

Obituaries



April Merkle
April Merkle, 62, of Center Point, Ark., passed away on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 in Little Rock, Ark.
She was born on April 6, 1955 in Saudi Arabia, the daughter of A.R. “Rener” and Dorene Richardson Merkle.
April was a Methodist and attended the Center Point Methodist Church. She also attended the Center Point Missionary Baptist Church.
She was a 1973 graduate of Magnet Cove High School. After high school, she attended Southern Arkansas University where she was the manager of the Riderette basketball team and was a member of the volleyball team. She went on to coach in Bradley, Dermott and Norphlet. April also taught in the Umpire schools for a number of years and at Nashville High School for a short time. She was highly regarded by her students and fellow teachers.
After leaving the education field, April took a huge leap of faith and built “The Center Point Store.” It is

a successful and thriving convenience store and diner because of her hard work and dedication. She loved taking care of her customers and employees ... most of whom became like family to her.
From every path that April’s life took her, she came away with lifelong friends.
Preceding her in death were her parents, Rener Merkle and Dorene Heath.
She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Dan Harding; two nieces, Alicia Lovewell and husband, Jamie, and Nicki Penney and husband John; and one great-nephew, Crimson Lovewell, all of Center Point; as well as extended family members and a multitude of wonderful friends.
Services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 at the Center Point Missionary Baptist Church with visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service. Bro. Alan Davis and Jerry Holland will officiate.
Memorials may be made to Center Point Volunteer Fire Department, 2630 Hwy. 26 West, Nashville, AR 71852 or the Center Point Cemetery, c/o Paul Kemp, 157 Madison St., Nashville, AR 71852. You may send the family a sympathy message at Nashville Funeral Home on face book.
Tommy Lee Morrow
Tommy Lee ‘Tom’ Morrow, 75 of Nashville, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017 in Little Rock.
He was born March 7,

1942 in Prescott, the son of the late Robert Henry and Mary Stuart Morrow.
He was a member and Deacon at First Baptist Church in Nashville and served for 30 years in the Arkansas State Police. He was a corporal in Troop G.
He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Harold Morrow.
Survivors include: his wife of 55 years, Barbara Baker Morrow of Nashville; three sons, Tommy Lynn Morrow and wife, Diane, of Fayetteville; Michael Wayne Morrow and wife, Lisa, of Arkadelphia; Timothy James Morrow and wife, Paige, of Prescott; a daughter, Cheryl Ann Cogburn and husband, Gary Brian, of Nashville; two sisters, Doris Burke of Prescott, and Mary Lou Nivens of Blevins; a brother Larry Morrow of Prescott; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.
Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at First Baptist Church in Nashville, with Bro. David Blase and Bro. Kevin Sartin officiating. Burial followed at Nubbin Hill Cemetery in Prescott, with Arkansas State Police honors. Arrangements were by Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.
Send an online sympathy message at latimerfuneralhome.com.
Linda Plant
Linda Plant, age 69, of Murfreesboro, Ark., passed away on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017 at her home. She was

born on July 17, 1948 in Newport, Ark., the daughter of the late Robert Milken and Marcy Holbrook Twyford.
Mrs. Plant was a member of the First Christian Church in Murfreesboro. She was a teacher at Nashville Primary for 21 years. Linda always enjoyed helping with the backpack for kids program at First Christian Church.
Survivors include: her husband, Bobby Plant of Murfreesboro, Ark.; one son, Rob Plant of Mineral Springs, Ark.; one daughter, Tami Westfall and husband, Chad of Nashville, Ark.; three brothers, Mickey Twyford of Memphis, John Twyford of Batesville, and Thomas Twyford of South Carolina. She is also survived by the true loves of her life, her grandchildren, Kinsey Westfall, Ridley Plant and Tristyn Plant.
Visitation was 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.
Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Murfreesboro Cemetery. Under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.
You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.
Memorials may be made to the R.D. Plant Memorial Scholarship Fund at First Christian Church.



Lena Elizabeth Hodge
Lena Elizabeth Hodge, age 91, of Nashville, Ark., passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017 in Nashville, Arks.
She was born on Jan. 18, 1926 in Howard County, the daughter of the late John and Bess Collins Coleman.
She worked for Okay

Cement Plant as a Shipping Clerk until her retirement.
Mrs. Hodge was preceded in death by a daughter, Marilyn Peterson, a granddaughter Jill Peterson, and two siblings, Carlton Coleman and Doris Cowling.
Survivors include: one daughter, Kathy Rose and husband, George, of Clarks-ville, Ark.; one son-in-law, Bruce Peterson of Belton, Texas; four grandchildren, Jeff Peterson of Austin, Texas; Stephen Rose of Charlotte, N.C.; Marilyn Laster of Clarksville, Ark.; and Kevin Rose of Silverdale, Wash.; as well as eight great-grandchildren.
Visitation was 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.
Funeral services were 3:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville, with Bro. Rondy Briggs officiating. Burial followed in Nashville Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.
You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.



Lemuel G. Ward
Lemuel G. Ward, age 96, of Murfreesboro, Ark., passed away on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017 in Murfreesboro, Ark.
He was born on Feb. 28, 1921 in Nashville, Ark., the son of the late Grady Hiram and Ruth Lilly Ward.
Mr. Ward was a member of First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro where he served as deacon for almost 60 years. He served the city of Murfreesboro for many years as Fire Chief for 25 years, the Water and Sewer Commission, the City Council, as well as a night watcher for Murfreesboro. One thing he truly enjoyed was visiting with friends at the spit and

whittle. As for his career Mr. Ward was a machinist by trade where he had the pleasure of working beside his father, Grady Ward, for many years. Mr. Ward retired in 1992.
He was preceded in death by his parents Grady Hiram and Ruth Lilly Ward, and one son, Grady Brock Ward.
Survivors include: his wife of years, Evorie Ward of Murfreesboro, Ark.; a daughter, Mary Anne Jones and husband, Tom of Murfreesboro, Ark.; one brother, Dr. Hiram Ward and wife, Janice of Murfreesboro, Ark.; one grandson, Davey Jones and wife, Melissa of Murfreesboro, Ark.; one granddaughter, Catherine McKnight and husband, Tracy of Murfreesboro, Ark.; five great-grandchildren Grady Jones, Josey Jones, Rhett Jones, Hannah McKnight, and Cole McKnight all of Murfreesboro, Ark.; one niece, Ruth Ward of Little Rock, Ark.; and one nephew, Richard Ward and wife, Judy of Laguna Niguel, Calif.
Visitation will be 1:00 until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, at First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro.
Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, at First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, with burial to follow in Murfreesboro Cemetery. Under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.
You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.



Calvin Richard Cassidy
Calvin Richard Cassidy, 81, of Van Buren, AR died on December 7, 2017 in Texarkana, TX.
Calvin was born on May 7, 1936 in Nashville, AR to Robert S. and Nancy Jewel Cassidy. He was raised in nearby Murfreesboro where he enjoyed hunting on undeveloped land outside his home and served as the local paperboy for the Arkansas Gazette until he finished high school. There he met his childhood sweetheart, Shirley Terrell, and the two married in 1956. Calvin graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1958 and the University Of Arkansas School Of Medicine in 1962. He then enlisted in the United States Navy, where he completed his service as a medical officer in the Vietnam War. He was a radiologist at Sparks Hospital and Holt-Krock Clinic in Fort Smith for over 30 years. He was a longtime member of the Arkansas Radiologic Society, holding numerous leadership positions and honored with Fellowship in the American College of Radiology.
Calvin is survived by his wife Shirley Cassidy and their two children: son Michael Cassidy of Van Buren, AR and daughter Nancy Cassidy Robbins and her husband Dr. Joe Robbins of Texarkana, TX. He is also survived by two grandchildren and their spouses: granddaughter Nicole Robbins Elder and her husband Christopher Elder of Texarkana, TX; and grandson Stephen Robbins and his wife Madeline Robbins of Texarkana, TX. He also had three great-grandchildren: Liam, Lana, and Lily Elder of Texarkana, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Lee Cassidy.
A visitation will be held Tuesday, December 12 at 12 pm at County Line Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, AR with a memorial service at 1 pm and burial to follow.
In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to The Robert S. and Nancy J. Cassidy Endowed Scholarship Fund at The University of Arkansas; 1002 West Maple Street, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

Engagements

Billy Daugherty and Bethany Tatum, along with their parents, are pleased to announce their approaching marriage, Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church in Old Washington, Ark.
Billy is the son of Leon and Ruth Daugherty, and brother of Tina Daugherty, all of Nashville, Ark., and the grandson of Barbara Strong and the late John Howard Strong and the late Bill Daugherty, Sr., and Vonda Brown and the late Luther Brown, all of Nashville, Ark.
Bethany is the daughter of Bobby and Alicia Tatum, and sister of Austin Tatum, all of De Queen, Ark., and is the granddaughter of Dan and Jacque Ford of Washington, Ark., and the late Bernice Tatum and Robert Tatum of Gillham, Ark.



Bethany Tatum and Billy Daugherty



Gage Hoover and Grace Cole

The parents of Grace Cole and Gage Hoover happily invite all friends and family to their wedding on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017.
The ceremony will be at 3 p.m.
The ceremony will take place at the First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro, located at 403 Second Ave.
A reception will follow in the Church’s Family Life Center.
The couple hopes that friends and family will be able to attend and join in the celebration.

Card of Thanks

We the family of Brenda Watson Sims would like to thank everyone for every act of kindness that you have shown during our time of grief; whether it was a call, text, flowers, food or a visit, it was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Latimer Funeral Home for your service and acts of kindness and a special thank you to Dodson Street Church of Christ for the use of your facilities for repass.

Thank you,
The family of Brenda Watson Sims

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EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Courtesy photo/CHARLES SHARP

FIRST NASHVILLE JUNIOR SCRAPPER FOOTBALL TEAM. Holding their 'N' letters in their hands because they hadn't yet been sewn on their lettermens jackets, this group is thought to be Nashville's first junior football team. The year was 1948. The group includes (from left, front row) Charles Sharp, Haskel Harvell, Pat Robbins and Donald Compton. (standing) Coach Bud Crawley, Jack Jewell, Jimmy Kennedy, M.D. Copeland, Kenneth Bagley, unknown, Lester Bradley, Clell Driskell, Bobby Callahan, Hansford Ray, Jimmy Hill, James Calloway, Elijah Palmer.

119 years ago: 1898
Last Friday morning at 12:45 Jefferson Davis, the hero of the Confederacy passed quietly and peacefully away at the residence of one of his life-long friends in the city of New Orleans. The soul of the noble old man has gone to its reward. The entire South is in the deepest mourning for the former chieftain.

Gen. R. G. Shaver of this city was invited by telegraph by Gov. Eagle to attend the funeral of Jefferson Davis, but the General found it impossible to attend. (Adv.) Nazareth University, Corinth, Arkansas, Session opened Nov. 4th, 1889 and continues eight months. Four departments; Biblical, Classical, Industrial and Musical. Healthful location and moral community. Both sexes admitted on equal terms. Board \$8 per month.

101 years ago: 1916
Arthur Hussey, 22-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hussey, who live on the farm of Dr. Collier, one mile west of Centre Point, was accidentally shot and instantly killed this afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock by Bennie Rivers, 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rivers of Nashville.

Quite a number of young men and boys were squirrel hunting when the accident occurred. The young men saw a squirrel, and in the excitement, Rivers' gun, which was a single barrel shot gun, was discharged. The entire load entered Hussey's right side just below his ribs and made a very large hole. Mr. Hussey only uttered one word after he was shot and that was "Oh." (Adv.) We have several lard cans for sale. J. B. Moore & Co.

66 years ago: 1951
Luther Smith, who just wouldn't die, walked out of Memorial Hospital three years after a sawmill boiler burst and seared most of his body with a blast of steam. Luther walked out with a bright flower in the lapel of a new suit, wearing a new hat and shiny shoes. He walked out with his wife, Violet, on his left arm and his aged mother and father on his right, as happy a foursome as Howard County held in many years. On December 7, 1951 his physician, Dr. H.H. Holt, of the Memorial staff, wrote on Luther's medical record, "Discharged home." And home it was for Mr. and Mrs. Smith to their newly

acquired home on North Main to resume a married life that began only two weeks before the boiler blew. Letter to Santa: Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me twin dolls, an adding machine, bathinette and all kinds of fruits, nuts, and candy. Plus, don't forget my little friends and teacher, also, my cousin, Donna Kay. Your little friend, Mary Catherine Odom. P. S. Also, bring my puppy a bone.

36 years ago: 1981
Rick Castleberry of KBHC/KNAS and a new member of the board of directors of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, has been elected board vice president and president elect for 1983. Price Kreul will succeed Louie Graves as chamber president for 1982. Other board members recently named include Roy Reaves, Tim Freel and Ronny Woods. Charles Archer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Archer from Nashville, is one of seven men from Southern Arkansas University elected to serve as officers of Greene Hall for the current school year. Greene is one of six residence halls on the Mag-nolia campus.

Public Record of Howard County

Filed or recorded in the Howard County courthouse, Nashville, during the period of Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 2017:

Marriage Licenses
Dec. 1. Gary Don Puryear, 54, Nashville, and Christy Diane Lathrop, 40, Nashville.

Dec. 4. Cory Donnell Funderburk, 23, Mineral Springs, and Nikki Paulina Sherwood, 21, Mineral Springs.

Dec. 4. Derek Ryan Vaughn, 21, Glenwood, and Blair Elizabeth Garner, 19, Newhope.

Domestic Relations Court
No new domestic relations cases filed since DR17-151, Nov. 29.

Civil Court
No new civil cases filed since CV17-113, Nov. 28.

Criminal Court
CR17-177, Nov. 29. State of Arkansas vs. Dustin N. Chenowith, 28, white male, De Queen; possession of controlled substance, class D felony.

CR17-178, Nov. 29. State of Arkansas vs. Dustin N. Chenowith, 28, white male, De Queen; possession of controlled substance, class A misdemeanor.

CR17-179, Nov. 29. State of Arkansas vs. Dustin N. Chenowith, 28, white male, De Queen; possession of drug paraphernalia, class A misdemeanor.

CR17-180, Dec. 6. State of Arkansas vs. Davario Anderson, 28, black male,

Nashville; possession of Schedule VI controlled substance with purpose of delivery, class D felony.

CR17-181, Dec. 6. State of Arkansas vs. Demario Scoggins, 29, black male, Mineral Springs; felon in possession of firearm, class D felony.

Land Transactions
Redemption Deed
Dec. 4. (Correction) State of Arkansas; to Davie Leon Helms, Watson, Okla.; 7.14 ac. in S15 T6S R30W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$105.08.

Trustee's Deed
Dec. 4. (Warranty) Nyda Gray, Trustee of the Ronald Gray and Nyda Gray Revocable Living Trust; to Jenny Nicole Ray; 277.06 ac. in S16 and S17 T10S R27W. \$325,000.

Warranty Deeds
Nov. 30. (Fiduciary) Alan G. Smith, Executor of the Estate of Martha C. Smith, deceased; to Alan G. Smith, Michael K. Smith and Ramona Smith Mascarenas; 1 ac. in S29 T7S R28W.

Nov. 30. Darryl M. Hubbard and Tae Kyu Hubbard; to Armil Z. Morgan; part of Lots 8-9, Block 54, Town of Mineral Springs; \$3,357.20.

Dec. 1. (Correction) Shirley Westfall, Survivor of Brice Westfall, aka Bryce Westfall, Phillip M. Jones and Kimberly A. Jones, husband and wife; Cynthia Forneo; John D. Westfall and Kimberly A. Westfall, husband and wife; and Phillip B. Westfall and Jana Westfall, husband and

wife; sole heirs of L.A. Westfall, deceased; to Phillip M. Jones and Kimberly A. Jones, husband and wife; 5.07 ac. in S1 T8S R27W.

Dec. 4. Stephen Westfall and B. Jo-Lee Westfall, husband and wife, Phillip M. Jones and Kimberly A. Jones, husband and wife, Cynthia Forneo, John D. Westfall and Kimberly A. Westfall, husband and wife, and Phillip B. Westfall and Jana Westfall, husband and wife, sole heirs of L.A. Westfall, deceased; to Stephen Westfall and B. Jo-Lee Westfall, husband and wife; 15.6 ac. in S1 T8S R27W.

Dec. 4. (Correction) Jimmy L. Staggs, Trustee of the Violet H. and Jimmy L. Staggs Trust; to Jimmy L. Staggs; 3 tracts in S11 T9S R27W; Lots 1-4, and 18-24, Block 122, Town of Nashville, and property in S36 T3S R27W.

Dec. 4. Joe T. Brown; to Reynaldo Hernandez and wife, Lucia Hernandez; Lots 1-6, Block 6, Syper's Addition, Town of Nashville; \$20,000.

Dec. 4. Stephen M. Dyar and wife, Lara Dyar; to Alicia White; property in S24 T9S R27W. \$159,000.

Dec. 5. (Correction) Carol Sharp Jester; to John R. Sharp and Vickie Lynn Johnson, Tenants in Common; 2 ac. in S30 T7S R28W with exception.

Dec. 6. First State Bank of Dierks; to Junior Stokes; property in S30 T7S R28W. \$17,000.

Center Point blood drive Dec. 14

The Moonlighters EHC will sponsor a LifeShare blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 2-7 p.m. at the Center Point Community Center. All donors are asked to bring their donor card or other identification. For more information, call Karen Siefert at 903-794-3173 or Cindy Harding at 870-451-3179. All donors will receive a T-shirt. A drawing will be held at the end of the blood drive, and one donor will receive a certificate for two free burgers, fries and drinks, compliments of The Center Point Store.

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Point of view

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And the late squirrel that couldn’t make up its mind

FAREWELL AND GOD BLESS. We got the news Monday morning of the death of Bobby Chambers, who for many years managed to coax ‘The Nashville News’ and later, ‘The Nashville News-Leader’ through the printing press at 418 N. Main St. He brought talent, experience and a care for quality to his work. In addition, he was a joy to be around. Bobby was also a real musician. He met his late wife, Sherry, on a musical ‘gig.’ As we understand it, his ashes will be mixed with Sherry’s and there will be a later memorial service. God bless our Bobby.



ANIMAL CRACKERS. Aneesah Rasheed is the charming Facilities Manager at the Rick Evans Grandview Prairie Conservation Education Center. She was being interviewed on the college radio station by Loren Hinton when she told this story, last Wednesday. She loaded the car with her kids and set off for somewhere important. Along the way, a squirrel dashed out in the road and couldn’t make up its mind which way to turn. You know how they are. So, naturally, it got run over. Bump, bump. Aneesah said she really wanted to ignore the squirrel bump bump because her kids love the little critters so. But, bump, bump. Front and back tires, and the late Mr. Squirrel. “What was that, Mama?” one of the kids asked. Aneesah tried her best to ignore the question. That didn’t work. She then tried to mumble an answer that wasn’t a lie, but which might deflect the question. That didn’t work, either. “No, Momma, what WAS that?” The kids were persistent. Her eldest, a boy, was sitting in the passenger seat, and he, too, wanted to know what the noise and thump were. “Ssshhh,” his mom commanded. But he asked again. “Ssshhh.” When he asked for the third time she relented and whispered, “It was a squirrel” under her breath so that the younger kids in back wouldn’t hear. Maybe they’ll forget soon. But of course, being a boy, he turned in his seat and said loudly, “Hey, y’all, Momma just ran over a squirrel.” This revelation was cause of much despair among the kids. “Oh, no,” one moaned. “Squirrels are my favorite animal.” For awhile, nothing could help the younger ones get over the squirrel’s tragic ending and their own mother’s involvement. Then, the answer to a mother’s prayer. The youngest piped up sweetly. “It’s okay, God lets Momma run over squirrels.” I think Aneesah has finally stopped laughing. When I heard her tell the story on the radio I drove off into a ditch. There is no word of what happened to the son when she got him home and alone for his day of reckoning.

ANIMAL CRACKERS. Perfesser Michael Wright, who pounds math into thick heads out at the college, says he remembers what his grandmother in rural, really rural, northwest Arkansas said. When the menfolk would dispatch a feral hog they’d bring it to her to prepare for the smokehouse. Perfesser Wright says that after the hog’s carcass was opened and emptied, his grandma said she could sniff the inside and know whether the hog fed mostly on acorns or crawfish. It made a difference in the way she smoked the meat. My question is: Does the diet of acorns or crawdads determine whether red or white wine should be served?

GHOST PEPPERS. I helped myself to the delicious vegetable soup and cornbread, last Friday, at the Farmers’ Market in Nashville. The soup was made from produce grown at the vendors’ farms and gardens, and let me say that it was delicious. The cornbread was spicy but not too spicy. Before I left, I saw a plate with some attractive-looking chocolate cookies. I grabbed one on the run and drove away. Our newspaper office is only two blocks from the Farmers’ Market. I drove that distance at breakneck speed because a fire broke put in my mouth after the first bite of cookie. I was literally crying when I finally got to the water cooler at the back of our office. I washed my lips with soap and water, then rinsed and rinsed and rinsed with cold water until the burning was quenched. Later, I mentioned this to market organizer Debra Bolding. She said: “We needed to put up bigger signs warning people that the cookies were made with Ghost Peppers provided by Jack Threat of Threat Farms.” At least she didn’t laugh at me. Huh? Ghost peppers? My lips will not forget.

THINGS I LEARNED from opening email: During the chariot scene in “Ben Hur,” a small red car can be seen in the distance (and Heston is wearing a watch).

WORD GAMES. The twins: Rise and Shine. They are creatures of the morning.

HE SAID: “Every gift which is given, even though it be small, is in reality great, if it is given with affection.” Pindar, Greek poet

SHE SAID: “Christmas in Bethlehem. The ancient dream: a cold, clear night made brilliant by a glorious star, the smell of incense, shepherds and wise men falling to their knees in adoration of the sweet baby, the incarnation of perfect love.” Lucinda Franks, youngest person ever to win the Pulitzer Prize for writing

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Enrollment in computer classes up 460 percent under state law

By Sen. Larry Teague
Since the legislature enacted a law in 2015 that requires Arkansas high schools to offer computer science, the number of students in computer classes has increased by 460 percent. In the 2014-2015 school year there were 1,104 students in computer science classes and now there are 6,184, according to the state Education Department. The number of teachers qualified in computer science has grown from 27 to 225. The governor made it a priority to expand computer science offerings and the legislature approved Act 187 of 2015 to require all public high schools and charter schools to offer the courses. The act also created a task force charged with recommending standards for the new courses. Enrollment in computer science classes grew by 12 percent over last year. Among minority students the participation rate is 39 percent and among females it is 26 percent. The governor and educators said that the gender gap in computer classes should be eliminated and that they would continue working to increase the number of females in computer coding classes.

At the same time that the growth in student enrollment was announced, the governor and state education officials announced that 12 adults would receive scholarships worth \$6,000 at the Arkansas Coding Academy at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Four of the scholarships will go to state employees – one from each Congressional district. They can get paid leave while taking coding classes and must agree to continue working for the state for an additional two years. It is public policy to enhance computer literacy among Arkansas students and the state’s workforce, for several reasons. High-tech industries will be more likely to locate in Arkansas if there is a well trained workforce in place. Our brightest graduates are more likely to live in Arkansas if they can find well-paid jobs here, rather than having to move out of state. In a related effort, legislators and state officials have been working to provide broadband access to all public schools. Arkansas is one of six states to meet recommended national standards for data transmission. In fact, Arkansas capacity is double the recommended standard. The new network deliv-

ers data 40 times faster than the previous one. **New Nursing Program** The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, in conjunction with two local hospitals, announced the beginning of an accelerated nursing program that will begin in the fall of 2018. It is open to students who already have a bachelor’s degree. They can obtain a nursing degree in 15 months. The program will accept 32 students per semester. There is a nursing shortage nationwide, due in part to the aging of the current generation of nurses. The dean of the UAFS college of health sciences said that the average nurse is 56 years old. Nursing schools struggle to meet the demand from potential students because of a lack of faculty and constrained budgets, she said. The nursing shortage is not confined to Arkansas, but is a nationwide challenge. The UAFS program will be similar to 270 nursing programs in all other states. The American Association of Colleges of Nurses reported that last year 64,000 applicants were turned down by nursing programs because of a lack of faculty or slots.

Sharing the Goods for the greater good

By Lindsey Millar
Recently, a church in Atkins paid about \$600 for nearly \$6,000 worth of flooring, doors and other construction and home supplies to fix up a residence owned by the church. Camp Mitchell, Heifer Ranch and Family Home of Little Rock were able to redo their bedrooms with new Tempur-Pedic mattresses, which retail for around \$1,200, for only \$95 per bed. That bargain shopping happened in a 10,000-square-foot warehouse 10 miles west of Little Rock where, as part of its outreach ministry, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center has launched a marketplace of goods available at deep discounts to nonprofits and churches. The new program, Sharing the Goods, is a partnership with Good360, an Alexandria, Va., charitable organization that has distributed \$9 billion in goods to more than 6 million people around the world since it was founded in 1983. Good360’s model is one its leaders have described as “mutualism,” as opposed to altruism. In exchange for significant tax write-offs, corporations such as The Home Depot and Bed, Bath and Beyond make large-scale donations to Good360 of products that, perhaps because they were overstocked or returned, might otherwise end up in landfills. Good360 then makes the items available to nonprofits, which can purchase them at deep discounts to help further their missions. Ferncliff is a Community Re-distribution Partner of Good360 — one of only 30 in the U.S. and the only one in Arkansas — which means that it’s set up to receive truckload-sized shipments from Good360 corporate donors and make those goods available to nonprofits for purchase. Ferncliff prices its inventory at discounts of 75 percent or more.

“We want it to be a bargain for the nonprofit or church, and we also want to charge enough that we’re not taking money from the camp [to operate Sharing the Goods],” said David Gill, director of outreach and mission engagement at Ferncliff. The inventory is available to browse at sharingthegoods.org. Any nonprofit, in Arkansas or elsewhere, can fill out an application form on the website to become a member of Sharing the Goods and purchase items online, which must be picked up from the warehouse within three days. Ferncliff is the exclusive recipient of product donations of a number of Central Arkansas outlets of Good360 partners, including The Home Depot, Tuesday Morning and Pottery Barn. Whatever the stores want to get rid of, Ferncliff takes, per its Good360 agreement. “If they call, we pick it up,” Gill said. “It could be 26 bathtubs. We take it and smile. The next load might be Martha Stewart cubbies. Or we got 400 doormats one time.” Gill retired as executive director of Ferncliff in January. He spent 20 years heading the 1,200-acre camp, which the Presbyterian Church founded in 1936. In addition to holding summer camp, the facility hosts corporate retreats and this year opened a nature preschool. In 2005, through a grant from Presbyterian Women, Ferncliff built its warehouse to serve as a Disaster Assistance Center in partnership with Church World Service and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. It’s one of only two warehouses in the country that receive and distribute Church World Service Gift of the Heart kits, which include such items as school and hygiene supplies. Sharing the Goods takes up about 3,000 square feet of the warehouse, with the balance oc-

cupied by the Gift of the Heart kits and a woodshop, where a group of retired handymen called the Over the Hill Gang build things for Ferncliff and other nonprofits (an application form is at ferncliff.org/outreach/programs/over-the-hill-gang). Managing Sharing the Goods allowed Gill to “rewire instead of retire,” he said. He appreciates the entrepreneurial aspect of the program and is working to figure out the logistics of managing inventory. Forty nonprofits have joined the program since it launched in late summer. The more that join, the better Ferncliff will have a sense of what sort of goods it should be looking for from the truckloads it can purchase through Good360, he said. David Gill’s son Joel, who took over as executive director of the camp earlier this year, described the ideal arrangement of Sharing the Goods as a sort of co-op, where Ferncliff is a buyer for nonprofits. “That’s a way for us to extend our mission of creating positive change in the world and for them to extend their mission as well,” Joel Gill said. Ferncliff has budgeted about \$25,000 for the program in its startup year and so far it’s about breaking even, David Gill said. “We’re just trying to figure this out and not lose our shirt,” he said. But that doesn’t mean they don’t see growth potential. They’ve already had plans drawn up to expand the warehouse, and they believe the way the program benefits not just Ferncliff but potentially all Arkansas nonprofits could appeal to grantmaking foundations. *This reporting is courtesy of the Arkansas Nonprofit News Network, an independent, nonpartisan news project dedicated to producing journalism that matters to Arkansans. Find out more at arknews.org.*

Use caution with gift cards, state AG advises

Consumers should always be aware of the hidden costs of gift cards, including inactivity fees and expiration dates that may render the card worthless. Attorney General Leslie Rutledge released the following tips: Read the card’s terms and conditions. Check for an expiration date or fees. If it appears that the value of your card has expired or that fees have been deducted, contact the

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pect to show proof of purchase and the ID number on the card. Meanwhile, when purchasing a gift card, buyers should use only trusted sources, consider the financial condition of the retailer or restaurant and keep the original receipt so the recipient can verify the card’s purchase if it is lost or stolen. If a recipient experiences problems with a gift card, contact the card issuer.



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Jordan Revels, Steyanna Bailey and Ashlyn Newton sing with the First Baptist Church Christmas choir and orchestra during their presentation of “Just One Light” Sunday, Dec. 10, in Nashville. The FBC drama ministry performed with the choir and orchestra to present the story of the birth of Christ. More photos in the Dec. 20 issue.

Community Christmas Dinner Dec. 16 at New Light

For the second year, New Light CME Church will host a Community Christmas Dinner.

The event will be at the

church hall, 1301 S. Mill St., in Nashville, Saturday, Dec. 16 from 4 p.m. until closing. Dinners are free and the public is invited.

Chairmen for the event are Michael Benson, Rodney Nelson, Charles Moore, Jr., and M.C. White. The pastor is Rev. Elroy Stewart.

Nashville native to direct Hope chorus in concert

HOPE - The Hope Area Community Chorus will bring an evening of Christmas music in a concert on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 701 South Main Street, Hope.

The concert is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

“Last year our fist Community Chorus effort was a Service of Lessons and Carols,” noted Wes Reed, the director of the chorus. “This year the program is composed of both secular and religious music. There will be opportunity for the audience to sing along with some carols and old favorites.”

The Chorus is composed of singers from the area. Reed is a resident of Nashville. Some come from Washington, Texarkana and even Dallas, as well as Hope.

Seven students from Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, will be joining the chorus. “We have included music majors in the past, and are doing so, again, for this concert,” said Kathleen Hignight, pastor of church. “We can always use some younger voices; however, we have included students to help them have firsthand experience of singing with a group of mixed abilities. We want to give them the

opportunity to experience a group of multi-generational singers which they don’t have while singing with a college choir.”

The Chorus will be accompanied on the new Magnus organ which was installed in late November. The organ is a virtual organ - the next generation of organs after analog and digital organs. The instrument can replicate the exact sound of many well known organs.

This instrument was custom designed by Reed. “It is phenomenal what it can do, and how it duplicates a pipe organ,” he said. A dedication of the instrument will come after the new year.

Mt. Zion church to mark first anniversary of pastor, wife

The service honoring Rev. Jerry Watts and First Lady Fayeretha Watts on their first anniversary with Mt. Zion Baptist Church will be Sunday, Dec. 17.

The event will begin at 2:30 p.m., and the speaker

will be Pastor Maurice Henry of Corinth First Baptist Church, Tollette.

The public is invited.

Church to host youth praise program Dec. 17

The Youth Praise Program at Victory Way Holiness Church will welcome singers, praise dancers, drummers, poem readers, etc. for the program Sunday, Dec. 17.

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Pastor of the church is Bishop Charles Archer.

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Sports

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Scrappers earn post-season recognition

Sixteen Nashville Scrappers have received post-season football honors in District 7-4A.

They include the following:

All-State - Dominick Kight

All-District first team - Tyler Hanson, Trent Harris, Jordan White, Isaac Johnson and Jamarte Gilliam.

Second team - Jhonny Pioquinto, Ty Pettway, Dalton Potter, C.J. Adams and Lance Easter.

Honorable Mention - Jhalon Finley, J.R. Middleton, Cailus Hughes, Ryan Brown and Davion Holmes.



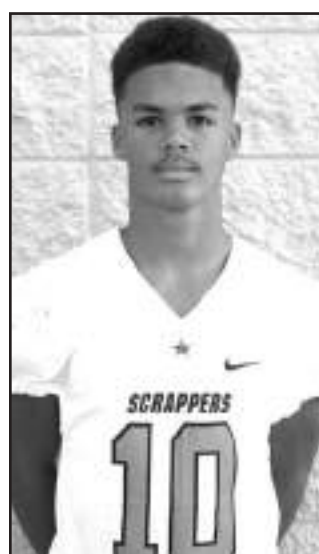
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First team All-District
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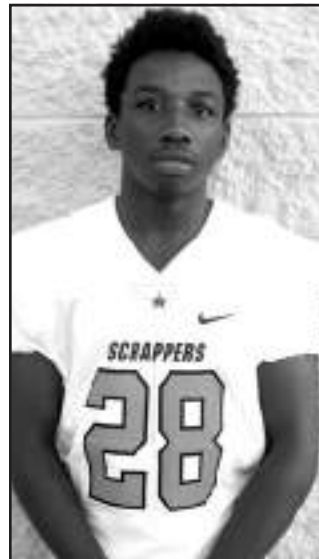
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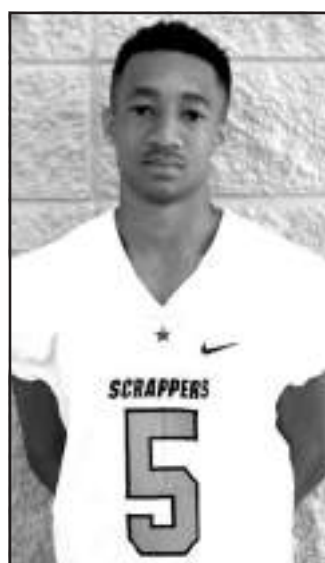
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Hon. Mention All-District
J.R. Middleton

2017 Nashville Scrappers All-District, All-State

All-State - 1

All-District First Team - 5

All-District Second Team - 5

All-District Hon. Mention - 5

(Not pictured) - Jhonny Pioquinto, Second Team

2017 Nashville Scrappers

8-4 Overall

5-2 District 7-4A

1-1 Class 4A playoffs

Hope 60-20

De Queen 42-49

Idabel 51-20

* Arkadelphia 24-34

* Fountain Lake 65-28

* Joe T. Robinson 10-34

* Ashdown 35-28

* Mena 45-7

* Malvern 64-28

* Bauxite 53-22

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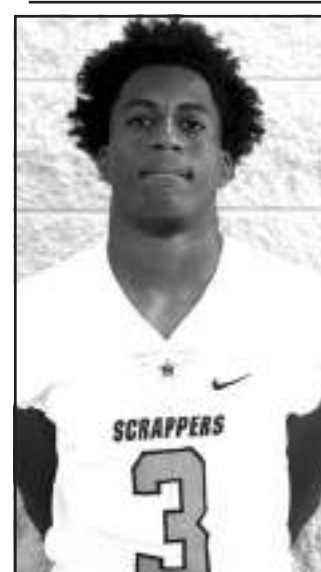
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SPORTS LEADERS

Players of the Week as selected by
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Dominick Kight, Nashville



Dominick, a Scrappers senior, was named Class 4A All-State at the conclusion of the 2017 season for teams in District 7-4A. He set school and state records for the Scrappers. All-District and All-State were named Monday.



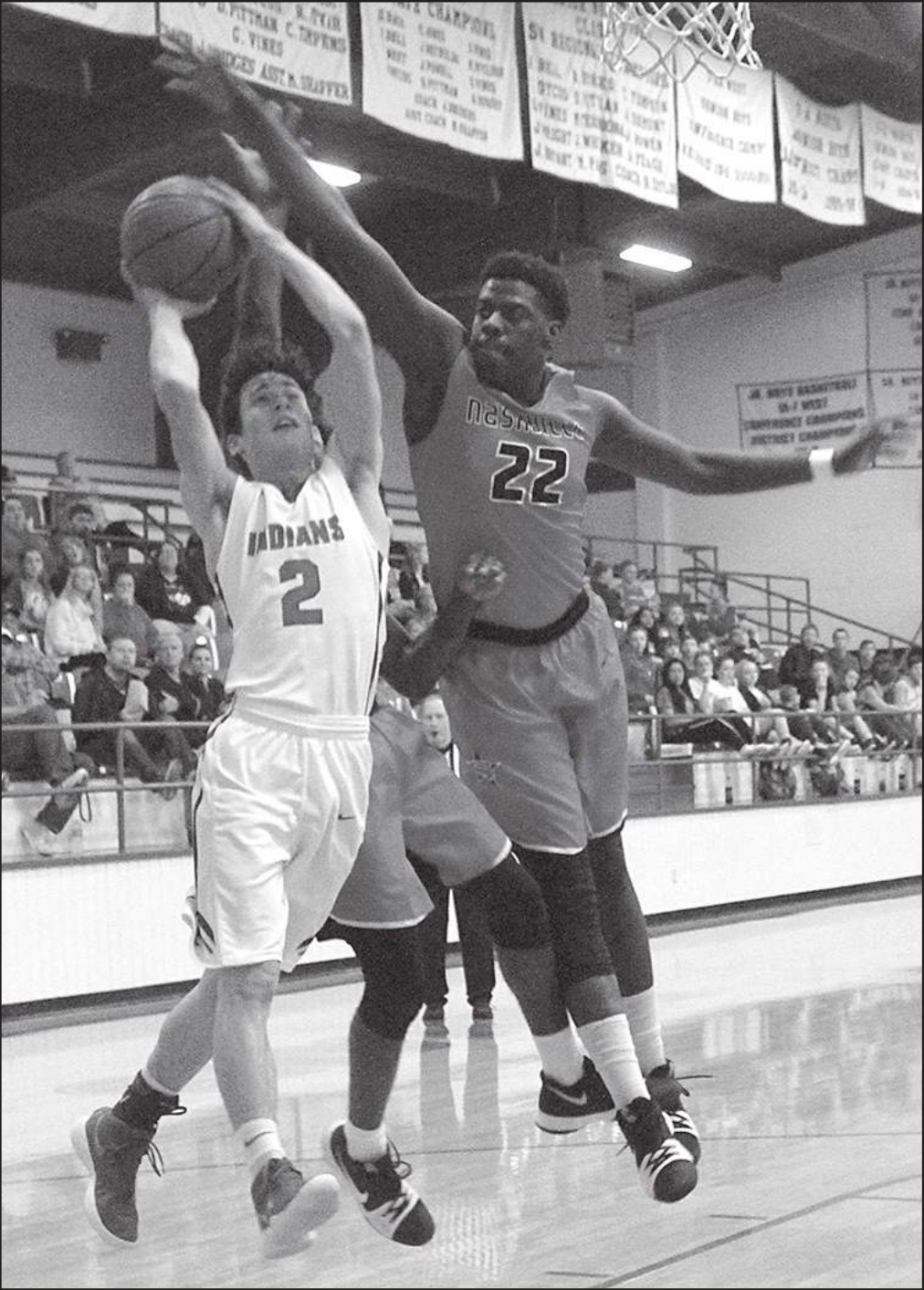
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SCRAPPER DEFENSE. Scrapper defender C.J. Adams (22) blocks a shot by Caddo Hills during Nashville's 60-34 road victory Tuesday, Dec. 5. The game was the first of the season for Nashville.

Scrappers open with wins at Caddo, Junction tourney

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

The Nashville Scrappers are off to a 2-0 start in the young basketball season after posting non-conference victories over Caddo Hills and Hampton.

The Scrappers mercy ruled Caddo 60-34 in the season opener Dec. 5.

They defeated Hampton 61-33 in the opening round of the Dual State Tournament Monday afternoon at Junction City.

Nashville will play Hermitage today (Dec. 13) at 5:45 p.m. in the semifinals. The championship game will be Saturday night.

The tournament is usually played after Christmas but was moved up this year.

Caddo Hills
The Scrappers jumped out to a big lead early at Caddo Hills, going on a

19-0 run. Jhalon Finley was the leading scorer for Nashville with 16 points.

Jamarta Gilliam was next with 13, followed by C.J. Adams with 11, Dominick Kight with 9 and Ty Pettway with 7.

Kight led the team in assists with 11.

Hampton
The Scrappers faced Hampton Monday afternoon in a game scheduled to start at 4 o'clock. The opening tip was delayed, and the contest began around 4:30.

"It took a while for us to start," Coach Damon Williams said of the Scrappers after the bus ride to Junction City. "We had to leave school early and didn't get to go through anything before the game."

The Scrappers led by 7 at halftime and "played better

in the second half," Williams said.

They held a 27-point lead at the end of the third quarter and went on to mercy rule Hampton.

"It took a while for our guys to get their legs," Williams said.

Gilliam led Nashville with 16 points, followed by Adams with 14. Finley scored 13, followed by Kight with 8 and Pettway with 6.

The Scrappers played Horatio Tuesday night in the home opener at Scrapper Arena.

The game had not begun at presstime.

Things will be "fast and furious this week" for the Scrappers, Williams said, with the Horatio game last night, tournament game today, a trip to Prescott Friday and the Junction City finals if Nashville wins today.

Slow start for Scrapperettes leads to loss at Caddo Hills

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

Turnovers and a slow first quarter led to a 54-45 loss for the Nashville Scrapperettes Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Caddo Hills.

The Lady Indians jumped out to a 13-5 lead over Nashville in the first quarter and led 28-17 at halftime.

Nashville outscored Caddo 28-26 in the second half but couldn't overcome the Lady Indians' early lead.

The Scrapperettes turned the ball over 24 times, and Caddo Hills scored 23 points off turnovers.

"We have to cut down on turnovers and make our free throws," Coach Ron Alexander said Monday. "We need to take better care of the ball."

The Scrapperettes shot 50 percent from the foul line, connecting on 11 of 22 attempts. Caddo Hills shot 64 percent from the line.

For the game, Nashville shot 37 percent from the field, compared to 41 percent for Caddo.

The Scrapperettes completed 2 of 10 shots from 3-point range. Caddo managed 3 of 18.

Nashville out-rebounded the Lady Indians 38-28.

Rayley Potter was the leading scorer for Nashville with 13 points, followed by Erika Bretado with 11, Maurelys Wade with 9, Madi Miller with 7 and Chloe Graham with 5.

Wade was the team's leading rebounder with 6 offensive and 3 defensive. Potter was next with 3 offensive and 4 defensive. She led the team in steals with 3.

"We were not ready for them when we started," Alexander said. "We had a bunch of turnovers early. We played pretty even the rest of the game."

The Scrapperettes "have to make the easy shots," Alexander said.

Nashville will play at Prescott Friday, Dec. 15.

There will be a junior boys game at 5 p.m., followed by the senior girls and senior boys.

Nashville will travel to Cossatot River Tuesday, Dec. 19. The junior girls will play at 5:30 p.m., followed by the senior girls and senior boys to wrap up their games before the Christmas break.

The junior boys, senior girls and senior boys will return to the court Jan. 5 for games at Genoa starting at 5:30 p.m.

The senior Scrappers and Scrapperettes will compete in the Cossatot River Tournament Jan. 6-13.

Both teams won the tourney last season.

The junior high teams will compete in the De Queen Tournament Jan. 6, 10 and 13.



Montgomery County News photo/DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY

UP FOR A SHOT. Rayley Potter (20) puts up a basket for the Scrapperettes Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Caddo Hills. Potter was Nashville's leading scorer with 13 points. She also led the team in steals with 3. Caddo Hills defeated the Scrapperettes 54-45.



Montgomery County News photo/DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY

AT CADDO HILLS. Chloe Graham maneuvers the ball against the Caddo Hills Lady Indians Dec. 5.

Nashville basketball schedule					
15	PRESCOTT	AWAY	JB, SG, SB	5:30	
18	COSSATOT RIVER	AWAY	JG, SG, SB	5:30	
27-30	DUAL STATE TOURNNEY JUNCTION CITY		SB		TBA
JAN 8	GENOA	AWAY	JB, SG, SB	5:30	
6-13	COSSATOT RIVER TOURNNEY		SG, SB		TBA
4, 10, 15	DEQUEEN JR TOURNNEY		JG, JB		TBA
8	RENA	HOME	SG, SB, JG, JB	4:30	
9	RENA	AWAY	JVB, SG, SB	5:30	
12	FOUME	HOME	JG, JB, SG, SB	4:30	
13, 17, 18, 20	NASHVILLEBANKERS TOURNNEY		SG, SB		TBA
16	HORATIO	AWAY	SG, SB	5:30	
18	RENA	AWAY	SG, SB, JG, JB	4:30	
19	ASHDOWN	HOME	JVB, SG, SB	5:30	
22	IDABEL	AWAY	FG, FB, SG, SB	4:30	
23	COSSATOT RIVER	HOME	JB, SG, SB	5:30	
25	BAWITE	HOME	JB, SG, SB	5:30	
26	PRESCOTT	HOME	JG, SG, SB	5:30	
28	ASHDOWN	AWAY	SG, SB, JG, JB	4:30	
30	RENA	HOME	JVB, SG, SB	5:30	
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2	GENOA	HOME	JG, SG, SB	5:30	
5, 7, 8	T-4A JR DISTRICT TOURNNEY @ RENA		JG, JB		TBA
6	ASHDOWN	AWAY	JVB, SG, SB	5:30	
8	FOUME	AWAY	SG, SB	5:30	
12-17	T-4A SR DISTRICT TOURNNEY @ ROBINSON		SG, SB		TBA
27-34	AA SOUTH REGIONALS		TBA		TBA
28-MAR 3	AA STATE TOURNNEY		TBA		TBA
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7 temp crawfish, rice, soybean, & cattle workers needed by A & L Lawson Partnership/Single Barrel Crawfish, LLC, Crowley, LA 12/25/2017 to 07/15/2018. Workers will perform duties associated with tractor driving, field prep, water maint, 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. Repair/maintain pasture fencing & assist with cattle feeding on occasion. 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. Wrkrs will receive \$10.38/hr as stipulated by US DOL. Workers may be required to take random, post accident, and/or upon suspicion drug test, and background check post hire at no cost to worker. Testing pos/failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment. Free housing will be provided to workers who live outside the area of intended employment. Trans & 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. Trans to & from worksite will be provided by the employer for worker who lives in housing provided by the employer. Guaranteed ¾'s of the contract beginning with worker date of arrival. Tools, supplies, & necessary equipment will be provided at no cost to the worker. To apply, contact the local SWA at 700 Elm, Hope, AR 71801; Ph: 870-777-3421; JO#LA749235. ET

2 temp crawfish & rice workers needed by Will Heinen Farms, Vinton, LA 12/25/2017 to 07/31/2018. Workers will perform duties associated with tractor driving, field prep, water maint, 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. Wrkrs will receive \$10.38/hr as stipulated by US DOL. Workers may be required to take random, post accident, and/or upon suspicion drug test, and background check post hire at no cost to worker. Testing pos/failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment. Free housing will be provided to workers who live outside the area of intended employment. Trans & 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. Trans to & from worksite will be provided by the employer for worker who lives in housing provided by the employer. Guaranteed ¾'s of the contract beginning with worker date of arrival. Tools, supplies, & necessary equipment will be provided at no cost to the worker. To apply, contact the local SWA at 700 Elm, Hope, AR 71801; Ph: 870-777-3421; JO#LA749274. ET

4 temp crawfish & rice workers needed by Durand Ponds & Farms, Inc., St Martinville, LA 12/20/2017 to 09/30/2018. Workers will perform duties associated with tractor driving, field prep, water maint, 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. Wrkrs will receive \$10.38/hr as stipulated by US DOL. Workers may be required to take random, post accident, and/or upon suspicion drug test, and background check post hire at no cost to worker. Testing pos/failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment. Free housing will be provided to workers who live outside the area of intended employment. Trans & 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. Trans to & from worksite will be provided by the employer for worker who lives in housing provided by the employer. Guaranteed ¾'s of the contract beginning with worker date of arrival. Tools, supplies, & necessary equipment will be provided at no cost to the worker. To apply, contact the local SWA at 700 S Elm Hope, AR 71801; Ph: 870-777-3421;JO#747692. ET

2 temp crawfish, rice, & soybean workers needed by Eric P. Link in Branch, LA 12/20/2017 to 09/10/2018. Workers will perform duties associated with tractor driving, field prep, water maint, 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/carry 70lbs. Job involves stooping, lifting, & working outside in inclement weather. Must have 3 mos prior exp. Wrkrs will receive \$10.38/hr as stipulated by US DOL. Workers may be required to take random, post accident, and/or upon suspicion drug test, and background check post hire at no cost to worker. Testing pos/failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment. Free housing will be provided to workers who live outside the area of intended employment. Trans & 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. Trans to & from worksite will be provided by the employer for worker who lives in housing provided by the employer. Guaranteed ¾'s of the contract beginning with worker date of arrival. Tools, supplies, & necessary equipment will be provided at no cost to the worker. To apply, contact the local SWA at 700 S Elm Hope, AR 71801; Ph: 870-777-3421;JO#LA747735. ET

2 temp crawfish & rice workers needed by Gees Idea, Maurice, LA 12/20/2017 to 07/31/2018. Workers will perform duties associated with tractor driving, field prep, water maint, 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. Wrkrs will receive \$10.38/hr as stipulated by US DOL. Workers may be required to take random, post accident, and/or upon suspicion drug test, and background check post hire at no cost to worker. Testing pos/failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment. Free housing will be provided to workers who live outside the area of intended employment. Trans & 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. Trans to & from worksite will be provided by the employer for worker who lives in housing provided by the employer. Guaranteed ¾'s of the contract beginning with worker date of arrival. Tools, supplies, & necessary equipment will be provided at no cost to the worker. To apply, contact the local SWA at 700 Elm, Hope, AR 71801; Ph: 870-777-3421; JO# LA747729. ET

7 temp crawfish & rice workers needed by Charles Britt, Roanoke, LA 12/20/2017 to 09/30/2018. Workers will perform duties associated with tractor driving, field prep, water maint, 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. Wrkrs will receive \$10.38/hr as stipulated by US DOL. Workers may be required to take random, post accident, and/or upon suspicion drug test, and background check post hire at no cost to worker. Testing pos/failure to comply may result in immediate termination from employment. Free housing will be provided to workers who live outside the area of intended employment. Trans & 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. Trans to & from worksite will be provided by the employer for worker who lives in housing provided by the employer. Guaranteed ¾'s of the contract beginning with worker date of arrival. Tools, supplies, & necessary equipment will be provided at no cost to the worker. To apply, contact the local SWA at 700 Elm, Hope, AR 71801; Ph: 870-777-3421; JO#LA747740. ET



FIRST PLACE. The Scrapper cheerleaders won the Lake Hamilton cheerleading competition Saturday, Dec. 2. The group includes (front row) Jordan Revels, Monique Flores, Olivia Herzog, Mackenzie Brown, Breanna Peebles, Leslie Lingo and Lindsey O'Donnell; (back row) Macey Goff, Addy Harmon, Kimberly Perez, Steyanna Bailey, Ebony Jefferson, Hannah Faulkner, Julianne Futrell and Cecily Sweeden. The Scrapper cheerleaders will compete in the state finals Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Hot Springs Convention Center. Nashville is the defending Class 4A state champion. Susan Renfrow is the coach.



OT VICTORY. (Above) Coach Ron Alexander and Coach Laura Kidd instruct the Junior Scrapperettes in their 40-38 overtime victory over Ashdown Dec. 11. (Right) Macy Morris keeps the ball from Ashdown as she gets ready to shoot.



JUNIOR SCRAPPERS TAKE WIN. (Left) Keyshawn Stewart looks for an opening in the Junior Scrappers' 47-21 home win over Ashdown Dec. 11. (Right) Dalton Brown (34) catches the ball in front of the Panther defender.



CHEERING AT BASKETBALL. The junior high cheerleaders take a break between after the first half of Monday night's junior boys victory over Ashdown.

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Santa will be on hand with presents for the kids and there will be drawings for two electric scooters.



NEW LOCATION FOR SEARS HOMETOWN STORE. Joyce and Charles Pinkston, owners of the Sears Hometown Store, said business has already picked up during the business' short time at its new location in the old Family Dollar Store building on South Fourth Street in Nashville. The business relocated to its new location Nov. 1 to the building which has "2.5 times the square footage" as its former location in the South Park Shopping Center, according to the Pinkstons, who have owned the Sears Hometown Store for four years.



DELIGHT'S GRAND MARSHAL. Pike County Treasurer Leletia Rather was the Grand Marshal that headed up the annual Delight Christmas Parade Saturday afternoon.

Senator Teague presented with 2017 Statesman Award

Senator Larry Teague of Nashville is the 10th of 16 legislators recently awarded the 2017 Statesman Award by Family Council Action Committee.

Senator Teague received the award for making an "A" on the 2017 Family Council Action Committee legislative report card. Recipients of this award are recognized for their votes during the 91st General Assembly on the 25 bills in the report card. Senator Teague received his award Sunday, Nov. 26 at Grace Bible Church in Mena.

Teague is currently serving in his second term as a state senator and is a Sunday school teacher at First United Methodist Church in Nashville, Arkansas. He serves as Chairman of the Joint Budget Committee and Vice Chairman of the Senate Revenue and Tax Committee.

During this past legislative session, Senator Teague

was the lead sponsor of Act 431 which strengthened punishments for abuse of power by public office holders.

Teague and his wife of over 30 years, Debbie, have one son, one daughter, and two granddaughters and reside in Nashville.

The award was presented to Senator Teague by Jerry Cox, President of Family Council Action Committee based in Little Rock.

"Legislators regularly face tough votes at the State Capitol and their hard work and good votes are often unknown to the public," said Cox.

"We chose votes on bills based on our core belief in promoting, protecting, and strengthening traditional family values. We are thankful that Senator Teague's votes on those bills reflect our mission and we were pleased to present Senator Teague with the 2017 Statesman Award."



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FIREMAN OF THE YEAR. Matt Briley (at right) was named the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Fireman of the Year Monday night during the department's annual Christmas dinner. Briley, who accepted the award from Fire Chief Randy Lamb, is also an Arkansas State Park law enforcement officer at the Crater of Diamonds State Park.

Brenlie- Barbie dream house, carriage, a Hello Kitty and a Santa camera.
Justine- Fishy.
Sadie C.- Bicycle, baby and a fish.
Camie- Car and a phone and a table, and some Shopkins.
Sadie V.- Snowflake, Santa Claus, Lego, Shopkins.
Leigha- Baby stroller, a mini phone and a bike with flowers on it.
Charlotte- Barbie and Minnie Mouse.
Josiah- A lot of toys.
Easten- A fire truck, a remote control train and a remote control monster truck.
Addie- Robo cat, Jeep and a play kitchen.
Brooklyn- Minnie Mouse, a piggy, mommy and daddy.
Abby- A Barbie doll, a real cat and a Baby

Alive and also a bed for Baby Alive.
 Gracie- Elsa, for mommy and daddy to
 be happy.
 Gabby- A lot of presents.
 Racie- Barbie, a sister for Barbie, Ken, a
 Barbie car and a Barbie dream house.
 Jase- A big, big race car track.
 Marly- A Barbie house, Barbie car, baby,
 another big coloring book, frog.
 Lizbeth- Frozen bed, Frozen car, Barbie,
 motorcycle, a tablet, a computer and a
 phone.
 Alyssa- A doll house with dolls.
 Ms. Paula- I wish for everyone to have
 a great and safe Christmas Holiday. God
 bless!
 Ms. Amanda- For everyone to have a safe
 and fun holiday.

Pike County and the City of Murfreesboro have announced their upcoming holiday closings.

The Pike County Courthouse will close at noon on Dec. 22 and will also be closed on Dec. 25-26.

The Pike County Landfill will be closed on Dec. 23-25.

County trash pickup will also be impacted with Monday's normal route collected on Friday, Dec. 22nd, with all others the following week.

one day behind the normal schedule.

For the New Year holiday, the courthouse will be closed on January 1, and all trash pickup will be one day behind normal schedule for the week.

The courthouse will also be closed on Dec. 20 for lunch.

The City of Murfreesboro offices will be closed on Dec. 25-26. City trash collection normally scheduled for

Monday and Tuesday will occur on Wednesday, Dec. 27. Wednesday and Thursday's normal trash pickup will occur on Dec. 28, while Friday's normal pickup will occur as scheduled.

The city will also be closed on Jan. 1, leaving Monday and Tuesday's trash to be picked up on Tuesday, Jan. 2. The rest of the week will retain the normal collection schedule.

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21, Amity, \$50 BF, no seat belt
Jefferson, Randy Jr., 28,
Nashville, guilty of non-
payment of fines, \$1,744
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guilty of failure to appear,
fined \$245; guilty of driving
on suspended or revoked
license, fined \$345 and sen-
tenced to two days in jail;
guilty of failure to appear,
fined \$245

Jones, William G., 44, Direrks, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$270

Seavers, Robert A., 51, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,180 owed

Soto, Jose Guadalupe, 29, Little Rock, \$195 BF, no driver's license; \$200 BF, speeding

Stevens, Samuel Jordan, 21, Rowlett, Texas, \$240 BF, speeding

Sullivan, Macon, 26, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$285 owed

Turner, JaJaun D., 24, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,510 owed, committed to jail

Vaughn, Ryan Michael, 41, Plano, Texas, \$235 BF, speeding

City of Nashville

Dildy, Joshua R., 25, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,205 owed

Edwards, Zester E., 59, Nashville, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$345.84; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$854 owed; guilty of theft of property, fined \$490

Fant, Zachary S., 27, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$345; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$515 owed

Flowers, Anna Mae, 51, Nashville, guilty of domestic battery in third degree, fined \$540

Howe, Tyler D., 28, Destin, Fla., guilty of no seat belt, fined \$50

Jones, Tremayne D., 25,

Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,210 owed; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345 and sentenced to two days of community service

Kemp, Allison, 23, Mineral Springs, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$515

King, Shatresha, 30, Nashville, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$369.06; guilty of violation of AHCL, fined \$441.92; guilty of violation of AHCL, fined \$763.13; guilty of violation of AHCL, fined \$351.28

Lewis, Arron W., 23,
Nashville, guilty of shop-
lifting, fined \$459.94

Owens, Steven J., 44, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$195

Rodriguez, Antonio Manuel, 26, De Queen, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125

Ross, Brandon S., 36, Nashville, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185

Scoggins, Demario, 29, Mineral Springs, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,030 and license suspended for six months; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$265

Sims, Anisha S., 32, Columbus, \$195 BF, no child restraint

Stinson, Fred, 21, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345 and sentenced to two days in jail; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$875 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Sullivan, Macon, 26, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$210.

Swift, Lawrence, 65
Nashville, guilty of DWI,
fined \$1,090, credited for
time served, license sus-
pended and must complete
DWI class

Williams, Anthony F.,
46, Murfreesboro, guilty of
shoplifting, fined \$418.20

City of Dierks
Brewer, Jason R., 33, Glenwood, \$225 BF, speeding
Wishard, Andrea N., 24, De Queen, \$225 BF, speeding
Mitchell, Micah T., 28, Murfreesboro, guilty of reckless driving, fined \$345 and sentenced to five days in jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

City of Mineral Springs
Anderson, Devario, 28,
Nashville, guilty of speed-
ing, fined \$260; guilty of
driving on suspended or
revoked license, fined \$345
and sentenced to two days
in jail; guilty of failure to
appear, fined \$245

Jones, Jeffrey L., 46, Mineral Springs, guilty of running stop sign, fined \$195; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$50; guilty of fleeing, fined \$490; guilty of reckless driving, fined \$345 and sentenced to five days of jail/community service

Okafor, Darlene, 53, Mineral Springs, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$425

Perkins, Jimmy L., 47, Nashville, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$270

City of Nashville

Gilliam, Kenneth R., 40, Nashville, guilty of protection from second hand smoke, fined \$25; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$50; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345 and sentenced to two days in jail; guilty of DWI #3, fined \$2,540, sentenced to 90 days in jail, license suspended and must complete alcohol treatment program

Jackson, Monique, 32, Nashville, guilty of shoplifting, fined \$603.96 and sentenced to three days in jail

Trotter, Brian A., 28, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$230

Notice of RFQ for Legal Services

Howard County is interested in acquiring legal services from a legal services firm or firms to provide services for opioid litigation.

Procedures for selection of a firm or firms will be in accordance with Ark. Code 19-11-801 procurement requirements. All responses will be evaluated in terms of specialized experience and technical competence; performance; capacity and capability of the firm or firms to perform work; and proximity to and familiarity with the project area. Negotiations will begin with the respondent obtaining the highest total score in the evaluation process.

All interested parties must submit their RFQ package response to:

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SPECIAL SOIL FOR SPECIAL TREE. Stephen Ezelle, Arkansas Workforce Disabled Veterans Outreach specialist from Hot Springs, adds the French soil to the tree during the planting

WWI memorial tree planted with special ceremony, soil

By PJ Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond

The City of Murfreesboro planted a tree at the Municipal Building's complex in remembrance of World War I veterans last Thursday.

The WWI memorial tree was made available through a partnership of the Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee (ARWWICCC) and the Arkansas Forestry Commission. The ARWWICCC also provided a sign to mark the occasion.

Communities in Arkansas have been urged to plant trees to remember the 71,862 Arkansans who served during the Great War, including the 2,183 who died while in service. The ARWWICCC's goal is to have a memorial tree in each of Arkansas's 75 counties by the time the commemoration concludes at the end of 2018.

To complete the effort, the Arkansas Forestry Commission provided a two-year-old willow oak tree that was

planted.

The Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee has additionally provided a small batch of soil from the Meuse-Argonne National Cemetery in France that was added to the planting. The cemetery contains the largest number of American military who perished in Europe as a part of the war effort, some 14,000 individuals.

All trees planted as part of the program are included on the official site at <http://www.wwiarkansas.com/sites-memorials.html>.

Michael Daniel, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro and a Marine Corps Veteran, delivered the opening prayer.

Dignitaries in attendance included a representative from Representative Bruce Westerman's office, Pike County Sheriff Charlie Caldwell, Murfreesboro Mayor Rodney Fagan and Steven Ezelle, a Veteran Outreach Specialist from

Hot Springs.

"Soldiers from Arkansas fought to defend the freedom of all nations," Fagan said of the World War I efforts. "The soil from France is to remind us of the connection between France and the United States, and indeed, the great state of Arkansas. On behalf of the City of Murfreesboro, we would like to thank and honor those men and women from Arkansas who fought to defend our freedom in the Great War, World War I, and in all conflicts."

Veterans in attendance aided in the planting of the tree, under the direction of the Pike County Forestry Commission representatives in attendance.

Brooke Westfall, a student at Murfreesboro High School sang the National Anthem, while her classmate Malorie Stivers played "Taps," the bugle call played at dusk, during flag ceremonies, and at military funerals by the United States armed forces.

Pike County District Court

- Dec. 1, 2017**
BF=Bond Forfeited
Pike County
- Ayala, Miguel Marquez, 48, Antoine, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$125 BF, fictitious tags
- Baldwin, Johnathon M., 32, Glenwood, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$205
- Ballentine, Bryan D. Jr., 25, Nashville, guilty of battery in third degree, fined \$285; guilty of criminal mischief in first degree, fined \$335
- Barba, Luz Maria, 28, Dierks, \$125 BF, fictitious tags; \$125 BF, no driver's license
- Bolin, Shasta M., 37, Colby, Kan., guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$220; guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220
- Brewer, Dustin L., 30, Murfreesboro, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance
- Bufkin, Zachary J., 28, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$135; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$555; guilty of passing on double yellow line, fined \$125
- Bush, Jonathan W., 28, Caddo Gap, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
- Curry, Corbin L., 24, Traskwood, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
- Franklin, Joshua A., 21, Arkadelphia, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315
- Gosnell, Shannon Michael, 25, Dierks, guilty of improper passing, fined \$125; \$555 BF, possession of drug paraphernalia
- Howell, Olen R., 45, Okolona, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$125 BF, defective equipment; \$125 BF, fictitious tags; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$205 BF, failure to appear
- Hulsey, Dustin, 21, Okolona, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
- Lamb, Colby D., 26, Delight, \$555 BF, possession of drug paraphernalia
- Mast, Wade Alan, 19, De Queen, \$185 BF, speeding
- Mullins, Sherry Jane, 50, Malvern, guilty of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$220
- Nolan, Jeremy W., 28, Murfreesboro, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$205; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$205; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315
- Ortiz, Juan A., 47, Houston, Texas, guilty of expired vehicle license-tags, fined \$125; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$90; guilty of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$220
- Parker, Troylee L., 49, Amity, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,030 and license suspended for six months; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325 and sentenced to two days in jail – suspended
- Payne, Julie Ann, 44, Nashville, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
- Pope, Preston Robert, 19, Nashville, speeding, under advisement for six months, fined \$135
- Rios, Pedro Zamora, 41, De Queen, \$135 BF, speeding
- Sloan, Buc P., 32, Murfreesboro, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$205
- Springer, Charles D., 43, North Little Rock, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$205
- Swilling, Ashlee M., 29, Cumby, Texas, \$195 BF, leaving scene of accident; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
- Ward, Natasha N., 26, Mount Ida, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$205
- Zigras, James S., 36, Paramus, N.J., \$125 BF, expired vehicle license-tags; \$185 BF, speeding; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance
- City of Murfreesboro**
- Allmon, Michelle Elizabeth, 27, Murfreesboro, guilty of domestic battery in third degree, fined \$539
- Arledge, Brandi N., 32, Gordonville, Texas, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,050; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$575
- Brock, Christina D., 18, Bonnerdale, guilty of expired vehicle license-tags, fined \$145; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$90
- Cooley, Jared A., 36, Texarkana, \$155 BF, speeding
- Gibson, Ashley Roberts, 31, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay registration, fined \$145
- Goolsby, James Hayden, 23, Murfreesboro, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$115; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$200
- Hammons, Krystal L., 35, Bossier City, La., \$205 BF, speeding
- Hardin, Adam T., 38, Murfreesboro, guilty of improperly dug hole, fined \$240
- Hill, Daniel W., 19, Delight, guilty of minor in possession of alcohol, fined \$280, license suspended for 60 days and must complete alcohol safety program; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,050 and license suspended for six months
- Hill, Deborah K., 47, Glenwood, guilty of speeding, fined \$155
- Jefferson, Larry, 53, Irving, Texas, \$155 BF, speeding
- Kandukuri, Sandeep, 27, Irving, Texas, \$155 BF, speeding
- King, Samantha, 27, Nashville, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), fined \$225
- Studebaker, Daniel W., 47, Overton, Nev., guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,050 and license suspended for six months
- Martinez, Benjamin, 21, De Queen, \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$225 BF, failure to appear
- Moore, Kenneth, 24, Shreveport, La., guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335; guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$145; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$145
- Studebaker, Daniel W., 47, Overton, Nev., guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,050 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$575; guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$240
- Warner, Courtney J., 22, Union City, Tenn., possession of controlled substance, under advisement for one year, fined \$1,050
- White, Joel R., 47, Kirby, \$145 BF, expired vehicle license-tags
- Wilson, Nathan D., 32, Bonnerdale, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$145; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$150; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$575; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$145; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$150
- Wofford, Thomas Lynn, 20, Delight, \$240 BF, public intoxication
- Game and Fish Commission**
- Haplin, Luke M., 27, Mesquite, Texas, \$320 BF, fishing without license

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7 Temporary job openings Zaunbrecher Farms in Simmesport, LA 1/15/2018 to 5/31/2018. General worker needed for crawfish farm. Work includes tractor driving, field prep, water maint, fertilize, plant and harvest of crop. Field prep includes manual shovel work and hoeing of weeds, spot spray and gen farm labor. Help repair and maintain bldgs, equip, farm, fences, field, levees, ponds, properties, 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. \$10.38 hourly, wage may change with AEWR. Free housing provided for all workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence daily. Guaranteed ¾ contract beginning with worker date of arrival . If applicable, Transp & subsistence exp to worksite provided/paid by employer by 50% of contract, rtn at completion of contract. Apply/Send resumes for this job at the nearest local SWA @ 700 South Elm, Hope, AR 71801 ph 870-777-3421 using LA JO#_751876___. KC

5 Temporary job openings Steven Craig Olivier in Port Barre, LA 2/1/2018 to 11/30/2018. General worker needed for corn, crawfish, milo, rice, and soybean farm. Work includes tractor driving, field prep, water maint, fertilize, 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, properties, 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. \$10.38 hourly, wage may change with AEWR. Free housing provided for all workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence daily. Guaranteed ¾ contract beginning with worker date of arrival . If applicable, Transp & subsistence exp to worksite provided/paid by employer by 50% of contract, rtn at completion of contract. Apply/Send resumes for this job at the nearest local SWA @ 700 South Elm, Hope, AR 71801 ph 870-777-3421 using LA JO#_753879___. KC

9 Temporary job openings Francis Adrian Augustine in Iowa, LA 1/10/2018 to 9/30/2018. General worker needed for crawfish, rice, soybean, and wheat farm. Work includes tractor driving, field prep, water maint, fertilize, 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, properties, 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. \$10.38 hourly, wage may change with AEWR. Free housing provided for all workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence daily. Guaranteed ¾ contract beginning with worker date of arrival . If applicable, Transp & subsistence exp to worksite provided/paid by employer by 50% of contract, rtn at completion of contract. Apply/Send resumes for this job at the nearest local SWA @ 700 South Elm, Hope, AR 71801 ph 870-777-3421 using LA JO#_751902___. KC



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The Dog and the Rabbit

Have you ever been embarrassed by yer good dog? Me either! I’ve got a good dog. An Australian shepherd with one blue eye and I believe he loves me. I believe I love him. He’ll go with me anywhere. When I say, “You wanna go?” He don’t ask, “Where you goin’? Goin’ to the game store?” No, he don’t care, he just wants to go. And did you ever notice that it don’t matter whether you been gone five minutes or five days, yer dog is so glad to see ya. Can you think of a single human being that is that glad to see ya. Yer fixin’ to leave, walk out to the pickup and forget somethin’ so you run back inside. Yer dog licks yer hand. Your spouse says, “I thought you left!”

I’ve got a neighbor. A good neighbor. And when you live on the outskirts, a good neighbor is someone who lives just the right distance away. Close enough to circle the wagons but far enough away to allow that privacy people like us seem to value, (“I believe those are Kansas plates, mother,” he said sighting through his binoculars).

Anyway, she gets home ‘bout a quarter after five every day. Goes through the house and comes out the back door wearin’ her coveralls. In her backyard she has a long line of rabbit hutches and she spends, what is to me, an inordinate amount of time messin’ with them rabbits...talkin’ to ‘em...singin’ ‘em little rabbit songs.

Now I’m sittin’ out on the back porch one afternoon in my porch swing. It’s about 2:30. I’m done workin’. I’ve already thought up somethin’. I look out in the driveway and there’s my good dog and he has got a...and you know how you can tell it ain’t a jackrabbit? They aren’t black and white, they don’t have them big floppy ears, and he has got this rabbit between his teeth and he’s thrashin’ him like a shark with a ham hock! There’s dirt and leaves and brush and gravel flyin’ all over. I jumped up and grabbed that

rabbit! “Go git in the pickup you *#@^...!” That rabbit looked bad. Looked like he caught on fire and somebody put him out with the weedeater!

I ran in the house and run the tub full of warm water. Tested it with my elbow. Then I got some of my wife’s good shampoo. She gets it at the Holiday Inn, it ain’t that big a deal. I sudsed him up twice then moused him with my daughter’s mousse. Made him sticky. You could thwack him on the tile, peel him off like Velcro. Then I run upstairs to the laundry and put him in the dryer. When he came out he was fluffy, looked like an electrocuted porcupine!

I carried him to my neighbor’s house. Sure enuf, the last hutch on the end was cocked open and it was empty. I took that rabbit and folded him...into a rabbit position. Put a smile on his lips. all three of ‘em. Gave him a camel filter and leaned him up against the wire.

I went back to the house and commenced to rockin’. ‘Bout a quarter after five I saw my neighbor drive up, she got out, went through the house and came out the back wearin’ her covies. She started down that long line of rabbit hutches. Talkin’ to ‘em. Singin’ ‘em little rabbit songs.

“Here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin’ down the bunny trail...” All of sudden I heard her scream!

I ran over there, bein’ the good neighbor that I was, “What’s wrong? What’s wrong?” “My rabbit,” she cried.

I looked in the cage and the poor little duffer had fell over. One ear broke off. It didn’t look good.

I stroked him gently and said, “Ma’am, I b’lieve he is dead.” I was a veterinarian, I could tell.

“Yes,” she said, “But what bothers me is I buried him three days ago!”
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COME ON IN, IT'S WARM UNDER THE HEATER. Vendors, visitors and organizers luxuriate under space heaters Friday morning, on the last day of official operation at the Howard County Farmers' Market in Nashville.

Selling season ends for Howard County Farmers' Market

Chilly temperatures didn’t diminish enthusiasm, Friday morning, at the last officially-open day of the Howard County Farmers’ Market in Nashville.

Only a handful of vendors were present, but some said they would continue to return on Friday mornings to meet with regular customers. The vendors and volunteers gathered under space heaters in search of comfort in cold temperatures.

Market organizers had a welcome offering of hot homemade vegetable soup and cornbread as an attraction. The soup was made with veggies raised by vendors.

Market managers have been discussing possible construction for a 4-H garden expansion, including removal of a large tree adjacent to the Howard County Health Unit.

Market organizer Debra Bolding said that the market was always open if vendors had produce and other farm products to sell.

The busiest season for the market is May through September, when the market hosts tastings, hospitality table,

garden workshops, Kidz Klub, vendor spotlights, and other events which are connected to community promotion and improving access to healthy nutrition and locally grown produce, according to Bolding.

“We still have several growers with cool-season produce -- especially mustard and turnip greens and kale -- eggs, honey and other products. Those vendors will continue to show up each Friday until they no longer have items to bring to market.”

The vendors usually arrive between 7-8, and stay until they are sold out.

The market will hold its annual grower training and registration Feb. 13 at Hempstead Hall in Hope. Persons who would like to participate in next year’s markets in Nashville, Old Washington and/or Hope should plan to attend this free training and should contact Mary Hartness at (501) 472-8092 or Bolding at (870) 557-2352.

Bolding added that organizers were also looking for additional volunteers to help with the many activities at market.

Howard County EHC bake sale Friday

The annual Howard County Extension Homemaker Bake Sale will be held Friday, Dec. 15 in front of Western Auto in Nashville.

The sale will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until sold out.

There will be cakes, cookies, candy, breads, pies; everything you need for your holiday parties made by the best cooks in the county! Come early for the best selection.

All proceeds will be used to fund educational programs in Howard County.

Account set up for MS student

There has been a benefit account set up at Diamond Bank for Chardajah Poindexter, in her mother’s name Stacy Turner.

Poindexter is a 10th grader at Mineral Springs and is currently in Arkansas Children’s Hospital receiving treatment for a brain tumor.



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Nashville Elementary Students’ Christmas Wishes

Jane Caldwell 1st Grade
Rayniah Alvarez- Hoverboard, Tablet, a dog, LOL Surprise Pets, and a doll for Raymiah.

Mack Arnold- X-Box
games, football helmet, Hoverboard, dirt bike, and a cell phone.

Yosselyn Barrera- stuffed toys, Barbie dolls, Barbie clothes, princess dolls, and clothes.

Owen Bauer- fourwheeler, laptop, Fly Guy books, Lego tape, and a Hoverboard.

Titus Benson- dirt bike, remote control car, robot, Legos, and a racecar track.

Jenell Conway- play phone, I-pad, play horse, dress, and a pool.

Kaylie Couch- laptop, ice cream machine, pajamas, shoes, and a Little Hatchimal.

TyQuett Henderson- Wii, remote control car, scooter, and a Tablet.

Asher Howard- Rocket fishing rod, DS, set of Hatchimals, Rocket fishing rod pool, and dinosaurs with volcanoes.

Royce Johnson- boy turtle, Rocket fishing rod, bike, glow-up truck Legos, and a football.

Warren Jones- Nerf gun, dinosaurs, Speedy, robots, and a racecar track.

Adrian Perez- robots, Bey Blades, train, Legos, and clothes.

Will Prescott- Nerf gun, robot, X-box, I-pad, and a remote control car.

Ryleigh Quinonez- or-beez, stuffed bear, bracelets, ice cream machine, and Play Doh.

Copelin Reeder- Lego sets, Star Wars Legos, Fly Guy books, and 100 cats.

D’Tajeun Ross- bike, Hoverboard, Tablet, cell phone, and game cards.

McKynlee Scott- snow cone machine, bracelet maker, Play Doh, and a laptop.

Jamerian Staten- racecar, dirt bike, fourwheeler, Hoverboard and a go cart.

Chris Strickland- skateboard, I-phone, Tablet, lunchbox, and Fly Guy books.

Lila Taylor- Shopkins, Hatchimals, Hatchimal golden lynx, Little Life Pets, and LOL Pets.

Jen Hill 1st Grade
Hudson Halter - A drone and a remote control nerf gun set.

Chevelle Johnson- Legos, cars, a doll, a new bike, and a yo-yo.

Rosett Rodriguez- A cat, toy santa, a Cinderella book, a pony, and a Jesus toy.

Kharizma Wynn- Barbie dreamhouse, a baby alive, a jeep, and an elf on the shelf.

Jala’Vett Washington -

Give me a dog this year. How much do you weigh?

Zakyrius Beasley - Hoverboard, Steph Curry basketball shoes, Under Armor shirts, and a flipazoo.

Emiline Petty - How do you fly across half of the world in one night? Thank you for the doll last year! I would like a shimmer and shine doll for Christmas.

Zania Green - Sophia doll, a skateboard, a hockey stick, and a remote control truck.

Giovanni Pineda - Please bring me a dinosaur and a dragon.

Osvaldo Valdez - This year I want a 4 wheeler and trucks.

Brayley Lowery - How can you make toys so quick? This year I want a Barbie.

Marlee Goff - I hope that you got my list for a Hatchimal!

Andrew Reese - Remote control rock crawler, a Scrapper football belt hand warmer, a dirt bike, football pads, and football cleats (size 3 large).

Parker Webb - I want a bike this year.

Miranda Dukes - Cheerleader outfit and a Barbie dream house.

Tim Martin - Hoverboard, trucks, and cars

Braiden Friend - Hoverboard with mud grips.

Jimmy Hernandez - Lots of army men.

Ben Hughes - Bumble bee toy and a bumble bee costume. Also a toy santa, a bb gun, and ten pecans.

Lane Thornton - Nerf gun

Tina McAlister 2nd Grade
Violeta Neri - I want a \$100 because I can get a hover board.

Karleigh Aydelotte-Bray- I want an Elf, hover board, I phone, tablet, trampoline, gymnastic mat, camera, T.V, bike, drone, dirt bike, b.b. gun, 4 wheeler, horse, computer, balls, chair. Bye Santa.

Alissa Byers - A hover board, zoomer pony, dog, and please, please, please a zoomer watch. I want an Elf on the shelf. Please and a pom pom set.

Taleeya French - A 4 wheeler, then a dash cam, and then a Nitendo Switch. Then Santa can I get the Baby Alive doll, sweet tea that really cries? Can I get the white doo that cries? I have one more thing, can I have the Elsa sled?

Jaiden Tollett - A Dash Cam. I think they are cool. I would also like to help you with your elves. I promise I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

Kynsleigh Smith - A case for my i pod and for my i

phone. I want a case for my Samsung tablet and a toy for my dog. I would also like a chair to put in my room.

Nilson Henriquez - A nerf gun a PS4 with NBA2K 18. Please and a hoover board for Christmas too. Can you get me a toy truck with remote control with a ramp? Can I get a BB gun? I won’t get in your lap. I will be good everyday.

Jesse Kirchhoff - A huge candy bar. I also want a nerf gun. I also want a remote control car and a toy eel, angler fish, and a thresher shark. I also want a toy gun and a sword. I would like Pokemon too.

Landon McGee - A dash cam, remote control,car, a

cat, \$60, and I would like some Nano Bots space and ocean.

Josue Murillo - APS4 and 100 million dollars?

Jayden Porter - I have a long list: Xbox, a nerf gun, 4 wheeler, PS4, Nitendo Switch, dirt bike, drone, a Zombie game, Hatch Animal, an Xbox so my brother will have one to play.

Aerieel Reeves - A horse and a hoover board, a trampoline, a 4 wheeler, and a PS4 with games that go with it. I want an elf, too.

Destiny Stuart - A bike with no training wheels, Xbox. The one thing I have really been wanting is a drone. A hatch able, yoyo, a descendant doll.

Nancy Valdez - I pod. The other thing I want is a hover board. The other things I want is an elf and a little puppy. I want a little sister too. I want fourteen digit spinners. What I really want is my mom, my dad, my grandma and my grandpa to get along. That is the only thing that I want.

Victor Valdez - Nerf gun and a drone. I would like an Elf on the Shelf and a Nitendo Switch. I would like a dash cam and a remote control car. I would like a mine craft handbook.

Casey Goodwin's Kindergarten
Benjamin Betancourt – a robot, a hot wheels car, a bike, and a football.

Paisley Caldwell – a Moana necklace that glows in the dark and a little bouncy ball that don’t pop so my little sister can play with it outside and inside.

La’Miyah Canady – a Frozen car.

Bryan Cervantes – a bike, a power ranger, and a robot.

Jamilya Christopher – a big robot, a yo-yo, a bike, and a toy box.

Jahce Curry – a trampoline, a skateboard, and a light up car.

De’Undra Hendrix – a X-Box 3, toy horses, a big gummy jar like I had last year, race cars so I can race my brother, a toy bee hive, and a toy green car that

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We like to grate nutmeg on top of our...

eggnog and to use peppermint in cocoa.

Wish color stuff in!

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Do you know where the spices we use come from? How about the nuts and oils?

I've got it...err...almost!

The holidays are full of excitement. People often share their joy with others by decorating their yards, homes and hearths. Colored lights shine from tree branches. Garlands and wreaths grace doors. Plants and flowers are brought inside to brighten and beautify rooms. Delicious smells of baking cookies and breads from the kitchen are created by spices taken from plants and trees. Plants are an important part of holiday time celebrations!

Fill in this puzzle about the parts of plants that we use in our kitchens!

Plants at Christmas Time!

1. nuts from trees, used in making marzipan candy – a sweet paste that is shaped and colored to look like fruits, vegetables and toys

2. licorice gets its flavoring from this plant

3. buds from a bush; have a spicy taste and scent; hang an orange from a ribbon and push these into it for a nicely scented decoration

4. from a bean in a pod on a vine; used in puddings

5. has a "cool" taste; used in candies; grows in U.S. and Canada

6. ground into flour; used for cookies, cakes, gravies

7. used in candy canes, tea; thought to help settle the stomach

8. comes from cane; used for icing, lollipops

9. in pods hanging on trees; in some places, street vendors roast and sell these to eat while still warm

10. hard little seeds ground into powder - shake on eggnog

11. root with a spicy taste; used for breads, cookies

12. used for scent and taste in stuffing and with meats

13. from the red-brown bark of a tree; ground into powder for drinks, cookies

14. reddish-purple fruits from tree; used in cakes, pudding

15. from the bean of cacao tree

In the Kitchen

wheat
plums
anise
sugar
sage

wintergreen
peppermint
cinnamon
chestnuts
chocolate

vanilla
nutmeg
ginger
almonds
cloves

Two Just Alike!

I want to find two matching wreaths to decorate my doors. Can you find and circle two identical wreaths for me?

Is it #3 and #7? Huh? Huh? Is it #6 and #8? Is it...

Inside and Outside the House

Someone in India decorated this banana tree for the holidays!

Match the clues below to the plants! Then, fill in the blanks to spell the names.

1. a large one is cut and blessed; it is lighted and kept burning

2. blooms at Christmas; can be red, pink or white

3. green leaves, white berries; custom says people kiss under this

4. round, made from evergreen branches; decorated with red bows, pine cones

5. decorated with lights, ornaments, star

6. placed as bedding in a manger or made into ornaments for the tree

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looks cool.

Kason Hendrix – a dino-saur.

Kallen Horn – a new nerf gun.

Dallas Johnson – a boat remote control.

Landrey Kuykendall – Barbies, American Doll, a baby doll, Hatchimal, and Legos.

Lady Leon – a doll.

Jairo Magueyal – a candy cane and a lot of big, big toys for my cars.

Lillyan McColley – new Barbies, a princess car, and a baby crib.

Aubree Milanez – a hot wheels and a hatchimal.

Minka Stanley – a big hatchimal, a Barbie dream house, a make-up set that has lights around it with a hair styler that straightens your hair, and a L.O.L Doll Surprise.

Kenya Valdez – a hatchimal, make-up, a baby alive, play-doh, and a toy.

Aulton White – a tractor that has a seat in it and it has a pedal that you can push to make it drive, another knife for me and a hot wheels.

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Karlle Worley Kindergarten

A fire truck, police car, and fireman hat. Love, Brayden House

A hoverboard, play kitchen, money to fix the roof, big Hatchable, and a princess castle. -- Emma Gunter

A Pie in the Face game, X-box and games for it, and chargers for the controllers. -- Alexis Hernandez

I would like a play kitchen and more baby dolls. -- Willow Schroer

A Paw Patrol boat, a spiderman toy, a new bat and ball, and a baby octopus toy. -- Wyatt Floyd

A Lego set and a tablet. -- Cherish Tucker

A Doc McStuffins set, a Barbie house, a make-up set, a play house, and a toy dog. -- Leah Eoff

A dash-cam with glasses, a Grave Digger truck, and a Spiderman toy. -- Brayan Thomas

An Easy-Bake Oven, a big Hatchable, a fishing pole gun, and make-up. -- Kylie Dildy

A 4-wheeler, a big truck with logs, a tow truck, and a grain truck. -- Hudson Harrison

Pots and pans, a new trampoline, a jewelry box, and jewelry. -- Madelin Vaquera

A RC truck, a toy dino-saur, a RC van, and a dragon sword. -- Russell Vallee

A big trampoline, a mermaid tail, a real Hatchable, and an Easy-Bake Oven. -- Piper Smart

A Frozen castle, a pink Christmas tree, an Elsa shirt,

and a new picture of my family. --Harmony Martin

A remote control helicopter, an Ironman toy, and a toy snake. -- Jackson Melson

A tablet, a toy reindeer, a toy Christmas tree, a teacher desk, and a black car to drive. --Kennedy Smith

A Captain American toy, an Ironman toy, and a Hulk toy. -- Aiden Vaughn

A play house, super hero toys, a motorcycle game, a train, and a 4-wheeler. -- Ayden Najera

Becky Horn 2nd Grade

Ska'Keya Alexander – I want a tablet, an X-Box 360, a drone, Shopkins, a baby doll, and an Elf. I want WiFi. I want clothes, some boots, and some earrings. I want a hoverboard. I want a present for my Grandma, a present for Mrs. Horne, and a chocolate reindeer to eat. I would also like fake make-up for me, a 4 wheeler, a phone, and a bike.

Isaias Andraca – I want a Bat-Man toy, Bat-Man mask, a new belt, a Razorback t-shirt, and Under Armor shirts, pants, and a jacket. I would also like a Mickey Mouse action figure for my teacher Mrs. Horne.

Audri Bearden – I would like an electric scooter, a smart watch, a new tablet, and new ear buds.

Sophie Dale – I want swimming dolls and lots of doll clothes. I want my very own elf. I want a pink, blue and purple soccer ball to play with, and I want a BIG, fluffy teddy bear!

Jaxon Dixon – I would like 1,000 Pokemon, and 5,000 Pokemon, and 6,000 more Pokemon. I would also like an elf, a phone, the Internet, an X Box 360, a bunch of books,

Anthony Escamilla – I want an X-Box 360. I want a skate board. I want a phone. I want Army men.

Jaydien Hill – I want a hoverboard and an elf and Nintendo Switch and a Wii.

Trent Hill – I want a little tent with a tent door, a Super-Man voice changer suit that has lights in the eyesand a real rabbit for a petand a football wii game.

Serenity Kesterson – I want JoJo Siwa headphones with a bow and a hoverboard. I also want virtual reality head phones also a JoJo Siwa doll that comes with a puppy. I want the big doll and a JoJo Siwa karaoke also a game pie face also a poop emoji pillow.

Stormee Lang – I would like a twin Hatchimal for Christmas, and a pool and a new JoJo Siwa doll and JoJo Siwa ear phones and JoJo Siwa phone and some WiFi.

Ammi Moreno – I want a walking horse that is white. I would like toy deer, and a toy horse that can dance. I would like a toy penguin, and a cup of hot chocolate, a toy reindeer, and an awesome pencil.

Taylor Rodgers – I would

like a real dirt bike, a 4 wheeler, an X Box 1, and a wrestling game for the PS3.

Kevin Santamaria – I would like a Nintendo Switch, Super Mario Odyssey, an X Box 1, and an elf.

Ja'Torian Smalley – I want a Playstation with Call of Duty Black ops. And I want a WWE game, Football 2018 game. That is what I want for Christmas.

Aisilen Stovall – I would like Hatchimals, JoJo Siwa pool, dolls, computer, emoji pillows, stickers, and headphones. I would like long black hair, an elf that moves around at night, real fish, a poop emoji pillow, JoJo Siwa clothes and shoes, JoJo Siwa cover and pillows, and a hoverboard, JoJo Siwa's World, and Descendants 2.

Drew Tercero – I want a Bat-Man voice changer suit, a motor bike, a four wheeler, a land mine clearing machine, a PS4 Basketball game, a little Husky pup, a Toby Mac CD, and a drone, too.

Jazmyne Thompson – I would like arts and craft stuff. I would like a baby doll, an elf, a purple and pink bike, and a phone.

Abigail Turbeville- I want a doll, a pink and purple bike with a basket on it so I can take my friends on it.

Emily Watts – I would like a toy doll with clothes and a puppy for the doll. I would like a hoverboard and a Hatchimal. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Ella Westfall – I would like an Orbeez Massage Maker, a Flip-A-Zoo, cookie maker, slime maker, necklaces, a tablet, and a phone.

Tristen White- I would like make-up, dolls, shoes, and much, much more. My Daddy would really like some new pants and my Mommy would like some more stuff.

Megan Worthen 1st Grade

Tailynn Barker -doll house, headphones, new phone for mom.

Jaydon Bernard -paint gun, toy jet, remote control race car.

Rubi Berruquin -nail polish, bracelets, necklace.

Jose Bustamante -candy canes, bracelets, Ninja Turtles.

Marley Clark -dream house, hatch a mole, watch.

Conor Davis -Nintendo Switch, Super Mario Odyssey, nerf gun.

Andrew Evans -remote control robot, alligator, dinosaur bone.

Ethan Hamilton -fire truck, candy, backpack.

Mario Lard -shoes, basketball, football.

Charles Lasley -bike, PlayStation, Minecraft.

Maddie Lovelis -cotton candy maker, snow cone machine, desk.

Raven McFadden -necklace, bracelet, Chap stick.

Emily Perez -Mermaid tail, pet snake, converse shoes.

Aubrie Reed -Num

A train track not Thomas the train, and a race track with 2 cars for me & Dillon -- Parker Jackson

X-Box with a football, boxing, and Army game for the X-Box, and a remote control car. -- Jayson Jones

A skateboard so I can practice my tricks, a dollhouse, and a toy horse that rocks when you say something to it -- Kimber Jones

A jewelry box, some ice skates, play-doh, and make-up -- Macey Keeton

A big Four-wheeler and a real walkie talkie. I promise to leave you some of your favorite peanut butter cookies and milk. -- Gage Kinkade

Hot Wheels Ultimate Garage, a Heatwave transformer, and a Barbie Dream house for my big sister -- Jonathan Maldonado

A tablet, a Barbie Doll house, a baby doll, and some slime? I promise to leave you a ham & turkey sandwich and a Dr. Pepper -- Somaya Muldrew

A Hatchimals toy, a Barbie doll and a chick toy -- Emely Nava

A bike, a scooter, some play-doh, and a Paw Patrol truck -- Isaiah Rodgers

Some play-doh, skates, a desk, and the Candyland game -- Aunna Romine

A remote control boat, a remote control Scooby Doo truck, a police helmet, a police car that has 2 seats, a police motorcycle, a police whistle, a real computer, a skateboard, and a fish finder. I promise to leave the reindeers some carrots and you some chocolate chip cookies and milk -- Kendal Talley

X-Box, a watch, some puzzles, a gold necklace, and a phone -- Jaylon Thomas

LOL surprise baby doll, a yo-yo, a Coke, a Hatchimal, and a play computer -- Terra VanDerziel

Shannon White Kindergarten

Katelynn Bailey- a toy train set.

Michael Ball- a Bat Mobile.

Autumn Dillard- a tent for my bedroom and a flashlight.

Reiny Dixon- a skateboard, stilts and Christmas books.

Javontae Hendrix- a Thomas and Friends play set.

Trenton Hill- a skateboard, an Xbox, and a Slop-py Dog.

Ja'Kyra Horton- a tablet and books.

Bre Langston- a real cell phone.

Kaylee Pizarro- a computer.

Jayvren Porter- a football and toys.

Payne Ray- a motorcycle and a tent for my room.

KeKe Stewart- a phone, tablet, baby doll and a horse.

Sa'Kaiyah Trotter- a computer and a Hover Board.

Leo Valdez- a Play Station 4 and games.

Gracie Woodruff- a Bar-

bie Camper and a Fidget Spinner.

Bo Young- an Xbox, a go-cart, and a 22.

Danny Young- an Xbox, a go-cart, and a 22.

Giovani Santana- a gaming system and games.

Candy Hood 2nd Grade

Aiden Bradley – Camo 25.06, Camo crossbow, Deer call, 10 gauge shotgun, and a Paw Patrol set for my little brother

Gerardo Bustamante – Shotgun, Nerf Gun, Nintendo Switch, diamond necklace for my mom, and Chip, the robot dog

Alex Campos – Oonies, large and small Hatchimals, Orbes, a real horse, and a real pony

Kaylin Capps – Smart-watch, play phone, Hatchimals, Elf, and reindeer food

Autumn Clemmons – Zoomer show pony, kids smartwatch, Calico Critters, Hatchimals, and Oonies

Mallory Clifton – clothes, tablet, Baby Live sweet snacks or sweet tears, play Elf, and Hatchimals

Hayden Crabtree - tablet and charger, smiley faces all year, really cool Legos, and the whole Diary of a Wimpy Kids series

Kristaree Edwards - hoverboard, clothes and shoes, My Life doll and accessories, phone, barbies, and Barbie Dream House

Elvis Fernandez - a miracle, something for my family, a Smartwatch, jingle bells, and a memory box

Kylie Hamilton - Hatchimals, Nintendo Switch, Easy Bake Oven, and toy snow-man

Amy Hernandez – a DS, Playful Puppy, an Elf, a hover board, a bike, and Smartwatch

Thomas Jackson- puppy, Xbox 4 game, skateboard, and Xbox PS4 with games

Nathan Jacoby - paddle boat, Big Wheel, a real dog, medium-sized bike, and coffee cup for Mrs. Hood

Keyara Johnson – real snow, Oonies, Easy Bake Oven, playhouse with stairs, and ingredients to make Christmas slime

Trenton Johnson – football gloves, Xbox 1 with 2 controllers, Madden 18 game, 2K18 basketball game, and black and gold hover board

Avery Koon – a kitty notebook, a new stuffed toy, a new beanbag, earrings, and clothes for stuffed toy

Bayron Murillo – tablet, notebook, clothes, Zombie game, and lunchbox

Edwin Pacheco – tablet, Legos, football, car toy, and police car

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Sarah Horn 1st Grade
Jace Akins—hunting dog, toy machine gun, real shot gun
Jonny Bustamante—snake toy, Hatchimal, book
Adilene Castro—tablet, X-Box, Barbie
Abishai Cruz—toy car, Christmas tree, cell phone
Ledger Green—remote control Rudolph, real dog, remote control dinosaur
Thomas Johnson—power ranger, ninja, skates, skateboard
Sophie Keeton—paint, art book, marker board
Verenice Mendoza—shot gun, cookies and milk, Christmas tree
Bay Nolte—battleship, BB gun, hunting dog
Ava Parker—real pony, Build-A-Bear stuffing machine, new I-pod
Jarely Perez—German Shepherd, pretty, new backpack, make-up

Ivana Pineda—bike, book, sharpener
Carter Reeves—machine gun, dinosaur that cleans up your room, Transformer book
Jed Schroer—phone, iPad, tablet
Addison Sullivan—Oonies, Monster High tree doll, Hatchimal 2
Treyvon Thompson—toy jet, toy helicopter, sled
Ma’Layah Trotter—tablet, phone, computer
Emory Wallis—pony, earrings, books
Dalton Carter—watch, sunglasses, machine nerf gun.
Krissie Talley Kindergarten Grade
A mermaid tail and a dog -- Emmily Aguilar
A toy tiger, an elephant, markers and a board and some paper -- Landon Baragan
Lego game, legos and a race car with a control -- Raul Bustamante
Legos, a toy horse that really walks and Spirit -- Bailey Carver
Real crossbos, a ranger and some play doh -- Wyatt Chesshir
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Toy Elmo that can bring you stuff, a kangaroo, a new mailbox for my family and some more baby chicks -- La’Trevious Johnson
A car I can ride in that goes 100, a pointer and an easel -- Paxton Linville
Trampoline, xylophone and a stuffed dog -- Ayleen Pioquinto
A tablet, more crayons (100), a coloring book, a toy baby porcupine -- Chloe Russo
Hover board, a cup, a tablet and a baby doll -- Aliyah Smith
Real phone, a new real truck, a smart watch, a computer, and a tablet -- Adalyn Tollett
Nerf gun, army men, a golden Power Ranger, crayons and a piece of paper -- Steel Wakefield
Lego Minecraft, Hello Neighbor game, toy zombie, Lego games, a cup and a computer -- Aiden Wright.
Jennifer Pinkerton Kindergarten
Some racecars, airplanes, and Christmas stuff. -- Kayden Wyatt
Elsa castle, some play-doh, and Legos -- Annabelle Schooley
A puppy for Christmas. I would also like new shoes, clothes, and a car that I can ride in -- Abbie Sartin
A toy car me and my brother can play with, some clothes, and books -- Jhoan Murillo
A horse for Christmas.

I’ve wanted one since I was two. I would also like some new shoes -- Malia Mancilla
A baby doll to play with and some clothes -- Ava Jones
Baby doll, a tablet, and some play-doh -- Tinsley Griffin
An elf to watch me and make sure I am good. I also want a reindeer to fly on and a game. -- Brantley Goodwin
Remote control car and truck, also some books and some more blocks -- Parker Giddens
Big four wheeler, football pants, a football shirt, football pads, and a football helmet -- Taylynn Gay
Bouncy ball to play with outside, and a trampoline and a Santa cup -- Luke Evans

Charging car to ride on and nothing else because my dad said that was enough -- Jaylie Eskew
Barbie house and some Barbies to go in it, some clothes, and some books -- Betsi De La Rosa
Ninja turtles and some cars -- Angel Bustamante
Tablet, and a magic board to write on -- Madilyn Angeles
Minnie Mouse toy and a new blanket. I also want a new bike because the one I have now is broken -- Heavenly Brett
Kale Hughes and Steven Gilliam were absent when we wrote our letters. Please be sure and bring them something nice.
Vicki Cook 2nd Grade
Tablet, a stress ball, a diary, pompoms, and decorations -- Kayla

A real knife, nerf gun to shoot and an electric guitar to play music -- Wyatt Medlin
American Girl Doll, and it has to look like me. Is my brother on the naughty list? -- Jazlyn
Tablet with a keyboard. Tell Mrs. Clause I said hello -- Princess
Lego Dimensions Silver Batman because it is shiny and cool -- Michael
A Razer, a new puppy and Legos, too. -- Will
MyLife doll adult horse because my others dolls need something to ride to school on -- Emma
Hatchimal twins, new boots and clothes, too -- Chloe Gathright
Action figures, WWE 2k18, and the Royal Rumble Ring -- Shaun Collins
I really want to know how far the North Pole is from here. Five other things I want are: tons of Lego sets, Beyblades, Pokémon cards, a Beyblade ripper, and video games -- Bracen
Phone and a basketball goal for my trampoline. I want to know how you get down the chimney -- Macy
A toy bunny because it is cute and shiny and I will play with him all the time, a big dress because I can put it on and go to a dance, a tiny doll because I can feed my doll and play with her, and a puppy so I can sleep with



OPEN HOUSE AND COFFEE. Edwards Jones Investments in Nashville held their annual holiday open house and also hosted a Nashville Chamber of Commerce community coffee. Pictured are employees Denise Musgrave and Vicki Powell with Josh and Jamey Tice with children Jessa, Jacey and baby Jovie.



Murfreesboro Diamond photo/CHRISTY COCCARELLI

ADVENT FEAST. The First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro hosted their annual Advent Feast last Saturday evening, serving holiday fare to numerous locals. The church has sponsored this community celebration for over 40 years. Pictured is, (back row L to R) Betty and Mark Parrish, Trish and Michael Daniel, Sarnia Minton and Nina Cox; seated is Peggy Stockton, Paula Turbeville and Wanda O’Neal.

M’boro Angel Tree needs volunteers

The annual Angel Tree program in Murfreesboro is still in need of volunteers to provide presents before the deadline of the efforts.
Twenty-four local families have registered 55 angels, some of which are still available, for the local public to help bring a merrier Christmas this season.
Program Director Candi Allmon said there was still time and need for people to participate, either by purchasing gifts or to donate cash and to make sure that angels that have been taken be turned back in. Local residents who wish to participate can contact Allmon at the Pike County Collector’s Office.
All presents for the program are to be

submitted by Thursday, Dec. 14 to either the Murfreesboro Mayor’s Office or the Pike County Collector’s Office.
The program has been a successful one for local residents, serving 46 children in 2016 and 173 children in 2015.
Allmon noted that the program would pick up the remainder of what was left to purchase after the Dec. 14 deadline.
The requested presents may be picked up by families for the angels on either Wednesday, Dec. 20 or Thursday, Dec. 21 from 3-6 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building.
Deliveries of the presents will be made on a by-need basis only, and previous arrangements must be made.

her. -- Ashley
iPhone 5s and a new bike. I will leave you some cookies and milk in case you are hungry. Last, I want a dog, a WWE 2018, a tv in my room, and some new clothes -- Eduardo
Drum set because my other one is falling apart, a big remote control toy truck with wheels because my other one is broken, a purple four-wheeler for my sister because she doesn’t have one. That is all I want for Christmas and you can

set the four-wheeler in the shed but try not to wake anyone up -- Aaron
Hatchimals so I can see it hatch, a babyalive because they are so funny. I like the elf you gave me. I want a tricycle so my brother can’t get me. A flipazoo so I can flip it --Haydynn

A baby doll so I can feed her a bottle. I want a Gingerbread man toy. Last for Christmas I want a new bike. -- Poola Hernandez
A fitbit because it counts my steps. What kind of cookies do you want: chocolate, vanilla, or peanut butter? -- Maddie



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SCHOOL BOARD MASTERS. Three members of the Mineral Springs School Board were recently presented School Board Masters plaques by the Arkansas School Boards Association in recognition of their completion of 50 hours of continuing education. From left, Zemeria Newton who serves as board secretary, Ray Hawkins and Dorothy Vaughn.

MS school board launches scholarship program

Mineral Springs School Board members got an update on construction of the new K-12 facility during their regular meeting for December, Monday night.

The board met in the library of the Saratoga school campus.

Among the items considered were extended hiring of three custodial workers, approval of a new surface for the athletic field track, and a three percent raise for Supt. Thelma Forte. The raise is retroactive to July 1, board president William Dixon said.

Elementary school principal Stacy Gauldin gave a report on activities at her building.

The board launched a scholarship program sourced from their own pockets. Board members will contribute cash monthly and a scholarship will be financed from the income. The project was later amended to allow faculty and supporters to contribute.

Present for Monday’s meeting were board members Zemeria Newton, Ray Hawkins, Dorothy Vaughn, Mike Erwin and Dixon.

Change of story results in judge’s refusal of guilty plea

On Wednesday, the judge refused to allow a defendant to plead guilty to a variety of felony charges after the defendant said that contraband found in his vehicle actually belonged to a former owner or passenger of the vehicle.

Joseph Laskatch, 30, white male, Shawnee Mission, Kans., had been charged with possession of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft by receiving and fleeing.

He told Judge Tom Cooper that he had purchased a used car, and the items were in the car.

After refusing to accept Laskatch’s plea, Judge Tom Cooper instructed prosecution and defense attorneys to research case law and return for the Dec. 13 day of court.

Judge Cooper heard all guilty pleas from four defendants:

Terrell Grundy, 29, black male, Nashville, pleaded guilty to a class D felony charge of fleeing and a misdemeanor charge of driving or boating while intoxicated. He was sentenced to three years of probation, was fined

\$750, must pay costs of more than \$2,400 and must serve a day in jail on the DWI count.

Michael Paul Tablor, 42, white male, Horatio, pleaded guilty to a class D felony charge of possession of controlled substance. The state declined to prosecute a class Y felony charge of weapons possession during a controlled substance offense. He was sentenced to four years of probation and was fined \$2,000.

A guilty plea was also given by Onald Gilliam, 34, black male, Nashville, who was charged with a pair of class B felonies -- first degree battery and felon in possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to 20 years in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) with eight suspended on both charges. The terms will be served concurrently, and will also be concurrent with parole violation.

Ronald Hatfield, 57, white male, Hot Springs, pleaded guilty to a pair of cases. Om CR17-142 he was charged with two class D felonies -- possession of

drug paraphernalia and drug paraphernalia, and a misdemeanor drug possession charge. In CR17-159 he was charged with furnishing prohibited articles, or trying to smuggle contraband into the jail. He was sentenced to five years of probation and 180 days in a regional punishment facility.

Another defendant, Shawn Culpepper, 40, white male, Nashville, appeared for formal sentencing. Weeks earlier he had pleaded guilty to a class C felony charge of second degree forgery. He was sentenced to 10 years of probation, 120 days in a regional punishment facility, and must make restitution of \$1,500.

Not guilty pleas

A trial dates was set for Timothy Burton, 57, white male, Hot Springs, who pleaded not guilty to charges of breaking or entering, a class D felony, and theft of property, a misdemeanor. He will be represented by the public defender. Pretrial motions will be heard Feb. 28, and a trial date was set for March 13.

Failure to appear warrants were ordered for three defendants who missed court dates.

Dustin Chenowith, 27, white male, De Queen, is charged with a class D felony, possession of controlled substance, and misdemeanors.

Morgan Ward, 21, white female, Lockesburg, missed her court date on a class D felony charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

One bondsman was put on notice to have his client to appear here for a hearing March 7. Christopher Sykes, 37, black male, no address given, is charged with a class C felony, failure to comply with sex offender registration.

A defendant charged in Howard County with a class D felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, appeared in Pike County criminal court and entered a guilty plea, Nov. 27. The defendant, Kevin Broach, 41, white male, Hot Springs, was sentenced to three years to run concurrently with a Pike County sentence.

Howard County Children’s Center services extend into 4 counties

Howard County Children’s Center, in Nashville, offers services to developmentally delayed and/or intellectually disabled children and adults in Sevier, Howard, Hempstead and Pike counties.

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MS Hornet assistant coach suffers stroke

The prayer warriors are out in full force at Mineral Springs Schools this week after Coach Brian Strickland suffered a stroke Sunday.

Strickland, 48, who was hired this year to be an assistant football coach and head baseball coach, is currently

in the intensive care unit of the trauma center at Wadley Hospital in Texarkana. Strickland also teaches math in the middle school.

Strickland’s wife, Debra, is also employed by the school district as an elementary teacher.

… White Cliffs News …

There were no emergencies in the Cliffs this week. Even I managed to stay on my feet without a fall, and that’s a blessing.

Rev. Koontz kept his appointment at the Mount Zion Church on Sunday. He spoke on the subject, “You better watch yourself.” Even though I missed the service, this subject speaks to me and gives me reason to watch myself as a Christian. This kind of straight talk speaks to us all in one way or another.

Several of the ladies from the church visited with me after the service on Sunday afternoon.

We had a good visit and shared some holiday plans. Thanks ladies, you made my day.

Our condolences to the family of Ms. Fannie Johnson, Mineral Springs, who went home to be with the Lord last week. We share in your loss.



chocolate, some cookies, and have a good time.

CHRISTIAN REFRESHER - LUKE 2:8-14KJV

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

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.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

INSPIRATION: True prayer is simply a quiet, sincere, genuine conversation with God. It is a two-way dialogue between friends. - W. Phillip Keller

LOVE IS THE KEY!

Former M’boro mayor to make run for Pike County judge position

Former Murfreesboro mayor, Travis Branch, has announced his intention to run for the office of Pike County Judge in 2018.

With intent of running on the Democratic ticket, Branch said his past work history substantially qualifies him to serve the citizens of Pike County in the office’s capacity.

“As a veteran of the United States Army Engineer Battalion, I served in Operation Iraqi Freedom ... in addition to the experienced gained in the U.S. Army, work with the L.J. Ernest Construction Company has given me the expert knowledge and skill in building roads, bridges and the operation of heavy equipment.”

In addition, Branch said his local experience developed after his military service has given him the expertise to effectively manage the Judge’s office.

“Serving as Mayor of Murfreesboro for four years, in addition to managing Circle B Farm and the owner/operator of Branch Welding and Service Center has afforded me the experience of working effectively with budgets, grants, city councils, employees and citizens.”

Branch said he humbly asks that the citizens of Pike County consider him for their vote in the May 22 preferential primary election that will be held countywide.

“I have the knowledge and experience that it will take to best serve the citizens for all of Pike County.

“I respectfully ask for your vote for Pike County Judge.”

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PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
Rose Mae Pitchford, deceased
Case No. 31PR-17-42-II

NOTICE

Rose Mae Pitchford
409 West Second Street
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Date of Death: 10/3/2012

An instrument dated January 8, 2006 was on the 29th day of June, 2017, admitted to probate as the last will of the above named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed executrix thereunder. Contest of the probate of the will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published December 6, 2017.

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BLESSING BOX. The box and some of the project organizers -- from left, Keith Young, Belinda Broyles, Kristie Skinner, Ammi Perez, Tina McBay, Rex Icenhower, Mindy Bowman and L.A. King.

‘Take what you need -- Leave what you can’

Husqvarna’s Blessing Box not just for employees

A friendly competition between groups of Husqvarna employees filled the Blessing Box for the first time, months ago in late summer.

The “box” is kept full of useful items -- non-perishable food, hygiene and baby products, bottled water, etc. -- and persons in need of the items are invited to go to the box, 24-hours a day, to take what they need.

“Take what you need -- Leave what you can.”

It is not a project just for Husqvarna employees, the box organizers insist, and they repeat their hopes that the community will use the box both to make withdrawals and to deposit items. The box itself was built by Husqvarna employees.

Two employees who were organizers of the project, talked about the Blessing Box, last Thursday.

Ammi Perez said that the greatest demands upon the box as a source was on weekends.

Tina McBay emphasized that the box was not just a project to assist Husqvarna employees, but was for the whole community.

The box is a two-door, glass-fronted construction almost in the curve of South Fourth Street at the original chainsaw plant in Nashville. It is beside an exit from the parking lot

and it is accessible both from a sidewalk and from the plant parking lot.

A project pamphlet notes that the box is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, “Because if you have a need it cannot always wait.”

The idea originally came from Husqvarna employees wanting to do something for the community.

They approached management and got wholehearted endorsement.

The box is supplied with a little company help, but mostly items come from employees and members of the community who are invited to drop off items at the box.

If the box is full, donations may be left at the security guard shack located at the back of the parking lot.

McBay said that more dropoff locations may be recruited in town to make it easier for citizens to support the project.

This week, dropoff boxes were placed at Cash Savers food store in Nashville, and at Dollar General stores in Nashville and Mineral Springs.

Perez said that the project was catching on with the public.

It’s just a good gesture between the community, and an industry and its employees.

By Jean Ince • Howard County Extension Agent-Staff Chair

Enjoy gingerbread this Christmas

Christmas brings memories of wonderful smells coming from the kitchen. Cookies, candies, cakes, pies and of course gingerbread bring these memories to life. Recently, my daughter-in-law asked about making gingerbread. Her grandmother would make it at Christmas and the family could not wait to enjoy this special treat. What’s the tradition behind this tasty treat?

Gingerbread first appeared in Western Europe at the end of the eleventh century. Crusaders returning from the Eastern Mediterranean brought home unfamiliar foods that would soon become the essential ingredients for gingerbread. Those ingredients included spices, sugars, almonds and citrus fruits.

From the beginning, gingerbread was a delicacy, and it still is today. It is a baked sweet containing wonderful spices including ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, cardamom and anise. While your recipe may not contain all these spices, ginger is an essential ingredient. Gingerbread is sweetened with any combination of brown sugar, molasses, light or dark corn syrup, or honey. American recipes often use ingredients that are available regionally. In New England, maple syrup is used; in the South, sorghum molasses is used.

Gingerbread can be made in the form of thin, crisp cookies; or a soft, delicately spiced cake; or a warm, thick, steamy-dark slice of bread served with lemon sauce or whipped cream. It can be light or dark; sweet or spicy; or it can be cut into shapes and colorfully decorated or stamped with a mold and dusted with powdered sugar.

Successfully baking and decorating gingerbread is easy if you follow a few tips. As with most dough that is rolled out, chill the dough. Refrigerating for at least one hour will make it easier to work with. Once chilled, roll out on a surface lightly dusted with a mixture of flour and confectioners’ sugar or between pieces of parchment paper.

Once rolled out, keep cookie cutters from sticking to the dough by dusting them with flour. If cutting out large shapes, prevent them from breaking by rolling out the dough on parchment paper, removing the scraps, and sliding from the paper directly onto a baking sheet.

If you would like to decorate the cookies or a gingerbread house, allow them to cool completely. Make a simple icing using confectioners’ sugar, milk and butter. You can color the icing with liquid or paste food coloring. Use decorations such as shredded coconut, colored sugar, toasted sliced almonds, button candies, mini chocolate chips, and dried fruits. Attach the decorations before the icing dries. Allow decorated cookies to stand for

at least 2 hours to allow for the icing to dry. Cookies can be prepared up to two weeks ahead and stored in single layers between sheets of waxed paper in airtight containers.

When decorating a loaf bread or cake, a simple glaze of confectioners’ sugar and milk works well. Add fruit zests or extracts for added flavor. Allow the glaze to dry before slicing.

Create memories this Christmas by making and decorating gingerbread cookies with your children or grandchildren. It’s easy to do and is so much fun!

For more information on baking this Christmas, contact the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517 or visit our office located on the second floor of the courthouse.

Be sure to check out the Howard County Extension Homemaker’s Bake Sale this Friday starting at 8:00 a.m. in front of Western Auto.

There will be lots of cakes, cookies, breads, pies, candy; everything you need for your holiday parties.

Come early for best selection! These treats are prepared by the best cooks in the county and they usually sell fast! All proceeds support Howard County EHC programs.

Recipe of the Week

Here is a recipe for gingerbread. It is from an early 1980’s Howard County Extension Homemaker Cookbook. The recipe was submitted by Wanda Simmons, a member of the Saline EHC Club.

Old Fashioned Gingerbread

1 ½ cups flour
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ginger
½ cup shortening
½ cup sugar
1 egg
½ cup molasses
½ cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour loaf pan. Sift dry ingredients together. Set aside. Cream shortening and sugar. Add egg and molasses and mix well. Alternately add dry ingredients and buttermilk to mixing bowl. Mix well. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until done.

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