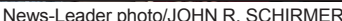


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Planning
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The public is invited.

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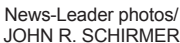
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Judge Bryan Chesshir swore in new attorney Alyssa Rather Oct. 10 at the Howard County Courthouse. Rather's mother Julie Chesshir held a Bible during the ceremony.



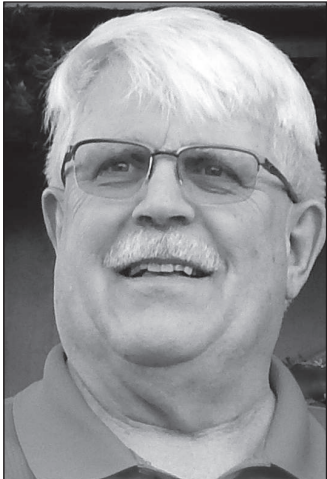
CORONATION. DJ Jefferson crowns Queen Amiyah Pryor during Homecoming ceremonies Friday afternoon, Oct. 9, at Scrapper Arena. (More pictures pages 1B and 6B)



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KiShawn Jefferson, Axel Wade, Marquez Jefferson, Trunks Hawthorne, Jailyn Staggers, DeQuincy Staggers, DJ Jefferson, Zavion Vaughn, Luke Lacie, Bryce Perrin, Jacob Teague and Carter Barker

Obituaries



James Edward 'Eddie' Cobb

James Edward "Eddie" Cobb, age 79, passed away on Oct. 7, 2026, in Hot Springs, Ark. He was born on July 16, 1947, in Nashville, Ark., and lived a life marked by devotion to family, friendship, community, and the many interests that brought him joy throughout the years.

He was the son of the late James Wilson and Evelyn Mickey Freeman Cobb. Eddie grew up in Nashville, where he formed the values and relationships that would remain central to his life. He was a proud member of the Nashville Scrappers Class of 1965 and later attended the University of Arkansas, graduating in 1971. His education and early experiences helped shape a lifetime of steady work, loyalty, and pride in his hometown roots.

Eddie spent much of his professional life working in accounting and railroad operations. He was employed by GNA Railroad as a cost accountant and freight agent, and he also worked for Tyson Foods as a cost accountant. In each role, he was known for his dependability, attention to detail, and strong work ethic. He approached his responsibilities with quiet dedication and earned the respect of those who worked alongside him.

A true sports enthusiast, Eddie was a die-hard fan who loved the Nashville Scrappers, the Arkansas Razorbacks, and the Chicago Cubs. His enthusiasm for athletics began early, as he loved playing all sports during his high school years and carried that passion with him throughout his life. He was known as the first unofficial sports reporter for the 'Nashville News,' a role that reflected both his love of sports and his gift for sharing that excitement

with others. He also served as former past president of the Nashville Jaycees, demonstrating his commitment to civic involvement and local fellowship.

Eddie was a lifelong member and golfer at the Nashville Country Club, where he enjoyed the game and the friendships that came with it. The golf course, like so many other places in his life, was a setting where he could enjoy good company, friendly competition, and the simple pleasures he treasured. He had a warm presence and a steady spirit that made him a valued friend and neighbor to many.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Luckett Cobb; three children, James Wilson and wife Sarah Cobb, Jordan Worth Cobb, and Jeffrey Watson and wife Kayla Cobb; one sister, Carolyn and husband Eddie Aslin; and five grandchildren, Henri, Carter, Noah, Ty, and Isla Cobb. He also leaves behind numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, and other family members and friends who will cherish his memory and the many ways he touched their lives.

Those who knew Eddie will remember his loyalty, his love of family, his devotion to sports, and the pride he took in his community and hometown

Visitation will be Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026, at Nashville Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m. A Memorial service will follow on Friday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church with his son, Jeffrey Cobb and Larry Teague officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Nashville Booster Club, 600 North 4th St., Nashville, AR 71852.



Dennis Dellinger

Dennis Dellinger was born Aug. 2, 1953, in Nashville, Ark. He passed away on Oct. 5, 2026, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Little Rock, Ark. He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Helen Dellinger, his grandparents, Marvin and

Evelyn Dellinger and Hugh and Gladys Cowling. He is survived by his uncle Wendell Dellinger, aunt Judy Cowling and many cousins.

Dennis was the butcher and meat market manager for grocery stores in Ashdown and De Queen Ark. He was also a delivery man.

There will be visitation on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 2-4 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home in Nashville, Ark. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11 at Restland Memorial Park in Nashville, Ark.

In lieu of flowers, honor Dennis by contributing to the following charities: Arkansas Children's Hospital or St. Jude's in Memphis, Tenn.



Patsy Jane Crafton Young

Mrs. Patsy Jane Crafton Young, age 83, a resident of Nashville, Ark., passed from this life on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026, at The Springs of Minecreek in Nashville, Ark.

She was born to Oscar Vernon and Willie Lee Edgar Crafton on Jan. 25, 1943, in Spur, Texas.

She was a homemaker. She enjoyed fishing, going on cruises, shopping, baking and giving to people.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Harold Dean Young in 1999, and her siblings, Bill Crafton, Marvin Crafton, Dale Crafton, Effie Allison, and Vera Newton.

Patsy leaves to cherish her memory: two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Christy Young and Tony and Lisa Young all of Nashville, Ark.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Phillip Young, Adam and Samantha Young, Kristen and Royce Miller all of Nashville, Jerry and Alisha Young of Bismarck, Ark.; her great-grandchildren, Sawyer Young, Lindsey Young, Mattie Miller, Noah Miller, Jade Cooper, Avery Cooper, and Jax Cooper; a sister, Betty Kilpatrick of Lubbock, Texas, nieces, nephews, other family members and a host of friends.

As per Patsy's request, there will be no services held. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Chandler Funeral Home in De Queen. You may leave an online condolence at www.chandlerfuneral.com, or you may visit Chandler Funeral Home on Facebook. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to Operation Christmas Child, c/o First Baptist Church, PO Box 339, Nashville, AR 71852.

Violet Kay Thornton

Violet Kay Thornton, 72, of Saratoga, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026.

Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 16, 4-6 p.m. at M&H Memorial Chapel, Hope. Services will be Saturday, Oct. 17, 2:30 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church, Washington. Burial will be at Harmony Cemetery, Saratoga.

Argie Mae Ward Wynn

Argie Mae Ward Wynn, 89,

She was born Feb. 5, 1937, to the late Zell and Dorothy Ward of Pike City, Ark.

She was a member of Ridgeway Baptist Church.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Ridgeway Baptist Church in Nashville with Bro. Alan Cook officiating. Burial will follow in Pike City Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Julia 'Judy' Lou Tabler

Julia "Judy" Lou Tabler, 83, of Mineral Springs died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026.

She was born May 30, 1943, in Mineral Springs, the daughter of the late Lonnie Epton McCullough and Mattie Lee Henderson McCullough.

She was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her son, Tracy Weems, and her two sisters Ann Jackson and Jo Simpkins.

Survivors include: her husband, William Wiseman Tabler; one brother, Eugene McCullough, two sisters Sherry Higginbotham and Patty Brett; also a grandchild.

Visitation will be 1-2 Friday, Oct. 9, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Mineral Springs.

Funeral services will follow with Bobby Pierce and Dewayne Parrish officiating. Burial will follow in Mineral Springs Cemetery.



AT ROTARY CLUB WEDNESDAY. Keith Teague, a 14-year-veteran enforcement officer with Arkansas Game and Fish spoke to the Nashville Rotary Club about the agency and his own public service career as an EMT with an ambulance service, in the Hope Police Dept., as a Trooper with the Arkansas State Police and in the G&FC. He is a south Howard County native and graduate of Mineral Springs High School. He said that once an applicant is accepted by the G&FC there is a six month training process.

Upsets, surprises tangle weekly grid contest

Surprises in the Mineral Springs loss to Foreman, and the Texas Longhorns' upset loss to Oklahoma, and another upset -- Kentucky in overtime beating LSU -- helped shape last week's football contest.

In fact, it was a horrible week for the pickers --- most of them only got five outcomes right. Of those, two were slightly better with six correct picks. The 'tiebreaker' determined the winner -- Mike Aylett of Nashville, whose predicted margin of the Scrapper win over Fouke was a little closer than that of T'Otis Trimble, also of Nashville. The winner gets a gift certificate from Starz Family Restaurant.

Scores of the games in the contest:

- Dierks 42, Murfreesboro 6
- Foreman 50, Mineral Springs 0
- Fountain Lake 51, Arkadelphia 28
- Hope 39, Genoa Central 20
- Missouri 27, Texas A&M 6
- Kentucky 35, LSU 34
- Georgia 20, Alabama 17
- Oklahoma 27, Texas 24
- Tennessee 24, Arkansas 17
- Nashville 48, Fouke 17

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A COMMUNITY COFFEE sponsored by LifeShare Blood Services, last Wednesday, the event was held in the Nashville Chamber of Commerce office on Main St. From left, chamber directors Susie Berruquin and Tina Carver; Kaylee Treas, account manager for LifeShare; chamber executive director Dena Floyd; and chamber board member Jim Pinson.

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EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Courtesy photo/HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Howard County Training School Basketball Team, Tollette; Coach N. R. Coulter

134 years ago: September 1892

A small meeting of the P. P. was held at Centre Point, Howard County, recently, at which it was “resolved that we cordially endorse the platform adopted by the conference of organized labor at St. Louis on February 22.”

“We, the People’s Party of Howard County, cordially endorse the platform adopted by the conference, and Arkansas farmers are asked to abandon the Democratic Party and train under the banner of the political charlatans, humbugs and petty demagogues who controlled the conference at St. Louis.”

(Adv.) A good seamstress is a household necessity. And a household necessity is the new SEAMSTRESS sewing machine.

124 years ago: September 1902

A son of Mrs. J. W. Wallace of this city was badly hurt Friday afternoon by being thrown from a horse when it ran over a cow and

fell down, throwing the boy off. His head was badly cut, and it was necessary to sew the wound up.

At Greenville, Texas, a few days since, deputy Sheriff Will Velvin was shot and killed by Jim Beckam, saloon man at Greenville. On last Thursday at Old Lewisville, Arkansas, Arthur Velvin, a brother to the man killed in Texas shot and killed a man named W. G. Smith in the latter’s field.

The two men are sons of Bob Velvin, and were reared at Shover Springs in Hempstead County, and they are cousins of Ed Velvin of near this city, Nashville.

About a dozen persons who violated the law and disturbed the peace at Baggs Springs in Franklin Township will be tried today before His Honor T. L. Jones, chief justice of Saratoga township.

80 years ago: September 1946

This summer all houses in rural malarious sections of Howard County had been

sprayed once with DDT. Then in August crews started spraying some houses a second time. Every house in the area, however, was not sprayed, according to John Goodwin, malaria control supervisor.

Many questions have been asked about this. Those who were asked \$3 to pay for the spraying feel that the price is unfair since some had their houses sprayed only once.

64 years ago: August 1962

Little League’s Most Valuable Player awards were made by Commissioner Herman Conley Last Thursday, honoring the outstanding boys on each of the six teams. The awards generally go to 12-year-old players winding up their Little League careers.

This year’s youth receiving the awards included David Porter of Mineral Springs, Billy White of Rotary, Charles Carozza of Lions, Freddie Aylett of PCA, Ronnie Jones of Bank and Terry Smith of Okay.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Thursday, Oct. 1-Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses

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

Oct. 01. Tyler Wayne Dove, 33, Nashville, and Jessica Paige Coffman, 32, Nashville.

Oct. 02. Chance Alan Gatlin, 27, Newhope, and Crystal Dawn Webb, 27, Newhope.

Oct. 02. Andrew Jacob Jacoby, 25, Umpire, and Jacy Layne White, 25, Umpire.

Oct. 02. Jose Concepcion Mancilla Mendez, 32, Hope, and Maria Josefina Luna, 27, Hope.

Oct. 02. Michael Clifford Vega, Jr., 59, Dierks, and Stacy Laney Taylor 59, Dierks.

Oct. 05. Kyle Matthew Stephens, 28, Nashville, and Aubrie Marie Lance, 30, Nashville.

Oct. 06. Derek Paul Davidson, 50, Nashville, and Tiffany Ann Funderburk, 38, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV26-199, Oct. 01. LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Robin Hinton. Debt.

CV26-200, Oct. 07. LVNV Funding, LLC vs, William Turner. Debt.

CV26-201, Oct. 07. Cherry Blossom Investments vs. Corey Cooper. Debt.

Domestic

Relations Court

No new Domestic Relations Court cases filed since DR26-96, Sept. 24.

Criminal Court

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

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

CR26-67, Oct. 2. State of Arkansas vs. Brikey Nash, 35, black male, 118 North St., Mineral Springs; 2nd degree battery, class D felony.

CR26-68, Oct. 5. State of Arkansas vs. Omar Navarre-

te, 38, Hispanic male, 1992 Mount Pleasant, Nashville; 1st degree terroristic threatening, class D.

Land Transactions

Quitclaim Deed

Oct. 06. Alisa Thornton, widow of Webster Thornton, deceased; to Shana Stinson and husband William Stinson; Lots 9-10, and part of Lot 11, Block 2, Holly Addition, Town of Dierks.

Oct. 06. Kyle Brent Turner; to Shana Turner; property in S28 T7S R28W, aka 12915 Hwy. 278N, Dierks.

Oct. 06. Lesa Pate Bell, widow of Kirk Alan Bell, deceased; to Lesa Pate Bell, Trustee of the Lesa Pate Bell Revocable Trust; properties in S28/S33 T10S R27W.

Oct. 06. Lesa Pate Bell, surviving spouse of Kirk Alan Bell, deceased; to Lesa Pate Bell, Trustee of the Lesa Page Bell Revocable Trust; properties in S20/S27/S28/S33, also property in the Town of Mineral Springs.

Oct. 07. Jasper Brown; to Performance Management Group, LLC; 0.5 ac., 955 Martin Luther King Drive, Mineral Springs. \$6,000.

Beneficiary Deed

Oct. 05. Brenda Christopher; to Gary Wilbanks and wife Kristy Wilbanks; property in S35 T8S R29W.

Oct. 06. Carolyn Busby, surviving spouse of Bruman Busby, deceased; to Tyra Hughes; 3 ac. in S10 T9S R27W.

Warranty Deed

Oct. 01. (Special) Federal Home Loan Mortgage

Corporation; to Raymond Chambers and Phileshia Chambers, husband and wife; part of Block 1, Original Townsite of Mineral Springs, aka 119 N. Pine St., Mineral Springs. \$41,250.

Oct. 01. Jerry W. Jones and Mary Jane Jones, husband and wife; to Glinda Shea Pankey; part of Lots 4 thru 9, Block 14, Summit Addition, City of Nashville. Life estate reserved.

Oct. 01. Allison Horn Insurance, PLLC; to Lockhart Tax and Consulting Services, LLC; part of Lots 1 thru 4, Block 34, Town of Nashville. \$150,000.

Oct. 01. Gwendolyn Kay Lovelis, surviving spouse of Jack Holt Lovelis, deceased; to Mary Fizer and Eddie Harris, Joint Tenants; Lots 5-6-7, Block 71, City of Nashville. \$125,000.

Oct. 01. Julie McKim; to Nelly Hinojosa Saldana and husband Luis Hinojosa Saldana; Lots 5-6, Block 1, Lay Addition, Town of Nashville. \$150,000.

Oct. 02. Dawson Hagen and wife Krystal Beayrd; to James Darren Rankin; 2.39 ac. in S16 T7S R29W. \$460,000.

Oct. 02. Andrew Jackson Davis II; to Colbey Wayne Colbey and wife Kaela Brook Colbey; 80 ac. in S5 T10S R28W. \$192,000.

Oct. 07. Shirley M. Hamilton Chalker, Trustee of the Shirley M. Hamilton Revocable Trust; to James Ladenburg; Lot 6, Block 22, Town of Nashville. \$77,500.



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Trial of former MS official delayed for more review

Some changes may be coming to the charges against a former Mineral Springs recorder/treasurer who originally faced multiple charges of theft of property and with tampering with public records.

The trial date for Denise Juniell, 59, black female, Mineral Springs, has been delayed for more discovery time to review and possibly amend the criminal affidavit.

Juniell, a former employee in the Mineral Springs Police Department and later with the city water department and the local school district, allegedly used city funds for online gambling.

A recent legislative audit report for the City of Mineral Springs which resulted in felony charges against Juniell was released on Sept. 11.

The audit concerns \$263,719 in “questionable transactions” related to the position of recorder/treasurer over a three-year period. The position was held by Juniell during that timeframe.

Juniell resigned on Nov. 5, 2025 before being charged Nov. 17 with felony theft and tampering with a public record. She is set for trial in Howard County on Oct. 20.

The audit, for the period Jan. 1, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2025, noted “noncompliance with state law and accepted accounting practices” in the offices of mayor and recorder/treasurer with Robby Tullis listed as mayor.

The audit results included improper credit card transactions in the recorder/treasurer office totaling \$190,855 with “improper transactions” totaling \$174,309.

They include \$92,040 for online gambling; \$36,946 for

personal purchases ranging from groceries to fuel and online shopping; \$25,888 without proper documentation; therefore, the validity of these expenses could not be determined; \$7,450 for expenses that appear to be for a legitimate business purpose but lacked supporting documentation; \$6,832 for undocumented travel; \$2,716 for fuel for personal vehicle; and \$2,347 in unallowable expenses.

The audit noted that five credit card statements were altered to reflect differing transactions, amounts purchased and statement recaps.

The audit’s review of “non-payroll” disbursements to Juniell revealed improper payments totaling \$55,931, including \$19,189 in undocumented travel reimbursements and \$10,208 in duplicate reimbursements that were submitted twice for payment or paid from the city funds and also submitted for reimbursement.

The review of “payroll” improper disbursements found a total of \$33,479, including \$9,300 in loans to Juniell, who was allowed to repay the city through subsequent payroll deductions, in conflict with state law which prohibits cities from loaning their credit to an individual. “Of the total loan amount, \$7,300 remain outstanding at Dec. 31, 2025.”

The audit further noted that for the year ending Dec. 31, 2025, the city made loans to employees totaling \$11,350 with outstanding loans totaling \$3,100.

In a test of non-payroll disbursements, the audit revealed that of 25 tested, none were approved; \$5,741,

including a \$250 bonus, was paid to the spouse of the Mayor Pro Tem (Vera Marks) for contract labor without authorization; and \$998 was expended for seven pairs of men’s boots with a documented business purpose.

Pretrial motions are now set for Jan. 13, 2027.

Sentences pronounced

Three defendants pleaded guilty and received sentences Wednesday, Oct. 7, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County.

--- Caden Collins, 18, black male, Mineral Springs, pleaded guilty to felony charges of commercial burglary and theft by receiving. A charge of handgun possession on school property was “nolle prossed,” or not pursued, by the prosecution.

--- Dustin Scott, 31, white male, Little Rock, pleaded guilty to felony theft of property and a misdemeanor of criminal trespass. He was sentenced to 180 days in a regional punishment facility; a fine of \$500; and five years probation.

--- Avonte Gilliam, 19, black male, Nashville, was charged with theft by receiving. He was sentenced to six years suspended imposition of sentence and a fine of \$2,500.

The scheduled bench trial was waived, and a jury trial was set for Oct. 26 for Holly Watts, 34, white female, Nashville, who is facing multiple drug-related felony and misdemeanor charges.

A pretrial motions date of Dec. 2 was set for Brikey Kirary Nash, 35, black male, Mineral Springs, who is charged with second degree battery.

On the bench Wednesday was Judge Bryan Chesshir.



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Point of view

2026 voter’s guide

Also, community loses a golden character

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and my sincere thanks to the UA Extension Service for publishing the ‘2026 Voter Guide’ which helps make ballot things clear. The Extension does this every election.

There are copies of this helpful guide available in the courthouse.

The actual whole ballot issues were published in the newspaper in their entirety and without any comment as required by law.

Our 2026 General Election ballot will have four issues. Here they are, along with my comments:

(1) Issue No. 1. An Arkansas Constitutional amendment defining who is eligible to vote. Sounds good, but the US Constitution already says you must be a US Citizen, and a resident of Arkansas, and be at least 18, and be lawfully registered. Frankly, our Arkansas election officials do a good job, so where’s the need? We’ve not had voting controversies, so I’m opposed to tinkering with what seems to work.

(2) Issue No. 2. Another Arkansas Constitutional Amendment, guaranteeing Arkansans the right to keep and bear arms. Again, that right is already protected by the US Constitution AND by law in Arkansas, so where’s the need? There’s no threat to confiscate guns except in someone’s imagination. I’m a gun owner and I’m opposed to needless laws.

(3) Issue No. 3. An Arkansas Constitutional Amendment about economic development. I am for anything that will help Arkansas (and our communities) develop jobs and housing, but the problem is that the rules to make this happen by virtue of this issue haven’t been written yet, so there’s room for shennannigans. I’m opposed.

(4) Issue No. 4. This would allow our state to issue up to \$500 million in bonds to pay for local water, waste and pollution projects. The issue limits amounts the state can give out during time periods. Our area has already benefitted from such bonds. Normally I’m suspicious of anything referred by the Arkansas General Assembly, but I’ll support this one.

Please get out and vote.
And let me add my thanks to the folks who have entered political races. It’s how America works.

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OUR COMMUNITY LOST a solid gold character last week when Eddie Cobb died.

Many stories. Some true.
He was the son of a beloved schoolteacher and a WWII Prisoner of War.

Seems like I always knew Eddie. He was the high school classmate of one of my younger brothers. He used to tell stories about spending the night in the boys dorm at our house. One night a pillow fight brought Dad upstairs with his Marine Corps belt.

Next morning Dad was surprised to see Eddie, who asked. “Don’t you remember whooping me with that belt last night?”
Many stories. Some true.

I ran across him again when I got out of the Navy and enrolled at UA Fayetteville.

In fact, Eddie and I eventually became roommates in a house that was condemned by the City of Fayetteville.

Our closest neighbor was a horse. Many stories.
We graduated and returned to our hometown.

He was a priceless member of the Nashville Jaycees, an organization which sought to develop the individual human being and contribute community service. It was in this organization that he met a certain Jaycee-ette from Texarkana named Denise.
Nashville’s legendary Poultry Festivals wouldn’t have been possible without his financial skills.

He was a volunteer as a ‘spotter’ in the Scrapper pressbox for maybe three decades. A volunteer also for the track program. Our schools especially place great value upon volunteers.
Before joining Tyson he worked at Mountaire and at the GN&A Railroad. The superintendent of the railroad once told me that bigtime rail companies kept trying to lure Eddie away from Nashville because of his skills. He wouldn’t go.

For a time he wrote a weekly football column for “The Nashville News” and he continued to be a volunteer sports contributor to “The Leader” and to the “Nashville News-Leader” up to and including last week’s newspaper. What will we do now?
I hope his NHS classmates continue to reunite for UA baseball and football games. That will help keep Eddie Cobb stories told and retold. Like how he holds the record for a minus-yardage punt in a Scrapper football game played in a howling gale. There are others. Some are tall tales. Some are true.

Peace to his family and thanks to the Almighty for putting such persons among us.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: DUST --- Mud with the juice squeezed out.

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HE SAID: “If you wish to be a success in the world, promise everything, deliver nothing.” Napoleon Bonaparte, emperor

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SHE SAID: “Don’t look for big things, just do small things with great love The smaller the thing, the greater must be our love.” Mother Teresa, nun and activist

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations



By
Louie Graves

Budget planning underway at state Capitol

By State Rep. Dolly Henley

Although the 2027 Regular Session is still several months away, much of the work that shapes the state’s budget is already underway.

This week, Arkansas lawmakers began Pre-Session Budget Hearings, an important part of preparing for the legislative session that begins January 11.

These hearings give legislators an opportunity to examine state agency funding requests, ask questions about spending priorities, and evaluate how taxpayer dollars are being used.

Hearings began Tuesday with the Department of Labor and Licensing and continued with requests from several boards and commissions.

The hearings will continue through October.

Members expect to review the balanced budget proposal from the

Governor on November 6.

Another important step in the budget process took place Monday when the House and Senate Education Committees advanced recommendations from the state’s Adequacy Study.

This study helps determine the resources needed to provide Arkansas students with an adequate education.

Its recommendations play an important role in developing public school funding legislation and the overall state budget.

The committees recommended increasing foundation funding from the current \$8,037 per student to \$8,239 for the 2027–2028 school year, a 2.51% increase. They also recommended increasing funding to \$8,431 per student the following year.

Additional recommendations include increased funding for

programs serving students with specific educational needs, including dyslexia intervention services. These recommendations are not final. They will be considered as lawmakers develop legislation for the upcoming session.

Another factor in the budget process is the state’s revenue outlook.

The latest report shows net available general revenue totaled \$1.91 billion during the first three months of the fiscal year. That’s \$147.3 million, or 8.4%, above the same period last year and \$104.5 million above forecast.

The decisions made during the legislative session begin with the work taking place now. Through these hearings and committee meetings, we are laying the groundwork for a responsible state budget that reflects Arkansas’s priorities.

Arkansas Legislative Council helps ensure government runs smoothly

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey

The Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC), one of the most influential bodies in state government, has quietly shaped Arkansas policy for more than 75 years.

Established in 1949, the council serves as the General Assembly’s powerful interim committee, coordinating legislative work, overseeing executive branch operations, and supervising the Bureau of Legislative Research whenever the full legislature is out of session.

Created under Act 264 of 1949, the council was designed to gather information for future laws and to keep the machinery of state government running between legislative sessions. Today, it functions as the legislature’s organizing and oversight hub. It manages studies, monitors executive actions, and guides the work of dozens of interim committees.

The council is composed of 36 regular members, 20 from the House and 16 from the Senate, along with 24 ex-officio voting members and five non-voting 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 helps the broader legislative body stay connected to the committee’s work and allows the committee to utilize the ex-officio members’ particular areas of expertise. Experienced leaders can be a part of critical debates.

In recent meetings, the ALC considered the following items, among others:

Reviewed a report that called for the state to consolidate its workforce and welfare programs into the oversight of one state agency.

Approved a request to bolster the state’s Medicaid by \$200 million in one-time state funds. This patched a deficit in Medicaid following a sudden \$400 million spike in insurance claims. The legislature is coordinating with Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders’ administration to secure a two-year extension for alternative healthcare structuring under what is now the ARHOME Medicaid program.

The state recently received information from the federal government that the program will be rejected under new stricter budget neutrality rules under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Released \$70 million in reserve

funds for Educational Freedom Accounts. Lawmakers had set aside the one-time funds in this year’s fiscal session.

Advanced a nearly \$150 million, year-long extension to the Department of Correction’s contract with Wellpath LLC for inmate medical services

Discussed surveillance procedures on private property with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Gave final approval to Medicaid reimbursements for doulas and lactation consultants

Discussed data centers with representatives from Google and Entergy. Google is currently building a large data center in West Memphis and has purchased 384 acres for a potential second site at the Port of Little Rock. AVAIO, Serverfarm, and others have also announced data center projects in the state.

You can get more details of the above and watch the archived meetings at <https://arkleg.state.ar.us>.

The ALC will continue to meet this fall. The ALC Joint Budget Committee meets this month to review state agency budget requests ahead of the next legislative session, which begins January 11, 2027.

More trained professionals needed to detect dyslexia, assist students

By U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman

With early detection becoming more critical, schools across Arkansas are seeing a greater need for trained professionals who understand learning disabilities like dyslexia.

Thankfully, opportunities continue to arise to create the workforce necessary to meet this demand.

Last year, the University of Arkansas announced its partnership with the Academic Language Therapy Association and the Nelms Dyslexia Center to create a new master’s degree pathway for those looking to pursue a career in learning development.

Since then, we have seen the expansion of the university’s graduate pathway extend beyond our state’s borders, we’ve seen federal funding pumped into the state to promote research around literacy

teaching, and other initiatives pop up across the state that are focused on empowering young learners to overcome the barriers of dyslexia.

As we learn more about dyslexia, we see how early detection and intervention can make a massive difference in student success.

In 2017, the Journal of Educational Psychology published a study that followed a group of first-, second-, and third-grade students with reading disabilities who participated in a reading intervention method that had been found effective in previous research.

The study concluded that the first- and second-grade students had made larger improvements toward basic reading skills compared to the third-grade students.

And more notably, the first graders were reported to develop their reading at a faster pace long after the controlled program had

ended.

These studies proved what we now know to be true: early intervention is crucial for children who struggle to read due to a learning disability and coupled with the right tools, even just one year can make all the difference in setting them up for success.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Dyslexia Caucus, I was proud to introduce a resolution this week that recognizes October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Dyslexia impacts one in five Americans, and our educators, parents, and students need clarity and support to meet this learning disability head on. This resolution works to highlight the importance of continued advocacy and awareness around this learning disability while underscoring a commitment to fostering a more inclusive learning environment for all students.



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Khamari Canady (6) moves in to stop the Fouke ball carrier in Nashville's 48-25 conference win over the Panthers Friday night, Oct. 9. Canady had seven tackles in the game, with a tackle for a loss and a forced fumble. The Scrappers (5-0, 3-0) will travel to Ashdown Friday, Oct. 16, for another District 7-4A contest.

Fouke

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The Scrappers adjusted their practice schedule this week as the Nashville School District was on fall break Oct. 12-14.

Nashville will have back-to-back road games before returning to Scrapper Stadium later in the month.

The Scrappers will visit Ashdown Friday, Oct. 16. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

They will travel to Hope Oct. 23 for another 7 p.m. game

Nashville will face Malvern at Scrapper Stadium Oct. 30 in the Orange and Black pre-Halloween game against the Panthers.

The regular season will wrap up Nov. 6 at Genoa Central.

The Class 4A state playoffs will begin Nov. 13.



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Family members gathered at the Howard County Courthouse Saturday, Oct. 10, as Alyssa Rather (front) was sworn in as an attorney. Judge Bryan Chesshir (next to Rather) conducted the ceremony.

Attorney

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She is currently working as a trademark and advertising attorney at Haynes Boone in Dallas.

Rather thanked "all the educators and community members for pouring into me and for making me the person I am today. I am proud to call Nashville my hometown and will always consider myself a Scrapper."

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Judge Bryan Chesshir (center) swears in attorney Alyssa Rather (left) as Julie Chesshir, Rather's mom, holds a Bible.

Church to have Family, Friends Day on Oct. 25

Family and Friends Day at New Light CME Church will be Sunday, Oct. 25.

The church is located at 1217 S. Mill St., Nashville, and the pastor is Rev. Deborah Cotledge.

The event will be at 3 p.m. and will feature Rev. Gabriel Green of First Church of God in Tollette.

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Choosing the Perfect Halloween Costume

By Abby Gray
Howard County EA Family & Consumer Science

As Halloween approaches, families are preparing costumes for trick-or-treating, school parties, and community events. While finding the perfect costume is part of the fun, Extension educators and safety experts recommend considering more than just appearance. A good costume should be age-appropriate, safe, comfortable, and durable enough to be reused or handed down in future years.

Let Children Help Choose
Michigan State University Extension encourages parents to view costume selection as an opportunity for creativity and imagination. Rather than relying solely on store-bought options, children can help design or create costumes inspired by favorite books, historical figures, careers, animals, or other interests. Allowing children to participate in the decision-making process can make Halloween more meaningful and encourage creative thinking.

Extension educators also encourage families to think beyond traditional gender stereotypes when selecting costumes. Children can explore a wide variety of roles and characters based on their interests and talents rather than marketing trends.

Keep Costumes Age Appropriate
Parents often wonder how scary is too scary. Michigan State University Extension notes that children respond differently to frightening images and situations, and what feels fun for one child may feel overwhelming for another. Parents should pay attention to their child's comfort level when selecting costumes and Halloween activities.

For younger children, experts recommend focusing on imaginative and positive costume choices that encourage pretend play and creativity. Parents can help children choose costumes that match their interests while avoiding themes that may cause distress or fear.

Safety Comes First
One of the most important considerations is costume safety. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends choosing costumes that fit properly and do not drag on the ground, reducing the risk of trips and falls. Costumes that are overly large, baggy, or difficult to walk in can contribute to injuries.

Visibility is another major concern since most trick-or-treating occurs after dark. Safety organizations recommend adding reflective tape to costumes and treat bags and carrying flashlights or glow sticks to help children remain visible to motorists.

The Bottom Line
The best Halloween costumes balance fun, creativity, comfort, and safety. By choosing costumes that fit properly, reflect a child's interests, and are designed with safety in mind, families can enjoy a memorable Halloween while getting more value from their costume investment. Extension educators encourage parents to focus on imagination and thoughtful costume selection rather than simply following the latest trends.

Halloween and pumpkins go hand in hand, and pumpkins are more than decorations. Illinois Extension notes that pumpkin is rich in vitamins A and C, fiber, and other nutrients, making it a nutritious addition to fall meals and treats.

Pumpkin Bars
Ingredients
½ cup margarine, softened
½ cup packed brown

sugar
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
½ cup canned pumpkin
1 egg
1½ cups all-purpose flour
4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
1 cup frozen light whipped topping, thawed
Directions
Preheat oven to 350°F.
Grease and lightly flour a 9-inch square baking pan.
Combine margarine, brown sugar, baking soda, and pumpkin pie spice. Beat until well blended.
Add pumpkin and egg; mix well.
Stir in flour until combined.
Spread batter evenly in the prepared pan.
Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
Cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then remove and cool completely.
Beat cream cheese until smooth. Mix in half of the whipped topping, then fold in the remainder.
Spread topping over cooled bars and cut into 24 squares.
Store refrigerated for up to three days.
Servings: 24

Pumpkin Tip
If you're decorating jack-o'-lanterns this Halloween, consider saving smaller "sugar" pumpkins for cooking. North Dakota State University Extension notes that these pumpkins are less stringy and better suited for recipes than larger carving pumpkins. Roasted pumpkin seeds also make a nutritious seasonal snack.

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Kids: color stuff in!

Have you and your family been talking about the elections this year? Have you asked your parents if they belong to a political party? Political parties are made up of different groups of people who organize to point out the way they think the government should work.

Political parties choose their candidates to run for government offices. They run campaigns and ask people to vote their candidates into office. When they win, they will surely "party" to celebrate their victory!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:
1. having to do with government affairs
2. election where one candidate wins by a large majority
3. in a _____ election, parties vote for the people who will represent them in the general election
4. a person who is running for President
5. a political party's largest gathering
6. highest political office in the United States
7. group of people joining together to make government work the way they want it to
8. a political party's official stance on the issues

Elections – A Party of Parties!

9. a Presidential _____ is held every 4 years
10. Tuesday in November set aside for voting
11. planned activities to help people win an office
12. discuss or argue an issue; sides present their ideas
13. information gathered by asking voters questions
14. sitting President whom may be replaced after election
15. to register a choice in the election
16. money given by people to help their candidate win
17. problems in the world that voters worry about
18. compartment where a person votes secretly

The two major political parties in the United States are the Republican and Democratic parties. They often go "head-to-head," especially during the debates, when candidates use their heads to think and answer questions quickly! Other, smaller political parties have their own points of view and their own candidates running for office.

Can you find and circle all the words on this page that begin with the letter "p"? My favorite "p" word is 'peanuts'!

The symbol of the Republican Party is the _____.

Would you believe that I am the animal symbol for the Libertarian Party?

Head-to-Head!

Find and circle the names of these political parties: Constitution Democratic Green Libertarian Republican and the large group of people who are independents

Some voters back this horse... er... donkey!

The symbol of the Democratic Party is the _____.

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NASHVILLE MAYORAL CANDIDATES. Early voting kicks off Monday, Oct. 19 for the Nov. 3 election, which will feature a three-way race for the position of Nashville mayor. The candidates (pictured here campaigning at the recent Golden Gathering) include (from left) Mayor Larry Dunaway with wife, Glenna; Independent candidate Denise Woodruff with husband, Loyd; and Independent candidate Kelly Rhea Windham (center) with campaign helpers Brenna Lewis and Kay Smith.

UA Cossatot announces two new education pathways for OTA grads

UA Cossatot has completed two new articulation agreements that provide opportunities for graduates of its Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program to continue their education through bachelor’s and master’s degree pathways.

The agreements establish a pathway to a Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences and a Bachelor of Science pathway at the University of Cincinnati. Together, these partnerships give UA Cossatot OTA graduates additional options as they plan their next educational and professional steps.

Through the University of St. Augustine agreement, eligible graduates of UA Cossatot’s Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant program may pursue admission to the MOT program without first earning a bachelor’s degree. The agreement identifies prerequisite courses, admission requirements, and advising support to help graduates prepare for the transition.

Applicants must meet requirements that include a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, at least 84 college credit hours, required prerequisite coursework, an active OTA license, and at least one year of work experience as a licensed occupational therapy assistant. Qualified UA Cossatot applicants will receive priority consideration.

Admission remains competitive and is not guaranteed.

The agreement also maps UA Cossatot courses to the university’s prerequisites, includ-

ing anatomy and physiology, developmental psychology, medical terminology, abnormal psychology, sociology, and statistics. Both institutions will provide advising support to help students plan their coursework and navigate the application process.

The University of Cincinnati agreement establishes an additional pathway for OTA graduates to continue their studies toward a Bachelor of Science degree, expanding their options for education beyond the associate degree.

These partnerships reflect UA Cossatot’s commitment to helping students build on the education they receive at the college. By establishing pathways with university partners, UA Cossatot is helping students connect their current training with future academic goals.

Current students and graduates interested in either pathway should contact UA Cossatot’s Occupational Therapy Assistant program for information about eligibility, course planning, and next steps.

For more information about UA Cossatot and its programs, visit www.cccua.edu.

About UA Cossatot

UA Cossatot is a public two-year college in the University of Arkansas System serving Southwest Arkansas through locations in De Queen, Nashville, Ashdown, and Lockesburg. The college offers associate degrees, certificates, workforce training, and continuing education. Learn more at www.cccua.edu.

Nathan Volunteer Fire Department annual fundraiser set for 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. Dine-in and carry-out will be available.

Serving starts at 5 p.m.

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Adams, Cleo D., 44, Washington, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$360; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$300
Brown, Arthur L. Jr., 36, Washington, guilty of illegal use of ATV, fined \$195
Camacho, Jose Enrique, 31, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Chavez Castillo, Ulises E., 38, De Queen, \$220 BF, possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle
Chippis, Shania Shontel, 30, De Queen, \$15 BF, non-payment of fines
Counts, Riley R., 18, Derks, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
Hope, Charles Harvey, 48, Ashdown, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$220; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Jordan, Jerry Lee, 44, Dermott, \$229 BF, overload
Lard, Quinteisha Rashone, 41, Hope, \$280 BF, non-payment of fines; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Laughery, Adam W., 30, Amity, \$240 BF, speeding
McDowell, Demetrius L., 47, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$550 balance
Quintanilla, Evan, 32, guilty of speeding, fined \$255; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Walker, Camron T., 26, Hope, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
City of Nashville
Bean, Harold E., 55, Nashville, \$262 BF, overload
Collins, Amber L., 37, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Creer, Julius M., 41, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$2,270 balance
Damian, Jose Miguel, 26, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$977 balance; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
Espinal, Justin Ray, 28, Birmingham, Ala., \$245 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
Glenn, Marcus D., 49, McCaskill, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance
Gonzalez, Jose Juan, 42, Nashville, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$710; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Helmsderfer, Lauren, 34, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$210; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260; guilty of non-payment of fines; \$916 balance
Hostetler, Darren L., 41, Nashville, \$195 BF, failure to yield
Johnson, Darjet, 28, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
Luster, Mya S., 27, Nashville, guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195
Melson, Waylon L., 43, Delight, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
Pioquinto, Jorge A., 20, Nashville, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
Pryor, Dariyona Rachelle, 21, Nashville, guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195
Ramsire, Skyler O., 16, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license; \$195 BF, failure to yield
Riley, Charles R., 56, Ozan, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195
Sharp, James, 26, Nashville, \$195 BF, expired vehicle tags/no tags
Smith, Lynsey Jordan, 32, Nashville, guilty of unauthorized use of motor vehicle, fined \$410
Ward, Ashley D., 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines; \$705 balance
City of Mineral Springs
Blackwell, Anita Lynn, 60, Mineral Springs, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Helmsderfer, Lauren, 34, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$460; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$260
City of Toltette
Deloney, Anthony James, 32, Little Rock, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$70
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Aden, Richard D., 60, Atlanta, Texas, guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$195; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$195
McNeil, John J., 51, Benton, guilty of speeding, fined \$250
Moore, Kevin, 49, Broken Bow, Okla., guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$345; guilty of speeding, fined \$405
City of Nashville
Bailey, Wanda Michelle, 50, Nashville, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$348.57; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$285
Williams, Tavis D., 26, Nashville, speeding under advisement for six months to dismiss
Williams, Xavier, 29, theft by receiving, under advisement for six months to dismiss

Two Howard County men killed in wrecks last week

Two Howard County men were killed in recent roadway accidents, according to the Arkansas State Police.
On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Payton B. Jordan, 18, of Nashville, was killed in a crash on U.S. Highway 371 in Hempstead County.
According to the preliminary report from the ASP, Jordan was northbound on a 2024 Kawasaki motorcycle when he apparently drove left of center and collided with a southbound 2019 Wester Star tractor-trailer rig. Trooper Holly Romero was the investigating officer.
On Saturday, Oct. 3, a one-vehicle crash on Highway 355 south of Mineral Springs claimed the life of Eddie Reed, Jr., 34, of Mineral Springs.
The state police reported Reed was northbound in a 2023 Kia, apparently failed to negotiate a right curve, left the roadway, and struck a tree. Trooper Ian Nelson was the investigating officer.

McDonald's crew collecting money after fatal crash

The crew at Nashville's McDonald's is currently seeking financial donations for one of their co-workers who recently lost her fiancée in a car crash.
The funds will benefit employee Chasity Holmes who the fiancée of Eddie Reed, Jr., of Mineral Springs.
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Murfreesboro voters have two picks for mayor race

This November, Murfreesboro residents will face the future by electing their next mayor to a four-year term.

Current mayor Jim O’Neal will not be seeking reelection, leaving the door open for two candidates: Mary Jean Barbre and Jack Bonds.

Both candidates believe they have definitive characteristics that they believe will allow them to serve the city well, as well as a drive to serve the public in a positive fashion.

Bonds unsuccessfully campaigned for mayor in 2022 against O’Neal, while Barbre is making her first foray into elected office. Bonds was previously a city councilman and held a position on the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission. Both candidates currently serve on the city’s zoning commission.

MARY JEAN BARBRE

“I have been here all my life,” she said, when asked why she wanted to run for mayor. “It’s my town and I wanted to do my part to make it better. It’s more of a question of why would I not? I’ve lived here, gone to school here, gone to church here. Every friend I have I’ve met here and has been here as long as I have. “I’m just me, and I still just be me, even if elected.”

One of the biggest concerns Barbre has been asked about is the ditches and improving water drainage from around town.

“My neighborhood is one of the worst [to flood] too. So, yes, that is very high on my list. If we have to, we will find new shovels and wear them out ... the city crew may not like it, but they will be digging.”

She said another large topic of discussion amongst constituents was the recent effort to allow alcohol sales in Pike County.

“I have told them that I am thrilled it has not gone any further than it has—I feel like the lives of our citizens means a lot more to me than the tax money off of liquor. Several residents have expressed they did not want the county to be wet.”

When asked what the plan to grow Murfreesboro was and reverse the trend of population loss, Barbre said that she had a plan in mind.

“The [Arkansas] Municipal League helps cities find an industry or some sort of business that fits their needs, so I figure I would be bothering them a whole lot.”

She said being elected

as to the position of mayor would be amongst the highest honors of her life.

“Other than being a mother and a nana, it would be the biggest honor I’ve ever had.”

Barbre said it was pretty simple what people needed to know about her when headed into the election booths.

“I’m honest, even if you don’t agree with what I have to say, and I want every citizen to get the same attention. One person’s street is no better than another person’s street. I will be willing to listen to whoever has a concern, and I truly do care.”

She adds that she finds the idea of co-opting a Glenwood idea intriguing.

“They have a third Thursday, where all the shops stay open late – I think that would be something neat for us to do. Not on the same night, of course, but many people work during the day, and don’t have time to go to the local businesses [before they close].”

Barbre said she looks forward to working with the council, complete with all the future additions come the beginning of 2027.

She also looks forward to collaborating with fellow mayoral candidate Bonds, win or lose, and expects a clean campaign to the end between the two.

“I have nothing against my opponent ... nothing at all. I’m not out to get him in any way.”

JACK BONDS

“I’ve been in Murfreesboro now for several years, and I’ve really invested a lot in this town, and I like to see the town grow ... to do better than we are doing [now]. I’d like to be a positive influence on my fellow citizens and the town itself.”

While on the campaign trail, Bonds said there was some issues that have come up with many residents he has spoken to.

“People want their neighborhoods cleaned up – they really don’t like the trash and these abandoned houses. Another issue is drainage – drainage is a big issue in this town. Additionally, we are looking for jobs and how to create new jobs, to try and regain the essence of Murfreesboro back.”

Asked what Murfreesboro can do in order to reverse the lack of growth, Bonds said he has considered some “simple steps to start with.”

“I’ve been to several meetings, both in Little Rock and Hope, and one thing



Jack Bonds and Mary Jean Barbre

that has stuck in my mind is that you can’t grow your town if the infrastructure is running down the street. So, I think, we have to start with the basics, starting with infrastructure, the essence of the town. One we get that put back together, I think cleaning up yards and areas – not to be redundant – will make Murfreesboro more appealing for people to come here. The more people we can get here – I don’t want Murfreesboro to grow to 5,000 people – but 1,750 to 2,000 people would be nice to get it back to where we had it. To me that would be a real positive, but in order to do that we have to make it more appealing for people to come here. Just back to status quo – we are just one of many towns struggling across America, but we don’t have to be like everyone else. We can be the exception to the rule, we can pull out of this, and be a success. We just have

to give reasons why people want to be here – there are already several reasons – the great community, Lake Greeson and the outdoor possibilities, we can provide a healthier lifestyle than many places can offer. Also, Murfreesboro has more to do than it did ten years ago – we just need to augment that.”

Bonds said the recent addition of a grocery store eliminated one of the reasons people were less likely to reside in Murfreesboro. “It’s one of the best stores in southwest Arkansas, and [manager] Tim Allen works very hard every day to make it a huge asset for the community.”

He said the community still faced several other factors, which may or may not be within the mayor’s – or anyone else’s for that matter – ability to change.

The first was with an aging community, those who passed away were lost. He

added that graduates leaving town never to return for beneficial employment and the simple lack of jobs in town made it difficult to attract new residents.

“Those four things combined, I feel, is what created the hole in the population. Now, I can’t really do anything about death, but, we can do things to make Murfreesboro more appealing. We can make it easier to come back if you graduated from here – people have to go where they can get work, so we have to create jobs. It all starts with infrastructure, jobs, and making the town better.”

Bonds acknowledges change is hard.

“Change always creates controversy, and that’s okay. To be apprehensive about change doesn’t make you a bad person. It just makes you leery of change, and that’s okay. That’s why we have a city council. I intend to use strong parliamentary procedure at meetings, and I plan to have excellent public discussion. Those are two things I really think we can do with the council and the residents. We can work out these problems, even if we don’t agree.”

Bonds said what a person should know about him is that he is a person that “always tries to make the world better around me.”

“I try to take care of all the people around me. I was named citizen of the year [by the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce earlier this year] and I find it interesting that I was also citizen of the

year in the previous place I lived [Leonard, Texas], where I was a pillar of that community. So, I have this pattern of leaving everything better than I found it. That’s what I try to do. That’s the one thing about me you should know. Look, I have chosen to live here and will live here for the rest of my life. I’ve made huge investments here, but from a business standpoint I don’t consider it a liquid investment. I wouldn’t buy property with the idea of selling it next year. This is a long-term business venture for me, and I love it here. I live on Main Street [just past Diamond Bank], and every day, I thank God for my house and my neighborhood – literally every day. I love my community and I want to make it the best community I can make it. I could be anywhere else, if I wanted, but I want to be here.”

Much like Barbre, Bonds said win or lose, he wants to help make Murfreesboro better, win or lose.

“There are questions of the longevity of my citizenship [in Murfreesboro] – yes, I am not from here. However, that’s not the question that should be asked. The question should be what have I done with the time I have been here? I bring a lot of experience – relevant experience – to the office of mayor.

“But, mayor or not, I will continue to work and fight for Murfreesboro, as I always have in my time here and always will. Nothing will stop that.”

Pike County Early Voting

- Pike County voters will soon be able to participate in the 2026 general election.

Election day will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, with early voting being held starting on Monday, Oct. 19.

Early voting will be held at the Pike County Clerk’s Office, 112 N Washington, Suite A in Murfreesboro and at the Bainum Learning Center, 128 E Broadway in Glenwood.

Early voting dates and time include:

 - Monday-Friday, October 19-23, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Monday-Friday, October 26-30, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Monday, November 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On election day, Nov.3, voting will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the four Pike County Voting Centers, which include:

 - Bainum Learning Center, 128 E Broadway, Glenwood
- Bethlehem Baptist Church, 2589 Hwy 27 N, Kirby
 - Delight Cafeteria, 623 Webb St, Delight

Murfreesboro Municipal Building, 204 E Main, Murfreesboro

Any registered voter in Pike County may vote at any one of the four voting center locations. To request an absentee ballot, or to see if you are qualified to vote absentee, contact the County Clerk’s office from Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (870) 285-2743 for more information.

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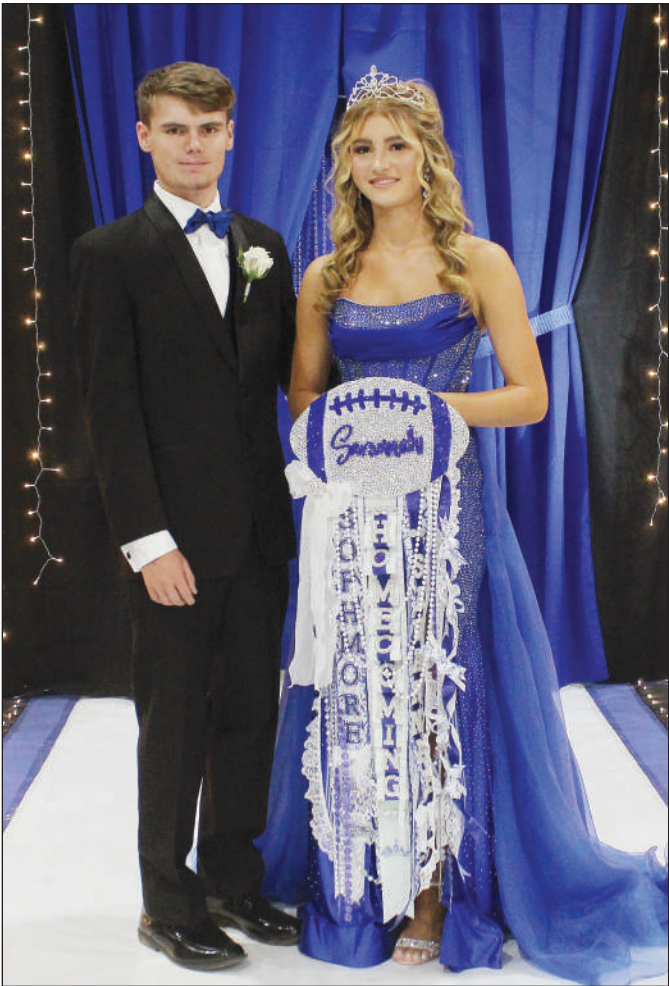
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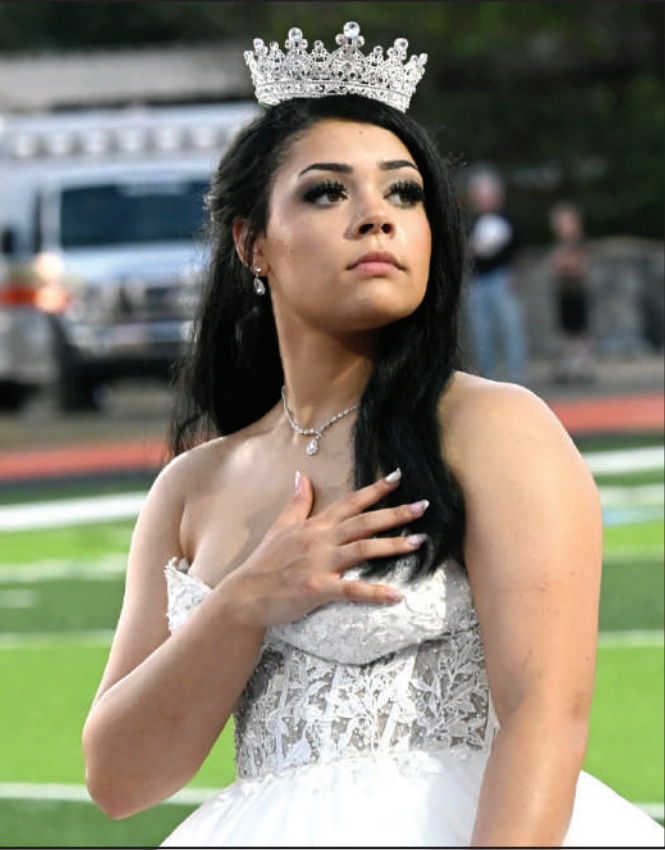
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Scrapper Homecoming maids sing the NHS Alma Mater before Nashville's 48-25 District 7-4A win over Fouke Oct. 9 at Scrapper Stadium.



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Ava Brown (right) is set for her ride in the Homecoming parade in a Mustang driven by her uncle Coach Boomer Brown last Friday afternoon.



News-Leader photo/DEDE ROBINSON

Queen Amiyah Pryor is ready for the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem before the game.



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Maid of Honor Kinley Martin and maid Lauren Ferguson visit before Homecoming ceremonies Friday night, Oct. 9, at Scrapper Stadium.



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Homecoming maid Layla Sirmon cheers for the Scrappers during player introductions Friday night.



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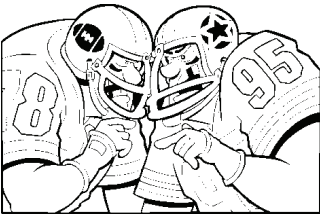
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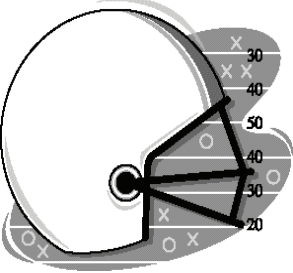
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Captain for the Day Luke Scott (5) joins Bryce Perrin (7), Zavion Vaughn (3) and Jailyn Staggers (0) on the field for the coin toss ahead of Nashville's Oct. 9 Homecoming win over Fouke. Scott is a student at Nashville Elementary School. He was picked as captain for the day through a Scrapper Booster Club event.



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FIRED UP HOMECOMING CROWD. A sellout crowd was on hand in The Holler to watch the Dierks Outlaws win over the Murfreesboro Rattlers 42-6 for homecoming.

Outlaws rough up Rattlers 42-6

The Dierks Outlaws set the tone early in Friday night’s conference grudge match against the Murfreesboro Rattlers and picked up a 42-6 homecoming win.

The Outlaws’ first play from scrimmage was a 67-yard touchdown run by quarterback Maclane Smith. The win moves the Outlaws to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in conference play while the Rattlers remain winless at 0-6.

The Outlaws will stay in The Holler this Friday night to host the Junction City Dragons, who are 3-4 overall with a 1-2 conference mark. The Dragons will be coming off a 32-28 loss to the Gurdon Go-Devils.

“We were able to do some good things against Murfreesboro and were able to find some areas where we still need to focus and

improve,” said Outlaw Head Coach Lantz Castleman. “We have another big test this week against traditional powerhouse Junction City.”

The coach said will continue to focus on “staying disciplined and meeting our standards” this week. “We’re looking forward to the challenge and the opportunity to see how we measure up.”

The Outlaws, particularly the defense, certainly measured up against the Rattlers, holding the visitors to 199 total yards of offense. Dierks’ offense gained 361 yards with QB Smith hitting 7/12 passes for 150 yards and one touchdown to Madden Hill.

Drake Thatcher led the Outlaw ground game with 224 carries for 128 yards and two TDs. Smith added 18 carries for 62

yards and two TDs and Maxton Greene also had a TD. The 211 yard rushing total was rounded out by Jason Bailey with three carries for 21 yards.

The Outlaw defense stayed busy defended Ayers Field. The Outlaw tackle chart included Maxton Greene (9), Brayden Mathis (6), Gavin House (6), Maclane Smith (5), Madden Hill (4), Cooper Smith (4), Jason Bailey (4), Trisetn Godwin (4), Asa Hopper (3), Treaton Alexander (3), Eligah Hawthorne (2), Drake Thatcher (2), Jacoby Faulkner (1), Treven Hill (1), Jett Jackson (1) and Griffin Shankles (1).

“Things just did not go our way,” said Rattler Head Coach Jay Turley. “Dierks is a very good football team with not many weaknesses ... maybe the best we will play

this season. Their quarterback, backs and receivers are all excellent. They are well coached, so give them credit for a fantastic job. They do Turley said the momentum swing early in the game was huge -- trailing 8-0, MHS traveled the to Outlaw 3-yard-line before a fumble ended the drive. right and play hard.”Now, the Rattlers must regroup against an 0-6 Mountain Pine squad that will travel to Murfreesboro for the 2026 homecoming.

The team will do it with several key injuries, including Kooper Caldwell, who is out indefinitely -- if not for the rest of the season -- with a rib issue that took him out of the game Friday night. Turley said the team still hadn’t committed to a quarterback solution he was willing to comment on.



OUTLAWS VS. RATTLEERS. Outlaw ball carrier Jacoby Faulkner (at left) against a Rattler defender and Outlaw Maxton Greene at work on the line in the 42-6 conference homecoming win Friday night in Dierks.

MS Hornets off this week after dropping 50-0 game to Foreman

The Mineral Springs Hornets dropped their conference game at Foreman Friday, 50-0.

The Hornets are off this week and will return to the filed Oct. 30 to face Dierks in the Battle for the Howard County Cup.

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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, Nash-ville, Howard County, Arkansas
Date of death: October 2, 2024

An instrument dated September 16, 2023, was on Septem-ber 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 ex-hibit 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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(AB: 16, 17)

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.

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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
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TOSHA SWIFT MAYS, ANY HEIR OF WALTER SWIFT,
AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST
Defendants,

IN REGARD TO A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN
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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

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 amend-ments 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
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(HCHA: 16, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The electronic voting equipment to be used in the No-vember 3, 2026, General election will be tested and demon-strated on October 9, 2026, at 1:00 pm in the Howard County Courthouse Annex.

Howard County Election Commission:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
ARKANSAS

DIAMOND BANK
VS.
ADAM JOSEPH HUFF AND
JESSICA LYNN HUFF

PLAINTIFF
CASE NO. 31CV-26-118
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER’S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the au-thority and directions contained in the Default Judgment of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, entered on the 10th day of September, 2026 in a certain Cause No. 31CV-26-118 then pending therein between DIAMOND BANK as Plaintiff and ADAM JOSEPH HUFF and JESSICA LYNN HUFF as Defendants, the undersigned as Commis-sioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hallway at the front entrance to the Howard County Courthouse, 421 N. Main Street, Nashville, AR 71852, at 10:00 o’clock A.M., on the 29th day of October, 2026, the following, described real estate located in Howard County, Arkansas, to-wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A tract of land being part of the NE-4 NE-4 in Section 30, T-07-S, R-27-W and also being part of the same tract as recorded in Book R2021-00639 in Howard County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at 3’ pipe fence corner (accepted) for the NE corner of the NE-4 NE-4, thence S02°18’00” W-303.05 feet along with fence (east line of said NE-4 NE-4) to ½” pin; Thence N88°02’40” W-805.45 feet parallel & 20 feet south of chicken house to ½” pin; Thence S28°59’42” W-90.78 feet to ½” pin at end of pipe/ rail fence; Thence S00°49’ W-79.66 feet along & with pipe/ rail fence to ½” pin; Thence N85°30’10” W-106.53 feet along & with pipe/ rail fence to ½” pin; Thence N07°22’30” E-466.00 feet to ½” pin in the north line of said NE-4 NE-4 at fence; Thence S87°43’17” E-909.37 feet along with fence (north line of said NE-4 NE-4) to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 6.870 acres of land, more or less.
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Terms of Sale: The purchaser(s) of the aforesaid property shall pay in cash or on credit terms up to 90 days with a 10% cash bond, at the rate of ten per cent (10%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the property sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

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This sale is made subject to any and all findings in the Default Judgment. The Commissioner does not warrant title, boundary lines, taxes, liens, and /or improvements if any, or solid waste delinquent payments, on this property in Howard County, Arkansas.

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Scrapper Homecoming 2026

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Coach Brad Chesshir walks the sideline as the Scrappers take the field before their Homecoming game against Fouke Friday night, Oct. 9, at Scrapper Stadium. Queen Amiyah Pryor and her court looked on as Nashville defeated the Panthers 48-25 to go 6-0 on the season, 3-0 in District 7-4A.



DJ Jefferson kisses Amiyah Pryor after crowning her NHS Homecoming queen last Friday afternoon in Scrapper Arena.



Shawn Dale and Aleshia Erwin were the emcees for the Homecoming ceremony Friday afternoon at Scrapper Arena.



Jacoby Hopson makes the catch for a touchdown in Nashville's 48-25 Homecoming victory over the Fouke Panthers Oct. 9.



Brayley Lowery, Sofie Dale and Natalie Alexander make the sportsmanship presentation to Fouke before last week's game.



Bryce Perrin (7) scores for the Scrappers during the first quarter of Nashville's Homecoming victory Oct. 9.



Jailyn Staggers (0) tackles the Fouke Panther in Nashville's District 7-4A victory Friday night at Scrapper Stadium.

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