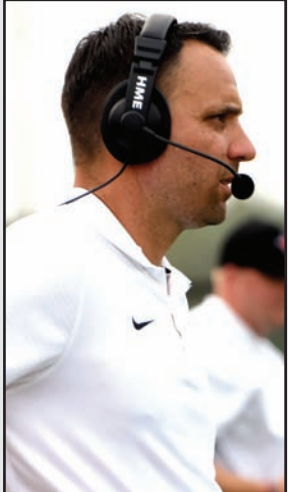


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Scrapper pre-view, Section B of today's paper.



Coach Mike Volarich

Murfreesboro, Mineral Springs, Dierks previews Aug. 29.

Paint sought for building acquired by history group

The Howard County Historical Society is seeking donations of paint --- or cash for paint -- to fix up the old 'fire station' on West Sybert Street in Nashville, recently donated to the society by the Lyons family.

White exterior latex paint is needed, and an estimated 30 gallons will complete the job, according to Freddie Horne, chairman of the society.

Partial gallons leftover from home projects can be used for certain places. A one-gallon can of white exterior latex costs approximately \$25, Horne says.

Persons wishing to give cans of paint, or cash donations for paint, may see Horne, Jonathan Canaday, Marsha Rhodes, Allen Rhodes or any member of the society's board. Call 451-4288.

Paint may be dropped off at either the museum or the old fire station. Donations are tax deductible, Horne said.

Candidate pays visit to Mineral Springs. Pictures in the Aug. 22 issue of the News-Leader.

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Countdown hits Day 5

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

The Scrapper season will get an early start when Nashville plays Watson Chapel in the 103.7 The Buzz Kickoff Classic Monday, Aug. 20, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

The game marks the first day of Zero Week, which the Arkansas Activities Association created to allow teams to play their three non-conference games over a four-week period. Nashville and Watson Chapel will be the second game of the Arkansas high school season. Dollarway and McClellan will be first with a 5 p.m. game on Monday.

Zero Week still has a 10-game regular season, leaving open dates for participants. Nashville's open date will be Sept. 14, a week before the District 7-4A opener against Arkadelphia Sept. 21 at Scrapper Stadium.

The Watson Chapel Wildcats are a familiar opponent for Nashville. The two teams last met in 2015, with Nashville winning 69-48 en route to a 15-0 season and the Class 4A state championship.

The teams did not play in 2016 or 2017, when the Scrappers went 2-0 against Idabel, Okla.

Nashville was 8-4 last season, 5-2 in District 7-4A. Booneville defeated the Scrappers 24-21 in the second round of the state playoffs.

Watson Chapel was 8-4 last season, 7-0 in conference.

Scrapper Coach Mike Volarich expects the Wildcats to be "a very good football team. They're ranked anywhere from fourth to seventh in Class 5A. They were undefeated last season in 5A South."

Watson Chapel returns "a lot of good players. This should be an exciting game early."

Nashville enters the season looking to improve on last year's record and early exit from the playoffs. Volarich said the Scrappers worked hard during the offseason, summer and fall camp. The players "do what they're coached to do. They're fun to be around."



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

DEFENSE. Samuel Avalos (32) stops the El Dorado Wildcat Monday, Aug. 13, during a scrimmage at Southern Arkansas University. The Scrapper varsity came from behind to take a 9-7 win in the first half. The second half saw both teams with 10-play possessions, which Nashville also controlled. The Scrappers will open their season Monday, Aug. 20, against Watson Chapel at War Memorial Stadium.

Advance tickets available for Scrapper opener

The Nashville School District has tickets available for the Scrappers' season opener Aug. 20 at

War Memorial Stadium against Watson Chapel. Tickets are \$10 each at the district's central office.

Nashville will receive 100 percent of the pre-sale tickets. School officials encour-

age fans to purchase their tickets before the game so that Nashville is able to receive the money.

School looks at budget for 2018-19

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

The Nashville School Board conducted a budget workshop Tuesday, Aug. 7, to plan for the new academic year.

Superintendent Doug Graham reviewed the proposed budget with board members and asked for their input. The board was scheduled to vote on the budget Tuesday, Aug. 14, after the *News-Leader's* press time.

School security was a major focus of the planning meeting. Graham said he is hesitant to approve other programs until the state issues its final report on school safety. Gov. Asa Hutchinson told an audience in Nashville last week that there will be

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Curriculum coordinator Kim Slayton

Curriculum updates ahead for Nashville

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

When the 2018-19 academic year began Monday, Aug. 13, Kim Slayton was in a new role with the Nashville School District. Slayton has moved from assistant principal at high school to the district's curriculum coordinator.

Slayton said the new K-6 literacy/reading curriculum Wonders by McGraw Hill will be implemented.

"Teachers had in-service training over the summer in preparation for the new program," she said. Literacy coaches Becky Stanley and Holly Couch, along with Slayton and administrators, attended training during the summer. They will

assist teachers with the implementation of the new curriculum throughout the academic year.

K-12 teachers and administration received training during the summer in the science of reading. "This is a state-mandated reading initiative called R.I.S.E.," Slayton said. "K-2 teachers had four days of LETRS training and 3-6 had two days of R.I.S.E. Training. Our 7-12th grade teachers will receive 18 hours of training through IDEAS. This training will continue throughout the next two years in an effort to improve reading instruction."

Slayton said Nashville

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News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

THEIR LAST FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. Members of the Nashville High School class of 2019 gathered at the Sunset Church of Christ fellowship hall Monday, Aug. 13, for the traditional senior breakfast. More than 80 seniors attended. The event is held each year on the first day of school in the Nashville district.

Obituaries



Clyde Leslie Green

Clyde Leslie Green was born on Feb. 18, 1928, to Leslie Lee Green and Mattie Belle Hallmark Green in Mineral Springs. He passed away to be with the Lord on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at age 90.

He attended Central Baptist Church his whole life, accepting Christ at age 12 during a revival.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Mary Jo Gentry Green. They were married for 62 years. He also lost his youngest son, Larry Joe Green and a granddaughter, Jaimie DeAnn Green; two sisters, Gleneva Green Milam (Coy) and Lounelle Green McCullough (Ken).

Clyde is survived by his sister, Shirley Green Westfall (Brice) of Nathan; his daughter, Linda Green Johnson (Rick) and son Jimmy Green both of Mineral Springs.

He has four grandchildren; Kristen Johnson McJunkins (Bryan) of Nashville; Kellie Johnson Web (Kyle) of Columbus; Wes Green (Natalie) of Hot Springs; and Jeremy Green (Cheryl) of Nashville.

His great grandchildren upon whom he bestowed so much love and pride include Maci, Kase, Lorenn, Riley, Reed, Lawson, Landree, Ledger, and one great-great grandchild Hayes.

Clyde Green was well known for his “always early” “in-it-to win it,” can-do-never give-up” attitude, determination, drive and love of arguing. He possessed outstanding athletic skills pitching in high school and continuing to play in semi-pro teams (sometimes pitching in 3 or more games a week for several teams). His pitching gained the attention of professional teams and he was recruited to join the Pittsburg Pirates to attend their training camp.

As he and Mary Jo began a family he left ball playing and stepped into the construction industry soon earning the opportunity to become a superintendent overseeing the building of AT&T tower buildings across the United States working for the Henger family. Later he moved into an executive position for the Coker family in their Chicago Company. Then they moved him to their Dallas location to be president of three companies.

When he semi-retired he returned home to Mineral Springs to build up and run the family farm with the love of his life Mary Jo and their children.

In the following years he also held the position of Mayor of Mineral Springs and then held the office of Howard County Judge.

Clyde and Mary Jo eventually sold their interest in the farm to Linda and Rick to travel all over the United States in their motorhome. They also camped with their Good Sam’s Club friends and he especially enjoyed camping and fishing with friends at Paraloma Landing on Millwood Lake.

Clyde loved horses, breaking and riding them on his parents’ farm as he grew up, then later raising Foundation Quarter Horses and showing them in competitions.

He moved into the Central Baptist Church Retirement Village and lived there for the last year of his life on earth. He enjoyed the other residents, activities, and he loved his little apartment. He told everyone that the

Village was a wonderful place to live.

Clyde got up every morning at 4:00 a.m. and went to the gym to exercise because he said he “had to keep active.” After exercise he joined many dear friends at Rick’s Smokin BBQ (Hickory House) to have breakfast. He was a Democrat “through and through” but some of his friends are Republicans and he loved to argue politics (and many other topics) with his buddies and everyone else. He had a very giving spirit and loved giving to others and sharing whatever he had.

Services were graveside on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Mineral Springs Cemetery with Bro. Ben Jones officiating. Mr. Green can be viewed on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at Central Baptist Church on Sunday immediately after the services. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church. You may send the family a sympathy message to Nashville Funeral Home on Face Book.

Wayne Hunnicutt

Wayne Hunnicutt, 78, of Ozan, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018.

He was born Sept. 4, 1939 in Goose Creek, Texas, the son of the late John Roland and Thelma Jones Hunnicutt.

He was a member of the Jehovah’s Witness faith.

He was preceded in death by a son, Buddy Hunnicutt; two sisters, Grace and Analee; and a brother, Willis Hunnicutt.

Survivors include: his wife, Alice Flum Hunnicutt of Ozan; children Sandee Roberts (Steve) of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Diana Fatherree (Darrell) of Nashville, Wade Hunnicutt (Karen) of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Kathy Helmstetter (Michael) of Ozan; a brother, Randy Hunnicutt; two sisters, Myrtis and Berniece; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witness in Nashville.

Online at Latimer Funeral Home.

Sandra Gail Smith Martin

Sandra Gail Smith Martin, 54, of Little Rock, Ark., passed away on Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

She was born Sept. 11, 1963 in Texarkana, Texas, to her father, Lawrence, and her late mother, Juanita Smith.

She was a 1981 graduate of Mineral Springs High School.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Juanita King Smith; grandparents Glen and Ellen Smith; maternal grandparents Ray and Janie King.

Survivors include: her two daughters, Brooke

White of Little Rock, Ark., and Brittany Pruitt and husband Kris of Bryant, Ark.; grandson Jackson Hill of Little Rock; father Lawrence Smith of Mineral Springs, Charles Allen and wife Sue of Mineral Springs; sisters Janie Smith and Julie Smith, both of Mineral Springs; brother Kevin and wife Shera, of Mineral Springs; a niece, Shannon Upton of Mineral Springs; nephew Keith Smith and wife Haley of Magnolia, Ark.; Kendrick Austin of Mineral Springs; Jay Britt and wife Dulce of Nashville, Ark., and a special family friend, Brian Beaird.

Graveside services were 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at Saratoga Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.



Rosann B. Hartness

Rosann B. Hartness, age 74, of Nashville passed away on Aug. 8, 2018 in Nashville, Ark. She was born on July 25, 1944 in Nashville, Ark., to the late John Dee and Verdian Epton Baker.

Mrs. Hartness was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Nashville.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, J.M. Hartness; an infant son, Marcus Hartness; a son, Marty Wayne Hartness; and her parents John Dee and Verdian Baker.

Survivors include: three sons, Justin Hartness, Tim Hartness and Ray Hartness and wife Brenda; one daughter, Sherri Hipp and husband Russell; one sister, Sheila Bearden and husband Wade; seven grandchildren which include, Morgan Sanchez, Jessica Murphy, Katelyn Hipp, Ashlyn Hipp, Wade Hartness and Chance Hartness; four great-grandchildren; one special friend Ann Fricks and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, Aug. 9, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services were 2:00 P.M., Friday, Aug. 10, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville, with Bro. Keith Mays officiating. Burial followed at Bluff Springs cemetery in Nashville, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Terry Garrison

Terry Garrison, 66, of Dierks, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

He was born Aug. 2, 1952, in Nashville, the son

of the late Willard B. Garrison and Cloteel Glasgow Garrison. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jenny Henry Garrison, and a brother, Jerry Garrison.

He was retired from Weyerhaeuser.

Survivors include many family members and in-laws.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, in the Mount Joy Free Will Baptist Church with Bro. Gary Welch officiating.

Visitation was Monday, 9-10 a.m. prior to the services at the church. Burial followed in the Mount Joy Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Glenwood.

Mary M. Childers

Mary M. Childers, 70 of Murfreesboro, died Tuesday, July 25, 2018 in Murfreesboro.

She was born Oct. 2, 1947 in Nashville to the late Fred and Velma Bedwell May. She was a homemaker and was of the Baptist Faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Childers; brothers, Harold May, Tommy Bedwell, Frank May, Robert May, and Harvey May; and a sister, Carolyn Stoner.

Survivors include her children: Shannon Riley of Lockesburg, Crystal Sanchez of Hot Springs, and Donald Brad Childers of Benton; two brothers, Don May of Murfreesboro and Billy May of Nashville; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren

A memorial service will be Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Biggs Chapel Cemetery in Nathan, Ark. Send a sympathy message to Nashville Funeral Home on Face Book.

Delana Joe Couch

Delana Joe Couch, 82, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018 in Dierks.

He was born Sept. 27, 1935 in the Nathan community to the late Clayton Couch and Vera Wilkerson Couch. He was a retired logger.

He was preceded in death by a baby sister, Jeanette Couch.

Survivors include: his wife; Betty Couch of Nathan, two sons, Jimmy Couch of Munford, Tenn., and Rickey Couch of Emmett; stepchildren Rickey Ringgold of Rison, Kay Pounders of Stamps, and Jan Cushion of Pine Bluff; three brothers, Owen Dean Couch of Nathan, Melvin Couch of Mt. Ida, and Coyce Couch of

Ozark; also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018 at 11 a.m. in the Academy Cemetery in Nathan under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home. Visitation was at the funeral home on Friday night from 5-7. Send a sympathy message to Nashville Funeral Home on Face Book.



Wanda Hupp

Wanda Hupp, age 74, of Nashville, A., passed away on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018 in Nashville, Ark.

She was born Oct. 3, 1945, to the late William Ervin and Clara Laurent Simmons.

Mrs. Wanda was a member of the Church of Christ in Murfreesboro for over 30 years. She had a heart full of love for her husband and all

of her family that she spent years caring for.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Clara Simmons; three brothers, Floyd Simmons, Daranon Simmons and Harold Simmons and one sister, Joyce Hale.

Survivors include: her husband, of 54 years, Donald Hupp of Nashville, AR; three sons, Allen Hupp of Nashville, AR, Wayne Hupp of Nashville, AR, John Hupp of Nashville, AR, one daughter, Darla Lamb and husband Patrick of Nashville, AR; two sisters, Brunel Flarhty of Murfreesboro, AR, Janie Wright of Murfreesboro, AR, numerous of grand, greats, and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018 at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, AR.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2018 at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, AR. Graveside following will be at College Hill Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.

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

Bereavement support group planned at HMMH for Aug. 27

Howard Memorial Hospital will have its next bereavement support group on Aug. 27.

For more information and to register, call (870) 845-6069.

Howard County GOP committee meets here on second Tuesdays

The Howard County Republican Committee meets every second Tuesday at Western Sizzlin at 7 p.m.

The public is invited.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Clyde L. Green would like to thank everyone for the prayers, messages of concern and comfort, visits and phone calls. Those of you who brought food to the house and the ladies of Central Baptist who prepared the food for the visitation could not have taken care of feeding us any better. We will always cherish those who came to pay their last respects at his service and who came to the visitation afterwards. Thank you also for the flowers, memorials and cards.

We also thank Home Health and the staff of Howard Memorial for the care you gave him. We thank Bro. Ben Jones for leading the service and being with us all week. We also thank Nashville Funeral Home and Bobby Miller for helping us navigate through this difficult time.

Though nothing can ever repay the kindness and love you have all shown us, please accept this note of thanks with love and appreciation.

The Clyde Green Family

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Happy Birthday wishes to you, LeAnn Daniel

We want to share a favorite poem. She kept this among her treasures. This is for all of us who knew and loved her.

Missing you on your Birthday and everyday!

God Gives Us Special Friends

Of all the blessings in my life,
I count most gratefully
The special friends I know and love--
God gave them all to me.
He gave me friends to share my days,
My good times and my bad;
Close friends who make my life worthwhile
When I feel lost or sad.
He gave me friends for me to love,
Who love me in return;
Good friends who never hesitate
To show their warm concern.
So not a day goes by without
A sentimental thought
Of all the special things we've shared
And the joys each friend has brought.
And not a day goes by that I
Don't say a special prayer--
That God will keep my special friends
Forever in His care. ~By Amanda Bradley

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THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



Courtesy photo/HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Inside Dierks Lumber and Coal Company's The Big Store circa: 1940

118 years ago: 1900
Mr. J. C. Sevier living near New Hope now over eighty years old has cultivated this year eight acres in corn, one acre of potatoes, one acre of cotton, half acre each in sorghum and peas. He did all the work plowing and hoeing himself. His native state is Tennessee and has been living in New Hope for ten years. His wife is still living. They were married in 1856 and had six children, only two of whom are living. He enlisted in the Confederate army in July 1861, served through the entire war and returned home in August 1865.

Messrs. J. W. Cox and J. W. Whitehead have opened a blacksmith shop at Blackland and will begin work at once. Mr. Whitehead has been in the business before and proved to be a very good smith. The gentlemen will no doubt meet with success.

(Adv.) Nashville Woolen Mills began operation August 1st and will buy your wool and pay the highest cash price. Bring us your wool.

100 years ago: 1918
Dr. W. H. Toland of this city who is the attending sur-

geon in the case of Bynum Stoker, the soldier who attempted suicide at the home of his parents last week, stated to a *News* reporter Thursday that Stoker has a fair chance of recovery now, food having been given him on Wednesday, the first since the tragedy occurred.

Judge D. B. Sain spoke Wednesday evening at the Christian Tabernacle. His address was in keeping with the general theme of all the Wednesday evening meetings at the Tabernacle this summer. He showed how the war had brought out three classes of persons, the patriot, the slacker and the profiteer.

65 years ago: 1953
Elva Mounts knows what it is to “hit” the broiler market just right. She did it three times out of four and this past Monday night she sent some fat broilers to market with the hopes of putting more cash in her pocket.

Miss Mounts lives four miles north of Center Point and a half mile west of the Dierks highway. She handles a small flock of Indian Rivers and sells at the 10-week stage. She told the *News* that she “had never sold a flock yet that averaged less than

three pounds per bird.”

Miss Mount’s flocks are fed Prime Quality’s mash and pellets. Neely Cassidy is her supplier, and she raises 1,000 in each flock. They are housed in a well-ventilated frame chicken house with 16 feeders and a shady pine grove for summer roaming. Disease has never touched her flocks, and losses have been at a minimum.

43 Years ago: 1975
An estimated crowd of 600 gathered along the streets and sidewalks of Dierks Saturday to watch the third annual Pine Tree Festival parade. The event preceded an afternoon of contests and excitement at Jack Clawson Memorial Park.

The Pine Tree Festival was begun in 1973 as a continuation of the old Forest Festival and is sponsored by the Dierks Jaycees.

Willie Stapp, an octogenarian, who began fiddle at age 10, entertained a record crowd at the Festival. At the end of the activities two separate drawings were held in which Doris Osborn was awarded a horse and saddle and a mobile CB unit was awarded to Tony Nation of Ashdown.

Public Record of Howard County

Filed or recorded in the Howard County, Ark., courthouse Aug. 1-8, 2018:

Marriage Licenses

Aug. 1. Samuel Montiel, 24, De Queen, and Jacqueline Roxana Turcios, 23, De Queen.

Aug. 6. Nickolas Earl Lemons, 25, Nashville, and Brittany Elaine Light, 26, Mineral Springs.

Civil Court

CV18-96, Aug. 6. JH Portfolio Debt Equities LLC vs. Melinda R. Jones. Debt.

CV18-97, Aug. 6. LVNV Funding LLC vs. Joyce Mghee (sic). Debt.

CV18-98, Aug. 6. LVNV Funding LLC vs. Cassandra R. Wiley. Debt.

CV18-99, Aug. 8. Ruth Ellison vs. Charlun Brett. Writ: other.

Domestic Relations Court

DR18-87, Aug. 3. Colby Frachiesur vs. Becky White. Domestic abuse.

DR18-88, Aug. 3. Colby Frachiseur vs. Larry Russell. Domestic abuse.

DR18-89, Aug. 6. Enchantra Brown vs. Isaac Napoleon. Domestic abuse.

DR18-90, Aug. 6. Amanda Morales vs. Rudy Morales. Divorce.

DR18-91, Aug. 6. Willie Trimble vs. Kenya C. Trimble (aka Johnson). Divorce.

DR18-92, Aug. 7. Canton Williams vs. Danyel Williams. Divorce.

Criminal Court

No new criminal cases filed since CR18-114 on Aug. 2.

Land Transactions

Executrix’s Deed

Aug. 2. Rebecca Deloney, Executrix for the Estate of Dorcas May, deceased; to Rebecca Deloney and Melba Stroud, Joint Tenants; part of Block 25, Town of Mineral Springs, in S20 T10S R27W.

Distributee’s Deed

Aug. 7. Lyle Cooley, Distributor of the Estate of Mae June Cooley, deceased; to Lyle Cooley and Tracey Cooley; part of Lots 1-2, Block 3, Town of Mineral Springs.

Quitclaim Deed

Aug. 8. Jorge Vaquera; to Leah Arnold; part of Lot 1, Block 93, City of Nashville.

Redemption Deeds

Aug. 3. State of Arkansas; to Minuen May Sr., c/o Minuen May, Jr., Nashville; Lot 8, Block 32, SWRE&DC Addition, City of Nashville; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$89.17.

Aug. 3. State of Arkansas; to Oscar and Mary Graves, c/o and Delores Graves, c/o Charmaine Wheaton, Phoenix, Ariz.; 1.34 ac. in S9 T11S R27W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$269.46.

Aug. 6. State of Arkansas; to Sanford B. Tollette, Little Rock, Ark.; 0.19 ac. in S9 T11S R27W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$199.17.

Warranty Deeds

Aug. 3. Lindsay Rome-

ro and husband Jose Juan Romero; to Jarret Lockeby and wife, Amanda Lockeby; Lot 5, Blue Bayou Acres, Howard Co., Ark. \$142,000.

Aug. 3. Charles Wilhite and wife, Betty Wilhite; to Tracy Mabery and Billie Mabery, husband and wife; 0.64 ac. in S36 T9S R28W. \$14,300.

Aug. 3. Jeremy Mounts and wife, Donna R. Mounts, and Jeffrey Mounts and wife, Cassi Mounts; to Stacy Melvin Smith and wife, Kimberly Smith; Lots 1 thru 4, Block 2, George H. Bell 1st Addition, City of Nashville. \$435,000.

Aug. 6. (Special) Gary Lynn Jeanes, Ancillary Executor of the Estate of Gerald F. Jeanes, deceased; to Gary Lynn Jeanes, Terri A. Day, Sherri L. Vardeman, Tenants in Common; 6.1 ac. in S11 T6S R29W.

Aug. 6. Charles Wilhite and Betty Wilhite, husband and wife; to Philip Hostetler and Geneva Hostetler, Estate by the Entirety; 81.59 ac. in S31 and S36 T9S R27W and R28W. \$196,800.

Aug. 6. Dorothy Lansdown; to Jessie Lee; Lots 1-2-7-8, Block 11, Town of Saratoga. \$5,000.

Ag. 6. Bron Allen Bell and Nicole Keener Bell, husband and wife; to Francisco Campos and Antonieta Oro, husband and wife; property in Block 61, McCullough’s Addition, Town of Mineral Springs. \$16,000.

AETN to host debates

CONWAY - Candidates in eight races have agreed to participate in “Election 2018: AETN Debates,” which will tape and air on the Arkansas Educational Television Network Oct. 8-12.

All debates will be held at the Donald W. Reynolds Performance Hall, 223 Beatrice Powell St., on the University of Central Arkansas campus in Conway. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Seating is available on a first come, first served basis. Doors will open one hour prior to taping times. Debates will also stream live on aetn.org.

The following candidates have verbally committed to participating in AETN’s debates:

• Governor – Jared Henderson (D), incumbent Asa Hutchinson (R) and Mark West (L).

• Lieutenant Governor – Anthony Bland (D), Frank Gilbert (L) and incumbent Tim Griffin (R).

• Attorney General – Kerry Hicks (L), Mike Lee (D) and incumbent Leslie Rutledge (R).

• Secretary of State – Susan Inman (D), Christopher Olson (L) and John Thurston (R).

• U.S. Congressional District 1 – Incumbent Rick Crawford (R), Chintan Desai (D) and Elvis Presley (L).

• U.S. Congressional District 2 – Clarke Tucker (D), incumbent French Hill (R) and Joe Ryne Swafford (L).

• U.S. Congressional District 3 – Michael Kalagias (L), Josh Mahony (D) and incumbent Steve Womack (R).

• U.S. Congressional District 4 – Tom Canada (L), Hayden Catherine Shamel (D) and incumbent Bruce Westerman (R).

In addition to keeping viewers informed about the candidates, AETN will also produce “Election 2018: Ballot Initiatives.” The proposed initiatives that have reached the ballot will be discussed in this 30-minute program produced in conjunction with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

A final debate schedule is still being determined. Debates and ballot initiatives will repeat in two parts Sundays, Oct. 21 and 28, beginning at 12:30 p.m. each day.

Additional information, including debate attendance rules, is available at aetn.org/election.

Major funding for “Election 2018: AETN Debates” is provided by AARP Arkansas.



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- Aldous Huxley

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Point of view

Gimme eat

Stop? Never while there’s a pea left in the pot!

‘FAST’ doesn’t always mean speedy. Nope. Most of the time -- unfortunately -- it means ‘no eat.’

Like, every time I have some sort of medical-related visit. Their office sends me a terse note that says I must ‘fast’ after midnight. Meaning at the stroke of the witching hour I must have already swallowed my last bite of food.

After that I can only have teeeny sips of pure mountain water.

So it was last week when a doc was thinking about tinkering with my ticker.

My appointment wasn’t until 2 in the afternoon, but I still had to “fast after midnight.”

I was in Little Rock for this particular visit and I was really wondering if I had enough will power to fast from evening meal on Thursday until mid-afternoon snack time on Friday.

A brilliant idea nearly knocked me to my knees.

I searched Little Rock successfully for an all-night, all-you-can-eat buffet.

I went in and ate continuously until the stroke of midnight.

Next day, when I was asked if I had fasted after midnight I smugly explained “Yes, but I feasted until then.”

The nurse thought it was funny but the doc hit the roof.

You’ve got to get your weight down, he said through gritted teeth, and by golly I could tell that he really meant it.

I’ve always had a weight problem. When I was a Navy helicopter aircrewman I had trouble maintaining my ‘flight’ weight. That was nearly 75 pounds ago.

I’ve tried everything under the sun to lose weight.

Been hypnotized three different times by three different hypnotist-snotistsnotists.

Been to a weight doc who had some miracle pills. Haha.

Been to counseling with dietician. The truth hurts.

Been in Weight Watchers so many times I can’t count that high. But, I hasten to add, Weight Watchers is the only thing that ever worked for me for any amount of time. I’ve lost hundreds of pounds with WW.

I may try to sneak in again soon under a false name, but the truth is that I might be too ashamed to show my face there again.

Once a few years ago I looked into organizing an Overeaters Anonymous chapter here but could’t find out much.

I think the Overeaters Anonymous chapter at Mena meets in their local all-night, all-you-can-eat buffet.

I am just weak.

More than 25 years ago I managed to quit cigarettes, but I cannot eat moderately. If it’s on my plate (or even in the refrigerator or pantry) it doesn’t hang around long.

I’ve even thought seriously about stopping kids who are walking to school. I’d take stuff out of their lunch boxes. Be my luck they only had apples and oranges and other healthy stuff. It would also be my luck that I picked on some kid that would fight back. But that’s another story and I’m sure you wouldn’t be interested.

I’m trying real hard to think of other bad habits I’ve managed to quit. I can’t.

Well, maybe I can count quitting Weight Watchers among my accomplishments. I’ve been real good at that.

But you can see where that led me.

To an all-night, all-you-can-eat buffet in Little Rock.

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SPORTS NEWS. In a Razorbacks column in Tuesday’s ‘Arkansas Democrat Gazette’ the writer mentioned briefly that our town’s Kirby Adcock practiced with the first team offensive line. LaMichael Pettway is also getting mentions by the writers.

I’m going to look back in this column’s archives and find where I wrote about football players from Nashville, Dierks, Murfreesboro and Mineral Springs who played for the Hogs.

Any reasonable person would say we’d be lucky to win five games this coming season, but Always Hopeful Louie predicts seven wins.

Woooooo Pig!

And, yes, I admit that I am the Number One Fair Weather Hog Fan.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS. Last week I dumped five tiny eggs out of my bluebird house. The eggs had been languishing there for several weeks. It had been several weeks since I had seen Mom or Pop, so I figured that there was no life in the eggs.

I took the bluebird house down. I’m going to move it to a shady location. The last three batches from that sunny location have ended tragically. I’m hoping the new location will improve ‘our’ chances.

It is probably too late to have another batch this year.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening (and believing) email: Babies are born without kneecaps. They don’t appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

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WORD GAMES. The twins: Old and Worn. Sometimes we all feel that way, don’t we?

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HE SAID: “Television is like the invention of indoor plumbing. It didn’t change people’s habits. It just kept them inside the house.” Alfred Hitchcock, filmmaker

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SHE SAID: “Being the Queen is not all about singing, and being a diva is not all about singing. It has much to do with your service to people. And your social contributions to your community and your civic contributions as well.” Aretha Franklin, queen of soul

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations
By
Louie Graves

New Generation 911 marks major upgrade for Arkansas

By Sen. Larry Teague

Every day in Arkansas more than 6,500 calls are made to 911.

Legislators heard a request for upgrades to the 911 system at a recent meeting, from a coalition of state, city and county officials who work in emergency management. The name of the new system is New Generation 911, or simply NG 911.

The rapid growth in cell phone use is an example of how 911 systems are constantly adapting to new technologies.

More than 90 percent of the emergency calls made today are from cell phones. It seems as if every day, new phones expand our capacity to transmit images, videos, charts and graphs. Telephones became cell phones, which became mobile devices.

The innovations are driven by consumer demand and by marketing on the part of telephone companies. They’re possible because of advances in digital technology.

Yet most 911 calls made in Arkansas must travel along an analog circuit at least once before they reach an emergency dispatcher and the equipment that can locate the geographic source of the calls.

In states like Arkansas, which are trying to upgrade their 911 call

systems, emergency responders point to an incident that occurred in North Carolina in 2016. Outdated technology was a factor when it took 11 minutes for responders to arrive, even though they were less than a mile away when the man called 911.

When the infrastructure of our 911 systems was created, landlines were the norm. Emergency dispatchers could pinpoint the source of a call from a landline, but not calls made with cell phones.

After the nationwide boom in cell phone use in the 1990s, federal regulations and upgrades by telephone companies allowed 911 dispatchers to trace the location of calls from cell phones.

But new technologies are becoming popular, such as messaging over social media and the Internet. The ability of current 911 systems in Arkansas has almost come to the point where it can no longer adapt to the flood of new technologies.

The response times of emergency dispatchers varies across Arkansas. The 6,500 emergency calls made in the state each day are routed to 127 call centers, officially known as Public Safety Answering Points. For example, in Craighead County in 2015, the county’s only

PSAP handled more than 70,000 emergency calls. That same year, one of the six PSAPs in Lonoke County handled fewer than 3,000 calls.

Next Generation 911 will speed the routing of calls between the various local call centers.

Supporters of a new Next Generation 911 would like the legislature to authorize a single state agency to coordinate new technologies into a statewide network, so that the numerous separate local systems can connect more effectively.

They also would like an additional funding source. Phone users pay a charge on their monthly bills to support 911 services, but they generate only about half of the revenue needed to pay for the operating costs of the various systems in Arkansas. City and county governments pay for the remainder from local tax funds.

According to its supporters, other states are designating a state agency to implement Next Generation 911.

They have saved money and increased efficiency by making a single state agency responsible, rather than waiting for numerous local systems to pay for adaptations to their systems.

Fall campaign about to start

**By Brenda Blagg
Between the Lines**

Labor Day is in the not-too-distant future, and so is the unofficial start of the fall political campaign.

Work is already underway, of course. Candidates from governor to city councilman are making the rounds, shoring up support and trying to energize their respective troops.

The more visible elements of the campaign season, including heavy advertising and direct mail, are really only beginning. All of that will intensify come September.

As of now, Arkansas still looks to be an outlier in the upcoming congressional elections.

Amid those constant predictions of a “blue wave” in the midterm, Arkansas is expected to re-elect most, if not all, of its four incumbent Republican House members.

The only Arkansas race that even has the attention of those tracking midterm prospects is in the 2nd Congressional District, where a Democratic state legislator is challenging the Republican U.S. representative.

U.S. Rep. French Hill, a banker, is seeking his third term in the U.S. Congress, while Clarke Tucker, a lawyer and member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, seeks to unseat him. Both men are from Little Rock.

Real Clear Politics and the Cook Political Report both list Arkansas’ 2nd District as leaning Republican, which essentially means Democrats have a shot at flipping the seat.

How much of a shot will depend in part on how much hustle Arkansas Democrats can muster to get their voters to the polls in a state that has voted solidly “red” for several election cycles.

To that end, Democrats are out in the state, training their troops for the campaign.

According to news reports, they have so far managed to turn out roughly 600 volunteers in 10 cities where they’ve gathered for sessions organized by the Democratic Party of Arkansas.

They, at least, believe they can be part of that heralded blue wave.

While the Democrats’ efforts are getting some attention, don’t think the state’s Republicans are sitting on their hands.

Republicans hold both of the state’s U.S. Senate seats, all four U.S. House seats and all of the state’s constitutional offices. That didn’t happen by accident.

Notably, the highest-profile race on the state’s November ballot is Gov. Asa Hutchinson’s bid for re-election. The Republican governor faces a Democratic challenger, Jared Henderson, and one from the Libertarian Party, Mark West.

The race, to the extent that there is one, is between heavily favored Hutchinson and Henderson, who is managing to attract some notice.

The state-level election that has drawn the most attention recently is Attorney General Leslie Rutledge’s bid for a second term. Her challengers are Mike Lee, a Democrat, and Kerry Hicks, a Libertarian.

A lawsuit filed last week by a Democratic Party staff member seeks to force release of Department of Human Services records on Republican Rutledge’s previous employment with the agency.

She was a staff attorney there before leaving to work on former Gov. Mike Huckabee’s presidential campaign. Her personnel file was later changed to say she was terminated for gross misconduct. The lawsuit seeks more of her

personnel file than has previously been released.

Rutledge says the Democrats are “dragging up decade-old fake news.”

It is an old story, albeit an incomplete one.

Significantly, part of the funding for the lawsuit over Rutledge’s records is coming from the Democratic Attorneys General Association. Rutledge has chaired the Republican Attorneys General Association since 2017.

The lawsuit naturally generated headlines. If it is successful, release of those old records may or may not actually impact the outcome of the election.

In the meantime, expect much of this upcoming election season to focus on controversial ballot issues slated for the Nov. 6 vote.

An amendment for stricter term limits for legislators has made the ballot and other initiatives, including one for casino gambling, are close to qualifying.

Plus, the Legislature has referred a couple more issues to the ballot, including the controversial Issue 1.

That’s the measure that would set constitutional caps on attorneys’ fees and on the amount of certain damages that might be awarded to plaintiffs in lawsuits.

Campaigns for and against the proposed constitutional amendment will be well funded, given that this issue directly pits interests of the legal community against those of business and the medical community.

Get ready for the onslaught and pay attention. All of these campaigns, especially those about ballot issues, need close scrutiny.

Brenda Blagg is a freelance columnist. E-mail comments or questions to brendajblagg@gmail.com.

Don’t get schooled by credit card debt

Many young adults entering college or the workforce feel the pressure of looming bills and turn to credit cards to cover the initial costs but end up paying exorbitant rates long-term.

“Credit cards can be helpful but new users may not be fully aware of the costly terms and conditions,” says Attorney General Leslie Rutledge. “Forgetting to

make a payment or exceeding a card’s limit can be devastating to a consumer’s credit score, having a detrimental impact on long-term plans to buy a house or car.”

As preventative strategies to young adults interested in applying for a credit card, Rutledge offers this advice when using a card:

Submit payments on time. Making regular payments is the best

way to improve a credit score and qualify for less expensive credit.

Pay the whole balance owed if possible. Although it may seem easier to pay the minimum, doing so costs more in the long run, and it will take much longer to pay off.

Do not “max out” a credit card. Charging the full credit limit is risky, and it will affect a consumer’s credit score.

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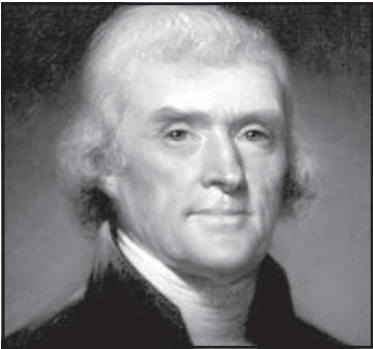
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SCRIMMAGE AT SAU. (Above) Tristen Jamison (14) sets up a pass behind blocking from his offensive line in Nashville's pre-season scrimmage against El Dorado Aug. 13 at Southern Arkansas University. (Below) Ty Basiliere (30) makes the catch for a Scrapper first down. (Scrapper season preview, Section B.)



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TUNE-UP FOR SEASON. (Above) Jacobe Jefferson (20) runs the ball against El Dorado as the Scrappers outscored the Wildcats 9-7 Aug. 13 at Southern Arkansas University. The two teams played under game-like conditions in the first half and ran 10-play series in the second. The season opens Aug. 20 for Nashville at War Memorial Stadium against Watson Chapel. (Below) Former Scrapper teammates Cameron Alexander and Lucas Ligin visit after the scrimmage at SAU. Alexander is an assistant coach at El Dorado. Ligin is a student at Henderson State.



Budget

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no state funds for the new security measures, leaving the cost to individual districts.

Graham said employing a resource officer would cost around \$65,000 in total expenses. "How many officers are enough?" he asked the board.

"Safety is number one for us. We'll know more when the state report is issued," Graham said.

Graham discussed some future expenses, including the need for a new roof at

primary.

He mentioned the possibility of increasing the district's contribution to employee insurance through the state. It would cost about \$111,000 to increase the contribution enough that employees would not have to pay much, if any.

Graham told the board that physical therapist and certified athletic trainer Andi Reeves has offered to work with the district on game days during football season at a cost of \$180 for about six hours, including pre-game preparations, the game itself and post-game. She would also be available for spring sports.

Dr. Craig Kirchhoff will not be working the games this season, Graham said.

The district will consider Reeves' proposal.

Graham said the district has done everything on its 10-year facilities master plan except construct an auditorium and an administration building. More work is possible at Wilson Park, but Graham said the project is on hold until "we get our hands on school safety."

The proposed budget shows balance and income of about \$20.5 million with expenses of about \$16.2 million for the coming academic year, leaving a balance of about \$4.3 million.

Training

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administrators received training on My School Info, Student GPS and TRIAND during May. Teachers were trained Monday, Aug. 8. Daniel Collier from the state department of education conducted the training "to give our district the skills

and knowledge needed in locating and tracking test data in one location for all students."

The district also will be "looking at the digital sandbox provided by the state as a possible platform for student success plans that will be used to guide and create plans for students on their paths to college or careers after high school," according to Slayton.

"We are excited about our new curriculum, and our

teachers and administrators have spent many days over the summer learning new techniques and methods to help increase student achievement," Slayton said. "We look forward to sharing these opportunities with our students and creating an engaging atmosphere for learning with our Scrappers."

Slayton has spent 16 years in the district, including nine years as high school assistant principal.

Scrapperette netters sweep Hope

HOPE - The Scrapperette tennis team defeated Hope 10-0 in the season opener Monday, Aug. 13.

Singles results include the following:

Maya Fant def. Hanna McCorkle 6-4.

Amber Barnett def. Jali Johnson 6-0.

Maddi Pinkerton def. Michelle Mayo 6-0.

Karina Cogburn def. Jessica Moreno 6-0.

Amber Barnett def. Ana Bustillos 6-0.

Doubles results include

the following:

Pinkerton and Ashlyn Gibbs def. Mayo and Johnson 6-2.

Autumn Dyer and Anna Rhodes def. McCorkle and Marisol Reyes 6-2.

Cogburn and Fant def. Garcia and Reyes 6-0.

Dyer and Rhodes def.

McCorkle and Johnson 6-1.

Pinkerton and Gibbs def. McCorkle and Johnson 6-1.

The next tennis matches will be Aug. 16 at 4 p.m. at Arkadelphia.

The first home matches will be at 4 p.m. Aug. 21 against Mena at the Nashville City Park.

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AFTER THE RAINS. Many streets in Murfreesboro were closed and several residences, businesses and the Pike County Courthouse were damaged by the rains.

Heavy rains soak Murfreesboro, get inside Pike County Courthouse

By P.J. Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond
Following a reported 9.75 inches of rain in an nine hour period last Thursday morning in Murfreesboro, several residences and businesses felt the effects of the accumulated water.

Additionally, several roads were briefly closed in Murfreesboro due to the flooding, including North Maple, East Main from 3rd Street to Bass Lane and a block of East Mauney Street.

The City of Murfreesboro said that several businesses may have seen some water damage to differing degrees, but has not yet completely ascertained all the damage. Some of those businesses may have included Farm Bureau, Peoples Pharmacy, Queen of Diamonds Inn and the daycare at First Christian Church. Also, several private residences were reported to have had some sort of flooding damage.

The city used all their personnel, including police, water and street employees to keep culverts checked and signs put up to warn motorists of closed streets.

The Pike County Courthouse also sustained damage despite the recently renovated roof when a bowl shaped drain, which was not properly sealed, caused a significant leak to flow down the three story building, impacting the courtroom on the second floor and the Circuit Clerk's office on the



TARPS EVERYWHERE. Pike County Circuit Clerk Sabrina Williams' office was hit worse by the leaks in the courthouse roof.

first floor.

Additionally, in the inundation, some water seeped around the existing chimney and placed a small amount of water into the basement.

Pike County Judge Dewight Mack said the drainage leaks have been corrected, giving the roofing company credit for promptly resolving the situation, and that a mitigation team has been working to dry out the damage with fans and dehumidifiers.

Part of a wall will have to be dismantled and replaced in the Circuit Clerk's office. Until the repair occurs, the office is working out of the County Clerk's office across the street from the courthouse in the annex building.

In addition, ceiling tiles will have to be replaced. Mack hopes the work can be completed this week, but

said it will be done as soon as possible.

"We're getting things dried out as quickly as possible, and maybe can get things back to normal fairly quickly," said Mack.

"We are just asking the people of Pike County to be patient with the major inconvenience until we can get it resolved."

The repairs, which will be covered under the recent work, will not be at the expense of the citizens of Pike County. The roofing project was paid for as part of a \$125,000 grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program in 2017. The preservation program is overseen by the Arkansas Department of Heritage, which has yearly grant funds for courthouse renovation, historic preservation and downtown revitalization.

Howard County District Court

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Cooper, Quintin De-shaun, 33, Texarkana, Texas, \$245 BF, speeding

Cooper, Wilyonna M., 30, Texarkana, Texas, \$245 BF, speeding

Dunn, Ashlee Nicole, 19, Lockesburg, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$100

Flowers, Ervin B. Jr., 39, Nashville, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$185; guilty of driving on sus-pended or revoked license, fined \$245 and sentenced to two days in jail

Goodloe, Jerry Levar, 40, Smithfield, N.C., guilty of no driver's license, fined \$195; guilty of drinking on highway, fined \$220

Havens, Raven Melynn, 19, Mount Ida, guilty of minor in possession, fined \$220, license suspended for 60 days and must complete education course; guilty of careless or prohibited driv-ing, fined \$345

House, Terry, 43, Athens, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$395 owed

Sepulveda-Barron, Chris-tian, 19, Nashville, guilty of

speeding, fined \$250

Trotter, Demarcus Lat-wan, 31, Hope, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$395 owed

Turner, Antoney, 37, Min-eral Springs, \$440 BF, theft of lost or mislaid property; \$265 BF, failure to appear

Wester, Afton Edward, 20, Horatio, \$290 BF, speeding

City of Nashville

Coulter, Jemarcus, 41, Nashville, guilty of speed-ing, fined \$230

Dixon, Gregory D., 49, Mineral Springs, \$50 BF, no seat belt

Flowers, Ervin B. Jr., 39, Nashville, 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 non-payment of fines, \$2,173 owed, com-mitted to jail-suspended; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Harris, Perry W., 54, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$270 owed; guilty of shoplifting, fined \$394.61 and sentenced to three days in jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$265

Stinson, Fredrick, 21, Nashville, guilty of non-pay-

ment of fines, \$2,130 owed, committed to jail-suspended

Woods, Thomas L., 54, Ozan, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,875 owed, com-mitted to jail-suspended; guilty of violation of Arkan-sas Hot Check Law, fined \$351.35; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345 and sentenced to two days in jail; guilty of DWI#2, fined \$1,640, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspend-ed and must complete out-patient treatment

City of Dierks

Brewer, Dianna M., 52, Kirby, \$230 BF, speeding

Holden, Brian H., 21, Di-erks, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$185

Flowers, Ervin B. Jr., 39, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked; guilty of texting while driv-ing, fined \$145

Review Hearings

Howard County

Consla, Rebekah L., 43, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,915 owed, committed to jail

City of Nashville

Benson, Gyasi, 19, Gar-land, Texas, \$345 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Dozer accident kills Mena man

An 85-year-old Mena man was killed in a chicken house construction accident the afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 7 near Newhope, according to Pike County Sheriff's De-partment.

The accident killed Estes "Buster" Eugene Dennis.

The sheriff's department received a 911 call at 2:40 p.m. that advised a dozer had run over a worker on a poultry pad construction site

off Tollett Road.

An investigation deter-mined Dennis was operat-ing the dozer and was in the process of coming back to the top of the site when he drove over a pile of dirt which made the dozer lift to a near vertical position.

Pike County Investigator Glen Hankins reported that when the dozer "broke over" it threw Dennis out of the seat and onto the right side

track and he was pulled un-derneath the machine.

Dennis was pronounced dead at 4:22 p.m. by Pike County Coroner Ryan Pate.

Dennis was working for Rolling B Ranch out of Gran-nis. The company is owned by Joe Brinkley, who along with co-worker Danny Ham-mer witnessed the accident.

Hankins' investigation determined the incident was the result of operator error.

Blevins man wanted for attempted murder

Warrants were issued for John Lindell Hill, 55, of Blevins for an incident that occurred near Blevins on Friday, Aug. 10 involving a domestic dispute call, ac-cording to the Hempstead County Sheriff's Depart-

ment.

Hill allegedly shot at his wife's car, hitting it several times, as she drove off. Hill is wanted for attempted mur-der, third-degree domestic battery, aggravated assault on a family or household

member, terroristic threat-ening, and possession of firearms by certain persons.

Persons with any infor-mation as to the where-abouts of Hill, are asked to call 911 or their local law enforcement agency.

Pike Co. municipal filing period ends Friday

The filing period for municipal elections in Pike County will run through Aug. 17.

Each alderman candidate is required to garner 10 sig-natures from registered vot-ers within their designated ward. Mayoral and record-er/treasurer candidates can draw from their respective

locations at large.

All municipal positions will be up for election in 2018, except for the record-er/treasurers of Murfrees-boro and Glenwood and two alderman positions in Glenwood.

Early voting for the Nov. 6 General Election begins Oct. 22 and will run until the Monday prior to the election. For more information, contact the Pike County Clerk's office at (870) 285-2743.

Dedication for late judge Thursday in M'boro

There will be a special dedication Thursday, Aug. 16 in the lobby of the Pike County Sheriff's Depart-

ment for the late District Judge K. LeAnne Daniel-Myrick of Glenwood, who passed away in 2017.

The dedication will start at 1 p.m. and will include the unveiling of Daniel's portrait.

Rattler Red-White game backed up to Friday

The Murfreesboro Rat- tler annual Red-White game has been reset for Friday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

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Mineral Springs staffer named semifinalist for Teacher of Year

By Terrica Hendrix
News-Leader staff

Mineral Springs High School EAST Facilitator Rob Plant is a regional semifinalist in the Arkansas State Teacher of the Year recognition program.

Mineral Springs School District Superintendent Thelma Forte announced last week that Plant was first “nominated at the district level, became the De Queen Mena Co-Op Teacher of the Year,” and he is now one of 14 teachers who will be recognized for being a regional semifinalist for the ATOY.



Rob Plant

Plant acknowledged that he is “honored to be considered for Arkansas Teacher of the Year,” but explained that the award is about the MSSD students.

“I don’t want anyone to lose sight of the fact that this award is really about our students. We have some awesome students at Mineral Springs. It is because of these girls and guys that I am able to be the kind of teacher that I want to be in the classroom. My goal is to bring education excitement to the classroom and when you have students that are eager to come to class and ready to get to work, it allows me to push them out-

side their comfort zones and make them better,” Plant ended.

Four regional finalists will be announced on Aug. 16 at the Governor’s Mansion in Little Rock. Forte added that Plant will also receive a \$1,000 prize at the ceremony.

The school district is “ecstatic about Mr. Plant’s latest award. He is beloved by his students, admired by his peers, and he is an exemplary teacher who is worthy of the regional semifinalist teacher of the year award,” Forte said.

Forte explained that the “teachers, who are named regional finalists, will have to create a video which will be shown at the Arkansas Travelers baseball game on Aug. 23. Regional finalist will also have a site visit, and a team will use a rubric to score candidates to determine who will become the ATOY.

“This is not my first experience with a teacher who has reached the semifinalist level,” Forte proudly mentioned.

“One of my former teachers from Union Elementary School will join Mr. Plant as a regional semifinalist this year. Marsha Petty was named the Arkansas Teacher of the Year when I was an assistant principal at Arkansas High School. I can tell you from experience Mr. Plant has all the virtues that are required of the regional semifinalist. He is passionate about the teaching profession, he is dedicated to his students, and he exposes his students to unlimited opportunities to excel as a student and as a young adult through his daily lessons in the EAST Lab. Mr. Plant can take ordinary lessons and create extraordinary learning opportunities for students,” Forte said.



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TALKING SRO WITH COUNCIL. Dierks Superintendent Jody Cowart addressed the Dierks City Council about the district’s need for a school resource officer.

Longtime Dierks cop, council member resign

By Terrica Hendrix
News-Leader staff

A longtime Dierks police officer resigned Monday.

The resignation of 18-year police officer veteran Jason Icenhower was unanimously accepted by the Dierks City Council Monday evening after a 15 minute executive session.

Dierks Police Chief Brian White requested that the council have an executive session to discuss “a personnel issue” within the city’s police department. The council immediately voted to go into executive session and White was allowed to explain the personnel issue to the council privately.

When the meeting returned to open session, the council unanimously accepted Icenhower’s two-sentence resignation read by Dierks Mayor Terry Mounts. The resignation letter stated, “I, Jason Icenhower, am resigning my position at the Dierks Police Department. My resignation is effective immediately.” Icenhower was the assistant police chief.

Mounts then appointed John McKee as the new Dierks assistant police chief. The mayor confirmed that assistant police chief position pays \$16.87 per hour. White estimated that the assistant chief typically works 44-46 hours per week. White said that accepting Icenhower’s resignation “is probably the hardest thing I’ve had to deal with” as a police chief.

White, who has been police chief since 1993, said that Icenhower “wanted to be out of the public eye...

it was a personal issue.”

The Dierks Police Department roster now consists of White and McKee who are full-time officers, and two part-time officers Benny Simmons and Kevin Dinger.

In other business, Mayor Mounts had to call the council back into session after he realized he had forgotten an agenda item.

The item concerned the resignation of longtime council member Debbie Brock.

The meeting was called back to order at 6:44 p.m. and the mayor read Brock’s handwritten resignation letter which stated, “I am requesting that you accept my resignation for councilwoman Ward 3, Position 2, City of Dierks, effective immediately today, Friday, July 13. It has been an honor to serve as a council member. After much thought and consideration, I believe this is the right time to resign. This has not been an easy decision. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a special group of people.”

The council accepted Brock’s resignation and added that the city will need someone to fill Brock’s position soon. Brock served on the council for 12 years.

The two resignations come a week after the Arkansas State Police confirmed to *The Nashville News-Leader* the City of Dierks and the Dierks PD are currently under investigation by the state police.

“(The investigation) remains in an active status and no information from the case file is being released at

this time,” according to ASP Public Information Officer Bill Sadler.

Council members present at the meeting were Roddy Smith, John Sharp, James Sebren and Carol Sharp. Council members Brock and John Hill were absent.

Also Monday, the mayor said the city audit was completed and now is being presented to the Legislative Audit Committee. Mounts added that the “city received a good, clean audit...they didn’t find anything major.”

Dierks School District Superintendent Jody Cowart also addressed the council about the district’s need for a School Resource Officer. Cowart said the district would need one officer to cover both campuses.

Benny Simmons, a part-time Dierks Police officer is interested in the SRO position, Cowart told the council. Cowart added that the “safety of the students is the number one concern.” No action was taken and the issue will be addressed at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Mounts also reported that annual Pine Tree Festival was a success and thanked Howard County Sheriff Bryan McJunkins and Howard County Chief Deputy John Eric Glidewell for allowing 309’s (trusted inmates) “to help clean up the park” for the festival.

Chief White also reported to the council that the police department issued “30-40 citations” for the month of July and the fire department responded to 10 calls and five of the calls were for medical help.

5 sentenced in Howard County

Five defendants pleaded guilty, or “no contest,” to felony charges and were sentenced, last Wednesday, during the regular day for criminal court in Howard County. On the bench was Judge Tom Cooper.

In addition, ‘failure to appear’ warrants were ordered for two defendants who missed court dates.

The lone not guilty plea given was by Ryan Stinson, 24, white male, 612 Yorks Chapel Road, Nashville, who is charged with possession of cocaine or methamphetamine with purpose of delivery, a class C felony, along with a misdemeanor drug possession charge. His date for pretrial motions is Oct. 10. He will be represented by the public defender.

An appeal of a District Court judgment of guilty was dismissed, meaning that the judgment stands. The appeal was by Travis Elder, 32, white male, Wickes, who had been found guilty of careless or prohibited driving by the lower court.

A charge of first degree forgery, a class B felony, was ‘nolle prossed,’ or not pursued by the state against Steven Barbre, 36, white male, Dierks. He was represented by the public defender.

of drug paraphernalia, a class D felony. The state declined to prosecute Cox on another charge, simple possession of a controlled substance, also a class D felony. The no contest plea has the same result as a finding or plea of guilty. Cox was sentenced to a fine of \$1,000 and a four year suspended sentence.

A guilty plea was given by Charlie Carter, 30, white male, 600 Puryear 7C, Nashville, charged with second degree forgery, a class C felony. He was sentenced to five years of probation, restitution of \$1,331, and a fine of \$1.

Christopher Sykes, 37, black male, no address given, was sentenced to 10 years in the ADC with two years suspended after pleading guilty to failure to register as a sex offender, a class C felony.

A guilty plea was given by Kenneth Upton, 21, white male, 2430 Hwy. 371 W., Nashville, who had been charged with a class D felony, criminal mischief, along with misdemeanor charges of DWI and possession of controlled substance. The state nolle prossed the misdemeanor drug charge. Upton will return Sept. 12 for formal sentencing which is expected to be four years of probation, 90 days in a regional punishment facility and a fine of \$150 on the DWI charge. He must go to District Court for DWI screening.

Jerome Wafer, 25, black

male, 740 Dillard, Nashville, was sentenced to six years in the ADC after pleading guilty to second degree battery and terroristic threatening, class C and D felonies, respectively.

Rodolfo Delao, 27, Hispanic male, Pine Bluff, pleaded guilty to a class D felony charge of delivery of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to four years in the ADC with two years suspended.

Iesha Fort, 25, black female, 914 Carver Circle #18, Nashville, pleaded guilty to a class D felony charge of possession of controlled substance.

A misdemeanor drug possession charge was not pursued by the state. She was sentenced to 90 days in a regional punishment facility, and probation for five years. She will return for formal sentencing.

Failure to appear

A failure to appear warrant was ordered for Chad Sanders, 26, black male, Ashdown, who missed his court date for a class D felony, second degree battery. He was charged May 8, 2018. When apprehended he will not be able to get released on bond.

Another defendant missing a court date was Bobbi Penn, 54, black female, Ozan, who was charged with criminal exploitation of an impaired person. She was charged Nov. 13, 2017. The charge is a class C felony.

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Home, sweet home

By Pamela Kelly
Williams Memorial Church of God In Christ
(Editor's Note: Pamela Kelly is a member of Williams Memorial Church of God in Christ church in Nashville. She is an evangelist who loves to encourage people. Kelly, a 1993 Nashville High School graduate, is married and has two children.)

When a person says, "Home" a lot of things come to mind. Some may say it's my place of rest, comfort, relaxation, a place where I can be myself, or a place of peace. Every day millions of people go to work.

They start their day out with breakfast or a quick cup of coffee. As parents the day doesn't start out so simple.

The children has to get up, dressed, teeth brushed, fed, and then off to school or baby sitter and this doesn't include getting yourself ready for work.

Then comes the day of work.

We don't know what is welcoming us when we enter the building. Some days the workload is heavy.

The machine may break down, co-workers will come to work with different attitudes, the boss may be in a bad mood because of his workload.

When the day ends there is a sigh of relief. Once we make it in the driveway we think to ourselves "home sweet home."

We walk in the door and sit in the recliner if it's not just for a few minutes to unwind and clear our minds from the stress of the day.

In John 14:1-3 Jesus speaks about an eternal home for His people.

In the first verse He told His disciples not to let their heart be troubled about Him leaving them because He had to go and prepare a place for us. He

knew that in this life that we would be faced with many trials,tests,days of troubles, and heartaches.

He wanted to make sure after this life that we had a home to come to and not worry about anything. Can you imagine a place that has no death, crying, sorrow, or pain?

Can you imagine walking down streets of gold? Can you imagine seeing the One who died for our sins? WOW!! There is a condition going to this place.

You have to be a born again believer. A lot of people spend more time setting up their retirement and 401(k) than preparing themselves for the life after this one.

This life is for a short period of time. The thing about this is we don't know when our last day on this earth will be.

God has prepared a place but it's for a prepared

people. We go through many things living for Christ. This is a self-denying lifestyle.

People will look at you strange because you don't do or say certain things but it's worth it in the end.

A lot of days I don't feel like going to work but when I got my paycheck i was glad I went. My friends let's prepare ourselves for this place.

A lot of people are leaving this world both young and old alike. Everyone that dies are not going to this place because they didn't prepare themselves to go. We must face reality and not just believe anything.

In Romans 8:9 says that if we don't have the Spirit of Christ we don't belong to Him. Having His spirit in us is our ticket to go to this place and once we get there we don't have to leave.

Will I see you there?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial benefit to be held at Midway Baptist Church Aug. 25

His old Gospel musical group, 'The Testimonies,' will perform during the memorial benefit celebrating the life and music of Ronnie Furr who died Dec. 27, 2017.

The event will be Saturday, Aug. 25, beginning at noon at the Midway Baptist Church located on Hwy. 27 between Nashville and Mineral Springs.

All proceeds go toward funeral expenses. The event includes a silent auction, raffle, CD music purchases and food. There will be a chicken and trimmings plates for adults and children. Plates are \$10 and \$4, and additional donations are welcomed.

The Testimonies will perform at 3 p.m. The public is invited.

Baby shower set for Aug. 25

There will be a baby shower for Kayla and Isaac Fox on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Crater of Diamond State Park pavilion.

The couple is having a boy. RSVP to Jordan at (870) 925-0477 or Amy at (501) 627-8513.

In lieu of cards, attendees are asked to bring a book for Baby Fox's library.

Wedding shower to be held Aug. 26

There will be a come-and-go wedding shower for Sarah Collins and Philip Piearcy at the Dierks United Methodist Church Life Center on Aug. 26 from 2-4 p.m. Family and friends are invited.

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Four facing felony drug charges in Pike County after break-in call

Felony charges have been filed in Pike County against four defendants who were arrested July 28 during a possible break-in call on Rand Road.

Charged are Kourtney E. Richter, 39, of Malvern; Gregory L. Hamilton, Jr., 29, of Hot Springs; James A. Garrett, Jr., 39, of Maumelle; and William B. Almond, 33, of Hot Springs. All four subjects are charged with felony possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia while the male subjects are also charged with misdemeanor obstruction of government operations.

On July 28, six Pike County deputies responded to a call on Rand Road that concerned subjects allegedly attempting to break in to a home. Two males and a female were observed loading items from inside the home onto a flatbed trailer. They advised the deputies that Tim Burton, who they said was incarcerated in Saline County, said they could get the items and sell them and the involved parties could split the money.

While one deputy made contact with Burton, another attempted to identify the two subjects at the home. Richter was easily identified but Almond gave the deputy a false name as did Garrett.

Another subject walked up to the home and at first refused to answer any questions and turned away from the deputies. The subject, later identified as Hamilton, was allegedly found to have a bottle of liquid hydrocodone on his person. While talking to Hamilton, Deputy Jarrod Reid found a glass smoke pipe containing suspected methamphetamine in the grill of the truck at the scene. The subjects denied ownership of the pipe.

A search of the truck

reportedly found two other pipes and a “hardened, liquid THC wax” as well as a small torch used for the wax. The marijuana related items resulted in misdemeanor possession charges for Almond.

Hamilton and Richter failed to appear Monday in Pike County Circuit Court to answer the charges and warrants have been issued. Almond and Garrett both pleaded not guilty and an Oct. 15 pretrial date was set for both cases.

Louisiana couple charged

A Louisiana couple were charged last week in Pike County following an incident on July 25 in Murfreesboro.

Brandon Ray Berthelot, 37, is charged with possession of a firearm by a certain person and Aprile Rebelle, 36, is charged with possession of a Schedule II controlled substance.

The pair were arrested at the Crater of Diamond State Park entrance by Murfreesboro Officer David Shelby, who had stopped them

after Berthelot ran a stop sign. A check determined the driver had a criminal history involving drugs and he gave verbal consent to search his vehicle. The search found prescription drugs in Rebelle’s purse and a .22 single shot rifle in the truck’s bed.

Berthelot was placed under arrested for the fire-arm violation and Rebelle was allowed to drive to the jail so someone could come pick up her kids.

A \$2,500 bond was set for Rebelle and bond was denied for Berthelot.

Little Rock man charged

Curtis Gattis, 57, of Little Rock was charged Aug. 8 in Pike County with felony counts of possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Gattis was arrested Aug. 3 by Pike County Deputy Rodney Haney, who had pulled Gattis’ 2003 Peterbilt over for speeding. A search of the vehicle found a small bag of the drug and a smoking pipe.

Gattis’ bond has been set at \$25,000.

Two sentenced Monday in Pike County Circuit Court after entering guilty pleas

A former Murfreesboro man was sentenced Monday after he pleaded “true” to violating the terms of his probation.

Buc Pierce Sloan, 33, now of Texarkana, entered the plea Monday in Pike County Circuit and was sentenced to six years in the Arkansas Department of Correction. Sloan’s sentence will run concurrently with a sentence recently handed down in Miller County.

Also Monday, Jason Lamb, of Delight plead guilty to the charge of being a felon in possession of a fire-

arm. Lamb was sentenced to four years of probation and fined \$1,500 plus court cost. The weapon in the case will be returned to Lamb’s son.



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

No hasty decisions on the Valdez

Lately there has been dis-sension at the rancho. I have overheard murmurings in the barnyard, in particular regarding my stock trailer. The grumbling animals enlisted my teenage daughter to present their complaints.

In my defense let me describe my trailer. I felt like it was a real bargain when I bought it. Let’s see, in 1986. It’s an eighteen foot Hale, ‘92 model with a bumper hitch. Upon purchasing it from a reputable Hereford breeder who guaranteed it would haul up to eight full grown cows, I made a few minor repairs.

Three of the wheel bearings needed replacing but the left front still spun good. We welded a jack on the tongue, built a new wooden panel for the end gate, put plywood over the rotting floor and bought inner tubes for the two new recaps that didn’t have any tread left.

I’m still working on the wiring and have got a good coat of primer on the front panel which covers about six square feet in the shape of Utah. The greenish primer almost matched the original scour yellow.

Recently I put down a rubber mat on the slick ply-

wood after a horse came loose in transit and slid from front to back goin’ up a steep grade. Every improvement an investment, I always say.

Jennifer’s list of complaints seem trifling. The horses, she claims, are embarrassed to be seen unloading. She suggested I repaint it. Trying to get along, I pulled it down to the sand blasting guy for an estimate. He recommended against it. Apparently he was afraid it would cause structural damage. To remove that much rust would weaken the steel. Admittedly there has been some erosion where the sheet metal sides attach to the frame. This complaint was brought up by the cows. They worried about sliding a foot through the four inch gap that circles the trailer. I have always looked on that gap as good drainage to prevent manure buildup. I take it the boys at the sale barn agree since they’ve named my trailer the Valdez.

The dogs only asked that

they be allowed to stay in the cab of the pickup instead of shut up in the trailer when I go into the sale. That way if they see any other dogs they can duck below the dash. I thought leavin’ them in the trailer would keep other dogs from peein’ on the tires. But they said no self-respecting dog would even consider it.

Perhaps my daughter has her own motives. I’ve noticed she won’t even tie her horse to the trailer at a ropin’ or horse show. I offered to paint her name on the side. Give her some pride of ownership. She said no thanks. I’ve always admired her modesty.

Bein’ a good ranch boss I’m considering their grievances but I’ve good reason to avoid any hasty decisions. The Valdez is perfectly suited to my pickup. It’s a ‘89 Ford with good tires and a fully functional left side mirror. Besides, the annual registration for the trailer is only thirteen dollars.

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Miss Howard County Fair Queen Pageant, Talent Show Sept. 15

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The Miss Howard County Fair Queen Pageant and Talent Show will be held Saturday, Sept. 15 in a yet-to-be-determined location, according to organizer Suzy Powell.

Entry forms for both events are now available at the Nashville Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street.

The pageant will have nine age divisions: 0-11 months, 12-23 months, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-7 years, 8-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-16 years and 17-21 years.

The entry fees include: \$40 for infant through 12 years, \$50 ages 13-21 and \$5 for 8x10 each photo entry in the photogenic division.

Contestants must live in or attend school in Howard County and cannot be married, pregnant, or have ever had a child. Contestants also must attend the mandatory rehearsal on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. Also, each contestant must bring a "People's Choice" box or jar decorated with name on it to rehearsal.

The winner of the 4-5 age division will be expected to participate in the Southwest District Pageant in Hope on Sept. 25. Any person that does not win in the 13-16 and 17-21 division will also be asked to participate.

The entry fee for the Talent Show will be \$25 and contestants must be between the ages of 10-21. There will be two divisions: junior 10-15 and senior 16-21.

Contestants must be a resident or attend school in Howard County and cannot be married, pregnant or have ever had a child.

All acts must be no longer than three minutes.

The winner of each talent division will be expected to participate in the Arkansas State Fair competition held in Little Rock in October. Everyone else will be expected to participate in the Southwest District competition Sept. 25 in Hope.

The pageant and talent show will kick off at 4 p.m.

For more information about pageant, contact Powell at (870) 703-5758. For more information about the Talent Show, contact Michale Kuntz at (870) 200-1187.

NHS grad shares AmeriCorps, NCCC experience with Rotary

The shirt Andy Graves wore for his talk to the Nashville Rotary Club, recently, was crossed with "battle scars" from his work restoring stricken communities following hurricanes across the Gulf Coast.

The speaker for the Rotarians talked about his 10-month experience with AmeriCorps and the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC). The shirt bore white paint splashes left by his efforts to help residents and communities recover from Hurricanes Irma and Harvey.

Graves described how he found AmeriCorps -- following a year as an 'au pair' with a family in Northern Italy who wanted their sons to learn to be 'American.'

Being an AmeriCorps member meant hard work, rough accommodations, and the agency's encouragement to use off-duty hours doing even more volunteer service.

The AmeriCorps motto is "Be the Better Good," and its goal is to "Strengthen communities and develop leaders through team-based national and community service." In response to a question from a Rotarian, Graves said the AmeriCorps was a descendant of the Civilian Conservation Corps started during the Great Depression.

"It's a wonderful program," He described his work



Andy Graves

in poverty-stricken parts of Kentucky, in the Everglades, and in a sandy wildlife refuge in North Carolina, among others. In all projects he was a part of a team comprised of young people from all over the country.

Now that his AmeriCorps term is concluded, he is headed for Utah where he will work for the Utah Conservation Agency doing conservation projects in remote areas. His experiences will help him with any future college expenses and in possible employment, he said.

He is a 2014 graduate of Nashville High School. He was accompanied by his father, Mike Graves.

Club president Larry Dunaway presided at the meeting

Delight MusicFest lineup set for Sept. 29

The 2018 edition of the annual Delight MusicFest is scheduled for Sept. 29 at the Delight City Park.

The musical lineup has been set, with the gates opening at 8 a.m. and "open mic" on the stage from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for local talent to show off their musical skills.

Scheduled performers include:

Third Channel, 12:30 p.m.

Deniah Williams, 1:30 p.m.

4 States Fusion, 3 p.m.

Jake Moore, 4 p.m.

Billstown, 5:30 p.m.

Bear Creek Boys, 7:30 p.m.

Two \$500 cash drawings will be held during the event, as well as an author's book signing featuring a variety of authors from around the region.

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Tourism commission sets mission to promote ‘Gem of Southwest Arkansas’

By P.J. Tracy
Murfreesboro Diamond

At the second meeting of the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission held Aug. 6, the group set forth their mission statement and vision.

The official mission statement of the group will be “to promote and build tourism as an industry for Murfreesboro and surrounding area.”

The vision of the group was stated to be to “use the funds collected to maintain and operate a full time tourism center in Murfreesboro, for beautification projects in the city and billboards in strategic locations to call attention to our city, as well as other needs and projects.”

Commission chairwoman Jean Floyd said the consensus of the group was that there was an imperative need to better market Murfreesboro, so some of the tourism tax funds collected would go toward marketing. Toward that end, the group will utilize a cohesive tagline “Murfreesboro ... the gem of Southwest Arkansas.”

“We need everybody on board to use that tagline, so we have a cohesive branding effort of Murfreesboro,” said Floyd.

During their brainstorming session, the group discussed the fact that all of the

highways leading into Murfreesboro were of the “scenic” variety, but all featured some glaring general appearance issues. The group decided to talk further about the issue, perhaps leading toward asking the city council to pass an ordinance to better maintain the upkeep of the city’s entryways.

The public is invited to attend meetings, which will be held on the first Monday of every month at the Murfreesboro City Council Chambers inside the Municipal Building. Should someone would like to speak before the commission, they are asked to contact Floyd or Jane Fugitt by the previous Thursday so they can be added to the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Labor Day on September 3 at 6 p.m.

The commission is comprised of Jack Bonds, Misty Wilson, Randy Riddle, Robin Dildy, Jamie Terrell, Fugitt and Floyd.

The seven member group will oversee the funds derived from the 2 percent tourism tax recently passed by the Murfreesboro City Council in the form of Ordinance 2-1018 that affects tourism based eligible businesses -- essentially a “bed tax” for visiting tourists -- inside the city limits.

SWEPSCO makes \$30K donation to UA Cossatot

The American Electric Power (AEP) Foundation donates \$30,000 to the University of Arkansas Cossatot Foundation to purchase industrial technology training equipment for the Lockesburg Industrial Maintenance Institute (LIMI).

AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPSCO) Customer Service Representative Paul Knowles, Turk Plant Manager Tim Gross, and External Affairs Manager Jennifer Harland presented the donation to UA Cossatot administrators. Accepting the donation is UA Cossatot Vice Chancellor of Facilities Mike Kinkade, Skilled and Technical Sciences Division Chair Steve McJunkins, Chancellor Steve Cole, Director of Public Services and Workforce Development Tammy Coleman, Ashdown Campus Director Barry Reed, and Vice Chancellor of Academic Services

Ashley Aylett.

The UA Cossatot LIMI will open for industrial technology classes on August 13, 2018. The institute will provide training for local industries such as Tyson, Ashgrove, Domtar, and SWEPSCO.

Chancellor Cole says, “AEP SWEPSCO has been a long-time industry supporter of UA Cossatot. We are honored that they are helping with this groundbreaking program in Lockesburg.”

“This program helps hundreds of students that will be working towards high-wage, high-skill jobs in the industrial maintenance field, which is a huge piece of the puzzle when it comes to economic development for our area.”

There will be an open house event later this fall.

For more information about UA Cossatot Industrial Technology programs, visit www.cccua.edu/IndMaint.

2018 Tollette Homecoming



ANTIQUE RIDE. Tollette Mayor Brenda Porter and her husband, Artee Porter Sr. were escorted in Lewis Green's antique car at the Tollette Homecoming Parade held Saturday.

LAUGHING MATTER. Actress/comedian Luenell Campbell enjoys her ride with her older brother, Larry Batson, during the Tollette Homecoming parade Saturday morning. Campbell, Batson and their siblings are natives of Tollette. Campbell, of Los Angeles, Calif., has appeared in multiple movies and stand-up comedy shows.



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Friday, Aug. 17
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Alligator Antics
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Saturday, Aug. 18
Beaver Lodge Hike
8:30-10 a.m.

Microscopic Mayhem
2-2:45 p.m.
Frogs: Eating and Being Eaten
3:30-4:15 p.m.
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3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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8:30-11:30 a.m.
Bald Eagle Cruise
2:30-3 p.m.

Critter Crunch
3:30-4:30 p.m.
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Sunday, Aug. 19
9-1 a.m.
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HoCo Democrats to meet Aug. 21 in Nashville

The August meeting of the Democratic Party of Howard County will be Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The meeting will be at Western Sizzlin’ restaurant in Nashville beginning with a social at 6:30.

The business meeting will follow at 7.

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THE 2018 NASHVILLE SCRAPPER CHEERLEADERS. (Front row) Seniors Julianne Futrell, Steyanna Bailey, Hannah Faulkner and Cecily Sweeden; (second row) juniors Kimberly Perez, Macie Goff, Addy Harmon and Ebony Jefferson; (back row) sophomores Amber Ross, Caroline Kesterson, Lindsey Aylett, Raegan Porter, Aly Dixon, Braven Warren and Zoe Upton.



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BAND. Scrapper band members perform during the Back-to-School Bash Aug. 10 at Scrapper Stadium.

Football 2018

Today's *Nashville News-Leader* 2018 football preview features the Nashville Scrappers. The Dierks Outlaws, Mineral Springs Hornets and Murfreesboro Rattlers will follow on Aug. 29.

Stories for today's preview were written by John R. Schirmer.

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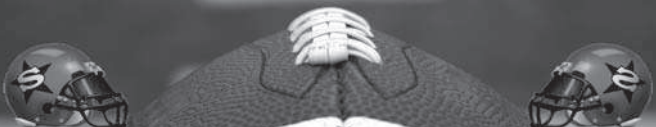
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Scrappers enter season after ‘enjoyable’ fall camp

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff
“Hard working.”
“Fun to be around.”
“[They made this] one of the more enjoyable fall camps I’ve seen.”

Those are some of the descriptions Coach Mike Volarvich has for his Nashville Scrappers.

Through spring practice, team camps, 7-on-7 and fall camp, Volarvich has continually praised their work ethic, their attitude, their effort through “the grind.”

Now, Volarvich is set to put the Scrappers on the field nearly two weeks earlier than usual and with statewide media attention in the 103.7 The Buzz Kickoff Classic Monday, Aug. 20, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock.

Kickoff against Watson Chapel will be at 7:30 p.m.

The first game comes at the beginning of Zero Week, a scheduling opportunity set up this season by the Arkansas Activities Association.

Teams can play three games in a four-week period, allowing the season to start earlier and providing a bye week.

For the Scrappers, the game marks Watson Chapel’s return to the season following a two-year absence.

Volarvich says the Wildcats will be “a very good football team.” They were 8-4 last season, 7-0 in the 5A

South conference.

“It should be an exciting game” to start the season, he said.

The Scrappers’ next two games will be at Hope Aug. 31 and at home against De Queen Sept. 7. “These two games are staples on our schedule,” Volarvich said. Both games will start at 7:30 p.m.

Last season, the Scrappers defeated Hope 60-20 but fell to De Queen 49-42 in one of the state’s biggest upsets of the season.

For 2018, Hope has a new head coach. Volarvich said the Bobcats will have a different look on offense and defense and a different coaching philosophy.

As for the Leopards, “Obviously [they] beat us last year. We know what they’re capable of,” Volarvich said.

The bye week will be Sept. 14 before the District 7-4A opener Sept. 21 against Arkadelphia at Scrapper Stadium. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. for the remainder of the season.

Volarvich said the bye week can be “good and bad. It’s good if you’re banged up. It gives you a chance to get healthy and get fresh.”

On the downside, “There’s the battle of practice with no game. You have to get the players motivated when there’s not a game that week to be ready for. We’ve had byes in the playoffs. It’s

good to get healed up” at that point in the season.

Arkadelphia will begin a 7-week period of battles “in a very tough conference with very good players and teams,” Volarvich said.

The Badgers are the defending Class 4A state champions. They return nine players on defense and all of their skill players on offense off the championship team, Volarvich said. Arkadelphia won last year 34-24 after Nashville led through much of the game.

The Scrappers will play at Fountain Lake Sept. 28 before hosting Joe T. Robinson Oct. 5.

The Senators “are very solid again,” according to Volarvich. They defeated the Scrappers 34-10 last year.

For the remainder of the season, “It’s hard to tell with everybody else. Injuries play a key role. Ashdown had a couple of players hurt last year. We’ll have to wait and see how injuries play out” in district games.

The Scrappers defeated Ashdown 35-28 in Nashville in 2017. They will visit the Panthers Oct. 12.

The remainder of the regular season schedule includes games at Harmony Grove Oct. 19, at home against Malvern Oct. 26 for Senior Night, and at Bauxite Nov. 2.

The state playoffs will begin Nov. 9.

Scrapper schedule

Aug. 20 Watson Chapel
at War Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 31 at Hope, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 7 De Queen, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 14 bye

* Sept. 21 Arkadelphia 7 p.m.

* Sept. 28 at Fountain Lake, 7 p.m.

* Oct. 5 Joe T. Robinson, 7 p.m.

* Oct. 12 at Ashdown, 7 p.m.

* Oct. 19 at Harmony Grove, 7 p.m.

* Oct. 26 Malvern, Senior Night, 7 p.m.

* Nov. 2 at Bauxite, 7 p.m.

Nov. 9 State Class 4A Playoffs begin

** District 7-4A game*

Last year’s record 8-4

District 7-4A record 5-2

The Pigskin Predictions feature will begin Wednesday, Aug. 29. The Scrapper Clip and Keep list of scores from every Scrapper game in school history also will be included in the Aug. 29 issue.

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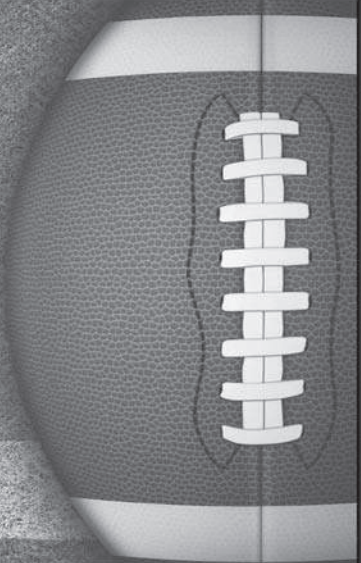


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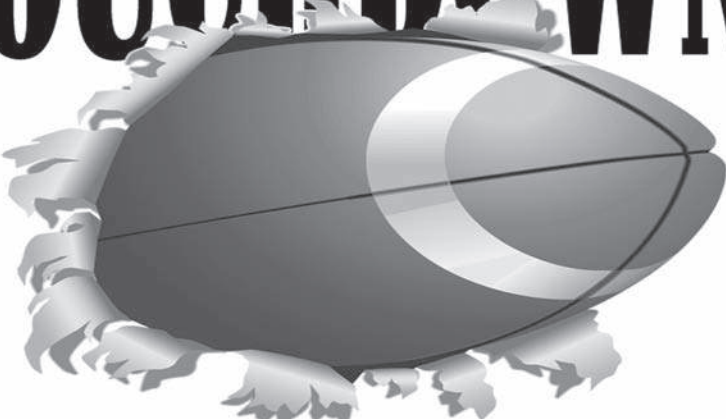
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**FOOTBALL
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Barry Groomes of *Hooten's Arkansas Football* offers his predictions on the upcoming season during the Aug. 8 meeting of the Nashville Rotary Club. Groomes predicted Warren to win Class 4A, Foreman to win 2A, Ouachita Baptist to win the Great American Conference, and Arkansas State to win the Sun Belt Conference. He said the Arkansas Razorbacks could be better than last season and predicted the Hogs might win six games. Groomes has worked at *Hooten's* for 20 years and is considered one of the state's top football authorities.



Football guru offers predictions on season

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

With the high school football season set to open Aug. 20, Barry Groomes of *Hooten's Arkansas Football* magazine made what has become an annual appearance at the Nashville Rotary Club last Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Groomes made predictions for high school and college teams and fielded questions from the Rotarians.

Hooten's picked Warren to win the Class 4A championship, Groomes said. The Lumberjacks were the runners-up last year and return Traylon Burks and Marcus Miller, both of whom have committed to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Joe T. Robinson of Little Rock was picked second. "They do a great job of finding talent in the metro area," Groomes said.

Arkadelphia, the defending 4A champion, was picked third. "Like Nashville, they play very few of their guys both ways. Most play just one way."

Robinson and Arkadelphia are picked first and second, respectively, in District 7-4A. The Scrappers are third in district, ninth overall in 4A, according to *Hooten's*.

"Coach [Mike Volarovich] is playing a little coy," Groomes said. "He's excited about his team."

In Class 2A, the Mineral Springs Hornets are picked sixth in the state. "They're in a very tough conference," Groomes said. "With a break or two, they're in the semis or the finals."

The Dierks Outlaws have their third coach in three years, Groomes said. "That's tough on kids."

Projected champions in other classifications include North Little Rock in 7A, Pine Bluff in 6A, Pulaski Academy in 5A, Glen Rose in 3A and Foreman in 2A.

The Gators are the defending champions and return their "lightning fast" quarterback. "They're legit," according to Groomes.

Two things are new for the coming season, Groomes said, including Zero Week and 8-man football.

"Nashville is playing

in Zero Week with Watson Chapel. You have four weeks to play three non-conference games. Some coaches refuse to participate. Others embrace it."

The Arkansas Activities Association approved 8-man football this year. "It's not a triple A sport but a club sport. It could be the saving grace for some of the small teams in south Arkansas" Groomes said.

Reclassification is two years away, Groomes said. He expects McClellan and J.A. Fair to move to 7A. "It won't have much effect on Nashville. Look for Joe T. Robinson to move to another conference," one that's more centralized for teams around Little Rock.

"Malvern and Fountain Lake will stay. At Hope, a lot of kids are leaving. Hope could move to 4A."

At the junior high level, the AAA doesn't keep records on things like winning streaks. However, Groomes said the NJHS Scrappers' 65-game streak "has to be at the top."

In the college ranks, *Hooten's* picked Ouachita Baptist to win the Great American Conference. The Tigers won the title last year and posted their 10th consecutive winning season, the longest streak in the state at any level.

"The conference run goes through OBU. Coach Todd Knight and his staff are beating the doors to every high school in the state in the spring and summer. Sixteen or 17 of their starters are from Arkansas," Groomes said.

Former Scrapper Hunter White will play on defense for the Tigers. Former teammate Cameron Alexander, who started at center for three years, is now an assistant coach at El Dorado.

Harding made "a deep run in the playoffs last year," Groomes said, and the Bisons look for another good season. "They have a great offensive coordinator in Chris Hill," who spent one season at Ashdown.

Braden Hood of Nashville will be on the field for Harding.

Southern Arkansas "fell short of expectations last

year. They'll try to make a run," Groomes said.

Arkansas Tech and Henderson State are both trying to make inroads in recruiting the state, Groomes said.

In Division I, Groomes said the Arkansas Razorbacks could see a better season than last year.

"They can be improved and maybe win six games with an easy schedule. Arkansas needs to get the guys they want. Burks is a commit. They need Hudson Henry, whose dad and brother played there. If they lose him, it could hurt," according to Groomes.

Former Scrapper LaMichael Pettway "has a chance to start. He's one of the two leading receivers" through the spring and early fall camp.

Former Scrapper Kirby Adcock is on the second team at guard, but the Hogs are "down to nine linemen. They have to play him. The number of players they found on the offensive line is a sore spot with the new coaching staff," Groomes said.

The best college team in Arkansas could be Arkansas State, Groomes said. "They're ranked nationally in some polls between 25 and 30. They have the best quarterback in the state."

The Red Wolves are picked to win the Sun Belt Conference championship.

Playing some nationally televised games on Tuesday nights helped increase ASU's visibility, Groomes said. "College football is no longer a sport; it's a business. Each Sun Belt school received \$1.2 million from ESPN for ASU's Tuesday night games. The Sun Belt is a league on the rise."

Groomes has worked at *Hooten's* for 20 years. He said the new edition of the magazine is 432 pages.

In 2016, *Hooten's* did its first-ever high school cover, which featured the Scrappers and their 2015 state championship. Nashville fans consumed the magazine in large numbers, Groomes said.

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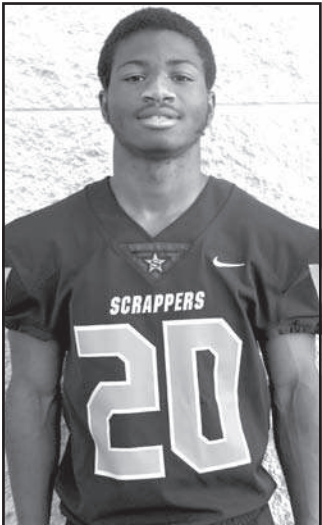
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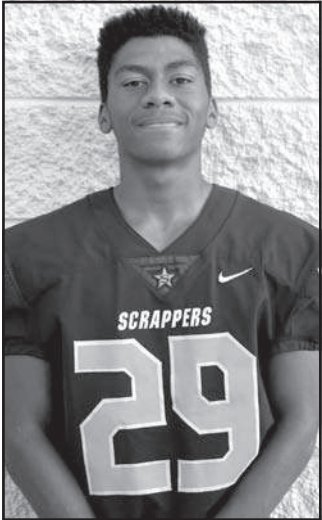
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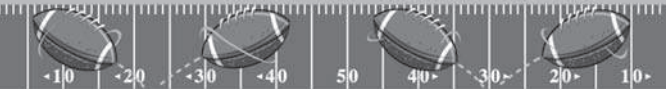
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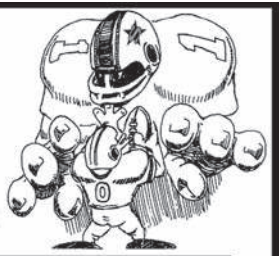
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State playoff games - all will start at 7 p.m.

Scrappers face question marks, have personnel to fill openings

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

The Nashville Scrappers will enter the season with “a lot of inexperienced guys,” according to Coach Mike Volarvich. “We lost every skill player on offense. We have one running back who’s scored a varsity touchdown. We have one receiver who’s scored a varsity touchdown. It’s tough to predict.”

Defensively, “We lost the whole defensive line. Two of our four linebackers will be starting their first varsity game. Two of four of our secondary guys will be in their first varsity game ever.”

However, the cupboard is far from bare for the Scrappers.

On defense, “We’re returning our two leading tacklers, Jordan White and Issac Johnson. Jordan had 129 tackles last season; Issac had 112,” Volarvich said. With 241 tackles between them, Johnson and White “were a large part of last season” defensively.

On the offensive side, the Scrappers return 550 rushing yards and 600 passing yards. “Somebody will have to step up,” Volarvich said.

“I feel good about some of our young guys. Before I got here, LaMichael Pettway was the big player. Then Leonard Snell stepped up. Darius Hopkins stepped up after Snell graduated. Dominick Kight stepped up after him with 19 receiving touchdowns. Tyler Hanson had a great year. We need somebody else to step up”

in 2018, Volarvich said.

The Scrappers are more balanced this season, according to Volarvich. “Several guys have the ability to make plays,” including Ty Basiliere and Kalob Carpenter.

Carpenter is back for his senior year after not playing last season.

“He has the chance to make a big impact,” Volarvich said.

“We have more depth at running back with five guys to line up,” including Carmillias Morrisson, Keyshawn Stewart, Jacobe Jefferson, Levester Gillard and Austin Hanson.

One area where the Scrappers have some experience is the offensive line. “Last year, we had five new ones start. The whole O-line was new. Now, they’re all back, and we add Bubba Reeder” who sat out last season with a torn ACL.

“From last fall camp to this one is a complete 180” for the offensive line, Volarvich said. “They’ve been in games. They understand what it takes.”

At quarterback, seniors Jake Mooror and Tristen Jamison had “a really good fall camp and summer. Both continue to get better. I see them improving every day,” Volarvich said.

“Whoever we feel gives us the best chance to win will play.”

Kicker Jhonny Pioquinto returns for his junior season. “He was very solid last year and did a great job. We’re excited about him being back.”

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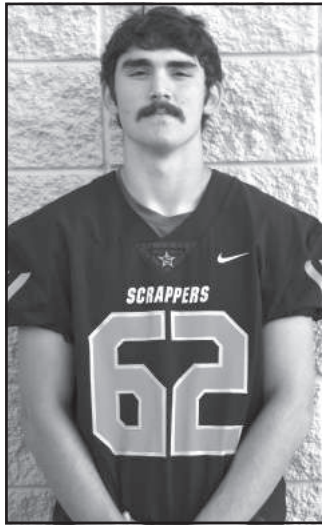
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MUSIC AT THE BASH. High school band members perform during the Back-to-School Bash Friday, Aug. 10, at Scrapper Stadium.



INTRODUCTION. Members of the junior high band are introduced by stadium announcer Johnny Wilson at the Back-to-School Bash.



WALK OF CHAMPIONS. Members of the state champion trap team complete the Walk of Champions at the Back-to-School Bash.



A WORD FROM THE COACH. Coach Mike Volarvich addresses the crowd at the Back-to-School Bash after team members were introduced.



SIXTY-FIVE STRAIGHT. Coach Rick Baker and the junior hig Scrappers make their way through the Walk of Champions. The team has won 65 straight games going back to 2010. **NJHS CHEERLEADERS.** The group includes (front row) Lexi Cavanagh, Ali Hutchinson, Katie Cochran, Avery Hood and Brittan Ray; (middle row) Anna Claire Gunter, Mia Madora, Anna-Kate Sartin, Makenzie Graham, Katie Barnes and Abbie Clay; (back row) Reese Worthington, Macy McCammack, Abby Furr, Addie Moorner and Nancy Worthington.

Bash offers preview of football, band and cheerleaders Aug. 10

By John R. Schirmer
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Scrapper fans had an early look at their team in action Friday night, Aug. 10, during the Back-to-School Bash sponsored by the Scrapper Booster Club.

The Bash included a junior high scrimmage, introduction of junior and senior high band, cheerleaders and players, a Walk of Champions, and a senior high scrimmage.

The Walk of Champions featured 11 groups which have won state and national honors in the past year. Stadium announcer Johnny Wilson introduced the groups, just as he had done at the Nashville School District’s first general faculty and staff meeting Aug. 6.

Coach Mike Volarvich said Friday night marked the Scrappers’ 11th practice in 12 days. “The kids have done a lot of work. Coaches have put in a lot of hours” since fall camp opened July 29.

“This is one of the more enjoyable fall camps I’ve seen,” Volarvich said. “We have a bunch of kids who work and do what they’re coached to do. They’re fun to be around. A team like this makes coaching a lot more enjoyable.”

Fall camp has been “a grind,” Volarvich said, starting with weights each morn-

ing, followed by meetings and practice on the field.

The Bash was “a good conclusion to fall camp. Everybody is healthy. The kids had fun running around in front of a crowd. Everybody got in a little action,” Volarvich said. “I was glad to see the crowd come out and support the junior high, cheerleaders, bands, Walk of Champions and high school.”

With the season opening Aug. 20, the Bash was held a week earlier than usual. The annual scrimmage against El Dorado at Southern Arkansas University was Monday night, more than a week earlier than the usual date. “This has been a little bit different scenario,” Volarvich said.

The Scrappers took the weekend off before going to Magnolia for the El Dorado scrimmage.

With the pre-season completed, the Scrappers are preparing to face Watson Chapel Monday, Aug. 20, in the 103.7 The Buzz Kickoff Classic at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$10 each at the Nashville School District’s administration building on Fourth Street.

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Junior Scrappers await beginning of season Aug. 30

By John R. Schirmer
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The Nashville Junior High School Scrappers “have been going since June” in preparation for the coming season, according to Coach Rick Baker.

The Scrappers lifted weights, attended team camps and participated in 7-on-7 during the summer.

“We cranked up fall practice July 29,” Baker said, and the team had 10 practices through Monday morning, Aug. 13.

The defending District 7-4A champions have about 63 players on the roster, Baker said. An average of 50 to 55 turned out for summer workouts.

“With junior high kids, you wait until school starts to see how many you’ll have,” Baker said.

The Scrappers will host De Queen in a scrimmage Thursday, Aug. 23. The eighth graders will play at 5:30 p.m., followed by the ninth grade around 7 p.m.

The season opener will be Aug. 30 at Lake Hamilton.

With the arrival of a new defensive coordinator at high school, the junior high team is “working on a new defense. The kids are adapting to it. It will take game experience for them to fully understand.”

The offense is improving, according to Baker. “We’ve been out throwing and catching. Some new kids have moved in.”

Baker said the Scrappers are “trying to get after it. They’re working hard.”

The offensive and defensive lines should be the strength of the team, Baker said. “We have more O-line and D-line depthwise than running backs and receivers. We’ll go how the line leads us.”

The team is inexperienced, with “no kids back who played” on the varsity team as eighth graders.

There are some bright spots, however. Wideout Isaiah Jones and quarterback Ethan Gunter “are working well together on throwing and catching, Baker said. Running back Chanler Chapman has performed well in pre-season.

The offensive line includes center Noel Dunham, guards Josh Sweeden and Nic Garcia, and tackles Drew McCain and Andrew Peebles.

“They’re all looking to do a good job,” Baker said.

On defense, look for David Perez, Garcia, Amarion Nelson and Turner Futrell “to make a difference for us.”

Outside linebackers Haeden Walker, Porter Gandy and Dexter Draper are expected to contribute, along with inside linebackers Dexter Draper and Riley Dodd.

In the secondary, safety Elijah Harris “has done a good job for us.” Jones and Chapman have played well at corner.

The Scrappers are taking a 65-game winning streak into the season. The streak goes back to the last two games of the 2010 season.

Scrappers, Wildcats meet at SAU



WINNING TD. Armani Hatchett (9) holds off the El Dorado Wildcat as Carmillias Morrisson (12) runs for the go-ahead touchdown in Nashville's 9-7 scrimmage win Monday at Southern Arkansas University.



DEFENSE. Ty Gordon (4) stops the El Dorado ball carrier Monday at Southern Arkansas University.
FIELD GOAL. Jhonny Pioquinto kicks a field goal as Colton Patterson (18) holds in the scrimmage against El Dorado Monday in Magnolia



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Nashville Scrappers

The Scrappers will open the season Monday, Aug. 20, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock against Watson Chapel. The Scrappers' final tune-up for the game was a scrimmage against El Dorado Aug. 13 at Southern Arkansas University. Nashville trailed 7-0 in the second quarter before scoring 9 unanswered points to win the game-like portion of the scrimmage.

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