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Scary trek to visit the well-known Gurdon Light

Fall Festival to be held Saturday in Nashville

Nashville's fall festival will be Saturday, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m.

The event will include "Main Street music" and more, according to organizers.

There will be food trucks, bounce houses, hay rides, train rides and more.

Twilight Tunes will feature a local Dolly Parton impersonator, The event will include a Dolly party to honor her legacy and memory. There will also be a Dolly look-alike contest.

Attendees are also invited to dress up for the Superhero Showdown by wearing a superhero costume or the uniform of a sports hero.

Halloween trail Oct. 29 at city park

Nashville Parks and Recreation will host the Halloween Trick or Treat Trail Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5-7 p.m.

The costume contest will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Contact the park to set up at 870-845-7405.

Christmas parade set for Dec. 7 in Nashville

The Nashville Christmas parade will be Monday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m.

The Nashville Chamber of Commerce encourages participants to register early by going to the chamber's website and signing up.

"Whether you represent a local business, a church, a civic organization, a school group, or just want to roll through the streets in your favorite decorated vehicle, there's a spot in this parade for you," organizers say. "We welcome a wide range of entries across several participation categories, so everyone has a way to join the fun."

Categories include the following:

Non-religious entries

Religious entries

Non-float entries including trucks, cars and more.

Registration is free.

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News-Leader photo/LOUIE GRAVES

EARLY VOTING BEGINS. On Monday, the first day of early voting for the 2026 General Election, among the poll workers at the Carter Day Center on North Main in Nashville were Margie Green, left, Brenda Watson, and Derenda Butler. On weekdays early voting will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. On the two Saturdays in the early voting period, voting will be from 10-4. Voters must show photo ID.

Early voting underway for Nov. 3 election

By Louie Graves
News-Leader staff

Early voting for the Nov. 3 General Election is underway in Howard County and throughout Arkansas.

In Howard County, early voting is only at the Carter Day Center on North Main, Nashville.

On weekdays early voting will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On the two Saturdays in the early voting period, voting will be from 10-4.

The early voting period ends at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, the eve of election day.

In addition to the candidates, Arkansas voters will see four ballot issues: (1) Defining who is eligible to vote; (2) the right to keep and bear arms; (3) Allowing the legislature to create programs, loans and grants using public money, and to create economic development districts; and (4) Issuing up to $500 million in water, waste disposal and pollution abatement bonds.

Contested races for local, state, and national positions with names in order of ballot position:

Howard County

Sheriff/Collector --- Joey Davis, Republican; Alex L. Gamble, Democrat.

Justice of the Peace District 9 --- John Reeder Raulerson, Republican; Juanita Jackson, Democrat.

City of Nashville

Mayor --- Mayor Larry Dunaway, Republican; Denise Woodruff, Independent; Kelly Rhea Windham, Independent.

Nashville City Council Ward 1 Position 2, Joe Hoen, Independent; Susan Berruquin, Democrat.

Nashville City Council Ward 5 Position 2, Gynder D. Benson, Independent; Carol Mitchell, Independent.

City of Dierks

Mayor --- Ronald Cogburn, Independent; Jesse Edge, Independent.

Treasurer --- Sherri Edge, Independent; Kristi Janes, Independent.

United States of America

U.S. Senate --- Senator Tom Cotton, Republican; Hallie Shoffner, Democrat; Jeff Wadlin, Libertarian.

U.S. Congress District 4 --- Congressman Bruce Westerman, Republican; James 'Rus' Russell III, Democrat.

State of Arkansas

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

Lieutenant Governor --- Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge, Republican; Michael Kalagias, Libertarian.

Secretary of State --- Michael Pakko, Libertarian; Kelly Grappe, Democratic; Senator Kim Hammer, Republican.

Commissioner of State Lands--- Secretary of State Cole Jester, Republican; Christopher Olson, Libertarian.

JPs split vote on MS board replacement

By Louie Graves
News-Leader staff

After a half-hour of discussion, and hearing from opposing sides, the Howard County Quorum Court split its vote 5-3 to a replacement on the Mineral Springs School Board.

District Supt. Jondavid Amerson and school board hopeful Brittany Rosenbaum both spoke. Amerson declined to say why Rosembaun's contract as a school resource officer, but said the board was unanimous

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School board hears NJHS portal update

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

The Nashville School Board heard several reports and dealt with business matters during the regular meeting for October Monday night.

Nashville Junior High Counselor Laken McAdams presented the Scrapper Moment on the school's Launch for Students program.

Launch is an online platform mandated by the state. It is designed to keep up with students' success plans, community service hours and

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

TRAPPED PANTHER. Scrapper defender Milik Gilliam (52) brings down the Ashdown ball carrier Oct. 16. More pictures, 1B and 6B.

Scrapper 'D' shines in win at Ashdown

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

ASHDOWN - After trailing 7-6 at halftime, the Nashville Scrappers outscored Ashdown 29-6 the rest of the way to take a 35-13 District 7-4A win over the Panthers Friday night, Oct. 16.

The Scrappers (7-0, 4-0) held Ashdown to 208 yards total offense, with 41 of those yards coming on a Panther TD strike in the first half.

Nashville is ranked second in Class 4A by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and by Rex Nelson's Road to the Rock Rankings. For the first time this season, the Scrappers moved into the *Democrat-Gazette's* overall top 10 Sunday, coming in 10th behind Class 4A Stuttgart at number nine.

Ashdown is 3-4 overall, 2-2 in 7-4A.

On offense, Nashville struggled at times and recorded 389 total yards, the lowest total of the season, according to Coach Brad Chesshir.

"Obviously, we didn't play very well offensively," Chesshir said. "We had some mental errors, uncharacteristic things that we normally don't do. There were a lot of opportunities that we missed and have to be better at."

The Scrappers were inside the five-yardline twice, Chesshir said, but came away without points.

Nashville was stopped once near the goal line in the first half.

During the third quarter, Jacoby Hopson "was in for a touchdown, but they didn't call it and Ashdown stopped us on fourth and one the next play," Chesshir said.

Nashville's only touchdown of the first half came on a run by Bryce Perrin. The extra point attempt was no good, leaving the Scrappers on top 6-0.

Ashdown scored later, and the teams went to halftime with the Panthers ahead 7-6.

The Scrappers took the lead for good on a safety with 4:33 left in the third quarter, putting Nashville up 8-6.

"Offensively, we missed some opportunities in the air. Coach [Zach] Stewart spent some time in the film room with DJ [Jefferson, quarterback] to show that we tried to take big plays too many times instead of shorter routes," Chesshir said.

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St. George Island provides guests a look at 'Old Florida'

By Don Hall
News-Leader staff

Many folks in our part of the world call Walt Disney World, in Orlando, Fla., the "Happiest Place on Earth."

I couldn't tell you if it is or isn't. I'm a beach person, and the only beaches in Orlando are man-made; if you're not careful, you might be an alligator's lunch.

My family started going to the beaches on the Gulf more than 40 years ago. We began with Long Beach, Miss. Big mistake. Nothing for the kids to do.

Then we tried Biloxi. Only go there if you want to take the kids to the casino.

Gulf Shores was good, but a bit "touristy."

Next was Orange Beach. Good, but not great.

Over the years we tried Pensacola, Navarre, and Destin. Nice beaches, but way too many people, and traffic that would rival I-635 at rush hour.

We kept going farther down the Gulf Coast and thought we had finally found our Happy Place at Mexico Beach, 20 miles east of Panama City.

It was Old Florida, no chain motels or restaurants, no high-rise condos, no crowds, a beautiful beach, and a slower pace of life than any of the others.

Then in 2018, Hurricane Michael, the only Cat 5 hurricane to ever hit the Panhandle, flattened Mexico Beach. Literally. They say that 160 mph winds tend to do that.

The town has since been rebuilt, but it'll never be the same. All of the classic, rustic Old Florida buildings are gone.

Then someone told us about St. George Island.

St. George Island is the farthest beach on the Gulf from Arkansas. Located in the Panhandle of Florida and just 15 minutes from Apalachicola, it's four miles off the coast



HAPPY PLACE. Don and Jaree Hall of Nashville at St. George Island in Florida.

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Obituaries



Jane Jones

Jane Jones was born April 13, 1947, in McCaskill, Ark., to Elmer Van White and Laura Odell Wilson White. She was the second of nine children. She joined the United States Army in 1966 after one year of studies at Southern Arkansas University. She was stationed in Maryland where she met the love of her life, Bill Jones. Jane and Bill were married March 23, 1968, and shared 50 years together before his passing in 2018.

After her military career, Jane became a homemaker in New Jersey where her two children were born. Jane and Bill moved their family to Arkansas in 1975 and stayed actively involved in the community, participating in their children's school events and staying active in the Methodist Church. Jane was passionate about her faith with anyone who would listen.

Once the children were both in school, Jane entered the nursing profession and worked many years in local doctor's offices doing what she loved to do the best -- help people in need. After she retired from nursing, she established a local food bank where she continued to help people for many more years. Her door was always open for to people in need, even if they just needed someone to talk to about whatever challenges they were facing. Jane and Bill spent many summers at Camp Pioneer in Hatfield, Ark., as Bill was actively involved in Boy Scouts of America and Jane always wanted to be by his side.

Jane was preceded in death by her parent, Elmer Van and Laura Odell Wilson White; her husband, Bill Jones; one sister, Juanita Jean Moore; three brothers, Jimmy Van White, Jason Mac White and Jeffery Allen White.

She is survived by one daughter Cindy Willard and son-in-law Mike Willard, one son Greg Jones and daughter-in-law Shannon Jones; grandchildren Chris and Sarah Willard, Garrett Willard, Danica and Jeff Yates, Sierra and Jonathan Williamson; great-grandchildren, Rowan Willard and Cash Yates; special friends Retha Ward, Arletha Guerra and Norm Adamson.

Visitation will be Monday, Oct. 19 from 5-7 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Nashville Global Methodist Church with Wade Eggers officiating, and special words from Gerald Moses and Justin White. Burial will follow in Avery's Chapel Cemetery near McCaskill, Ark.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Nashville Global Methodist Church, PO Box 1571, Nashville, AR 71852.



Carolyn Smith Busby

Carolyn Smith Busby, age 79, of Nashville, Ark., passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026. She was born at Buck Range on Feb. 3, 1947.

Carolyn spent many years working at Quality Shoe Store in downtown Nashville. She later worked at Poulan before opening her own daycare in her home, where she lovingly cared for children. She loved spending time outdoors in her yard, taking great pride in her flowers and landscaping. She also enjoyed watching the birds, finding joy in the simple beauty of nature. Carolyn was a member of Liberty Baptist Church, where she faithfully attended until she was no longer able to travel.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert and Ellen Smith of Saratoga; her brother, Lawrence Smith of Mineral Springs; and her beloved husband married Oct. 27, 1981, of 44 years, Bruman "Jerry" Busby, who passed away just under four months before her.

Carolyn leaves behind four children: Tyra and Gary Hughes of Nashville; Jeremy and Stacey Busby of Nashville; Michael Funderburke of Lockesburg; and James and Marcie Busby of Dallas, Texas. She is also survived by four grandchildren: Todd and Kathryn Hughes; Abbie and Tom Hughes; Kristen and Deven Cupstid of Maumelle; and Brayden Funderburke of Conway.

Her legacy continues through her five great-grandchildren: Cooper and Kip Cogburn of Nashville; and Madilynn and Melany Hughes and Baylee Smith of Nashville.

Carolyn also leaves behind a very special dog, Katie, and two very special ladies who lovingly cared for her, Holly Stewart and Ambe Benson.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary at Liberty Baptist Church. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. under the pavilion, with burial at Liberty Baptist Cemetery.

Carolyn will be lovingly remembered for her caring heart, her love for her family, and the beauty she brought to the world around her. Whether tending to her flowers, enjoying the birds in her yard, or spending time with Katie, she found happiness in the things she loved. Though she will be deeply missed, the memories she created and the love she shared will forever remain in the hearts of her family and all who knew her.

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



Gregory Ruchalski

Gregory "Pooh" Ruchalski, age 71, of Delight passed away Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, in Hot Springs, Ark. He was born Dec. 12, 1954, in Nashville, Ark., to the late Chester Lewis and Dennis (Marshall) Ruchalski. Pooh loved hunting, fishing, camping on the river, gardening, singing and playing music.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester Ruchalski and Dennis Ruchalski; daughter, Tara Ruchalski; and sisters, Linda McDonald and Shirley Forbes.

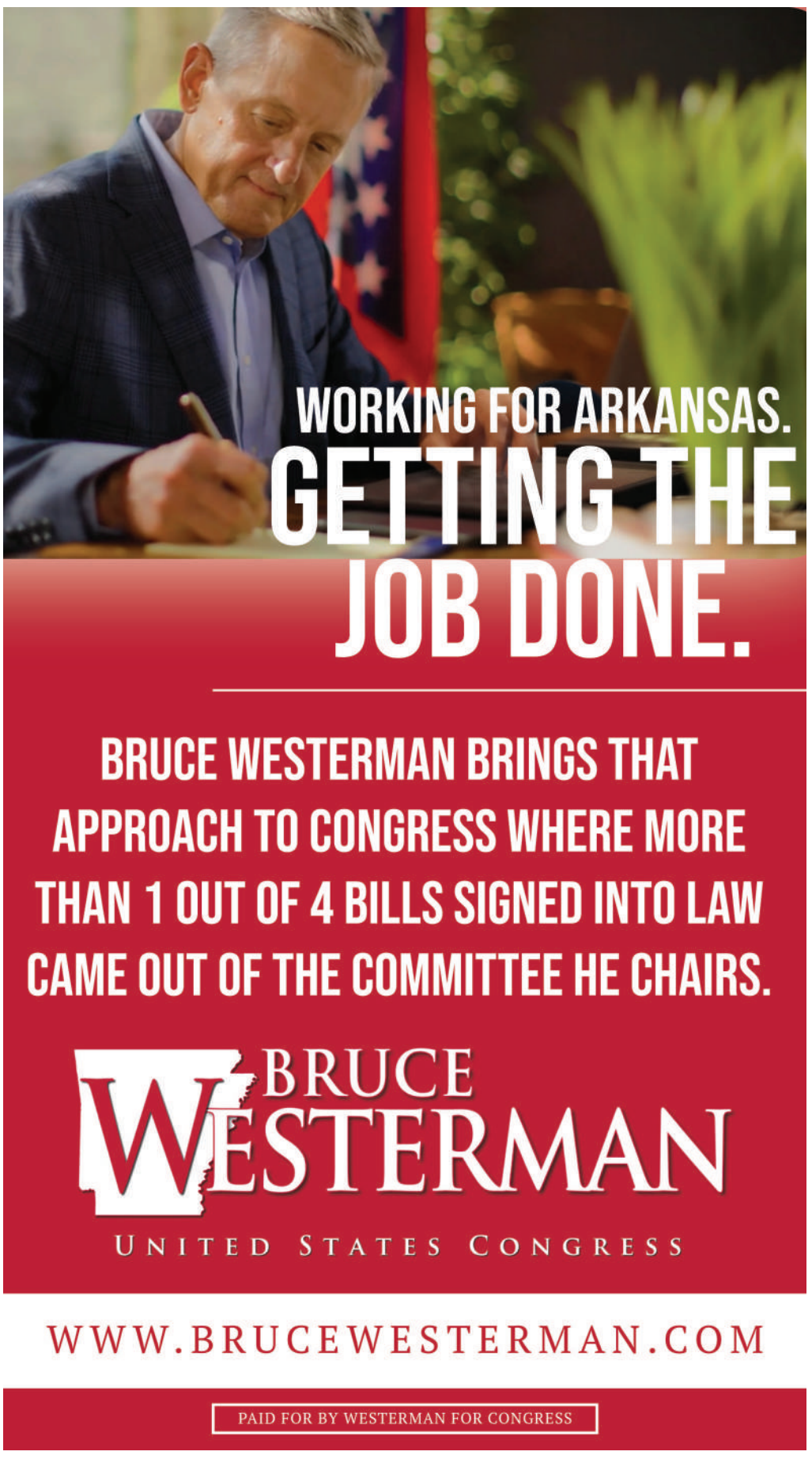
Pooh is survived by brother, Mike Ruchalski; sister, Debbie Hill, both of Delight; and several nephews, nieces, cousins, and many friends. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026, at Ruggles-Wilcox Chapel. Graveside services with Military Honors are 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23, 2026, at Antoine Cemetery with Zane Woodall officiating.

Pallbearers are Marshall Bain, Jimmy Henderson, Randy Buck, Robert Starling, Ronald "Putt" Russell, and Paul "Tubby" Sturman. Arrangements are by Smith Family Funeral Home/Ruggles-Wilcox Chapel.

AT ROTARY CLUB, LAST WEEK. Josh Williams, superintendent of Historic Washington State Park, spoke to Nashville Rotary Club about coming events at the park including the Civil War Weekend, Nov. 7-8. The event includes Civil War enactors at the Prairie D'Ane battlefield north of Prescott, the nearest battlefield to Washington. The city played a privotal role in Arkansas's Civil War history, he said.









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THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Umpire Seniors, 1975, included Paul Faulkner, Laura Kitchens, Russell Jones, Gary Arivett, Linda Aylor, Dennis Kitchens, Patricia Kesterson, Janie Kirby, Renda Cogburn and Cynthia Pate

124 years ago: September 1902

A. A. Stewart and Jabin Flood, the former a married man, are in jail at Murfreesboro, in default of a $500 bond each, upon a serious charge.

The men are in custody for enticing Rosa and Robbie Hendrix, aged 15 and 13 from the home of their mother, M. K. Jefferies, near Tokie in Pike County, and taking them to Belton, where they detained them in a vacant house until they were found by their grandfather, Mr. Tony Crawford and an officer who went in search of them.

Flood got the girls away from home by telling their mother that he had procured a license to marry the older, and that they were going to Roy to have the ceremony performed.

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80 years ago: August 1946

Flying V Rodeo will show at Scrapper Field Friday and Saturday nights. The Flying V Rodeo with a big group of cowboys and cowgirls will show under the flood lights on Scrapper Field under the auspices of the Nashville Fire Department. They will feature cowboy and cowgirl bronc riding, calf roping, Brahma bull riding, bulldogging, clown and special acts. The show will start at 8:30 and the management announced that a parade will be made on Main Street in the business section of Nashville at 6:00 each afternoon.

(Adv.) It's Bill's Drive Inn for lunches; steaks, chicken with hot biscuits. We reserve booths for your party. Just let us know. For food: Ask for it the way you like it… that's the way we want to fix it. Peach truckers welcome.

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64 years ago: August 1962

Palouse meant "the stream of green meadows" to the Nez Perce Indians in the Pacific Northwest. The spotted paint pony of the tribe is known today as the Appaloosa horse.

A descendant of the Nez Perce pony is in the possession today of a Nashville man who loves his horses. He is Lee Benafield, who operates the motel of that name. The 5-year old Appaloosa in his corral is known as V.C.'s Pancho.

The Appaloosa has a fascinating history. The horse was known in China 20 centuries before as a "heavenly horse" and in Persia as the "sacred horse." Through warfare, the Appaloosa strain moved from Asia to Spain to Mexico to the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Benafield believes Pancho is the only Appaloosa in this area.

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44 years ago: August 1982

A musical is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Center Point Community Building. The Cedar Tree Four of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, a gospel group, will be featured; admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Square dance lessons will begin at 8:00 p.m. Monday at the Center Point Community Building. The lessons are sponsored by the Diamond Squares.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse Thursday, Oct. 8-Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included:

Marriage Licenses

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

Oct. 08. Adrian Lathan Aguirre 21, Ozan, and Nikita Carnecia Nequell Haislip, 35, Nashville.

Oct. 08. Jeffrey Wayne Martin, 82, Umpire, and Phyllis Ann Martin, 79, Umpire.

Oct. 08. Eric Dewayne Shelley, 54, Ozan, and Haide Ceniza Canete, 41, Ozan.

Oct. 09. Charles D. Schooley, 39, Mineral Springs, and Hanna Lee Helick, 37, Mineral Springs.

Civil Court

CV26-202, Oct. 12. Velocity Investments, LLC vs. Jondavid Amerson. Debt.

CV26-203, Oct.12. Bank of America vs. Kershaw Brenis. Contract.

CV26-204, Oct. 12. Arvest Bank vs. Ransdale Hockaday. Contract.

Domestic Relations Court

DR26-97, Oct. 6. Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Remington Bearden. Support.

DR26-98, Oct. 12. Ashley Westfall vs. Timothy Westfall. Divorce.

Criminal Court

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

No new Criminal Court cases since CR26-68, Oct. 5.

Land Transactions

Quitclaim Deed

Oct. 08. Charles Richard Schooley, deceased,and Stacy Schooley, husband and wife; to Stacy Schooley and James Richard Schooley, Joint tenants; aggregate 2.23 ac. in S9/S10 T11S R27W.

Oct. 14. Beverly Kay Adams and Terry Adams, her husband; to Lauren Pennington and Braden Pennington, her husband; 19 ac. in S11 T6S R29W.

Fiduciary Deed

Oct. 09. Laverne Knight, successor trustee of the Julius C. Crofton Separate Property Trust; to Nicole Lian Crofton and Cory Crofton; aggregate 22.14 ac. in S1 T11S R28W.

Oct. 09. Laverne Knight, distributee of the estate of Julius C. Crofton, deceased; to Laverne Knight successor trustee of the Julius C. Crofton Separate Property Trust; aggregate 22.14 ac. in S1 T11S R28W.

Trustee Deed

Oct. 12. David Ackley, trustee of the Herbert E. Ackley and Rubye F. Ackley Revocable Living Trust; to Brenda Hill; 10.2 ac in S22 T9S R27W. $55,000.

Beneficiary Deed

Oct. 14. Thomas L. McJunkins and wife Angela Stewart McJunkins; to Diana Renee McJunkins; 3 tracts, Lots 13 thru 17, and part of Lot 18, Block 42 and Lots 7 thru 10 and part of Lot 6, all in Block 42, Nashville.

Warranty Deed

Oct. 09. Roberto Campos, et al; to Roberto Campos and Ana Maria Capos, a married couple; property in S23 T9S R27W. $0.

Oct. 13. Vernon Glenn Lance and Cynthia Ann Garner Lance; to Vernon Glenn Lance and Cynthia Ann Garner Lance, trustees of the Vernon Glenn Lance and Cynthia Ann Garner Lance Joint Revocable Trust; 34 ac. in S16 T9S R27W.

Oct. 13. Vernon Glenn Lance and Cynthia Ann Garner Lance; to Vernon Glenn Lance, et al; Lot 7, part of Lot 8, Block 13, McCullough's Addition, Town of Mineral Springs.

Oct. 13. Vernon Glenn Lance and Cynthia Ann Garner Lance; to Vernon Glenn Lance, et al; Lots 1-2, Block 10, George H. Bell's Addition, City of Nashville.

Oct. 13. Vernon Glenn Lance and Cynthia Ann Garner Lance; to Vernon Glenn Lance, et al; 2 tracts, Lots 2-3; part of Lot 3, all in Original Town of Nashville.

Oct. 13. Jeffrey Linville and Kimberly Linville, husband and wife; to Chance Reed and Sydney Reed, husband and wife; 28.12 ac. in S1 T29S R28W.



SHELLED PECANS FOR SALE:

Mine Creek Conservation District is currently taking **SHELLED PECAN ORDERS,** all proceeds go to support the District Scholarship Fund.
To place an order or for more information, contact the **Mine Creek Conservation District, 870-845-4121, ext. 3 or email us at louise.morris@ar.nacdnet.net.**

Fresh Shelled Arkansas Pecans:
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Also available in 1 lb. bags - $12.00:
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Fresh Homemade Fudge: 1/2 lb. - $9.00: Chocolate Pecan, Rocky Road, Butter Pecan, and Salted Caramel Nut
Raw Shelled Peanuts 2 lb. bag - $8.00 and 5 lb. bag - $16.00

Deadline to place an order is October 23, 2026
Orders will arrive second week in November.

Business owner visits school retirees

By Patsy Young

A local business owner discussed interior design and more with the Howard County Retired School Employees Association Oct. 14.

Mary Carolyn Bailey, a Murfreesboro native, returned to the area recently to establish Topiary at Springhill Farm, a distinctive farmhouse boutique located nine miles from Nashville at 385 Springhill Church Road. Her boutique offers a wide range of décor items from elegant to rustic. She specializes in furnishings for porches, patios and leisure spaces.

After leaving the family farm, where she completed chores and helped with the family business, Smith Meat Packing Company, Bailey became a teacher and administrator.

After retiring from teaching, she began her farmhouse boutique business in Pike County, which also includes giving tours at the Yellow House in Murfreesboro built in 1905 by Jim and Annie Lockeby. The Lockebys were Bailey's great grandparents.



News-Leader photo/PATSY YOUNG

Retired school employee Ruth Ann Jacobs visits Mary Carolyn Bailey, owner of Topiary at Springhill Farm.

The dog-trot house was restored in 1996 and is now on the Historic Register in the state.

After Bailey's presentation, which included several door prizes, the meeting was called to order by President Judy Cassady, who also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were read by secretary Ruth Ann Jacobs, and treasurer Linda Campbell gave the financial report.

The meeting was held at the Fair Barn. Lunch was served by Bi Yu Catering.

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Point of view

Something scary

Spooky trek on the tracks to see the Gurdon Light

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and as I promised both of you I am writing about another thing that scares me at Halloween time. It is my memory of a trip to see the Gurdon Light.

I have had more than one scary experience with that phenomenon.

Three or four, to be exact.

The first was the best (or worst). It was this time of year. Our John Balch and I were in Gurdon for the newspaper to cover the Gurdon-Mineral Springs football game.

It was kind of a wet evening, but it wasn't exactly raining. The game was over and we decided we had enough time to dash out to the railroad tracks and try to see the Gurdon Light. We were both pretty skeptical that the thing existed.

The tracks cross a remote highway north of town. That's where we parked. We could go north on the tracks, or we could go south. We decided to go north, and naturally it was the wrong way. We reversed course after we had huffed-and-puffed about a half mile.

If you've ever walked on railroad tracks then you would know that it is muy difficult. Especially at night when it's not exactly raining.

We crossed back over the highway and continued south past an eerie old abandoned graveyard, and over three railroad trestles that spanned deep ditches.

Finally we figgered we had gone far enough. Even then I was fat and lazy. John was fit and could have walked all night except ..... we saw the Light.

It seemed to be a ways down the tracks. A very bright white light, and it seemed to swing from side-to-side just like the legendary lantern swung by a railroad man who was looking for his head that was severed in an accident.

We were mesmerized by the intense light. The color reminded me of an old carbide camping lantern.

Then John said "Hey, that thing seems to be coming toward us."

I agreed.

John said: "If it keeps coming I am going to push you down Old Man and I'll run back to the highway where it's safe. Quick, give me the keys to your truck."

You really wouldn't run off and leave me, would you? I asked.

John said: "Doggone right, and I can outrun you."

Whatever it was, it finally stopped advancing on us.

We woulda stayed longer but the bravest one of our twosome said he had to get back for some reason that escapes my memory right now.

On the way back to our buggy we met two Texans who were there for the same reason we were. "You're going in the right direction," we told them, "and we really saw it."

John and I were lucky that we got away from The Light. We were also lucky that I happened to have two cold beers stowed in a small cooler in the truck toolbox.

To this day we both can honestly tell questioners that we really, really did see something on those tracks on a wet night.

Subsequently, I made other trips down those tracks.

Twice with daughter Julie and our town's police chief, the late Larry Yates, and another time with my daughter only.

With the police chief we saw only hundreds of tiny twinkling blue lights on the creek bank under the trestle.

I was glad to know that the chief was 'packing.'

On one of the trips only with Julie we didn't see anything, but there was something in the bushes that made the awfullest, scariest sounds we've ever heard (and I have personally heard Texas fans at a football game at Austin). I considered pushing Julie down and outrunning her back to the truck.

There was a lot of interest in the Gurdon Light in those years, and lots of people from here hiked down those tracks in hopes of having a scary sighting of their own to brag about.

Then one group from here said they were robbed by another group on the tracks, and that pretty well put an end to expeditions by curious visitors from Howard County.

At about the same time period the Red River Astronomy Club had a meeting and hamburger cookout for skywatchers in a pasture outside of Nashville. They invited the chairman of the physics department at Henderson State University to speak. His advertised topic was the Gurdon Light.

I crashed the meeting in order to mooch a free burger and to hear the perfesser. He gave a very interesting talk, and said that every year he sent his freshman students in small groups down those tracks to experience the Gurdon Light. Some groups saw it, some didn't.

In an effort to explain the Light, the perfesser said that there were several ways nature creates light.

I can't remember all of them now. In fact, I can't remember any of them. But I DO remember how skeert I was when John said he'd push me down and leave me to my fate with whatever it was waving that lantern.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening e-mail: "Exercise helps you with decision-making. It's true. I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never doing that again."

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HE SAID: "Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured." Mark Twain, humorist and philosopher

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SHE SAID: "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." Eleanor Roosevelt, longest-serving First Lady of the US

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LETTER

State doesn't need Washington, D.C., politics

To the editor:

Arkansas deserves a governor focused on the well-being of the people who live here, not on Washington's political playbook, which has poisoned our society.

Remember the LEARNS Act "debate"? Remember when Arkansans and even our precious teachers were labeled "enemies" by the current administration for merely asking questions and expressing concerns? That's spiteful Washington politics. After her debate failure, Sanders also deliberately lied about Colt Shelby's position. This is also the vile, fearmongering of Washington politics.

To Independents, Libertarians, and others, now is the time to vote for a better future. We just need to change the trajectory. Think of this as the first step toward a unified, cooperative Arkansas that empowers citizens while rejecting Washington's partisan degeneracy. Both candidates are an upgrade.

To Republicans, this election is a legitimate opportunity to bring common sense and cooperation back to Arkansas. There is no reason to fear Love or Shelby. If Love should prevail, ultimately he will be balanced by a Republican Congress. And your vote for Shelby will bring a transparent, balanced government back to the people. Imagine being a part of a legitimate civic process rather than having it dictated to you by a Washington parrot.

To Democrats, this election is an opportunity for real change. You must vote and encourage others to vote. If Shelby takes 20% from Sanders, and you vote in record numbers, you'll win. Dump the disruptive Washington rhetoric and, in the spirit of cooperation, work with Arkansas Republicans to bring industry, jobs, and prosperity to our state.

My fellow Arkansans, we have already seen the best Governor Sanders offers. Now is the time. Let's do this together. Let's get out and vote to end Washington politics in Arkansas.

Allen Johnson
Pisgah, Arkansas

A friend who cannot love you

AI companions and the God who made us for fellowship

Brent A Thompson
Pastor, Cornerstone Church
October 13, 2026

A New Kind of "Friend"

Not long ago, the idea of a teenager pouring out his heart to a computer program would have sounded like the plot of a science-fiction movie. Today it is an ordinary evening in millions of American homes. Surveys show that roughly seven in ten teens have used an AI "companion"—a chatbot designed to talk, listen, encourage, and even play the role of a boyfriend or girlfriend.[1] Roughly one-third of those surveyed say they have chosen to talk through something serious with an AI companion instead of a real person.[2]

The fruit has not been harmless. A study released at the end of September by researchers at Northeastern University links the use of AI chatbots for companionship and emotional support with addiction-like attachment and worsening mental-health struggles.[3] Megan Garcia, whose fourteen-year-old son took his own life in 2024 after an intense relationship with an AI companion, is now pleading for independent safety testing of these products.[2] In late September, the Pennsylvania House passed a bill requiring parental consent before minors can use AI companions, and other states are moving in the same direction. [4]

As Christians we should be thankful for any effort to protect children. But legislation can only treat the symptom. The deeper question is one the Bible answers plainly: why are so many people, young and old, so lonely that a machine feels like a friend? And what does it mean for believers to offer something better?

Made for Fellowship

The loneliness behind this trend is not new; it is as old as Eden. Before sin ever entered the world, God looked at all He had made and called it good—with one exception. "Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him'" (Gen 2:18). Adam lived in a perfect garden and walked with a perfect God, and still the Lord declared his aloneness "not good." We were created for relationship—first with our Creator and then with one another.

Sin shattered both. Adam and Eve hid from God and then turned on each other (Gen 3:8–12). Ever since, humanity has carried a hunger for connection that nothing in creation can finally satisfy. Sixteen centuries ago, Augustine confessed that God made us for Himself, and our hearts remain restless until they find their rest in Him. [5] An AI companion is simply the newest attempt to quiet that restlessness without going to the only One who actually can.

Broken Cisterns and Idols That Talk

Through the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord gave a diagnosis that fits our moment precisely: "for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jer 2:13). The problem is never merely that people are thirsty. It is that they dig their own wells instead of coming to the eternal Fountain.

The psalmist describes those man-made wells in vivid terms:

"Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them." (Ps 115:4–8)

Someone might object that today's idols do speak. But the psalmist's point still stands. A chatbot produces words by calculating what response is most likely to come next. It has no eyes to see your tears, no hands to hold yours in a hospital room, and no heart to give. It is, quite literally, the work of human hands. And notice the warning at the end of the psalm: those who trust in them become like them. A person who spends hours with a "friend" that never tires, never disagrees, and never needs anything in return slowly forgets how to love real people who do.

Faithful Wounds or Endless Flattery?

A recent Congressional Research Service report notes that these apps appeal to users by offering constant availability, validation, and conversation free of human judgment.[6] That sounds attractive, but it is exactly the problem. Scripture teaches that real friendship includes loving correction: "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy" (Prov 27:6). "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Prov 27:17). A friend who only agrees with you can never sharpen you.

Paul warned Timothy that "the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions" (2 Tim 4:3). An AI companion is an itching-ear machine. A product built to keep you engaged has every incentive to tell you what you want to hear. Biblical friendship, by contrast, is two-sided. It requires people who both give and receive, confront and forgive, and "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2). You cannot bear the burdens of a program that has none.

The Friend Who Laid Down His Life

Here is the good news: the longing that drives people toward artificial companions is a longing God Himself has answered. Jesus told His disciples, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:13–15).

No machine will ever die for you. Jesus did. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). He wept at a friend's tomb (John 11:35). He knows loneliness firsthand, having been forsaken by His closest companions in His darkest hour (Mark 14:50). That is why the author of Hebrews can say, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Heb 4:15). A chatbot can imitate sympathy; Christ actually sympathizes. And He "always lives to make intercession" for those who draw near to God through Him (Heb 7:25).

His invitation still stands: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28). That is the rest Augustine was talking about—and it is found in a Person, not a program.

What Should We Do?

Parents and grandparents, know what is on the devices in your home, and ask your children and grandchildren whether they talk to AI apps and what they talk about. Rules have their place, but relationship matters more. Moses commanded God's people to talk about His words "when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (Deut 6:7). If our kids are confiding in a chatbot, it may be because no one else is sitting still long enough to listen.

Church family, we must be the community that people are searching for. The author of Hebrews exhorts us, "let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Heb 10:24–25). Notice the teenager who sits alone after service. Call the widow who has not been out in weeks. A church that practices real fellowship is one of the clearest answers to artificial friendship.

Individually, examine your own heart. Are you more comfortable talking to a screen than to God in prayer or to a brother or sister in Christ? If so, confess it, and come back to the Fountain of living water.

So... who is your closest friend? Is it Someone who laid down His life for you, or something that cannot love you at all? May we turn from our broken cisterns, draw near to the Friend who sticks closer than a brother (Prov 18:24), and point a lonely generation to Him.

If you or someone you love is struggling with thoughts of self-harm, please reach out to your pastor or a trusted believer today, or call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Pastor Brent

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Happy

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and a whole world away.

We found Old Florida again.

The closest thing you'll find to a chain restaurant on St. George Island is a Subway, but don't worry, you won't starve. There's the Blue Parrot, Paddy's Raw Bar, Mango Mike's, the Beach Pit, and the new Sand Bar Kitchen and Tavern. And trust me—they can all scratch your seafood itch.

Weber's Little Doughnut Shop opens at 7:30 in the morning, but plan on being in line for up to an hour before you get your doughnuts.

If you want to cook-in, The Captain's Seafood trailer has fresh shrimp, grouper, red snapper, mahi mahi, tuna, and scallops, and the captain will tell you how to cook each of them.

There's The Pig (Piggly Wiggly) for groceries, a few places to buy T-shirts and flip flops, and lots of side-by-side rentals. But the real star of the show is the pristine, secluded, un-crowded St. George Island beach, one of the top-rated beaches in the United States.

SGI is 22 miles long and a mile wide. There are fewer than 1,000 permanent residents, but there are almost 1,800 single-family houses, many of them Airbnb rentals. With an additional 370 beach-front condos, you won't have trouble finding a place to stay.

Take your walking shoes and your bicycle with you—there's a 6 mile-long, paved path a block off the beach. If you don't have a bike and you want to feel like a kid again, there are plenty of bike rentals on the island. The ground is flat and the pedaling is easy.

Being on the western edge of the Eastern Time Zone, the sun doesn't come up until about 7:45 local time in the morning this time of year.

Sleep late, then go for a walk on the beach. You might even pass a few people, or you might not. It's that quiet and that secluded, and the sound of the surf is hypnotic.

After your walk and the doughnuts, there's more to do. There's a playground for the kids, a pickleball court for the parents, and, if you're not claustrophobic, you can climb the 92 steps up the spiral staircase in the historic lighthouse and see what SGI looks like from 7 stories in the air.



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Jaree Hall of Nashville stands under the sign at the Blue Parrot Oceanfront Cafe on St. George Island.



News-Leader photo/DON HALL

St. George Island United Methodist Church recently welcomed Don and Jaree Hall during a visit.

If you forgot something at home, forget about going to Walmart—the closest one is almost an hour and a half away—but there's a Dollar General 10 minutes from St. George, in East Point. If you're staying at the beach, you can probably find what you need at the DG. Rough it.

If you get bored back on SGI (you won't), you can drive 15 minutes to what the locals call "App-uh-LATCH" and find more restaurants, shops, and a brewery, but there's really no reason to leave St. George. Everything you need is there.

If you like to fish, then you're in luck. Some of the most reasonably-priced guides you'll find on the Gulf live on St. George Island. We highly recommend Griffith Guide Service for shelling and dolphin tours, or for fishing trips from the bay up to 3 miles off shore. Deep sea fishing is also available from SGI and from Apalachicola if you want to get in the really deep waters of the Gulf.

God created two kinds of folks: beach people and mountain people. If you're normal (a beach person), then your destination isn't exactly next door, but it's not too far away, either. Gulf Shores and Pensacola are both 9 hours away from Nashville. Destin is a 10 hour drive, and Panama City is a half-hour farther.

But if you are looking for a quiet get-away with 22 miles of beautiful sugary beach, practically no traffic, great restaurants, and a ton of peace and quiet, consider going to what's known as "The Forgotten Coast." It's only an additional 2 hours away, traffic is really light after you pass the PC exit, and it's definitely worth the drive. And who knows? You may even find your Happy Place.

School

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other documents from eighth grade through graduation.

"It's a really neat platform if it all comes to fruition," McAdams sid.

Curriculum Coordinator Kim Slayton gave an accreditation report. State education officials likely will visit during the 2027-28 academic year to review district documentation, she said.

"We're in great shape. Everything is in place," she said.

The board approved the district's proposed budget of expenditures for 2028-29. The millage rate will be unchanged at 31.7.

Superintendent Doug Graham said electric rates have increased substantially over one year ago.

"I'm concerned over electricity. We will have to address the issue at some point during the year," he said.

Electric bills have more than doubled in two months of 2026 compared to the same time period in 2025, according to Graham.

Win

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Up front, the Scrappers "were not very good at having our eyes up. That hurt our run game. We have to be better at that."

On defense, Nashville gave up the one explosive play on a pass to Bryson French for a touchdown.

French is "the number three receiver in Arkansas in all classifications," Chesshir said. "Our kids did a good job of identifying where he was. The 41-yard touchdown pass to him was on a post route. Take that play away, and Ashdown had 167 total yards. On the play, our technique was not good. That's something we work on all the time; we have to be better."

Overall, the defense "found ways to get off the field. The defensive line was good at pressuring the quarterback. We went in with the mindset of playing aggressively. Our guys in the box did an outstanding job at making pressure on the quarterback. We still have to contain him."

Defense accounted for two Nashville scores. The first came on the third quarter safety.

The other score came when Bo Dean intercepted an Ashdown pass and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown, his second of the season.

"Bo is very physical. He did an outstanding job," Chesshir said.

The Scrapper defense recorded seven sacks against the Panthers.

"I'm proud of our defense for the intensity and effort. They gained a little confidence," Chesshir said. "The secondary was pretty good except that one big play. We never flinched and got the offense some chances"

Defensive stats

Blake Moody was Nashville's leading tackler with 11.

Dean had 10 tackles, with a pass break-up and the interception return for a touchdown.

Trendon Northcross made five tackles and had an interception.

Kiron Johnson had four tackles and two sacks.

Khamari Canady had four tackles.

Aiden Bradley and Milik Gilliam each had two tackles and one sack a piece.

Other Scrapper tacklers included MJ Jefferson, Kishon Jefferson, Jacob Teague, Hayden Crabtree, Zavion-Vaughn and Skyler Ramsire.

"We forced two turnovers," Chesshir said. "We have to continue to force turnovers and continue to be good at finding ways to get the ball back."

Offensive stats

On offense, Jefferson completed seven of 18 passes for 88 yards. He ran the ball 13 times for 76 yards and accounted for one touchdown.

Hopson carried 17 times for 171 yards, an average of just over 10 yards per run. He also caught two passes and scored two touchdowns.

Perrin rushed 14 times for 52 yards and a touchdown. He caught one pass for three yards.

Gauge Applegate had two receptions for 45 yards.

Kishon Jefferson made one catch for 15 yards.

Dean had one reception for five yards.

For the night, the Scrappers had 301 yards rushing and 88 passing.

With the season's lowest offensive production, Chesshir said the team will "use that adversity from the first half to open our eyes and say we have to be better and work harder."

Chesshir thanked the Scrapper fans who made the trip to Little River County. "I was really pleased with the crowd and very appreciative of our fan base."

The Scrappers didn't have any injuries during the game. "I told our team doctor Tessa Moody after the game that this was the first time she hasn't gone on the field for one of our players," Chesshir said.

Going into this week's game at Hope, Jakhari Starr is "questionable," Chesshir said, from a previous injury.

Next up: Hope

Nashville will travel to Hope Friday, Oct. 23, for a District 7-4A game against the Bobcats.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Bobcats are 1-6 overall, 1-3 in conference. They fell to Arkadelphia 58-7 last week.

"Hope has a lot of very athletic players," Chesshir said.

"They're a young team. There are no seniors on the offensive line and three seniors on the starting offense."

The offense is led by wide receiver Jaiden Brown. "Out of Hope's 100 passing attempts, he's been the target of half of them."

Brown, who wears #2, is "extremely athletic," according to Chesshir. "We have to know where he is."

The Bobcats have four good receivers, Chesshir said, including Jaiden Brown and Kylan Brown, #1.

"They're big-time threats," Chesshir said.

Hope does "a good job in the passing game. We have to contain the quarterback and get pressure on him. They get the running back in the passing game. We'll have to do a good job of being able to make a good tackle on the running back."

On defense, Hope will play man-to-man and man-to-man with a loaded box, Chesshir said.

"For us, this is a good chance to be better. We have to beat their coverage. Our O-line will have to be good with our eyes and angles up front."

JPs

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in asking the court not to fill the vacancy. Rosenbaum said she was never told why her contract was not renewed and did not know why the school board was not in favor of her candidacy.

JPs Kellyjo Oge, Juanita Hendrix and Andy Hogg all voted for the motion to name Rosenbaum; opposed were JPs D'Ann Henderson, Jerry Harwell, Kerry Strasner, Liz McDaniel and Janet O'Neal.

In its regular meeting for October, the court approved a budget "housekeeping" ordinance and an ordinance providing $500,000 annually to the road program.

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Home&Heart Buy Now, Pay Later: Helpful Budgeting Tool or Hidden Debt Trap?

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The option to "buy now, pay later" has become a common sight at online checkout pages and retail stores. Whether purchasing clothing, electronics, furniture, or household goods, consumers are increasingly being offered the chance to split purchases into several smaller payments rather than paying the full amount upfront. But is Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) a smart financial tool or a pathway to overspend? Research suggests that the answer depends largely on how consumers use it.

What Is Buy Now, Pay Later?

Buy Now, Pay Later is a form of short-term credit that allows consumers to divide a purchase into multiple installments over several weeks or months. The most common model splits a purchase into four equal payments, with the first payment due at checkout and the remaining payments automatically withdrawn over several weeks.

Unlike traditional credit cards, many BNPL programs offer interest-free repayment if payments are made on time. Approval is often quick and may not involve the same credit checks used for traditional loans.

The Benefits of BNPL

Consumer researchers and federal agencies note that BNPL can provide several advantages when used responsibly. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) found that many consumers are attracted to BNPL because of its simple repayment structure, easy access, and often interest-free financing.

Potential benefits include:

Spreading out the cost of larger purchases.

Avoiding interest charges that may accompany some credit cards.

Predictable payment schedules with fixed installments.

Quick approval and convenient checkout options.

For consumers with a budget in place and a repayment plan, BNPL can function as a cash-flow management tool that allows purchases to be spread across multiple pay periods.

The Risk of Overspending

While BNPL may appear harmless, financial researchers have raised concerns that dividing purchases into smaller payments can make products seem more affordable than they actually are. Research published in the *Journal of Retailing* found that consumers often perceive purchases as less expensive when costs are presented in installments, which can increase spending.

The CFPB has also identified borrower overextension as a potential risk. Because BNPL loans are often easy to obtain and may not appear on traditional credit reports, consumers can lose track of multiple repayment obligations across different providers.

Questions Consumers Should Ask

Before selecting a BNPL option, consumer experts recommend asking several questions:

Can I afford this purchase without financing?

Will the payments fit comfortably within my monthly budget?

Am I using BNPL for a need or an impulse purchase?

Do I already have other installment payments due?

The CFPB advises consumers not to assume that approval means a purchase is affordable. Responsible borrowing begins with understanding one's overall financial situation and spending plan.

When BNPL May Make Sense

Experts suggest BNPL may be useful when consumers have already budgeted for a purchase, understand the repayment terms, and are confident they can make every payment on time. In those situations, BNPL can provide flexibility without necessarily increasing financial strain.

However, using BNPL to purchase items that would otherwise be unaffordable can create problems, particularly if multiple repayment plans overlap.

The Bottom Line

Buy Now, Pay Later is neither automatically good nor automatically bad. Research shows it can be a useful budgeting tool when used thoughtfully, but it can also encourage overspending and make it easier to accumulate obligations that are difficult to track.

Receipe of the Week

Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

If the goal is to make the most of your money, the same principle applies in the kitchen. Instead of throwing away the seeds when carving Halloween pumpkins, North Dakota State University Extension recommends roasting them for a nutritious, low-cost snack. Using parts of foods that might otherwise be discarded can help stretch the household budget.

Ingredients

Seeds from one pumpkin

1 tablespoon vegetable oil or olive oil

½ teaspoon seasoned salt or preferred seasoning

Directions

Remove seeds from the pumpkin and separate them from the pulp.

Rinse seeds thoroughly under cool water.

Pat dry with paper towels.

Toss seeds with oil and seasoning.

Spread evenly on a baking sheet.

Bake at **250°F** for **40 to 50 minutes**, stirring every 5 to 10 minutes, until lightly browned and crisp.

Allow to cool before serving.



WELCOME TO THE NASHVILLE CHAMBER. A ribbon-cutting was held Monday morning to welcome JK Deuce Trucking, LLC., and its owner Billy Kilpatrick (with the scissors) to the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. The business is located at 205 W. Cassady Street. Kilpatrick said he moved his company from Louisiana for a more central location and has been at its Nashville location since around the first of the year. Those pictured with Kilpatrick include (from left) employee Kelly Sanders and Leigh Ann Wilson and chamber executive director Dena Tollett.

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It's time for the fall harvest! I love going to pick apples in the orchards. This very important fruit has been grown and eaten by people for as long as anyone can remember. Apples were brought to America by the earliest European settlers. Thousands of different kinds have been grown all over the world. Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Jonathan and Rome Beauty are some of the favorites in North America. Apples, including the wild and crab varieties, are used to make many other foods. Fresh apple cider (juice) with a homemade doughnut is a fun fall treat. Do you like hot apple pie or applesauce? Apples are used for decorations and crafts, and are painted in pictures. People use apples in games. We use apples in our sayings, stories and folktales. One of our legends is about John Chapman or "Johnny Appleseed." He was an American pioneer who traveled and gave away and planted apple seeds. Hungry yet? See you in the orchard picking apples!

Hey! Why isn't anyone picking *this* apple? It's really tasty!

I like the long "i" sound in words. Can you find and circle 8 words in Chatter's talk above that have the long "i" sound in them? **Hint**: two words with the long "i" sound are spelled with a "**y**."

Can you find and circle these words in the puzzle?

fall	apples	Delicious	cider
wild	orchard	McIntosh	vinegar
crab	ladders	yellow	games
red	basket	Jonathan	stories
Europeans	thousands	Johnny Appleseed	green

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News-Leader photos/JOHN BALCH

THE MONDAY MORNING AFTER. Tollette Water Clerk Edna Marts (at left) waits Monday morning as Mayor Brenda Porter uses a vehicle hood as her desk and her personal cell phone to contact the Arkansas Municipal League and file an insurance claim. All of the Tollette records were spared in the fire but Porter and Marts were not allowed inside the damage building to access their offices.

Saturday fire damages historic Tollette Town Hall, former school

By Dale Gathright, Jr.
Hope-Prescott News

The historic Tollette Town Hall/former school sustained significant damage in a Saturday, Oct. 17 evening fire.

Multiple fire departments from Howard and Hempstead counties responded and were able to confine the fire to the attic and prevent the spread to the brick and wood structure. Among the responding fire units were Saratoga, Yancey, Mineral Springs, County Line, Nashville, and Tollette, along with Pafford EMS, Howard County Sheriff's peputies, and Southwest Arkansas REA were on scene.

Upwards to near two dozen emergency vehicles at one time was on scene.

Tollette Mayor Brenda Porter told Hope-Prescott News she was leaving Texarkana when a citizen called her and said smoke was coming from the building. She told the individual to call 911. That led to the multiple unit response. That mutual aid request led the Nashville Fire Department to provide a ladder truck, which was used by firemen to establish a position on the roof to get water to the fire.

The community room part of the Town Hall had been used earlier in the day for a funeral repast. Mayor Porter said she had stopped by the repast after 3:00 p.m. then stopped by a second repast at the Saratoga School Multipurpose Building before going to Texarkana.

She said the call of smoke from the building was received at 6:25 pm.

Mayor Porter stated that much of the ceiling had fallen in because of water from the firefighting effort. She said Monday morning she will be in touch with the Arkansas Municipal League, who provides insurance for the town.

The Tollette Town Hall building is the former Howard County Training School, which closed in 1971. It was constructed in 1938 by the federal WPA program.

Howard County Judge Brent Pinkerton had the following statement: "If only…. everyone supported each other like our volunteer fire departments support each other. Multiple departments have been in Tollette tonight working on a fire at the school building/city hall. As that was winding down, more fire trucks, again from multiple departments, have been dispatched to a brush fire on the south end of Nashville."

Attend Church This Sunday!

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Sunday (Spanish) - 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Jaron Tipton
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-- Non-Denomination --
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913 South Main St. • Nashville, AR
Sunday Morning Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Pastors: Lankford & Mary Alice Moore

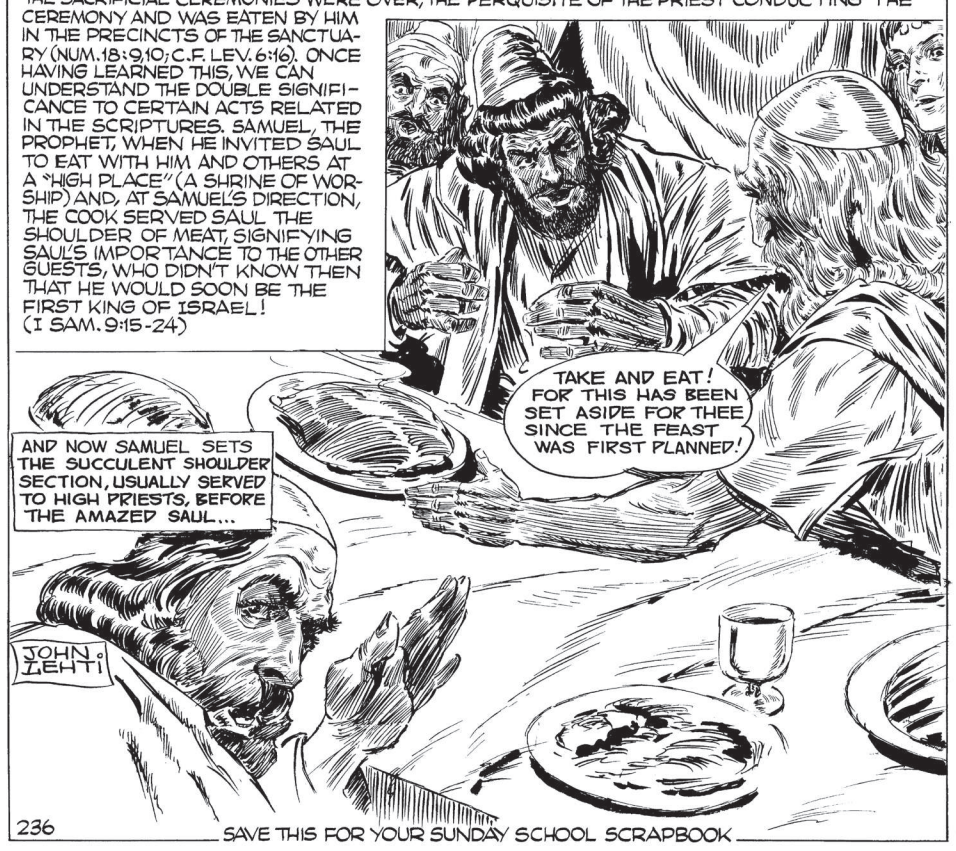
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HEAVE OFFERINGS

A MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE ANCIENT ISRAELITES' WORSHIP OF GOD WAS THE SACRIFICIAL OFFERING TO THE LORD. THE HEAVE OFFERING (THAT IS, THE PART TAKEN AWAY FROM A LARGER MASS AND SET ASIDE FOR JEHOVA) SUCH AS THE RIGHT SHOULDER OF A LAMB BECAME, WHEN THE SACRIFICIAL CEREMONIES WERE OVER, THE PERQUISITE OF THE PRIEST CONDUCTING THE CEREMONY AND WAS EATEN BY HIM IN THE PRECINCTS OF THE SANCTUARY (NUM.18:9,10; C.F. LEV. 6:16). ONCE HAVING LEARNED THIS, WE CAN UNDERSTAND THE DOUBLE SIGNIFICANCE TO CERTAIN ACTS RELATED IN THE SCRIPTURES. SAMUEL, THE PROPHET, WHEN HE INVITED SAUL TO EAT WITH HIM AND OTHERS AT A "HIGH PLACE" (A SHRINE OF WORSHIP) AND, AT SAMUEL'S DIRECTION, THE COOK SERVED SAUL THE SHOULDER OF MEAT, SIGNIFYING SAUL'S IMPORTANCE TO THE OTHER GUESTS, WHO DIDN'T KNOW THEN THAT HE WOULD SOON BE THE FIRST KING OF ISRAEL! (I SAM. 9:15-24)



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Pike County District Court

Oct. 6, 2026
BF=Bond Forfeited
Pike County

Adzokpa, Kofi G., 51, Maumelle, $140 BF, speeding

Ashburn, Jerry Michael, 54, Palestine, $315 BF, overweight

Baker, Coleen Joy, 38, Mineral Springs, $125 BF, speeding

Baker, Kristi D., 33, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined $325; guilty of failure to appear, fined $205

Barba, Luz Marie, 37, Dierks, $125 bF, no driver's license

Bateman, Thomas Stokes, 42, Delight, guilty of DWI#2, fined 1,620, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of refusing to submit to chemical test, fined $125

Bickerstaff, Robert Paul, 52, Flippin, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined $325 and sentenced to two days in jail-suspended; guilty of failure to appear, fined $205

Bolanos, Jennifer, 27, Hot Springs, $325 BF, driving with suspended license

Bolland, Benjamin H., 27, speeding, under advisement for 30 days to dismiss

Brooks, Lindsay A., 43, Kirby, $155 BF, speeding

Coffman, Cutter Waylon, 22, Glenwood, $220 BF, disorderly conduct; $220 BF, public intoxication

Cooper, Raven Terrell, 34, Shreveport, La., $205 BF, failure to pay; $1,870 balance

Crider, Christopher Boyd, 19, Kirby, $45 BF, no seat belt

Crowell, Colby Aidan, 22, Carrollton, Texas, speeding, under advisement for 60 days to dismiss

Culpepper, Kason Paul, 20, Kirby, $45 BF, no seat belt; $225 BF, failure to yield

Davis, Aimee Kathleen, 34, Pencil Bluff, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined $1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined $600

Funderburk, Stan, 66, Antoine, guilty of failure to pay; $350 balance

Grissom, April Lynn, 46, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $315

Groomer, Baylea Jenae, 31, Newhope, $125 BF, failure to register tags/expired; $230 BF, obstructing government operations

Guthikonda, Sai Preetham, 28, Dallas, Texas, $125 BF, speeding

Hackney, John B., 50, Pearcy, $125 BF, violation of permit

Hutcheson, Rodger Larry, 51, Fouke, guilty of failure to pay; $265 balance; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined $325 and sentenced to two days in jail-suspended

Jackson, Memphis Lyn, 22, Dierks, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $125

Jacoby, Andrew Jacob, 25, Newhope, $125 BF, careless prohibited driving

Jones, Jeffrey Charles, 39, Murfreesboro, $125 BF, overheight-overwide

Kaisha, Carlton, 57, Gentry, $125 BF, speeding

Lane, John M., 62, Delight, $125 BF, speeding

Lininger, Jessica R., 35, De Queen, $205 BF, failure to pay; $1,650 balance

Lizardo, Concepcion, 67, Nashville, $125 BF, no driver's license

Maldonado, Juan, 21, De Queen, $135 BF, speeding

Marrufo, Diego Jesus, 23, De Queen, $125 BF, speeding

Martin, Fredy Alexander, 28, Hot Springs, $125 BF, no driver's license; $135 BF, speeding

Medrano, Cesar Alexander, 35, Mesquite, Texas, $125 BF, no driver's license

Miller, Michael G., 57, Glenwood, $170 BF, unlawful burning

Moore, Jessica Shelby, 34, Bonnerdale, $155 BF, speeding

Morgan, Conner Douglas, 26, Texarkana, Texas, $155 BF, speeding

Morrison, Kristi Kaye, 47, Delight, guilty of speeding, fined $125

Murray, Jillian Alexandria, 26, Glenwood, $330 BF, no proof of liability insurance; $205 BF, failure to appear

Neal, William S., 49, Kirby, $395 BF, overweight

Porter, Nathaniel L., 35, Glenwood, $125 BF, speeding

Quinn, Kaci Nicole, 43, Dierks, $125 BF, speeding

Reyes, Angel Alfredo, 25, Glenwood, $125 BF, no driver's license; $165 BF, speeding

Salmeron, David, 17, Hot Springs, $125 BF, no driver's license

Seymore, Larry D., 79, Arkadelphia, $165 BF, speeding

Smillie, David T., 62, Prescott, guilty of no driver's license, fined $125; guilty violation of ignition interlock device, fined $170

Smith, Cody Allen, 32, Langley, $135 BF, speeding

Smith, Michael Wayne, 51, Prescott, $339 BF, overweight

Snowden, Alec T., 26, Delight, $325 BF, driving with suspended license

Tiburcio, Goretti, 33, Hot Springs, $125 BF, no driver's license

Wallace, Chasity Leigh, 34, Delight, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $330; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $315

Webb, Logan S., 25, Delight, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $315; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $315; guilty of failure to register, fined $125

City of Murfreesboro

Bostic, Sheldon R., 49, Murfreesboro, $45 BF, no seat belt

Collier, Madison P., 30, Nashville, $145 BF, no child restraint device

Dickerson, Erica Priscilla, 23, Lockesburg, $145 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Farmer, Christian Faith, 29, Newhope, $335 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Fisher, Kinley Lynn, 16, Delight, $155 BF, speeding

Giddens, Steven Ray, 48, Nashville, $155 BF, speeding

Glass, Rivers David, 17, Texarkana, Texas, speeding, under advisement for 60 days to dismiss

Hawkins, Arrian Shawn, 22, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined $125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $125

Horton, Brittany N., 34, Amity, $145 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Hudgins, Wesley Keith, 45, Poway, Calif., $205 BF, speeding

Hughes, Eddie Lee, 33, Murfreesboro, $145 BF, failure to register

Lewis, Hal Chasen, 38, Ashdown, guilty of failure to appear, fined $225

Miller, Wesley P., 42, Nashville, $45 BF, no seat belt; $225 BF, failure to appear

Myrkle, Joshua Edward, 16, Murfreesboro, guilty of speeding, fined $155

Oge, Kellyjo Baltrusch, 47, Nashville, $155 BF, speeding

Parson, Courtney Elaine, 29, Dierks, $145 BF, speeding

Peters, Brenden Michael, 31, Prescott, $485 BF, harassing communications; $265 BF, failure to appear

Pinkerton, Alisha D., 33, Murfreesboro, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined $1,095 and license suspended for six months; guilty of speeding, fined $155

Sanchez, Heriberto, 48, Hot Springs, $145 BF, failure to register tags/expired; $145 BF, no driver's license

Springfield, Corey Dane, 55, Texarkana, $145 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Terwilliger, Lacey Renay, 37, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay; $340 balance

Ward, Ashley Danielle, 30, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $350

Game & Fish

Cordova, Juan, 41, Hot Springs, $220 BF, spearfishing; $220 BF, fishing without license

Corrillo, Fernando A., 30, Nashville, $220 BF, fishing without license

Lopez, Jase L., 48, Nashville, $220 BF, fishing without license

City of Glenwood

Arivett, Scott Gregory, 62, Kirby, $160 BF, failure to register tags/expired; $225 BF, failure to appear

Blair, Bruce, 45, Mount Ida, guilty of theft of property, fined $405 plus $29.98 restitution

Burke, Ruby Ann, 74, Glenwood, $45 BF, no seat belt

Burnett, Monica Dian, 38, Glenwood, $145 BF, speeding

Byrd, Kathy Janice, 71, speeding, under advisement for 60 days to dismiss, fined $155

Castillo, Efrain Mar, 35, Amity, $145 BF, no driver's license

Cruz, Daniel, 20, Glenwood, guilty of second-degree criminal mischief, fined $335

Cruz, Zeferina, 60, Murfreesboro, $145 BF, no driver's license; $145 BF, speeding

Davidson, Kacey Lynn, 32, Pearcy, guilty of speeding, fined $145

Hardin, Joshua C., 37, Glenwood, $45 BF, no seat belt

Lee, Dennis Steven, 69, Kirby, $45 BF, no seat belt

Nash, Carson Drew, 25, Hatfield, $145 BF, failure to stop or yield

Newsom, Michael, A., 49, Bonnerdale, $145 BF, speeding

Palmer, Sherry Malinda, 64, Glenwood, $155 BF, speeding

Perry, Michael S., 58, Glenwood, $145 BF, speeding

Pinkerton, Justin D., 43, Glenwood, $145 BF, speeding

Plunkett, Walter Delane, 21, Amity, $45 BF, no seat belt

Saldivar, Oziel, 47, De Queen, $145 BF, speeding

Saleh, Asem Hashem, 49, North Little Rock, $155 BF, speeding

Sipe, Kenneth L., 49, Mena, $45 BF, no seat belt

Spears, Katherine L., 53, Amity, $145 BF, speeding

Suarez, Siberia Noe, 24, Russellville, $145 BF, no driver's license; $145 BF, following too close

Thompson, Matthew Allen, 24, Glenwood, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined $160; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $350

Vaught, Jacob Taft, 45, Amity, $145 BF, speeding

Walden, Marsha Lynn, 60, Glenwood, $155 BF, speeding

Wiggins, Joni Jean, 66, Hot Springs, speeding, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss

Wilder, Matthew Dale, 23, Amity, guilty of defective equipment, fined $145



MINERAL SPRINGS STUDENTS ATTEND REALITY FAIR. On Oct. 7, 13 Mineral Springs High School students traveled to Texas A&M University-Texarkana to participate in the Red River Credit Union (RRCU) $park Reality Fair. The trip was coordinated and chaperoned by the District School Counselor Amy Westfall and the RootEd Career Coach Tametri White, who registered the students and ensured they had access to this incredible opportunity. Designed to bridge the gap between the classroom and the real world, this interactive event gave students a unique look into their financial futures. Participants were assigned a career and a starting salary, then tasked with budgeting for real-life expenses like housing, utilities, transportation, and groceries—all while managing unexpected financial curveballs. It was an invaluable, eye-opening experience that helped our students build the practical budgeting skills they will need to succeed after graduation. Students attending included (back from left) Donovan Green, Joshua Porter, Ny'asia Newton, Brenayja Barton, Evelyn Garcia, Paloma Campos, Kadynce Harris, JaKayla Walker, Chistrian Stewart, AJ Dean; (kneeling) Rihanna Collins and Kamiah Green. Not pictured is Alexa Waldrop.

Murfreesboro newspaper office moves to new location

The Murfreesboro Diamond has relocated to the Harvill Insurance Building at 325 West Main from their former office behind Caddo Antiques on Court Street.

The phone number will remain the same at (870) 285-2723, though the process is still in flux. To contact the Diamond by phone in the immediate future, please call (870) 681-0222.

The Diamond's email addresses will also change -- they will now be mdiamond@swarkansasnews.com and mdiamond.editor@swarkansasnews.com.

X-Rhea knife course Oct. 22-24 at UAH-T

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana's James Black School of Bladesmithing and Historic Trades will offer an X-Rhea Knife Course Oct. 22–24, 2026, at the school in Historic Washington.

The course costs $450.

To register and pay for the course, visit uahopetexarkana.coursestorm.com.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING IN NASHVILLE AND DIERKS

Applications may be picked up at the Howard County Housing Authority office located at
1010 S. Pope Street, Nashville, Arkansas
(off of Hope Hwy).
Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, Monday - Friday, closed on Wednesday afternoons.
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Jonathan Canaday on Main Street with his new book

Local's fascination with Nashville's Main Street results in first book

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

You can learn a lot about local history just by walking down Nashville's Main Street with Jonathan Canaday.

He has a story or historical tidbit about practically every building you pass, and more than likely, he's been inside that building, taking pictures and poking around for more history.

Whether he realizes it or not, Canaday has become somewhat of an authority on the history of Main Street and he has documented some of that history in his first book on the subject entitled, "Where Mine Creek Meets Main Street."

Canaday's fascination with Main Street and local history stems from not that long ago when he started visiting and taking pictures of old and abandoned buildings.

"I just got real interested in taking pictures of these old things and then researching and exploring them," he said, adding that he loves researching topics of interest.

He uses all mediums for his research, including old newspaper articles, historical books and fire maps produced by a company that sold them to municipalities for location services and insurance purposes. He also utilizes the microfilm housed at the Howard County Library and his handy copy of the Howard County heritage book.

The local fire maps were commissioned in 1900 and Canaday said it appears Nashville only bought the maps up to 1930. The maps note locations in general terms, such as "drugs" or "grocery" and do not have the specific business name listed, which for Canaday, means more research.

Canaday was able to determine from the fire maps that the building that formerly housed Nashville Drug (Main and Howard), and the one that houses Integrity Printing (200 N. Main) are the two oldest buildings on Main Street. The Nashville Drug building appears on a 1900 fire map.

"(The fire maps) give you a good idea and also puts a timeline on it," he said.

The architecture of the old buildings also interests Canaday and he noted that a building on Main Street has the "widest crown molding" with a pressed tin ceiling he has ever seen.

Canaday said his book is just the start of a more ambition project to write a full book on the whole entire Main Street - every building.

"I have not researched everything," he said. "There's still some buildings I don't know anything about."

Canaday will be on hand with his books to sell at the Nashville Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 24 or the books can be purchased by visiting and searching "Nashville, Arkansas" at blurb.com/bookstore. Books can also be purchased directly from Canaday by contacting him on Facebook.

'Haunted Hospital' continues to scare

The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce's "Haunted Hospital" will continue until Halloween.

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, with the remaining dates Oct. 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.

From 8-11 p.m. each night the house will be "fully open" to provide attendees a frightfully good time.

Proceeds from the event will go toward improving next year's event as well as new decorations for the chamber's Hometown Christmas events in December.

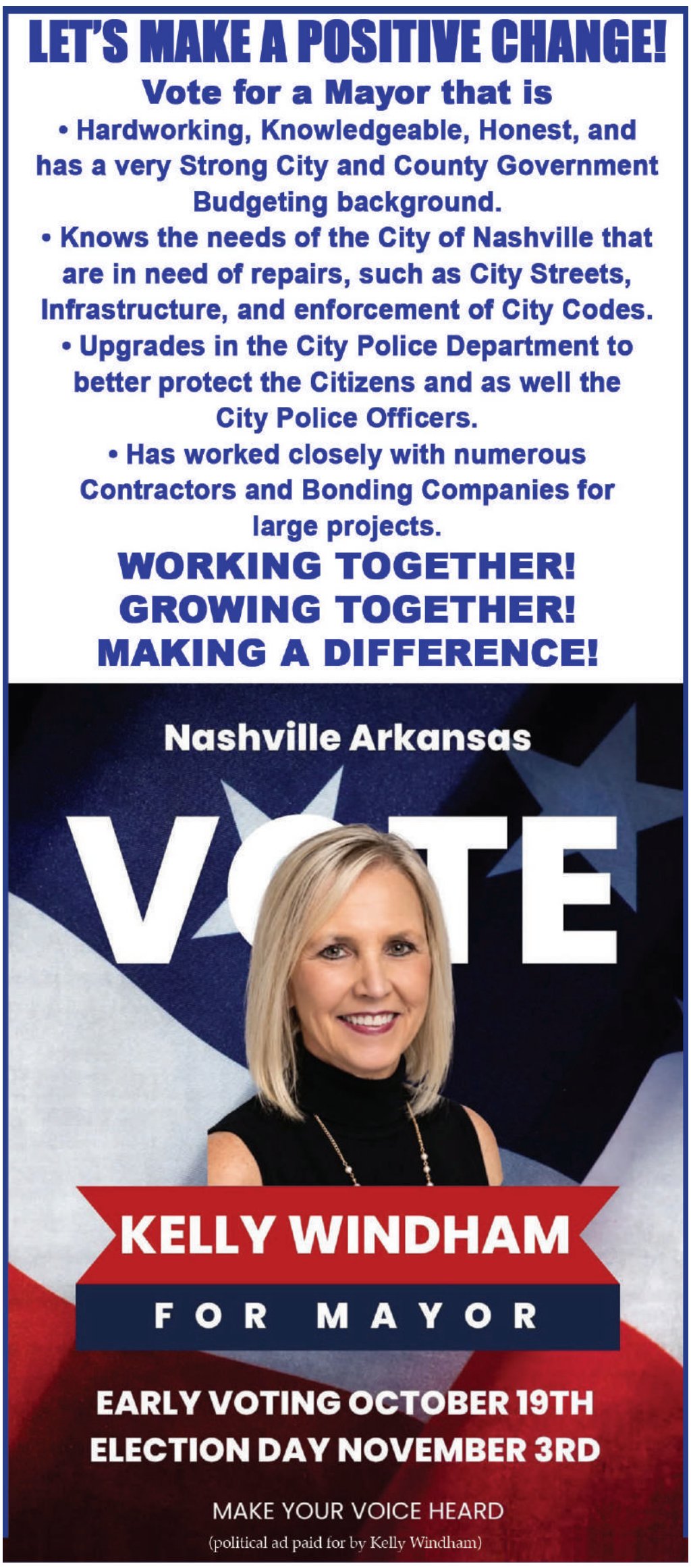
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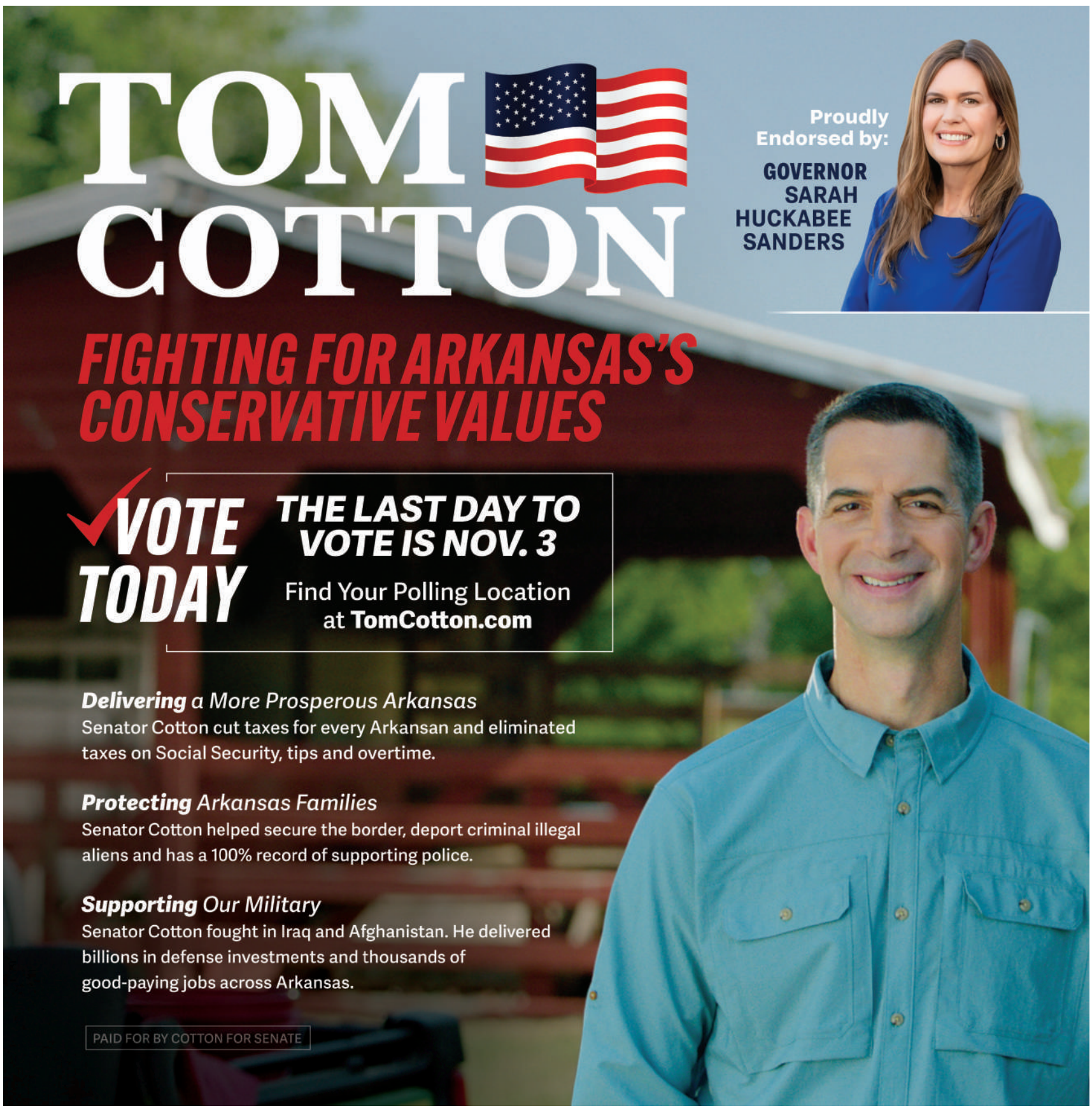
Early voting for the Nov. 3 General Election is now underway with two places for Pike County residents to cast early choices.

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.

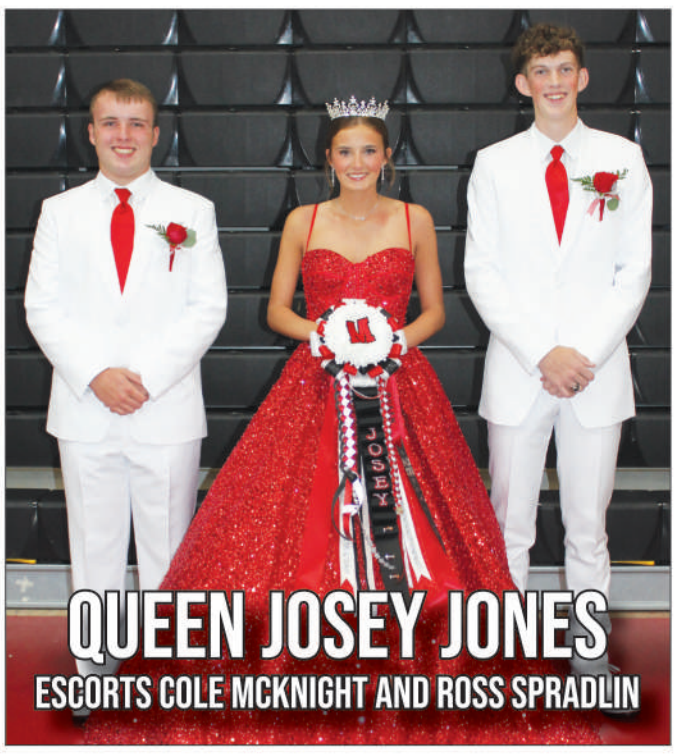
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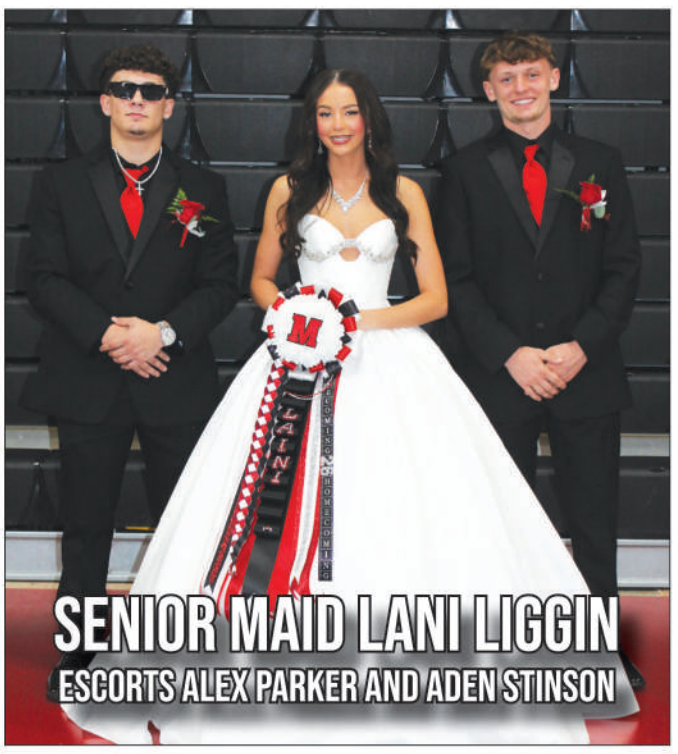
- Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, Oct. 26-30, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

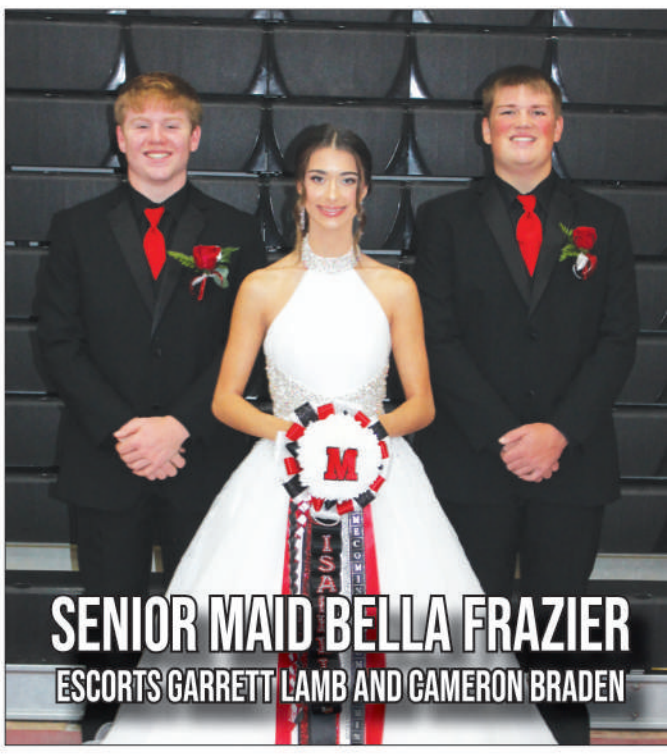


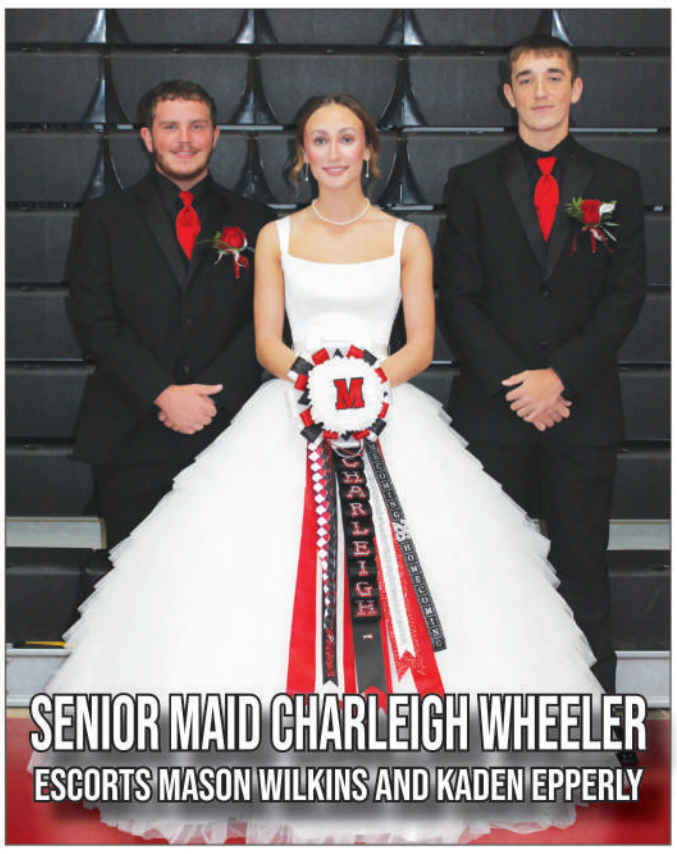


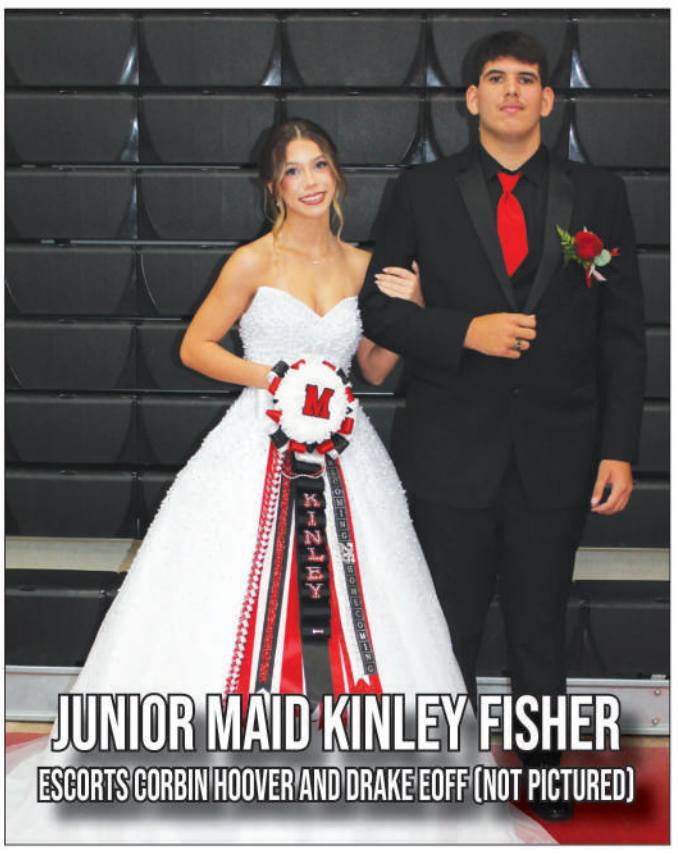


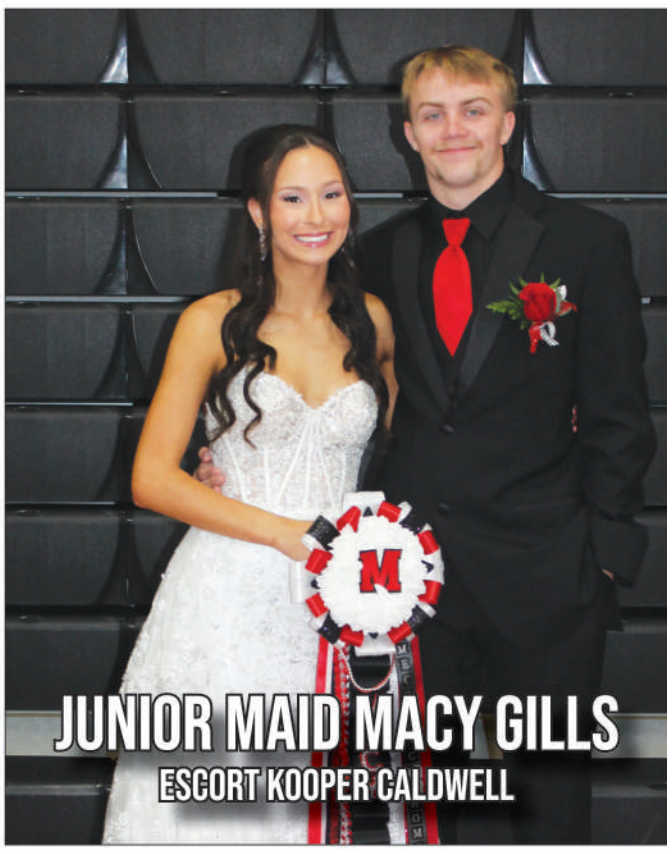

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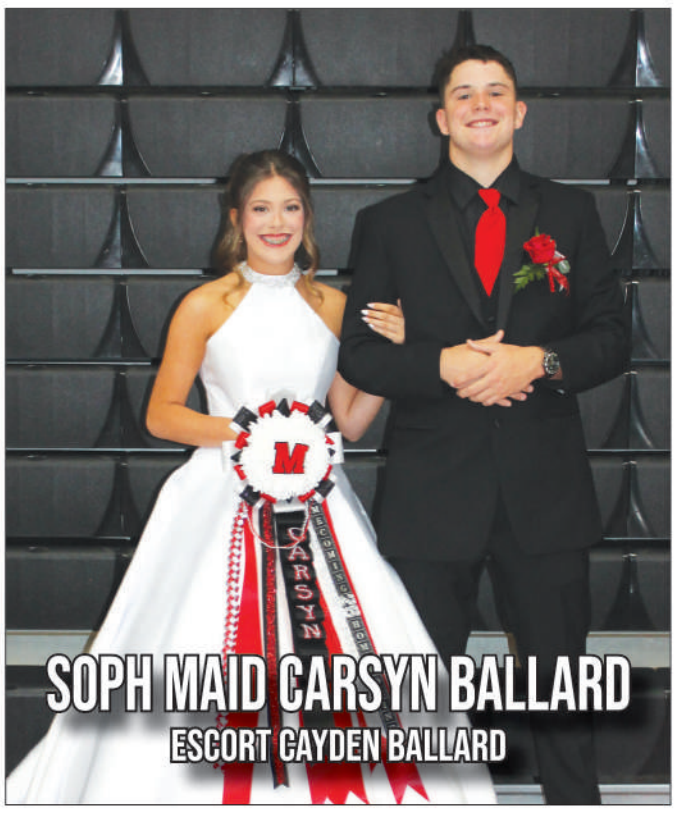

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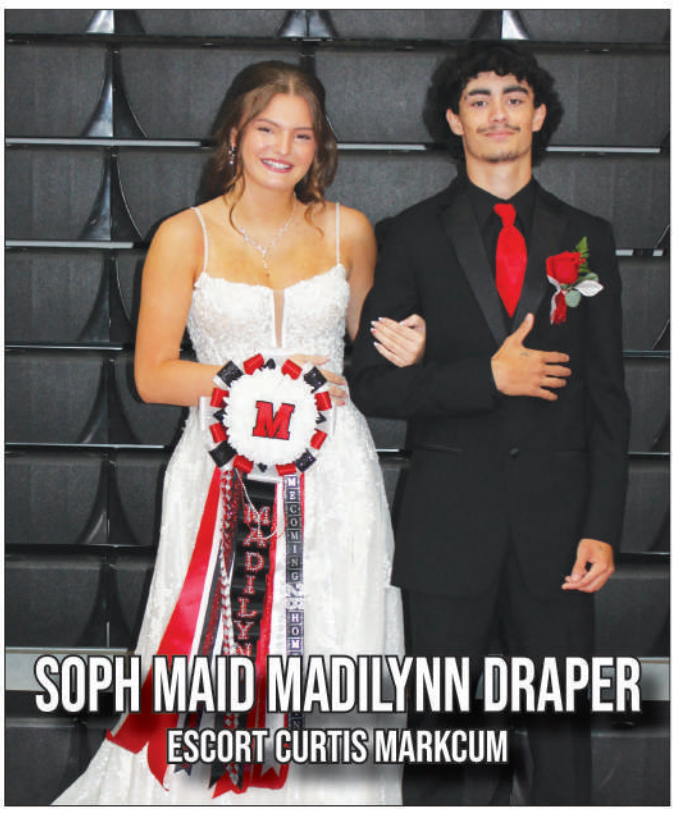

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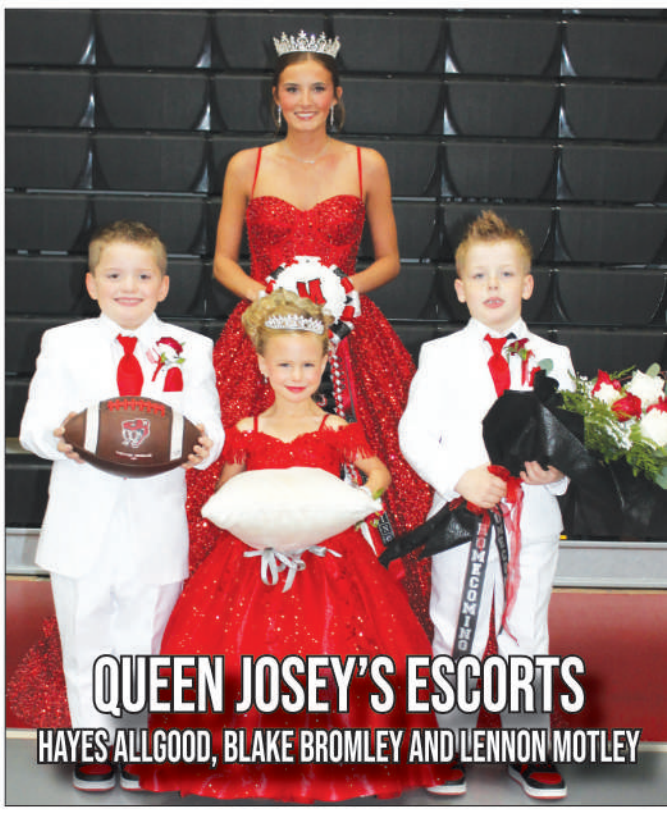

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Section B

Scrappers over Ashdown 35-13

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Scrap Media and B99.5 cover the game from atop the administration building at Ashdown. They include Scrap Media student Hunter Webb, adviser Carolanne Pinegar, students Ava Brown and Garrett Westfall, and broadcasters Bunch Nichols and Mark Trout.



Scrapper team captains leave the field after the coin toss Friday night, Oct. 16, at Ashdown. They include Axel Wade (14), Jacob Teague (10) and Kishon Jefferson (4). Nashville (7-0 on the season) won the District 7-4A contest 35-13.

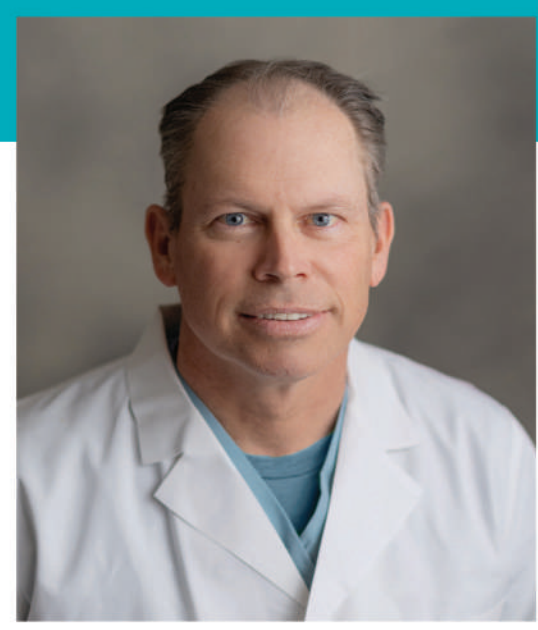


Nashville cheerleaders sport their Pink Out T-shirts Friday night at Ashdown. They joined schools across the state and nation in observing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



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Outlaws edge out Dragons for big conference win

It was a big-timer thriller Friday night in Dierks, as the Outlaws scored with just seconds on the game clock to snatch an important 32-28 win from the visiting Junction City Dragons.

The Outlaw are now sitting pretty atop the 3-2A standings with a 6-1 overall record and perfect 3-0 conference record just above the 5-2/3-0 Gurdon Go-Devils.

Dierks will travel to Foreman Friday night for another important conference match with the third-place 4-3/3-1 Foreman Gators.

"The way we finished that game (vs. Junction City) speaks to the players believing in each other and what we're doing," said Outlaw Head Coach Lantz Castleman about the battle to the finish put up by his team.

Focus has now turned to the Foreman Gators, who started the season 3-1 before a turn around that started with a 44-36 win over Murfreesboro, a 50-0 pounding of the Mineral Springs and continued Friday night with a 32-6 conference win over Spring Hill.

"We know we'll have to be at our best" when the Outlaws hit the field in Little River County.

"Our guys have worked hard to put themselves in this position," the coach added. "This will be our biggest game yet. The challenge now is to keep working to our standard and play our best ball moving forward."

It was windy and cold in The Holler Friday with the stands packed tight again for a night of high school football and neither team disappointed.

The Dragons were the first to get on the board and quickly after their defense turned the Outlaws back on the first possession of the game. The Dragons broke a 75-yard touchdown run on their first play and added the two-point conversion with 9:57 left in the opening quarter.

The Outlaws rebounded but eventually turned the ball over on downs inside the 10-yard line. The Dierks defense then forced a Dragon punt that set up a drive capped by a touchdown run by quarterback Maclane Smith with Maxton Greene adding the two-point play for an 8-8 tie.

Following an onside kick covered by the Outlaws, Dierks drove into the second quarter before QB Smith hit Treaton Alexander for a 12-yard TD pass. Greene again added the two-point conversion for a 16-8 lead with 10:37 left in the half.

Another big stand by the Outlaw defense and a punt gave the ball back to the home team. Using the pass and the run, the Outlaws moved into JC territory and with 6:00 left in the half Maxton Greene scored and ran in the two-point play for a 24-8 lead.

The Dragons got right back in the game and cut the lead to 24-16 with a TD pass. The Outlaw lead stood at halftime. The second half saw JC take the lead back (28-24) as the end of the third quarter neared.

The Outlaws mounted their final drive and worked their way down the field to set up a scoring run by QB Smith with just eight seconds left in the game. Greene put the nail in the coffin with the two-point play and a 32-28 final.

The Outlaws collected a total of 340 yards with 131 yards on 6/14 passes from QB Smith and 209 on the ground in 55 carries. Smith hit one TD pass and was intercepted once by the Dragons.

Smith carried the ball 26 tines for 87 yards and two TDs and Drake Thatcher rushed 19 times for 87 yard. Greene had 10 carries for 35 yards and one TD and also pulled in three passes for 61 yards.

Treaton Alexander's solo catch was good for a 12-yard TD and Madden Hill caught two passes for 58 yards.

Maxton Greene also dominated the Outlaw tackle chart with 12 combined stops followed by seven from Tristen Godwin, five from Griffin Shankles and four each from Jason Bailey and Jacoby Faulkner.

The Dragons had 278 yards of offense.



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OUTLAW DEFENSE TAKING DOWN A DRAGON



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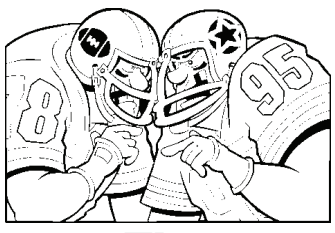
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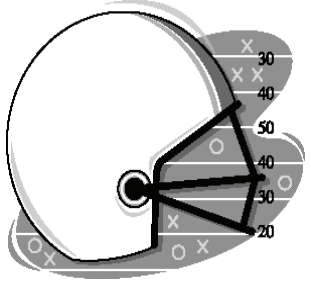
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Murfreesboro at Junction City	JCity	JCity
Arkadelphia at Ashdown	Arkadelphia	Ashdown
Fountain Lake at Malverrn	Fountain	Fountain
Ouachita Baptist at SAU	OBU	OBU
Arkansas Tech at Henderson State	HSU	HSU
Harding at UA-Monticello	Harding	Harding
Texas A&M at Alabama	Bama	Bama
Ole Miss at Texas	Ole Miss	Texas
Nashville at Hope	Nashville	Nashville



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Scrapper defender Blake Moody (9) tackles Cordae Baker of Ashdown in Nashville's 35-13 District 7-4A road win Oct. 16. The Scrappers will visit Hope this Friday night.



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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Rattlers top Mountain Pine for first win

Team hits long road Friday to Junction City for conference game

The Murfreesboro Rattlers (1-6) ended their losing skid in the 2026 season with a 22-8 non-conference homecoming victory over Mountain Pine (0-7) Friday night at Rattler Stadium for homecoming.

Rattler head coach Jay Turley agreed the game was not the prettiest, but said under the circumstances it was still beautiful.

He said the loss of six starters since the start of the season had hampered the Rattlers -- including playing time for underclassmen and a student athlete pressed into defensive backfield duty that had not played a lot of safety in his career.

"We played our linemen both ways for most of the game -- we haven't been doing that. The team as a whole really played their [backsides] off."

With a quarterback situation in flux following injured starter Kooper Caldwell's exit against Dierks, Turley said the offensive inconsistency was to be expected, noting the limited number of repetitions in practice he had received.

However, after the long stretch of losing to start the season, Turley is proud of his team for not quitting.

"They haven't let go of the rope -- I'm proud of them -- there is no quit in this team. Defensively, we were gang tackling with nine helmets around the ball often. The defensive lineman did a great job -- often sprinting twenty yards to help with a tackle. We made Mountain Pine earn every yard they got."

Turley said a team still competing as hard as the Rattlers in week seven after an 0-6 start was a credit to the student athletes, as well as his coaching staff who have kept the atmosphere positive.

"Most of our problems this year we have caused ourselves -- but I'm super proud they are still fighting their butts off and found a way to fight even harder."

He admits that when the Rattlers went down 8-6 in the third quarter he has some trepidation of the game slipping away.

However, a kickoff return and a later drive to score and largely killing the fourth quarter clock sealed the deal for the Rattlers.

"It was a much needed win," Turley said of the victory.

This week the Rattlers will travel to play the traditional powerhouse Junction City Dragons who have stumbled to a a 2-5 record (1-3 conference) in the 2026 season.

"They remind me of us in a lot of ways," Turley said. "The have found ways to lose games in the fourth quarter. They played a very tough non-conference schedule, including Smackover, Rison and Haynesville, Louisiana."

He said he expects the Dragons to come out swinging.

"They are playing for a spot just like we are -- if either of us win out, we make the playoffs."

He said regardless of the situation, the team has plenty to play for.

"They are playing for pride in the community and the name across their chest."

Turley admits that Junction City's roster is stuffed with talent, despite their record, including two D-1 recruits Delonte Duff (Arkansas Razorbacks) and Nehemiah Caldwell (undeclared, being pursued by several schools).

He said that Dragon QB Jermaine Kennedy was dangerous both running and had a cannon arm.

"Junction City is scary because even when they are out of position or are beat on a play, they can still make the play because of their athleticism.

"They are just so fast. That is frustrating to admit by teams that aren't as athletic and can only win by technique."

He said the Dragons are well coached.

Junction City has lost three conference games in a row -- 30-22 at Mineral Springs, 32-28 versus Gurdon and 32-28 at Dierks last week. Turley said Junction just couldn't stop Dierks on the game's final drive.

"If we go do our job, fight our butts off, be physical and give them hell, we have a chance -- especially if we can start out well."

He said his team could not get in a scoring contest with the Dragons, and that whoever played quarterback for the Rattlers can't be put into a position to pass often.

"We will try to shorten the game -- a game we can win is something like 21-14."

He concurred that there was no way his Rattlers were likely to win a first to 50 battle.

"Our defense has largely played well this season and is playing hard and physical. We have to take it to them to have a chance. If we can get on them early we do have a legitimate chance."

Turley said that despite the lengthy trip to Junction City -- the longest road trip of the season -- he hoped a good contingent of fans follows the team to the Louisiana border.

MS Hornets off this Friday, to return to field Oct. 30 to face Outlaws for Howard County Cup

The Mineral Springs Hornets dropped to 3-5 overall and 2-2 in conference play Friday night after a 55-16 road loss to the Gurdon Go-Devils.

The team has a bye week Friday and will be off until traveling to Dierks on Oct. 30 to face the Outlaws in the Howard County Cup.

The Hornets will wrap the regular season on Nov. 6 with a conference match with the Murfreesboro Rattlers.

The loss Friday moved the Hornets to third place in the 3-2A standings below Foreman (4-3/3-1) and Gurdon (5-2/3-0) and Dierks (6-1/3-0) in the top seat. The rest of the conference includes Junction (2-6/0-3) in fifth, Murfreesboro (1-6/0-3) and Spring Hill (1-6/0-3).

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Local man charged in Clark County with others after firearm theft

Formal charges were submitted in Clark County for filing Friday, Oct. 16, against Treveon Jeffers, 20, of Prescott , Omareon Deshawn Nunally, 21, of Nashville, and Hershall Williams Jr., 19, of Arkadelphia.

Jeffers and Nunally were arrested following an investigation of a firearm theft and a later incident occurring on the campus of Henderson State University. The investigation was conducted jointly between the Arkadelphia Police Department and Henderson State University Police Department.

As listed in the affidavits accompanying the formal charges, on the date of Sept. 2, at approximately 2:02 a.m., APD officers were dispatched to 201 S. 1st St. for a report of a robbery and theft that had just occurred.

Officers were informed by the victim that several black males, including Jeffers and Nunally, visited the victim's residence earlier that evening. The victim reported that Treveon Jeffers took the victim's Glock 23 .40 caliber handgun from his person, chambered a cartridge into the handgun and the left the residence with the other individuals.

On Sept. 4 HSU Police Department officers received a request to accompany housing staff for a room check at a residence hall on the campus due to the alleged odor of marijuana. During the room check, Jeffers and Nunally were present and ultimately fled the scene while standing outside the room accompanied by HSU Housing staff before law enforcement officers arrived. Neither Jeffers nor Nunally are students at Henderson.

Ultimately, officers found several firearms. In the dorm room of Hershall Williams Jr., officers found a Glock Model 19 and a Glock 43x handgun. The Glock 43x handgun was listed as stolen by the Hope Police Department.

Additionally, officers found the stolen Glock 23 .40 caliber handgun in a separate area of the residence hall. Officers also determined that the Glock 23 which had been stolen was equipped with an unlawful device that modified the weapon from semi-automatic operation in violation of federal and state law.

Officers later arrested the victim on unrelated charges stemming from the illegal firearm modification.

Jeffers was formally charged with the offenses of possession of firearms on school property, a class D felony; theft of property, a class D felony; criminal use of prohibited weapons, a class D felony; and possession of firearms by certain persons, a class B felony.

Nunally was formally charged with the offense of possession of firearms on school property, a class D felony.

Williams was formally charged with the offenses of Theft by Receiving and Possession of Firearms on School Property, both class D felonies.

Jeffers, Nunally and Williams previously appeared before Clark County Circuit Judge Blake Batson following their arrests with Williams's bond being set at $35,000 and Jeffers and Nunally's bond set at the amount of $85,000 each subject to additional conditions of electronic monitoring, random drug screens, no contact with the campus of Henderson State University and no possession of weapons.

Arraignment for all three individuals has been scheduled for Nov. 3 in Clark County Circuit Court.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 THE 2026 HOWARD COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1 : The 2026 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2025-16 should be Amended as follows:

Howard County OEM Other Sundry Insurance (1000-0500-3054) should increase by $324.00, OEM Other Miscellaneous (1000-0500-3100) should increase by $5,807.88. The increase comes from a reimbursement check from the City of Nashville for the City's portion of the Command Center, MACC I.

Howard County Elections Social Security Matching (1000-0109-1006) should increase by $1,600.00,

General Supplies (1000-0109-2001) should increase by $7, 192.79, and Other Professional Services (10000109-3009) should increase by $15,000.00. The increase comes from the State Board of Election Commissioners for reimbursement of the 2026 Primary Election.

Howard County Sheriffs Vehicles (1000-0400-4005) should increase by $13,195.00. The increase comes from a check from Todd Morris Auction for the sale of 6 Sheriff's Department vehicles at public auction.

Brent Pinkerton-Howard County Judge

Keri Teague-Howard County Clerk

September 21, 2026
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: GARY HODGE MARTINDALE

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NOTICE OF PROBATE-TESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 275 Hempstead 27 N, Nashville, AR 71852
Date of death: August 12, 2026

An instrument dated July 23, 2026, was on September 17, 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 21, 2026

Michael Dean Martindale, Executor, by
Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138
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Scrapper fans try to stay warm on the first cold night of the season Oct. 16 at Ashdown. Temperatures dipped into the 40s Friday night.



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Bryce Perrin (7), Bo Dean (12) and DJ Jefferson return to the sideline following Perrin's first quarter touchdown against the Panthers.



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DJ Jefferson (8) evades the Ashdown tackler on a big gain for the Scrappers, setting up a Bryce Perrin touchdown.



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Jace Wright (54), Luke Lacie (56) and Milik Gilliam (52) clear the way for Jacoby Hopson Oct. 16. Hopson gained 171 yards on 17 carries against Ashdown.



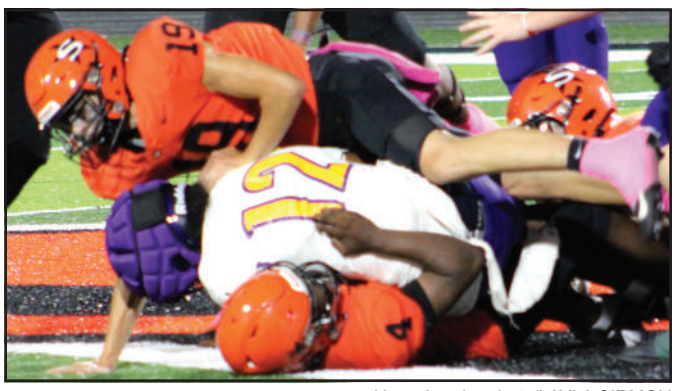
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Gage Kinkade (8) holds on Bryan Cervantes' PAT.



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Lucas Lowery (2) hands the ball off to Jahce Curry (4).



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Brantley Goodwin (19) and Jahce Curry (4) stop the Ashdown ball carrier last Thursday night in the junior high Scrappers' home victory.



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The junior high band performs at halftime during Nashville's conference win over Ashdown Thursday, Oct. 15, at Scrapper Stadium.

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Blake Moody, Nashville



Blake, a Scrapper junior, recorded 11 tackles Friday night, Oct. 16, in Nashville's 35-13 District 7-4A victory over Ashdown. With the win, the Scrappers ran their season record to 7-0.

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