of Tucker, Ga. H.G. was the last living child of his parents, being preceded in death by five brothers -- Charles, infant Edwin, Leroy, Robert, Harold (Juanita) Sunderman -- and two sisters, Catherine Sunderman (William) Miller and Dorothy Sunderman. He is survived by two sisters-in-law Willie Lee Sunderman (Leroy) of Nashville Ark., and Nancy Sunderman (Robert) of Cedar Hill Texas. He is also survived by Betty’s sister, Marie Ryals Myers of Hatfield, Ark. H.G. was an influential Uncle to numerous nephews and nieces, as well as cousins.

The Sunderman and Voerster Families were part of the original families of Mena and Cherry Hill in the 1800’s. The two sets of grandparents were the founding members of the local Trinity Lutheran Church in Mena. There were more

than 120 years of Sundermans and Voersters teaching children’s Sunday School at Trinity. He was baptized as a youth at Trinity Lutheran, which recently celebrated it’s 125th anniversary.

H.G. was a member of First United Methodist Church of Mena and was a man known for his dedication to service -- both in his career and his community. Over the years, he served as Local Manager for SWEPCO in several Arkansas and Texas communities, including Gilmer, Texas, as well as Waldron and Mena, Ark. Even in retirement, he remained active in public service and served two terms as Mayor of Mena from 1995 -2002, where he continued to advocate for and uplift his community.

His passion for community involvement extended through his membership in Mena’s International Rotary Club, where he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow—an honor reflecting his generous spirit and commitment to service above self.

A man of deep integrity and an active sense of humor, H.G. leaves behind a legacy of service, faith, and love. He will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He asked that no tears be shed for him as he had a blessed life.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Henry George “H.G.” Sunderman will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at 2 p.m., at the Beasley-Wood Chapel in Mena, Ark. Services under the direction of Beasley-Wood Funeral Home. Visitation will be general and an hour prior to services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Mena/Polk Co. International Rotary Club. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 1776 Mena, AR 71953.

Maurice Cowley, Sr.

Maurice Cowley Sr., 69, of Mineral Springs died Thursday, Sept. 24.

He was a US Marine Corps veteran.

Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 9. from 1-3 at the M&H Memorial Chapel in Hope.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. at Maranatha Baptist Church in Nashville. Burial with full military honors will be at Sunset Gardens Cemetery, W. Leslie St., Nashville. Arrangements by McFadden & Hitchcye Funeral Enterprises, Hope.



Max Lee O'Bryant

Max Lee O’Bryant, age 73 of Hope, Ark., passed away on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026 in Little Rock, surrounded by his family. He was born on March 20, 1953 in Nashville, Ark., the son of the late Mack Herbert O’Bryant and Pauline O’Bryant Garney.

Max was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Hope. He grew up in Nashville and graduated from Nashville High School in 1971. On July 9, 1971, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Susan Tomlinson O’Bryant.

They built a life together and raised their two children, Jessica and Bradley. After grandchildren came along, however, they became the light of his eye. He loved being “Grandpa.”

By trade, he was an electrician. He was privileged to have been able to work in several different states within the United States, as well as abroad in Ghana, Nigeria, and Australia. After Max and Susan purchased their farm near Hope, he enjoyed the life of a farmer, as well. He spent countless hours with their cattle and in the pullet poultry houses.

Max was quite a storyteller. He loved to reminisce and tell of years past and, although many of his stories had been told before, they somehow were never told the same way twice. Whether it were life lessons, farming, hunting, or training future electricians, Max loved to teach and pass on whatever he could.

In addition to his parents, Max was preceded in death by his stepfather, Bill Garney, and his brother, Pat O’Bryant.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his loving wife of 55 years, Susan O’Bryant; his daughter and son-in-law, Jessica Naramore and Jamie; his son, Bradley O’Bryant; his brother, Billy Bob Garney; his sister and brother-in-law, Kim Raulerson and Danny; his sister-in-law, Sue O’Bryant; five grandchildren, Sam, Lottie, Livian, and Madeleine Naramore and Bradley Todd O’Bryant; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until the service begins on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, at First Baptist Church in Hope.

A funeral service for Mr. O’Bryant will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at First Baptist Church in Hope. Interment will follow at Antioch Cemetery near Nashville, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

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



Leonie Williamson

Leonie Williamson, 88, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026, in Texarkana, Texas. She was born May 27, 1938, in Göschenen, Switzerland, the daughter of the late Emil Kieliger and Sophie Püntener Kieliger.

Mrs. Williamson was of the Catholic faith. She was a midwife for many years and also served as a librarian. During her free time, she enjoyed knitting.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her twin sister, Wilhelmina Herger, two sisters Beatrice Gamma and Sophie Fritz; and one brother, Emil Kieliger.

Survivors include: her husband of 55 years, Oscar Williamson, Sr., of Nashville, Ark.; one son, Oscar Williamson, Jr., and wife, Vicki of Nampa, Ind.; one daughter, Karen Webb and husband, Bradley of Bris-

tow, Va.; one brother, Erhard Kieliger of Altdorf, Switzerland; one sister, Erica Ryter of Göschenen, Switzerland; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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



Kenneth Robert Bolender

Kenneth Robert Bolender, age 79 of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026, in Nashville. He was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., on June 1, 1947, the son of the late Frederick L. Bolender and Mildred Evans Bolender.

Mr. Bolender was a member of the Mineral Springs United Methodist Church. He married Janet Bedwell Bolender on Sept. 9, 1968, in Magnolia, Ark. He obtained his Bachelor’s Degree from Southern State College in Magnolia in 1970. He went on to be an Environmental Investigator for Nationwide Insurance, as well as having his own environmental investigation company.

He was involved with several community organi-

zations including the Lion’s Club in Deerfield, Ill., and Mineral Springs for over 40 years He served as president in each chapter for several terms. He was also a member of the Lake County Crime Stoppers in Deerfield, Ill.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents Florence Sullivan Evans and Robert Pendleton Evans; mother-in-law, Marjorie Jones Schooley; a brother-in-law, James Schooley; and his wife’s grandparents, Murl and Josephine Lake Jones, and a niece, Alexis Schooley

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 58 years, Janet Bolender; his brother, James F. (Rae) Bolender; his nephew, Jim (Dawn) Bolender; his niece, Cynthia Bolender; great-nephews Grant, Drew and Lucas Bolender; three sisters-in-law, Diane Pittman, Josie (Zane) Thomas and Judi Hood; well as a host of other relatives and friends.

A graveside service for Mr. Bolender will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026, in New Corinth Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 298, Mineral Springs, AR 71851 or the Parkinson’s Foundation, 5757 Waterford District Drive, Ste 310, Miami, FL 33126.

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ALL ABOUT NASHVILLE SCHOOLS. School Supt. Doug Graham spoke at last week’s meeting of the Nashville Rotary Club where he gave an update of accomplishments of the school district. Building principals also spoke about their schools, including Tabitha Jones (Elementary), Nathan Evans (Primary), Hannah Topor (NJHS) and Ashley Riggs (NHS). There are 1,600 students in the public school system, showing a downward trend in recent years.

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134 years ago: September 1892

Mr. Hyatt, living in the Compton neighborhood, about two miles southeast of Nashville, died suddenly Monday morning of heart disease. He was apparently well and had been riding about the neighborhood. When he got home he sat down in a chair and said to his wife that his head pained him. He fell out of the chair and died before he could be picked up.

Notice: Valuable land for sale. We have for sale, at low prices, upon long time and easy payments some of the most valuable farms in Howard County, among which are; the Thos. M. Wes-son place on Blue Bayou, the Jno. P. Hill place and the Manning Dillard places. Hempstead County Real Estate & Abstract Co.

(Adv.) Twin Brothers Dry Hop Yeast, The quick riser for light bread. 5 ct.

124 years ago: September 1902

The adjourned term of the Howard Circuit Court to be held in October bids fair from present indications to be a hummer.

Sheriff C.C. Custer was in the city Monday serving warrants to a large number of young men who are charged with gambling and they were compelled to give bond for their appearances at court Monday, October 1st.

A large number of citi-zens were also summoned to appear before the grand jury.

Considerable excitement was caused in the southeast portions of the city Saturday

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 Homecoming 1957. Cheerleader Doris Ann Anderson, Queen Betty Ray Pedron, crowned by Hoyt Pedron. (Howard County Historical Society photo)

night about 12 o'clock by two men who were seen prowling around the prem-ises of some of the citizens. The men were seen on the premises of J. L. Park, Thos. Dillahunty and Mrs. Pattie Meadors, but by the time the marshal and a posse could get to the locality where the men were last seen they had disappeared.

80 years ago: September 1946

It has been announced by Lt. Col. Frank F. Ingram of the State Military De-partment that a unit of the state guard is available for Nashville, and that if there is enough interest here, the unit will soon be organized. Col. Ingram has asked the Nashville Chamber of Com-merce to help put the matter

before the local people so that an early decision may be made.

The unit proposed for Nashville is the 153rd Rifle Company, which would have seven officers and 186 men and would have an an-nual pay roll of \$38,000.

64 years ago: September 1962

Growers in the Nashville area likely will plant at least 200 acres of peach trees to produce fruit for the Ger-ber's baby food plant at Fort Smith.

The company asked for approximately that many acres in this area and grow-ers have expressed interest. Final arrangements may be made October 8-9th when Gerber officials will visit interested growers.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or record-ed at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Sept. 24-30, 2026, unless noted otherwise, in-cluded the following:

Marriage Licenses

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

Sept. 25. William Conrad Blount, 49, Nashville, and Memory LaShae Bryan, 35, Nashville.

Sept. 29. Griffin Bradford Amaral, 28, Nashville, and Ashleigh Dawn Smith, 27, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV26-193, Sept. 24. Ci-tibank vs. Jose Resendiz. Debt.

CV26-194, Sept. 24. LVNV Funding vs. Robin Hinton. Debt.

CV26-195, Sept. 24. Cap-ital One vs. Ransdale Hocka-day. Contract.

CV26-196, Sept. 25. Cap-ital One vs. Sheila Whittaker. Debt.

CV26-197, Sept. 28. LVNV Funding vs. Robbie A. Co-chran. Debt.

CV26-198, Sept. 30. LVNV Funding vs. Tristan Steward. Contract.

Domestic Relations Court

DR26-96, Sept. 24. Arkan-sas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Cody Mc-Kusker. Support.

Criminal Court

(NOTE: POCs = posses-sion of controlled substance;

PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = de-livery of controlled substance. Defendants are innocent until proven otherwise.)

No new Criminal Court cases filed since CR26-66, Sept. 15.

Land Transactions

Quitclaim Deed

Sept. 24. Susie Ward; to Susie Ward and Ashley Neal, joint tenants; 12.5 ac. in S24 T7SR28W

Sept. 29. Debra Laidly and Pierpont Laidly, her husband; to Wayne Max-well; 0.26 ac. in S9 T11S R27W.

Release Deed

Sept. 24. Dallis Downey; to Arkansas Commissioner of State Lands; 3.2 ac. in S28 T8S R27W, Lot 29 Roll-ing Hills, aka 129 J.B. Steel Drive.

Heir's Deed

Sept. 30. Larry Jones, sole and surviving heir of Jess Jones and Maggie Jones, both deceased; to Larry Jones and wife LaJeana Jones; Lots 3-4-5-6, Block 9, Original Town of Dierks.

Beneficiary Deed

Sept. 24. Shirley Fay Pinkerton, surviving spouse of Gerald Dayne Pinkerton; to Alan Dayne Pinkerton; 1 ac. in S8 T9S R27W

Sept. 30. Larry Jones and wife LaJeana Jones; to Car-men Tedder and Laura Eck-ert, tenants in common. Lots 3-4-5-6, Block 9, and part of street abutting Lot 6, Block

9, all in Original Town of Dierks.

Warranty Deed

Sept. 24. Deautauon How-ard; to Janice D. Huffman; aggregate 15.79 ac. with exceptions in S21 T9S R27W. \$25,000.

Sept. 25. Nikki D. Lacie; to Colin Parnell and wife Kynnedi Parnell; Lots 5-6, Fairway Estates Phase II. \$47,500.

Sept. Billy Joe Barton and Yolanda Pauline Barton, trustees of the Billy and Pauline Barton Irrevocable Trust; to Benjamin Hayden Worthington and wife Jew-ell Elizabeth Worthington; 13.65 ac. in S14 T10S R27W. \$925,000.

Sept. 25. Matthew Al-len Staggs; to Andrea-Fun-tai Sweeden and husband Joshua Kevin Sweeden; 2 tracts, aggregate 2.736 ac. in Corinth Estates, S35 T8S R27W. \$309,000.

Sept. 25. Brian Spoo; to Timmy Harris and Krissi Henry, joint tenants; 1.015 ac. in S11 T10S R27W. \$30,000.

Sept. 28. (Correction) Earl Williams; to Earl Williams, trustee of the Earl Williams Living Trust; part of Lot 3, Block 15, Town of Saratoga.

Sept. 29. Rodney Wor-thington and wife Kami Worthington; to Mason Brendon Burrow and wife Gwendolyn Kaye Burrow; 20 ac. in S4 T11S R27W. \$332,500.

Two plead guilty; sentenced

Judge Tom Cooper pro-nounced sentences for two defendants who pleaded guilty to felony charges last Wednesday, Sept. 30, in criminal court here.

--- Gonzales Crisp, 73, black male, Nashville, ac-tually appeared for two separate criminal charges lodged months apart. Both cases involved multiple charges for drug possession and possession of drug para-phernalia. He was sentenced

to five years in the Arkansas Department of correction with a further five years suspended imposition of sentence,

--- Justin Stone, 33, white male, Delight, pleaded guilty to a class D felony charge of theft of property. He was sentenced to 120 days in a regional punish-ment facility, five years of probation and a \$2,000 fine.

Another defendant pleaded not true to a pro-

bation revocation charge. Xavier Jones, 31, black male, Tollette was on probation for a conviction on charges of aggravated assault upon a family or household mem-ber, a class D felony, and a misdemeanor charge of interference with emergency communication in the first degree.

He is awaiting a court ap-pearance on newer charges of drug possession and do-mestic battery.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (OR OTHER MEASURE) REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GEN-ERAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE TO THE PUB-LIC

Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 95th General Assembly refers the follow-ing constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 3, 2026, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 3. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amend-ment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken lan-guage would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2025 Session by Senator J. Dismang and filed as SJR 15.

ISSUE NO. 3 Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment Concerning Economic De-velopment in the State of Ar-kansas; and Authorizing the General Assembly to Provide for the Creation of Economic Development Districts Within Cities, Counties, or Cooper-ative Areas to Promote Eco-nomic Development Within the Economic Development District.

Ballot Title

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITU-TION CONCERNING ECO-NOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE OF AR-KANSAS; AND AUTHO-RIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOP-MENT DISTRICTS WITH-IN CITIES, COUNTIES, OR COOPERATIVE AREAS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE ECONOMIC DEVEL-OPMENT DISTRICT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENER-AL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING

THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amend-ment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitu-tion of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Loans and grants of public money. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Arkansas Constitution, the General As-sembly may provide for the creation of programs and the making of loans and grants of public money for the public purposes of: (1) Development and diversi-fication of the economy of the State of Arkansas; (2) The elimination and pre-vention of unemployment or underemployment in the State of Arkansas; (3) The development or expansion of transportation or commerce in the State of Arkansas; or (4) The development or improvement of real estate in the State of Arkansas that contributes to economic development within the State of Arkansas. (b) The authority under subsection (a) of this section includes without limitation providing for the creation of economic development districts.

SECTION 2. Economic de-velopment district projects. (a) An economic develop-ment district may issue bonds for the purpose of financing projects within the economic development district. (b) The bonds under subsec-tion (a) of this section: (1) May be secured by and be payable from all or a portion of any funds received by or allocated to the economic development district; (2) Shall not be considered in calculating debt limits for bonds issued under Arkansas Constitution, Article 12, § 4; and (3) Shall not be subject to the provisions of: (A) Arkansas Constitution,

Article 16, § 1; (B) Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 62; or (C) Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 65.

SECTION 3. Implementa-tion. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the implementation of this amendment.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Constitution, Article 12, § 5, is amended to read as follows: § 5. Political subdivisions not to become stockholders in or lend credit to private corpora-tions — Exceptions. (a) No county, city, town or other municipal corporation, shall become a stockholder in any company, association, or corporation; or obtain or ap-propriate money for, or loan its credit to, any corporation, association, institution, or individual. (b) However, a county, city, town, or other municipal corporation may obtain or appropriate money for a corporation, association, insti-tution, or individual to:

(1) Finance economic devel-opment projects; or— (2) Provide economic devel-opment services; or (3) Provide funding or lend credit to an economic devel-opment district. (c) As used in this section: (1) “Economic development district” means a designated area within a city, county, or cooperative area established under authority granted by the General Assembly to promote economic development with-in the designated area. (2) “Economic develop-ment projects” means the land, buildings, furnishings, equipment, facilities, infra-structure, and improvements that are required or suitable for the development, reten-tion, or expansion of: (A) Manufacturing, produc-tion, and industrial facilities; (B) Research, technology, and development facilities; (C) Recycling facilities; (D) Distribution centers; (E) Call centers; (F) Warehouse facilities; (G) Job training facilities; (H) Regional or national cor-porate headquarters facilities; and (I) Sports complexes designed to host local, state, regional, and national competitions, including without limitation

baseball, softball, and other sports tournaments; and (J) An economic development district as authorized by the General Assembly and des-ignated as part of an economic development plan; (2)(3) “Economic devel-opment services” means: (A) Planning, marketing, and strategic advice and counsel regarding job recruitment, job development, job retention, and job expansion; (B) Supervision and operation of industrial parks or other such properties; and (C) Negotiation of con-tracts for the sale or lease of industrial parks or other such properties; and (3)(4) “Infrastructure” means: (A) Land acquisition; (B) Site preparation; (C) Road and highway im-provements; (D) Rail spur, railroad, and railroad construction; (E) Water service; (F) Wastewater treatment; (G) Employee training which may include equipment for such purpose; and (H) Environmental mitigation or reclamation. (d) The General Assembly, by a three-fourths vote of each house, may amend the provi-sions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section so long as the amendments are germane to this section and consistent with its policy and purposes.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, § 5, is amended to read as follows: § 5. Property taxed according to value — Procedures for valuation — Tax exemptions. (a) All real and tangible per-sonal property subject to tax-ation shall be taxed according to its value, that value to be ascertained in such manner as the General Assembly shall direct, making the same equal and uniform throughout the State. No one species of prop-erty for which a tax may be collected shall be taxed higher than another species of prop-erty of equal value, except as provided and authorized in Section 15 of this Article, and except as authorized in Section 14 of this Article. The General Assembly, upon the approval thereof by a vote of not less than three-fourths (¾ths) of the members elected to each house, may establish the methods and procedures for valuation of property for

taxation purposes, but may not alter the method of valua-tion set forth in Section 15 of this Article. (b)(1) The following property shall be exempt from taxa-tion: public property used exclusively for public pur-poses; churches used as such; cemeteries used exclusively as such; school buildings and apparatus; libraries and grounds used exclusively for school purposes; and buildings and grounds and materials used exclusively for public charity. (2) If property exempt from taxation under subdivision (b) (1) of this section is included in an economic development district, the tax status of the property shall not change. (c) Property located within an economic development district created by the General Assembly shall be exempt from taxation except for taxes, assessments, or other charges levied by the eco-nomic development district of which the property is a part. (d) Nothing in this Section shall affect or repeal the pro- vision of Amendment 57 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas pertaining to intangible personal property.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Con-stitution, Amendment 62, § 6, is amended to read as follows: § 6. Conduct of elections. (a) The General Assembly may enact laws governing the conduct of elections autho-rized by this Amendment. Absent the enactment of such laws, such elections shall be held, called and conducted in accordance with the laws governing elections generally. The results of such election shall be published in a news-paper of general circulation in the county or municipality (as the case may be) and any contest of such election or the tabulation of the votes therein shall be brought within thirty (30) days after such publica-tion or shall be forever barred. (b)(1) Any bonds or other obligations of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision facilitating the de-velopment and diversification of the economy of the state that are issued for the purpose of making loans or grants in connection with a program authorized by the General As-sembly under this amendment and that are payable from

ad valorem taxes shall be approved by a vote of the ma-jority of the qualified electors of the county, municipality, or political subdivision voting on the issue. (2) A program created or a loan or grant made by an eco-nomic development district that is secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes of the economic development district does not constitute or create a debt for the purpose of any provision of this Con-stitution.

SECTION 7. Repealer — Construction. (a) Any provision of this Con-stitution, including without limitation amendments to this Constitution, that conflicts with or is in any way incon-sistent with this amendment is repealed or deemed modified to give precedence to this amendment. (b) This amendment su-persedes all previous constitutional provisions, amendments, laws, or judicial interpretations that conflict with this amendment's terms. (c) If this amendment conflicts with any existing constitutional provision, amendment, law, or judicial interpretation, this amend-ment shall prevail and be given full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Severability. The provisions of this amend-ment are severable, and if any provision of this amendment should be held invalid, the remainder shall stand.

SECTION 9. Effective date. This amendment to the Ar-kansas Constitution shall be effective on and after January 1, 2027.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SEC-RETARY OF STATE ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY 2026.



COLE JESTER
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

Point of view

River bridges

I get help in the effort to provide vital information

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and this week’s column is about how an article in the statewide newspaper recently reminded me that I had once bragged that I had driven across every Arkansas bridge over the Arkansas River.

I couldn’t remember the exact and official number so I did the only sensible thing --- I wrote to our Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) district commissioner, a gent named David Haak who lives in Texarkana.

I warned him that his response might be the basis of a newspaper column.

Mr. Haak informed me that there are 15 ARDOT bridges over the river; also 3 bridges owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers. There will be another one someday if/when the I-49 bridge also near Ft. Smith is built.

In addition to those, there are two footbridges in Little Rock, and also one railroad bridge.

I used Google Maps to check the locations of the ARDOT bridges. To the best I can determine and remember:

--- The Arkansas 64 bridge at Ft. Smith, notable because you start out in Arkansas and get off on the end in Oklahoma.

--- The US 71B (Business) bridge bypassing Ft. Smith goes across the river to Van Buren.

--- The US 540 bridge also goes to Van Buren.

--- The Hwy. 49 Bridge at Barling. Interesting that the Ft. Smith area has nearly as many bridges as Little Rock over the Arkansas River. And more than Pine Bluff, the only other large city on the river.

--- The Hwy. 23 Bridge at Ozark. You’ll use this one if you’re coming home from visiting the tasting rooms at Wiederkehr and Post wineries.

--- The Hwy. 27 Bridge connecting Dardanelle to Russellville. Arkansas Nuclear One is nearby for those folks who have vehicle radiation detectors.

--- The Hwy. 113 Bridge at Morrilton. My late wife lived at Morrilton and I drove across this bridge often when we were a’courting.

--- The Hwy. 60 Bridge at Conway. Sometimes people call this the Toad Suck Ferry Bridge.

--- I-430, Little Rock.

--- US. 70, downtown Little Rock.

--- I-30, Little Rock.

--- I-440 Little Rock.

--- Hwy. 79, Pine Buff.

--- Hwy. 79B (Business), Pine Bluff. I always try to go through Pine Bluff as fast as I can. And I ‘duck’ even though it’s not safe to drive that way.

--- Hwy. 165 Bridge at Pendleton. I confess that I had never heard of the town of Pendelton, Ark., before. It’s an unincorporated community in Desha County.

In addition to the vehicular bridges there are:

--- The Baring Cross railroad bridge at Little Rock.

--- The Big Dam footbridge at Little Rock. The bridge is actually owned by Pulaski County, I’m informed by the Arkansas Department of Transportation headquarters.

--- The footbridge at the President Clinton Library.

So, there really ARE ‘15 bridges’ owned by the Arkansas Department of Transportation by my count.

That number does not include the footbridges or railroad bridges. And by the way, I’ve been in a railcar over the rail bridge and I’ve hoofed it over both of the footbridges.

I thank Commissioner Haak and the courteous and helpful folks at US Corps of Engineers headquarters for providing this uplifting and vital information.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS: Sure enough. Friday afternoon a Mississippi Kite circled the neighborhood. Obviously it didn’t read my column about how they had already headed to winter quarters.

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MORE ANIMAL CRACKERS. Both of my regular readers will remember a fairly-recent column in which I mentioned seeing a small flock of dark birds with white collars as they flew past in V-formation. I finally began to think that I just imagined seeing them.

Then, Saturday, there was one such bird walking on the patio sidewalk. A little later it was perched on the fence near my bird feeder. By the time I found my phone/camera this bird was gone.

But I saw it and I described it accurately. Promise.

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AND ANOTHER THING I have learned: The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

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HE SAID: “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States of America; also U.S. Navy veteran of WWII

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SHE SAID: “Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.” Harriet Beecher Stowe, author and abolitionist

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations



By
Louie Graves

Breast Cancer Awareness Month a vital reminder

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

For many Arkansas families, breast cancer is more than a statistic. It is a diagnosis that can bring months of appointments, testing, treatment, and difficult decisions. October, recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is an opportunity to support those facing the disease while also highlighting the importance of early detection and access to quality care.

During the 2025 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed several measures aimed at reducing barriers to breast cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and reconstruction.

Act 268 eliminates out-of-pocket costs women can face when getting checked for breast cancer. It strengthened protections for mammograms and breast ultrasounds and made clear that those protections still apply when a patient

needs more than one test or has to come back on a different day. The law also addresses costs for follow-up testing when something concerning is found.

Act 553 helps ensure that cost doesn’t stand in the way when women need additional breast cancer testing. It prohibits patients from being charged certain out-of-pocket costs for covered screening, diagnostic and supplemental breast exams. That includes additional testing that may be recommended for women at higher risk of breast cancer, such as those with dense breast tissue or a personal or family history of the disease.

Act 424 ensures that medically necessary breast reconstruction surgeries are covered under health benefit plans. It also strengthens protections concerning treatment decisions, reimbursement, and prior authorization.

Act 561 expands coverage for certain mastectomy-related procedures, including artificial or biological mesh used to support tissue and nerve grafts.

These procedures can help preserve or restore nerve function following surgery.

Together, these measures address several stages of breast cancer care from screening and early detection to diagnosis, treatment, and reconstruction.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an important reminder to schedule recommended screenings, understand your individual risk factors, and encourage the women in your life to do the same. Awareness matters, but access matters too.

By reducing financial barriers and expanding coverage, we can help more Arkansans get the care they need when they need it.

Legislative Joint Audit Committee part of state transparency, accountability

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

The Legislative Joint Auditing Committee has been a fixture of Arkansas government since 1953, when the General Assembly created it to strengthen financial oversight across state and local agencies. Over the decades, it has become one of the Legislature’s most important accountability tools, offering lawmakers a clear view into how public money is spent and whether agencies are following the law. Its work supports the General Assembly’s constitutional responsibility to monitor government operations and safeguard taxpayer dollars.

At the center of the Committee’s mission is Arkansas Legislative Audit, the division responsible for producing more than a thousand financial audits, performance reviews, compliance checks, and special reports each year. These reports cover everything from state agencies and school districts to counties, cities, and other public entities. When auditors uncover unauthorized spending, missing funds, or unaccounted-for property, the Committee refers those findings to the appropriate prosecuting attorney, ensuring that potential wrongdoing receives further scrutiny.

The Committee meets monthly, typically on the second Friday

and the preceding Thursday, to review the latest audits prepared by Legislative Audit and private certified public accountants. These meetings give lawmakers a chance to question auditors, examine financial practices, and determine whether additional action is needed. The Committee’s independence from the executive branch is a defining feature, allowing it to evaluate government operations without political pressure from the agencies it oversees.

Membership on the Committee includes 36 regular legislators, consisting of 16 senators and 20 representatives, along with up to eight ex-officio members. These ex-officio positions include some of the Legislature’s top leaders, such as the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as well as past Committee co-chairmen and leaders of the Legislative Council. Their involvement underscores the importance of the Committee’s work and the weight its findings carry within the Capitol.

To manage the volume and variety of reports, members are assigned to several standing subcommittees. These groups focus on specific areas of government, including state agencies, educational institutions, counties and municipalities, Medicaid, and the

Executive Committee. Each subcommittee reviews audits within its jurisdiction, helping ensure that complex financial issues receive attention from lawmakers familiar with the subject matter.

Together, the Committee and Legislative Audit form a system of oversight that aims to keep Arkansas government transparent, accountable, and responsible in its use of public funds.

Their work continues month after month, quietly shaping the integrity of state and local operations and giving citizens confidence that their tax dollars are being watched closely.

Recently, the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and its subcommittees reviewed key investigative reports, focusing on financial accountability in Arkansas communities and institutions.

Auditors presented findings on the City of Mineral Springs, highlighting areas needing stronger oversight. Members also reviewed and discussed investigative reports regarding the Conway and Prescott School Districts.

These reports help ensure transparency and responsible stewardship of tax dollars across our cities and schools.

You can get more details and watch these meetings on demand at <https://arkleg.state.ar.us>.

Safe, supportive home for children

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

Every child deserves to grow up surrounded by people who care for them, support them and help them build a brighter future. Across Arkansas, countless individuals and families are stepping up to do just that.

I was proud to recognize Tiffany Wright as my 2026 Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) Angels in Adoption honoree. Through her work with the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) at the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Tiffany has dedicated herself to protecting children, supporting families and helping ensure young Arkansans can thrive. Her service reflects the commitment of so many who make a difference in the lives of children across The Natural State every day.

While we celebrate Tiffany’s contributions, her recognition also serves as a reminder of the continued need to support children and families in Arkansas’s foster care and adoption systems.

The CALL, a nonprofit serving foster and adoptive parents, reports that 3,387 children were in foster care in Arkansas as of January 2026. Behind that number are the unique stories, hopes and dreams of kids who deserve the chance to reach their full potential.

Foster care offers a temporary, safe environment as efforts are made to address the circumstances

that led to a child’s placement. Whenever it is safe and possible, the goal is family reunification. When returning home becomes inadvisable, adoption and other permanent arrangements help provide stability. Each child’s circumstances are different, but their need for a safe and supportive home remains the same.

Meeting that need takes a network of dedicated people and organizations working together.

Foster parents open their homes to children during uncertain times. Adoptive families make a lifelong commitment to loving and caring for a child. Caseworkers help navigate complex and often difficult circumstances, while nonprofit organizations, churches, volunteers and community members help families access resources and encouragement along the way.

Project Zero, another Arkansas advocacy group, works alongside state partners to connect children awaiting adoption with permanent families. Through the Arkansas Heart Gallery, professional photographs and videos help introduce these kids and parents. In 2023, 163 children were matched with permanent families through its partnership with DCFS.

Enlisting and then supporting foster and adoptive families is equally important. Every Child Arkansas brings together organizations to recruit and serve foster parents throughout the state. Its

initiatives equip families with the resources they need to care for children in their homes.

But supporting foster kids does not always require opening your home.

Organizations such as The CALL promote practical ways to serve. Providing meals, donating clothes and necessities, volunteering or helping meet a child’s everyday needs can make a meaningful difference. Even small acts of kindness can help families better adjust and remind children that their communities care about them.

As Arkansans, we take pride in looking out for our neighbors and stepping up when someone needs a helping hand.

Few responsibilities are more important than ensuring our children grow up safe, supported and loved.

Through my work with CCAI, I look forward to strengthening more families and improving outcomes for children while acknowledging the entire network actively engaged on their behalf.

The work of Tiffany and so many others reminds us that making a difference does not always require a grand gesture. It begins with a willingness to serve, seeing the need and contributing however you can to meet it.

Together, we will grow this movement and build a stronger future for Arkansas children and families.

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

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job. Fountain Lake was trying to find some way to slow us down, and our O-line stepped up.”

Quarterback Jefferson “did an outstanding job throwing the football,” completing 19 of 27 passes for 226 yards and three touchdowns.

Perrin played both ways against the Cobras and “handled that well. He ran hard, and he had some big receptions,” including a touchdown catch.

Gauge Applegate had “an outstanding night. He played with very good effort.”

The Scrappers had “multiple options to get the ball to,” Chesshir said. “A lot of guys touched the ball,” including Hopson, Perrin, Applegate, Kishon Jefferson, Jailyn Staggers, Zavion Vaughn, Bo Dean and MJ Jefferson.

On defense, “Take away the first quarter, and we played dominating defensive football,” Chesshir said.

“In the first quarter, our safeties were a little conser-

vative. That’s my fault for probably overcoaching that. Fountain Lake made some big third and fourth down conversions” in the early going. “We were creating too much of a cushion. We were giving their inside receivers an eight-yard cushion. We talked about that at half-time, and in the second half we were more aggressive,” Chesshir said.

Fountain Lake put up 21 points in the first quarter. “After that, they didn’t score again. We’ve got to put emphasis on coming out early and being more aggressive.

Overall, “Our last five games have been against five tough opponents. Obviously, I’m excited to be where we are, but we can’t be content. We want to get better” every week, Chesshir said.

Offensive stats

Jefferson accounted for 249 yards, including 226 passing and 23 rushing.

Hopson had 192 total yards. He ran the ball 17 times for 177 yards and four touchdowns and caught one pass for 15 yards and a TD.

Perrin had seven carries for 12 yards and caught two passes for 41 yards and a touchdown.

Applegate had eight receptions for 78 yards and a touchdown.

Other Scrapper receivers were Kishon Jefferson, Staggers, Vaughn, Dean and MJ Jefferson.

Defensive stats

Moody led Nashville with 11 tackles. He also had one interception.

Dean made eight tackles, recovered a fumble and had a pass break-up.

Canady had eight tackles and an interception.

Jacob Teague had five tackles.

Staggers made five tackles and recorded two sacks.

Malik Gilliam had four tackles.

Perrin made two tackles and had an interception.

Northcross added two tackles, an interception and a pass break-up.

Kishon Jefferson and Kiron Jefferson each made two tackles and had a tackle for a loss.

Skyler Ramsire and MJ Jefferson had two tackles each.

Fouke

The Fouke Panthers will visit Nashville Friday night for Scrapper Homecoming.

Queen Amiyah Pryor and her court will be introduced

during ceremonies at 2 p.m. Friday in Scrapper Arena.

The Homecoming royalty will be presented before the game against Fouke, starting around 6:15 p.m.

“Homecoming Week is not a distraction,” Chesshir said. “My philosophy is to let the kids have some fun. They take care of business at practice and enjoy the other activities. After the ceremony [Friday], they come to the locker room and it’s all business. I know our kids will handle it the right way.”

The players “will keep the end goal in mind. It’s not about Arkadelphia. It’s not about Fountain Lake. It’s about us. That’s the same approach every week. We want to get ready for a deep run in the playoffs,” Chesshir said.

Fouke was moved up to Class 4A from 3A.

The Panthers “are very multiple on offense. They give defenses a fit because of their formations,” Chesshir said.

Fouke “played Arkadelphia close” last week, according to Chesshir. Arkadelphia was ahead 28-19 in the fourth quarter but scored three touchdowns in six minutes to pull away.

The Scrappers will be



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Queen Amiyah Pryor and Maid of Honor Kinley Martin are reigning over Homecoming Week activities at Nashville High School. Nashville will play Fouke Friday night.

without one player who received a two-game suspension after being ejected at Fountain Lake.

“There was an altercation in the game,” Chesshir said. “Our kid was ejected. He knows he was wrong

for what he did. We own it and move forward. It’s out of our control. We want to continue to develop kids into high character young men. We want to be a better team on Friday. We can’t live in the past.”



News-Leader photos/DON HALL

Surrounded by roses, Jaree Hall of Nashville at the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden in Tyler, Texas. The 93rd annual Texas Rose Festival will be held Oct. 15-18.

The 50,000-square foot W.T. Brookshire Conference Center in Tyler is named for W.T. Brookshire, whose grocery empire helped pay for it.



Roses

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shipped out of Tyler in thousands of railcars.

You don’t see as many roses being grown around Tyler today, but they’re still big business.

Current estimates show Tyler still produces from one third to one half of all the rose bushes grown in the United States.

That’s a lot of roses. But there’s still more to the story.

In 1938 the New Deal WPA (the same WPA that built our post office in 1937 and had a New Jersey artist paint the lobby mural) sent Laura and Henry Thompson, recent grads of Ivy League Cornell University in New York, to Tyler to design and build a huge rose garden.

Planting and construction began in 1939, but with the

interruption of World War II, work was slowed.

Finally, in 1952, the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden was completed.

As you drive from downtown Tyler over the uneven rust-colored brick streets that pass through the beautiful, well-preserved old Depression-era neighborhoods, you’ll come upon a modern 50,000 square foot conference center named for W.T. Brookshire, whose grocery empire helped pay for it.

To the side of the W.T. Brookshire Conference Center is the historic Mayfair Building, where music legends played and where new legends are still being born.

Next door is the Tyler Civic Theater, which has performances and educational activities year-round, and across the street there’s the Earl Campbell Football Field and the Mike Carter Baseball Stadium. But the real star is the rose garden.

At 14 acres, the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden is home to more than 38,000 rose plants of more than 600 cultivars. It’s the largest rose garden in the United States, and it’s open year-round from sunrise to sunset. There’s no admission fee, there’s free parking, and it hosts more than 200,000 visitors each year.

For those who are fans of roses and parades, you don’t have to wait for Jan. 1 in Pasadena, Calif. The 93rd Annual Texas Rose Festival is Oct. 15-18 and there’s a half-mile parade on Saturday morning, starting near downtown, that ends at the Rose Garden.

If you have a little time on your hands and you’re willing to burn a little gasoline, there are lots of places within a relatively short distance of Nashville that are worth visiting.

Enjoy where God has let you live, plan a day trip, and see if you can hear some roses from Tyler calling your name.

Truck

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restored firetruck, guests enjoyed hotdogs, homemade ice cream, 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 and were recognized by Freddie Horne at the beginning of the program..

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (OR OTHER MEASURE) REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 95th General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 3, 2026, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 2. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2025 Session by Senator J. Payton and filed as SJR 11.

ISSUE NO. 2
Popular Name
A Constitutional Amendment to Amend Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 5, to Protect the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

Ballot Title
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS FOR THEIR COMMON DEFENSE, FOR LAWFUL HUNTING AND RECREATIONAL USE, AND FOR ANY OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSE; PRO-

VIDING THAT THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS INCLUDES WITHOUT LIMITATION THE POSSESSION AND USE OF AMMUNITION, FIREARM ACCESSORIES, AND FIREARM COMPONENTS; *AND PROVIDING THAT THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS IS A NATURAL, FUNDAMENTAL, AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHT THAT SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.*

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. INTENT OF AMENDMENT. It is the intent of this amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to protect the right to keep and bear arms guaranteed under the Arkansas Constitution.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 5, is amended to read as follows: § 5. Right to keep and bear arms.
(a) The citizens of this State shall have the right to keep and bear arms; for:
(1) their Their common defense;
(2) Lawful hunting and recreational use; and
(3) Any other lawful purpose.
(b) The right to keep and bear arms under subsection (a) of this section includes without limitation the possession and use of:
(1) Ammunition;
(2) Firearm accessories; and
(3) Firearm components.
(c) The right to keep and bear arms under subsection (a) of this section is a natural, fundamental, and individual right that shall not be infringed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment to the Arkansas Constitution is effective on and after January 1, 2027.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY 2026.


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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

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BRYAN McJUNKINS
Sheriff and Collector of Howard County

Home&Heart How to Spot Quality Clothing That Lasts

By Abby Gray
Howard County EA-Family Consumer Science

With clothing prices continuing to rise, consumers are looking for ways to get more value from every purchase. Extension specialists say learning how to identify quality garments can help shoppers build a wardrobe that lasts longer, looks better over time, and reduces the need for frequent replacement.

While many shoppers focus on brands or price tags, experts recommend paying closer attention to fabric quality, garment construction, fit, and care requirements. These factors often provide a better indication of durability than the name on the label

Start with the Fabric

According to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, quality garments begin with quality fabrics. A fabric should have the correct weight and drape for the garment design and should be suitable for its intended use. Oklahoma State University

Extension also emphasizes the importance of understanding fibers, yarns, weaves, fabric finishes, shrinkage, and fabric care when selecting clothing.

Inspect Construction Details

Washington State University Extension notes that quality construction should be inconspicuous, functional, and durable. Stitching should be smooth, secure, and uniform throughout the garment.

Consider Care Requirements

A garment’s longevity depends not only on how it is made but also on how it is maintained. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension recommends selecting garments whose care instructions fit your lifestyle.

Quality Often Means Better Long-Term Value

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension defines a high-quality garment as one that looks professionally made, fits well, holds up through wear and care, and remains attractive over time. Oklahoma State University Extension teaches

that wise clothing purchases combine quality construction, appropriate fabric selection, proper care, and thoughtful shopping habits.

Recipe of the Week
Triple Apple Muffins

Just as choosing quality clothing can help stretch your household budget, preparing nutritious foods at home is another way families can make their dollars go further. This recipe from **North Dakota State University Extension** uses apples, applesauce, and pantry staples to create a hearty breakfast or snack.

Triple Apple Muffins
Makes 12 muffins

Ingredients

- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- ½ cup plain low-fat yogurt or Greek yogurt
- ½ cup applesauce
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon cloves
- 1 cup chopped apples
- 1 cup shredded apples

Directions

Preheat oven to 375°F and grease a 12-cup muffin pan. Cream together butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs and mix well. Stir in yogurt and applesauce. Add flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and spices. Mix until combined. Fold in chopped and shredded apples. Divide batter evenly among muffin cups. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from the pan.



GOLDEN GATHERING ENTERTAINMENT. The big crowd at last week’s Golden Gathering at the Nashville City Park were treated to the vocal stylings of Shawnirika Thurman (at left) and Elvis impersonator Josh Davis, who played his fifth straight Golden Gathering.

MCCD taking orders for nut, candy sale

The Mine Creek Conservation District is now taking orders for shelled pecans, as well as homemade fudge, raw shelled peanuts and other nutty goodies. All proceeds raised will go to support the district’s scholarship fund.

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... in the oceans and in outer space.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle.

500 Years of Change!

For many years people have talked about – and *argued* about – the impact of explorer Christopher Columbus' landing in the Americas. Many people view his journeys as opening up an exciting "New World." But, others point out that the lands Columbus found had many people already – with their own ways of life – and see his coming to these lands as destructive. In the end, we all can agree that Columbus' voyages to the Americas beginning in 1492 set in motion a period of massive change that continues today – over 500 years later!

New World to the Old World

The items in this puzzle were brought *from* the Americas to other countries. **Study the clues (below) to fill in the puzzle:**

1. chocolate bean
2. gold
3. cacao
4. squash
5. tomatoes
6. pumpkins
7. peanuts
8. potatoes
9. sugar

Old World to the New World

The items in this puzzle were brought to the Americas *from* other countries. **Study the clues below. Use the words to the left to fill in the puzzle:**

1. sugarcane
2. bananas
3. horses
4. cattle
5. coffee
6. sheep
7. wheat
8. pigs
9. bean for hot drink, from Asia first
10. used for meat, hides

East to West - West to East

After Christopher Columbus made several trips between Europe and the Americas, changes began to take place in the lives of people on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The voyage sped up the exchange of people, culture, maps and writings, which spread new ideas and knowledge across the world.

Which parts of people's lives were affected by the exchanges or changes listed below? Match them:

1. food and animals

2. farming sugarcane, roping cattle

3. Native American words + Spanish words

4. missionaries, prayers, spiritual treasures

5. disease, medicines

A. health

B. religion

C. language

D. work

E. diet

Beans have been exchanged all over the world!

People fall for us!

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"Sail" the ship (#1) to Europe. Then, "sail" the ship (#2) back to the Americas (it's O.K. to cross ship paths).

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Pike County murder case effectively dismissed Monday

The murder case against a Pike County man will not go to trial and was effectively dismissed Monday, as an order of “nolo prosequi” was issued by the prosecution.

“Nolo prosequi” is a Latin phrase, more commonly known as “nolle prosequi,” means the prosecution no longer wants to pursue the charges against the defendant but does leave the door open to refile the charge if other evidence comes to light.

As of Tuesday morning, the order had not been issued to the Pike County Circuit Clerk’s office.

Gage King, 24, of Murfreesboro, was charged with the second-degree murder of Daniel Cain Lamb, 44, on June 18, 2025. He was scheduled for pretrial Monday, Oct. 5 with an Oct. 22 jury trial date. King had pleaded not guilty to the charge last year.

According to case information, a special agent with the Arkansas State Police Criminal Investigation Division was notified of a shooting on June 18, 2025 that occurred at 220 Pike City Road. The agent first arrived at approximately 12:46 a.m. at the intersection of Pike City Road and Highway 26 where he observed paramedics and officers with the Pike County Sheriff’s Department also at the intersection. He was informed that Lamb had allegedly been shot in the chest by King at 220 Pike City Road. Lamb was ultimately pronounced dead at the scene.

Lamb had apparently gotten to the intersection in a vehicle driven by Melissa Campbell, 53, of Delight, who reported she had driven to the intersection to meet first responders following the shooting. Officers then went to the Pike City home and took King into custody.

Campbell told investigators that she and Lamb went to the home to confront King regarding a prior incident. She said King came out holding a gun and Lamb got out and started to approach King when he fired a round from a .22 caliber rifle. Lamb was able to get back into the vehicle.

Campbell said King pointed the gun at her vehicle so she drove forward and struck King with the vehicle before fleeing the residence.

King later told the ASP agent that Campbell and Lamb had come to the home and made threats towards him. He said he went inside and retrieved the rifle and that when Lamb began approaching he told him multiple times to stop before he fired the shot.

Five Sentenced Monday

Allen Lingley, 53, of Newport News, V.A., pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance (prescription pills), and was sentenced to three years of probation and fined \$1,500 plus court costs.

Tristan Hampton, 30, of Kirby, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and was sentenced to three years of probation and fined \$2,500 plus court costs.

Daniel Cruz, 20, of Glenwood, pleaded guilty to residential burglary and two counts of theft of property, and was sentenced to 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) with five years suspended.

Andrew Blake Howell, 31, of Delight, pleaded “true” to violating the terms of his probation and guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, and was sentenced to six years in the ADC with two years suspended.

Shane Alan Brown, 46, of Texarkana, pleaded “true” to violating the terms of his probation, and was sentenced to five years in the ADC.

Tiebreaker needed to determine football contest

Mild upsets for Mineral Springs against Junction City, and Missouri over Florida helped shape last week’s Nashville News-Leader football contest outcome. The tiebreaker was needed to determine that Ed Henson of Mineral Springs was the winner of a gift certificate at Starz Family Restaurant.



WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER. A ribbon-cutting was held last week for Alley Cat’s Treasure Chest and owner Charlotte Withers (holding bow) as the business joins the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. In attendance were (from left) NCC board member Kristin Stavely, Withers, her mother Linda Jones and NCC board members Dena Tollette and Jim Pinson. The business is located at 110 N. Main.

Pike County District Court			
Sept. 15, 2026			
BF=Bond Forfeited			
Pike County			
Brewer, Barbara Ann, 56, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315			
Hanks, Jason Lee, 34, Amity, \$140 BF, no driver’s license			
City of Murfreesboro			
Esparza, Robert o Jr., 33, Caldwell, Idaho, \$155 BF, speeding; \$225 BF, failure to appear			
City of Glenwood			
McCoy, Betsy, 77, Eagletown, Okla., \$160 BF, speeding			
Meurer, Ashley N., 40, Cookeville, Tenn., guilty of failure to register within 30			
days, fined \$165			
Bench Trials			
Pike County			
Brewer, Chandler Steven, 27, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$95			
Green, Kristi Renee, 44, Queen City, Texas, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course			
Kosters, Will N., 30, Murfreesboro, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$530 and sentenced to six days in jail; guilty of violation of order of protection, fined \$705			
Rogers, Linsey, 46, Goose Creek, S.C., guilty of driving			
with suspended license, fined \$110			
City of Murfreesboro			
Minutaa, Tarekegn Berkit, 36, Richardson, Texas, careless prohibited driving, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss, fined \$160			
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission			
Elmore, James R., 37, Cocoa, Fla., guilty of hunting from roads prohibited in WMAs, fined \$385			
City of Glenwood			
Cogburn, Shawn A., 37, Norman, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360 and sentenced to 10 days in jail-suspended conditions			

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THE OPPRESSOR FROM MIDIAN!
TRADITIONALLY, THE MIDIANITES WERE ENEMIES OF THE ISRAELITES, ALTHOUGH THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF MOSES WAS, HIMSELF, A MIDIANITE (EX.3:1)! BAD FEELINGS PROBABLY EXISTED FROM THE TIME WHEN MIDIAN, A SON OF ABRAHAM BY KETURAH AND THE PROGENITOR OF THE FUTURE TRIBE OF MIDIAN, WAS SENT AWAY WITH GIFTS INTO THE WILDERNESS, TO TEND FOR HIMSELF (GEN. 25:1-6). THEN AGAIN, IT WAS MIDIANITE MERCHANTS WHO WERE WITH A CARAVAN OF ISHMAELITES, COMING FROM GILEAD, WHO BOUGHT JOSEPH FROM HIS BROTHERS AND CARRIED HIM TO EGYPT WHERE HE WAS SOLD INTO SLAVERY (GEN. 37:25, 28, 36). IT WAS THE MIDIANITES JOINED WITH THE MOABITES, WHO HIRED BALAAM TO CURSE ISRAEL AND SEDUCE THE PEOPLE INTO IDOLATRY AND LICENTIOUSNESS (NUM. 22:4, 6; CH. 25). CONSEQUENTLY, THE ISRAELITES WERE DIRECTED TO MAKE WAR ON THEM, KILLING THEIR FIVE KINGS (NUM. 31) AND SO, BY THE TIME OF THE PERIOD OF JUDGES, AS WAS STATED ABOVE, THEY HAD BECOME TRADITIONAL ENEMIES! AT THIS TIME, THE MIDIANITES, NOW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMALEKITES ENTERED CANAAN, WITH ALL THEIR CATTLE AND TENTS AND ALL THEIR OTHER WORLDLY POSSESSIONS, MUCH LIKE A SWARM OF INVADING LOCUSTS, AND WITH THEIR MULTITUDES, PROCEEDED EVERYWHERE TO APPROPRIATE THE BEST GRAZING FOR THEIR HERDS, THE BEST CROPS FOR THEIR PEOPLE, TO THE EXTENT OF REDUCING TO THE GREATEST DISTRESS THE PEOPLE WHO HAD ACTUALLY SOWN THE CROPS AND TILLED THE SOIL AND TENDED THE LAND —THE ISRAELITES!! THIS OPPRESSION LASTED SEVEN YEARS, EACH YEAR BECOMING WORSE THAN THE LAST! FINALLY, GOD RAISED UP GIDEON TO DELIVER THE PEOPLE FROM THEIR FOREIGN OPPRESSORS —BUT ONLY AFTER THEY HAD SHOWN THAT THEY WERE TRULY REPENTANT FOR HAVING STRAYED AWAY FROM GOD’S WAY OF LIFE —A DECISIVE BATTLE WAS FOUGHT IN THE PLAIN OF JEZREEL, RESULTING IN COMPLETE VICTORY FOR ISRAEL AND, THE BIBLE STATES, THE LAND HAD PEACE AND REST FOR THE NEXT FORTY YEARS. (JUDGES 6-26)

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Understanding timings can help poultry growers prepare for ‘host-adapted’ avian influenza

In last four years, 212 million birds affected

By Mary Hightower
University of Arkansas
Division of Agriculture

Understanding the timing of outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza, or HPAI, can help poultry farms prepare and protect their flocks, according to economists.

Between February 2022 and April 2026, HPAI has affected 212 million birds, with more than 1,000 commercial flocks affected, according to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Jada Thompson, associate professor of agricultural economics for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture who specializes in poultry, has done extensive research on the effects of HPAI.

“When the United States poultry industry encountered the H5N2 strain of HPAI in 2014, it was mostly spread house-to-house through contaminated materials, trucks and laborers,” she said.

“This prompted sweeping changes in biosecurity culture that still exist today,” Thompson said. “These changes, along with a hot summer, helped to end the outbreak by June 2015.

“However, since the 2022 introduction of a host-adapted H5N1 virus, poultry growers in the Mississippi Flyway have faced increased disease risk, despite the wide adoption of these enhanced biosecurity measures,” she said. “This most recent outbreak has spread instead by external introduction, rather than house-to-house as in 2014.”

“‘Host-adapted’ refers to the virus’s ability to persist in wild bird populations. Where previous HPAI events ravaged both poultry and wild birds, the current H5N1 2.3.4.4b classification is less likely to kill some wild bird species,” Thompson said. “This means that waterfowl can become infected and still

survive migration, spreading the disease across the flyway.”

“Examining the geographic distribution of HPAI detections over time reveals a clear seasonal pattern that mirrors waterfowl migration,” said Matthew Marchant, whose findings are contained in the paper “Bird Flu on the Move,” published in Southern Ag Today earlier this year.

Marchant is a Ph.D. student in environmental dynamics at the University of Arkansas, working with Thompson in the department of agricultural economics and agribusiness. Thompson is a faculty member with UADA’s research arm, the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

“During the summer months, detections are sparse and concentrated in the northern reaches of the



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flyway, where birds spend the breeding season,” he said. “As fall migration begins, HPAI’s geographic footprint expands southward, spanning nearly the entire flyway from October through May.”

“Understanding seasonality affords producers a predictable window each year to prepare before peak

exposure periods arrive,” Marchant said.

“A host-adapted virus in a migratory population means recurring seasonal risk for the foreseeable future,” he said. “However, that seasonality also gives producers, researchers, and communities time to plan ahead.

“Understanding when

and where the disease is likely to appear turns an unpredictable force into a manageable calendar of preparation and vigilance,” Marchant said. “Community preparedness, which begins at the farm level, remains the most effective tool available against this disease.” Current cases are concentrated in the northern Plains states.

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(Ballot Title)
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A Constitutional Amendment to Amend Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 5, to Protect the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

(Ballot Title)
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS FOR THEIR COMMON DEFENSE, FOR LAWFUL HUNTING AND RECREATIONAL USE, AND FOR ANY OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSE; PROVIDING THAT THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS INCLUDES WITHOUT LIMITATION THE POSSESSION AND USE OF AMMUNITION, FIREARM ACCESSORIES, AND FIREARM COMPONENTS; AND PROVIDING THAT THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS IS A NATURAL, FUNDAMENTAL, AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHT THAT SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.

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Issue No. 3 (Popular Name)
A Constitutional Amendment Concerning Economic Development in the State of Arkansas; and Authorizing the General Assembly to Provide for the Creation of Economic Development Districts Within Cities, Counties, or Cooperative Areas to Promote Economic Development Within the Economic Development District.

(Ballot Title)
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS WITHIN CITIES, COUNTIES, OR COOPERATIVE AREAS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

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Issue No. 4 (Ballot Title)
Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities Financing Act of 2025.

(Ballot Question)
Shall the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission be authorized to issue general obligation bonds under the authority of the Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities Financing Act of 2025, for the financing and refinancing of the development of water, waste disposal, water pollution control, abatement and prevention, drainage, irrigation, flood control, and wetlands and aquatic resources projects to serve the citizens of the State of Arkansas, in total principal amount not to exceed five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000), with no more than one hundred sixty-five million dollars (\$165,000,000) in total principal amount of such bonds to be issued to finance and refinance the development of irrigation facilities, in series from time to time in principal amounts not to exceed, without prior approval of the General Assembly, sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) in any two-year period beginning on July 1 of each odd-numbered year, which bonds shall be secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State of Arkansas?

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Family Day @ Howard County Historical Society



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ety board member Jordan Tollett held her son John
Raymond, almost 1 year old, during her greeting to
the audience at Sunday's Family Day gathering on
W. Syperst St., Nashville. Special guests for the event
were firefighters from area departments along with
their families.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY MURAL. Patsy Young, State Rep. Dolly Henley and Judy Hockaday look over the new
mural on the wall of the Howard County Historical Society's old fire station museum on West Syperst Street. The
mural was sponsored by Tyler Tollett and family of Nashville.

Murfreesboro chamber sponsoring 'Haunted Hospital' this month

The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the new and updated "Haunted Hospital" in October.

The fan-favorite effort is held at the former Pike County Hospital in Murfreesboro, which is located at 315 East 13th Street.

The dates for the event will be on Fridays and Saturdays throughout October, including Oct. 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 and 30-31.

Admission to the event will be \$10 for those ages 10 and older, or \$5 for those younger than 10.

The haunted house will open at 6:30 p.m. nightly and through 7:30 p.m. will operate as a "kid friendly hour" in which animatronics and decorations will be set up, but no live actors.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 95th General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 3, 2026, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 1. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2025 Session by Representative Ray and filed as HJR 1018.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Short title. This amendment to the Arkansas Constitution shall be known and may be cited as "The Citizens Only Voting Amendment."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Article 3, § 1, is amended to read as follows: § 1. Qualifications of electors. (a)(1) Only a citizen of the United States meeting the qualifications of an elector under this section may vote in an election in this state. (2) A person who does not meet the qualifications of an elector under this section shall not be permitted to vote in any state or local election held in this state. (a)(b) Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, any person may vote in an election in this state who to vote in an election in this state a person shall be: (1) A citizen of the United States; (2) A resident of the State of Arkansas; (3) At least eighteen (18) years of age; and (4) Lawfully registered to vote in the election. (b)(1)(c)(1) In addition to the qualifications under subsection (a)(b) of this section, the General Assembly shall provide by law that a voter shall: (A) Present valid photographic identification before receiving a ballot to vote in person; and (B) Enclose a copy of valid photographic identification with his or her ballot when voting by absentee ballot. (2) The General Assembly shall establish by law the types of photographic

identification that a person may present to comply with subdivision (b)(1)(c)(1) of this section. (c)(d) The State of Arkansas shall issue photographic identification at no charge to an eligible voter who does not have a form of photographic identification meeting the requirements of the law enacted by the General Assembly under this section. (d)(1)(A)(c)(1)(A) A voter unable to present valid photographic identification when voting in person shall be permitted to vote a provisional ballot. (B) An absentee ballot that is not accompanied by a copy of valid photographic identification shall be considered a provisional ballot. (2) A provisional ballot under subdivision (d)(1)(c)(1) of this section shall be counted only if the voter subsequently certifies the provisional ballot in a manner provided by law. (e)(1)(f)(1) The General Assembly shall implement the provisions of this amendment by law. (2) The General Assembly may provide by law for exceptions to the requirement that a voter: (A) Present valid photographic identification before receiving a ballot to vote in person; and (B) Enclose a copy of valid photographic identification with his or her ballot when voting by absentee ballot. (f)(g) A voter meeting the requirements of this section also shall comply with all additional laws regulating elections necessary for his or her vote to be counted.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment is effective on and after January 1, 2027.

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Scrappers defeat Cobras 49-21 on wet Friday night

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Senior cheerleader Kailyn Scott passes the ball back to kids playing in the endzone before the Scrappers' game at Fountain Lake Oct. 2.



Coach Brad Chesshir leads the Scrappers onto the field after their long climb up the steps on the hillside at Fountain Lake. The Scrappers and Cobras exchanged touchdowns early before Nashville began to pull away en route to a 49-21 victory and a 5-0 record.



Scrapper fans brought their rain gear and packed the visitor side Friday night, Oct. 2, at Fountain Lake. Light rain fell early in the game.



Sophomore Emiline Petty plays the keyboard during the Scrapper band's halftime performance at the game.



Bryce Perrin heads back to the sideline after scoring a third-quarter touchdown at Fountain Lake during the Scrappers' District 7-4A win over the Cobras.



Coach Adam Greenfield confers with defenders Kiron Johnson (21) and Jailyn Staggers (0) during a timeout.

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JC DRAGON VS. MS HORNETS. Mineral Springs defenders (at left) Bryce Thomas (#55) and Shane Goodloe celebrate Thomas' tackle for a loss Friday night. The Hornet offense was led by quarterback Jamerian Staten (#21), getting a block here from Carter Steward (#5).

Hornets finish one step ahead of JC Dragons

The Mineral Springs Hornets improved to 2-0 in conference play Friday night with a hard-fought home 30-22 win over the Junction City Dragons.

Hornet Head Coach Jarrod Jackson said Friday's game carried "playoff implications" and his team responded in typical Mule Shoe fashion in "all three phases" of the game.

"Overall, I couldn't be more proud of our kids," Jackson said. "They played extremely hard for four quarters against a really good football team. They deserve all the credit for that win."

Sophomore quarterback Jamerian Staten again led the Hornet offense, hitting 9/10 passes for 72 yards and rushing 34 times for 237 yards and four touchdowns. Staten finished the night with 309 all-purpose yards. Sophomore Carter Steward also had eight carries for 21

yards and senior Keiandrian Nunally collected six passes for 71 yards to lead the Hornet receivers.

"I think we're playing really good football, offensively, right now," the coach said.

"We're finding ways to score and putting our kids in position to make plays." The Hornet defense also earned the coach's praise for playing "extremely hard and physical." Junior Roger Goodloe and Steward each had two tackles for losses and Cortney Thomas had 2.5 tackles for losses.

"We did enough, defensively, to give our offense opportunities, and that's what complementary football is all about."

The coach noted the Hornets also pulled off a successful fake punt right before halftime with a pass from Ka'Marion Vaughn to Da'Money Nolen that set up another rushing TD.

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"Those are the kinds of plays that really change the momentum of the game," Jackson said.

The Dragons had 280 yards of offense, with 125 yards on 4/13 passes including two interceptions and one interception and 155 yards on 21 rushes.

The Hornets will get back

on the road this Friday night, headed to Foreman to face the Gators, who are coming off a 44-36 win over the winless Murfreesboro Rattlers.

The 1-1/2-3 Gators' other win was over Horatio 58-14.

Foreman has dropped games to Baptist Prep (48-6), Mount Ida (46-14) and Junction City (32-13).

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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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OUTLAWS VS. BEARS. Dierks Outlaw receiver Madden Hill pulls in a finger-tip catch to set Dierks up for another score Friday night in Spring Hill. The Howard County team won the road game 46-20.



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GETTING FIRE UP. Outlaw Asa Hopper gets the crowd involved Friday night in Spring Hill.

Outlaws pick up conference victory in Spring Hill

Rattlers coming to The Holler for homecoming

The Dierks Outlaws are currently sitting atop the 3-2A standings with a 4-1 overall record after picking up a 46-20 road win over the Spring Hill Bears Friday night.

The Outlaws will stay home this week for homecoming and will host the 0-5 Murfreesboro Rattlers for the annual conference grudge match.

“Murfreesboro is a rival for us, and a good football team,” said Head Outlaw Lantz Castleman. “We’re expecting another tough battle this week.”

To say the least, but the coach said the challenge ahead is to now “prepare with the same intensity and focus we’ve shown all season and prove that we can play our best football down the stretch.”

Dierks dominated the field in Spring Hill Friday and gained a total of 418 yards of offense while their defense limited the Bears to 273 yards total.

The Outlaws utilized their proven ground game for most of the game, rushing 28 times for 252 yards, but MacLane Smith did air

it out, hitting 7/9 passes for 156 yards and two touchdowns.

Drake Thatcher led the Outlaw ground game with 12 carries for 130 yards, one TD and two two-point conversions. QB Smith was next with 11 carries for 106 yards, three TDs and one two-point conversion. Adding to the rushing total was Jason Bailey with five runs for 16 yards and a two two-point conversions.

Madden Hill pulled in 5/5 passes for 75 yards and one TD followed by Jacoby Faulkner with one catch

good for 60 yards and a TD. Maxton Green also had a catch for 31 yards and also led the Outlaw tackle chart with 11 combined stops.

“We’re proud of how our team came out and competed in our first conference game,” Castleman said. “Spring Hill is a well-coached and solid football team.

“We played with great effort and discipline from start to finish, but we know we have to continue improving and holding ourselves to the standards we’ve set for this program.”

Nathan VFD benefit Oct., 24

The Nathan Volunteer Fire Department’s annual BBQ and fundraiser is scheduled for Oct. 24 at the Nathan firehouse.

The menu will include chicken, ribs, beans, potatoes, rolls, homemade desserts and a drink for \$15 per plate with donations welcomed.

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Sealed Bids are being taken by the Mine Creek Conservation District for the purchase and removal of surplus used equipment.

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Sealed bids must be submitted in a physical envelope clearly marked on the Outside or **“SEALED - BID - SURPLUS EQUIPMENT”** to prevent accidental early opening. Seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities, and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the district. Terms of Sale Cash or Cashier’s Check. Bids will be received at the Mine Creek Conservation District Office 101 S. Washington St., Nashville, AR 71852 until 3:00 p.m., October 23, 2026. The bids will be opened and read aloud at the Mine Creek District Director’s Monthly meeting in November 2026. Late Bids or electronic bids will be rejected.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (OR OTHER MEASURE) REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
The 95th General Assembly refers the following question to a vote of the people on November 3, 2026, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 4. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this question. This question is Act 578 of the Regular 2025 Session by Senator Hester.

ISSUE NO. 4
Ballot Title
Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities Financing Act of 2025.

Ballot Question
Shall the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission be authorized to issue general obligation bonds under the

authority of the Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities Financing Act of 2025, for the financing and refinancing of the development of the water, waste disposal, water pollution control, abatement and prevention, drainage, irrigation, flood control, and wetlands and aquatic resources projects to serve the citizens of the State of Arkansas, in total principal amount not to exceed five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000), with no more than one hundred sixty-five million dollars (\$165,000,000) in total principal amount of such bonds to be issued to finance and refinance the development of irrigation facilities, in series from time to time in principal amounts not to exceed, without prior approval of the General Assembly, sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) in any two-year period beginning on July 1 of each odd-numbered year, which

bonds shall be secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State of Arkansas?

FOR Issuance of State of Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities general obligation bonds.

AGAINST Issuance of State of Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal, and Pollution Abatement Facilities general obligation bonds.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY 2026.

COLE JESTER
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

0-5 Rattlers headed to 4-1 Dierks for homecoming

The Murfreesboro Rattlers moved to 0-5 (0-2 conference) on the season following a 44-36 loss to Foreman at home last Friday night.

Murfreesboro jumped out to a 16-0 lead on a pair of touchdown passes from Kooper Caldwell -- 19 yards to Cale Humphry and 30 yards to Keith Wilkinson.

Foreman would close the gap to 16-8 with a 10 yard pass before the first quarter ended.

In the second quarter, MHS scored on a two-yard Caldwell rush to push the score to 24-8.

Before halftime Foreman scored on a 31-yard pass to close the gap to 24-16 at the break.

Foreman would come out from halftime with a pair of scores to move the game in their favor 30-24.

Cayden Ballard hauled in a 12-yard pass from Caldwell to tie the score at 30 before the end of the third quarter.

Foreman would put two scores together

in the fourth quarter to take a 44-30 lead.

Humphry would close the gap for MHS with a 4-yard run, but time ran out of the Rattlers' comeback attempt.

Caldwell was 21 / 26 in the game for 230 yards, three touchdowns and an interception, along with 11 yards rushing on 16 attempts.

Aiden "Bubba" Stinson led the team on the ground with 29 yards on eight attempts. Wilkinson caught six passes for 88 yards and a touchdown, while Jarrin Burgess had 77 yards on five receptions. Ballard added 25 yards on five catches with a TD.

Murfreesboro lost the possession battle (79-63 plays) and lagged behind in total yards 391-277.

Both teams gained 17 first downs, and the Rattlers were more efficient than the Gators on late downs -- 7-14 on third down and 2-3 on fourth down versus FHS' 4-12 on third down and 2-4 on fourth down.

Each team turned the ball over four times.

VERSUS DIERKS

The Rattlers will travel to Dierks this week to compete against the Outlaws in their newly improved "million dollar Holler" stadium.

The Outlaws are 4-1 on the season and 1-0 in conference play with a 46-20 win over Spring Hill last week.

"So, we move on to Dierks, our rivals -- if you can't get up for this game, you just don't have any character or pride. If we are 0-5 or 5-0, this is a meaningful game."

He said that would be the focus headed into the game.

"If we can beat a good Dierks team, maybe we get some confidence and start playing like it. We are not playing with confidence right now -- it's like we are playing not to lose instead of playing to win. That's not confidence."

He said it was all about what the kids wanted to do.

"There are some things the kids are going to have to buy in to if we want to turn this

around. I won't get on them, because that does us no good. As coaches we are going to be positive. We have to stay positive -- you don't beat down a team that is down. We have to start picking them up, give them some hope that there is still a chance here. And we do have a chance -- but it will be a hard road, don't get me wrong. Our backs are to the wall and what are we going to do about it? Are we going to come out and fight or are we just going to lay down? We have to show them that we [coaches] haven't given up and continue to work our butts off for those kids. But they have to understand that ultimately it's their decision."

Turley said the Outlaws were playing "really, really hard" and have a "very good" quarterback that often runs, a "very good" running back and an offensive line that blocks.

"They play pretty good defense -- I think we can throw the ball a little on them, but they play hard and I've been impressed with how they play."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: JOHNNY HARDING

31 PR-26-69

NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 314 Harding Rd, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas
Date of death: October 2, 2024

An instrument dated September 16, 2023, was on September 3, 2026, admitted to probate as the last Will of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published the October 7, 2026.

Kyle Harding & Holly Harding-Smith,
Co-Executors, by
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

JOSE RODRIQUEZ, &
DOMITILA DE LA FUENTE RODRIQUEZ,
Plaintiffs,
Vs.
31 CV-26-165

COLLETTE TAYLOR OR
ANY SPOUSE OF COLLETTE TAYLOR, &
TOSHA SWIFT MAYS, ANY HEIR OF WALTER SWIFT,
AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST
Defendants,

IN REGARD TO A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, a Petition to quiet title to lands in Howard County, Arkansas, described as follows, to wit:

The S ½ of lot 8 in Block 4 of Southwestern Real Estate and Development Company's Addition to the town of Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas

The Defendants, and any and all other persons claiming said lands or interest thereon are hereby warned to appear in this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice and answer said Petition and show cause why the title to said lands should not be quieted and confirmed as set forth by the Petitioner or be forever barred from asserting his or her interest.

WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, this 15th day of September, 2026

Angie Lewis
CIRCUIT CLERK
OF HOWARD, ARKANSAS
(AB: 14 - 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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(BD: 16)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: ROSE G CALLAWAY

31 PR-26-68

NOTICE OF PROBATE-INTESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 1479 Hwy 369 North, Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas
Date of death: July 3, 2024

Brenda Day was appointed the Administratrix of the Estate of Rose G Callaway, by order dated September 23, 2026. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published the 7th day of October, 2026.

Brenda Day, Administratrix, by
Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138
Post Office Box 813
Nashville AR 71852
(870) 845-4100 – Telephone
(AB: 16, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY (ACOP)
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HOWARD

Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the County of Howard is opening a 45-day public notice and comment period regarding proposed amendments to its Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) pursuant to federal Housing Authority Plan regulations under 24 CFR Part 903.

These comprehensive policy revisions are required to implement federal regulations under Sections 102, 103, and 104 of the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) implementation guidance and to change agency policy.

Public Inspection & Comment Period:
The public inspection and comment period begins on October 6, 2026, and concludes on November 20, 2026. Draft copies of the proposed HOTMA ACOP revisions are available for public review during regular business hours at:
Housing Authority of the County of Howard
1010 S. Pope St.
Nashville, AR 71852

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Housing Authority of the County of Howard will hold a formal Public Hearing to receive verbal and written comments from residents and community members on:
Date: Monday, November 23, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Housing Authority Administrative Office, 1010 S. Pope St., Nashville, AR 71852

Following the public hearing, the proposed ACOP revisions will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for review and formal adoption via resolution prior to issuing 30-day advance written notices to applicants and resident households.

Submission of Written Comments:
Written comments regarding the proposed ACOP amendments must be received no later than November 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM. Please direct written comments to:
Housing Authority of the County of Howard
Attn: Executive Director – ACOP Public Comments
1010 S. Pope St.
Nashville, AR 71852

(HCHA: 16, 17)

Scrappers over Cobras 49-21

News-Leader photos/JOHN R. SCHIRMER



A host of Scrapper defenders led by Bryce Perrin (7) and Blake Moody (9) close in on the Cobra ball carrier Friday night, Oct. 2, at Fountain Lake. Light rain fell during part of the game.



Byron Murillo kicks the PAT with a hold by Bay Nolte in Nashville's 49-21 road win over Fountain Lake. With the win, the Scrappers are 5-0 overall, 2-0 in District 7-4A.



Jailyn Staggers (0) tackles Fountain Lake quarterback Cooper Buss in last Friday night's win. Nashville will host Fouke this week in Scrapper Homecoming.



Blake Moody (9) makes the tackle Friday night in the Nashville road win over Fountain Lake.



Jacee Martin from Howard Memorial Hospital breaks out the rain gear.



Courtesy photo/GABI BEVILL

Scrapper senior Lucas Muncy won the recent Nashville Cross Country meet with a time of 17:44.09 over the 5K course, a school record. His previous personal best and school record came Sept. 19 with a mark of 17:56:52 at the Ouachita Baptist University meet.



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Offensive linemen open a hole for Jahce Curry (4) after he takes the handoff from Lucas Lowrey (2) in the Nashville Junior High Scrappers' District 7-4A win over Fountain Lake Oct. 1 at Scrapper Stadium. Nashville swept the junior Cobras, winning the seventh, eighth and ninth grade games.



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NJHS Principal Hannah Topor (center) joins tennis player Carson Clifton (left) and softball player Kennedy Smith in the press box at Scrapper Stadium before the junior high game with Fountain Lake. The students led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.



Gauge Applegate runs the ball after a reception.



Nashville band members present their halftime routine Friday night, Oct. 2, at Fountain Lake.



DJ Jefferson (8) awaits the snap from center Halton Howard (55).

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SPORTS LEADERS
Players of the Week as selected by
The Leader sports department

Jacoby Hopson, Nashville

Jacoby, a Scrapper junior, ran the ball 17 times for 177 yards and four touchdowns in Nashville's 49-21 win over Fountain Lake Oct. 2. He also had one pass reception for 15 yards and a TD. Hopson accounted for 192 total yards.

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