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Good numbers listed for Week 1 of early voting in Howard County

By Louie Graves
News-Leader staff

Early voting has seen steady turnout in Howard County.

The first week ended Friday, Oct. 23, with 13 percent of eligible voters casting their ballots at the Carter Day Center in Nashville.

There are 7,104 registered voters in Howard County, and 921 had voted by the end of the day Oct. 23.

Turnout for other counties in the area includes the following:

Pike, 11.5 percent

Hempstead, 10.8 percent

Sevier, 7.4 percent

Pulaski County saw the state's highest turnout, with 18.1 percent of 240,197 voting by Friday afternoon.

The lowest turnout was reported in Stone and Desha counties with 5.7 percent each.

Election day will be Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Early voting in Howard County 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 Oct. 31, 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

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A restless nation heads to the polls in 2026.

Pumpkin patch, mum sale continue this week

Nashville Community Gardens continues its third annual Pumpkin Patch and Mum sale through Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 31.

The Patch is located at 1600 S. 4th St. in Nashville in front of Pilgrim's Pride.

The sale will be open from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. through Saturday.

Visitors may choose from hundreds of pumpkins of all shapes, sizes and prices.

The public is invited.

MS church soup kitchen to be offered on Oct. 28

The Mineral Springs Church of Christ soup kitchen will be Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 2-5 p.m.

The menu includes ham sandwich, chips and dessert.

Pantry boxes will be available.

The soup kitchen is open the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 2-5 p.m.

For more information, call 870-451-4441.



Collection Week for OCC set

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week will be Nov. 16-23.

Volunteers have been filling empty shoeboxes with gifts of toys, school supplies, hygiene products and other items for children worldwide.

The local drop-off site will be First Baptist Church of Nashville.

Since 1993, more than 244 million children in more than 175 countries and territories have received a shoebox gift.

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Orange and Black Bowl Friday night at stadium

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

Orange and Black will face Orange and Black when Nashville hosts Malvern at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, the night before Halloween.

At stake, the outright District 7-4A championship and the district's top seed going into the Class 4A state playoffs next month.

The contest will be the last regular-season home game for the Scrappers and will be Senior Night. Senior football players, cheerleaders and band members will be recognized at 6:25 p.m. when they will be introduced by stadium announcer Johnny Wilson.

Nashville's 1996 state championship team will have a 30-year reunion Friday night at the stadium. They will lead the 2026 Scrappers out of the locker room and up the Hill before the game.

Going into this week's contest, the Scrappers are 8-0 overall, 5-0 in District 7-4A. They are ranked second in Class 4A and tenth overall by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*. The Scrappers are second in 4A in Rex Nelson's Road to the Rock Rankings.

Nashville is coming off a 63-6 road win over Hope Oct. 23.

Malvern (5-3, 4-1) fell to Fountain Lake 69-45 Oct. 23.

"It's been a very successful season for Malvern," Coach Brad Chesshir said. "They're very athletic. Their running back Weston Morely is very explosive. If he gets away, you're not going to catch him."

Morely was injured early in the season but is back on the field and has carried the ball for 473 yards.

"We have to contain him," Chesshir said.

The Leopards are "heavy upfront," according to Chesshir, with an offensive line that averages 275 pounds per man. "They have good size, and they can lean on you."

Malvern has "good skill kids," Chesshir said, and the Leopards

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

TEAMWORK. Offensive linemen clear the way for a touchdown run by Jacoby Hopson (2) during Nashville's 63-6 road win over Hope Friday night, Oct. 23. The orange and black Scrappers will host orange and black Malvern this week, with kickoff set for 7 p.m. Oct. 30, the night before Halloween.



News-Leader photo/JAREE HALL

Howard Memorial Hospital in Nashville offers a number of services which aren't always found in small hospitals.

Another 'positive experience' for Howard Memorial patient

By Don Hall
News-Leader staff

Life is all about new experiences. Some are good, and bring a smile to your face. Others are not so good, and you really don't want a repeat performance.

This article is about Howard Memorial Hospital. My experiences with HMH have always been positive, if not always fun.

Several months ago I began to notice that I was burping a lot, and I would have mild hunger pangs all day long. Having a son who is an MD is convenient when you want a medical opinion. He recommended Pepcid, and it helped, until it didn't.

Then he said to try Prilosec. It worked well as long as I was taking it, but you're only supposed to stay on it for two weeks, and then no more Prilosec for four months. You guessed it. When I stopped popping Prilosec, the symptoms came back.

Doctor Boy was suspecting an ulcer. I remembered that my dad, when he was about my age, had the same symptoms and was diagnosed and treated for one. Two weeks of antibiotics and my dad was as good as new.

"Fine, Son, give me a prescription."

"Not so fast, Dad. It could be two other things," which he proceeded to pronounce and which I immediately forgot. Being retired gives you the right, and the ability, to do that.

He said I would need an EGD, and he described what it would involve. I told him, Nope, not gonna happen.

The good thing about having a son who's an MD is that you pretty much have instant access to a doc. The bad thing is that, when the doc calls you "Dad," he's kind of hard to ignore. Here comes the EGD.

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Economic panel reports momentum in past year

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

Developing Howard County saw a "year of momentum," Director Vanessa Weeks told the economic development panel's annual meeting Thursday, Oct. 22.

"We don't have an industrial announcement yet," Weeks said, but the panel has made progress in a number of other areas.

DHC was in the first cohort of Select USA, Weeks said.

"We were able to promote Howard County in front of international companies. We were invited to Mexico City," where Weeks and Veronica Ozura from Sevier County were the only economic development directors in attendance at a meeting where they promoted Southwest Arkansas.

"We have prime real estate," according to Weeks. "We're usually in competition with Little Rock. We have to market ourselves."

Developing Howard County hosted several site visits from prospective industries, Weeks said.

Four prospects visited the former Ox Bodies site during the past year.

The Okay site "is back on the radar" and hosted one prospect, Weeks said.

"We tell what's happening in Howard County any time prospects are here," she said.

Workforce development and talent are important to prospects, according to Weeks.

Some companies have expressed reservations about the number of workers in the immediate area, but Weeks tries to allay those concerns by pointing out that travel time for

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

DHC Director Vanessa Weeks presents her report at the panel's annual meeting Oct. 22 at Mine Creek Events in Nashville.

Obituaries



Barbara Denny

Barbara Denny, 80, of Delight, Ark., passed away on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026, at her home. She was born Nov. 23, 1945, in Little Rock, Ark., the daughter of the late Willard Thacker and Billie Jean Starling Reed.

Mrs. Denny was a devout Christian and a proud member of the Delight Methodist Church for 46 years. She served as worship leader for many years and as board secretary up to 2023. She also was a member of the Delight EHC for several years. Barbara graduated from Grove City – Jackson High School. After high school she attended the University of Arkansas and was proud to be a student in 1964 when the Razorbacks won the National Championship. She was a huge sports fan and loved supporting many teams over the years, but her favorite was following her grandsons' teams where she was a proud and vocal supporter.

During her 30-year career that she spent at the Pike County Courthouse, she served in the Pike County Clerk's office, the collector's office, and eventually was elected as the Pike County Assessor where she served for many years.

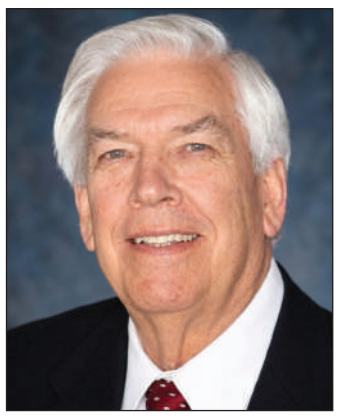
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Denny, a sister Sherry Young and one brother Chuck Thacker.

Survivors include: one daughter, Tracy Denny-Bailey and husband Scott; two grandsons Adam Bailey and wife Lainy, Alex Bailey and fiancé Allison King; two great-grandsons Madden and Maddex Bailey; one sister Tonzie Price; three sisters-in-law Kathryn Broussard, Doris A. Denny and Shirley Denny; as well as a number of nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Delight Methodist Church with Rev. Jim Henderson officiating. Burial will follow in Delight Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

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



Burt Weems

Burt Weems, 92, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 18, 2026.

Burt was born April 15, 1934, in Idabel, Okla., to Dewey and Edith Weems. Burt grew up in Nashville, Ark., and graduated from Nashville High School in 1952. He went on to Tulsa Junior College and Little Rock Junior College and finished his degrees at Oklahoma East Central State University, graduating with a degree in education and a master's degree in education administration. Burt was then drafted into the U.S. Army, where he became the athletic department director in Giessen, Germany. He played semi-pro basketball with the German Nationals.

Burt had a passion for education and sports as a teacher and coach at Bellevue, Mansfield, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Terrell, Okla. He then became principal at Boswell High School from 1971-1984. He was also a principal and assistant superintendent at Red Oak ISD from 1984-1989. Burt was an educator for 31 years.

Upon retirement, Burt started a second career selling insurance and worked as a substitute teacher at Lake Worth, Saginaw, and Boswell High Schools. He became known as the "singing substitute"! He also led music at several churches throughout his life. One of his greatest joys in life was singing. He loved singing for friends, family, students, and strangers. He even recorded a gospel album in 1970. He was active with the Kiwanis Club, served as president of the Retired Teachers Association of Saginaw, and was a Mason. He had an incredible network of friends. He never met a stranger and always had a great story ready to tell.

He was active in the churches he attended and developed many friendships at First Baptist Church Saginaw, Hampton Road Baptist Church, and Cross Church.

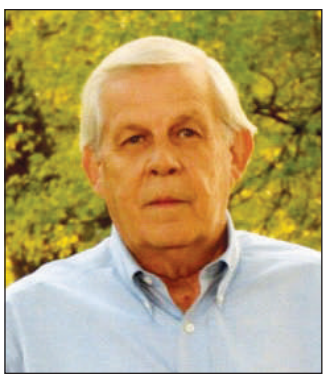
Burt lived out his Christian faith daily and always had a song in his heart for others to hear.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Laura Weems.

Burt is survived by his wife, Linda Preslar Weems; children, Michael Weems (Stephanie) of Pantego, Allison Jones (Casey) of North Richland Hills, Jay Riscky (Deirdre) of Keller and Joe Riscky (Kourtney) of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Evan Weems (Julia), Dylan Weems (Kendall), Garett Jones (Morgan), Grace Jones, Pete Riscky (Laura), Maddie Riscky, Hayden Riscky and Hudson Riscky; great-grandchildren, Jayden Weems, Sutton and Maren Jones and Susanna Riscky; and sisters, Mary Raines (Harold) and Linda Weems Cantwell (Sam).

Funeral: 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026, in Independence Chapel at Greenwood Mausoleum, 3210 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, TX 76107, with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment: Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Scottish Rite for Children, PO Box 122027, Department 2027, Dallas, TX 75312; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



James Earl Stuckey

James Earl "Jim" Stuckey, age 82, passed away at his home in Nashville on Oct. 21, 2026.

Jim was born in Poyen, Ark., on March 1, 1944. He graduated from Fayetteville High School, where he excelled in tennis, winning two state championships. He went on to attend the University of Arkansas on a tennis scholarship and later graduated from Henderson State University.

Jim began his banking career as a bank examiner for the FDIC, where he served for 5 years. In 1974, after moving to Nashville, he began his tenure with First National Bank as Vice-President and loan officer. He later graduated from SMU School of Banking. Jim also served the community as a Rotarian for many years, including as president in 1981-82.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. A.D. and Merle Stuckey, and his brother Mike Stuckey.

Jim was a devoted husband to his wife, Anita, for 55 years and a loving father to his son, Ryan. He and Ryan shared many years of baseball and golf memories, and in more recent years, enjoyed morning visits over a cup of coffee. Jim will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cremation services are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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



Lester Dwayne Hornbeck

Lester Dwayne Hornbeck, 90, of Murfreesboro, Ark., finished his earthly race and stepped into eternal life with Jesus on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026.

Dwayne was born Aug. 24, 1936, in Arkansas County, Ark., the youngest of seven children born to Lester and Carrie Hammett Hornbeck. His childhood was filled with fun adventures with his closest in age brother, Glenn, and the many friends/cousins who lived nearby. He loved to be outdoors, to hunt and fish, and throughout his life his favorite place to be was in a deer stand at A.L. Turner Farm, worshiping God as he was surrounded by the beauty of creation.

He attended Prairie Gem school and retained friendships with some of those classmates all of his life, including his lifelong friend, Bobby Hudspeth. He and Bobby talked on the phone often and would always say to each other that if anyone asked them where they went to school, they would say, "Why….all the IMPORTANT people went to Prairie Gem!" Dwayne graduated from DeWitt High School and went on to attend Arkansas Tech. While there, he received his calling as a minister of the gospel and transferred to Ozark Bible College in Joplin, Mo. As a child, Dwayne had attended First Christian Church in DeWitt with his family and while there he was encouraged by Bro. Harold Maffett to become a preacher. This church has always been a big part of his ministry and he was grateful for all the people in it.

Dwayne served in the Arkansas National Guard and then the Missouri National Guard and received Honorable discharges from both.

In 1959, Dwayne married the love of his life, Barbara Shields, and they had 67 1/2 wonderful years of marriage. Dwayne truly modeled loving his wife as Christ loved the Church, and even to the end he called her his beautiful bride and wanted nothing more than to be with her every day. He set a wonderful example for his children, grandchildren, and all those around him. He loved his children unconditionally, and over the years loved and welcomed their friends as if they were his own, including Terri's friend (and his bonus daughter), Donna Ratliff Hill.

Over the years, Dwayne pastored churches at Dark Corner Christian Church near Dumas, Ark., Stuttgart Christian Church in Stuttgart, Ark., First Christian Church in Piggott, Ark., First Christian Church in Selmer, Tenn., New Testament Christian Church in Little Rock, Ark., and Hot Springs Christian Church in Hot Springs, Ark. He and Barbara moved back to DeWitt in 1981 to help care for their elderly parents, and both worked at and later owned Duly's Auto Parts. While living in DeWitt, Dwayne served as an Elder at First Christian Church for many years. In February of 2018, Dwayne suffered a stroke, but inspired everyone around him with his determination and dedication to rehabilitate his body, which in turn made them want to work harder as well. His strong grip would shock people when they expected it to be frail, and he could plow a garden with one hand better than many could with two. He enjoyed working in his yard for many more years and had to be told when to take it easy and rest, because he had a strong work ethic. In 2020, when he and Barbara moved to live near their daughter, he became a faithful member of First Christian Church in Murfreesboro, Ark. No matter where he lived, his daily goal was to make sure everyone knew about Jesus Christ. Even at his 90th birthday party in August of 2026, he made sure to share the gospel with those who attended.

Dwayne was very involved in community activities wherever he lived. He was a member of the Lions Club in different places over the years, serving in all offices, including President. He served as treasurer of DeWitt Industrial Development Commission for many years. Along with his father and other men, Dwayne was instrumental in helping build and develop Bradley Christian Service Camp near Star City. Even today, so many adults have said he was their favorite preacher at Camp Bradley. He had a knack for knowing just when to be fun and when to be serious, and people could tell he really cared about them. He coached Steven's football and baseball teams with the Lake Hamilton Optimist Club. Dwayne also served on the Board of Christ on Campus at University of Arkansas in Fayetteville for 20 years.

In later years, Dwayne's

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A heartfelt "Thank You" to the Nashville Community!

On behalf of the Howard County Master Gardeners, we would like to extend our heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who supported our annual October Pumpkin, Mum and Plant Sale.

Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, our sale was a wonderful success! Your continued support allows us to promote gardening, education and community beautification throughout Howard County.

We were especially grateful to have Sunshine Acres, a wonderful local business here in Nashville join us for this special event. Their participation added so much to the occasion, and we truly appreciate the opportunity to work together!

Thank you, Nashville, for supporting local businesses, encouraging community projects, and reminding us of what makes our small town so special.

Together, we continue to grow a more beautiful community!

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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.
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Compiled by Patsy Young



Courtesy photo/HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mineral Springs Cheerleaders 1980. Top to bottom, left to right: Tonya Tullis, Shelia Spillers, Brenda Schaffer, Cindy Hopkins, Barbara Blair, Stephanie Winchester Harrison.

134 years ago: September 1892

The Nashville Store Co. will begin a general mercantile business here. Capt. William Johnson is the manager. They have a new scheme which will interest most everyone. Call on Capt. Johnson for particulars.

Miss Nannie Howell will give an entertainment at the school building next Wednesday night. The exercises will consist of music, recitation, tableaux, charades and drills.

An admission fee of 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for children will be collected at the door to help defray the expenses of the entertainment.

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124 years ago: September 1902

A called meeting of the city council was held in this city Tuesday night to consider the petition for the repeal of the hog clause of the stock ordinance and to consider the purchase of tiling for use in the five street crossings on Main Street.

The council refused to appeal the hog clause in the stock ordinance and the marshal has been ordered to enforce the law. Hogs that range on the back streets will not be molested. The *News* is glad to see the city council show a disposition to make permanent improvements in the city.

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80 years ago: September 1946

Notice: I have put in a grocery store near lake on Corinth Road and open for business. Will appreciate your trade. Otto McLaughlin

Taken up - Two hogs, weight about 100 pounds each. Owner can get same by describing and paying expenses at my home 5 miles west of Mineral Springs on Highway 27. W. J. Lair.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Chandler and son James and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks McAdams and son Jimmy visited Miss Joan McAdams and Bobby Chandler, who were attending Band Camp at Monticello the past weekend.

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64 years ago: September 1962

C. W. Dossey of Mineral Springs happened up with the newest fashion these days, alligators by the crate. The gator was captured on Grass Lake when Dossey sighted it going into a hole in the bank of the lake.

Dossey blocked the entrance to the cave and retrieved a shovel and dug a hole from the top of the bank. He roped the gator around the neck, tying it to the bumper of his Jeep to pull it from its habitat.

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44 years ago: September 1982

McNuggets for the nation. Breaded chicken pieces bound for most of the McDonald's outlets west of the Mississippi River are rolling through production at the Tyson processing plant here.

The plant is producing between a half-million and 800,000 pounds of the morsels weekly, and the added employment has boosted the area's economy at a time when other areas are suffering.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Wednesday, Oct. 15 -- Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses

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

Oct. 21. Rony A. Valladares Perez, 28, Nashville, and Lucerito Antonio Morales, 29, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV26-205, Oct. 14. Majestic Venting vs. Mineral Springs Food and Fuel, LLC. Register Arkansas Judgment.

CV26-206, Oct. 19. Cherry Blossom Investments vs. Justin Dallas. Debt.

CV26-207, Oct. 20. Crown Asset Management vs. Chad Janes. Debt.

CV26-208, Oct. 20. Lawrence Termite and Pest Control vs. Dustin Helmick. Contract.

Domestic Relations Court

No Domestic Relations Court filings since DR26-98, Oct. 12.

Criminal Court

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

CR26-69, Oct. 19. State of Arkansas vs. Kanyon Baylor Guarisco, 19, white male, 515 W. Sypert, Nashville; weapons possession during a controlled substance offense, class Y felony; POCS with purpose of delivery, class A; maintaining a controlled substance premises, class C; POCS with purpose of delivery, class C; PODP, misdemeanor. Filing is the result of an undercover operation.

CR26-70, Oct. 21. State of Arkansas vs. Deontrel Armstrong, 35, black male, 3113 Hwy. 371W, Nashville; POCS, class B; POCS, class A; weapons possession during POCS event, class Y; maintaining CS premises, class C; endangering the welfare of a minor, misdemeanor; felon in possession of a firearm, class D; furnishing prohibited articles, class B.

CR26-71, Oct. 21. State of Arkansas vs. Raydrinna Lasha Williams, 34, black female, 3113 Hwy. 371W, Nashville; POCS with purpose of delivery, class A; weapons possession during a CS event; maintaining a CS premises, class C; endangering the welfare of a minor, misdemeanor.

Land Transactions

Quitclaim Deed

Oct. 19. Hali Prescott; to Johnny Mack Prescott; 1.03 ac. in S24 T9S R27W.

Oct. 21. Nicolas Luna and wife Maria Luna and Dalia Luna; to Dalia and Moises Hernandez, joint tenants; Lots 7-8-9, Block 2, and part of Block 4, Eley Addition, City of Nashville.

Warranty Deed for Forfeited Property Sold

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Jose A. Cruz and Rosa Cruz, Nashville; Lots 1-3, Block 29, SWREDC Addition, Nashville. At auction $3,200.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Dustin Young, Kirby; 0.94 ac. in S25 T6S R28W. At auction $1,000.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Gynder Benson and Sharon Benson, Nashville; Lot 11, Block 29, SWREDC Addition, Nashville. At auction $1,000.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Deed Capital Ventures, Draper, Utah; part of Lot 11, Block 3, McCullough Addition, Mineral Springs. At auction $2,600.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Deed Capital Ventures, Draper, Utah; part of Lots 1-4, Block 18, City of Dierks, aka 212 E. Third St. At auction $16,000.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Jimmy Miller, Nashville; 2.17 ac. in S8 T10S R27W Hockaday Lane, Nashville. At auction $5,000.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Jimmy Miller, Nashville; 0.5 ac. in S31 T9S R27W, 265 S. County Line Road, Nashville. At auction $1,000.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Jimmy Miller, Nashville; 0.93 ac. in /s18 T10S R27W, 430 Randall Lane, Nashville. At auction $2,000.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Jimmy Miller, Nashville; 1.1 ac. in S18 T10S R27W, 265 S. County Line Road, Nashville. At auction $2,000.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Jimmy Miller, Nashville; Lots 9-10, Block 10, Holly Addition, City of Dierks; 410 Massey Ave., Dierks. At auction $1,000.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Rodney Bird or Christine Bird; 0.35 ac. in S19 T10S R27W. At auction $1,000.

Oct. 16. State of Arkansas; to Rodney Bird or Christine Bird; 0.11 ac. in S19 T10S R27W, Mineral Springs Addition. At auction $203.41.

Redemption Deed

Oct. 20. State of Arkansas; to Kamron L. May, c/o Larry Johnson, Casa Grande, Ariz.; Lots 9-10, Young's Subdivision, aka 211 Buckeye St., Tollette, Mineral Springs; delinquent taxes and penalties of $124.19.

Oct. 20. Lifeline Ministries COGIC, Inc., c/o Marvin Edwards, Nashville; Lots 6-7-8, Block 1, New Nashville, aka 314 Front St., Nashville; delinquent taxes and penalties of $1,131.47.

Administrator Deed

Oct. 20. John Eskew, Administrator of the estate of Jimmy Dale Eskew, deceased; to John Eskew and Jennifer Sewell, tenants in common; 0.8 ac. in S15 T5S R28W.

Beneficiary Deed

Oct. 15. Carolyn Busby, surviving spouse of Bruman Busby, deceased; to Tyra Hughes; 0.65 ac. in S23 T9S R27W.

Oct. 16. Lydia Diane Smith; to Autumn Raine Todd and Jacob Weslee Todd; 8.53 ac. in S26 T6S R28W.

Oct. 16. Delanior Davis; to Victoria Davis; Lots 4-5, Block 2, Spenser's Addition, Town of Nashville.

Warranty Deed

Oct. 15. Shirley R. McAlister, surviving spouse of Russell E. McAlister, deceased; to Larry M. Cross and Sandra Cross, husband and wife; Lots 1-2, Block 5, Greenwood Addition, City of Nashville. $283,000.

Oct. 15. Jessica R. Jones and Bobby Dallas and Marcille Dallas; to Jody Young and wife Christy Young; Lot 7, Ramage Road Estates, Howard County. $25,000.

Oct. 15. Debbie Golden; to Victorino Hernandez; Lots 11-12, Block 2, Original Town of Dierks. $5,000.

Oct. 15. Christopher Shane Graham and wife Laykon Marie Graham; to James Daniels and wife Brittany Daniels; 3 ac. in S12 T8S R29W. $12,000.

Oct. 16. Jeffrey Albert Romie and wife Melissa Romie; to Tamara Delaine Crisp; Lots 6-7-8, Block 4, Original Town of Dierks. $30,000.

Oct. 19. Johnny M. Prescott; to Robert Brent Armstrong and April Rachelle Armstrong, husband and wife; 1.03 ac. in S24 T9 S27W. $186,500.

Oct. 20. John Eskew and wife Rachelle Eskew and Jennifer Sewell and husband Adam Sewell; to Terry Griffin; 0.8 ac. in S15 T5S R28W. $155,000.

Oct. 21. Kyle Davis and Rachel Hammonds; to Antony Hobbs, Jr.; Tract 3, Cornbridge Estates. $35,000.

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Point of view

Boo! It's DST

Weak mind just cannot deal with the impact

Mine Creek Revelations

By Louie Graves

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and quite frankly can Halloween and Daylight Savings Time almost be here?

They're this coming weekend, in case you've been hibernating along with me.

Hibernating? It's almost frosty in the morning, and it's t-shirt/shorts weather at noon.

Yet, it's almost Halloween and time to move the clocks back. Or is it forward? I aways have to take my buggy to Gary Dan's crew to get the clock set right.

The clocks in my house just have to stay an hour off until next year. Unless there has been another electrical outage.

In addition to being unable to do anything while in regular session, our US Congress has not made it clear to me (me, at least) whether or not we're staying with the current DST time this fall or next spring.

I am clueless as usual. It's a full moon, too.

And how about those Hogs!!! Two weeks without a loss.

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SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT. In our 'experts pick 'em' feature I picked Malvern to win. Truth is, I just did that in hopes of firing-up the Scrappers for this very important game.

Unfortunately, we have every possible reason to be overconfident. My pick was a trick I learned from my late father who, before coming to Nashville, was sports editor of the 'Texarkana Gazette.'

His trick was to pick the OTHER team to win which sometimes energized the home team.

Go Scrappers.

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LET ME REPEAT my sincere thanks to the UA Extension Service for publishing the '2026 Voter Guide' which helps make ballot candidates, amendments and issues clear. The Extension Service has done this for many years of elections, and I've always found it useful --- both for my own voting and also for articles in the paper.

I am repeating this part of last week' column because Election Day --- Tuesday, Nov. 3 -- is nearly upon us and Early Voting is underway now.

All of the actual whole ballot issues have been previously published in the newspaper in their entirety and without any comment as required by law.

There are copies of this helpful UA Extension guide available in the courthouse. Read the guide if you haven't made up your mind. The guide explains each issue, along with articles about who supports the issue and why; and who is opposed to the issue and why.

The guide doesn't take sides.

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

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

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

(3) Issue No. 3. An Arkansas Constitutional Amendment about economic development. I am for anything that will help Arkansas (and our communities) develop jobs and housing, but the problem with this issue is that the rules to make this happen haven't been written yet, so there's room for shenannigans. Since the unanswered questions in the issue will be in the hands of the legislature I'm opposed.

(4) Issue No. 4. This would allow our state to issue up to $500 million in bonds to pay for local water, waste and pollution projects. The issue limits amounts the state can give out during time periods. Are you in favor of more indebtedness? Normally I'm suspicious of anything referred by the Arkansas General Assembly, so I changed my mind at the last minute and voted against.

Please get out and vote.

Election Day can't get here soon enough for me.

And let me add my thanks to the folks who have entered political races. It's how America works.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it. And one side of hospital gowns is still X-rated.

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HE SAID: "The biggest thrill a ballplayer can have is when your son takes after you. That happened when my Bobby was in his championship Little League game. He really showed me something. Struck out three times. Made an error that lost the game. Parents were throwing things at our car and swearing at us as we drove off. Gosh, I was proud." Bob Uecker, baseball major leaguer, MLB radio broadcaster, entertainer

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SHE SAID: "Someone has said that it requires less mental effort to condemn than to think." Emma Goldman, writer and political activist

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Citizens of two kingdoms

Heading to the polls as followers of Christ

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A Restless Nation Heads to the Polls

On Tuesday, November 3, Americans will go to the polls for the midterm elections. All 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 seats in the Senate are on the ballot, along with governors, state legislators, and local offices across the country.[1] The mood of the nation is anything but calm. A recent AP-NORC poll found that one-third of voters want "a complete and total upheaval" in the results, and nearly half more want "substantial change."[2] Frustration is not limited to one party. As one voter put it, "I don't care if you're a Democrat or Republican, we're all catching hell."[2]

Election seasons have a way of revealing what is really in our hearts. Our yard signs, our social media posts, town hall meetings, and our conversations at the coffee shop often say more about where we place our hope than our Sunday morning confessions do. So before believers head to the polls, it is worth asking a deeper question than "Who should I vote for?" The better question is this: "How does a citizen of heaven live as a citizen of earth?"

Our True Citizenship

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, a Roman colony whose residents were fiercely proud of their Roman citizenship. Yet he reminded those believers, "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil 3:20). Paul himself was a Roman citizen and was not afraid to use that status when it served the gospel (cf. Acts 22:25–29). But he never confused the two. His earthly citizenship was a tool; his heavenly citizenship was his identity.

The Apostle Peter makes the same point when he addresses believers as "sojourners and exiles" (1 Pet 2:11). The heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 "acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth" because "they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one" (Heb 11:13, 16). This does not mean Christians should be indifferent to what happens in America or in Nashville, Arkansas. It means that neither America nor Nashville is our ultimate home, and no election can give us what only Christ's kingdom can.

That truth should bring a deep sense of peace to believers this fall. Whatever happens on November 3, Jesus Christ will still be on His throne on November 4.

Seeking the Welfare of the City

If heaven is our home, should believers simply stay out of politics altogether? Scripture says no. When the people of Judah were carried away to Babylon, a pagan nation that had destroyed their temple, the Lord did not tell them to withdraw. Through the prophet Jeremiah, He said, "But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare" (Jer 29:7). If God's people were called to seek the good of Babylon, how much more should we seek the good of the communities where He has placed us?

Paul teaches that governing authorities have been "instituted by God" and serve as "God's servant for your good" (Rom 13:1, 4). In ancient Rome, believers had no vote. In America, by God's providence, we do. That vote is a stewardship. Like every other gift God entrusts to us, we will give an account for how we use it (cf. Luke 12:48). Voting thoughtfully is one practical way to love our neighbors and seek the welfare of the city.

That means preparing to vote the way we would prepare for any other act of stewardship: with prayer, with study, and with Scripture open. Before you cast your ballot, ask which candidates and measures best uphold what God's Word clearly values, such as the sanctity of human life (Gen 1:27; Ps 139:13–16), justice for the poor and vulnerable (Prov 31:8–9; Mic 6:8), and the freedom to worship and proclaim the gospel (Acts 4:19–20). Few candidates will line up perfectly, and believers in good conscience may weigh these things differently. But the question for a follower of Christ is not "What does my party want?" It is "What does my Lord require?"

Put Not Your Trust in Princes

There is a danger on the other side, too. It is possible to care so much about an election that we begin to treat it as our salvation. The psalmist warns, "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish" (Ps 146:3–4). He then points us to where our trust belongs: "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God" (Ps 146:5).

When Daniel praised God for revealing the king's dream, he declared that God "changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings" (Dan 2:21). Nebuchadnezzar, the most powerful man in the world in his day, learned this the hard way, and he finally confessed that "the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will" (Dan 4:32). No candidate, party, or majority in Congress will ever be outside of God's sovereign rule. Proverbs puts it simply: "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will" (Prov 21:1).

If our peace rises and falls with poll numbers, it may be a sign that we have put our trust in princes. Believers should vote as people who care deeply about the outcome and rest completely in the One who governs the outcome.

Loving Your Neighbor Across Party Lines

Perhaps the greatest test for believers this election season is not the ballot itself, but how we treat people who mark theirs differently. Paul wrote to Timothy, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Tim 2:1–2). Notice that Paul does not say "pray for the leaders you voted for." He says pray for all of them. And he wrote this under Nero, who was hardly a friend of the church.

James adds a word every believer with a smartphone needs to hear: "Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (Jas 1:19–20). Angry posts and heated arguments rarely change a single mind, but they can easily damage a witness. The neighbor across the street with the other candidate's yard sign is still an image bearer of God (cf. Gen 1:27), and still someone for whom Christ died.

The church should be the one place in America where people who disagree on politics can still sit side by side in the pew, open the same Bible, and sing to the same Savior. That kind of unity is not weakness; it is a testimony. As Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Heading to the Polls as Followers of Christ

So what does this look like between now and Election Day?

Pray before you vote. Ask the Lord for wisdom, and He has promised to give it generously (Jas 1:5). Pray for every candidate on your ballot by name, including the ones you will not vote for.

Prepare before you vote. Look up your sample ballot, read up on the candidates and any ballot measures, and weigh them against what Scripture values rather than what a campaign ad says.

Speak with grace. Let your speech "always be gracious, seasoned with salt" (Col 4:6), online and in person.

Rest after you vote. When the results come in, whether you are celebrating or disappointed, remember that your hope was never on the ballot.

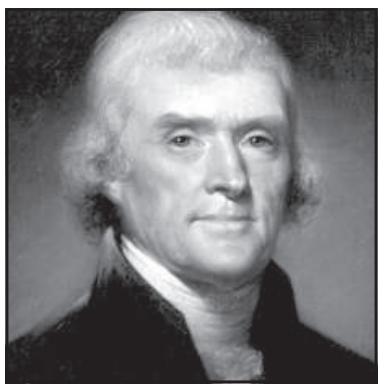
So...where is your hope this election season? Is it in a party, a candidate, or a majority in Congress? Or is it in the King whose kingdom "shall never be destroyed" (Dan 2:44)? May we go to the polls as faithful citizens of this nation and, above all, as grateful citizens of heaven, seeking the welfare of our communities, praying for our leaders, and loving our neighbors, to the glory of God.

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whether we should have
a government without newspapers,
or newspapers without a government,
I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
Thomas Jefferson, 1787
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HMH

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I could look up what "EGD" stands for, but if I wrote it out then you would skip over the wordy gobbledygook. At least, that's what I did when I looked it up for myself.

In a nutshell, think "colonoscopy," but they'll start from the other end and go down, and you'll hope the "scope" that they're using is a different one from the "scope" that they used for your colonoscopy.

My EGD turned out well. Not fun, but well. I don't remember a thing about it and I slept like a baby for the rest of the day. No ulcer, but basically Oral Thrush in my esophagus. I came home with some tasty liquid medicine, and I should be as good as new in a couple of weeks.

This article is not about my throat, though; it's about the gem of a hospital we have right here in Nashville.

It's said that nobody sees more sick people in more hospitals than doctors and ministers. Having been in the ministry for more than four decades, I believe it. I've seen hundreds of people in dozens of hospitals, and I would rank Howard Memorial as one of the top two I've ever been in. The other one at the top of my list is Conway Regional, where, not coincidentally, a certain Dr. Hall is in practice.

From the time of my arrival at HMH, I was met by one professional after another. From the greeter who showed me to registration, where I was checked in and given paperwork to carry to the pre-op, where I was led to a room by a nurse who lives in Hope and works weekends there but picks up shifts at Howard Memorial during the week, to another nurse who is a young travel nurse from Idaho, they were all outstanding.

Then there was the nurse who wheeled me down to the OR. I had watched her grow up here in Nashville, I'd been to her graduation from Cossatot where I sat with her family, and I felt like I should ask her if she was really old enough to know what she was doing.

I didn't ask. That's an old toot thing to do, when the doctors and nurses, as well as policemen, all look too young to be in those jobs. She was patient with me—I am an old toot, you know—and she and everyone else that put up with me were all top-notch.

Then came the anesthesiologist who would be putting me to sleep and the surgeon who actually did the procedure.

There were others after I got back to the recovery area, but I don't remember them. Whatever the anesthesiologist used to put my lights out, I wish someone sold it in 6-packs.

My wife and I have been in Nashville for more than 36 years now. We've raised three kids here, and raising three boys means we spent a fair bit of time in the ER.

This past summer, after a little accident, I spent six hours getting to know Dr. Shaw, the ER doc, myself. I don't recommend accidents, but I would definitely recommend Dr. Shaw and the ER at Howard Memorial.

And I continue to be amazed at the quality of health care that is available, right here in Nashville, through the hospital and the clinics at Howard Memorial Hospital.

This small town has access to specialists in cancer treatment, cardiology, dermatology, pediatrics, orthopedics, urology, and wound care as well as primary care physicians and surgeons. Not many other towns our size can say that.

I know that some people are not fans of Howard Memorial, for whatever reason. I'm sure the same thing could be said of every hospital on the planet. But my experiences, both personally and as a minister, have always been excellent there, being surrounded by caring professionals who are proud of how they do their jobs.

But I will say this concerning my most recent "new experience." I don't want a repeat performance. One EGD was enough.

Orange

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"do a good job mixing personnel and looks. They do a good job of scheming" their opponents.

The Scrappers "will have to make adjustments on the fly. We'll have to play fast and physical defense."

On offense, Nashville will face a 3-4 and man-to-man defense from the Leopards. "They have a lot of movement up front. We have to do a good job of being quick and pick up their stunts," Chesshir said.

Malvern is "very athletic. They play extremely hard. We must be extremely disciplined to have a chance of success," according to Chesshir.

"It's always a good match-up with Malvern. I expect a great atmosphere Friday night on the Hill," Chesshir said.

Hope

The Scrappers defeated Hope 63-6 in a District 7-4A game last Friday night.

"I'm extremely proud of our team for coming out and taking care of business," Chesshir said. "All week we wanted to keep our kids locked in on improving. I'm proud of the effort; I'm proud of the mindset all week. Practice was very productive. We improved in every area."

Chesshir and the coaching staff told players "to do what we do and handle our business."

The Scrappers were up 56-0 at halftime with seven offensive touchdowns and one on defense.

In the second half, Nashville substituted freely against the Bobcats. "We were able to keep guys fresh and get off the field. I'm proud of those kids."

For the night, Jacoby Hopson carried the ball 11 times for 181 yards and five touchdowns. He also caught two passes for 49 yards, giving him 230 total yards.

"He makes a lot of people miss and gains yards after contact," Chesshir said.

DJ Jefferson "played well" against Hope. The Scrapper quarterback completed 6 of 10 passes for 124 yards and a touchdown. He also ran the ball seven times for 56 yards.

Bryce Perrin had four rushes for 44 yards and had two receptions for 52 yards.

Gauge Applegate carried twice for 31 yards and caught two passes for 23 yards.

Zavion Vaughn had one catch for four yards. Al Green made two receptions for 29 yards and a touchdown. Bay Nolte had one reception for eight yards.

Trunks Hawthorne carried four times for 45 yards.

Mack Arnold had four carries for 26 yards. He also completed four of five passes for 41 yards and a touchdown.

"I'm proud of Mack Arnold. He got reps with the 1's. He did a good job operating the offense. He threw well and ran well," Chesshir said of the sophomore QB.

"Overall, a lot of guys played well. The O-line paved the way for a lot of rushing yards and allowed DJ to throw."

For the game, Nashville rolled up 383 rushing yards and 165 passing for 548 yards total offense.

The Scrapper offensive line "did an outstanding job of handling the loaded box that Hope gave us. They kept their eyes up and picked up movement up front," Chesshir said. They included Aiden Bradley, Jace Wright, Halton Howard, Luke Lacie, DeShawn Hawkins, Hayden Crabtree and Bo Dean.

Dean scored his third defensive touchdown of the season Friday night on a 60-yard interception return.

He had another pick six against Arkansas High and a scoop and score against Magnolia.

"He has a knack for the ball," Chesshir said. He's very football savvy."

On defense, Drew Mitchell was the leading tackler with five.

Bo Dean recorded four tackles and returned an interception for a touchdown. Milik Gilliam made four tackles and forced a fumble.

Aiden Bradley and Yerik Hernandez had one tackle for a loss each.

Other Scrapper tacklers included Kiron Johnson, Jailyn Staggers, Kishon Jefferson, Khamari Canady, Trendon Northcross, Jaydon Bernard, Royce Johnson, Nilson Henriquez and Thomas Johnson.

The Scrappers "played pretty much a complete game" on offense and defense, according to Chesshir.

"The one area we didn't do well was penalties. Our defense had too many offsides penalties. They've been good most of the season," Chesshir said.

Chesshir thanked the Scrapper fans who attended the game. "We had a good crowd there."

DHC

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workers outside Howard County is not the same as a longer commute in Little Rock.

Weeks acknowledged the partnerships which DHC has formed with various agencies and offices, along with local media.

State Rep. Dolly Henley was in the audience last Thursday and has always been available, Weeks told the group.

A representative of Congressman Bruce Westerman's office attended the meeting.

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District and a number of other groups have provided assistance, Weeks said.

Local media, including Southwest Arkansas Radio and the *Nashville News-Leader*, "are always ready to tell about what we do," Weeks said.

Weeks reviewed the work of DHC's different committees during the past year.

The housing group was part of a roundtable discussion on ways to improve housing in the area.

The tax education and public information committee has worked to provide tax education to residents. County Judge Brent Pinkerton "has been great. He's always telling people about how taxes are used. He tells them about courthouse records."

Maintaining and attracting business and industry continues to promote the county, Weeks said. "We hope to make two retain announcements in coming weeks."

Branding, recreation and entertainment has worked on numerous ways to present Howard County to prospective businesses and industries.

DHC hosted the State of the Southwest meeting in April, attended by more than 200 people involved in economic development across the region.

When DHC began three years ago, "All I had was an office," Weeks said. "We weren't a non-profit at that time. Now, we're on the national and international stage. I want to thank everyone who has given their time, money, and helped in any way."

In response to a question about the county's population, Judge Pinkerton said the declining numbers are part of a population trend. "It's not just a Howard County problem, not just a Southwest Arkansas problem. Northwest Arkansas, Central Arkansas and the Jonesboro area are growing," while other parts of the state have lost population.

The judge said that if the county loses population, "We lose money from the state for roads and other projects."

Earlier in the meeting, DHC board chair Paul Britt welcomed attendees and gave the financial report.

He said that Developing Howard County has received $123,716 in sales tax income from the county so far, and "none has been spent yet."

Britt expects the full share will be around $220,000-$225,000.

To ensure transparency and accountability, "We will have a full CPA audit every year," according to Britt, and may request an annual legislative audit.

Following the business meeting, Clint O'Neal, director of AEDC, was the guest speaker.

Election

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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.

Halloween Trick or Treat Trail set Oct. 29

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

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Fall is finally here!

Cossatot River State Park is your weekend destination for fun-filled activities and guided hikes. Hike every trail in the park, self-guided or led by a park interpreter, from 11/1 to 11/30 to complete the Fall Hiking Challenge! Pick up a Fall Hiking Challenge booklet at the Visitor Center to track your progress.

Sunday, November 1
Fall Hiking Challenge: Harris Creek Trail Leaf Peep Hike
10a.m. @ Harris Creek Trailhead

Hike with a park interpreter in search of fall colors in the trees and investigate the science behind them. This is a 3.5-mile round trip hike rated moderate to strenuous. Please bring a snack and plenty of water as well as wear proper clothing and footwear.

Friday, November 6
Fall Hiking Challenge: 5.5 miles on River Corridor Trail
9a.m. @ Low Water Bridge

Join a park interpreter to hike a section of the beautiful River Corridor Trail. We'll be hiking from Cossatot Falls to the South River Corridor trailhead. A shuttle is provided to all hikers for this 5.5-mile hike. Please meet at the Low Water Bridge (below visitor center) at the start time to get shuttled to the hike starting point. This trail is rated moderate to strenuous, so please bring a snack and plenty of water as well as wear proper clothing and footwear.

Saturday, November 7
Fall Hiking Challenge: 5 miles on River Corridor Trail
9a.m. @ Brushy Creek Rec. Area

Join a park interpreter to hike a section of the beautiful River Corridor Trail. We'll be hiking from Ed Banks to the North River Corridor trailhead. A shuttle is provided to all hikers for this 5-mile hike. Please meet at Brushy Creek Recreation Area at the start time to get shuttled to the hike starting point. This trail is rated moderate to strenuous, so please bring a snack and plenty of water as well as wear proper clothing and footwear.

Saturday, November 7
Fall Watercolors
3p.m. @ Low Water Bridge

Sunday, November 8
Fall Hiking Challenge: Brushy Creek Trail Leaf Peep Hike
10a.m. @ Brushy Creek Trailhead

Hike the Brushy Creek Trail with a park interpreter in search of fall colors in the trees and investigate the science behind them. This is a 0.75-mile round trip hike rated easy.

Friday, November 13
Fall Hiking Challenge: 5.5 miles on River Corridor Trail
9a.m. @ Low Water Bridge

Join a park interpreter to hike a section of the beautiful River Corridor Trail. We'll be hiking from Cossatot Falls to the South River Corridor trailhead. A shuttle is provided to all hikers for this 5.5-mile hike. Please meet at the Low Water Bridge (below visitor center) at the start time to get shuttled to the hike starting point. This trail is rated moderate to strenuous, so please bring a snack and plenty of water as well as wear proper clothing and footwear.

Saturday, November 14
Fall Hiking Challenge: 2 miles on River Corridor Trail
9a.m. @ Cossatot Falls

Join a park interpreter to hike a section of the beautiful River Corridor Trail. We'll be hiking from Ed Banks to Cossatot Falls. A shuttle is provided to all hikers for this 2-mile hike. Please meet at Cossatot Falls at the start time to get shuttled to the hike starting point. This trail is rated moderate to strenuous, so please bring a snack and plenty of water as well as wear proper clothing and footwear.

Saturday, November 14
Bear Aware Station
2-3p.m. @ Cossatot Falls

Sunday, November 15
Fall Hiking Challenge: Waterleaf Trail Leaf Peep Hike
1p.m. @ Waterleaf Trailhead

Hike the Waterleaf Trail with a park interpreter in search of fall colors in the trees and investigate the science behind them. This is a 0.5-mile round trip hike rated easy to moderate.

Friday, November 20
Fall Hiking Challenge: 5 miles on River Corridor Trail
9a.m. @ Brushy Creek Rec. Area

Join a park interpreter to hike a section of the beautiful River Corridor Trail. We'll be hiking from Ed Banks to the North River Corridor trailhead. A shuttle is provided to all hikers for this 5-mile hike. Please meet at Brushy Creek Recreation Area at the start time to get shuttled to the hike starting point. This trail is rated moderate to strenuous, so please bring a snack and plenty of water as well as wear proper clothing and footwear.

Saturday, November 21
Fall Hiking Challenge: Brushy Creek Trail Leaf Peep Hike
10a.m. @ Brushy Creek Trailhead

Hike the Brushy Creek Trail with a park interpreter in search of fall colors in the trees and investigate the science behind them. This is a 0.75-mile round trip hike rated easy.

Saturday, November 21
Hibernation Station
2-3p.m. @ Sandbar Campground

While Arkansas isn't covered in snow all winter, the inhabitants of forests undergo fascinating transformations and exhibit surprising habits to survive the colder months. Stop by the Sandbar campground to discover the many ways wildlife of the area live through the winter. This is a come and go station.

Sunday, November 22
Fall Hiking Challenge: Waterleaf Trail Leaf Peep Hike
1p.m. @ Waterleaf Trailhead

Hike the Waterleaf Trail with a park interpreter in search of fall colors in the trees and investigate the science behind them. This is a 0.5-mile round trip hike rated easy to moderate.

Saturday, November 28
Fall Hiking Challenge: 2 miles on River Corridor Trail
9a.m. @ Cossatot Falls

Join a park interpreter to hike a section of the beautiful River Corridor Trail. We'll be hiking from Ed Banks to Cossatot Falls. A shuttle is provided to all hikers for this 2-mile hike. Please meet at Cossatot Falls at the start time to get shuttled to the hike starting point. This trail is rated moderate to strenuous, so please bring a snack and plenty of water as well as wear proper clothing and footwear.

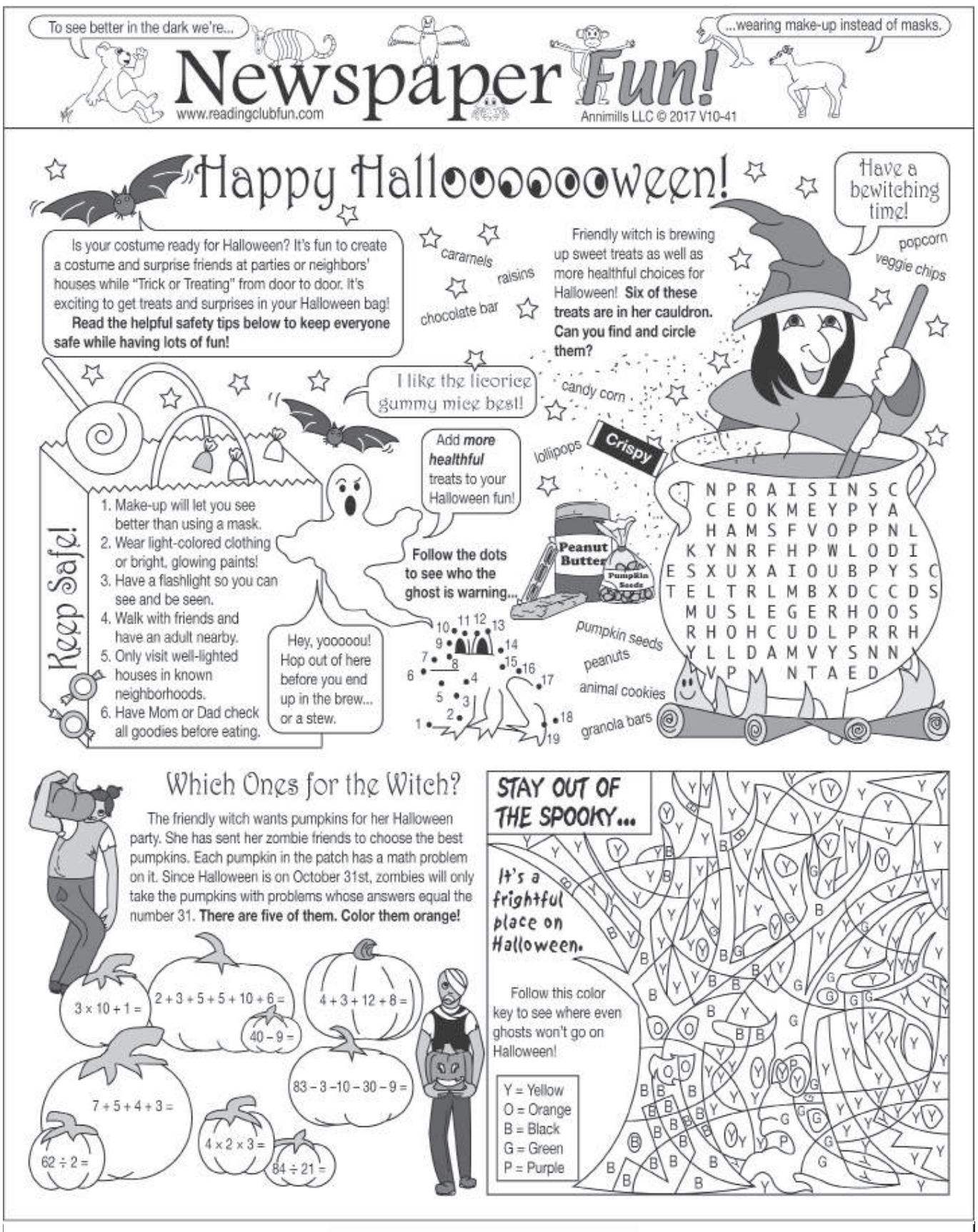
Saturday, November 28
Owl Pellet Dissection
3p.m. @ Visitor Center

Sunday, November 29
Fall Hiking Challenge: Harris Creek Trail Leaf Peep Hike
10a.m. @ Harris Creek Trailhead

Hike with a park interpreter in search of fall colors in the trees and investigate the science behind them. This is a 3.5-mile round trip hike rated moderate to strenuous. Please bring a snack and plenty of water as well as wear proper clothing and footwear.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. Reverse by FHC owner Mandy Ferguson (seated holding baby Adeline Coon) and her crew celebrated the business's fifth birthday last week by hosting a Nashville Chamber of Commerce community coffee. Joined by NCC board member Maira Couch, Wendy Rojas-Sitzes, Dena Tollett, Kristin Stavely and Tina Carver (holding Savvy McCullough), the Reverse crew includes Ferguson and Brittany Coon (front) and Lauren Ferguson and Brittany Ward (middle) and Madison Conner, Sunni Tollett, Lakyn Backus, Sabrina Ford and Anna Gilbert (back).



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Obituaries

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natural ability to tell stories led to his authoring two novels, Hossfly, That's Me! and Sweetwater Plantation, as well as a 366 day devotion book, Sweeter Than Honey.

Dwayne was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, CW Hornbeck, Lela Ella Hornbeck, Raymond Hornbeck, Eloise Hornbeck, Joyce Hornbeck Cooper, and Glenn Hornbeck; his first son-in-law, Greg Oxner; and his precious in-laws whom he loved so much, Roy Raymond "Duly" Koen, Jr., and Vernie Clark Shields Koen.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara Shields Hornbeck, his favorite daughter, Terri Hornbeck Oxner (Chris) Sharp of Murfreesboro, his favorite son, Steven Hornbeck (Cathy) of White Hall; his grandchildren, Holly Oxner (Paul) Hurn, Tanner Oxner, Christopher (Callie Anna) Oxner, McKenzi Oxner (Hayden) Boyd, Noah Hornbeck, Kayli Oxner Roberts, Abigail Hornbeck (Austin) Shores, and bonus grandchildren, Kara Sharp (Jonathan) Turner, Chloe Sharp (Dylan) Perdue; and nine great-grandchildren, Tilden Turner, Josiah Hurn, Lynnlee Hurn, Finley Perdue, Reuben Hurn, Reid Roberts, Sophia Oxner, Emerson Boyd, and Ian Roberts. He loved each one and his greatest desire was that they all would love and serve the Lord all their days. Family and friends alike will miss his laughter, his jokes, and the way he loved to tease his wife with the things that would earn a "look" from her and a laugh from the kids and grandkids.

The family would like to thank Patrick Litster, PA-C, with the medical clinic in Murfreesboro, Ark., for his continued care for Dwayne; the administrators, nurses, aides, and therapists at The Blossoms at Dierks, Ark., for their loving care as he rehabbed there; and we would also thank Dr. Johnson, Dr. Pumphrey, and all the precious nurses at Howard Memorial Hospital in Nashville, Ark., for their loving care in multiple stays, but especially as they also ministered to our whole family during his last days and hours. You will never know how much it meant to us.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at First Christian Church in DeWitt with funeral services beginning at 11. Burial will follow in Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens by Essex Funeral Home. There will be a memorial service at a later date in Murfreesboro.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made either to Christ on Campus (UofA), PO Box 1678, Fayetteville, AR 72702, or to We-Go Mission Coalition, 1604 Somerset Way, Van Buren, AR 72956. Both were dear to Dwayne's heart.



BIG TURNOUT FOR CROCKTOBER. The Howard County EHC hosted its annual Crocktober soup event last week and the usual big crowd showed up for a variety of soup samplers and cornbread.



Nashville K9 officer retiring after 21 years

Over years, Greg Parker has had three canine partners

Police officer Greg Parker, who is the department's "K9" officer, will retire in November after 21 years and three canine companions. Police Chief Amy Marion told the City Council, Monday, that officer Rebecca Castleman would succeed Parker.

The chief asked for the council's blessing to send Castleman to canine officer training and to provide for permanent fencing and housing for the dog at Castleman's residence.

The council responded with a vote to provide animal fencing and shelter for up to $10,000.

Other items before the council in its regular meeting for October:

--- The council gave approval for Parks and Recreation Director Meghan Floyd to seek a grant for replacement of playground equipment. She brought a copy of proposed park commission bylaws for the council member to consider at its November meeting.

--- Public Works Director Jonathan Roquet gave a department project update and got approval of a $47,622 bid from York Gary on a 2026 replacement truck for the water department. He said he was in schooling for various licenses.

--- Aldermen unanimously approved an ordinance to amend the city's law on banned dog breeds. The change states that unadopted banned animals "may be" humanely destroyed instead of "will be" destroyed.

--- The council's November meeting was changed to Nov. 30 because of Thanksgiving conflict. Budget meetings will be Nov. 12 and 19.

Aldermen present for the meeting included: Lynn Dyer, Carol Mitchell, Charles Pinkston, Kay Gathright, William Turley, Phil Jones, Donna Harwell, Joe Hoen and Freddie Horne. Mayor Larry Dunaway presided.

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Murfreesboro council approves UTV purchase for street department

The Murfreesboro City Council took care of a quick agenda at its October meeting including the purchase of a UTV for the street department.

Agreeing that it was "cheaper than buying a truck," the council voted to purchase a Kawasaki 410 4x4 Mule from Futrell Marine in Nashville. The vehicle's one-time cost will be $15,900 and that includes the extras to make the vehicle street legal.

The vehicle will be paid for with street department funds.

Mayor Jim O'Neal also appointed a committee consisting of council members Jane Fugutt, Cody Bachmann and Lewis Gills to start preliminary work on the city's budget. The committee is set to meet Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. with the next council meeting set for Nov. 9 at 6:00.

Council member Mark Barnes announced during the meeting he was submitting his resignation from the Murfreesboro Advertising & Tourism Board. Mayor O'Neal and the council accepted the resignation but the mayor said he would let the incoming mayor make the recommendation for his replacement. The position has to be occupied by a council member, O'Neal added.

The council also voted to keep the city's millage rate at 3.0 with passage of a resolution and approved Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb's financial report, which included the following beginning and ending balances for September:

General/Operating
$294,477/$257,732
Street/Operating
$397,670/$399,452
Park Fund
$48,351/$51,539
Special Funds
$330,778/$329,653
Advertising & Promotion
$64,668/$64,668
Waterworks Combined
$733,459/$745,747

Council members Betty O'Neal and Kirk Stone were not in attendance for the October meeting.



IN THE SPIRIT EARLY. The Halloween Spirit arrived with a Wizard of Oz theme last week at The Blossoms in Nashville. The dressed-up participants included (from left) Jay, Raven, Nancy, Tiffany, Michelle, Marquita, Abby, CJ and Nakesha.

Nashville Junior High Honor Roll

9th Grade

All A Brynlee Bagley, Addison Banegas, Selina Berruquin, Chloe Bohn, Wyatt Chesshir, Carson Clifton, Autumn Dillard, Davin Dowdy, Parker Giddens, Brantley Goodwin, Connor Gordon, Dieucotie Green, Alexis Hernandez, Kale Hughes, Kimber Jones, Gage Kinkade, Lucas Lowrey, Harmony Martin, Emily Mendoza, Destiny Mercado, Caleb Mounts, Loraine Natividad, Jaxson Parker, Ayleen Pioquinto, Kaylee Pizarro, Kennedy Porter, Emery Pratt, Carter Reeves, Eli Romero, Abigail Sartin, Dawson Smith, Kennedy Smith, Minka Stanley, Hunter Stone, Alonzo Stroud, Bella Topor, Cherish Tucker, Imani Underwood, Terra Vanderziel, Nicolas Vilar, Khamille Wynn.

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7th Grade

All A Marisela Aguilera, Sicily Bufkin, Hope Gracida, Kaven Haarberson, Mia Hernandez, Mason Jiang, Jana Jones, Jaylee Jones, Paris Jones, Alexis Killip, Donnell Lofton, Jax McAdams, Aiden McKinney, Claire Myers, Leonardo Ornelas, Jose Sanchez, Adelynn Smith, Kheyleigh Wakefield

A & B Jiana Atkins, Richard Bohn, Ember Boyce, Lemetric Cheatham, Emily Cook, Colton Couch, Addeline Cox, Arely Cruz, Camila Cruz, Kendalynn Curry, Zyheir Daniel, Braxton Dixon, Malachi Fletcher, Rhett Henderson, Jamuel Hernandez JR, Hailey Hicks, Elijah Hopkins, Raylee Jamison, Hope Jarman, Judas Jarman, Isabelle Jones, Cohen Jordan, Serenity Lane, Jessica Lemus, Kaison Lewis, Genesis, Magueyal, Kaiden Marlow, Marvin McConnell, Maggie McElyea, Rynley Morrow, Kaylee Pena Najera, Josue Perez, Olivia Reese, Allison Reich, Abigail Rios, Brianna Sims, Santiago Soto, Klair Stanley, Raielynn, Taylor, Chazzmine Thornton, Trent Tucker, Kyleigh Wakefield, Eden Wallis, Kash Webb, Elijah Welch, Brayden Worthen

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Boyette, Wyatt William, 17, Texarkana, Texas, $240 BF, speeding

Culp, Devin, 27, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined $70

Davis, Christopher E., 35, Dierks, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined $445 and sentenced to two days in jail-suspended conditions; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $345; guilty of failure to pay registration, fined $210

Dotson, Imari, 20, Texarkana, guilty of speeding, fined $270; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined $195

Easley, Matthew N., 46, Scott, guilty of speeding, fined $250

Ellis, Amelia Shaunae, 19, Texarkana, $45 BF, no seat belt

Flournoy, Joseph Martin, 20, De Queen, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined $210; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $345; guilty of failure to appear, fined $245

Garcia, Cesar, 23, Hope, $240 BF, speeding

Hernandez, Carlos E., 52, Nashville, $220 BF, unlawful burning

Kilcollins, Zachary T., 25, Dierks, guilty of DWI, fined $1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Koller, Amber Marie, 27, Texarkana, $240 BF, speeding

Mateo, Nicholas C., 27, Mineral Springs, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined $195; guilty of DWI, fined $1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of refusing chemical test, fined $260

Maxwell, Amarion Dewayne, 20, Nashville, $15 BF, non-payment of fines; $245 BF, failure to appear

Scott, Anfernee J., 31, Washington, guilty of no seat belt, fined $70; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined $1,075 and license suspended for six months; guilty of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, fined $220

Scott, Jaquan Keshawn, 23, Magnolia, $220 BF, open container of alcohol in motor vehicle

Strebeck, Samantha, 23, Dierks, $210 BF, failure to pay registration

Walls, Conner Lee, 22, Idabel, Okla., guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined $445 and sentenced to two days in jail-suspended conditions; guilty of no seat belt, fined $70; guilty of speeding, fined $260; guilty of violation of ignition/interlock device, fined $345

Watson, Glenda, 53, Texarkana, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; $955 balance

Wehlage, Zachary Lee, 36, Conway, $240 BF, speeding

City of Nashville

Abalos, Karla, 21, Russellville, guilty of no child restraint, fined $210

Bateman, Ronnie J., 74, Murfreesboro, $195 BF, failure to yield

Burton, Jaxton Lee, 18, Nashville, $195 BF, running stop sign or light

Carreathers, Shadana, 38, Nashville, guilty non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; $1,150 balance

Carter, Shawn Dylan, 24, Prescott, $240 BF, speeding

Hawkins, Matthew, 43, Nashville, $145 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Hernandez, Sebastian, 61, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined $445; guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined $195; guilty of DWI#2, fined $1,160, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Hill, Byron Jay, 42, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines; $302 balance

Johnson, Darjet, 28, Nashville, guilty of no non-payment of fines, committed to jail-suspended conditions; $1,715 balance

Kennedy, Kenneth L., 54, Nashville, $245 BF, failure to appear

Knox, Antonio, 39, Nashville, $220 BF, drinking in public

Logan, Shavaughn Keaton, 31, Hope, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined $1,050 and license suspended for six months; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined $445 and sentenced to two days in jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined $285; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined $445; guilty of failure to appear, fined $245

Myrick, Charles Mathew, 39, Nashville, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined $50

Propps, Joseph A., 47, Nashville, $45 BF, no seat belt

Stone, James Mark, 74, Nashville, $220 BF, unlawful burning

White, Caney David, 18, Nashville, $260 BF, operation of motor vehicle with modified bumper

Wilkerson, Rick L., 62, Ozan, guilty of non-payment of fines, committed to jail; $1,180 balance

Yerger, David S., 68, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines; $1,595 balance

City of Dierks

Conde Romero, Marcos, 30, Greenville, Texas, $560 BF, non-English speaking driver

City of Mineral Springs

Benson, Amiya J., 24, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined $445; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no tags, fined $195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $345

Hendrix, Joe C., 40, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined $445 and sentenced to 10 days in jail-suspended conditions

Henry, Alma Shantae, 33, Fulton, possession of controlled substance, deferred adjudication for one year to dismiss

Juniel , Jarvis D., 43, Nashville, $45 BF, no seat belt

Ornelas, Roberto Miguel, 38, Mineral Springs, guilty of criminal trespass, fined $485

Reed, Quin C., 23, Mineral Springs, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined $1,075 and license suspended for six months

Smith, Curtis W., 46, Mineral Springs, $195 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Teran, Heriberto, 35, Mineral Springs, $195 BF, no driver's license/expired license

Watts, Brandon L., 46, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined $445 and sentenced to two days in jail-suspended conditions; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined $75

City of Tollette

Accor, Christopher D., 30, Gurdon, guilty of possession of a controlled substance, fined $1,075 and license suspended for six months

Bench Trials
Howard County

Hall, Cliff Wayne, 47, Texarkana, guilty of fleeing, fined $510; guilty of possession of a controlled substance, fined $1,075 and license suspended for six months

City of Nashville

Cox, Summer Dawn, 22, Nashville, disorderly conduct, under advisement for three months to dismiss, fined $360

Jones, Tyler, 24, Nashville, guilty of third-degree battery, fined $660

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HARD TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE. Nashville's Lauren Clark McCullough entertained and was striking in the role of Dolly Parton for Saturday's Fall Festival.



FESTIVAL VISITORS. Emery Holmes, 9, of Glenwood wheeled her baby sister, Ellie, around the vendor tents at the Fall Festival.

Nashville Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival Oct. 24 on Main Street



DON'T GET A SPEEDING TICKET. District Judge Jessica Steel-Gunter tried out the seat for the Historical Society's 1934 vintage firetruck on display.

Home&Heart

How to Have Safe Halloween: Tips & Tricks for Fun-Filled Night

By Abby Gray
Howard County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Science

Halloween is a favorite holiday for many families, offering opportunities for costumes, trick-or-treating, parties, and community events.

While the holiday is meant to be fun, safety should remain a top priority. Extension educators and consumer safety experts recommend a few simple precautions to help ensure children and adults enjoy a safe and memorable Halloween.

Choose Safe Costumes

A safe Halloween begins with the right costume. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends selecting costumes that fit properly and do not drag on the ground, reducing the risk of trips and falls.

Costumes that are excessively baggy or oversized can also create safety hazards.

When shopping for costumes, look for garments labeled **flame-resistant**. Costumes often come into contact with candles, jack-o'-lanterns, and decorative lighting, making fire safety especially important.

Experts also recommend using face paint rather than masks whenever possible. Masks can limit visibility and make it difficult for children to see obstacles, vehicles, or steps.If a mask is used, ensure it allows adequate vision and breathing.

Be Visible After Dark

Most trick-or-treating takes place around dusk or after sunset, making visibility critical. The National Safety Council and CPSC recommend adding reflective tape to costumes, jackets, and treat bags. Children can also carry flashlights or glow sticks to help motorists see them more easily.

Parents may also want to choose bright-colored costumes or add reflective accessories to darker outfits. Increased visibility can significantly reduce pedestrian risks on Halloween night.

Practice Trick-or-Treat Safety

Young children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult while trick-or-treating. Older children who go out independently should travel in groups, stay in familiar neighborhoods, and follow a planned route approved by parents or guardians.

Safety experts recommend:

-Walking on sidewalks whenever available.

-Crossing streets at designated crosswalks.

-Looking both ways before crossing roads.

-Avoiding shortcuts through yards, alleys, or unfamiliar areas.

-Staying with friends or family members.

-Families should also establish a return time and discuss expectations before children leave for Halloween activities.

Check Halloween Treats

The Food and Drug Administration recommends waiting until children return home before eating any candy. Parents should inspect all treats and discard anything with torn packaging, unusual appearance, or signs of tampering.

Children with food allergies should carefully check ingredient labels before consuming treats. For young children, parents should remove choking hazards such as hard candies, gum, and toys that may be included in treat bags.

Decorate Safely

Halloween decorations can create festive fun, but they can also present risks. The CPSC recommends using battery-operated candles or glow sticks instead of open flames in jack-o'-lanterns whenever possible. Open flames should be kept away from costumes, decorations, and high-traffic areas.

Homeowners preparing for trick-or-treaters should:

-Remove tripping hazards from walkways, porches, and steps.

-Ensure outdoor lighting is adequate.

-Secure extension cords and decorations.

-Keep burning candles away from combustible materials.

Keep Halloween Fun for Young Children

Michigan State University Extension notes that some children enjoy spooky decorations while others may find them frightening. Parents should pay attention to their child's reactions and select activities that match their comfort level. Halloween can be a great opportunity for children to engage in imaginative play, creativity, and family traditions without becoming overwhelmed by fear.

Allowing children to help create costumes, carve pumpkins with adult supervision, or participate in harvest-themed activities can make the holiday enjoyable while supporting learning and creativity.

The Bottom Line

Halloween safety doesn't have to be complicated. Well-fitting costumes, visibility after dark, careful supervision, safe decorations, and candy inspections can help families reduce risks while keeping the focus on fun. A little preparation before October 31 can help ensure a safe and happy Halloween for everyone.

Recipe of the Week

Pumpkin Bars

After a night of trick-or-treating, families often look for seasonal treats to enjoy together. This pumpkin bar recipe from **Illinois Extension** uses pumpkin, a fall favorite that provides vitamin A and other nutrients. Illinois Extension notes that pumpkin is a versatile ingredient that can be used in both savory and sweet dishes.

Pumpkin Bars

Servings: 24

Ingredients

½ cup margarine, softened
½ cup packed brown sugar
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
⅓ cup canned pumpkin
1 egg
1½ cups all-purpose flour
4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
1 cup frozen light whipped topping, thawed

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Grease and lightly flour a 9-inch square baking pan.

Combine margarine, brown sugar, baking soda, and pumpkin pie spice. Beat until blended.

Add pumpkin and egg; mix well.

Stir in flour.

Spread batter into prepared pan.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Cool completely.

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Fold in whipped topping and spread over cooled bars.

Cut into 24 squares and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Fall Kitchen Tip

Illinois Extension recommends using **100% pumpkin** rather than pumpkin pie filling when cooking or baking, since pie filling contains added sugar and spices.







HMH CEO Stacy Harberson and Vicki Dale, AHA Region 7 Regional Director

Howard Memorial Hospital receives American Hospital Association's 75-Year Milestone Award

Howard Memorial Hospital has received the American Hospital Association's (AHA) 75-Year Milestone Award, recognizing 75 years of valued membership and partnership with the national organization.

The award was presented by Vicki Dale, AHA Region 7 Regional Executive, at the Arkansas Hospital Association Annual Meeting on Oct. 15. Howard Memorial Hospital's CEO, Stacy Harberson, accepted the award on behalf of the hospital. Also in attendance were HMH's CNO Chris Stuard, Risk Management Director Beth Schooley and Administrative Director Sandy Webb.

The recognition marks a significant milestone in the hospital's longstanding relationship with the AHA and reflects a shared commitment to advancing healthcare and supporting hospitals in the communities they serve.

"Seventy-five years represents an incredible legacy of service, dedication, and commitment to the health of our community," said Harberson. "As a rural hospital, we understand firsthand the importance of collaboration and the value of strong partners and advocates who recognize the unique challenges facing rural healthcare. We are grateful for the AHA's continued support and proud of this longstanding partnership."

The American Hospital Association represents hospitals and health systems across the country and advocates for policies and resources that support healthcare providers and the patients and communities they serve. For rural hospitals such as Howard Memorial Hospital, collaboration and advocacy remain important to sustaining access to essential healthcare services.

While the 75-year milestone celebrates a longstanding partnership, it also provides an opportunity to recognize the people whose dedication makes the hospital's work possible. Howard Memorial Hospital remains committed to its mission of "Improving the Health of the Communities We Serve" through quality care, service, and a continued focus on community needs.

"We are thankful for this recognition and, most importantly, for the employees, medical staff, and community members who have contributed to our hospital's legacy," Harberson added.

"Together, we will continue working to meet the healthcare needs of the people and families who depend on us."





HMH WOMEN'S WELLNESS NIGHT. Howard Memorial Hospital hosted a Women's Wellness Night on Oct. 20 that offered mammogram and bone density screenings, as well as appetizers, drinks, door prizes and new Hologic SmartCurve mammography technology for a more comfortable screening. Pictured above are radiology department employees Tonya Stanley, Tara Robets and Tessa Jamison and below Christy Jackson.

Pike County 4-H chilli cook-off Oct. 31

The third annual Pike County 4-H chili cook-off will be held this Saturday, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m.

The event will be conducted at the pavilion on the square at the old City Service building.

All local chili enthusiasts are asked to enter their favorite recipe and support the Pike County 4-H program.

The rules state that entrants bring their chili precooked, with judging starting at 2 p.m.

Participants are asked that they make at least one gallon of chili, which will be sold following the judging.

The entry fee for the contest is $25. To enter, contact Shannon Ballard at (870) 200-2419.

Following the event, members of the public can purchase chili from the contest for $8, which will include a cup of chili, crackers, cheese and cookies.

Benefit Nov. 1 for M'boro cancer patient

A benefit for Kristi Wastain will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Murfreesboro Senior Adult Center.

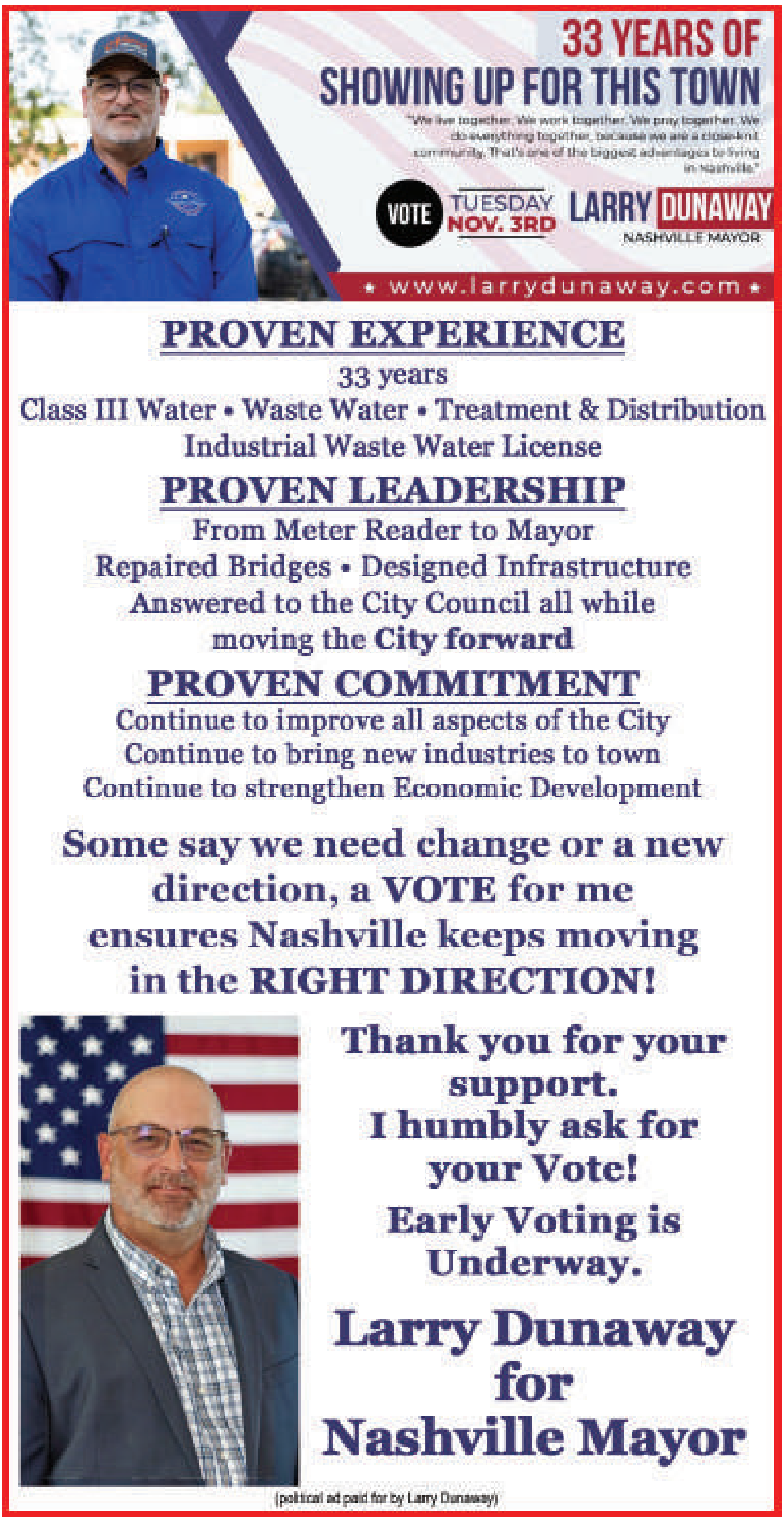
The meal will start at 11 a.m.

The menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad and dessert.

A silent auction will follow the meal.

Wastain was recently diagnosed with cancer.





Scrappers rout Bobcats

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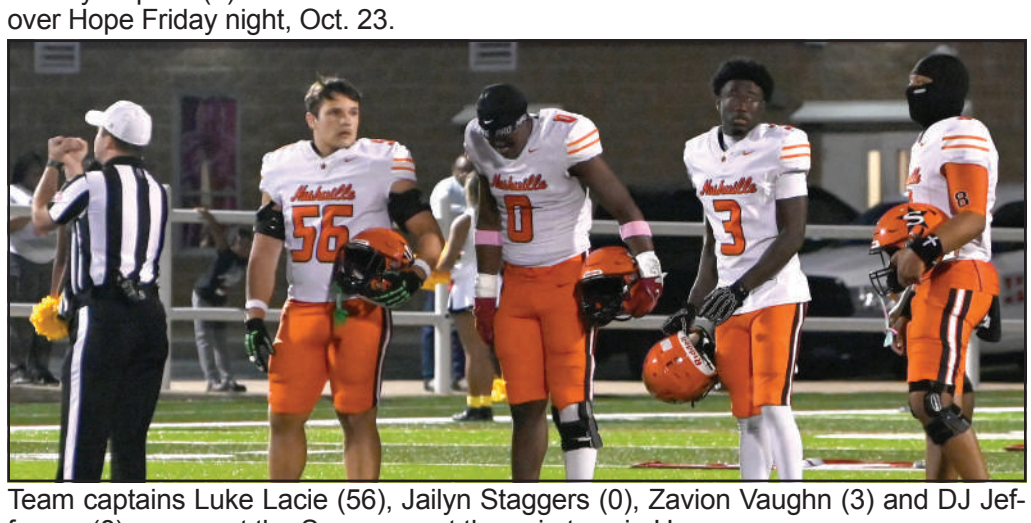
Kiron Johnson (21) tackles Bobcat running back Deshawn Keener (15) during the Scrappers' District 7-4A victory at Hope last Friday night. With the win, Nashville is 8-0 on the season, 5-0 in district. The Scrappers will host Malvern Oct. 30 in a game that will decide the outright district championship. A Nashville win would give the Scrappers sole possession of the title.



Coach Tyler Clift (in huddle between Drew Gitchell (17) and Blake Moody (9) and Coach Brad Chesshir (third from right) confer with Scrapper defenders before the start of the second quarter Friday night, Oct. 23, at Hope.

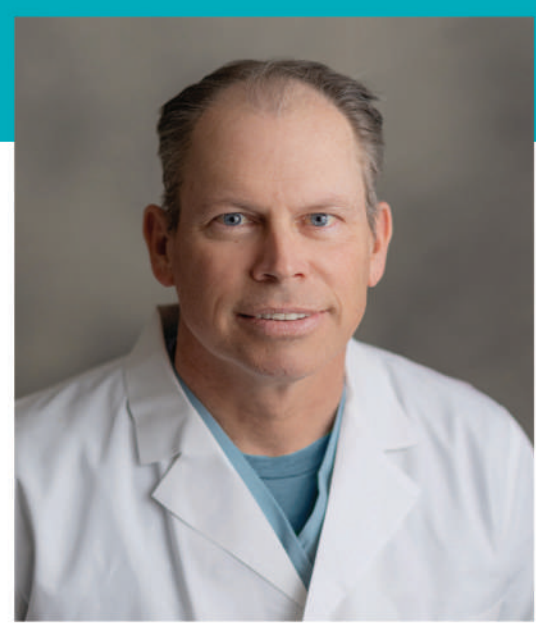


Jacoby Hopson (2) scores the first of his five touchdowns in Nashville's 63-6 road win over Hope Friday night, Oct. 23.



Team captains Luke Lacie (56), Jailyn Staggers (0), Zavion Vaughn (3) and DJ Jefferson (8) represent the Scrappers at the coin toss in Hope.

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OUTAWS VS. GATORS. Dierks defender Brayden Mathis (left) deflects a Gator pass and Jason Bailey is mobbed after his 62-yard interception touchdown return.

7-1 Outlaws dust off Foreman Gators 43-34

The 7-1 Dierks Outlaws and their perfect 4-0 conference record remain on top of the 3-2A standings this week after pulling off a big 43-34 road win over the 4-4 Gators on a dusty night in Foreman.

"Our guys continue to compete and find ways to win," said Outlaw Head Coach Lantz Castleman, who noted Foreman has several talented athletes.

"We showed a lot of toughness and ability to make big plays on both sides of the ball in a hard fought game."

The Gurdon Go-Devils are also 4-0 in conference with a 6-2 overall record and they sit below the Outlaws in the standings followed by Foreman (3-2/4-4), Mineral Springs (2-2/3-5), Junction City (2-3/3-5), Spring Hill (0-4/1-7) and Murfreesboro (0-4/1-7).

The Outlaws opened Friday night's scoring in Little River County with a big play. Quarterback Maclane Smith hit Madden Hill for a 48-yard touchdown reception. The two-point play was held up by the Gators.

Foreman responded with a quick 15-yard TD pass and with their two-point play failing the game was tied 6-6. Dierks put six more points on the board in the first quarter when QB Smith capped a drive from four yards out with the two-point play no good to leave the score at 12-6. Before the quarter ended, Foreman scored on a 23-yard run and this time got the two-pointer for a 14-12 lead after one quarter.

Dierks stepped in front in the second quarter with another Smith TD rush and this time Maxton Green carried in the two-point play for a 20-14 Outlaw lead. Foreman couldn't get passed the Outlaw defense in the second quarter and the six-point lead stood at half.

Foreman climbed back in to open the second half and took at 22-20 lead that was short-lived after Outlaw Jason Bailey picked off a Gator pass and went 62 yards for a touchdown, with Smith good for two points, to go up 28-20.

Foreman used touchdown passes of 30 yards and 52 yards to stay in the game but couldn't match the Outlaws' big plays - Smith to Drake Thatcher for a 67-yard TD and Smith to Madden Hill for a 49-yard TD. Smith got two-more points while Outlaw kicker Brayden Foran added the final point to the 43-34 final.

The Outlaw offense had 395 yards of offense with Smith completing 6/12 passes for 213 yards, three TDs and two interceptions. Smith also led the rushing game with 20 carries for 63 yards and two TDs while Maxton Greene added 12 carries for 57 yards and Drake Thatcher ran 16 times for 62 yards.

Madden Hill was 4/4 in receptions for 109 yards and two TDs with Greene and Thatcher both collecting passes against Foreman.

Jason Bailey topped the Outlaw tackle chart with nine combined stops followed by Madden Hill with eight and Cooper Smith with seven. Tristen Godwin and Jacoby Faulkner both had six combined stops.

Foreman collected 334 yards of offense with 14/29 passes for 197 yards and four TDs and 33 rushes for 137 yards and one TD.

Dierks was penalized five times for 55 yards in the game while the home team was flagged seven times for 42 yards.

Both teams were 4/5 on fourth-down conversions while the Outlaws were successful 5/13 times on third-down conversions and the Gators were 3/11.

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Dierks Outlaw Head Coach Lantz Castleman

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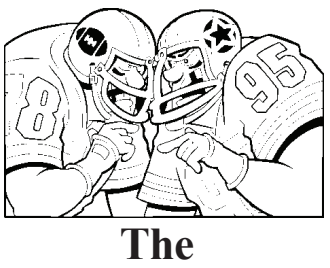
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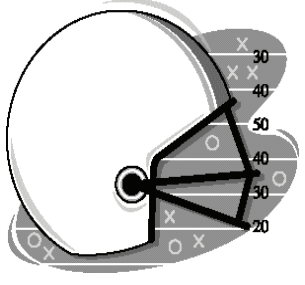


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Spring Hill at Murfreesboro	SpringH	SpringH
Foreman at Gurdon	Gurdon	Foreman
Ashdown at Fouke	Ashdown	Fouke
Auburn at Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss
Forida vs. (Jacksonville) Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
South Carolina at Oklahoma	SCarolina	Oklahoma
Mississippi State at Texas	Texas	Texas
Missouri at Arkansas	Missouri	Missouri
Malvern at Nashville	Nashville	Malvern



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Bay Nolte (13) holds as Byron Murillo kicks the extra point during Nashville's 63-6 win at Hope Friday night, Oct. 23. The Scrappers will host Malvern this Friday night, Oct. 30, in a game which will help determine the outright District 7-4A champion.



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@JUNCTION CITY. Rattler quarterback Jarrin Burgess (at left) at work against the JC defense and Rattler receiver Keith Wilkinson (#2) up for a pass Friday.

Rattlers fall to 1-7 after 40-6 loss to JC Dragons

The Murfreesboro Rattlers now sit at 1-7 after a 40-6 loss to Junction City (3-5) last Friday night.

Rattler head coach Jay Turley said the Rattlers scored first, and were effective in the first quarter of bleeding the clock.

"Our game plan was working -- Junction City was moving the ball, but we were making the earn it."

He said the Dragons finally scored in the second quarter, and the Rattlers failed in their opportunity to answer.

A long run by D-I prospect Nehemiah Caldwell set the Dragons up for another score to take a 16-6 lead.

The Rattlers drove the field only to throw an interception with approximately 30 seconds, which allowed enough time for the the Dragons to quickly drive the field and go up by a 22-6 score at half.

"We played well in the second half, we just couldn't score," Turley surmised.

He said Junction City's size and speed finally just wore the Rattlers down.

"We've had 11 starters at some point this season not play in the game, including a couple more in the game. But the ones we had in there were clawing and scratching, playing their hearts out. They left it all on the field and there was not quit in them. We can't do anything about injuries."

Turley said one of the Junction City's yardage chain crew gave him a compliment he took to heart.

"He said it was one of the best acting group of kids he'd ever seen, they had good attitudes, weren't cussing and fought hard in the game. That's something to be proud of -- we are teaching life lessons, and when you are 1-6 and you have a choice of fighting or quitting, and the kids still choose to take the high road, maybe we are doing something right. The kids haven't let go of the rope -- after the game they were just wore out, and I told them I couldn't have been more proud of them."

He said the team maintained the same great attitude in Monday's practice despite the loss.

"Look -- we have the final two games at home, with the playoffs over, now we are playing for ourselves, for pride and for the community. We can go into the offseason with some momentum with a couple of wins and send our seniors out on the right note in their final two games. I expect them to play hard. We will play hard."

This week the Rattlers will host Spring Hill this Friday, with the Bears holding the same record as Murfresboro (1-6) and their lone win coming against Mountain Pine, which is the Rattler's only win of the year.

"They are mostly flexbone offensively and a 4-4/4-3 defense, which is what we see most weeks. They haven't had the injuries we have -- they are just young, but will soon be helped by additions from their undefeated junior high team."

Turley said that while Spring Hill was "in the same boat" as the Rattlers, they were a "scrappy" team that "plays hard and is well coached."

"They run the perfect offense for their talent to maximize the best of their abilities."

Turley said senior quarterback Kooper Caldwell would likely make his return this week after missing the past two games with a rib injury. He said that Cale Humphry was also a candidate to return.

He said that a few ninth graders might see some playing time the next couple of weeks, including Jacob Shaw and a lineman or two.

"It should be a heck of a football game," he said of the clash between the evenly matched teams.

"It's just been a weird year with all of the injuries and the what if's. We've had seniors go down, a junior with a heart issue, our starting quarterback and wide receiver, and a lineman break a collarbone. Look, the cards just didn't fall our way. We will continue to fight, we have some really good kids, and I wouldn't have it any other way than to go into battle with them. I enjoy being around them. Has the season been frustrating -- of course it has, but sometimes in life the ball doesn't always bounce your way. You have a choice to keep fighting or just lying down."

Turley hopes for a packed stadium the final two weeks of the season.

"I swear there were more of our fans in the stands than Junction had, and that's just crazy. Our fans keep supporting the team -- Murfreesboro is a football town. Our seniors are almost done, and we are going to go out and lay it all on the line. I want to end the season on a good note."

AGFC reports giant salvinia identified in Millwood Lake tributary

By Randy Zellers
AG&FC

WHITE CLIFFS — Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers crews worked tirelessly all weekend responding to the discovery of the invasive aquatic plant giant salvinia near the White Cliffs Public Use Area on the Little River, a major tributary entering Millwood Lake.

"After being called on Friday by a local angler using the ramp at the White Cliffs Campground, we sent out our rapid response team to confirm the sighting, assess the situation, and begin containing the spread," said Matt Horton, AGFC Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator. "We initially contained a 300-foot section of shoreline at the campground where the infestation likely originated. However, subsequent surveys found the plant had spread, and we expanded containment booms to cover 1,900 feet of shoreline around the boat ramp."

AGFC and USACE personnel physically removed as much salvinia as possible near the campground and ramp, hauling more than 900 pounds of the invasive plant to dry ground for proper disposal.

"USACE has been a tremendous partner throughout the weekend," Horton said. "They had at least four staff members working alongside our team to search for and collect the plant since Friday's discovery."

Crews have found fragments of giant salvinia up to a mile both upstream and downstream from the campground, and containment efforts will continue throughout the week.

"The primary challenge with giant salvinia is that even a tiny fragment can reproduce and survive, and the shoreline along the Little River is dense with vegetation where fragments easily hide," Horton said. "We will begin applying an EPA-approved aquatic herbicide this week to target visible salvinia and knock back the cutgrass and shoreline vegetation harboring it. Once that vegetation dies down, we will coordinate with USACE to conduct a controlled burn to eliminate any fragments trapped in the dead plant mats."

Millwood Lake Operations Project Manager Tiffany Smith said the USACE is dedicated to fighting the infestation for the sake of the fishery as well as recreation and water supply needs provided by Millwood Lake.

"We're grateful for the quick response and partnership with AGFC" said Millwood Lake Operations Project Manager Tiffany Smith. "If it goes unchecked giant salvinia poses a threat to Millwood Lake's environmental stewardship, recreation, and water supply missions."

Officials urge boaters and anglers to avoid disturbing the floating containment booms. Anyone who suspects they have spotted giant salvinia in Millwood Lake or nearby waters should contact the AGFC Southwest Regional Office at 501-255-1496, email katie.thomsen@agfc.ar.gov, or submit an online report at agfc.com/ans.

This is not the first occurrence of giant salvinia at Millwood Lake; the species was detected and eradicated there in 2020. However, biologists stress that outdoor recreationists must remain vigilant.

"We were able to stop it back then because of an early detection and immediate response like this one; hopefully we'll be able to fight it back again, but we need the public's help," Horton said. "Texas and Louisiana spend millions of dollars annually trying to manage giant salvinia, and we are actively fighting infestations in two other south Arkansas lakes — Lake Columbia and Lake Erling," Horton said. "With low seasonal water levels, anglers and hunters frequently travel between different waterbodies, which increases the risk of inadvertently transporting invasive species. It is vital to clean, drain, and dry boats, trailers, and gear between every outing."

Boaters and waterfowl hunters can prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species by following three basic steps:

- Clean: Inspect and remove all visible mud, plants, and seeds from trucks, trailers, boats, waders, decoys, and blinds. Wash equipment thoroughly with a high-pressure sprayer.
- Drain: Pull all boat drain plugs, livewell valves, and bilge lines before leaving the boat ramp area.
- Dry: Allow all equipment to dry completely for at least five days before launching into a different body of water. If five days is not feasible, thoroughly towel-dry all wet surfaces.



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Chapter 12 farm bankruptcy filings up significantly in Q3; Arkansas leads nation

By Mary Hightower
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Arkansas led the nation in Chapter 12 bankruptcy filings in the third quarter of 2026, its 12 cases reflective of the difficult economic conditions in agriculture, according to data released by the federal courts.

"That number is twice the six filings reported in Iowa, the next-highest state," said Harrison Pittman, director of the National Agricultural Law Center. "So far this year, 32 agricultural operations in Arkansas have filed for Chapter 12 bankruptcy protection, highlighting the Nationwide, Chapter 12 bankruptcy filings are also up significantly. According to federal court data, 292 Chapter 12 cases have been filed so far in 2026, nearly 19 percent more than the 246 filed during the first three quarters of 2025. In the third quarter alone, 91 Chapter 12 bankruptcy filings were recorded nationwide.

Chapters of the federal bankruptcy code each describe different processes to allow debtors to settle financial obligations. Chapter 12 of the federal Bankruptcy Code, introduced in 1986 at the height of the 1980s farm crisis, was designed with farms in mind. It's an alternative to a Chapter 7 filing, under which a farm's assets are liquidated to pay creditors.

"The number of Chapter 12 bankruptcies filed this quarter underscores the significant financial pressures facing U.S. agriculture," Pittman said. "However, these filings tell only part of the story. As the NALC DEBT Project demonstrates, the full scope of financial distress becomes clearer when agricultural bankruptcies filed under other chapters of the bankruptcy code are also considered."

The DEBT project, Pittman said, compiles federal bankruptcy data for agricultural operations that have filed under either Chapter 11 or Chapter 12, giving a more complete picture of the scope of the issue. The additional data can help to identify changes over time, geographic patterns, and emerging financial challenges affecting agricultural operations.

Nationwide Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings increased 11.5 percent during the first three quarters of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025. According to the most recent federal court data, 7,623 Chapter 11 cases were filed in the first three quarters of 2026, up from 6,838 during the same period in 2025. Elizabeth Rumley, NALC senior staff attorney, noted that while Chapter 11 filings are not exclusive to agricultural businesses, the DEBT Project demonstrates that they can include agricultural operations and provide a more complete picture of financial distress in the agricultural sector.

It's Bat Week Fresh look at misunderstood mammals

Bat Week was organized in 2014 by Bat Conservation International, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the USDA Forest Service and many smaller grassroots organizations to highlight the critical role bats play and debunk myths surrounding these flying mammals.

In addition to the obvious link to All Hallow's Eve, the timing of bat week (held annually on Oct. 24-31) brings focus to bats at a time when most are feeding heavily to build fat reserves for winter dormancy.

Bats make up nearly 20 percent of all mammal species with an impressive 1,500 species recognized worldwide. All 16 species found in Arkansas feed on insects, and a single bat can eat up to its body weight in bugs each night. This voracious appetite helps control some insect populations that would otherwise damage agricultural crops or serve as vectors for disease. Many bats in other regions of the world also act as pollinators. In Mexico, for instance, bats are the primary pollinator for agave flowers.

Many bat populations are in steep decline. Of the 38 animal species listed as endangered in Arkansas, five are bats — including the gray, northern long-eared, little brown, Ozark big-eared and Indiana bat. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently proposed listing the tricolored bat as endangered as well.

In addition to habitat destruction, a major cause of the crisis is white-nose syndrome, a devastating fungal disease first documented in a New York cave and detected in Arkansas in 2012.

The fungus grows in cool, cave-like environments and grows on bats during their hibernation.

"The fungus damages tissues, which requires the bat to use energy healing itself and wakes infected bats more often than normal," Blake Sasse, statewide nongame mammal program coordinator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, said. "They use too much energy and are forced to be awake during winter when their food sources are scarce, starving them to death."

The disease has decimated local populations. Studies in the Ouachita National Forest show a 98 percent drop in northern long-eared bats, while tricolored bat numbers have plummeted by 90 percent statewide.

Biologists believe the fungus originally arrived from Europe and Asia on the gear and clothing of cave explorers. Today, it has spread to at least 15 Arkansas counties. While there is no known cure, scientists worldwide are studying ways to control its spread.

Sasse says everyday citizens can follow a few simple rules to support local bats:

Practice Clean Caving: Anyone exploring caves or mines should follow strict cleaning protocols for clothes, shoes and gear to prevent spreading fungal spores. Detailed guidelines are available at whitenosesyndrome.org.

Provide Habitat: Landowners and homeowners can build and install bat houses to give species safe summer roosts. If you're looking for a fun workshop to learn, check out the J.B. and Johnelle Hunt Family Nature Center in Springdale on the AGFC's Events Page. There's a bat house-building course there Oct. 31; seats are limited and filling up fast.

Spread Awareness: Take time during Bat Week to dispel common myths. Bats are the only mammals capable of true flight, possessing wings made of modified hand bones. They have good eyesight and use advanced echolocation to navigate and hunt. And despite urban legends, none of the three blood-consuming vampire bat species live in the United States.

Visit batweek.org to learn more about bat conservation. Visit the AGFC's YouTube Channel for a view of one of Sasse's more interesting research methods involving bats and bridges in The Natural State.

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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

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This Amendment is to provide that prior Ordinance 991 shall be amended as follows:

Section 5: Penalties

E. Upon authority of Animal Control personnel, an animal not reclaimed or which is abandoned may be humanely destroyed.

That in no other manner are Ordinance 991 modified except as specified herein. The remainder of Ordinance 991 remain in full force and effect.

This amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed this the _26th_ day of October, 2026.
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Scrappers dominate 'Cats in conference road victory

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Nashville cheerleaders sing the school's Alma Mater before the Scrappers' District 7-4A game last Friday night at Hope. The Scrappers are 8-0 overall, 5-0 in district going into this week's home game against Malvern.



DJ Jefferson (8) gets by two Hope defenders in Nashville's 63-6 win Friday night, Oct. 23.



Marquez Jefferson (19), Kiron Johnson (21) and Blake Moody (9) converge on the Hope Bobcat ball carrier Friday night, Oct. 23, during the Scrappers' 63-6 conference victory.



Trendon Northcross (5) and Zee Beasley (22) are among the Scrappers clearing the way for a big gain by Gauge Applegate (11).



A host of Scrapper fans made the trip to Hempstead County last Friday night to watch Nashville defeat Hope in a District 7-4A contest. The Scrappers will be at home this week to take on the Malvern Leopards.



Defenders leave the field after forcing a Hope turnover in Friday night's win.

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