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'Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus,' the holiday classic.

The News-Leader will be closed for the Christmas holiday Monday, Dec. 26. Stories and ads for the Dec. 28 issue should be submitted by noon Friday, Dec. 23.



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Nashville bands' holiday concert.  
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Blood drive set Dec. 29 in Nashville

LifeShare Blood Center will conduct a blood drive Thursday, Dec. 29, on the parking lot at Tyson Foods in Nashville. The drive will be from 2-8 inside the LifeShare bus parked at 100 E. Cassady St., Nashville. The public is invited to participate.

According to LifeShare, about 1 in 7 people entering a hospital need blood.

One blood donation, approximately one pint of blood, can save up to three lives.

For more information, go to www.lifeshare.org or call 903-794-3173.

LifeShare Blood Centers regularly supplies blood components to 117 medical facilities throughout Louisiana, East Texas and South Arkansas.

Founded in Shreveport, La. in 1942, it is a nonprofit community service provider governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees.

Schools in Nashville set holiday break

The Nashville School District will dismiss for the Christmas holidays Dec. 22-Jan. 6.

Classes will resume Monday, Jan. 9.

Report cards will be distributed on Friday, Jan. 13.

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STATE CHAMPIONS  
Nashville High cheerleaders win Class 4A title



**STATE CHAMPS.** The Class 4A state champion cheerleaders include (front row) seniors Asia Harris, Nicole Dodson, McKenzie Morphew and Chelsey Hile; (second row) juniors Lindsey O'Donnell, Jordan Revels, Monique Flores, Olivia Herzog, Breanna Peebles, Leslie Lingo and Mackenzie Brown; (back row) sophomores Julianne Futrell, Steyanna Bailey, Hannah Faulkner and Cecily Sweeden, Coach Susan Renfrow and senior manager Emily McCauley. (Not pictured: senior manager Anna Kesterson.)

HOT SPRINGS - The Nashville High School cheerleaders won the Class 4A state championship Saturday afternoon at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

The squad includes seniors Asia Harris, Nicole Dodson, McKenzie Morphew and Chelsey Hile; juniors Lindsey O'Donnell, Jordan Revels, Monique Flores, Mackenzie Brown, Olivia Herzog, Leslie Lingo and Breanna Peebles; sophomores Steyanna Bailey, Cecily Sweeden, Hannah Faulkner and Julianne Futrell. Susan Renfrow is the coach.

State competition was sponsored by the Arkansas Activities Association.

The final rankings for Class 4A included Nashville first, Pottsville second

and Westside third.

Gentry, Arkadelphia, Ozark, Gosnell and Pochontas rounded out the field.

The top three in other classifications include the following:

7A - Har-Ber, Bryant and North Little Rock.

6A - Sheridan, Lake Hamilton and a tie between Greenwood and Russellville for third.

5A - Valley View, Hot Springs Lakeside and Sylvan Hills. Hope was seventh.

3A - Smackover, Junction City and Perryville.

1A-2A - East Poinsett County, Marked Tree and Carlisle.

Nashville entered the state competition after winning two other contests in recent weeks.

Fireman of Year named

By Louie Graves  
News-Leader staff

He says he'd never given a thought about being a fireman until he started dating the fire marshal's daughter.

And last week, Michael Staten -- now a nearly three-year veteran of the department and married to the fire marshal's daughter -- was chosen by his fellow firemen in a secret ballot for the Fireman of the Year honor.

Staten says he clearly remembers his first fire call -- a house fire in Nashville -- and he says he appreciates the camaraderie and professionalism of his fellow firemen.

Staten received the coveted award Dec. 13 at the department's annual Christmas party.

Other awards were handed out at the event:

\*Former chief Terry Ray, now an assistant chief, was presented his 28-year service pin. The department stops counting years of service after 28 years.

\*Special recognition for another former

chief, Cliff Petty, for his dedication to National Fire Prevention Week child safety activities at schools for nearly a quarter-century.

\*15-year service pin to Roger Bennett; 10-year service pin to Jeff Westfall; five-year service pins to Andrew Westfall, Justin Thornton and Josh Worley.

Fire Marshal Harwell said that the face of the department had been considerably changed in recent years.

For one thing, firemen are no longer "volunteers," but are considered to be part-time, on-call employees of the city. They are paid \$35 per call. They have continuing education and other mandatory training.

At one time, in order to be selected to fill one of the rare openings in the department, hopefuls had to go meet members of the department and lobby for their approval. Now, someone who wants to be a fireman needs to fill out an application which is

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Fireman of the Year Michael Staten



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT BOARD MEETING.** The primary school choir directed by Stacia Petty sang three Christmas songs at Monday night's meeting of the Nashville School Board. The youngsters performed last week at the Nashville Rotary Club meeting. Superintendent Doug Graham and school board members are seated behind the choir, including David Hilliard, Monica Clark, Mark Canaday, Randy Elliott and Miles Mitchell. The meeting was held in the Nashville High School cafeteria instead of the board room because of the large number of guests who went to watch the choir.

School district food services 'in the black'

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

The Nashville School District's food services program is operating in the black since being outsourced to Aramark for the 2016-17 academic year, according to Superintendent Doug Graham.

Aramark and the district entered a partnership during the spring, and outsourcing began as plans for 2016-17 were made during the summer.

Thus far, "We're in the black \$35,900. Financially, it's working," Graham told the school board Monday night. The food services program had operated at a loss before

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'From one hill to another'  
Scrapper O-lineman now a Razorback

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

Scrapper senior offensive lineman Kirby Adcock signed a financial agreement Dec. 14 with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he will play football for the Razorbacks.

Adcock, who earned All-District and All-State honors at Nashville, verbally committed to the Razorbacks earlier in the year. He reported to Fayetteville during the weekend and began practicing with the Hogs Monday as they prepare for the Belk Bowl Dec. 29 in Charlotte, N.C.

Athletic Director James "Bunch" Nichols

said Adcock is "a young man we're very proud of in the Nashville Public Schools. We had the privilege of him coming to us a few years ago when he put on that orange helmet. As we like to say in Nashville, 'Once a Scrapper, always a Scrapper.' This guy will take it to heart. He's going from one hill to another."

Coach Mike Volarvich said Adcock's signing day was also "his graduation ceremony, since he's leaving [soon] and will be there Monday to start practice."

Adcock will practice with the Razorbacks five times, according to Volarvich. He also "will get a

head start on his classes" when school resumes at Arkansas in mid-January.

Adcock will participate in spring football and summer conditioning with the Razorbacks.

"When I arrived almost two years ago, Kirby and Cindi [his mother] were two of the first ones I met," Volarvich said. "I watched film of him from his sophomore year. He was a very talented player."

However, at 6-3, 255 pounds as a sophomore, Adcock "wasn't the size for Division I."

Two years later, Adcock is 6-5, 300 pounds

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

**NOW HE'S A RAZORBACK.** As his mom, Cindi Adcock, watches, Scrapper senior Kirby Adcock signs a financial agreement Dec. 14 with the University of Arkansas to play for the Razorbacks.



# Obituaries



**Mary Nelda Harris**

Mary Nelda Harris 69, of Murfreesboro, Ark., passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 in Glenwood, Ark. She was born on Nov. 5, 1947 in Bowen, Ark., the daughter of the late Frank and Evy Stark Stone.

Mrs. Harris was a member of the Liberty Hill Baptist Church, a meat market assistant at Piggly Wiggly, and a production line worker for Armor Foods. But more importantly to her family she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Ray Harris; a son, Stoney Ray Harris; a great-grandchild; a sister, Joyce Clay; and brother, Dallas Stone.

Survivors include: her son, Johnny Harris of Murfreesboro, Ark.; grandson, Jonathan Harris; two granddaughters, Ashtin Harris Hamilton and Bailey Harris Friend; great-grandsons Brodix Hamilton, Carson Hamilton, and Easton Ray Friend; a brother, Joe Jerry Stone of El Dorado, Ark.; five sisters, Billy Lockeby, Cleon King, Linda Stone, Minda May of Delight, Ark., and Carolyn Quinney of Gurdon, Ark. As well as a number of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, at Latimer Funeral Home Chapel in Murfreesboro with Bro. Shawn Hill officiating. Burial followed in Brocktown Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Pallbearers were David Canon, James Canon, Phil Harris, Miles Reid, Clint Stone, Travis White, Bobby Roberts, Gary McAnelly

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com).



**Rachelle McGrew Brown**

Rachelle McGrew Brown, age 37, of Sapulpa, Okla., formerly of Glenwood, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, in Little Rock.

Rachelle was born on June 9, 1979 in Hot Springs, the daughter of Danny McGrew and Brenda Davis McGrew. On June 8, 1997, she was married to Brandon Brown. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Billy Ray McGrew; and her maternal grandparents, Cohen and Sevela Davis.

Rachelle enjoyed spending her time making hair bows, crafts, shopping and being with her family. She especially loved doing anything that involved her two sons. She loved doing things for other people, the bigger the better, nothing halfway. She always went

out of her way to make you feel loved and special. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Rachelle is survived by her husband, Brandon Brown; her two sons, Connor (age 16) and Cayden (age 11), all of Sapulpa, Okla.; her parents, Danny and Brenda McGrew of Glenwood; her paternal grandmother, Betty McGrew of Glenwood; three siblings and their spouses, Danielle and Brandon Casity of Sand Springs, Okla., Steven and Beth McGrew of Glenwood and Janelle and Bradley Cottrell of Blanchard, Okla.; three nieces, SerahBeth McGrew, Brooklyn McGrew and Hayden Cottrell; two nephews, Aspen Cassity and Kashton McGrew; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, in the Glenwood First Baptist Church with Bro. Darrell Toliver and Bro. Aaron Vik officiating.

Interment was in Mount Tabor Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Glenwood.

Visitation was Friday, 6-8 p.m. at Glenwood First Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Steven McGrew, Brandon Cassity, Bradley Cottrell, Shane Brown, Dustin Brown and Terry Cummins.

Guest registry is at [www.davis-smith.com](http://www.davis-smith.com).

**Gladys Mae Stinson Hearn Palmer**

Gladys Mae Stinson Hearn Palmer, 75, of Murfreesboro, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016.

She was born Sept. 6, 1941, in Wentworth, Mo., the daughter of the late John Hower Stinson and Virgie Marie Lees Stinson.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John Stinson, Jr. and James Edward Stinson; and two sisters, Virginia Lee Scroggins and Ruth Ann Barnum.

Survivors include: five children, Charles and Darlene Hearn of Kirby, Ronald and Sabrina Hearn of Mount Ida, Russell and Tisha Hearn of Glenwood, James Hearn, and Teresa and Tim White, all of Murfreesboro; a sister, Rowena Fern Adams of Louisiana, Mo.; also grandchildren.

A memorial services was held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, in the Davis-Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Glenwood with Bro. Scott Vaughn officiating.

Guest registry is at [www.davis-smith.com](http://www.davis-smith.com).

**Jenny Henry Garrison**

Jenny Henry Garrison, 56, of Dierks, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016.

She was born Feb. 2, 1960, in Nashville, the daughter of Betty Jean Welch Henry and the late Preston Thomas Henry.

She was a member of the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church and was a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Survivors include: her husband, Terry Garrison of Dierks; her mother, Betty Henry of Newhope; one brother, Ray Henry and wife, Derenda, of De Queen; one sister, Mary

Powers and husband, John David, of Dierks.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, in the Davis-Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Glenwood with Bro. Gary Welch officiating.

Visitation was Saturday evening, 5-7.

Interment was in the Mount Joy Cemetery. Guest registry is at [davis-smith.com](http://davis-smith.com).



**Jean Maxine Barnett**

Jean Maxine (Bias) Barnett was born on May 13, 1922 to J.J. and Ora Bias in Crawford City, Ark.

Jean passed away on Dec. 17, 2016 in Murfreesboro, Ark., at the age of 94. Jean was a United States Army Nurse Corps veteran. She joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps on Oct. 25, 1943. Better known to her fellow servicemen and women as "Mackie", she served in World War II and was stationed on Guam during her overseas deployment. Jean was an active registered nurse for more than 55 years. Jean obtained her nursing degree from Saint Edward's Hospital in Fort Smith, Ark., and had specialized training in Boston, Mass. Jean was a Red Cross R.N. She worked at numerous medical facilities including but not limited to: Brooks General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston; ENT Specialist in Fort Smith, Ark.; Pike County Hospital, Howard County Memorial Hospital, Director of Nurses at the Murfreesboro Nursing Center in Murfreesboro, Ark. and countless others in those 55+ years of her nursing career.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents J.J. and Ora Bias; two sisters, Eunice McKinnon and Tabitha Bias; one brother, J.J. Bias; and her husband, Vinton "Joe" Barnett.

Jean was survived by three children. Two sons: Jim Barnett and wife Vicki, and Bill Barnett of Murfreesboro, Ark., and her only daughter, Pamela (Barnett) Thomas and husband Chuck of North Little Rock, Ark.

Jean was survived by four grandchildren: Jamie (Barnett) Wilkins and husband, Zach; Barbie (Barnett) Baxter and husband Paul; Zane Barnett and wife, Sandra; and Tate Barnett, all of Murfreesboro, Ark. There are six great-grandchildren to date: Tori Davis, Lexie Baxter, Erin Davis, Lainie Baxter, Mason Wilkins, and Teegan Barnett all of Murfreesboro, Ark. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Jean will be remembered as a woman of great strength, courage, generosity, kindness, and most importantly a woman who loved her entire family with all of her heart and soul. Memaw Jean, as many family members and friends would call her, was a wonderful role model and would do anything to help her family and others she cared for. There will be no funeral services held. It was Mrs. Barnett's wishes to be cremated and for a private family memorial service to be held in her honor. The Barnett family would like to extend their gratitude to all those who have reached out and offered words of love and remembrance, as well as, prayers for comfort. With overwhelming love, Jean deserved to be at peace and she will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her dearly. Rest in Peace Jean Maxine.



**Josephine Griswold**

Josephine Griswold 101, of Bryan, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 in Nashville, Ark. She was born on March 15, 1915 in Bryan, Texas, the daughter of the late Anton and Annie Merka.

Mrs. Griswold was a member of the Northview Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas. She was a loving wife, sister and aunt. She

lived most of her life in Galveston, Texas, before moving back to Bryan, Texas, in the 1980's. In 2014 she was moved to Nashville, Ark., where she remained until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 14 years, Gilbert Griswold; three brothers, Antone Merka, August Merka and Martin Merka; four sisters, Olga Eubanks, Janie Vincent, Mary Dobrovolny and Martha Godwin.

Survivors include: her nephew, Neal Godwin, Jr., and wife Ollie of Nashville, Ark., as well as a number of nieces and nephews in Texas

There will be a private burial at Smetana Cemetery in Bryan, Texas.

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com).

**Linda Stone**

Linda Stone 70 of Delight, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016.

She was born March 24, 1946 in Bowen, Ark., the daughter of the late Rufus Franklin and Mary Evy Stark Stone.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Glenn "Goober" Stone; two sisters, Nelda Harris and Joyce Clay; a brother, Dallas Stone.

Survivors include: two daughters, Cindy Davis of Delight, and Wanda Morris and husband, Larry, of Dierks; one son, Clint Stone of Delight; one brother, Joe Stone of El Dorado; four sisters, Carolyn Quinney of Gurdon, and Cleon King, Billie Lockeby and Sue May, all of Delight; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro with burial to follow in Delight Cemetery.

**CARD OF THANKS**

On behalf of the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors I want to thank those that have made our Christmas season such a huge success. We had a huge turnout for the Taste of Christmas, with lots of delicious food and lots of people to enjoy it! Thank you to the ladies of the congregations that always supply us with the wonderful dishes. Thank you to Diane Carroll for her usual good job of coordinating this project. Our Hometown Christmas, and Christmas Parade, even with postponing it, was great! Lots of children enjoyed Santa and Mrs. Claus and we had a large participation in the Christmas Parade. Thank you to all who participated! The carriage rides were a huge success and we plan to have them back next year. Thank you to the

Hartleys for a great job and to Becky Posey and her music students. Loved the music! Let's not forget the Christmas Trees around the square. They are beautiful!

Thank you to all who chose to decorate or sponsor a tree this year. Below is a list of those who contributed to our Christmas success. If I have left anyone out, it was certainly not intentional and I apologize. The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building. We need and welcome your labor and ideas.

2017 is a new year, let's make it a booming year for Murfreesboro!

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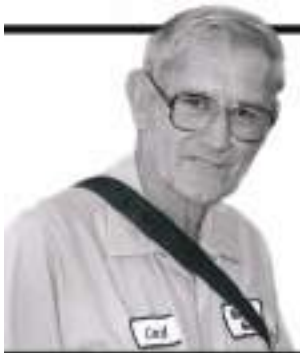
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**MANY WONDERFUL BAKED ITEMS.** On Thursday, members of the Howard County Extension Club council gathered for their annual Christmas bake sale. They include Dana Newberg, Deb Kreul, Gladine Bennett, Claudia Berner, Doris Ray, Eva Lou Bowles and Nelda Barton.



THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL  
**EARLY FILES**

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

Compiled by Patsy Young

**117 years ago: 1899**  
Mr. T. L. Jacques is out a quarter of nice pork, and some man who toils not, neither spins, is living high off his ill-gotten gains. Last Wednesday Mr. Jacques killed a hog. He put it in his smokehouse and came to town to get a lock to put on the door. He was not absent from home but a short time, yet long enough for some person with a weakness for pork and an aversion to labor to swipe a ham and make his escape.

Ben Countz, a resident of Pike County was fined in the mayor's court yesterday morning for being drunk and disorderly. Countz was but recently released from the Fort Smith jail, where he served sentence for illicit distilling.

(Adv.) Notice: The hack leaves here each day a few minutes after the morning train arrives and goes to Lockesburg via Centre Point. G. W. Sullivan, Jr., manager

**104 years ago: 1912**  
J. W. Chesshir, of Quan-

nah, Texas, who has been visiting relatives in this section for the past two weeks, has returned home. Jim says the water where he lives is not like it is here. He says you can boil navy beans for ten days and they will still rattle. Dick Tinny advised him to carry a jug of Arkansas water home with him so that he could cook one more mess of good beans.

Robt. Lee and Jewell Propps of Centre Point arrived from Conway, where they are attending Hendrix College, to spend the holidays with home folks.

**61 years ago: 1955**  
Uncle Sam's overseas radio teletypes are playing heck with some police communications systems back home. And that includes Howard County's police radio system. The receiving set on Sheriff Jack Jennings' desk gives nerve-racking bleats that drown out normal air traffic much of the time.

According to the Hot Spring's police department the interference is "due to third harmonic

radiation of a military transmitter in the 12 to 13 megacycle band."

Whatever is causing the radio racket, Sheriff Jennings and his deputy, Fomby Jackson would have a friendlier feeling toward the boys overseas if they could "cease and desist."

(Adv.) Now showing at the Elberta, the season's best, Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," with Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney.

**39 years ago: 1977**  
Country-pop singer Tommy Cash and his group, "The Tomcats," will give two performances here Friday. Shows will be in the elementary school auditorium at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at KBHC and at the Chamber of Commerce.

Colonel John H. Moellering, district engineer for the Corps at Vicksburg, will be in Nashville on Tuesday, December 20th, to discuss water storage at Lake Greeson for area usage.

# Six enter not guilty pleas, receive trial dates in 2017

Six defendants, all represented by the public defender's office, pleaded not guilty to felony charges last week and were assigned trial dates.

On the bench for the regular day of criminal court was Judge Tom Cooper.

David Rhodes, 38, white male, formerly of Nashville now of Conway, pleaded not guilty to a class B felony charge of possession of meth with purpose of delivery. He is also charged with possession of Schedule VI controlled substance, a misdemeanor.

His trial date was set for

April 25, 2017.

Clarence Edward Benson, 63 black male, Nashville, pleaded not guilty to a class C felony charge of delivery of meth. His trial date was set for March 7.

Monique Marie Locke, 41, black female, Nashville, is charged with two counts of class C felony delivery of meth. The trial date is April 25.

Yalonda A. Benson, 42, black female, Nashville, is facing a class C felony charge of delivery of meth. She pleaded not guilty and had a trial date of April 25 assigned.

Chris Hickey, 44, white male, Nashville, plead-

ed not guilty to a class C felony of furnishing prohibited articles - trying smuggle contraband into the jail. Pretrial motions are set for April 5 although other charges against him are pending on Feb. 1.

Scelitta Feast Porter, 43, black female, Mineral Springs, will have a March 1 date for pretrial motions. She pleaded not guilty to two counts of a class C felony charge, delivery of meth.

The state declined to pursue a class D felony charge of first degree terroristic threatening against Ornan Hernandez, 23, Hispanic male.

# Prosecutor's offer accepted after jurors already called

Jurors had already been called in, and waited around for more than an hour last Thursday morning, when the defendant with a lengthy record decided to take a plea offer from the prosecution.

Orlando L. Dosa, 31, black male, Nashville, was handed a total sentence of 30 years in the Arkansas Department of Correction

with several sentences running concurrently.

Dosa is also a parole violator, and his sentence was enhanced by habitual offender status. He was facing two separate criminal cases, mostly felony charges involving drugs. One case included tampering with physical evidence, and another included resisting arrest

and fleeing. Those latter charges were dismissed.

While out on bond on charges filed June 2, he was arrested and charged with additional offenses on Aug. 19.

His sentence also includes 90 days in the county jail.

The county will have to pay the jurors for making their appearance.

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# Point of view

## Background check

### Trump cabinet needs to get Santa's approval

Because of his vast experience checking up on children and young adults worldwide, Santa has been asked by his country to do background checks on the executives whom Comrade President-elect Trump wants for the cabinet.

See, the Obama government has to pay for the background checks, and they figure they could get out cheaper if Santa -- instead of the FBI -- did the checks because Santa was already keeping tabs on who had been naughty and who had been nice. And who trusts the FBI?

Well, Santa had never denied a Christmas wish for any sitting U.S. President except for the time he said "No more interns in the Oval Office," so he agreed to help the nation in its hour of need.

AHA! He had a great insight. He'd get an automated telephone answering and routing system installed in the North Pole business igloo. He finally found a system he could afford. It was made in China, and the vendor -- a Mr. Hoo Hee -- promised and crossed his heart a thousand times that the incoming and outgoing calls would not be monitored by a foreign government.

First of all, Santa recorded the message: "Ho, ho, ho. This is Santa Claus and I want to know if you've been naughty or nice."

Second of all, Santa would have the automated answering service take their return calls. When the nominated cabinet member returned the call, this is what he-and-or she heard:

RING RING RING  
 "Good day and thank you for returning Santa's call from the North Pole Business Igloo Communications Center.  
 "Press one if you are responding in Espanyol. Press the funny-looking Cryllic number if you are responding in Roosian.  
 "Press two if you are venting about the Razorback defense.  
 "Press three if you have been, or hope to be, gainfully purchased by the Russians.  
 "Press four if you think Hillary should go to prison.  
 "Press five if you think Comrade President Trump will ever release his tax returns.  
 "Press six if you would like to purchase a degree from Trump University.  
 "Press seven if you think the crooked media has lied.  
 "Press eight for White House room service at Trump Tower."  
 Santa already knows I've been naughty.

THE GOOD EARTH. A California researcher has discovered a new species of plant living entirely in a small patch of Baja California, Mexico.

The plant dies each winter and sprouts anew in the summer, meaning that it is a (check one) (A) perennial; or (B) annual. I don't know which and I don't care.

But the guy who discovered the plant had the honor of giving it a name. Since he was from California he naturally named it after a song that was playing on the radio at the 'aha' moment of discovery. It was a song by a psychedelic rock star who died of a heroin overdose. The new plant, *dudleya hendrixii*, has pink and white blooms, and is already declared an endangered species.

Jimi Hendrix is not the first musical person to have a plant named in his honor or named after a song he/they performed. Others have been Pink Floyd and Johnny Cash.

This is useful information at its finest.

GOLD OF THE MAGI. For the third year in a row, a Mexican gold 50-peso coin has mysteriously been dropped into a Salvation Army Red Kettle in south Florida. The coins are worth about \$1,400 each. The giver wraps the coin in a US one-dollar bill, and drops it unnoticed into the Red Kettle. God bless.

There are several different versions of the lyrics for this favorite Christmas carol. It started out as a poem written in the mid-1800s and music was later added to celebrate a church's new organ. Merry Christmas to you. This is all I'm giving this year.

O Holy Night  
 O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
 It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.  
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
 Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.  
 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
 Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born;  
 O night divine, O night, O night Divine.

THE TWINS. I wrote a letter to the typing twins, Hunt and Peck, but it took forever for them to write back. Someone told me that their surname was Underwood.

HE SAID: "The Earth reminded us of a Christmas tree ornament hanging in the blackness of space. As we got farther and farther away it diminished in size. Finally it shrank to the size of a marble, the most beautiful marble you can imagine." *James Irwin, American astronaut*

SHE SAID: "At Christmas, I am always struck by how the spirit of togetherness lies also at the heart of the Christmas story. A young mother and a dutiful father with their baby were joined by poor shepherds and visitors from afar. They came with their gifts to worship the Christ child." *Queen Elizabeth II, British monarch*

SWEET DREAMS, Baby



# Tax reduction proposals await legislators in January session

**By Sen. Larry Teague**  
 Legislators will consider several different tax cut proposals when the General Assembly convenes for the 2017 regular session.

The governor has proposed an income tax reduction for low-income wage earners, those earning \$21,000 a year or less. It would lower taxes for about 657,000 Arkansas residents, which is approximately 44 percent of 1.5 million people who pay state individual income taxes.

The governor's proposal would completely exempt anyone whose annual income is less than \$4,300 a year, completely removing about 120,000 in the lowest income brackets from the tax rolls.

Another income tax reduction that has been proposed by a senator would totally exempt wage earners whose annual income is less than \$21,000 a year.

The governor's tax reduction would lower state revenue by about \$50.5 million. The more sweeping proposal to lower income taxes would decrease revenue by about \$105 million a year.

Another bill that has been filed by a member of the House of Representatives would exempt all retirement benefits of

former members of the military and their spouses' survivor benefits.

Currently, the first \$6,000 of their yearly benefits are exempt from state income taxes. The governor announced his support of the measure, which would save retired military families an estimated \$13 million a year.

In the 2015 regular session the legislature approved about \$100 million a year in income tax cuts, which the governor proposed and which mainly benefited about 688,000 middle class Arkansas taxpayers.

The governor and legislative proponents of further income tax cuts have pointed out that state government has been able to continue providing vital services in spite of the revenue loss resulting from the 2015 tax cuts.

If approved as initially proposed, the tax cuts would go into effect on January 1, 2018, meaning that they would benefit taxpayers when they file in early 2019.

#### Juvenile Services Contract

The state Division of Juvenile Services, which oversees detention facilities that house young people who get in trouble with the law, has run into another obstacle in its effort to sign a new contract with a private Indiana

company. A legislative committee declined to review it, which means the Division must take out-of-the ordinary procedures if it wants to continue pushing for approval of the contract.

The contract is for about \$160 million a year. The Division wants to award it to an Indiana firm called Youth Opportunity Investments.

Two Arkansas organizations have had the contract and operated seven secure juvenile detention facilities. One is based in Jonesboro and one in Magnolia. They formally protested earlier this year when the Division announced it would award the contract to the new provider from Indiana.

#### Lottery Revenue

November was a good month for the state lottery. Revenue was up \$4.8 million over last year. In terms of total revenue, it was the best November for the Arkansas lottery since 2012.

Because of the increase in revenue, the amount available for college scholarships was up \$800,000 for the month. Lottery ticket sales pay for Academic Challenge Scholarships.

Starting with the high school Class of 2016, the requirement for getting a lottery scholarship is to score at least 19 on the ACT standardized test.

# 'Good tidings of great joy'

The following is the Christmas story from Luke 1:1-20 (KJV).

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

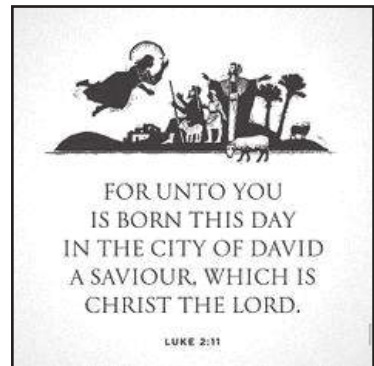
4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over



their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.  
 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of

the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

# Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

*Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps*

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, "If you see it in THE SUN, it's so."

Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.  
 115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.



Virginia O'Hanlon, age 8

in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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# The Public Record of Howard County

Filed or recorded in the Howard County, Arkansas, courthouse during the period of Dec. 7-14, 2016:

**Marriage licenses**  
Dec. 8. Jeffery Porter, 46, Lockesburg, and Angela Kay Southerland, 44, Lockesburg.  
Dec. 14. Quinn Allan Revels, 50, Dierks, and Jennifer Marie O'Neal, 44, Dierks.

**Criminal court**  
CR 16-151, Dec. 6. State of Arkansas vs. Angela Foust, 47, white female, Nashville. Possession of controlled substance, class D felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, class D felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, class A misdemeanor.  
CR 16-152, Dec. 12. State of Arkansas vs. David Rhodes, 38, white male, Conway. Possession of meth or cocaine with purpose of delivery, class B felony, possession of schedule Vi controlled substance, class A misdemeanor.  
CR 16-153, Dec. 12. State of Arkansas vs. Scelitta Feast Porter, 43, black female, Mineral Springs. Delivery of meth or cocaine, class C, delivery of meth or cocaine, class C.

CR 16-154, Dec. 12. State of Arkansas vs. Yalanda A. Benson, 42, black female, Nashville. Delivery of meth or cocaine, class C felony.  
CR 16-155, Dec. 13. State of Arkansas vs. Christopher Hickey, 44, white male, Nashville. Furnishing prohibited articles, class C felony.  
CR 16-156, Dec. 13. State of Arkansas vs. Monique

Marie Locke, 41, black female, Nashville. Delivery of meth or cocaine, two counts, class C felony.  
CR 16-157, Dec. 13. State of Arkansas vs. Clarence Edward Benson, 63, black male, Nashville. Delivery of meth or cocaine, class C felony.

**Domestic relations court**  
DR 16-139, Dec. 8. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement. Paternity.  
DR 16-140, Dec. 9. Natasha Worley vs. William Worley. Divorce.  
DR 16-141, Dec. 12. Penny Hebert vs. Glen C. Hebert. Domestic abuse.

DR 16-142, Dec. 12. LaTash Newton vs. Javier Flores. Domestic abuse.  
DR 16-143, Dec. 14. Robert Callaway vs. Teri Callaway. Divorce.

**Civil court**  
CV 16-86, Dec. 8. Economic Recovery Counseling, Inc. vs. Victoria Bearden. Debt.  
CV 16-87, Dec. 9. DNF Associates LLC vs. Travis Millwood. Debt.  
CV 16-88, Dec. 12. Kgia Holdings 2, LLC vs. Glendon R. Hankins. Unlawful detainer.

CV 16-89, Dec. 12. Farmers Bank and Trust Co. vs. Estate of Donald Walton, deceased. Foreclosure.  
CV 16-90, Dec. 12. LVNV Funding vs. Gladys Brewer. Debt.  
CV 16-91, Dec. 14. Cavangela R. Wade vs. Howard Memorial Hospital, Medical Protective Co., William B. Bennett, MD. Malpractice.

**LAND TRANSACTIONS**  
Dec. 9. James Stanley Kesterson, Administrator of the Estate of Henrietta Kesterson, deceased; to Joseph Scott Kesterson; 6.8 ac. in S22 T6S R29W.  
Dec. 7. Angie Lewis, as commissioner in the Hempstead County case CV 15-93 Regions Bank vs. Ronald D. Anderson, Dorothy O. Anderson, et al; to Regions Bank; 2 tracts, S18 T10S R27W at public auction. \$161,250.  
Dec. 7. Angie Lewis, as commissioner in Sevier County CV 2016-51 Diamond Bank vs. Gregory Ray Chambers and Donna Lynn Chambers, et al; premises and Lots 12-13, McCullough's Addition, Town of Mineral Springs at public auction. \$17,000.

**Warranty deeds**  
Dec. 8. Fern M. Hostetler, surviving spouse of Levi Hostetler, deceased; to Denzil Jacques and Judy Jacques, husband and wife; aggregate 17.54 ac. in S27 T9S R27W.  
Dec. 9. Christine Minx; to Arthur T. Rider, Cyndy L. Rider and Lynda A. Williams, joint tenants in common; 0.68 ac. in S30 T7S R28W. \$38,000.  
Dec. 9. Melody J. Marr; to Tyler Gaylin Miles; 32.68 ac. in S29 T5S R30W. \$40,000.  
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**TEACHER OF THE MONTH.** Lisa Wesson, who teaches advanced sophomore and junior English at Nashville High School, was named Teacher of the Month for December by the NHS Student Council. She will receive a complimentary oil change from York Gary Autoplex. Wesson is a graduate of NHS. She received her BSE degree from Texas A&M at Texarkana. Wesson worked as an aide for eight years before teaching for a year at Delight and spending the last seven years teaching at Nashville. "I most enjoy those moments when my students 'get' it, and you can see in their eyes that they are excited to get it," Wesson said. She is active in church work, Primary Christmas Project, canned food drives and other community activities. Student Council members presented Wesson a gift box in the NHS Cafe. The group includes (seated) Cierra Wynn, Zack Perez, Courtney Dougan, Lisa Wesson, Anna Kesterson and Olivia Herzog; (standing) Audra Hughes, Breanna Billingsley, Bubba Reeder, Alyssa Rather, Colton Patterson, Steyanna Bailey, Braven Bell, Monique Flores, Jackie Martinez, Kalob Carpenter, Mackenzie Brown, Madi Miller and Student Council adviser Holly Couch.

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high school. Construction and upkeep will be the city's responsibility, according to the resolution.  
The board approved a minimum wage increase from \$8 to \$8.50 for substitutes at the bottom end of substitute pay and some bus drivers. Other classified personnel already make more than the state minimum wage and will not be affected, Graham said.  
Graham said a number of bills affecting education have already been filed in advance of the Arkansas Legislature's regular session beginning Jan. 9. "We'll follow them closely for their effect on the public schools."  
One bill already drawing statewide attention would ban electronic devices on any campus during the school day, including cell phones, tablets and others.  
"That would be a big hurdle to jump over if it gets enough support. I don't see it passing," Graham said. Nashville students currently are allowed to use electronic devices in class to conduct research but must put them away all other times while in class.  
There are 19 bills which could affect teacher retirement, Graham told the board.  
Overall, "It should be an interesting year at the Capitol."  
In a personnel matter the board hired Cassie Reeder as a teacher's aide at Nashville Primary. She had served as a substitute aide after Lara Dyar resigned from the position earlier in the year.  
The district's finances remain in good shape, Graham said, with an operating balance of about \$6.43 million through Nov. 30.  
Before the board took care of business items, the Nashville Primary School choir presented a short program of Christmas music. Stacia Petty is the director. The meeting was held at the Nashville High School cafeteria instead of the administration building to accommodate a large number of parents and other guests who watched the performance.  
The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, a day later than usual because of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 16.  
All board members were present Monday night, including David Hilliard, Monica Clark, Mark Canaday, Randy Elliott and Miles Mitchell.

the contract with Aramark. Graham attributed the turnaround to two factors. "We're serving more students per day, and we have Aramark's buying power. That's what's turned us around financially."  
The food services department serves about 1,400 students per day in grades K-12, according to Graham.  
"There are still some menus to work out. I'd like to see us tweak them to be more desirable" to students, Graham said.  
In other discussion at Monday's board meeting, Graham said the building project at Nashville Primary "is at a standstill. Howard Construction is waiting on bar joists. I hope we have them this week. We're at the mercy of the steel manufacturer."  
The project includes two new classrooms at primary.  
The board approved a resolution authorizing the City of Nashville to access school property to construct sidewalks along Fourth Street from the administration building to

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available at Harwell's office located at the main fire station.  
The department includes 25 individuals, up from previous years, but the manpower needs are greater now because many members have jobs that prevent them from answering every call.  
Harwell said, also, that

there were no applications in 2016.  
Since the Fireman of the Year Award was started, winners have been the following:  
1987 Roy Blakely  
1988 James Daniel  
1989 Terry Ray  
1990 James Dyer  
1991 Cliff Petty  
1992 Ronny Woods  
1993 Jerry Harwell  
1994 Cliff Petty  
1995 Roy Blakely  
1996 Jimmy Mixon  
1997 Bobby Chambers  
1998 Jimmy Mixon

1999 Joe Dallas  
2000 Gary Funderburk  
2001 Alfred Neeley  
2002 Matt Smith  
2003 Mike Kinkade  
2004 Terry Ray  
2005 Matt Smith  
2006 Jeff Westfall  
2007 Jeff Westfall  
2008 Jimmy Mixon  
2009 Jeff Westfall  
2010 Jeff Westfall  
2011 Jeff Westfall  
2012 Josh Worley  
2013 Josh Worley  
2014 Russell Sparks  
2015 Andrew Westfall  
2016 Michael Staten

## Area students graduate from Henderson

ARKADELPHIA - Henderson State University held winter commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 16, with more than 230 undergraduate and graduate students receiving their degrees.

Area graduates included the following:  
Blevins - Robert Dalton Steed.  
Delight -- Tylesia Chardenet Gentry.  
Kirby -- Amber Nicole Barentine.

Lockesburg -- Marshall Dale Fry.  
Murfreesboro -- Madeline Paige Kizzia.  
Nashville -- Joel Hendry, Maddie Lee McJunkins and Paul Michael Morrow.

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# Nashville Primary students write to Santa Claus

## Julie Chesshir's second grade class at Nashville Primary School writes to Santa:

Helen Barragan—"How are you and how is Rudolph? I hope to gather around with my family and friends and sing Christmas songs. For Christmas I want a toy called Nom Noms and any other toy you think I should have. Your friend, Helen."

Juliyah Burchette—"Hello! How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year and would like a bike, cowgirl boots, a karaoke machine, and a four wheel-er."

Lauren Ferguson—"Hello! How are you? Do you like living in the North Pole? For Christmas, I want a dareway or a Seal Point Siamese kitten for Uncle Mark's house. And I have been really good. I have put up our Christmas trees!"

Landree Green—"Thank you for sending our elf back. I want a chair that folds out into a bed for my American girl doll. I also want a hatchimal. I hope you are doing really good, Santa!"

Tavion Green—"How is the North Pole and Rudolph? I have been a good boy...I want a Spiderman toy, Ninja Turtle 2 video, a Super Mario Brothers 2 video game, and an Iron Man Legos."

Jaime Hartness—"Hello! How are you? For Christmas, I want a baby doll Sara, a password journal that only open to my voice, a Monster high school that comes with dolls, a dog that looks like Lady, Tramp and Muchkin, and a cat that looks like Sparkles. Thank you, Santa!"

Myles Hawthorne—"I would like a basketball, a football, a drum set, a dirt bike, and a hoverboard and a rip stick."

Ke'Andre Hindman—"I have been a good boy this year. Can I get an electric scooter, a hoverboard, and an Xbox or Playstation 4? Also I would like a Call of Duty Black Ops 3 game, a bike, and a karaoke machine."

Zaryah Jones—"I would like a board game, a karaoke machine, a magic elf on the shelf, and a hoverboard."

Luke Lacie—"How is Rudolph? I want a Razorback figure and a stadium to go with it, my sister wants a Mickey Mouse, and the last thing I want is for you, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph to have a great Christmas!"

Kelli Myers—"Thank you for all the nice things you have given me in the past. For Christmas, I want a phone and headphones, some church clothes and church shoes. I have been a very, very good girl."

Dylan Newton—"How are you? For Christmas I want Minecraft Legos and a computer. I have been a good boy."

Moises Ortiz—"For Christmas I would like boots, some dinosaurs, a skateboard and some socks and shoes, and a jacket."

Lucas Pennington—"You are very, very, very nice. Thank you for what you have given me in the past. This year, I would like a little Husky puppy and a four-wheeler. I have been using my manners and listening really good."

Adrie Perez—"Hello! How are you? Can you get me a girl elf? And a hatchimal and that's all. I am going to leave you cookies and milk."

Jahaziel Ramos—"I would like cleats, a new soccer ball, and FIFA 17 video game. Thank you for being so nice to me!"

Jordan Rapert—"You are very nice. I would like some Legos, a basketball goal, and a better pool for summer."

Kaylee Santamaria—"How are you and Rudolph? I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas, I want a new tablet, a Christmas book called Twas the Night Before Christmas for my mom to read to me. Thank you so much!"

Roland Schwope—"This year I would like big Lego sets. I have been a very good boy this year!"

Conner Watts—"For Christmas, I want an Xbox, 3 DS, and a wallet. This is all I want for Christmas!"

## Winona White's second grade class at Nashville Primary School has written Santa:

Winona White - My wishes for Christmas is for all to have safe travels during the Christmas Season, make good memories with your families, and to remember the "Reason for the this Special Season".

Our Wishes:  
Lily Arbuttnott - soccer equipment, softball equipment, and roller skates

Jackson Billy - bracelet kit, DVD player, and a tablet

Caylen Ellis - Skoppkins kit, fingernail polish, and a make-up kit

Kadence Green - Paw patroller, Paw patroller-air, and a i-pad

Arely Hernandez - Nintendo 3ds, Hershey Bar, Christmas Books

Jake Hicks - Zoomer chimp, 13 pokeballs, and pokedex

Ke'Shawn Hopkins - Disney bracelet, nice jacket / coat, and a wii-u

Robbie Hupp - X-Box, DS, and new shoes

Ki'Shon Jefferson - Nurf gun, wrestling toys, and a tablet

Karson Merrell - grappling gun, earphone, and air markers

Jennyka Moreland new bike, good books, and a real white horse

Santiago Mereno - new clothes, Galaxy 6, and i-pad7

Trendon Northcross - football kicker stand, real deer to pull a sleigh, and Santa

Silvestre Ortiz - a drone, nurf car with controls, and X-box.

J. T. Palmer - new games, guitar, and shoes

Amiyah Pryor - new bike, tennis shoes, and boots

Taylor Stucky - skates/ice skates, Monster High doll party set, and a bike with a helmet

Trinity Wilburn - computer, dollhouse, and a diary.

Angela Dodd's Kindergarten Class Nashville Primary School sent letters to Santa.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jade. This year, I have been good. The thing I would like most is a cover and a baby doll. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Barbie. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Jade Abalos  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Emmily. This year, I have been really really good. The thing I would like most is a Barbie doll because I like Barbie's. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a little baby doll, play-doh, and puzzles. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Emmily Aguilar  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Rayniah. This year, I have been very good. The thing I would like most is a Barbie doll because my sister has one. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a paintbrush and paints, a baby doll, and a toy zebra. I promise to leave you some crackers and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Rayniah Alvarez  
Dear Santa,

My name is Yosselyn. This year, I have been very good. The thing I would like most is some Barbie dolls because they are fun to play with. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a baby doll, a Barbie house, and a stuffed Rudolph. I promise to leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Yosselyn Barrera  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Addison. This year, I have been pretty good. The thing I would like most is some makeup because I want to put it on. If your elves are not too busy I would also like an Elsa doll that sings with a microphone, a Sophia makeup mirror, and a new clock. I promise to leave you some cookies, milk, and hot chocolate. Merry Christmas!

Love, Addison Brewer  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Weller. This year, I have been very good. The thing I would like most is a BB-8 because I like robots. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a BB-8 app for my iPad, Star Wars Legos, and little cars. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Weller Chesshir  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Destiny. This year, I have been really good. The thing I would like most is a Doc McStuffins truck because it makes noise. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a big Barbie doll and a toy sheep. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Destiny Gonzalez  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Zamari. This year, I have been very good. The thing I would like most is some playdoh because it is pretty and fun. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a baby doll and dress up clothes. I promise to leave you some milk and cookies. Merry Christmas!

Love, Zamari Jones-Sanders  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Luis. This year, I have been a little good. The thing I would like most is a monster truck because I like them. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a bus, a car and a book. I promise to leave you some cookies and coke. Merry Christmas!

Love, Luis Navarrete  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Emiline. This year, I have been very good. The thing I would like most is a stick horse because I can pretend I'm a cowgirl. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a baby doll with lots and lots of clothes and a toy reindeer that is Rudolph. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Emiline Petty  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Andrew. This year, I have been very good. The thing I would like most is a rock crawler because they can crawl on rocks. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a new bike and a dirt bike. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Andrew Reese  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Keith. This year, I'm sometimes bad and sometimes I'm good. The thing I would like most is a battery powered tractor that you ride from WalMart because it has a bucket that you can pick stuff up with. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a toy bull, a real horse and some paint. I promise to leave you some cookies and hot cocoa. Merry Christmas!

Love, Keith Talley  
Dear Santa,

My name is Emory. This year, I have been pretty good. The thing I would like most is some kinetic sand that is purple because it feels neat when you touch it. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a poodle that is purple, some doll clothes, and a stuffed animal reindeer. I promise to leave you some milk, cookies and carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas!

Love, Emory Wallis  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Jala'vett. This year, I have been pretty good. The thing I would like most is a remote control dinosaur because they're neat. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a toy candy cane, a Cat in the Hat stuffed animal, some gloves and a hat. I promise to leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Jala'vett Washington  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Parker. This year, I have been very good. The thing I would like most is a Wii because I can play with my cousin. If your elves are not too busy I would also like some an electric motorcycle, some trucks and cars, and a wolf costume. I promise to leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Love, Parker Webb  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Domanick. This year, I have been very good. The thing I would like most is a big construction set because I want to dig holes. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a copy car, a firetruck, and a boat. I promise to leave you some Rootbeer and cookies. Merry Christmas!

Love, Domanick Young  
Dear Santa,  
We have been very good this year. We are excitedly waiting for you to come on Christmas Eve.

Jace A. - I need a lamp because my night light went out and I want a toy gun and a real BB gun.

Chevelle J. - I need new shoes because my other shoes are messed up, and I want Legos and cars.

Leonardo V. - I need pants because it is cold, and I want Legos and Batman toys.

DaShawn G. - I need a hat because I lost it, and I want books to read and a jacket.

Yuiliana R. - I need a long dress because it will look beautiful, and I want shoes and toy girl.

Shayla M. - I need a dress because I like to wear them, and I want Playdough and Playdough shape makers.

Salvador S. - I need a warm hat because it's cold, and I want Ninja Turtle Legos and racing car.

Verenice M. - I need a coat because it's cold, and I want Legos and a doll.

Mason H. - I need a vacuum cleaner because my mom likes to clean up and I want a

Lego Jurassic World set and crayons.

Miguel G. - I need a jacket because I get cold outside, and I want a Batman toy.

Tailynn B. - I need new gloves because my hands get cold when I don't put on my gloves, and I want an Frozen dolls that come with a sleigh and a really want is celebrate my Christmas with my sisters in California.

Jarrett C. - I need a hat because it is cold, and I want Legos and a Ninja suit.

Joseph D. - I need a shoes because without shoes your feet will be freezing, and I want a Ninja toy and a Batman toy.

## Tina McAlister's second graders at Nashville Primary School have written to Santa:

Can you send me an elf on the shelf please? I love Christmas. Megan Prodel

I hope you have a time with kids. I hope you have a great Christmas. And the best on the North Pole! Matthew Gibson

I want Pie Face Show-down. It is fun. It is funny. This is why I want the game. D.J. Jefferson

I want a new bike, the Early Ecto 1 and Mother ecto1 in real life and a big giant surprise. Egg off the

# Letters to Santa sent from kids at Little Red

Children at the Little Red School House have written to Santa:

Debbie Turbeville's class  
Anabelle Schooley -- puppy surprise, Doc McStuffins toy hospital

Weston Wallace -- a go cart, a little helicopter

Taylynn Gay -- a skateboard, glowing skates

Savannah Porter -- Princess Aurora and a puppy with a leash

Gracie Woodruff -- a trampoline and a pink dog

Landon Barragan -- a dinosaur and a boat

Brantley Goodwin -- go cart and a real 4-wheeler

Hunter Stone -- a knife and a bumblebee transformer

Michael Ball -- a robot witch

Klaire Thomason -- candy canes, baby doll

Aunna Romine -- a new trampoline and a bell

Westyn Schroader -- Air Hogs Thunder Trax

Brynlee Baglee -- firetruck and racecar

Jackson Melson -- remote control helicopter

Ghostbusters would be great!

Erik Sanchez  
I have been begging you to bring me an electric scooter and a tablet for Christmas.

Baylee Calloway  
I would want for Christmas is a Thunder track, an elf on the shelf, a picture of Santa, all Poke'man cards that are Mega Evolves, all water types and ground types of little life pet Bird, Pok'eman.

Lane Hester  
I would like a new stocking that is blue and gold, a new water bottle, a La New Baby doll, some new long sleeve shirts and socks. Abi Webb

I want an elf on the shelf, a Secret Life of Pets. But the elf is what I want tomorrow at 9:00 A.M. So, in the morning it will be there and I want stuff that I can't think of. C.J. Logan

I want a tablet, an elf, and a shirt. I want pants, sweaters, and shoes. I want a necklace and an umbrella. Leo

Bring me an elf and a hoover board. I would like an iPhone 6, and an iPhone 7. Lavar Nelson

Can you bring an elf and an iPhone 6? I also want a hoover board. Bryan Najera

I want an elf on the shelf. I want a phone. That is all I want for Christmas.

Matthew Ball -- a baby Santa and cars

Emily Mooneyhan -- toys

Kayley Pumphrey -- baby doll, coloring book

Kutner Reeder, a castle, candy, crayons

Olivia Reese -- Legos, a yo-yo

Jade Terwilliger -- a car, baby doll

Evalyn Vaguere -- a kitty, Minnie Mouse car

Peyton Wilson -- baby doll and bottle

Sam Woodruff -- baby doll, diapers

Amy Pinson's class  
Blaiden Beasley -- baseball

Emma Sayre -- phone to play games

Jaxon May -- a pig

Eleanor Lawson -- a cup

Aubree Clifton -- a phone to call Ms. Amy

Alex Palacios -- car

Andrew Bradley -- car

Lilli Harwell -- baby doll

Ella-Kate Thomason -- car

# More Santa letters from Nashville Primary

## Dear Santa Letters from Ginger Blue's class

Andrew Evans – a BB gun because I want to go hunting, a nerf gun, lots of Hot Wheels and a flying airplane.

Marlee Goff – a Barbie house because it's fun to play with, a hat and gloves, a new Barbie doll, and some new clothes.

Ledger Green – a dirt bike with a helmet so I can beat my brother in a race, a Thunder track, a remote control car, and a new bike that goes really fast.

Zania Green – a skateboard that is pretty, a bike, a 4-wheeler, a Hula hoop, and a jump rope.

Ja'Kyra Horton – a toy bird, new shoes, a Christmas shirt, and a ball.

Asher Howard – a bow and arrow so I can shoot a deer and some ducks, a deer rifle, a new Gator, and a new battery for the Gator.

Warren Jones – a toy race car that is blue and looks awesome, a toy monster truck, a toy dinosaur, a rapture on Jurassic World.

Molly Marion – some Barbies because I love to play with them, a stuffed dog and teddy bear, and some new clothes.

Ace McKinnon – a remote control helicopter that can take pictures like a Drone like Papas, a mini mine craft Steve, a boy scarf, and cars that split with magnets that stick back together.

Emily Perez – Black Flipper from Mermaid Tale, a Lalaloopsy color me, a real bunny rabbit, a little bitty puppy, and a pink airplane.

Rosett Rodriguez – a Barbie House, a Pony Castle, a Pony Train, and a Barbie doll.

D'Tajeun Ross – a real phone because it's so boring listening to other people talk on their phones, a play house, a Ninja Turtle toys, and a real pet cat.

Ferra Snell – a Barbie Dream House, a Barbie swimming pool, and art supplies.

Osvaldo Valdez – a toy truck, a fake gun, a new bike, and a new pet cat.

Kendal Talley – a real motorcycle that goes on the road that has buttons like a kid one because I like them, a remote control helicopter and an airplane, and a police car with handcuffs, and a police costume.

## Kindergarten students in Casey Goodwin's class have written to Santa:

Dear Santa, please bring me ...

a car – Jose Bustamante skates and a crack a egg – Kaylie Couch

calico critters and a house for them – Landry Craven

a toy gun, a book, and a car – Isaiah Eskew

a Air Hog helicopter and thunder trax, a shark bite

pirate ship, and a remote control truck – Hudson Halter a rocket, a Jake and the Neverland Pirate Ship, tablet, a BB gun, a boy hot wheel and a scooter – Javontae Hendrix football helmet, shoulder pads, football shirt, pants and shoes – Kiron Johnson

cars, motorcycles, and a scooter with a green button that go fast – Tim Martin

Hot Wheels, (2) 3 ds', some tape, and a new phone - Stetson May

Shopkins and a book – Ivana Pineda

a ice cream maker with real ice cream – Aubrie Reed a Nintendo 3ds, a turtle, new shoes and a Lego – Xavier Rubio

a big remote control truck and a green dotted helicopter – Taylor Schooley

a remote control helicopter and a computer – Jed Schroer a Barbie doll house, a tablet, a DS, a scooter, a bike, a easy bake, a smoothie maker, and a doll – Ma'Layah Trotter

Shopkins, a little toy dragon, and a hatchimal – Alythia Walling

Pirate ship playhouse that's really big, a tablet, skates, real ice cream maker with real ice cream and a real four wheeler – Harlee Webb.

**Letters to Santa from Jane Caldwell's first grade class:**

Laken Barnes- some kit-tens, Barbie dolls, Ipod, a treehouse, a play elf

Haydynn Coffman- fish book, stuffed unicorn, toy clock, an ABC line, crayons

Zoey Dildy- a pop-up camper, puppy, money, play-doh set, a new bike

Kris Edwards- Jeep, doll house with clothes, Baby Alive, clothes, a white hoverboard

Aniyah Gilliam- baby doll clothes, Barbie doll house, play food, toy car, Baby Alive

Ales Gomez- an xbox one game, puppy, a real baby brother, iPad, a phone

Amy Hernandez- some Barbie dolls, a Tablet, an elf, a real puppy, an air tube

Trent Hill- snowball gun, snowballs, a soft toy dragon, soft, toy lizard, soft toy dogs

Wyatt Medlin- a big knife, pet bird, a real pony, paint gun, a hamster

Bayron Murillo- some snow songs, a real puppy, a mouse book, a wethead, a skateboard

Jayden Porter- a Batman toy, a new backpack, puppy, bicycle, play-doh

Darlene Salazar- a walking hamster, pajamas, teddy bear, coloring book, a walking turtle

Brie Stone- a pogo stick, blue bicycle, a puppy, walkie talkie, an elf

Aisilen Stovall- an Iphone, air tube, dirt bike, walkie talkie, Shopkins

Addison Sullivan- Barbie hoverboard, troll music box,

pretend food, Shimmer and Shine dolls

Trace Troutt- Pie Face game, Batman versus Superman figures, snowball gun, boxing gloves, a motorcycle

Ruben Vargus- spider robot, candy, remote control truck, lunch box, robot

Timothy Watson- cable television, an xbox, skateboard, bike, play-doh

Garrett Westfall- money, pop gun, yo-yo, snowball gun, Uno game

## Students in Jennifer Pinkerton's Kindergarten class have written Santa with Christmas wishes:

I would like an iPad with an iBot because it sneaks on people. I would also like a Nerf gun for me and my brothers so we can play together. I want some clothes too. Mack Arnold

Please bring me a Nerf gun so I can shoot at targets. I also want a blue bike to ride at home. I have been very good. Zakyrius Beasley

I would like a robot dinosaur because I like them. I would also like a real reindeer and a bear. I will leave you star cookies and milk. Conor Davis

Please bring me a basketball game because I want to play it with my brother Omar. I would also like a wrestling game. I will leave you gingerbread cookies. Davion Gamble

I really want a Nerf gun with a chainsaw on it because you can pull something and the chainsaw spins and you can still shoot with it. If you can, I would also like some deer hunting clothes. I will leave you cookies and milk. Jacob Hale

I have been pretty good this year. I want a car with a controller. If you are not too busy, I would also like some blocks to build with and cars. Yerik Hernandez

I would like a unicorn because I like them. I also would like an iPad so I can play games and a baby doll that isn't really real but it talks. I will leave you milk and chocolate chip cookies. Maddie Lovelis

I have been very good. I want a Husky puppy because it's little and cute. I also want a baby pig, a book about a princess, and a shirt that says BFF. I will leave you some

cookies and milk. Brayley Lowery

I really want a pink gun because I don't want to rattle when I go hunting. also want a purple dress, walkie talkies so I can talk with my brother and my sister when she gets bigger, and some binoculars. I will leave you some Santa cookies. Katherine McIntosh

I really want a motorcycle to ride on the dirt road and grass. Please bring me a remote control car, toy army dudes, and cowboy stuff. Bay Nolte

I would like you to bring me a remote control helicopter that I can play with. I would also like a gun, a truck, and a dog. I will leave you cookies. Anthony Perez

I would like a present from you Santa. I would also like a Christmas tree, a Santa Claus, and a candy cane. I will leave you some pizza. Giovanni Pineda

I have been very good. I would like a water gun that sprays out water and I can play with it in the bathtub. That's the point of it. I would also like water balloons, a whoopee cushion, and make-up. I will leave you chips and hot chocolate. Madelin Vaquera

I want a football game because my other one is not working. I also want a wrestling game and wrestling men. Zion Williams

Please bring me a remote control car to play with and a toy. I will leave you some graham crackers and juice. DaVionne Burns

## Candy Hood's Second Grade class at Nashville Primary School has wishes for Santa:

Ava Basiliere- electric scooter, stuffed animal, basketball, clothes and shoes

Kooper Caldwell- electric ripstick, puffy jacket, Larry Fitzgerald football suit (pads, helmet, jersey, pants)

Yaneli Diaz – Justice clothes, real puppy, a real phone, Season 3 Shopkins, American Girl doll, and Littlest Pet Shop animals

Jazy Eudy – Season 1 Shopkins, Halloween Shopkins, Christmas Shopkins, toys for my cats, Fnaf Plushies, and MineCraft mini figurine case

Donovan Green- Hoverboard, dirt bike, go-cart, and

a 4-wheeler

Havyn Hanson- Xbox One, a real blue, dirt bike, map, Star Wars game, pet horse, 3DS, and a drone

Audrey Hostetler – a real phone, new bike, makeup, high heels, pink ripstick, and a red-nosed reindeer

Braxton Hughes- Legos, a DS and games, Power Ranger toys, Pokemon cards, stuffed animal and toys, and blanket

Asher Hutson - Xbox One with a game, Star Wars computer, gold, a real puppy, and a black Lightning McQueen car

Anna McKinnon – cute real puppy, 2 real-life girl and boy babies, Justice pretty mermaid blanket, and a real phone

Hunter Morgan- a Grinch and Rudolph stuffed animal, Xbox 360, a real phone, chocolate bar, reindeer Elf on the Shelf

Lariat Morris- Ipod, a kid's gun, a bike with no training wheels, Hoverboard, one of Santa's reindeer, a real puppy, and a real looking baby doll, and Speak Out board game.

Patrick Ramirez- Food, books, Hoverboard, scooter, basketball, and a Nerf gun

Olivia Reed- a Barbie house, a real phone, clothes, Barbie dolls, tablet, and a Build-a-Bear

Aiden Reid- a 3DS with games, a Scooby Doo playset and board game, a Hoverboard, and a robot dog named Chip

Emya Roberson - American Girl doll with clothes, clothes, new jacket, Baby

Alive with clothes, a Barbie doll and Barbie house

Ally Sayre- My Little Pony accessories, cozy blankets, books, a big history book, a stack of all occasion cards, and stickers

Jay Brent Spoo - happy Christmas, real dishwasher (so I don't have to wash dishes), a 4-wheeler, and a real 273 gun

**Santa letters from Shannon White's Kindergarten class at Nashville Primary School:**

Dear Santa, Please bring me.....

a doll- Malayah Alcorn a Minnie Mouse Boutique

Emily Byers a doll and toys- Jenell Conway

a toy sword- Camron Couch

presents- Abishai Cruz a Barbie house- Miranda Dukes

a pink coach- June Goodin a toy dirt bike and a 4 wheeler- De'Undra Hexdrix

a Bumble Bee Transformer- Ben Hughes

Shopkins and Legos- Daisy Marrufo

a Minnie Mouse stand and a real cat- Ava Parker

a real kitten- Corban Perez jewelry, nail polish and a toy bird- Ryleigh Quinonez

a T-Rex, a monster truck and a Ninja Turtle- Carter Reeves

a mountain bike and a Drone- Luke Wallis

a Barbie Dream House, a Barbie and a car- Kayleigh Wright

Merry Christmas, Santa!



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**WIN FOR JUNIOR SCRAPPERS.** The Prescott Curley Cub (left) tries to move the ball past the junior Scrapper defenders Thursday night during Nashville's 53-22 victory at Scrapper Arena. The junior Scrappers took an early lead and never looked back en route to the win.

## Scrappers, Scrapperettes earn home wins over Curley Wolves

By John R. Schirmer  
News-Leader staff

The Nashville Scrappers and Scrapperettes defeated Prescott Dec. 15 in blended conference games at Scrapper Arena.

The Scrapperettes downed the Lady Curley Wolves 60-46, and the Scrappers handed the Curley Wolves a 72-43 loss.

Both Nashville teams were undefeated in the combined 3A/4A conference going into last night's home game against Cossatot River.

**Scrapperettes**  
"So far, so good," is how Coach Ron Alexander described the Scrapperettes' performance to date.

"Turnovers are down. Shooting isn't bad. We're starting to get in a little bit of shape. Things are coming together," Alexander said. "We're trying to get better by the week."

The Scrapperettes are 5-1 on the season, 2-0 in conference. Their only loss came against Fordyce in the Ouachita Baptist University Tournament Nov. 9.

Senior Asia Munn led the Scrapperettes in scoring against Prescott with 27 points. She was followed by Madi Miller with 13, Kendall Kirchhoff with 11, Alyssa Harrison with 9 and Kaylea Carver with 2.

Munn made 9 of 12 free throw attempts against the Lady Wolves. Harrison was 3 of 4 from the line.

Kirchhoff made 2 of her 5 shots from 3-point range.

Miller was the leading rebounder with 7, followed by Munn and Carver with 6 each. Harrison had 4, Kirchhoff 3 and Erika Bretado 2.

Munn and Carver had 3 steals each. Kirchhoff had 2, and Miller had 1.

The Scrapperettes' next game will be Jan. 4 against Umpire in the Cossatot River Tournament. They will play Genoa Jan. 6 at Scrapper Arena.

### Scrappers

With a 3-0 start for the Scrappers overall, 2-0 in conference, Coach Damon Williams is "pleased with them. I'm excited too. They're playing pretty good basketball."

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Scrapper Coach Damon Williams

The Scrappers are "getting better each day in practice. I can see improvement day by day, especially with their shooting," Williams said.

"The defense is starting to come around and figure out our rotation."

Jamarta Gilliam was the leading scorer against Prescott with 23 points. He was followed closely by Darius Hopkins with 21. CJ Spencer added 14, and Jhalon Finley and Dominick Knight had 7 points each.

The Scrappers shot 66 percent from the field and 47 percent from the free throw line against the Curley Wolves.

"We'll have to work on free throws," Williams said.

The Scrappers will compete in the Dual State Tournament next week at Junction City. They will play Smackover Dec. 27.

The following week, the Scrappers will play in the Cossatot River Tournament.

They also will host Genoa Jan. 6.

## Signing

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and still growing, according to Volarvich.

There are four factors that recruiters look at while evaluating athletes, Volarvich said.

"Those include 1. transcript, 2. measurables, 3. ability and 4. character. Different programs rank these differently."

Adcock's transcript "speaks for itself. He has a 4.0 GPA and is ranked first in a class of 144," Volarvich said.

The measurables are also obvious, according to Volarvich, as Adcock is two inches taller and 45 pounds heavier than he was two years ago. In

addition, Adcock bench pressed 240 pounds as a sophomore and is up to 300 pounds now. His squat performance went from 300 pounds to 375.

"These are tremendous accomplishments. He's worked on and off the field," Volarvich said.

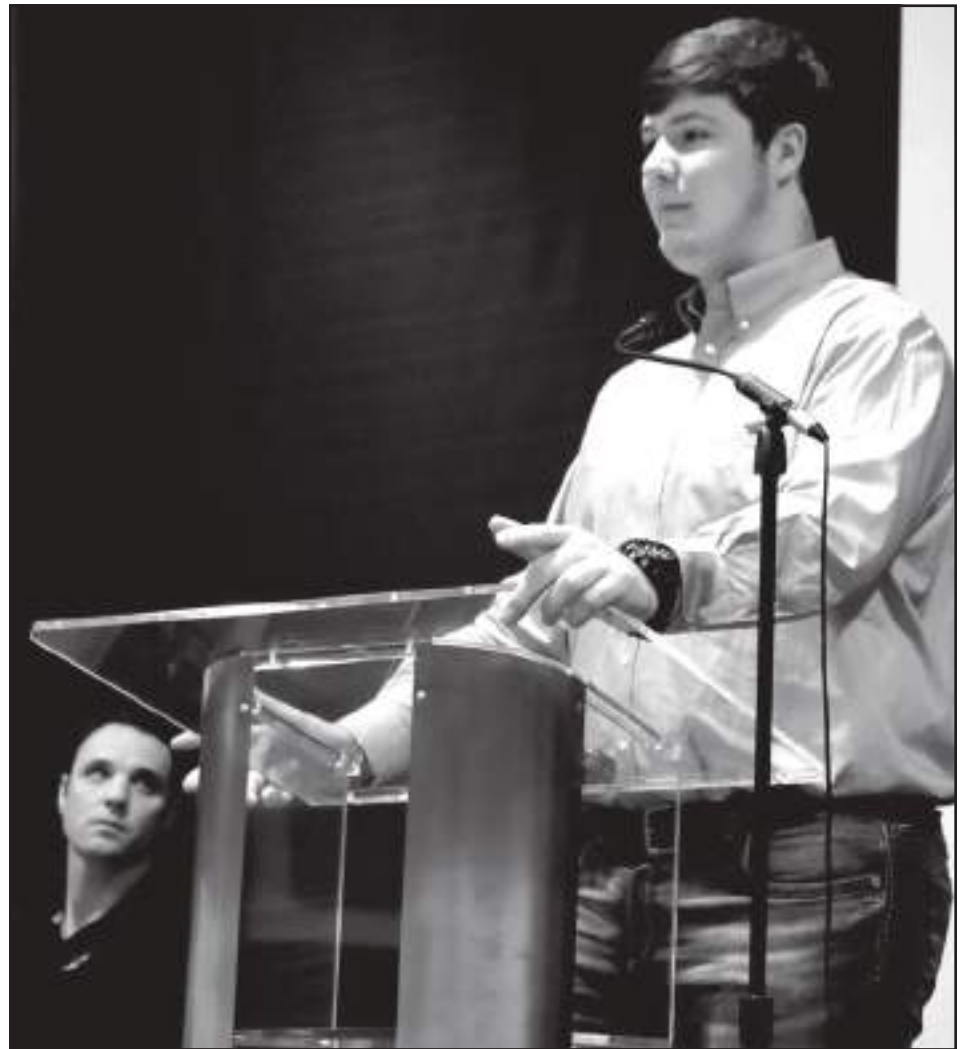
Adcock's ability is another factor which "speaks for itself. He was the only unanimous All-State selection from our conference," Volarvich said.

As for number 4, character, Adcock is "a great example of what a Scrapper should be. He's going to go on to Fayetteville and have a great opportunity to be successful on the football field and in life. He will be a very successful and productive member of society."

Adcock thanked God, his coaches and his parents as he spoke following Volarvich's comments. "My father [the late Max Adcock] and mother [Cindi] played a big role in my life. I thank my fellow Scrappers for always standing with me."

Volarvich called selecting a college "a huge decision for a young person. It's one of the first they make on their own. It's one of the three most important decisions, including their faith, college and marriage."

Adcock made "a lot of visits" to colleges, and "Arkansas is the one he wanted to get to. He was ecstatic to get an offer," Volarvich said. "Arkansas is getting a great person and player."



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**SIGNING DAY.** Coach Mike Volarvich (left) listens as Kirby Adcock speaks to teammates, coaches, family and friends Dec. 14 after signing a financial agreement with the University of Arkansas.

**PROUD MOM.** Cindy Adcock watches as son Kirby Adcock signs with Arkansas Dec. 14 in the NHS cafeteria.



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**GRABBING THE BOARD.** Dierks' Gabby Strasner (3), Ashton Alexander (25) and Destiny Nutt (22) reach for a rebound as the Lady Outlaw leap past the Oden Lady Timberwolves for a 48-24 victory.

## Dierks picks up wins over Oden, Umpire

By Dewayne Holloway  
Montgomery County News

ODEN - Dierks made the most of their trip to Oden on Dec. 16, claiming four wins in junior and senior high action.

The Junior Lady Outlaws opened things up with a 13-6 run in the first period and rolled to a 41-13 victory.

Halle Mounts led Dierks with 11, followed by Sidney Kesterson and Jaycee Runnels with nine each. Haylin Holcombe scored four and Allison Strasner, Macy Eckert and Taylor Pounds each scored two.

Judy Cook led Oden with seven points, followed by Allie Strother with six.

The Junior Outlaws held Oden scoreless until the third quarter as they earned a 40-5 victory over the Junior Timberwolves.

Austin Alexander led Dierks with eight points, followed by Will Sirmon with six, Dalton Gibson with five and Tyler Barbre with four. Kaden Helms, Braydon Buck and Damon Barbre each scored three,

while Aaron Stokes scored two.

Coby Wilburn scored three to lead Oden and Ethan Stovall scored two.

Dierks was able to double Oden's effort in the senior girls game with the Lady Outlaws claiming a 48-24 win over the Lady Timberwolves.

Stacy Carter led the Lady Outlaws with 18 points, followed by Gabby Strasner with 17. Grace Martin scored four, Gracie Thomas scored three and Ashton Alexander, Jacie Sims and Destiny Nutt each scored two.

Sauna Van Horn and Kandy Simmons each scored eight to lead Oden. Autumn Rice and Allie Hughes scored three each and Katie Cox scored two.

Dierks ended the night with a 60-29 victory in the senior boys match up.

The Outlaws jumped out to a 38-10 lead in the first half and wrapped things up in the second half for the 31 point win.

Jarrett Fox and Cameron Pugh each scored 14 to lead the Outlaws. Blake Bradshaw scored 13, Lane Woodruff scored six, Grant



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**UP THE MIDDLE.** Dierks Outlaw Grant Strasner (3) threads the needle through a host of Oden defenders on his way to boards. Strasner scored five as the Outlaws rolled to a 60-29 victory over Oden.

Strasner and Zane Cox each scored five and Blayn Turner scored three.

Jeff Lewis led the Timberwolves with nine, followed by Brian Kha with eight, Will Monk with six, Aaron Baker with four and Jesse Fryar with two.

**Seniors win at Umpire**

The Dierks senior teams added more "Ws" to their schedule on Dec. 13 during the short road trip to Umpire. The Outlaws scored a 49-43 win while the Lady Outlaws took over in a 60-41 win.

The Outlaws stayed one step ahead of the Wildcats the entire game, holding a 12-8 lead after one quarter then taking a 23-20 lead into the lockers at halftime. The game stayed close in the third quarter with Umpire tying the game at 33-33 to open the final quarter. Dierks' shooters put the game away in the fourth with 16 points while holding Umpire to 10 to set the 49-43 final.

Fox led the Outlaws with 16 points followed by Woodruff with 13 and Turner with 9. Cox added seven points and Cameron Pugh and Grant Strasner

each had two points.

Desmond Pinson led the Umpire shooters with 19 followed by Dusty Kesterson with 14. Adding to the Umpire total were Lindon Vaughn and Dunson with four each and Perez with two points.

The Lady Outlaws saw two players hit in double-figures to get the 60-41 win over the Lady Wildcats. Carter had 19 points and Alexander dropped in 18 followed by Jacie Sims with six and Strasner and Delaney Eckert with one point each.

After a slow start, Dierks picked up the pace and turned a 7-5 lead into a 23-16 lead at the half. Umpire kept the Dierks lead in sight at 39-33 in the third quarter but the Lady Outlaws shot out the lights with 21 points in the final frame while holding the home team to eight points and the 60-41 win.

The Umpire girls were led by Maeghan McCarley with 20 points followed by Danielle Cocker with eight, Lindsey Thomas five, Taylor Dorse four and Kenzie Ferguson with three points.

## Blevins takes 2 from M'boro

The Blevins senior Hornets and Lady Hornets picked up wins Monday, Dec. 19 during a road trip to Murfreesboro.

The Lady Hornets topped the Lady Rattlers 56-37 and the Hornets dropped the Rattlers 61-38.

Blevins got off to a 17-9 lead in the girls' game and pulled further ahead in the second quarter to have a 32-19 lead at the half. Murfreesboro outshot the visiting team 12-11 in the third quarter but Blevins maintained their lead and the eventual win with a 13-6 fourth quarter.

Blevins was led by Furlow with 23 points followed by Batson with 15, Hall 9, Kelton four and Samuels and Graham with two points each.

Ari Leeper led the Lady Rattler shooters with 17 points followed by Hannah Kuykendall with 9 points. Adding to the scoring were Hannah Cox with four points, Anna Corbitt and Madison May with two points each and Avi Leeper with one point.

In the boys' game, the Hornets and Rattlers were close in the first quarter with Blevins holding a 10-9 lead after one quarter. The Hornets increased the lead to 23-15 at the half and then used a 23-point third quarter to put the game away.

Kirkham led the Blevins scoring with 25 points followed by Burton with 13. Martin put in seven points, Gomez three and Lee four.

Murfreesboro scorers included Mason Alexander with 16, Ryan Roberts eight, Michael Hughes and Jarrett Faulkner with five each, Gavin Gardner two and Zach Eckert and Watts with one point each.

## M'boro splits at Mount Ida

The Murfreesboro senior teams traveled to Mount Ida on Dec. 13 and split the night's two games.

The Lady Rattlers won 60-34 while the Rattlers were narrowly defeated by the Lions 37-33.

Ari Leeper hit 26 points to lead the Lady Rattlers passed the Lady Lions. Anna Corbitt added to the win with 12 points followed by Hopie Buckley with nine, Brady Hignight seven, Erin Davis three, Avi Leeper two and Loran Wilcher one point.

Mason Alexander was the Rattlers' top scorer in the 37-33 loss with 16 points followed by Zach Eckert with five, Ryan Roberts four and Jack Stuard and Jarrett Faulkner with three points each.

## Area 2-A teams will play in Caddo Christmas Classic

The Caddo Christmas Classic returns to Caddo Hills High School with eight of the best teams in South Arkansas scheduled to play in senior high action.

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**BALL CONTROL.** Jamarta Gilliam (23) keeps the ball out of the hands of the Curley Wolf defenders as CJ Spencer (22) offers assistance.



**KEEP-AWAY.** Alyssa Harrison (55) protects the ball from the Lady Curley Wolves while Kaylea Carver (22) moves in to help.



**UP AND IN.** Darius Hopkins scores for the Scrappers during their 72-43 victory over Prescott Dec. 15 at Scrapper Arena.



**SCHOOL SPIRIT.** The Scrapper cheerleaders keep the crowd in the game Dec. 15 at Scrapper Arena. Nashville won both blended conference games against Prescott.

# Conference rivalry renewed as Nashville defeats Curley Wolves at Scrapper Arena

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**IN CONTROL.** Kaylea Carver controls the ball as she moves in for a score.



**COUNT IT.** Madi Miller (13) scores against Prescott.



**LEADING SCORER.** Asia Munn (23) led the Scrapperettes with 27 points against Prescott Dec. 15.



**ELUSIVE.** Jhalon Finley (5) stays away from the Curley Wolf defender during the Scrappers' victory.



**PATIENT.** Dominick Kight (4) controls the ball as he looks for an open teammate.



**UP AND IN.** Darius Hopkins scores for the Scrappers during their 72-43 victory over Prescott Dec. 15 at Scrapper Arena.

**ON HER WAY.** Kendall Kirchoff (4) drives the ball past the Lady Curley Wolf on her way to a basket for the Scrapperettes.

# Scrapper signs with Hogs

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**FAYETTEVILLE BOUND.** Kirby Adcock signed a financial agreement with the Arkansas Razorbacks Dec. 14 after verbally committing to the Hogs earlier in the year. He reported to Fayetteville during the weekend and began practicing with the Razorbacks Monday as they prepare for the Belk Bowl Dec. 29.



**BIG DAY.** Kirby Adcock (right) listens as he is introduced by Coach Mike Volarvich Dec. 14 in the Nashville High School cafeteria. Family, friends and teammates attended a signing ceremony for Adcock.



**HAPPY COACHES.** Members of the Scrapper coaching staff join Kirby Adcock after he signed with the Razorbacks. The group includes (seated) Coach D.J. Graham, Kirby Adcock and Coach Mike Volarvich; (standing) Coach Brian Bearden, Coach Wade Matlock and Coach Brad Chesshir.



**FELLOW SENIORS.** Senior members of the Scrapper football team join Kirby Adcock Dec. 14 in the NHS cafeteria.



**RAZORBACK CAKE.** Senior cheerleaders Chelsey Hile (above) and Nicole Dodson serve razorback cake after Kirby Adcock's signing ceremony.



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**WELCOMING NEW DEPUTY.** Hempstead County Sheriff James Singleton (at right) and his deputies welcome Jonathan Keen as the department's newest and youngest deputy.

## Hempstead County sheriff appoints special deputy

Hempstead County Sheriff James Singleton appointed 4-year-old Jonathan Keen of Hope as his newest and youngest deputy on Friday Dec. 16.

Keen is suffering from Stage 4 neuroblastoma cancer he is currently undergoing treatment at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

Keen was scheduled to attend the Hempstead County Sheriff's Department Christmas Party Friday night but had to be taken back to ACH the first of the week. So, Friday morning Sheriff Singleton and four of his deputies, Investigator Justin Crane, Deputy Matt Dunham, Deputy Mike Braddock, and Deputy Becky Billings travelled to Little Rock to make sure Keen's appointment went through on time.

Sheriff Singleton presented Keen with an official deputy's badge and a framed certificate appointing him as an official Hempstead County Deputy Sheriff "Special Assistant to the Sheriff" and of course Keen's official sheriff's patrol car decked out with sheriff's decals. The sheriff assigned radio number 699 to use when he is on official duty.

After Keen was officially sworn in, the sheriff and his deputy's presented him with presents.

Several business and citizens of Hempstead County contributed funds buy Christmas presents for Keen, his sister and brother, who were able to attend the the Christmas party Friday night. The sheriff had made arrangements for Santa Claus to take time out of his busy schedule to personally deliver those presents to his brother and sister.

"We thank all the citizens who helped us make Deputy Keen's Christmas a little brighter," the sheriff said. "Please keep Deputy Keen and his family in your prayers."



**UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST.** When 44 home health aides met for training in Nashville, last Thursday, and had an ugly sweater contest for fun. The sweater participants included, from left, Alice Shirley of Glenwood, contest winner Gladys Huggins, also of Glenwood, Jimmie Hughes, Laceka Sauls and Quisha Morgan, all of Nashville, Julie Staggs of De Queen and Tray Williams of Ashdown. Huggins said that her daughter made the sweater. The meeting was hosted by Elite Community Based Services which is affiliated with Howard Memorial Hospital. The education session covered such topics as pain management in the elderly, hazardous materials, transmission based precautions and others.

## Crater of Diamonds to host First Day Hike

By Waymon Cox

Greetings from Crater of Diamonds State Park!

On Jan. 1, at 1 p.m., celebrate 2017 with a family-friendly hike around the Little Missouri River Trail, as part of the America's State Parks First Day Hikes initiative in all 50 states.

We will meet at the Little Missouri River Trailhead, located across from site 22 in the park campground, by 1 p.m. Limited parking is available at the trailhead and nearby bathhouse.

Hikers of all ages are invited. Wear sturdy walking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring drinking water. Please note that park facilities, including the diamond search area, will be closed for New Year's Day.

First Day Hikes originated more than 25 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation – a state park in Milton, Massachusetts. Last year, more than 55,000 people participated on guided hikes that covered over 133,000 miles on 1,100 hikes across the country. In Arkansas's state parks, 53 hikes were offered at 33 parks, with 694 hikers covering 1,123 miles while enjoying "the state park experience."

The Little Missouri River Trail at Crater of Diamonds State Park winds its way through the forest from the campground to a scenic overlook on the Little Missouri River. This 1.2 mile loop provides a relaxing, one hour hike over level terrain. Half of the trail has paved barrier-free access, and the unpaved section of the trail is also easily walked.



1.73-Carat Diamond Found Dec. 12

For more information or directions, call Crater of Diamonds State Park at 870-285-3113, or print a free park information brochure from our website at [www.CraterofDiamondsStatePark.com](http://www.CraterofDiamondsStatePark.com).

### Diamond finds

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# Bands present holiday concert

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT.** Zach Williams performs with the Nashville High School band.



**SOUNDS OF THE SEASON.** Members of the beginner band conclude their portion of the Christmas concert Dec. 13 at Scrapper Arena.



**HOLIDAY TUNES.** Nathan Evans (right) directs the Nashville Junior High School band at the Christmas concert Dec. 13. The event was held in Scrapper Arena.



**SENIOR BANDSMAN.** Grace Talley plays the flute at the holiday concert last week in Scrapper Arena.



**CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT THE ARENA.** NHS clarinet players and flute players perform at the Christmas concert Dec. 13.



**CHRISTMAS TIME.** Percussionist Ethan Mack performs during the band concert.



**FOCUSED.** Alexa Copeland performs with the high school band at the Christmas concert.



**NJHS MUSICIAN.** Kasius Williamson plays the cymbals during the concert.

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# South Pike County's Delight & Murfreesboro Elementary 'Dear Santa'

**Delight Elementary 1st Grade Henderson**  
Dear Santa,  
Could I have a toy mermaid? Could you please give my Mommy and Daddy clothes? Santa, how are you doing? What are elves like? I love you. Can I have a Shopkins Smoothie Truck and some Num Noms, please? Love you so much. My house number is 607.

Love, Kinley Fisher  
Dear Santa,  
I want to have a shotgun. I like your toys. I want an Angry Birds set with Chuck. I want a Care Bears set.

Love, Alexander Gill  
Dear Santa,  
Can I have an airplane? I would also like a truck. Can I have an X-Box 360? Please, can you make a purple blanket for my mom? And please can you make a new truck for my dad?

Love, Anthony Hill  
Dear Santa,  
I want a vanity, a little toy zebra, a candy cane, a toy unicorn, and a toy horse. My brother, Jayce, wants a bouncy bull.

Love, Adyson Brooke James  
Dear Santa,

I want a Shopkins Smoothie Truck. How are you doing? Can you bring my mom a book about me? I want you to bring my dad some clothes. Can you get me a Barbie pop up camper? Can you bring my sister a phone? Can you bring my brother a DS? Can you bring my Nana a picture of me? Can you bring my Papaw a pair of shoes, please?

Love, Bella Jordan  
Dear Santa,  
Can I have two bags of LPS? I also want Shopkins. Please let Violet, my elf, come home. Can I see your reindeer? Can I have a new phone?

Love, Shelby Martin  
Dear Santa,  
I want a book. Can I have a kite and a pretty dress? Can I have a toy

bear that says, "I love you," and a horse that is pretty? Can you also send me some markers? Will you send my dad some boots that are brown?

Love, Elizabeth Mata  
Dear Santa,  
Can I have an AR-15? How are your elves? Could you give me a dirt bike? I want an X-box 170. I want a .22. I also want a .270 and a .280. I want an elf. I want an American knife. I want a four-wheeler. How do you get in my house door? I want a cowboy pistol. I want a deer stand.

Love, Conner McDaniel  
Dear Santa,  
I want a toy horse. I also want a toy cat. Also, I want a toy dog, toy car, toy train, and a toy truck.  
Love, Anna Rowe  
Dear Santa,  
I want a car that drives. Santa, I will never forget you. I love you and I know that you love all the boys and girls.

Love, Nevaeh Stinson  
Dear Santa,  
I want a white, baby horse. I want my horse to be a girl. And I want a pink baby horse halter and a pink lead rope. I want her to have a white mane and tail. And I want her to be a racehorse. How many reindeer do you have?

Love, Kennedy Tidwell  
Dear Santa,  
I want crazy art fingernail polish, an easy bake oven, a phone, a tablet, a four-wheeler, a rainbow jacket, a BB gun, glitter, and flarp. How do you fit through the chimney?

Love, Passion Whisenhunt

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie toy that can fly and a dog that can open and close its eyes. How do you get down from the chimney?

Love, Jessica Williams  
Dear Santa,  
Can I get a shotgun? Can I also have a .22? I want a knife that is black and green. Will you bring my mom a ring? My dad wants a dirt bike. My brother wants a Batman

car. My family wants a full-blooded Husky. Can my other brother have a four-wheeler? Can I have a dirt bike?

Love, Joel Wise  
**Murfreesboro Elementary 1st Grade Synco**  
Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? Please bring me a doll house, a laptop, and a new pet puppy.

From, Jaycee Keys  
Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. Please bring me a laptop and Aqua beads Bead Art. Can you surprise me with a new toy. Do you ever get sick?

From, Hadlee Wilson  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. Santa please bring me new head phones, and a big stuffed bear. Please surprise me with a new toy! How do you stay in the cold weather all the time? Do you ever get sick?

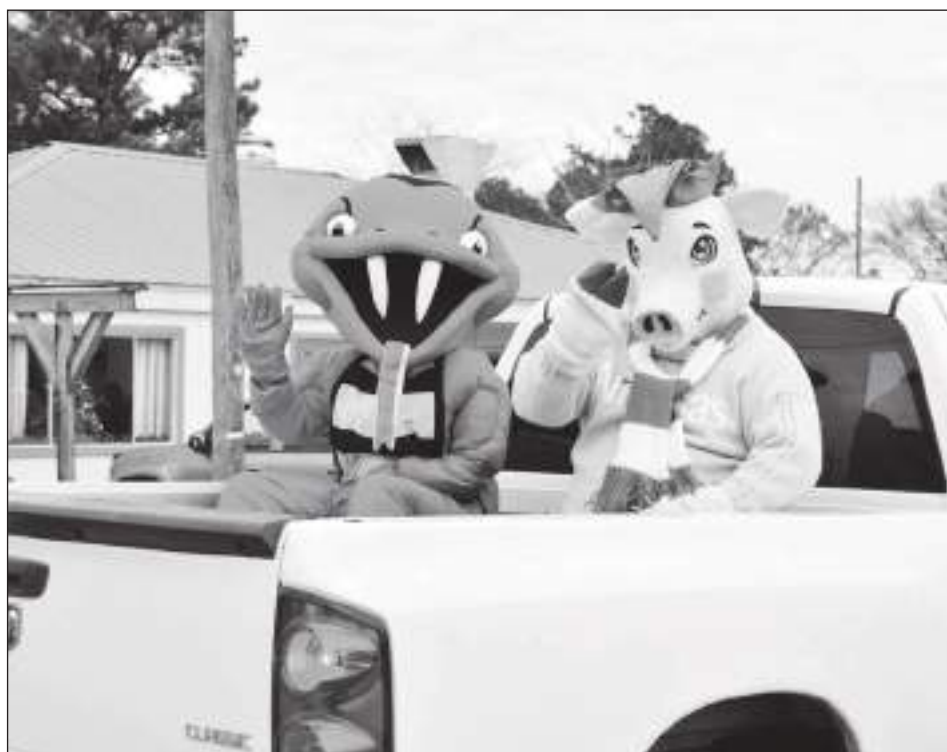
From, Emma White  
Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. Please bring me a dragon, some dinosaurs.

From, Colton Tidwell  
Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. Can I please have a puppy, a laptop computer, and Cosmo the cute little robot for Christmas. How do you get your reindeer to fly?

From, Isaac Smith  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. How are you doing? Please bring me an American Girl Doll and some American Girl Doll clothes. I also want some Shopkins. I am going to leave you some milk and cookies.

From, Audrianna Scott  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. Please bring me an electric dirt bike, a toy four-wheeler, and bike at Walmart that looks like a motorcycle. Thank you Santa.

From, Dalton Nelson  
Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa, How is Mrs. Santa? Will you



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**MASCOTS ON PARADE.** Murfreesboro's "Fang" was joined by "Jingle the Holiday Hog" at both the Murfreesboro and Delight Christmas parades last weekend. "Jingle" is the Arkansas Department of Tourism's holiday mascot.

please bring me a pink electric scooter, a My Life doll, and a Baby Alive doll. You and Mrs. Santa are the best!

From, Ma'Shyllia Morris  
Dear Santa,  
You are cool! You are nice and I love you. Please bring me a new puppy, a red and black dirt bike, and a laptop. Can you tell me how your reindeer fly? How are your elves magic?

From, Cooper Lowery  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. Please bring me a drone, a remote control helicopter, and a new sister Please!! I would love another little sister! I will leave you cookies. Do you have a bunch of presents in your sleigh?

From, Cale Humphry  
Dear Santa,  
I love you, Please bring me American Doll Clothes, a new turquoise purse, and Orbeez Crush Sweet Treats Studio. I am going to leave you milk and cookies.

From, Maci Gills  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. Will you please bring me a Wii U, a game called Pop the Pig and some Legos. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk.

From, Jayla Draper  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. You are my favorite person in the

whole world. I want a play-house so my friends and I can play in it. I also want an elf on the shelf. How cold is the North Pole.

From, Chloe Cross  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Will you please bring me a Karaoke machine, a tablet and a stuffed rabbit. How do you deliver presents to me and other people? I love you.

From, Brooklyn Cox  
Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. Will you please bring me a pocket drone, a 22 rifle, and more toys. Do you really like milk and cookies and fruit?

From, Hunter Cooley  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How do you get into my house? Will you please bring me boots, a telescope, and an I-pad. I love you

From, Jarrin Burgess  
Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please give me a good Christmas. I want a full grown dog and a puppy. I would also like a drone. Are the elves in stores really watching us and making sure we are good?

From, Jonathan Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Will you please bring me a Barbie doll, a Tablet, and some head phones for my tablet. How can reindeer fly?

Love, Morgan Bierden  
**Murfreesboro Elementary 1st Grade Kennedy**  
Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I want a drone, a dirt bike, and a 4 wheeler. Rudolph, I LOVE YOU.

Love, Aiden Lewis  
Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want a Robot metal dinosaur, a metal thing that makes a crane, and a man with horses. Santa, will I get these things for Christmas?

Love, Zech Applegate  
Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I want a drone, 2 helicopters. Blitzen, would you please help get these to me?

Love, Hunter Childers  
Dear Santa,

I have been oh so good this year. I want an American Girl Doll, a stuffed pony and a stuffed dog. Rudolph you might sneak me a Barbie doll too.

Love, Lilly Cross

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Here is hoping your holiday is filled with plenty of rest, relaxation, and a healthy dose of cheer.

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May you and your loved ones draw strength and inspiration from the miracle that is Christmas, and its message of faith, goodwill and peace on earth. Noel.

**Larry Teague**  
State Senate

**God bless your home**

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# More South Pike County Elementary School Letters to Santa

(Kennedy's 1st Grade Continued)  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been super good this year. I want a BIG Barbie doll house, a Barbie tent, and Hatchimal. Rudolph, what happens if your nose don't shine?  
 Love, Jaycee Gonzalez  
 Dear Santa,  
 I've been very good this year. Please bring me an American Girl Doll, a stuffed pony and a stuffed reindeer. Rudolph, thanks for bringing me all that stuff.  
 Love, Kyndall Henderson  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been very good this year. I want a stuffed dog, new x-box controller, new play station 4 controller. Rudolph, can you please bring these to me?  
 Love, Tristen Huie  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been very good this year. I want a Dream Drone, a Deminions Ghost Buster movie, and a motorcross bike. Vixen, I like your song and I LOVE YOU!!  
 Love, Tucker Martin  
 Dear Santa,  
 I've been good this year. I want a play machine gun, Madden football game, mine craft with 2 players. Santa, will you please give me this?  
 Love, Tyler Mullins  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been good this year. I want a skate board, X-box 1S, and a play station 4. Rudolph, will you make sure I get this?  
 Love, Jerimiah Orr  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been good this year. I want trucks and leggos and cars. Dancer, can you dance?  
 Love, Anthony Giles Rodgers  
 Dear Santa,  
 I've been good this year. Please bring me a guitar, drum, and an Xbox 360. Santa, please make sure I get these...please?  
 Love, Hunter Sweat  
 Dear Santa,  
 I've been good. Please bring me, a toy horse, a toy puppy, and a toy kitty cat. Dancer, will you dance with me?  
 Love, Payten Teel  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been good this good year. I want a Xbox 360, 1 drone, and a remote control car. Santa, are you real?  
 Love, Xavier Teague  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been super good!! I want a choker, a real horse, and a hovertrax. Santa, will you also bring me a REAL computer?  
 Love, McKinlee White

**Murfreesboro Elementary 2nd Grade Gatliff**  
 Dear Santa,  
 I would like an Xbox 1, Ipad, and a phone for Christmas. I have been very good this year.  
 Love, Aden Stinson  
 Dear Santa,  
 Merry Christmas! I would like a new football that is green and a new phone.  
 Love, Isaac Kuykendall  
 Dear Santa,  
 This year for Christmas I would like a micronoit, a coloring book, and a new backpack. Merry Christmas!!  
 Love, Logyn Holder  
 Dear Santa,  
 How are your reindeer doing? I would like a remote control plane, an Xbox 360 with games, a drone, and a Playstation 4.  
 Love, Curtis Markcum  
 Dear Santa,  
 How are your reindeer and elves doing this Christmas? This year for Christmas I would like a Terror Climber, some DS Pokemon games, Skylanders, sunglasses, and a sleigh to ride on the snow in the mountains.  
 Love, Ethan Jones  
 Dear Santa,  
 Merry Christmas! I would like a phone, DS, makeup, a Monster High doll, and the game Pike in the face.  
 Love, Regina Crocker  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been very good this year. I would like some new shoes, new clothes, a tablet, and new games.  
 Love, James Burgess  
 Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I would like an Xbox 1, Skylanders Superchargers, 2DS, and an Xbox 2. Merry Christmas!!  
 Love, Corbin Hoover  
 Dear Santa,  
 I hope your reindeer and elves are having fun! I would like an Ipod, Furby, and an Ipod phone case that is really cute. Merry Christmas!  
 Love, Madalynn Ward  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been a very good girl this year! I would like a piano, razer, skateboard, Xbox 4s, and a cat!  
 Love, Ansley Branch  
 Dear Santa,  
 Merry Christmas Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus! I would like the game Pie in the face challenge, a tree house, and some makeup for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year!  
 Love, Ramsey Ellen Terrell  
 Dear Santa,  
 I would like a Baby

Alive doll, slime, and an Ipod touch for Christmas. That is all. I hope your reindeer are doing good!  
 Love, Josey Jones  
 Dear Santa,  
 Merry Christmas! I would like a motorcycle, a dirt bike, a cell phone or an Iphone. Also, I'd like an electric guitar.  
 Love, Caden Ballard  
 Dear Santa,  
 I would like a robot cat, beads to make something with, and a hoverboard for barbies that comes with a remote control. Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus!!  
 Love, Laini Liggin  
 Dear Santa,  
 Merry Christmas!! I would like a furby, Ipad, and a phone for Christmas. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a nice Christmas.  
 Love, Addison Countryman  
 Dear Santa,  
 I would like an Xbox S1, a real race car, and a race car case. Also, I want more games for my Wii. Have a nice Christmas!  
 Love, Blaine Clark

**2nd Grade Terrell**  
 Dear Santa,  
 You've been a great guy. You are really nice. I want X-Box 360 games, a drone, and a Lexibook. Tell Mrs. Claus I said Hi, and thank y'all so much.  
 Your friend, Kaden Epperly  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 Can I have a Rip and a robot cat? Tell Mrs. Claus to say Hi to the elves. Can you get my Nana better Christmas lights for her tree.  
 Your friend, Ryker Bogan  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a Troll necklace for Christmas and a Moana doll. And an elf doll, too. I would like a doll house and doll stuff for the dolls to play and cook with. I would like art things and winter items, like a scarf, gloves, hats, and long sleeves. I want clothes the most.  
 Love, Lorelei Morrow  
 Dear Santa,  
 What I want for Christmas is a tablet and a tree house please. And I want a trampoline please. And I would like an elf for next Christmas. I would like a new cheerleader outfit, too.  
 Love, Aurora Stone  
 Dear Santa,  
 This year for Christmas I want a new ball and a new doll.  
 PS. I will leave cookies and milk.  
 Love, Gracie Davis  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 I am going to give you a coke when you come to my house. I want the Farming simulator 2015 and 2017 X-box 360 games. I also want

a toy boat.  
 With love to your elf, Cole McKnight  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 Christmas is almost here!!!!!! I want 2 mystery elves for next year. I want a new leash for Cricket and a pony!!!!!!  
 Your true friend, Peyton Keys  
 Oh, tell Mrs. Claus "Hi"  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a PS4 for Christmas. The games I want are Plants vs. Zombies, Garden Warfare 2, Mortal Kombat XI, Until Dawn, and Dead Island I and II. I want a Ravel Nerf gun, PS 1 and 2, an ipad, and an iphone.  
 Your friend, Nathan Cox  
 Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I want a dirt bike and an X-box One. I want \$1,000,000 and 4 more elves so my mom will be mad!!! I want an Under Armor football and a big screen tv.  
 Your pal, Logan Christie  
 P.S. I want a reindeer elf!!!  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 This year I would like an American Girl doll with caramel-ish, blonde-ish hair, blue eyes, and tan skin. This year we will have milk and cookies. And I want an American Girl kitchen and an American Girl Diner set. Plus, I would like an American Girl gymnastics mat with bars.  
 Your friend, Charleigh Wheeler  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 I have a long list this year. I want lipstick, an elf, a computer, and 2 speakers. I would like socks, make-up, and shoes. I want all of the Little Live Pet dog, frog, and turtle with hats and stuff for the cat and dogs. I want a cheerleader suit and a tree house.  
 Your friend, Abby McGalliard (Love you)  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a dirt bike and a 4-wheeler. I want a cross bow and an X-box One. I want a 3DS and a remote control dirt bike. I also would like an elf.  
 Your friend, Price Cheek  
 Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I want a robot. I also want a new bike and a sled for Christmas. I want a kid sewing machine and Rudolph the Reindeer stuffed animal. I want a Minecraft game, a yoyo, a music box, and a piggy bank.  
 Love, Harlee Pannell  
 Dear Santa,  
 I will have coffee if you're thirsty and I will put cookies for you if you're hungry. I want an X-Box 1S. I really want the Titan Fall 2 game. That's all!!!!

Love, Jathon Nuckols  
 Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I would like a blue scooter and a Flip-a-zoo stuffed animal. I would like an X-box and the Watch Dogs 2 game for an X-box. We will leave cookies and milk for you.  
 Love, Carson Oakley  
**2nd Grade McDonald**  
 Dear Santa,  
 I would like a lot of presents. Next, I want a lot of money. Last, I want a pet fish. When is my elf going to come back?  
 Love, Sydney Cornish  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been good. I want football gloves and 1300 dollars. I also want a rifle. How do your elves do stuff?  
 Love, Colton Jackson  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been good yesterday and what I want for Christmas is a gray Pokemon ball and a Lego set and a Super Mario maker and Skylanders Imaginators. I also want a smore maker.  
 Love, Lucas Cox  
 Dear Santa,  
 This is what I want for Christmas. I want really cool nerf guns. I also want Skylanders Imaginators, an iPod, a batman stuffed animal, a rubix cube, and kids Oakley sunglasses.  
 Love, Bryce Perrin  
 Dear Santa,  
 What I want for Christmas is a remote control car. I also want a Rattlers jersey number 52 and a poster of a Rattler football player with the number 52. I would also like a lot of Butterfingers and a lot of Hershey's and chocolate covered strawberries. I would also like a remote control helicopter.  
 Love, Connor McBay  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want an X-box live and a membership card. I have been good. Where did you get your elves? I have seen you on camera.  
 Love, Mason Wilkins  
 Dear Santa,  
 How do your elves get all the way back to the North Pole? For Christmas I want Skylanders Imaginators, Pokemon Sun and Moon, a toy gun, and a

Mudkip Pokemon toy, Yugioh cards, and gum.  
 Love, Trent Coleman  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want Indominus Rex, a T-rex, and a velociraptor. I want lots of presents. I like Santa because he brings me presents.  
 Love, Brandon Cotton  
 Dear Santa,  
 I have been good this year. I want roller skates and a baby kitten. I love you, Santa.  
 Love, Autumn Whitten  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want money for Christmas. Next, I want black metal looking gloves that are hard to break. Last, I want something to help me climb the tree better.  
 Love, Gavin Jones  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want to thank you for the elf at my house and I want to know how he flies back to the North Pole. I also want to know how did Rudolph get a red nose. I would like roller skates and another hatchimal. I also want a baby kitty and an Orbeez spa.  
 Love, Ava Cox  
 Dear Santa,  
 How do your elves get back to the North Pole? How do you get down the chimney? How do the elves make presents? I would like a Star Wars book for Christmas.  
 Love, Drake Eoff  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a remote control plane and a hatchimal and an Orbeez spa. How does the elf fly from the North Pole and back home?  
 Love, Kinslee Howell

**Delight Elementary 2nd Grade Ivy**  
 Dear Santa,  
 The main thing I want for Christmas is a softball bat. And an ipod, blue beats, and an emoji case. And a new emoji pillow and Fat Heads Emoji. Emoji Bracelets and necklace. Emoji everything!  
 Love, Kamiah Thomas  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a 110 dirtbike and a fast toy car  
 Love, JC Stone

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(Ivy's 2nd Grade Continued)  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a toy car and a Christmas tree. And I want a winky emoji pillow.  
 Love, Daniel Martinez  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a new game for my Xbox and a new big TV in my room.  
 Love, Auntario Rivers  
 Dear Santa,  
 Can I please have a dirt bike for Christmas Santa? It sounds fun so I want it.  
 Love your friend, Ross Spradlin  
 Dear Santa,  
 I wish that you can get me a book and markers, and an ipad. An elf to give me the presents, and I love Christmas!  
 Love, Diana Hernandez  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a little live pet and a hatchlet. The little live pets name is Snuggles. I want a bicycle.  
 Love, Angeline Williams  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a foot massager and a bigger four wheeler. I want a poop emoji pillow.  
 Love your friend, Cameron Braden  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want a computer with Minecraft. I want a stuffed Rudolph. I want Lego Mine-

craft. I also want a flat screen TV with Minecraft, and an xbox with Minecraft. I would also like a lego table. And I want a swivelherse competition 22. I also want a lava lamp.  
 Your Friend, Carter Gilmer  
 Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I want a toy elf. What I want for Christmas is a massager. I also want an Emoji pillow and bedding. I want the troll movie and crayon box emoji.  
 Love, Linda Copeland  
 Dear Santa,  
 I want some legos for Christmas, a track crane, and a tractor with a boom. I want a four wheeler and a bush-hog. And I want a reindeer for my elf named Razor. I want a big flat screen TV in my room. And a big poop emoji pillow. A razor. I want a computer with Minecraft and a lava lamp. I also want a dirt bike. The end and don't forget it is Christmas!  
 Love your friend, Garrett Lamb  
 Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas the main thing I want is an ipod and Beats. I want a white ipod and blue beats. And an emoji case for my ipod. I want the troll movie and toy trolls. Merry Christmas Ho Ho

Ho!!! Tell the reindeer I said hi! OH I also want an emoji bedding set with emoji pillow. Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas!! Ho Ho Ho!! Tell the elves I said hi!!  
 Love, Isabella Frazier  
**Murfreesboro Beth Perrin's Class**  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Calven. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me cars and a race track, a choo choo train, and a motorcycle.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Allie. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a rat, a lizard, and a phone.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Emmet. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a race car that is green, a remote control helicopter, and a remote control monster truck.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Ethan. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me remote control helicopter, a choo choo train, and a remote control dinosaur.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Amos. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a tuba, Lego Minecraft, and a spiderman costume.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Thomas. I have been very good this

year. I hope you bring me a race car that is green, a remote control helicopter, and a remote control monster truck.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Christian. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a Thomas the Train set , a swing set, and a trampoline.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Colin. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a Woody toy, a toy gun, and an xBox.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Chase. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a fish pillow, a Thomas the Train bath toy, and a WiiU.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is E'Lye. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a pet fish, a basketball, and a video games.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kyler. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a cop dog, some xBox games, and a horse.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Trunks. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me football gloves, football cleats, and football pads.  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kohen. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me cords.



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**SPECIAL VISIT.** Lillie Burton, 12, of Nashville, was one of 40 current or former pediatric cancer patients who participated in the recent annual CARTI Kids Christmas Party. Burton made merrry at the party with Santa and his elf-for-a-day, Mrs. Arkansas 2017 Kristen Thomas of Crossett.

**Frontline Ministries to host Christmas Day celebration**

Rondy and Charlotte Briggs, along with the Frontline Christian Ministries' family, invites the public to join them for a heartwarming Christmas celebration of love on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m. The church is located at 600 Mine Street in Nashville.

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**DIERKS FIREFIGHTER AWARDS.** Jennifer Noel, at left, has been awarded the 2016 Dierks Firefighter of the Year Award, as presented by her father and fire chief, Mike Noel. Garry Jones, at right, was the department's Training Achievement Award. Current department members include Chief Mike Noel, Jennifer Noel, Matt Hill, Zack Shankles, Assistant Chief Chris Janes, Cole Alexander, Lieutenant Garry Jones and Matthew Jones.



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**SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED TO FIREMEN.** Service pins were presented to several Nashville firemen, last week, to mark milestones of service to the community. Seated, Terry Ray, 28 years, and Jeff Westfall, 10 years. Standing, Andrew Westfall, Justin Thornton and Josh Worley, all five year pins.



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**MURFREESBORO FIREFIGHTER AWARDS.** Hunter Fant, at left, has been named Murfreesboro's Firefighter of the Year while Randy Lamb, at right, received the department's attendance award. The awards were presented Monday by Fire Chief Alan Walls.

## AECC receives 173 MW of new wind capacity

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) has acquired access to 173 megawatts of additional wind capacity from the Drift Sand Wind and the Chisholm View II projects in Oklahoma that began commercial operations this month.

The Drift Sand Wind Farm is located in Grady County, while the Chisholm View II Wind Farm is located in Grant and Garfield counties. The farms are owned and operated by Enel Green Power North America, Inc. and are expected to generate around 720 million kWh annually, which is the equivalent to the energy consumption needs of more than 58,000 U.S. households.

According to Duane Highley, president/CEO of AECC, the cooperative has always worked to add diverse resources, like wind, to its generation portfolio as fuel diversity helps stabilize energy prices for electric cooperative members. This wind facility along with AECC's other wind agreements, three existing run-of-the-river hydroelectric generating stations and contracts for solar and biomass energy illustrate the cooperative's long-standing commitment to a diverse portfolio that provides reliable and affordable electricity.

"Going back to the 1980s, AECC began investing in hydroelectric generation to provide more fuel diversity as a means to continue our mission of providing affordable and reliable wholesale power to Arkansas' 17 local electric distribution cooperatives," he said. "Over the past five years, AECC has secured long-term power purchase agreements for wind, solar and biomass capacity. We are continuing to evaluate new wholesale energy opportunities."

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas comprise 17 electric distribution cooperatives; Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based cooperative that provides services to the distribution cooperatives; and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AEC), a generation and transmission cooperative. The distribution cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 500,000 homes, farms and businesses in Arkansas and surrounding states.

## Spend more time with family with breakfast dishes

It doesn't matter how old your children are, when it comes to Christmas morning. If your house is like ours, Christmas morning is mayhem, even though my children are grown. Opening gifts, family members arriving, and getting to church on time all leads to a very hectic morning. The last place I want to be is in the kitchen preparing breakfast while all the fun is taking place elsewhere in the house.

Quick breads make ahead of time are a great way for having a nutritious breakfast without spending all morning in the kitchen. They can be made well ahead of time and frozen or make just a couple of days before the big day and enjoy them Christmas morning.

Quick breads use products other than yeast, as leavening, such as baking powder or soda. Many times your quick bread recipes will call for buttermilk, vinegar, sour cream, yogurt, cream of tartar or fruit juices. The reason for this is that these items are acidic and are needed to work with the baking powder or soda.

Because quick breads contain no yeast, no time is spent kneading or waiting for the product to rise. Quick breads also have more of a cake like texture. They need to be tested for doneness the same way you would check your cake, with a cake tester or toothpick. If it comes out clean when inserted in the middle, the bread is done.

You may also test for doneness by noticing that the bread will pull away from the sides of the pan when it is done. It is best to leave the bread in the pan for 10-15 minutes, before removal to a wire rack to continue cooling.

To assure that your quick breads will be perfect for Christmas morning, following directions for the recipe is the best insurance policy. Organize all ingredients before starting and re-read the recipe so you won't miss a step. Lining up all recipes, ingredients and tools ahead of time will assure that nothing is left out, saves steps, and keeps drawer and cupboard handles free from grease or dough as you reach for last minute ingredients.

After baking the quick bread ahead of time, you can freeze it so that it only needs to be reheated on Christmas morning. To do this, allow the bread to cool completely. Wrap with plastic wrap, then foil. Place into individual freezer bags and label with bread name and date baked. As a general rule, frozen quick breads maintain their quality for up to three months in the freezer.

Most frozen quick breads are at their best when thawed, heated and served warm. To heat frozen bread, remove from the freezer, remove all the wrapping and let sit until thawed. Rewrap in foil and bake in a 350 degree oven



**JEAN INCE**  
County Extension Agent-Staff Chair

for approximately 10 minutes. Serve warm with fruit, coffee, juice and milk.

If you invest a little bit of time in the kitchen today preparing quick breads for your Christmas breakfast, you can spend the morning with your family. For more information on eating healthy, contact the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517 or visit our office located on the second floor of the courthouse.

I want to take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Recipe of the Week

Here is a quick bread recipe that you might want prepare for Christmas morning. It uses cranberries, which are available only during the holidays. You might want to purchase an extra bag of fresh ones and put them in the freezer to have later. It only takes a few minutes to mix this tasty bread. Pop it in the oven while you are wrapping presents!

### Cream Cheese Cranberry Bread

1 cup butter, softened; 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened; 1 1/2 cups sugar; 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla; 4 eggs; 2 cups flour; 1/2 teaspoons baking powder; 1/2 tsp. salt; 2 cups cranberries (fresh or frozen); 1/2 cup chopped pecans, optional.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease or spray

pan(s). Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl cream together butter, cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

In another bowl combine flour, baking powder and salt. Slowly mix into wet batter until combined. Fold in cranberries and nuts.

One greased 9 x 5-inch loaf pan-bake for 1 1/2 hours at 350 degrees. Four mini loaf pans-bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Note: I coarsely chop the cranberries before adding to mixture.

Yield: 1 loaf or 4 mini loaves

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# Live Christmas trees a growing trend

**By Emily Thompson**  
U of A System  
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FAYETTEVILLE — While some spent Thanksgiving weekend Black Friday shopping, others went Christmas tree shopping. During its opening weekend, Wonderland Tree Farm in Pea Ridge, Arkansas, sold more than 700 trees.

"They're coming out like crazy," said Jill Babb, who owns the farm with her husband Martin.

By the beginning of December, Martin Babb said his fields were beginning to look picked over. Most of his best trees had already sold.

The empty spaces in the Babbs' field are testament to a national trend that sees 25-30 million real Christmas trees sold each year. Recently, there has been an increase in people getting their trees from choose-and-harvest farms, where people can pick out and cut their own tree.

In 2014, 24 percent of the real trees sold came from choose-and-harvest

farms. That number grew to 32 percent in 2015, according to the National Christmas Tree Association.

More than a holiday tradition

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Census of Agriculture, the number of farms in Arkansas producing Christmas trees went from 29 in 2007, to 59 in 2012. The number of Christmas trees harvested nearly doubled in those years, as well.

Christmas farming is an agritourism attraction.

Agritourism is any activity or attraction that promotes agriculture, including farmers markets and wineries. The \$3.6 million industry is one of the fastest growing niche tourism markets in Arkansas, according to Arkansas Industry Insider.

Agritourism gives farmers and ranchers the opportunity to diversify their revenue streams and raise awareness for agricultural production. Communities also see additional revenue,

as tourists coming to these attractions often stop in local restaurants and shops.

"It builds a relationship between farmers and consumers," said Stacey McCullough, interim assistant director of community and economic development of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service.

In 2011, the Arkansas State Legislature passed the Agritourism Act. The act was meant to promote and encourage agritourism by protecting farmers from liability issues.

Under the bill, the participants in agritourism, not the farmers, assume the inherent risk of engaging in that activity. Inherent risk includes animal behavior, land conditions, the dangers of equipment used in farming and negligent behavior of the participant.

For a list of Christmas tree farms in Arkansas, visit: <http://www.ark-treegrowers.com/growers.htm>



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The herders left in haste, they say, and stayed gone all night long.  
Well, sheep don't do too well alone. They've never comprehended  
That on that night they waited up, the world was upended.

So, now when daylight shortens up and nights get long and cold  
I make my check at midnight like we've done since days of old.  
And if I find the flock intent and standing all around  
I listen for the heavenly host above their throaty sound  
And scan the dim horizon in an effort discern  
The sign the sheep are seeking, that their shepherds will return.

And I am but a watchman in this drama that replays  
Around the earth this time if year, and so I stand and gaze  
And though I see no special star or hear no sweet noel.  
I know it must be Christmas, 'cause the sheep can always tell.

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# Lockesburg among nine cities to earn grants for landscaping

Lockesburg is among nine Arkansas communities which will receive a combined total of about \$17,500 in grant funding through the Greening of Arkansas Grant Program.

The \$2,300 Lockesburg grant will go toward landscaping public locations throughout town.

This is the tenth year the Greening of Arkansas program will award grants.

Developed and managed by the Arkansas Flower and Garden Show board in 2006, the program is intended to support the development and care of community gardens, parks, and other public green spaces throughout Arkansas.

The committee, which consists of Carol Mendel, Marilyn Tilley and Karin Briscoe, announced grants in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 would be awarded to nine applicants,

out of a total of 23 applications the committee received.

This year's other grant recipients include the following:

The Boys and Girls Club of Ouachita County, construct an Arts Garden at the new Events Center at Fairview Park in Camden, \$2,500

Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists, add native plant gardens to the Razorback Regional Greenway in Fayetteville, \$1,088

The Hoxie Dickens Celebration Committee, renovate landscaping at the Hoxie Community Center and the city park, \$1,125

Ozark Interpretive Association of Mountain View, add native plantings at the Amphitheater City Park in Mountain View, \$1,000

Pine Bluff Downtown

Development, landscape the Barraque Plaza in downtown Pine Bluff, \$2,400

Quitman Community Connection, landscape the Quitman Public Library, \$1,928

The City of Star City, landscape the Joslyn-Carter Historic Town Square, \$2,500

Yellville-Summit Schools, the High School Nursery/Landscape class will construct and plant planter boxes at the Elementary School, \$2,500

Committee member Carol Mendel said grant applications are judged according to criteria designed to support the committee's vision.



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# Mineral Springs ABC students share Letters to Santa

Children at the Mineral Springs ABC school have written to Santa:

A pink car, Cinderella Doll, Aerial Doll, American Doll, American Doll House, and Glitter. - Aaliyah Hamilton

Police Car, Fire truck, Batman Truck, a Spiderman Bike without training wheels. - Cedric Davis

Race Car, Jack in the Box, Boat, Dog, and Action Figures. - Javen Allen

Car, Bounce House, Elsa Doll with a bottle and clothes. - Kinsley Heard

Pie Face, Elsa Singing Doll. - Amari Morris

Mermaid Tail, Bike,

Makeup, 2 dogs, red hair, cat, and a bunny. - Keryn Cheatham

Sofia Car and Sofia Doll. - Emzie Pilgreen

A Frozen Car. - Liyah Belill

A Frozen Tablet, A Frozen Umbrella, A Frozen Purse. - Vashantie Thomas

Car and Truck. - Elijah Jackson

Adilen: A Baby Doll, A Little Garden, And A Troll.

Aubri: A Tea Set, Karaoke Player, and a Fishing Pole.

Constance: Puppets, a Spin Around Hat and a Spin Around Car.

Corbin: I want a Truck,

Toy Horse and Some Clothes.

Jacari: I Want a Race Car, and Some Clothes.

Jordan: I Want a Train, Car and More Toys.

Juan: I want a Car I Can Drive and Some Clothes.

Katelynn: I Want a Princess Castle, Fishing Rod, Baby Doll and a Stroller

Kolton: I Want a Ninja Turtle Motor Cycle, And Some Clothes

Macien: I Want a White Truck, a Green Car I Can Drive And Some Clothes.

Candy, Chocolate Milk, Elsa, Princesses, Dishes for my kitchen, and a new baby. -Ava Aguilar

A little Pony Pinkie Pie, A crown, lots of candy, and markers. -Arleth Cuevas

Su per heroes, and lots of presents. -Easton East-ridge

Toys and blocks. - Fabri-

cio Gonzalez

A house, a broom, a kitchen, and nothing else. - Aniyah Gulley

A doll, a baby alive, a mirror, and books. - Zaria Lollis

A tablet, a motorcycle, and a 4 wheeler. - Issac Maxwell

A motorcycle, a paw patrol, and truck. - My-Kavion Mays

A doll house, a Barbie,

and a big bike with training wheels. - Kelli Morgan

Lots of presents, and a Christmas tree. - McKenzie Peters

Candy, a cake, and shoes. - Jazlyn Rojas

A race car, blaze, and I think super heroes. - Cayden Sanders

A toy boat, a man, and a truck. - Landon Smith

Lots of presents. - Emanuel Tobar.

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### Estate planning tips for blended families

Most of us need to do some type of estate planning, but it's especially important if you are part of a "blended" family. And the best time to start is *now* – before these plans need to be implemented.

Estate planning can be complex, so you will need help from a qualified legal professional. But here are a few general suggestions that can be suitable for blended families:

- **Update beneficiary designations** – and think about multiple beneficiaries. Update the beneficiary designations on your retirement accounts and insurance policies to reflect the reality of your blended family.
- **These designations can supersede the instructions you provided in your will.** So if your will states that your current spouse should inherit your assets, but you had named your former spouse, or a child, as the primary beneficiary of an IRA, then your former spouse or your child – not your present-day spouse – will indeed receive the IRA.
- **To ensure that "everyone gets something,"** you could name your current spouse as primary beneficiary and your children from a previous marriage as equal contingent beneficiaries. But the primary beneficiary will receive *all* the assets and is free to do whatever he or she wants with the money. To enact your wishes, you can name multiple primary beneficiaries and designate the percentage of the asset each beneficiary will receive.
- **Create a living trust** – and consider a professional trustee. A living trust can help you avoid the time-consuming and costly process of probate, while giving you great freedom to determine how, and when, you want your assets distributed. After you pass away, the trust, if structured properly, can provide your surviving spouse with income for life; then, after your spouse dies, your children from an earlier marriage would receive the remainder of the trust.

So far, so good. However, issues can arise if you name your surviving spouse or one of your children as the "successor trustee" who will take charge of the trust upon your passing.

Your spouse, acting as successor trustee, could choose to invest only in bonds for income, but if he or she lives another 20 or so years, the value of the investments within the trust will probably have diminished considerably – leaving your children with very little.

Conversely, if you name one of your children as trustee, the child could invest strictly in growth-oriented investments, leaving your surviving spouse with greatly reduced income. To be fair to everyone, you may want to engage a professional third-party trustee. This individual, or company, is not a beneficiary of the trust, is not entitled to share in the assets of the trust, and, ideally, should have no "rooting interest" in how proceeds of the trust are distributed.

- **Consider a prenuptial agreement.** When it's time to settle an estate, a prenuptial agreement can help avoid disputes among members of a blended family.

If you and your new spouse have agreed to keep your assets separate so that each of you can pass an inheritance to your own children, you need to spell out that separation in your "prenup," your will, your living trust and any other relevant estate-planning arrangements.

Above all else, share your estate-planning intentions with members of your blended family. You may not be able to satisfy everyone, but through open communications, you can help prevent bad feelings – and unpleasant surprises.



### The Night Before Christmas!

The night before Christmas is an evening filled with wonder and surprises. Each family has its own way of celebrating as they wait for Christmas morning to arrive: trimming a tree, joining in Christmas caroling or sharing hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. A fun custom is the hanging of stockings by the fireplace in hopes of finding small candies and treasures in them on Christmas morning!

What might Santa tuck into a stocking to be found on Christmas morning? Can you find and circle the surprises listed in the stocking?

**Merry Christmas to you and your family!**

Find and circle at least 25 nouns that are plurals – meaning "more than one." (Hint: they end with the letter 's'.)

**It's Christmas Eve and...**

- one family is putting up its Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ and decorating it.
- when Mary and Joseph could not find a room in Bethlehem, an innkeeper offered his \_\_\_\_\_.
- lighted \_\_\_\_\_ are in our windows.
- children hang their \_\_\_\_\_.
- families attend church \_\_\_\_\_.
- kids remember to leave cookies and milk for Santa Claus and \_\_\_\_\_ for his reindeer.
- a family's favorite Christmas is being read aloud.
- in one story, animals can talk at midnight; they are given the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ for one special night.
- friends and families join together to stroll the block and sing Christmas \_\_\_\_\_.
- Santa Claus is busy delivering \_\_\_\_\_.

Words in the grid: bubble bath, compact disc, candy canes, socks, mittens, pencils, games, pens, toys, coins, books, puzzles, oranges, cards, nuts, candles, services, manger, stockings, gifts, don, tree, speech.

### Treats for the Reindeer Pulling the Sleigh!

Guess! We do all the work pulling the sleigh on Christmas Eve and Santa gets the cookies and milk left out by children everywhere. Maybe some thoughtful children would leave us a little bit of sugar as a treat! Oh, we like these too:

To see what treats the reindeer want, color in the puzzle using the color key below:

R = Red  
O = Orange  
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# Pike County teen get 17 years in state prison for hurting father

A Pike County teen has been sentenced to 17 years in the state prison after he pleaded guilty to causing serious injury to his father following an argument over a marijuana "joint."

Justin Hunter Couch of Nathan was sentenced Dec. 12 to 20 years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) with three years suspended. The teen was charged as an adult on June 28 with felony aggravated assault and first-degree battery.

Last Monday, Couch, who had undergone a mental evaluation, pleaded guilty to the battery charge while the assault charge was "nolle prossed" by the prosecution.

The charges against Couch stemmed from an incident that happened during the early morning of June 24 at the family's home on Muddy Fork Road. The victim was Cullie Eddie Couch, 52.

According to case information, the father and son had reportedly gotten into an argument because the elder Couch would not give his son a marijuana cigarette or "joint."

The younger Couch reportedly began to drive a Ford Explorer erratically in the driveway and the yard and threatened to hit his father with the vehicle.

The father apparently questioned the son's manhood when he threatened to hit him with the vehicle. At that time, the son pinned his father between the Explorer and a Ford Ranger, which was sitting stationary.

"The collision pushed the Ranger approximately eight feet where it came to rest after colliding with the

mobile home," according to case information.

The son told law officials that the incident was an accident and he did not mean to hit his dad.

The elder Couch sustained a severe injury to his leg, which was later amputated, as well as a head injury. The victim was on life support for an undisclosed time and apparently had a stroke while at the hospital that left him paralyzed on one side of his body.

## Hot Springs man sentenced for DWI #4

A 60-year-old Hot Springs man was sentenced Dec. 12 in Pike County after pleading guilty to a felony charge of driving while intoxicated—fourth offense.

Keith O. Fleming was sentenced to one year in the ADC and fined \$350.

Fleming was arrested on Sept. 30 after being stopped for speeding on Highway 27 north of Murfreesboro. The arresting officer, Arkansas State Police Trooper Mike Thomas, detected a strong odor of an intoxicant during the stop and Fleming failed a roadside sobriety test.

Fleming had informed Thomas that he drinks and had been drinking mouthwash and the trooper found a mouthwash bottle inside the vehicle.

A breath test showed a reading of 0.12, a reading above the 0.08 legal limits.

## Delight woman implicated in theft

A 52-year-old Delight woman has received a charge of being an accomplice to theft of property.

Paula Marie Hill was charged on Dec. 15, as a part of the investigation

into a vehicle theft allegedly committed by her son, David Leroy Hill, Jr.

David Hill was arrested in Clark County on Nov. 29. Pike County Chief Deputy David Shelby questioned Hill about the theft of the vehicle, where he confessed to the theft, and also stated that his mother, Paula Hill helped him steal the vehicle.

Paula Hill was questioned regarding her involvement regarding the theft. She denied any involvement, but agreed to take a voice stress analysis test.

Investigator David Shelton conducted the voice stress analysis, and concluded that Hill was deceptive in her analysis.

Hill's bond was set at \$7,500, and will make her next court appearance on Jan. 6.

## G'wood man charged for drug paraphernalia

A 40-year-old Glenwood man has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after a search of his home.

Kenny R. Yarbrough had failed to meet the conditions of his parole, which led to Officer Jeremy Green and Officer Allison Couch of parole and probation to conduct a search of Yarbrough's home on Dec. 9.

Officers found drug paraphernalia including spoons, straws, a modified green ink pen and a modified light bulb, all of which contained residue suspected to be methamphetamine.

Pike County Sheriff's Deputy David Shelby assisted parole officers and placed Yarbrough under arrest.

A phone hearing was

held on Dec. 11, where Yarbrough's bond was set at \$5000. Yarbrough is set to appear in Pike County court on Jan. 6.

## Charge for fraudulent use of credit card

John A. Hooks, 36, of Pencil Bluff man was recently charged with forgery in the second degree, fraudulent use of a credit card, and theft of property lost, mislaid, delivered by mistake in conjunction with a report of a stolen credit card.

Glenwood Assistant Police Chief Matthew Cain was notified on Sept. 6 about the fraudulent use of the card by the owner. The owner of the card went on to state that she had been notified by the credit card company about possible fraudulent charges on Sept. 4, and after looking into it, she discovered it had not been her or her son using the card.

Charges totaling \$183.99 were made at four different locations in Glenwood on Sept. 4.

Assistant Chief Cain contacted the Citgo station where one of the fraudulent purchases were made. The clerk was able to produce a copy of the credit card receipt as well as surveillance video footage of the transaction in question.

Cain also was able to obtain footage from Wright's Grocery Store, where another purchase was in question.

After reviewing the footage, Cain was able to identify the man using the card as Hooks.

Hooks's bond has not yet been set, and is expected to make an appearance in Pike County Circuit Court soon.



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**FAREWELL IN PIKE COUNTY.** A retirement reception was held Dec. 14 for Nina Cox, who has worked for Pike County since 1989. Cox is a former deputy collector and is currently serving as administrative assistant to Sheriff Charlie Caldwell, who presented Cox with a special plaque during the reception.

## UA Cossatot offering adult basic math skills course

The UA Cossatot Adult Education department on the Howard County campus will offer a 15-week basic math skills course beginning Jan. 17 and ending April 27, with exception of Spring Break week.

The class will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00.

The content will cover basic math concepts and work up through basic algebra.

Participants must be at least 18 years old to register and cannot be enrolled in either high school or college for the duration of the course. There is no charge for the course, but students will be required to sign an attendance commitment.

The deadline for enrollment is Friday, Jan. 13 at noon. Class size will be limited.

For more information, contact (870) 584-1318.

2 Temporary job openings Eve N. Garbarino, Jr. in Roanoke, LA 1/25/2017 to 7/15/2017. General worker needed for crawfish and rice farm. Work includes tractor driving, field prep, water main, fertilizer, plant and harvest of crops. Field prep includes manual shovel work and hoeing of weeds, spot spray and gen farm labor. Help repair and maintain bins, buildings, equip, farm, fences, field, levee, ponds, property, roads and shop. Load and unload. May operate motorized crawfish boat and/or walk/pushboat. Crawfishing involves manually cutting up of fish bait, set traps, bait and check traps. Grade, wash sack, and ice crawfish for shipment, make and repair traps as needed. Pickup/deliver crawfish as required. May deliver crop to coolers or market. Worker must be able to lift/carry 50 lbs. M-F, some Sat/Sun, OT varies. Employees may be compensated above the stated hourly wage, this decision to pay above the prevailing hourly wage will be made by the employer, basing this decision on factors that include the individual recipient's performance and work history. Allergies to ragweed, goldenrod, insect spray and related chemicals and pesticides, etc. may affect workers' ability to perform the job. Employer may require post hire, random, upon suspicion or post accident drug testing, all at no cost to employee. Testing positive or failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment. Job involves stooping, lifting and working outside in inclement weather. Must have 3 mo exp in similar position. All tools furnished at no cost. \$10.69 hourly. Free housing provided for all workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence daily. Guaranteed % contract beginning with worker date of arrival. If applicable, Transp & subsistence exp to worksite provided/paid by employer by 50% of contract, rms at completion of contract. Apply/Send resumes for this job at the nearest local SWA @ 700 South Elm, Hope, AR 71861 ph 879-777-3421 using LA JO#...656803... KC

7 Temporary job openings John Leonards Farms in Crowley, LA 1/15/2017 to 7/31/2017. General worker needed for crawfish, rice and soybean farm. Work includes tractor driving, field prep, water main, fertilizer, plant and harvest of crops. Field prep includes manual shovel work and hoeing of weeds, spot spray and gen farm labor. Help repair and maintain bins, buildings, equip, farm, fences, field, levees, ponds, property, roads and shop. Load and unload. May operate motorized crawfish boat and/or walk/push boat. Crawfishing involves manually cutting up of fish bait, set traps, bait and check traps. Grade, wash sack and ice crawfish for shipment, make and repair traps as needed. Pickup/deliver crawfish as required. May deliver crop to coolers or market. Worker must be able to lift/carry 50 lbs. M-F, some Sat/Sun, OT varies. Employees may be compensated above the stated hourly wage, this decision to pay above the prevailing hourly wage will be made by the employer, basing this decision on factors that include the individual recipient's performance and work history. Allergies to ragweed, goldenrod, insect spray and related chemicals and pesticides, etc. may affect workers' ability to perform the job. Employer may require post hire, random, upon suspicion or post accident drug testing, all at no cost to employee. Testing positive or failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment. Job involves stooping, lifting and working outside in inclement weather. Must have 3 mo exp in similar position. All tools furnished at no cost. \$10.69 hourly. Free housing provided for all workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence daily. Guaranteed % contract beginning with worker date of arrival. If applicable, Transp & subsistence exp to worksite provided/paid by employer by 50% of contract, rms at completion of contract. Apply/Send resumes for this job at the nearest local SWA @ 700 South Elm, Hope, AR 71861 ph 879-777-3421 using LA JO#...656296... KC

4 Temporary job openings Loucardeaux Enterprises, LLC. in Moe, LA 1/20/2017 to 6/10/2017. General worker needed for crawfish and rice farm. Work includes tractor driving, field prep, water main, fertilizer, plant and harvest of crops. Field prep includes manual shovel work and hoeing of weeds, spot spray and gen farm labor. Help repair and maintain bins, buildings, equip, farm, fences, field, levee, ponds, property, roads and shop. Load and unload. May operate motorized crawfish boat and/or walk/pushboat. Crawfishing involves manually cutting up of fish bait, set traps, bait and check traps. Grade, wash sack, and ice crawfish for shipment, make and repair traps as needed. Pickup/deliver crawfish as required. May deliver crop to coolers or market. Worker must be able to lift/carry 50 lbs. M-F, some Sat/Sun, OT varies. Employees may be compensated above the stated hourly wage, this decision to pay above the prevailing hourly wage will be made by the employer, basing this decision on factors that include the individual recipient's performance and work history. Allergies to ragweed, goldenrod, insect spray and related chemicals and pesticides, etc. may affect workers' ability to perform the job. Employer may require post hire, random, upon suspicion or post accident drug testing, all at no cost to employee. Testing positive or failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment. Job involves stooping, lifting and working outside in inclement weather. Must have 3 mo exp in similar position. All tools furnished at no cost. \$10.69 hourly. Free housing provided for all workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence daily. Guaranteed % contract beginning with worker date of arrival. If applicable, Transp & subsistence exp to worksite provided/paid by employer by 50% of contract, rms at completion of contract. Apply/Send resumes for this job at the nearest local SWA @ 700 South Elm, Hope, AR 71861 ph 879-777-3421 using LA JO#...655414... KC

2 temp crawfish workers needed by El Arroz Farms, LLC. Roanoke, LA 01/05/2017 to 07/15/2017. Workers will perform duties associated with tractor driving, field prep, water main, fertilizing, plant & harvest of crops which includes manual shovel work & hoeing of weeds, spot spraying treatments & general farm labor. Repair & maintain equip, farm, field, levees, roads & shop. Load and unload trucks. Crawfishing involves manually cutting up of fish bait, baiting, and checking traps. Grade/wash crawfish for shipment, make/repair traps as needed. Must be able to lift 70lbs. Job involves stooping, lifting, & working outside in inclement weather. Must have 3 mos prior exp. Wkrs will receive \$10.69/hr as stipulated by US DOL. Free housing will be provided to workers who live outside the area of intended employment. Transportation & subsistence costs to place of employment will be reimbursed to anyone who lives outside the area of intended employment upon completion of 50% of work contract, or earlier if appropriate. Transportation to & from worksite will be provided by employer for worker who lives in housing provided by the employer. Guaranteed % of the contract beginning with worker date of arrival. Tools, supplies, & necessary equipment will be provided at no cost to worker. For further information & to make application, contact the local SWA at 700 Elm, Hope, AR 71861; Ph: 870-777-3421; JO#LA654271. ET

2 temp crawfish & rice workers needed by Neco Trucking, Maurice, LA 01/02/2017 to 09/30/2017. Workers will perform duties associated with tractor driving, field prep, water main, fertilizing, plant & harvest of crops which includes manual shovel work & hoeing of weeds, spot spraying treatments & general farm labor. Repair & maintain equip, farm, field, levees, roads & shop. Load and unload trucks. Crawfishing involves manually cutting up of fish bait, baiting, and checking traps. Grade/wash crawfish for shipment, make/repair traps as needed. Must be able to lift 70lbs. Job involves stooping, lifting, & working outside in inclement weather. Must have 3 mos prior exp. Wkrs will receive \$10.69/hr as stipulated by US DOL. Free housing will be provided to workers who live outside the area of intended employment. Transportation & subsistence costs to place of employment will be reimbursed to anyone who lives outside the area of intended employment upon completion of 50% of work contract, or earlier if appropriate. Transportation to & from worksite will be provided by employer for worker who lives in housing provided by the employer. Guaranteed % of the contract beginning with worker date of arrival. Tools, supplies, & necessary equipment will be provided at no cost to worker. For further information & to make application, contact the local SWA at 700 Elm, Hope, AR 71861; Ph: 870-777-3421; JO#LA652298. ET

2 temp crawfish workers needed by Todd Champagne, LLC, St. Martinville, LA 12/25/2016 to 06/30/2017. Workers will perform duties associated with tractor driving, field prep, water main, fertilizing, plant & harvest of crops which includes manual shovel work & hoeing of weeds, spot spraying treatments & general farm labor. Repair & maintain equip, farm, field, levees, roads & shop. Load & unload trucks. Crawfishing involves manually cutting up of fish bait, baiting, & checking traps. Grade/wash crawfish for shipment, make/repair traps as needed. Must be able to lift & carry up to 70lbs. Job involves stooping, lifting, & working outside in inclement weather. Must have 3 mos prior exp. Workers will receive \$10.69/hr as stipulated by the USDOL. Free housing will be provided to workers who live outside the area of intended employment. Transportation & subsistence costs to the place of employment will be reimbursed to anyone who lives outside area of intended employment upon completion of 50% of the work contract, or earlier if appropriate. Transportation to & from worksite will be provided by the employer for worker who lives in housing provided by the employer. Worker will be guaranteed % of the hours specified in the work contract. Tools, supplies, & necessary equipment will be provided at no cost to the worker. For further information & to make application, contact the local SWA at 700 S Elm Hope, AR 71861; Ph: 870-777-3421; JO#LA651740. ET

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-19  
 BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, STATE OF ARKANSAS THAT:  
 SECTION 1: Should the Cottonshed Volunteer Fire Department which is otherwise eligible to receive funds from the Fire Protection Premium Tax Fund fail to qualify for its distribution in any particular year, that portion of the Tax Fund attributed to that department that fails to qualify shall be redistributed to Mineral Springs Volunteer Fire Department within Howard County.  
 SECTION 2: The Cottonshed Volunteer Fire Department loss of funds from the Tax Fund shall be for that fiscal period within which that department remedy the circumstances which rendered it ineligible or unqualified, the department shall be eligible to receive funds from the Tax Fund the following fiscal period.  
 SECTION 3: Should any court of competent jurisdiction find that any section, clause, sentence, phrase of this ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, in any way affects the validity of the of the remaining portions of this ordinance and it shall be as if the invalid or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence, or phrase was omitted from the original.  
 Passed and approved this 19th day of December 2016.  
 Kevin Smith, Howard County Judge  
 ATTEST:  
 Brenda Washburn, Howard County Clerk  
 December 19, 2016  
 (HCJ: 25)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Howard County Sanitation Department is now accepting sealed bids for (1) 2017 25 cyd. Rear Loader Trash Compactor Truck. Specification can be picked up at the Howard County Judge's Office at the Howard County Courthouse.  
 Bids will be opened on December 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Judge's Office.  
 Howard County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
 Kevin Smith, Howard County Judge  
 December 14, 2016  
 (HCJ: 24, 25)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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 Mine Creek (Howard) Conservation District Attention Landowners! Soil and Water Conservation is challenging work. If you are interested in running for a position on the Mine Creek Conservation District Board, this is what you should do:  
 \*\* Be a registered voter;  
 \*\* Own land and reside in the district;  
 \*\* Submit a nominating petition by January 27, 2017.  
 For details on getting elected to your local conservation district board, stop by the district office at: 101 S. Washington St., Nashville, AR 71852 or call 870-455-3211.

To all landowners within the boundaries of the Mine Creek (Howard) Conservation District, notice is hereby given that petitions for securing a ballot position for the election of conservation district directors are available at the Mine Creek Conservation District office located at:  
 101 S. Washington St., Nashville, AR 71852 or by writing to:  
 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission  
 101 E. Capitol, Suite 350  
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
 To be eligible for election, you must be an owner of land within the District and registered to vote under the election laws of Arkansas.  
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 November 2, 2016.  
 (MCS: 24, 25)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-16  
 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2015-17 THE 2015 HOWARD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE.  
 BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:  
 SECTION 1: The 2016 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2015-17 should be Amended as follows:  
 Howard County needs to anticipate and appropriate \$433.89 into the County Sheriff- Meals & Lodging (1000-0400-3094). This money comes from a donation from the Woodmen of the World Liveoak Lodge.  
 Howard County needs to anticipate and appropriate \$1,384.00 into the County Road- Parts & Repairs (2000-0200-2023). This unanticipated and unappropriated money comes from a reimbursement from Southern Tire Mart, LLC.  
 Howard County needs to anticipate and appropriate \$1,500.00 into the County Road- Machinery & Equipment (200-0200-4004). This unanticipated and unappropriated money comes from a bookkeeping error.  
 Howard County needs to anticipate and appropriate \$17.63 into the County Road- Parts & Repairs (2000-0200-2023). This unanticipated and unappropriated money comes from DFA Revenue-Sales & Use Tax Refund .  
 Howard County needs to anticipate and appropriate \$1,508.80 into the County Sheriff- Retiree Insurance (100-0400-1017). This unanticipated and unappropriated money comes from Butch Morris retiree insurance payments (September, October, November & December).  
 Circuit Clerk Salaries-Full Time (1000-0102-1001) should increase \$4,342.29, Social Security Matching (1000-0102-1006) should increase \$329.38 and Retirement Matching (1000-0102-1007) should increase \$666.71. This balance comes from unappropriated money.  
 County Assessor Salaries-Full Time (1000-0105-1001) should increase \$3,469.58, Social Security Matching (1000-0105-1006) should increase \$247.63 and Retirement Matching (1000-0105-1007) should increase \$503.14. This balance comes from unappropriated money.  
 County Assessor Salaries -Full Time (1000-0105-1001) should increase \$1,901.85, Social Security Matching (1000-105-1006) should increase \$133.20 and Retirement Matching (1000-0105-1007) should increase \$275.77. Assessor's PTR Cost Fund-Other Miscellaneous (3004-0105-3100) should decrease \$2,310.82.  
 Prosecuting Attorney Salaries-Full Time (1000-0416-1001) should increase \$1,002.40, Social Security Matching (1000-0416-1006) \$76.68 and Retirement Matching (1000-0416-1007) should increase \$145.35. This balance comes from unappropriated money.  
 County Coroner Salaries-Part Time (1000-0419-1002) should increase \$153.59 and Social Security Matching (1000-0419-1006) should increase \$11.75. This balance comes from unappropriated money.  
 Veterans Service Salaries-Part Time (1000-0800-1002) should increase \$158.88 and Social Security Matching (1000-0800-1006) should increase \$12.15. This balance comes from unappropriated money.  
 Quorum Court Salaries-Part Time (1000-0107-1002) should increase \$1,926.10 and Social Security Matching (1000-0107-1006) should increase \$147.38. This balance comes from unappropriated money.  
 SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.  
 Kevin Smith, Howard County Judge  
 ATTEST: Brenda Washburn, Howard County Clerk • December 19, 2016  
 (HCJ:25)

# The importance of soil sampling

By Kaycee Davis  
Howard County Agent  
Agriculture

A soil report is the best guide for determining soil fertility. How do you know what to fertilize if you do not know what is needed? Soil sampling is the answer.

A soil report shows an estimate of the availability of plant nutrients in the soil and if the soil is in the correct pH range (acidic or alkaline) for future production. Obtaining a soil sample from a home garden less than 1000 square feet is just as important as sampling a 300 acre field used for grazing. The directions for how to obtain a soil sample vary only slightly based on the crop being tested and the size of the area, but the idea is the same (as well as the goal).

For large areas greater than 20 acres, the area should be divided into 20-acre units and have samples taken and tested for each of those 20 acre units. Within the 20 acre unit, 20 composite samples should be taken and mixed in a clean bucket, for one composite sample to be tested. Depending on the terrain and shape of the 20 acre unit, the samples should be taken at a "star" or "zigzag" pattern to insure the entire area is well represented. If the 20 acre unit is in two types of terrain, perhaps a low lying area prone to flooding and then ground that is higher and dryer- think about dividing this area into two sampling units, just to insure accuracy of test results. Now where differences come in to play is how deep to take the soil sample.

For most of the production here in Howard County, 4-inches deep is enough. For commercial production, row crops, like corn and crops that are built on a raised bed, it may be necessary to obtain a sample that is 6 inches deep. If you are concerned your garden may need samples that are 6-inches deep, please contact the office before you obtain your samples, just to make sure no unnecessary back-breaking work is done. For certain commercial fruit tree production, Extension suggests a 12-inch deep soil sample- again, call the office and lets discuss this before obtaining such a deep sample.

For sampling a home garden or orchard, even though it may be less than an acre in size, it is still important to obtain subsamples and mix them into a clean bucket to make one composite sample to be tested. At least 10 subsamples should go into every composite sample to be tested. Again, use a "star" or "zigzag" pattern as you move through the area taking sub samples. It is best to allow the soil to dry out some while in the bucket, before pouring into the soil box. However, do not heat the soil in any way.

Soil probes are available to borrow here at the office. Soil boxes are also available. Arkansas soil sampling is a free service provided by U of A Division of Agriculture, Research and Extension and samples are accepted and sent off every business day.

The time frame for receiving your results varies based on how busy the lab is. Therefore, winter is the best time to get a quick response, as this is typically the slowest time of year. Get ahead of the game and get your soil sampling done early this year! And remember, the soil report is only as good as the sample taken.

Merry Christmas!



**A RETIREMENT "COFFEE" AT TYSON.** A Nashville Chamber of Commerce community coffee, Wednesday morning, marked the retirement of Tyson complex manager Paul Britt, center, after 44 years with the company. Britt said his last day would be Dec. 31. He said he has plans for traveling some with his wife, Marilyn, and maybe getting in some duck hunting. Britt has served on boards of Howard Memorial Hospital and the Howard County Children's Center and other community organizations. He will be succeeded by Mike Hanson, left, formerly the plant manager but already named manager of the Tyson complex in Nashville. Hanson, who has been here for 11 years, said that coming to Nashville was "the best move I ever made." At right is Tyson complex human resources manager Ken Young.

## Murfreesboro council updated on zoning proposal, park trail

By Nicole Tracy

**Murfreesboro Diamond**  
After being unable to establish a quorum for the November meeting due to three council members being out of town, the Murfreesboro City Council met on Dec. 12 for its regular monthly meeting.

Police Chief Randy Lamb addressed the council about equipping the recently purchased police car. Lamb asked the council for an additional \$4,000 to allow for the installation of a light bar, graphics designating the car as one of the city of Murfreesboro police cars, and a Watchguard in car camera system in the vehicle. The council quickly motioned to grant Lamb's request, and voted unanimously to allow for the additional funds.

The Zoning committee presented an update and handed out a preliminary copy of their suggested zoning regulations for the city of Murfreesboro to the council. Council members were asked to review the suggested regulations before the next council meeting. The commission

members suggested to the council that a 3 month extension might be helpful to allow for more time to finalize the new zoning laws for the city.

Mayor Rodney Fagan gave an update to the city park's walking trail construction. Fagan stated that the Park Commission had advertised for bids, and the low bid came in for a company "out of Hot Springs."

According to Fagan, Pike County had performed the preparations needed to the walking trail to allow for pavement to be put down on it. "We just have to wait on the proper weather, which could be weeks or months. It's got to be around 50 degrees or rising, and it will take them about two days to complete," said Fagan.

Murfreesboro resident Roy Wilson addressed the council with a request to close part of an alley next to his house. According to his deed to the land, the first 75 feet of the alley was closed.

Wilson asked the council to consider closing the alley completely along his

land. Wilson was directed by the council to seek legal representation to file the proper paperwork to bring before the council in a later session to decide the matter.

Members of the council were given a copy of the proposed 2017 budget. Council members quickly motioned and unanimously voted to accept the proposed budget. The official budget for the city will be voted upon by the council during the January council session.

Mayor Fagan shared with the council that a new metal sign stating "Welcome to Murfreesboro" was being considered for purchase for the island next to Courthouse Square.

Council members asked several questions about the location of the sign in the island, citing concerns about a possible obstruction to motor vehicle traffic line of sight. No action was taken on the sign during the meeting.

Ending balances for the month of November:  
General Fund: \$153,918  
Street Fund: \$155,751

## Hope homicide victim identified, suspect arrested

The identity of the victim who was shot Friday, Dec. 16 has been confirmed as Thomas Villanueva, 23, of Hope, according to Hempstead County Sheriff James Singleton.

A 16-year-old suspect, Jonathan Moreno, is in custody and has been charged as an adult with capital murder and abuse of a corpse. Moreno made his first court appearance by

video Monday.

At approximately 9:56 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, Hempstead County Deputies were called to a residence on County Road 2 near Hope in reference to a shooting.

While en route Deputy Jeremy Mc Bride received a description of a possible suspect riding a 4-wheeler leaving the scene. Deputy McBride stopped

a 4-wheeler near the scene operated by a 16-year-old juvenile and took him into custody without incident. Other deputies continued to the residence where they discovered a deceased male's body suffering a gunshot wound.

The matter remains under investigation by the Hempstead County Sheriff's Office and the Arkansas State Police.

## City of Dierks' holiday trash schedule

The following is the city of Dierks' holiday trash pick-up schedule:

- Friday, Dec. 23**  
Trash will be collected on Thursday, Dec. 22
- Monday, Dec. 26**  
Trash will be collected on Tuesday, Dec. 27
- Monday, Jan. 2**  
Trash will be collected on Tuesday, Jan. 3

### PUBLIC NOTICE

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2016-17

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, STATE OF ARKANSAS: AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017"

**SECTION 1. ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.** The annual budget for calendar year 2017 identified as "2017 Annual Budget", Howard County, Arkansas, is hereby adopted. A copy of said budget shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during the normal office hours.

**SECTION 2. NON RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES.** Expenditures of funds appropriated by the ordinance shall not be restricted in the line item expenditure code comprising the four major categories of expenditures except for funds appropriated for personnel salaries and wages and related employee benefits. Personnel expenditures shall not exceed the dollar amounts, number of employees, and salary or wages specified in the annual budget or an amendment thereto.

**SECTION 3. EXPENDITURES RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIED FUNDS.** No Expenditure of appropriated funds shall be made from any fund other than the fund specified in the ordinance, or an amendment thereto.

**SECTION 4. TRANSFERS.** Any transfer of moneys between the various funds of the County or between the four major categories of expenditures-Personal Services, Supplies, Other Services and Capital Outlays-shall be made only with prior approval of the Howard County Quorum Court. Provided, however, all transfers budget for in the annual budget shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

**SECTION 5.** If any provisions of the ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall be in force and shall take effect upon passage and publication.

APPROVED: Kevin Smith, Howard County Judge  
ATTEST: Brenda Washburn, County Clerk  
December 19, 2016  
(HCJ: 25)

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**DRAWING FOR THE CHRISTMAS BUCKS.** Nashville Chamber of Commerce Board President Noelle Couch right draws winning registration slips while Executive Director Mike Reese announces names and sponsors of the prizes. Others at the drawing include, from left, Ruth Steeley, Lisa Chandler, Loren Hinton and Bill Craig. Twenty winners were drawn for Bucks to be spent with chamber member firms.

## NCC 'Christmas Bucks' winners

Winners have been announced in the 2016 Christmas Bucks contest sponsored by the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. Winning names were drawn during a community coffee, Friday morning. Winners, hometown and place of registration included: Helen Hood, Nashville, Heritage Computer Service. Jacie Pitre, Nashville, Home Improvement Cen-

ter. Sharon Mack, Nashville, KFC. Charles Ross, Nashville, Cash Saver Foods. Debbie Beene, Nashville, Starz Family Restaurant. Karey Simer, Nashville, Quality Shoe Store. Doris Milam, Nashville, Power Pharmacy. Shelia Kaufman, Washington, Ark., Merle Norman. Amanda Fatherree, Nashville, Smokin Ricks

BBQ/Hickory House. Krystal McLaughlin, Nashville, Subway. Pam Tollett, Nashville, Factory Connection. Dena Pinkerton, Nashville, Special Moments/Pic A Lily. Shane Bagley, Nashville, Morris Drug. Raymond Jones, Mineral Springs, John's Hair Care. Beverly Lyon, Lockesburg, Trendsetters/Porter's Lotion. Carolyn Davis, Mur-

freesboro, Ivan Smith Furniture Co. Saundra Fuentes, Nashville, Sears. Deidra Murphy, Nashville, Poblano's. Shonese Witherspoon, Nashville, Rehab Specialists. Kenneth Young, New Hope, Sharpe's Dry Goods. The total of \$1,000 distributed went to 20 winners of \$50 each, to be spent at the store where they registered.

## Red fox now stalks new conservation license plate

A red fox stalks the new Arkansas Game and Fish Commission conservation license plate. It's No. 18 in a series of plates featuring wildlife art that began with a white-tailed deer in 2000. The plates don't just look good; they raise money for conservation concerns – about \$913,000 annually in the last 15 years and roughly \$14 million overall. A new design is issued each January; the red fox has a run of 3,000. Act 1566, signed April 15, 1999, by Gov. Mike Beebe, created the program. According to the act, "The design use contribution of \$25 shall be deposited to the Game Protection Fund to be used by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the purpose of sponsoring college scholarships related to the field of conservation, funding land purchases for the benefit of the public, and for conservation educa-

tion programs." The red fox was created by Greta James, an AGFC graphic artist. According to Jim Payne of the Office of Motor Vehicles, 137,950 conservation plates were sold from the first design in 2000 through last June. All 18 plates are listed on the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration website, although not all of them remain available. Each plate costs \$35 annually, \$25 of which goes to the AGFC Conservation Scholarship Fund; \$10 goes to DFA. Plates also may be purchased from DFA, Office of Motor Vehicles Special License Unit, P.O. Box 1272, Little Rock, AR 72203. To purchase in person, visit Charles Ragland Taxpayer Service Center, Special License Unit at 1500 W. Seventh St. in Little Rock or any revenue office. Call 501-682-4692 for details.

## Weightwatchers takes break for holidays

Weightwatchers meets in Nashville on Monday nights. The meetings begin with weigh-in at 5:30 in the cafeteria at Howard Memorial Hospital. The group will not meet on Monday, Dec. 26.

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