NRWA to seek reorganization

**PUBLIC WORKS**: Group will look to become governmental water authority

**CHARLES GOODIN**
Managing Editor

NASHVILLE - Rural water officials voted unanimously Thursday to make the transition from nonprofit corporation to a governmental water authority.

The move came after Arkadelphia-based attorney Todd Turner spoke to NRWA board members about the potential benefits of the proposed reorganization, emphasizing an increased likelihood that the group will qualify for low-interest government loans under the new classification.

Board President Jerri Christie said he had researched the subject extensively and agreed with Turner’s assessment.

“The upside is that we'll qualify for money we don’t qualify for as an association,” Christie said. “Nobody can come up with a downside.”

Turner said the association will need to follow the move up with a public meeting where a majority of the consumers present are in favor of the switch before moving forward.

That meeting had yet to be scheduled at press time, but assuming NRWA gets approval from its membership, the group will then have to submit an application to the state Natural Resources Committee along with a $700 fee.

“At that moment, the association would cease to exist and then on be the authority,” Turner explained at Thursday’s meeting.

According to Turner, the move will have little effect on the day-to-day operation of the organization, but will

**SEE NRWA / Page 6**

**RETRIEVE STORY**

NRWA rejects merger bid from South Pine County Rural Water group

**RELATD STORY**

Former HSU coach to share book with Nashville Rotary

**LITERATURE**

**DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY**
Sports Editor


Baker’s book chronicles conversations he had with Coach Carpenter, who coached the Henderson State University Reddies for 19 years, and friends.

Baker, a coach for 30 years, spent the last 16 years of his coaching career working with Carpenter at Henderson. He admits that the book is a labor of love that emerged from the many years he spent working with Carpenter.

“We laughed long and hard almost every day. We passed along inside jokes that only he and I understood,” Baker said.

Baker is scheduled to sign copies of his book on Wednesday at the Reddies Center.

More...
**Employment faring well in Arkansas**

For Arkansas legislators, there will never be an acceptable level of unemployment. We take it as a personal responsibility that every Arkansan who wants gainful employment has it. We know sometimes that being out of work is the hardest work in the world.

That is why Arkansas’s December unemployment numbers were released this week, it was met with mixed reaction. The good news is that the state’s unemployment rate is down for the third consecutive month in a row. The bad news is that 7,700 Arkansans remain out of work. Compared to national numbers, Arkansas is faring well. The nationwide unemployment rate stands at 8.5 percent.

In the last few months, there have been exciting announcements across the state when it comes to job creation. The Univer- 

sity of Arkansas announced it would be expanding, generating an investment of $40 million dollars and adding approxi-

mately 125 jobs.

The Jonesboro facility produces leading personal care brands such as TRE-


**A Promise Kept**

Mike Beebe, Governor

Five years ago, the City of El Dorado made national news with an excep-
tional new school-pro-

gram called the El Dorado Promise. Generously funded by the locally based Murphy Oil Company, the program covers the full cost of college for students who receive their entire K-12 education from the school district. Partial scholar-

ships are available to stu-

dents who graduate from El Dorado High School and have an El Dorado Public School since at least the ninth grade. To date, 957 students have received Promise scholar-

ship funding.

Naturally, families wishing to give their children the opportunities that a college education cre-

ates are attracted to the district, and this was part of the program’s design. School districts and towns across Southern Arkansas had been declining in en-

rollment and population. But since the Promise’s inception, El Dorado has defied the downward trend despite the national recession, and has re-
tained an estimated 200 more students as of this school year.

Besides benefiting these families, the city, and area employers, the program is also bettering Arkansas.

I have set the goal of doubling the number of college graduates in our State by 2025, and pro-

grams like the El Dorado Promise contribute to this objective. Ninety percent of the El Dorado High School’s last graduating class enrolled in college. This figure is well above the national average of 67 percent. Enrollment at the local community college has increased, as has the number of degrees and certificates it awards. And not only are more of the high school’s graduates going to college, a higher percentage of students are obtaining degrees.

We’ve seen that when these El Dorado students get to college, they’re bet-
ter prepared. The Promise program includes incent-
ives for younger students to perform well academi-

cally, and studies show that they are outperforming their peers in math and literacy.

Additionally, the dis-

trict has seen a steady increase in the number of students who graduate for college credit because of the El Dorado Promise.

As you can imagine, the end result of this effort is a higher rate of college graduates.

This program was the first of its kind in Arkan-
sas, and one of the first national efforts. Nowadays, others in our State are following suit with the hopes of achiev-
ing the same exciting re-
sults. Arkansas leads a similar program, as do both Arkansas Northeast-
ern College and Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas.

Greater educational attainment makes our economy more vibrant and improves our state’s quality of life. That is why, as a State, education and economic development are our highest priorities. Communities and corpo-

rations that join in these efforts are elevating the quality of life and opportu-

nities of our young people, which can give all of us better prospects for Ar-

kansas’s future.

For Arkansans, the law will never be an acceptable level of unemployment. We take it as a personal responsi-

bility that every Arkansan who wants gainful employment has it. We know sometimes that being out of work is the hardest work in the world.

That is why Arkansa

s’s December unem-

ployment numbers were released this week, it was met with mixed reaction. The good news is that the state’s unemployment rate is down for the third consecutive month in a row. The bad news is that 7,700 Arkansans remain out of work. Compared to national numbers, Arkansas is faring well. The nationwide unemployment rate stands at 8.5 percent.

In the last few months, there have been exciting announcements across the state when it comes to job creation. The Uni-

versity of Jonesboro announced it would be expanding, generating an investment of $40 million dollars and adding approxi-

mately 125 jobs.

The Jonesboro facility produces leading personal care brands such as TRE-


**Young workers, spring into action!**

**Guest Columnist**

PHYLIS DILLS

Guest Columnist

**Employment faring well in Arkansas**

For Arkansas legislators, there will never be an acceptable level of unemployment. We take it as a personal responsi-

bility that every Arkansan who wants gainful employment has it. We know sometimes that being out of work is the hardest work in the world.

That is why Arkansa

s’s December unem-

ployment numbers were released this week, it was met with mixed reaction. The good news is that the state’s unemployment rate is down for the third consecutive month in a row. The bad news is that 7,700 Arkansans remain out of work. Compared to national numbers, Arkansas is faring well. The nationwide unemployment rate stands at 8.5 percent.

In the last few months, there have been exciting announcements across the state when it comes to job creation. The Uni-

versity of Jonesboro announced it would be expanding, generating an investment of $40 million dollars and adding approxi-

mately 125 jobs.

The Jonesboro facility produces leading personal care brands such as TRE-


**Young workers, spring into action!**

**Guest Columnist**

PHYLIS DILLS

Guest Columnist

**Employment faring well in Arkansas**

For Arkansas legislators, there will never be an acceptable level of unemployment. We take it as a personal responsi-

bility that every Arkansan who wants gainful employment has it. We know sometimes that being out of work is the hardest work in the world.

That is why Arkansa

s’s December unem-

ployment numbers were released this week, it was met with mixed reaction. The good news is that the state’s unemployment rate is down for the third consecutive month in a row. The bad news is that 7,700 Arkansans remain out of work. Compared to national numbers, Arkansas is faring well. The nationwide unemployment rate stands at 8.5 percent.

In the last few months, there have been exciting announcements across the state when it comes to job creation. The Uni-

versity of Jonesboro announced it would be expanding, generating an investment of $40 million dollars and adding approxi-

mately 125 jobs.

The Jonesboro facility produces leading personal care brands such as TRE-


**Young workers, spring into action!**

**Guest Columnist**

PHYLIS DILLS

Guest Columnist
Lockesburg, ordered to Nashville, fined $105 + fines.

23, Nashville, committed of marijuana.

Mineral Springs, fined no proof of insurance.

Mineral Springs, fined by 2-26-12.

Colombus, ordered to pay Okolona, forfeited $25 for cost for failure to appear.

Nashville, fined $100 + fines.

Horace Arnold, 93, WWII Navy vet, Jan. 28

Horse “Red” Arnold, 93 of Texarkana, Texas. He was born Dec. 17, 1918 in Bochita, Okla., to Ernest Arnold, Jr. of El Cajon, Calif.; three sisters, Patricia Johnson of Rogers; two grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Leannah, and his brother, Ernest Arnold, Jr.

He is survived by his daughter, Gayla Woy; two sons, Keith Parish of De Queen, Wyo.; two sons, Keith Parish of De Queen, Wyo.; two daughters, Joleen Herbert of De Queen, Wyo.; two grandsons; and a great-grandson.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at Saratoga Cemetery, under the direction of Bruzel/Oakcrest The Funeral Home of Hope.

The family received friends Sunday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saratoga Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 112, Saratoga, AR 71859.

You may send an online sympathy message at www.nashvillefh.com.
Here are your friends and neighbors who subscribed or renewed subscriptions to your hometown newspaper last week!

Linville
Nashville
Tony Barnes, Nashville
7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 11:00 p.m.
$30

Linville
Nashville
Ray Turner, Nashville

Umpire
Springs
Don Marks, Mineral

Umpire
Springs
Jean Martindale, Nashville

Umpire
Springs
Ron Alexander, Umpire

Umpire
Springs
Carol Allen, Umpire

Umpire
Springs
Homebrew Club

Umpire
Springs
Ray Turner, Nashville

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!

Morris Drug
100 N. Main • Nashville
845-1565

Woods & Woods
Public Accountants, Ltd.
118 N. Main • Nashville • 845-4422

Linville
Builders Supply
200 E. Sheppard • Nashville
845-4510

Calvary Baptist Church
118 N. Main • Nashville
845-4422

Grace Missionary Baptist Church
107 Lockesburg Rd. • Lockesburg
(870) 845-2010

First Baptist Church
870-643-2571

First Christian Church
Corner of Main and Bishop
845-3421

First Catholic Church
7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
845-4510

First Antioch Baptist Church
(870) 845-3419

First Mediterranean Baptist Church
200 W. Dodson • Nashville
845-2974

First Methodist Church
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
845-3435

First Place of God
7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
845-3441

First Place of God
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.
2012 Nashville Rotary Football Banquet

Coach Tim Perry presents permanent team captain awards to Chris Carroll, Jared Morse and Ethan Turner.

Coach Brian Bearden presents the special teams award to Jacobity Crow.

Coach Tim Perry presents the offensive back award to Jakaree Gaines.

Coach Brian Bearden presents the defensive back award to Austin Lovelis.

Coach D.J. Graham presents the defensive lineman award to Chris Carroll.

Coach D.J. Graham presents the academics award to Blake Hockaday.

Coach Paul Ernest presents the receiver award to Teasen Green.

Photos by Charles Goodin

* Temporary job openings R. Schexnayder & Sons, LLC. in Port Allen, LA 3/15/2012 to 12/31/2012. General worker needed for corn, soy, sorghum and wheat farm. Work includes tractor driving, field prep, water main, fences, plant and harvest of crops. Field prep includes manual shovel work and hoeing of weeds, spot spray, and sunflower tillage. Help repair and maintain bins, equipment, farm, fences, feed lots, roads and shop. Load and unload trucks. Worker must be able to lift 50 lbs. Alleghies to sprayed, gold-ened, insect spray and related chemicals, etc. may affect workers’ health. Equal opportunity employer by 50% of contract, return at completion of contract. Apply/ Guaranty ¾ contract beginning with worker date of arrival. If worker cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence daily. Guaranteed ½ contract beginning with worker date of arrival. If applicable, Tramps & attendance cap to work performed based by employer by 95% of contract, etn at completion of contract. Apply/ Send resumes for this job at the nearest local SWA @ 700 South Elm, Hope, AR 71801 ph 870-777-2354 or LA/DY 405952

**Scan this code for more great deals**

**Tax Season is Here Again!**

Get a Carfax vehicle History report on any car any lot

**Remember:**

- 12% Sales Tax
- No extra fees
- Financing available
- Croatian & Spanish speaking
- 320 Main St., Hope, AR 71801

**BRANDS INCLUDE**

- Skechers
- Life Stride
- Madden Girl
- Sperry Top-Sider
- Jack & Jones
- The North Face
- Adidas
- Nike
- Polo
- Chaps
- Lulumari
- Sperry Top-Sider
- Madden Girl
- J-Renee
- Pierre Dumas
- Alfred Dunner
- Tribal
- My Michelle
- Madden Girl
- Pierre Dumas
- Alfred Dunner
- J-Renee
- Lulumari
- Madden Girl
- Pierre Dumas
- Alfred Dunner
- J-Renee
- Lulumari

**Buy 1 Get 1 Free Shoe Sale**

100’s OF PAIRS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE • WOMEN’S • KIDS

BRANDS INCLUDE

- Skechers
- Pierre Dumas
- Nike New Balance
- Polo
- The North Face
- Plus Many More...

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale Markdowns! Now 50%-60% Off!

**Men’s**

- Tribal
- My Michelle
- Nike
- North River
- Affliction
- Chaps

**Women’s**

- Karen Kane
- Ya
- Jack
- Costa Blanca
- Luilmari

**plus dozens of more brands!**

**The North Face Select Styles & Colors 25% Off**

**Martin’s**

914 N. Hervey • Hope • 870-777-9777

Across from Super 1 • www.MARTINSTORE.COM

**Hours:** Mon. & Sat. 10am - 7pm

Sun. 1pm - 5pm
NRWA board rejects bid to merge with South Pike Co.

CHARLES GOODIN
Managing Editor

NASHVILLE - Rural wa-
ters officials backed away from a plan to merge with the South Pike Coun-
ty Rural Water system Thursday after their regular monthly meeting.
The move came after Arkadelphia-based engi-
eer Charles Summerford explained a few of the dif-
ficulties that could arise if the boards were to merge and had to
grating the two systems, citing issues that could cost as much as $300,000 to
remedy.

"It can be done if you're not too concerned about cost and other things," Summerford said. "But there's no benefit for Nash-
ville Rural Water to merge with South Pike County as we see it today.

According to Summer-
ford's analysis, NRWA would need to erect a new pump station and
connecting lines to battle with South Pike County's infrastructure, and may be liable for more costs related to SPCRW's water
purchasing the city of Murfreesboro.

SPCRW Board Chair
Beckie Alden said last week that her organiza-
tion originally sought the merger in part as a way to receive financial as-
ance from Community Resource Group and that she didn't expect NRWA to
consider the move viable.

"It's just really just a part of asking for financial assistance from the USDA," she said last Wednesday.

According to Alden, SPC-
RW's financial situation went so far into the weeds the NRWA offered, choosing to
acknowledge the sovereign position of SPCRW, which sits at an elevation of appro-
imately 500 feet, and the closest NRWA tank, which is close to 800 feet.
He also said that the portion of SPCRW's infra-
structure that services Lake Grason is "kind of isolated" from the rest of NRWA's infrastructure, being located roughly six miles from the nearest
NRWA main.

Further complicating matters, NRWA would have to assume re-


ability for the remaining $5 million dollar debt it would take to build its $3.5 million infrastructure, and may be liable for more costs related to SPCRW's water
purchasing the city of Murfreesboro.

SPCRW Board Chair
Beckie Alden said last week that her organiza-
tion originally sought the merger in part as a way to receive financial as-
ance from Community Resource Group and that she didn't expect NRWA to
consider the move viable.

"It's just really just a part of asking for financial assistance from the USDA," she said last Wednesday.

According to Alden, SPC-
RW's financial situation went so far into the weeds the NRWA offered, choosing to
acknowledge the sovereign position of SPCRW, which sits at an elevation of appro-
imately 500 feet, and the closest NRWA tank, which is close to 800 feet.

He also said that the portion of SPCRW's infra-
structure that services Lake Grason is "kind of isolated" from the rest of NRWA's infrastructure, being located roughly six miles from the nearest
NRWA main.

Further complicating matters, NRWA would have to assume re-

ability for the remaining $5 million dollar debt it would take to build its $3.5 million infrastructure, and may be liable for more costs related to SPCRW's water
purchasing the city of Murfreesboro.

He also said that the portion of SPCRW's infra-
structure that services Lake Grason is "kind of isolated" from the rest of NRWA's infrastructure, being located roughly six miles from the nearest
NRWA main.

NRWA board

Despite the NRWA board's rejection of the merger, the NRWA remains

considered a little gem to village leaders, especially in recent years, when a manda-
date to receive financial ass-
ance from Community Resource Group and that she didn't expect NRWA to
to consider the move viable.

"It's just really just a part of asking for financial assistance from the USDA," she said last Wednesday.

According to Alden, SPC-
RW's financial situation went so far into the weeds the NRWA offered, choosing to
acknowledge the sovereign position of SPCRW, which sits at an elevation of appro-
approximately 500 feet, and the closest NRWA tank, which is close to 800 feet.

He also said that the portion of SPCRW's infra-
structure that services Lake Grason is "kind of isolated" from the rest of NRWA's infrastructure, being located roughly six miles from the nearest
NRWA main.

Further complicating matters, NRWA would have to assume re-

ability for the remaining $5 million dollar debt it would take to build its $3.5 million infrastructure, and may be liable for more costs related to SPCRW's water
purchasing the city of Murfreesboro.

...
Y'all, I didn’t believe they could improve on porkskins, but they did. Lordy, I’m gonna spend my last dime on microwavable chili kits in Walmart? Hormel and Wolf Brand chili in disposable bowls. We’ve come a long way from the “Mama Celeste” TV dinners we had when I was a bachelor. Next thing you know, women will have their own cigarettes.

And they had a special on the discovery channel last night that showed tons of veggies and fruit being grown hydroponically someday. We’ll be able to grow food in space. (Big deal, we already grow “produce” in clear-cuts that can put you into space.)

Next thing you know, UPS and FedEx will deliver libations to your door. We can worship mega preachers on TV, and we’ll never have to leave the house again - except to get a spray tan. I got the same problem with this as I do homeschooling our kids; they never get their nose bloodied on the playground of life. (Unless they’re homeschooled in waging war on siblings like we were at 303 College.)

About the only thing I do in our garden is hoe, and how are we going to hoe water in a hydro-garden? We won’t have to, but I really doubt the tomatoes will be as good.

and microwavable chili surely isn’t as good as homemade, cooked over a poet-hell stove in a cabin in the pines. At least, it’s not as pleasant as we recall...

“I guess everyone dreams of the perfect... except what you choose to re-call. There’s a million good dreams to dream on, but baby you are my favorite memory of all.” - Merle Haggard

“...a long, long way baby, to get where you’ve got to go today! You’ve got your own cigarette now, baby, you’re coming a long, long way!” - Merle Haggard

“...a new thing under the sun.” Ecc. 19

Texas Cattle Feeders

market report

• All cattle and calves, 90,768.5 million, down 1%
• Cows and heifers, 45,142 pounds at 39,112.4 million, down 2%
• Beef cows, 29,882.9 million, down 7%
• Dairy cows, 9,229,1 million, up 1%
• Heifers 500 pounds and over, 19,387.8 million, down 1%
• Beef replacement heifers, 5,114.8 million, up 1%
• Dairy replacement heifers, 4,527.0 million, down 1%
• Steers 500 pounds and over, 16,071.5 million, down 2%
• Heifers 500 pounds and over, 2,052.0 million, down 5%
• Cattle calvings, 35,112, down 1%
• Cattle feedlot market, 14,144.8 million, down 1%

Funding will help producers, landowners rebuild and repair damaged land

WASHINGTON—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that the Conservation Reserve Program. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Emergency Watershed Protection Program. USDA Farm Service Agency in Arkansas will receive $1,067,000 for the Emergency Conservation Program and $1,562,000 for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program.

From The Barnyard

by nine Graves

A group of hatters enjoy grass curry of a mild winter, while ranchers are enjoying the warmer temperatures in the Midwest as strong winds sweep through the region.

Natural disasters swept across all regions of the United States. Arkansas will receive $5,389,280 through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Emergency Watershed Protection Program. USDA Farm Service Agency in Arkansas will receive $1,067,000 for the Emergency Conservation Program and $1,562,000 for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program.

Modern Foods

Grazing Cattle

new thing under the sun. Ecc. 19

BAXTER BLACK

WHY NO FARMER POETRY?

Cowboy poetry is one of my efforts. I do my best but sometimes when I am in the corn belt or entertaining the Western Pistachio Growers, I’m asked why I don’t do more farmer poetry?

To try to explain to them that cowboy poetry is about wrinkles, horse wrinkles, cow wrinkles, sheep wrinkles, dog wrinkles, farm wrinkles, financial wrinkles. Tyrannosaurus wrinkles, the never-ending wrinkles.

For instance, when someone tells a story about a horse buckin’ over the haystack and being stripped naked in a nanosecond or getting run down by the coverall sleeve in the PTO and being stripped=straddling the divide with a leg on either side of the “Fight or Flight” behavioral mechanism in the Humble Cow. There is a fine line between the nausous trap that others would normally avoid. It often starts with the cowboy saying, “Whataya mean I can’t ride that horse?” or “Go ahead and let off on the squeeze, I think I can hold her!” or “Don’t worry, dogs really like me.”

Then you mix this mentality with #2, the Huckle Cow. There is a fine line between the “Fight or Flight” behavioral mechanism in the hovine. But the cowboys always seem to be struggling for a space to step right into an obvious trap that others would normally avoid. It often starts with the cow saying, “Whataya mean I can’t ride that horse?” or “Go ahead and let off on the squeeze, I think I can hold her!” or “Don’t worry, dogs really like me.”

Then you mix this mentality with #2, the Huckle Cow. There is a fine line between the “Fight or Flight” behavioral mechanism in the hovine. But the cowboys always seem to be struggling for a space to step right into an obvious trap that others would normally avoid. It often starts with the cow saying, “Whataya mean I can’t ride that horse?” or “Go ahead and let off on the squeeze, I think I can hold her!” or “Don’t worry, dogs really like me.”

Thus, it’s the idea that one of God’s dumbest creatures seems to regularly outwit our cowboy Hero, and that makes it funny!

On the other hand, farmer wrinkles are always about machinery. Hanging your Carhartt overalls sheave in the PTO and being stripped naked in a nanosecond or getting run down by a robotic controlled chemical spraying drone, doesn’t really disgust large gullwings. So that’s why I don’t write more farmer poetry. Of course, there’s always the one about the farmer’s daughter!

Why cover the cab with a blanket...

Truck Shop Help Needed, General Maintenance. Apply in person at 104 Dillard Creek Rd, Nashville. (870) 978-1219.


**Roundball Roundup**

**Junior Girls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ashdown</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mineral Springs</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mineral Springs</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gurdon</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


**Junior Boys**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ashdown</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>47</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mineral Springs</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Mineral Springs scorers: Jyvon Akkins-12, Keshawn Davis-7, Tre Lacy-6, Tyler Vilegias-4, Xavier Williams-3, Keon Hendley-3

**Senior Girls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mineral Springs</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gurdon</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bauxite</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Nashville scorers: Hannah Vines-16, Maddie Mulchunski-10, Monisa Pootie-9, Kassidy Snowdon-7, Rachel Smith-6

**Senior Boys**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mineral Springs</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gurdon</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Mineral Springs scorers: Rashad Williams-14, Trevor Lewis-12, Kandrin Langston-10, E.J. Stewart-7, Julian Turner-6, J.J. Walton-2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bauxite</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Nashville scorers: Brandon Smarracco-24, Stephen Kruel-20, Tesean Green-16, Lavonte Thomas-5, Jacob Lampkin-2, Jose Sepulveda-1

**Umpire Junior Invitational Tournament**

**Semifinals**

**Junior Girls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dierks</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dierks</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Nashville scorers: LaJae McHorter-15, Tyler Kesterson-12, Cameron Brewer-7, Tanner Owens-3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ashdown</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>75</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mineral Springs</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Dierks scorers: Adriana Wallston-18, Breanna Bohon-7, Kyla Komplin-7, Kaydra Ayers-3, Lillie Woodruff-1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wickes</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Nashville Scorers: LaMichael Pettway-10, Jaylon Johnson-6, Kevin Brazil-4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Minneapolis</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Dixie Scorers: Jamie Pettway-10, E.J. Pettway-9, LaMichael Pettway-8, Jaylon Johnson-6, Kevin Brazil-4

**Finals**

**Junior Girls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dierks</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Acen</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Dierks scorers: Adriana Walston-18, Breanna Bohon-7, Kyla Komplin-7, Lillie Woodruff-6, Kaydra Ayers-2, Kaelyn Fennell-2, Kenzie Stover-2

**Junior Boys**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dierks</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Nashville Scorers: LaMichael Pettway-10, Jaylon Johnson-6, Kevin Brazil-5, Andrew Hawthorne-4

**Roundball Roundup**

**Senior Girls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mineral Springs</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gurdon</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bauxite</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Nashville scorers: Hannah Vines-16, Middie Mulchunski-10, Monisa Pootie-9, Kassidy Snowdon-7, Rachel Smith-6

**Junior Boys**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mineral Springs</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gurdon</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Mineral Springs scorers: Rashad Williams-14, Trevor Lewis-12, Kandrin Langston-10, E.J. Stewart-7, Julian Turner-6, J.J. Walton-2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>1st</th>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>3rd</th>
<th>4th</th>
<th>F</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bauxite</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Leading Nashville scorers: Brandon Smarracco-24, Stephen Kruel-20, Tesean Green-16, Lavonte Thomas-5, Jacob Lampkin-2, Jose Sepulveda-1