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Grad rate at UA Cossatot among top 4 in Arkansas

A recent report lists UA Cossatot as having the fourth highest graduation rate in Arkansas among 33 peer institutions that serve the same kind of students in similar communities.

According to Chancellor Dr. Steve Cole, "A 41% graduation rate is a tremendous achievement for our college. There are only three other institutions in Arkansas with a higher rate and for us, that means that we are doing a lot of things right in taking our students and giving them the attention, scholarship, and tools they need to be successful."

Cole added, "You typically do not see these types of graduation rates within the two-year college setting, but UA Cossatot and many other two-year schools in Arkansas are dedicated to getting students out on time, and that means good things for their families and, for the bigger picture, for our economy."

In addition to the graduation rates, compared to the 33 colleges in the report, UA Cossatot also on average:

- Costs \$1,900 less per year to attend
- Has a 9% higher graduation rate
- Has a 16% higher Latino graduation rate
- Spends \$600 more per semester per student on all student support
- Spends 29% less on administration and other core expenses

According to Cole, "This data still shows that year after year, UA Cossatot still dedicates more and more resources to student achievement. It is our mission to impact lives and our local economy and we think this data, and data just like it from years past shows we are focused like a laser beam on doing this."

"We have always promised an always-improving student experience at UA Cossatot. With new sports teams, restaurants, a million-dollar saving book program, and the new holistic student experience coming soon, we think we are keeping true to that promise." Dr. Cole included.

"Our faculty, advisers and student support staff work hard to incorporate creative ways to encourage student success," Ashley Aylett, Vice-Chancellor of Academics said.

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'Mistletoe Bough' NHS seniors to carry on tradition Sunday afternoon

The Nashville High School class of 2019 will present the 23rd production of "Under the Mistletoe Bough" for their senior play. The play will be presented as a matinee at the Sixth Street Auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. Also, seniors will present to students from Nashville campuses on Monday, Dec. 17.

The play is under the direction of senior class sponsor Fran Strawn, along with Holly Couch, who was a class sponsor before moving to a new role in the school system. Couch also provides piano accompaniment and vocal arrangements.

"Under the Mistletoe Bough" is a musical and was first performed at Nashville High School in the early 1920s. This first

performance began a long-standing tradition for NHS that has lasted almost 100 years.

Samuel Rogers first told the story in 1822 in his poem about a young bride's plight in Italy. In the early 1920s, English teacher Mrs. Sam Leslie brought the story to Nashville High School, according to Mrs. John Reuther. Thus began an important tradition that has been continued in 22 presentations.

The first performance was in 1920, and the bride was played by Miss Frances Evelyn Bourland. For many years, the play was performed on a fairly regular basis; now, it is performed less often.

However, according to Couch, it is important that classes continue to make this play part of the fab-



Submitted photo

CONTINUING TRADITION. Nashville High School seniors will present "Under the Mistletoe Bough" Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2:30 p.m. at the Sixth Street Auditorium.

ric of NHS. "There is no other school anywhere in the world that performs 'Under the Mistletoe Bough,'" Couch said. "It is unique to Nashville High. It is one of the many traditions that sets us apart from other schools. I hope that future classes, as well as teachers who are NHS

alumni, will continue to perform and sponsor this play for generations to come."

Another tradition has also been passed down through the music and dance. Songs such as "Smilin' Through," "Comin' Through the Rye," and "Oh Promise Me," have

been part of the musical since its beginning in 1920. Through the years, other songs have been added to the performance.

The play is kept fresh with modern music that allows for several seniors to show their talents.

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FIRE AT HCCC. Nashville fireman battle a blaze at the Howard County Children's Center Saturday, Dec. 8.

HCCC work activities center damaged during weekend fire

By Terrica Hendrix
News-Leader staff

The fire in a building on the Howard County Children's Center campus is a total loss according to the director of the center.

HCCC Director Rose Ray said Building 6 - also known as the Work Activity building - is a total loss after the fire on Saturday, Dec. 8. According to Ray, a maintenance employee walked out of a building and noticed the smoke and immediately "called the fire department." The fire was reported at 2 p.m. that day. No one was in the Work Activity building, she added.

"We were able to salvage some of the work tables and we will

resume work possibly tomorrow [Dec. 11]. The firefighters were able to keep the fire contained, Ray said.

The HCCC employees were able to work in the cafeteria on Monday. Ray said the staff set up tables and chairs in the cafeteria and some of the clients watched movies and worked.

Ray said the quick response of the maintenance employee and the fire departments kept the fire contained.

Some of the fire departments on the scene were Nashville, County Line, Yancey, Center Point and Ozan.

A cause for the fire has not been determined as of press time.

UAC receives Weyerhaeuser gift

LOCKESBURG - Weyerhaeuser donates \$10,000 to the University of Arkansas Cossatot Foundation for the development of a pump transfer training system for the Lockesburg Industrial Maintenance Institute (LIMI).

"\$7,500.00 previously received from Weyerhaeuser helped purchase parts and supplies to launch construction of the trainer and the funding received today will

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Local OCC volunteers work at Dallas processing center

By Terrica Hendrix
News-Leader staff

The 2018 Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week was held Nov. 12-19. After that week, shoeboxes were shipped to one of eight processing centers in the United States. There is also one located in Hawaii.

Shoebbox gifts are prepared for overseas shipment at eight major processing centers across the U.S., including Atlanta, Ga.; Baltimore MD/Washington D.C.; Boone,

N.C.; Charlotte, N.C.; Dallas/Fort Worth Texas; Denver, CO; Minneapolis, MN; and Southern California.

Additional countries that collect shoebbox gifts include Australia, Finland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Japan, New Zealand, Canada, Spain, and the U.K.

"Our area volunteers worked at the Dallas Processing Center. Our Southwest Arkansas team

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AT DALLAS. Volunteers from Ridgeway Baptist Church of Nashville worked at the Operation Christmas Child processing center in Dallas recently. They include (front row) Judy Carlyle, Fayrene Elrod, Kylee Huffman and Riley Oge; (back row) Michelle Werner, Gary Puryear, Kimber Kilcrease, Justin Kilcrease, Joshua Feltenberger, Mark Kilcrease, Jennifer Kilcrease and Pam Shankles.



News-Leader photo/LOUIE GRAVES

LOTS OF FOOD. Lea Reed holds a bag with some of the food items that were placed into 300 backpacks at the Husqvarna Wilson plant Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Industry's blue backpacks provide holiday food for about 300 children in area

By Louie Graves
News-Leader staff

About 300 kids at area schools will go home for the Christmas holidays without worrying if there will be food to eat while school cafeterias are closed.

For the fourth year, employees at the Husqvarna Wilson Plant gathered kid friendly food items and filled colorful blue company backpacks for at-risk children.

The company doesn't know the students' names -- they only know how many backpacks each area school asks for. This year and in the past, backpacks have gone to students at

Nashville, Mineral Springs, Dierks, Murfreesboro and Kirby.

Human Resources Manager Carol Kissman supervised the project. She divided the plant's 120 employees into four teams.

Each week for eight weeks, she posted a list of food items that would be taken.

Items included easily prepared foodstuffs such as fruit cups, popcorn, spaghetti-o's, macaroni & cheese, etc.

"Even if the parents are not home, the children will be able to fix themselves

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Obituaries



Annette Carlton Hoover

Annette Carlton Hoover, age 90, of Texarkana, Texas, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, in Texarkana. She was born Feb. 6, 1928 in De Queen, Ark., the daughter of Brice and Lucille Kelley Carlton.

She graduated from Nashville High School and attended Henderson State University. She was married to Harry Lynn Hoover of Texarkana, Ark., for 68 years. She was active in the Texarkana community serving on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and active in Central Christian Church.

She started her business career after moving to San Antonio, Texas, in property management where she was past president of the San Antonio Apartment Association. She attained senior executive level positions at Lexford Properties and Equity Residential. Upon retirement, they moved to Hot Springs Village, Ark., and became active in Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church. Their last move was back to Texarkana, Texas, and Cornerstone Retirement Community where many friends were made.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry L. Hoover, her parents, Brice and Lucille Carlton,

her mother, Louise Carlton Clemens and her sister Elizabeth Carlton Atha.

Survivors include: her daughter, Joy Lamb of Cedar Park, Texas, and her son, Jay Carlton Hoover and wife Jill of Texarkana, Ark.; two sisters, Cay Carlton Teague, Judy Hill, and her brother, C. C. Carlton. In addition, five grandchildren, Ashley Milligan (Matt), Jay C. Hoover, II (Angela), Jon C. Hoover (Rachel), Brian Lamb (Sue) and Dustin Lamb (Kristi). Also, eleven great-grandchildren, several nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. to service time Monday, Dec. 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Nashville, Ark.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Walter Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Alliance, 100 Memory Lane, Texarkana, TX 75503

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

James H. Chism

James H. Chism, 76, of Texarkana, Texas, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018.

He was born Sept. 6, 1942, to in the Sardis community near Ozan to the late Harry and Cleo Chism.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Earline Chism; brothers Bobby, Lee, and Dwight Chism. Survivors are his four children, Jackie Helms of Lockesburg, Jon Boatwright of Hollywood, Calif., Jason Chism

of Arkadelphia, and Jamie Cardine of Houston, Texas; also grandchildren.

Friends and family held a private memorial service.



Carol Tolleson

Carol Tolleson, age 74, left this world to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 in Texarkana, Texas.

She was born Jan. 9, 1944, to the late Lila McCreery Dodge and Jack Dodge.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Gary Dodge, Jimmy Dodge; and a sister, Imogene Dodge.

Survivors include: her husband, Tim Tolleson; a son, Ricky Jones of Texarkana, Ark.; two daughters, Brenda Wagner and husband Chuck of Fouke, Ark., and Melinda Taylor and husband Glynn of Nashville, Ark.; a brother, Jackie Dodge of Queen City, Texas; three sisters, Dorothy Phipps of Texarkana, Ark., Patricia Leslie of Atlanta, Texas, and Linda Duhon of Queen City, Texas; 6 grandchildren, Brandon, Damien, Casey, Kameron, Ashton, Lila; one great-granddaughter, Evelyn, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2018,

at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville with Bro. David Blase officiating. Burial followed at County Line Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.



Joseph Richard 'Ricky' Perser

Joseph Richard "Ricky" Perser, 61, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, in Nashville, Arkansas.

He was born March 12, 1957, to the late Patsy Pedron Perser and "JD" Joseph Perser.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: his wife, Cindy Perser; one son, Joseph Tyler Perser of Lufkin, Texas; three daughters, April Perser of Lufkin, Texas; Sarah Perser of San Antonio, Texas; Heather Perser of Lufkin, Texas; two sisters, Janie Young and husband Homer of Mineral Springs, Ark., and Lisa Sharp and husband Jerry of Nashville, Ark.; one grandbaby, Katie; two cousins, Charlotte Bagley and husband Coy, and David Tribble; three special brothers, Jason Rodgers, Billy Colston and Greg Johnson, and a host a nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service was held Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville with Rex Mooror officiating.



NEW HORNET GYM PLAQUE. Lodi Dixon, construction project manager for the new K-12 school at Mineral Springs, showed the 100-lb. bronze building plaque that will hang in the gymnasium to the MS District Board. He told board members that the gymnasium was "breathtaking."

MS board approves new communications equipment

By a split vote, Monday night, the Mineral Springs School Board approved expenditure of nearly \$1 million for modern communications equipment for the new school which is nearing completion.

The vote was 4-2, with board members Mike Erwin and Ray Hawkins voting against the motion by Dorothy Vaughn.

School IT specialist Adam West explained the proposed purchases which will total \$992,920.98.

He noted that the purchases came in under the \$1 million originally expected. In response to a question, he told the board that virtually none of the current school's "infrastructure" could be used. The board has previously discussed the purchases.

Voting for the motion were board members Sheila Jackson, Jamie Jackson, Zemeria Newton and Vaughn.

Earlier, board chairman William Dixon had told the board that a vote not cast would be the same as a 'no' vote.

As is its custom, the board

went into executive session, and after 51 minutes came out. They voted to accept the resignation of one custodian, and to hire a replacement.

There was no mention of high school principal Clint Jones who is reportedly on an administrative leave following an incident on the sidelines of the school's football team playoff loss (see related article, this issue).

Normally at school board meetings the first agenda item of new business is a report on school events by Elementary Principal Stacy Gaudin and High School Principal Jones. Neither was at the meeting.

The board approved memorandum for minimum wage to meet the new state law; approved a sick/vacation leave policy; and approved a policy for "Donor Choose" or "Go Fund Me" accounts related to the school.

At the meeting, Supt. Thelma Forte told the board that the school had received an award for showing growth in the ACT Aspire scores of students at schools with a large percentage of students receiving free or reduced meals.

Interested students, faculty can apply for Governor's School

Eligible individuals interested in participating in the 40th Arkansas Governor's School as a student or faculty member may apply online.

Information and applications are available at www.atu.edu/ags. More information may be acquired by sending e-mail to ags@atu.edu. Deadline to apply is Jan. 15, 2019, for faculty members and Jan. 31, 2019, for students.

Arkansas Tech University will host the 40th Arkansas Governor's School July 7-Aug. 3, 2019, in Russellville. It was previously held on the campus of Hendrix College in Conway.

Founded in 1979 by Gov. Bill Clinton, Arkansas Governor's School serves 400 selected students from around the state during the summer before their senior year in high school.

Student applicants should demonstrate the intellectual, social and emotional maturity required to thrive in an environment that empha-

sizes theoretical and process-related learning. Students will apply in one of nine disciplines: visual art, choral music, instrumental music, drama, English/language arts, mathematics, natural science, social science or cybersecurity.

Educators in all Arkansas public and private schools as well as all Arkansas institutions of higher education and all state directors of gifted programs are invited to apply for faculty positions.

AGS Area I faculty members will teach in one of the following disciplines: visual art, choral music, drama, instrumental music, English/language arts, mathematics, natural sciences, social science and cybersecurity. AGS Area II faculty members will focus on the nature of knowledge. AGS Area III faculty members will foster the personal and social development of students. All AGS classroom activities are designed to be open, experiential and grade-free.

Dr. Robin Lasey, director of the ATU Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and associate professor of chemistry, will serve as

director of Arkansas Governor's School. She has 11 years of experience leading summer science camps for K-12 students.



FB HONORS. Howard County Farm Bureau President Dennis Ritchie (center) received recognition at the 84th Arkansas Farm Bureau annual convention on Nov. 28 in Hot Springs for the county organization's work in the previous year. Presenting the award were Randy Veach (right) and Rich Hillman, president and vice president of Arkansas Farm Bureau. Each county Farm Bureau is measured in 10 program areas and awarded Gold Stars for exemplary effort in each. Howard County earned 10 Gold Stars.

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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

Christmas from the past in Nashville

117 years ago: 1901

Yancy and Dinwiddle Citty, brothers, engaged in a fight at Ozan Thursday night in which the former stabbed the latter in the back. The wound inflicted was on the shoulder and not dangerous. The brothers argued about a horse that one of them had ridden too hard.

From Center Point comes the news that County Judge H. N. Baker has awarded the contract for repairing the Little Holly Creek Bridge to W. F. Propps.

One of the foremen on the new steel bridge, which the Iron Mountain Railway is having put across Red River at Fulton, was killed by a fall last Sunday. He took hold of a crowbar to show a workman how to handle it when he lost his balance and fell from the structure to the ground far below. The man's head struck first and death was instant, he being partially buried in the sand.

99 years ago: 1919

Col. Jno. M. Davis, age 92, died at the family home at Murfreesboro Wednesday afternoon. Burial was had at Mt. Tabor Cemetery Thursday under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge. Col. Davis was a native of Pike

County and has been one of its foremost citizens for many years, perhaps being the best well-known in that section.

W. J. Risinger, manager of the Nashville Ice, Coal and Light Company has issued a notice that day service will be entirely discontinued and night service from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. discontinued on Monday December 15th on account of lack of fuel. He states that service will be resumed as soon as sufficient fuel can be secured.

(Adv.) At the Princess Theatre, Thursday, Mary Pickford in "The Hoodlum," a First National Feature, admission 10 cents and 25 cents.

65 years ago: 1953

Co-captains of the 1954 Scrapper football team will be center, Lester "Bud" Bradley and end, Eugene Funderburk. Announcement of their election was made Thursday night as the Rotarians honored the 1953 Scrappers. Both Bradley and Funderburk were key men on the club this year. The co-captains will be seniors next year.

Mickey Bowden, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bowden, 606 North Main

Street, Nashville is completing his AF basic indoctrination course at Lackland Airforce Base, "Gateway to the Air Force" in San Antonio, Texas. Lackland is the world's largest air force base.

43 years ago: 1975

Larry Ray of Nashville has completed his senior year of football eligibility as a member of the Henderson State University Reddies, co-champions of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and defending champions the last two years.

Miss Ann Canaday will compete in the Arkansas Junior Miss pageant December 27, 28, 29 and 30 in Little Rock.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Canaday of Nashville. Miss Canaday will be sponsored by York Gary Chevrolet-Oldsmobile of Nashville.

The Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by the Nashville Jaycettes will be held Sunday afternoon, December 14th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at Nashville Drug, KBHC Radio Station, Kid Stuff or from any Jaycette.

Public Record of Howard County

Filed or recorded in the Howard County, Ark., courthouse Nov. 28-Dec. 5, 2011:

Marriage Licenses

Nov. 28. Timothy Lee Hutton, 71, Nashville, and Martha Ella Hale, 65, Nashville.

Nov. 29. Eric Ryan Tollett, 28, Nashville, and Marcie Leeann Hill, 27, Nashville.

Domestic Relations Court

DR18-130, Nov. 30. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Dillon Schooley. Support.

Civil Court

CV18-148, Nov. 29. IPFS Corporation vs. JS Arkansas Management Corporation, et al (Dierks nursing home). Contract.

CV18-149, Nov. 30. Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Savannah Woodruff. Debt

collection.

CV18-150, Dec. 5. Midland Funding LLC vs. Adrian Wesson. Debt collection.

Criminal Court

No new criminal cases filed since CR18-162 on Nov. 27.

Land Transactions Redemption Deed

Dec. 3. State of Arkansas; to Jacqueline Elizabeth Johnson, Houston, Texas; Part of Lots 1-2, New Nashville Addition, City of Nashville; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$620.71.

Quitclaim Deeds

Nov. 30. Pamela Jean Whaley (formerly Willman) Trust; to PJMW timberlands, LLC; undivided 6.25% interest in property in S22-23-26-27 T11 R27 (no other description given).
Nov. 30. Kelly L. Hardin;

to William H. Hardin, Jr.; 29 ac. in S18/S19 T9S R28W.

Warranty Deeds

Nov. 29. Rodney Whisenhunt; to Dento Baker and wife, Elida Baker; aggregate 73.13 ac. in S34 T8S R28W with access easement. \$1,200,000.

Dec. 4. Allan Gocio and wife, Danette Gocio; to Corey Hockaday and wife, Lacey Hockaday; aggregate of 52.44 ac. in S12 T11S R28W and S7 T10S R27W. \$200,000.

Dec. 4. Phillip Efird and Karen Efird, husband and wife; to Cody Tedford and Kara Tedford; property in S26 T5S R29W.

Dec. 08. Timothy L. Norman and wife, Krystal Norman; to Robert D. Womack and wife, Holly M. Womack; 0.551 ac. in S23 T9S R27W. \$30,000.

Guilty plea entered; bench trial sought

One female defendant pleaded guilty, and another asked for a bench trial, in a brief day of criminal courts here Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The guilty plea was by Ashley Beth Rowland, 23, white female, Mineral Springs who was originally charged with a class C felony, possession of meth or cocaine with intent to deliver; class B felony possession of drug paraphernalia; and a drug misdemeanor.

Both of the felony charges

were amended downward to class D. She was sentenced to five years of probation, 120 days in a regional punishment facility, and a fine of \$1,500. She was represented by the public defender.

The other female defendant was Amanda Jill Sharp, 43, white female, Umpire, who was originally charged Oct. 4, 2016, but had many delays getting to the courtroom.

She has asked for a bench

trial, and her attorney, Public Defender Clayton Tinkes, is to get with the prosecution to set a date. Sharp is charged with a class D felony, criminal mischief, enhanced by being a habitual offender.

She is also charged with a class C felony, criminal trespass.

At the time of her arrest, Sharp allegedly drove into the yard of a county deputy and narrowly missed hitting the residence, damaging it.

Food drive for Bread of Life to conclude Dec. 14 at NHS

The National Honor Society chapter at Nashville High School will conduct a food drive at NHS from now until Dec. 14 to benefit the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen.

Students will be rewarded for their efforts with a home-cooked breakfast for the winning second-block class and will also receive community service hours.

Anyone in the community may donate.

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Point of view

Addictive foods Fancy scientific co-effort discovers we like pizza

\$\$\$ WELL SPENT. Many moons ago I wrote about some UofA professors who got a federal grant to study the effects of chicken poo placed on the surface of the earth. Surprise! They discovered that grass and weeds did better when the poo was applied. Further, they discovered that if the poo was actually mixed with the soil, the results were even better. Much useful knowledge gained, obviously!

Now comes one that's even better. Professors at the National Institutes of Health and at the National Library of Nutrition have 'discovered' that pizza is more addictive than any other food.

The research sounded real scientific. Their published report in a scientific journal used terms like amygdala and umami. They even referred to "a unified symphony of flavors." Wow. I can't believe that before this, no one realized that crust, tomato sauce, cheese and pepperoni went well together. My favorite pizza is from Road Mart.

Just think how much better off humanity would be if the professors could figure out how to make beets and English peas addictive.

I'm serious. Take a moment and let your amygdala contemplate how significant that would be.

ONLY FOOTBALL FANS might have noticed that Arkadelphia whitewashed Joe T. Robinson in the championship game of class 4A, last weekend. There is a lesson to be learned here. Arkadelphia started the season at 0-5. Early in the season they were beaten 28-23 by the Scrappers. Then, when we played Joe T., the Senators pretty well handled the Scrappers so by all rights Joe T. shoulda whupped the Badgers again when they played again in the title game.

From 0-5 to repeat state champs. Salute to the Turnaround Badgers. The lesson is that if you don't give up and you work hard to get better, you might hoist the trophy. Are you paying attention, Hogs?

CHRISTMAS STORIES.

My father was a college student in Austin, Texas, during the Great Depression. Travel wasn't so easy, then, and he had planned to stay on campus during the Christmas holiday.

He got a package from home in the mail. It made him so homesick that he decided to hitchhike home and surprise his family for Christmas.

It's still a long way from Austin to Texarkana, but it was REALLY a long trip then.

He decided not to open his package, but would wait until he got home.

He walked out to the highway and stuck out his thumb. Hitchhiking was safer in those times.

It took a couple of days to get to Texarkana. He didn't have any money, but he did have an apple and a candy bar. They sustained him on the trek. I remember hearing him tell how cold and hungry he got. None of the truck drivers who gave him rides were in any position to feed college boys, so the apple and candy bar (I believe he said it was a Hershey bar) had to last.

He finally arrived home, and on Christmas morning opened his package. Among the items was some money. He could have eaten and bought a bus ticket.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS story. My family spent one Christmas in California after Dad's Marine Corps Reserve unit was called up during the Korean War.

This is one of the few Christmas trees I actually remember. The tree was decorated with candycanes, bubblegum and strings of popcorn. My mother remembers that there was nothing on the tree that was breakable. That was because one of my younger brothers -- who was a toddler -- kept pushing the tree over.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS story. One year the tree had only new ornaments. That was because before Christmas, the devil got into a couple of my brothers and a neighborhood buddy, and they went into the basement where Christmas ornaments were stored. They took turns stomping on the ornaments until only crunchy glass shards remained.

My mother remembers that the ornaments were expensive and were from Germany. The boys' backsides may have been addressed.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS story. One Christmas legend is that Santa brings switches and chunks of coal for the stockings of little boys and girls who have been bad. (But everyone knows that little girls are NEVER bad, right?)

The two oldest brothers crept down the stairs before anyone else was up. They emptied the stocking of one brother and substituted some switches from bushes in the yard.

My parents caught on to what was happening, and told the older brothers that the switches would be used enthusiastically on the pranksters if the stocking items weren't found and replaced immediately.

THINGS I LEARNED from opening (and believing) email: "It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open."

WORD GAMES. Another set of twins: Rise and Shine. Military recruits memorize this on the first glorious day of boot camp.

HE SAID: "I think the 24-hour news cycle has helped exaggerate the differences between the parties. You can always find someone on TV somewhere carping about something. That didn't happen 20 years ago." George H.W. Bush, 41st President of the United States. God bless.

SHE SAID: "Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people - your family, friends, and coworkers, and even strangers you meet along the way." Barbara Bush, First Lady. God bless.

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek
Revelations

By
Louie Graves

Thanks for area support of Operation Christmas Child

Dear Editor:
How thankful we are for God's bountiful gifts, and how blessed we are to have a community that supports Operation Christmas Child in so many ways!

This area of Southwest Arkansas collected 18,948 shoeboxes in 2018!

Operation Christmas Child has been in existence for 25 years, and the Nashville area has been actively involved for 15 years. During that 15 years, 144,731 shoeboxes have been collected and sent from our area of Southwest Arkansas!

Statistics show that every shoebox has the potential of impacting the lives of 7 to 10 people! EVERY shoebox is so very important!

It is impossible to thank everyone for your contribution to making Operation Christmas Child a successful ministry. There are dedicated volunteers who work year around shopping, sorting, and packing, as well as those who give of their time to work at the garage sales and National Collection Week. A huge task performed by strong men in the community (including the Mennonites) is loading the big 18-wheelers with the filled shipping boxes. Our Nashville Police Force has been so gracious in providing assistance to us. First Baptist Church and staff provides the Family Activities Building for "everything OCC" throughout the year. The *News-Leader* and local

radio stations provide excellent coverage of OCC news and events. Some provide food for the garage sales as well as NCW. Many give memorial gifts to honor a family member or friend who has passed away. There are citizens who contribute financially as well as lending support through prayer.

You are valued and appreciated if you helped in any way during 2018.

Let's pray that the greatest year yet will be 2019, and that each of us will have a more meaningful relationship with the Lord as we serve on the OCC team together - All for His glory!

Sincerely,
Beverly Starr

State Senate picks leaders, prepares for 2019 session

By Sen. Larry Teague

The 35-member Senate held its organizational meeting to elect leadership and formalize the rules for the 92nd General Assembly of the legislature, which convenes in regular session on January 14.

The changes in Senate rules will affect which committees will consider proposed legislation affecting alcohol, tobacco, firearms and medical marijuana.

Previously, bills that affect gun laws would go to the Senate Judiciary Committee. However, under the new rules they will be referred to the Senate Committee on City, County and Local Affairs.

Bills affecting tobacco and alcohol used to be referred to the Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, but now they will go to the City, County and Local Affairs Committee.

Medical marijuana bills be referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development. Arkansas voters approved a constitutional amendment in 2016 legalizing medical marijuana.

In the 2017 session, much of the enabling legislation that put in place the mechanism for cultivation and retail sales of medical marijuana was referred to the

Senate and House Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

The general consensus among senators was that the changes in rules were necessary in order to more evenly distribute the workload during the 2019 session.

The committees on Public Health, Judiciary and State Agencies traditionally have very lengthy agendas.

The rules changes were adopted before senators chose their committee assignments, therefore individual senators with a particular interest in alcohol, tobacco, firearms or medical marijuana had the opportunity to choose the committees with jurisdiction over those issues.

The senators elected Senator Jim Hendren of Gravette as President Pro Tempore for the next two years. Senator Bart Hester of Cave Springs will be the Majority Leader and Senator Scott Flipppo of Bull Shoals will be the Majority Whip. Senator Keith Ingram of West Memphis will be the Minority Leader and Senator Will Bond of Little Rock the Minority Whip.

Senator Larry Teague of Nashville will chair the Joint Budget Committee. Senator Jonathan Dismang of Beebe will chair the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Senator Ronald Caldwell of Wynne will chair the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and Senator Jason Rapert of Conway will chair the Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce. The Senate Judiciary Chairman will be Senator Alan Clark of Lonsdale. Senator Gary Stubblefield of Branch will chair the Senate Committee on City, County and Local Affairs.

Senator Missy Irvin of Mountain View will chair the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee and Senator John Cooper of Jonesboro will chair the Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Committee.

The Senate Education Committee will be chaired by Senator Jane English of North Little Rock. Senator Blake Johnson of Corning will chair the Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs. Senator Bill Sample of Hot Springs will be co-chair of the Public Retirement and Social Security Committee. Senator Cecile Bledsoe of Rogers will be the Senate co-chair of the Legislative Council, and Senator Rapert will be the Senate co-chair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

Fed highway grant set for NWA

By Brenda Blagg
Between the Lines

Christmas really has come early to Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri.

A federal grant awarded last week will ease a 25-year headache for area travelers, relieving congestion and speeding interstate commerce in the two-state region.

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$25 million discretionary grant to complete a 4.8-mile section of Interstate 49 in Missouri.

The short stretch of roadway is the last link in what was known for decades as the Bella Vista bypass, designed to carry I-49 traffic around congestion in the border city on a four-lane highway built to interstate standards.

Area planners have since dubbed the project the I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector. Apparently, the name change and the continuing two-state push finally convinced federal authorities to provide this critical funding boost.

The project competed with hundreds of others for the federal BUILD grant. The acronym for the \$1.5 billion program stands for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development.

Along with improved safety and better flow of traffic, the bypass project is definitely expected to attract continued development in the region.

While this project will finish I-49 between Alma and Kansas City, the interstate will ultimately connect the Gulf Coast to Canada. It will run down Arkansas' western corridor, in time benefiting more of the state.

That's the long view. The shorter-term expectation is that the severe bottleneck on U.S. Highway 71 in Bella Vista will finally be uncorked.

This relief has been a long time coming.

Arkansas and Missouri highway officials have been piecing stretches of the bypass together as money became available in each state.

When Missouri had money to make improvements on its end, Arkansas didn't. Missouri moved its money to other uses.

Then Arkansas came up with funding for its part, but Missouri couldn't fund the final stretch to the border.

Arkansas pushed ahead, building two of the planned four lanes to move traffic locally but always planning to upgrade to four when possible.

The grant awarded last week to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission will move the remainder of the project off high center by allowing Missouri to extend the four-lane in that state from Pineville, Mo., to the Arkansas border.

The regional commission has planning jurisdiction in Missouri's neighboring McDonald County as well as in the ever-growing Northwest Arkansas region, which explains why an Arkansas entity could apply for money for Missouri.

Secured with strong support from both the Arkansas and Missouri congressional delegations as well as from business and community leaders in both states, the grant will fund the last link in I-49 from I-40 in Alma to I-70 in Kansas City.

Missouri has already acquired the right of way, done an environmental study and designed its 4.8-mile portion of the project.

That state also has about \$23 million on hand but needed the \$25 million in grant funds to finish the work.

Meanwhile, Arkansas highway officials will schedule the last of the projects to finish the 14.1 miles of the connector in this state to interstate standards. Funding for this work is already committed from a statewide sales tax approved by voters in 2012.

Completion of the project won't happen for a while yet. Planners are looking toward early 2022 at best to finish the job.

It can't happen soon enough.
Brenda Blagg is a freelance columnist. E-mail comments or questions to brendablagg@gmail.com.

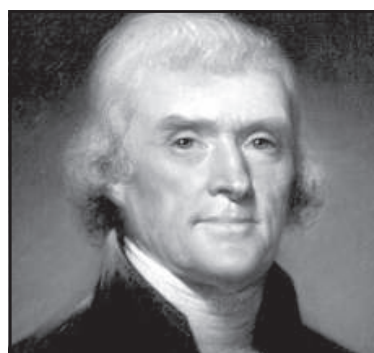
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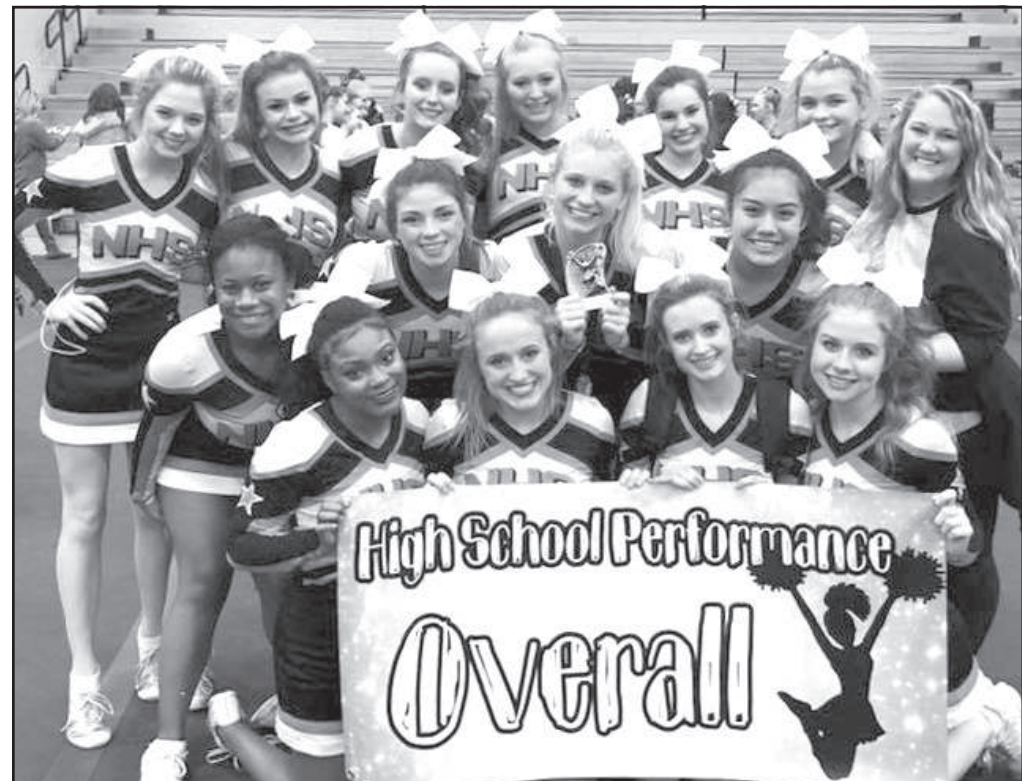
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TOP AWARDS. The Nashville High School cheerleaders won first place and overall high performance awards during competition Saturday, Dec. 8, at El Dorado High School. The squad includes (front row) Steyanna Bailey, Julianne Futrell, Hannah Faulkner and Cecily Sweeden; (second row) Ebony Jefferson, Addy Harmon, Macie Goff, Kimberly Perez and Coach Erin Askew; (back row) Raegan Porter, Braven Warren, Amber Ross, Lindsey Aylett, Caroline Kesterson and Zoe Upton. The cheerleaders will go for a three-peat Saturday, Dec. 15, at Hot Springs as they compete for their third straight state Class 4A cheerleading championship. Nashville won the title in 2016 and 2017.

OCC

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was represented by volunteers from Nashville and Hope, with two guests from Killeen, Texas. We were also joined by former Nashville residents, Herbert and Janet Rainey of Tyler, Texas who served for 25 years as missionaries in Peru with Wycliffe Bible Translators," according to Southwest Arkansas Coordinator Beverly Starr of Nashville.

"Volunteers first remove any monetary donations and place in a lockbox, and then inspect every shoebox at the center for inappropriate items such as liquids, candy, toothpaste, war-related toys or clothing, razors, etc. Then the shoeboxes are sealed with a Samaritan's Purse tape and repacked in shipping boxes with gender and age designations," Starr said.

Then, the shipping boxes are loaded with forklifts into the huge shipping containers and start their journey to more than 100 countries.

During the several days that the volunteers worked in the processing center, the shoeboxes were sent to Ecuador, Mexico and Honduras.

"Volunteers hailed from many [places], including Alaska and the Philippines," Starr said.

"Periodically, the work would stop, hands were placed on shoeboxes, and prayer was offered for the recipients as well as for the volunteers who were working," she said.

When the boxes arrive in the receiving countries, dedicated volunteer teams distribute the boxes to churches, villages (some very remote), schools, and individuals.

The shoeboxes are transported by plane, bus, train, camel, dugout, dog sled, elephant, bicycle, pack mules or whatever mode of trans-

portation is available in that area.

"One pastor from Ecuador was there and told the staff just how much receiving the shoeboxes meant to the recipients, and many had never received a gift. Another story was of a young man in an orphanage who was so excited to get a toothbrush of his very own in his box, because 20-30 boys all had to share the same toothbrush."

Starr confirmed that more than 500,000 shoeboxes had been inspected in the Dallas Processing Center while

Southwest Arkansas volunteers were there.

A total of 1.2 million shoeboxes will be processed in Dallas by Dec. 15, or when the project is completed.

"Volunteering at the processing center is a great experience - inspecting thousands of shoeboxes to be sent all over the world with the ultimate goal of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with many who are in desperate situations and need to know that someone cares for them, and that God loves them," Starr said.



BUSY DURING COLLECTION WEEK. Sandy Sykes (right) dressed in a shoebox costume, while Nhi "SuSu" Phan helped out during the 2018 OCC National Collection Week in Nashville. Shoebox from Southwest Arkansas were shipped to the processing center in Dallas, where they were inspected and shipped to children around the world. Nearly 19,000 boxes were collected at the Nashville center, according to OCC organizer Beverly Starr.

Bough

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The play will feature many musical numbers as well as 19th century costumes.

The central story of the poem and the play is the tragic tale of a young couple who marry during the Christmas season. After the wedding ceremony and

festivities are over, the bride decides to play a trick on her groom, so she sneaks into the attic and hides herself in an old trunk she finds there. Unfortunately, the latch of the trunk snaps shut, trapping her inside.

Many years later, her remains are found in the old trunk.

The production is not really a play; the performers on stage act out the words of the poem. There are no spoken parts except for the

narrator and the singers.

"The senior class of 2019 is proud to continue the over 90-year tradition of 'Under the Mistletoe Bough' and hopes the city of Nashville and surrounding areas enjoy the production," Couch said.

Admission to the matinee performance is by donation. In the spirit of the holiday season, the senior class will donate all proceeds to local projects to help families and children in need at Christmas.

Food

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something to eat," Kissman explained.

At least two of each item were placed in the backpacks which rolled down the assembly line in front of the winning team.

During the eight weeks, team members could see how other teams were doing, and that heightened the competition, Kissman said. She also noted that participation was voluntary.

The reward for the winning team was filling the backpacks.

"Only the kids will know what's in the backpacks," Kissman said.

Food gathered by all of the plant's employees went into the backpack project, but the winning team included:

Team captain Linda Walters; team members Becky Bradley, David Copeland, Cathy Eason, Rochelle Gamble, Shalonda Green, Richard Griffin, Martin Hamilton, Cheri Helms.

Bob Hensley, Cindy Hensley, Eugene Hill, Gina

Houses, Earl Hugle, Sheila Jackson, Patteri Kirby, Michael Kwok, Dora Lopez, Jesus Luna.

Cedric Marks, Martha Mascorro, Emily McClane, Jean Northcross, Karen Powell, Lea Reed, Allen Skinner, Donna Turley, Barbara Williamson and Trisha Wright.

In the first year of the competition, the employees gathered enough food to fill about 25 backpacks. This year, they gathered 5,800 food items.

Kissman said that the plant's employees felt good about being able to help children at Christmas time.

UAC

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be used to complete the project, enabling us to develop further skill sets required by our business and industry partners in preparing our students for jobs within the pathway of instrumentation" says Division Chair of Skilled and Technical Programs Steve McJunkins. "The completed pump

transfer system trainer will provide students with a more realistic training opportunity where multiple process variables are taught in one unit rather than multiple training simulators for single processes."

The UA Cossatot LIMI opened for industrial technology classes in August 2018.

The institute provides training for local industries such as Weyerhaeuser, Tyson, Ashgrove, Domtar, and SWEPCO.

Chancellor Steve Cole said, "Weyerhaeuser Company has been a long-time industry supporter of UA Cossatot. We're 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."



DONATION TO COSSATOT. Attending the Weyerhaeuser donation to UA Cossatot were UA Cossatot Director of Public Service/Workforce Tammy Coleman, UA Cossatot Vice-Chancellor of Academics Ashley Aylett, UA Cossatot Chancellor Dr. Steve Cole, UA Cossatot Division Chair of Skilled and Technical Sciences Steve McJunkins, Weyerhaeuser Maintenance Superintendent Jody Abernathy, Weyerhaeuser Maintenance Lead Kevin Helms, Weyerhaeuser Human Resource Manager Kristie Broussard, UA Cossatot Post-Secondary Instructor Industrial Electricity Randy Thompson, UA Cossatot Instructor for Secondary Industrial Maintenance Scott Surber and UA Cossatot Instructor for Secondary Industrial Maintenance Gary Wagner.

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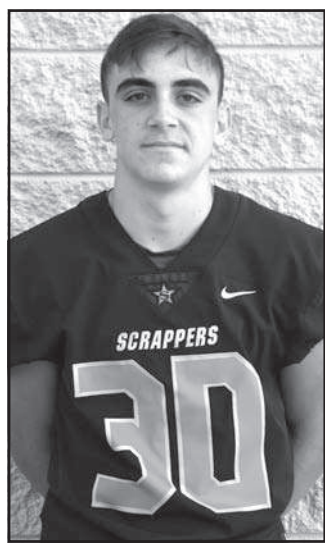
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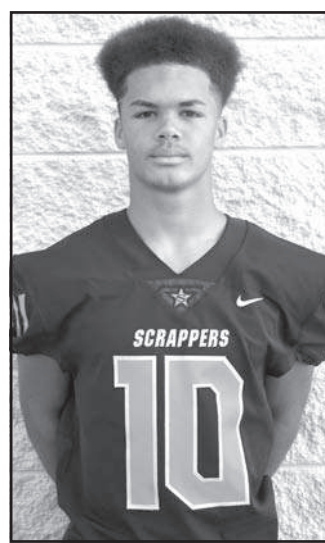
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All-State
Ty Basiliere



All-State
Robert Dunham



All-State
Jordan White

Post-season picks named

Fifteen Nashville Scrappers football players have received All-State and All-Conference honors, according to Coach Mike Volarvich. Selections were announced Monday after the completion of the season.

District 7-4A members Arkadelphia and Joe T. Robinson met at Little Rock Saturday night in the state championship game, which Arkadelphia won 28-0.

All-State

Ty Basiliere, wide receiver
Robert Dunham, offen-

sive lineman

Jordan White, defensive back

Darren May, defensive lineman

Davonte Witherspoon, linebacker

First team All-Conference Offense

Keyshawn Stewart, running back

Bubba Reeder, offensive lineman

First team All-Conference defense

Ty Gordon, linebacker

Second team All-Confer-

ence Offense

Levester Gillard, wide receiver

Dalton Brown, tight end

Miguel Hernandez, offensive lineman

Second team All-Conference Defense

Levester Gillard, defensive back

Jamarta Gilliam, defensive back

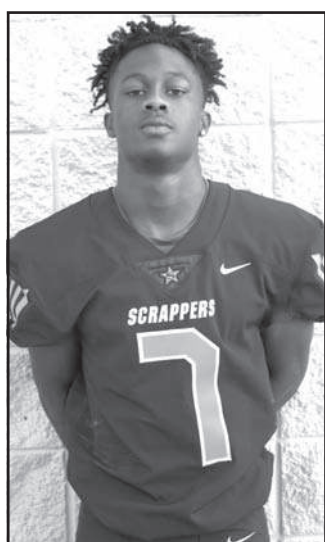
D'Ante Jefferson, defensive lineman

Honorable mention

Carmillias Morrisson
Ryan Brown



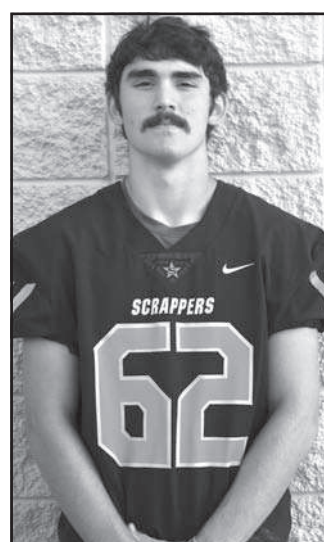
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Ty Gordon



Second team All 7-4A
Levester Gillard



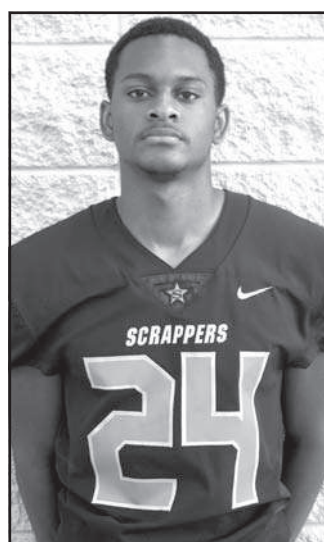
Second team All 7-4A
Dalton Brown



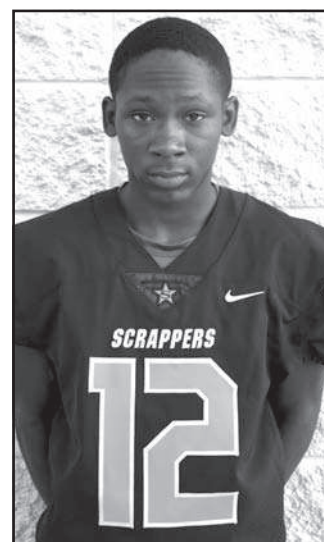
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Second team All 7-4A
Ryan Brown

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SPORTS LEADERS
Players of the Week as selected by
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Raley Potter, Nashville

Raley, a Scrapperette senior, scored 32 of Nashville's 42 points in a one-point victory against Ash-down Dec. 7. She also put up 19 points in the Scrapperettes' 61-50 win over Centerpoint Dec. 4.

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DIERKS VS. ODEN. In boys action (left) Dierks Outlaw Aaron Stokes battles with an Oden Timberwolf in trying to get a pass off to Kaden Helms (13). In the girls game, Lady Outlaw Gabby Strasner goes up strong for a rebound.

Dierks teams take 3 from Oden

By Dewayne Holloway
Montgomery County News

ODEN - The Dierks basketball teams were able to escape the confines of Oden with three wins in basketball action last Thursday.

The Junior Lady Outlaws defeated Oden 38-14, the Lady Outlaws claimed a 51-32 victory and the Outlaws held on for a 68-50 win over the Timberwolves.

Oden opened the junior girls match up with a narrow 5-4 lead in the first period before the Junior Lady Outlaws found their rhythm in the second period.

Dierks went on a 15-5 run to take a 19-10 lead at the half. It was all Junior Lady Outlaws in the second half with Dierks outscoring Oden 19-4 to claim the win.

A. White and S. Mounts led the Junior Lady Outlaws Abby Strother led Oden with four points, followed by Ann Hughes and Gracie Pearson with three each. Gala Millwood and Annie Strother each scored two.

The senior girls got off to a similar start with Dierks holding a 7-6 lead at the end of the first period. Following the example set by their junior high compatriots the Lady Outlaws launched a 22-5 run in the second period to take a 29-11 halftime lead.

Oden was able to nip at the Dierks lead in the third, outscoring the visitors 13-11. Dierks closed strong with an 11-8 run in the fourth.

Halle Mounts led the Lady Outlaws with 11 points, followed by Gabby Strasner and Taylor Pounds with nine each. Gracie Thomas scored seven, Delaney Eckert scored five, Emily Gordon and J Runnels each scored three, K. Young scored two and Emma Strasner and K. Mounts scored one.

Jacy Blansett led the Lady Timberwolves with 11 points, followed by Baili Powell with eight, Autumn Rice with five and Haillie Ewing with four. Allie Strother and Emily Owens scored two.

The senior boys game opened with Dierks leaping to a 26-12 lead in the opening quarter.

Things settled down in the second period with both teams scoring 12. The second half was a back and forth affair with Dierks outscoring Oden 14-11 in the third and 16-15 in the fourth to hold on for the win.

Aaron Stokes led the Outlaws with 19, followed by Kaden Helms with 13, Braden Tabler with 12, Cameron Pugh with seven, Will Sirmon with six and Austin Alexander with five. Tyler Barbre, Andrew Kirby and Bryce Fox each scored two.

Brandon Lewis hit three 3-pointers and scored 18 points to lead Oden in scoring. Brian Kha scored 15, Aaron Baker scored 12, Zack Mayo scored four and Ethan Mayo scored two.

The Outlaws are 7-0 on the season with a 4-0 conference mark while the Lady Outlaws are 3-5 with an even 2-2 conference mark.

Mineral Springs senior basketball teams each have one win so far

The Mineral Springs Hornets are 1-2 in the young season while the Lady Hornets are 1-1.

The Hornets' win came over Um-

pire, 51-34, and the losses were at the hands of Caddo Hills, 42-30 and Trinity Christian, 49-42.

The Lady Hornets win also came

over Umpire, 47-29 and the loss was to Caddo Hills, 52-7.

The senior teams and the junior boys are set to travel to Kirby Friday.

M'boro Rattlers remain winless, Lady Rattlers sitting on 4-5 record

The Murfreesboro Rattlers have yet to pick up a win on the hardwood this season and are currently 0-7.

The Lady Rattlers are 4-5 with a 2-2 conference mark. The girls have picked

up wins over Genoa Central, 40-23; Magnet Cove, 61-52; Cossatot River, 61-58; and Acorn, 66-53.

The Lady Rattler losses were to Fouke, 63-42; De Queen, 72-30; Caddo

Hills, 63-53; and Mount Ida, 61-52.

Murfreesboro's senior teams, seventh grade girls and junior boys will travel to Foreman this Friday with tip-off set for 5 p.m.

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VICTORY FOR SCRAPPETERETTES. Erika Bretado controls the ball against Ashdown in Nashville's 42-41 road win over the Lady Panthers Friday, Dec. 7. The Scrapperettes are 5-1 on the season.

Nashville defeats Centerpoint, splits pair of games at Ashdown

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

The Nashville Scrapperettes ran their season record to 5-1 last week with road wins at Centerpoint and Ashdown. The Scrappers beat Centerpoint but lost to Ashdown.

The Scrapperettes defeated Centerpoint 61-50 Dec. 4. Erika Bretado led Nashville with 22 points, followed by Raley Potter with 19. Adalyn Dunn hit three of three shots from three-point range. Macy Morris and LaShonna Cooper added five each.

Bretado hit 20 of 22 free throws, including 12 in a row in the fourth quarter.

The Scrapperettes defeated Ashdown 42-41 Dec. 7. "It went back and forth," Coach Ron Alexander said. "We'd get ahead, then they would. We hit some free throws down the stretch and missed some."

With time running out in the fourth quarter, the Scrapperettes went on top 42-41. Ashdown missed a shot; Nashville got the rebound and won the game.

Potter scored 32 of the Scrapperettes' 42 points.

"We had a good week with a couple of big wins," Alexander said.

The Scrappers (1-1) defeated Centerpoint 46-44 in overtime Dec. 4.

Tristen Jamison led Nashville with 18 points and nine rebounds. Jamarta Gilliam had 14 points and five rebounds.

Three nights later, Ashdown defeated Nashville 68-42. Gilliam was Nashville's leading scorer with 20 points.

The game "started decent," Coach Damon Williams said, "but we didn't keep them off the boards. They got a lot of second and third shots. I told our guys that that's what was beating us. We couldn't rebound. We have to make those adjustments."

Both Nashville teams will host Bauxite Friday, Dec. 14.



Southwest Arkansas Radio photo/SCOTT DUNSON

TIME OUT. Coach Ron Alexander confers with the Nashville Scrapperettes during a pause in the action Friday, Dec. 7, at Ashdown. Nashville defeated the Lady Panthers 42-41 and is 5-1 on the season. The Scrapperettes played at Malvern Dec. 11.

Tourney set through Saturday

The 25th annual Nashville Bankers' Basketball Classic will be played from Dec. 12-15 at Scrapper Arena.

The schedule for the boys division includes the following:

Today, Dec. 12 - Foreman and Cossatot River, 4 p.m.; Nashville and Acorn, 6:30 p.m.; Dierks and Mineral Springs, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13 - Kirby and Foreman/Cossatot River winner, 5:15 p.m.; Nashville/Acorn winner vs. Dierks/Mineral Springs winner, 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15 - Finals, 7:30 p.m.

Girls division games include the following:

Today, Dec. 12 - Foreman and Acorn, 5:15 p.m.; Nashville and Mineral Springs, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13 - Kirby and Foreman/Acorn winner, 4 p.m.; Cossatot River and Nashville/Mineral Springs winner, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15 - Finals, 6 p.m.

The tournament is returning to a December schedule after being played for several seasons during mid-January.

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The Hempstead County Bicentennial Celebration will take place on Dec. 15, which is the birthdate of the founding of the county on Dec. 15, 1818.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the public is invited to attend a morning event, at Hempstead Hall on the University of Arkansas-Hope campus.

Special guests will include a panel of Hempstead County natives — Mack McLarty, who served as Chief of Staff for President Bill Clinton; Judge Laven-ski R. Smith, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit; Little Rock attorney Joe Purvis; and Ellen Turner, a professor at Northwest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville.

Following the morning event, the celebration will move to downtown Hope around the Farmers Bank building, which will become the future courthouse of Hempstead County.

Beginning at 1 p.m. will be a parade from the current courthouse through downtown Hope to the future courthouse.

The parade will consist of floats and vehicles entered by the various communities and organizations that make up Hempstead County, either historically or currently.

To register and enter the parade, or for questions about it, contact Ben Brazzel at ben.brazzel1975@gmail.com.

Following the parade, music, vendors, and games will take place around the future courthouse, Farmers Bank and Trust building, and downtown Hope from 2-7 p.m.

Events will climax with official cake cutting and fireworks at 6 p.m. Local businesses, industries and civic organizations are invited to showcase their companies or clubs during the celebration with a game or information booth. Food vendors are also encouraged to participate.

The Hempstead County Bicentennial Committee seeks to promote events and celebrations around this significant year for Hempstead County.

For more information about the event, visit www.Hempstead200.com or on Facebook “@Hempstead200”



News-Leader photo/JOHN BALCH

GONE IN A HURRY. The Howard County Extension Homemaker Club's annual holiday bake sale was held last week on Main Street in Nashville. Baked goods were snatched up quick at the table manned by EHC members Tina Conzel and Joy Barr.

UA Cossatot Foundation raises more than \$13K on #GivingTuesday

The University of Arkansas Cossatot Foundation received over \$13,000 in donations from Southwest Arkansas community members during #GivingTuesday on Nov. 27.

#GivingTuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and is a day focused on giving back. Originating from social media, #GivingTuesday has become a time that many nonprofits ask supporters to give time, money, or help share the organization's message.

Local businesses participated in the UA Cossatot Foundation's #GivingTuesday celebration by collecting donations on site and wearing "I Gave" t-shirts. These businesses included Tres Agaves, Simple Simons of De Queen, Miscellanea JB, Dr. Walker's Office, and La Media Luna in De Queen. The UA Cossatot Foundation also received two Legacy 2020 Campaign donations from local businesses in sup-



THEY GAVE. Two UA Cossatot students pose with their "I GAVE" t-shirts on the UA Cossatot Lockesburg campus.

port of the cause.

In addition to collecting donations for scholarships and innovative college programming, the Foundation held a giving event at the UA Cossatot Bank of Lockesburg Gymnasium. Participants were invited to give blood and enjoy a complimentary lunch. A drawing for the latest Apple Watch was also drawn for one lucky participant.

"We are truly grateful to everyone who came out to

our giving event, donated, and helped share our foundation's message on this day of giving," said Dustin Roberts, UA Cossatot Coordinator of Development.

"We are absolutely thrilled with the amount raised and all of the love and support showed to our college," Roberts shared.

◆◆◆ Gems From The Crater ◆◆◆

Take a Hike

By Waymon Cox

Greetings from the Crater of Diamonds!

This New Year's Day, make a resolution for a healthier 2019 with a morning guided hike around the park's Little Missouri River Trail, as part of the nationwide First Day Hikes initiative.

Hikers of all ages and activity levels are invited to meet by 9 a.m. at the Little Missouri River Trailhead, located across from site 22 in the park campground. Limited parking is available at the trailhead and nearby bathhouse. Please note that all park facilities, including the diamond search area, will be closed on January 1 for New Year's Day. Wear sturdy walking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring drinking water.

The Little Missouri River Trail offers an easy, one-hour walk featuring a view of the Little Missouri River. Educational panels along the way highlight native plants and animals, and two exercise stations offer a variety of physical fitness challenges. Half of the 1.2-mile loop is paved and is the longest wheelchair-accessible trail in this part of the state. The unpaved portion of the trail is also easily walked. If you miss next year's First Day Hike, you can still enjoy a peaceful walk along the Little Missouri River Trail at any time during daylight hours!

First Day Hikes originated more than 25 years ago at a state park in Milton, Massachusetts. On New Year's Day 2018, nearly 55,000 people participated in First Day Hikes, collectively hiking over 133,000 miles throughout the country.

For more information or directions, call Crater of Diamonds State Park at 870-285-3113, or visit our website at www.CraterofDiamondsStatePark.com.

Crater of Diamonds State Park is one of 52 state parks administered by the State Parks Division of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. Additional information about Arkansas's diamond site can be found at www.ArkansasStateParks.com.

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Nov. 29 – Dave Rhodes, New Orleans, La., 18 pt. white

Dec. 1 – Dan Colby, Conroe, Texas, 1.35 ct. white; Derek DeCook, Stewartville, Minn., 22 pt. white, 25 pt. white, 28 pt. white, 31 pt. white, 43 pt. brown; Venus Hill, Murfreesboro, Ark., 2 pt. yellow; Dave Rhodes, New Orleans, La., 18 pt. yellow; William Anketell, Little Rock, Ark., 20 pt. yellow

Dec. 4 – Brian & Venus Hill, Murfreesboro, Ark., 9 pt. white

Dec. 6 – Derek DeCook, Stewartville, Minn., 5 pt. brown, 10 pt. yellow, 12 pt. white, 13 pt. white, 30 pt. white

Dec. 7 – Brent Peterein, Godfrey, Ill., 2 pt. white, 2 pt. brown, 3 pt. white, 6 pt. white, 7 pt. white, 8 pt. white, 44 pt. brown, 50 pt. white

Taste of Christmas Thursday in M'boro

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Pike County picks veteran lawmen as new sheriff

In the runoff election to determine the Pike County Sheriff's race held last week, Travis Hill defeated Roger "Bimbo" Flemens 1,212 to 893.

Hill was victorious in every precinct in the county except for Newhope.

In the other runoff election held, Tom Wilson defeated Valerie Wingfield 44 to 41 for position two on the Delight City Council.

In sum, 2,110 of the 5,485 registered voters in Pike County (38.47%) participated in the runoff election. The results were certified by the county election commission last Friday.

"I was pleased with the turnout [in the runoff election] -- we really had a higher turnout than we were expecting," said Pike County Clerk Sandy Campbell.

Campbell also noted that Pike County was representing itself well in elections, placing first in the state with a 61.76% registered voter turnout in the November

general elections, according to the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Public Policy Center.

"That is just wonderful," Campbell said.

Campbell feels that the new electronic voting equipment and voting centers are working well for the county due to voter participation. Additionally, she said the format very much helped her office finish on election nights, which is now done by around 8:30 p.m., as opposed to 2-3 a.m. in the not-so-distant past.

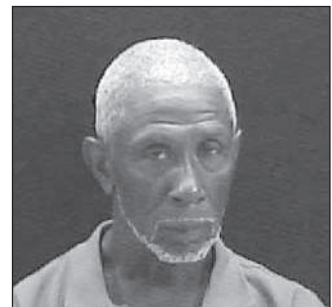
The 2018 elections mark Campbell's final as county clerk as she is set to retire at the end of the year.

Also departing office on Jan. 1 will be Pike County Sheriff Charlie Caldwell, as well as Justices of the Peace Ricky Buck, Donnie Davis and Gary Wofford.

County and city elected officials will be sworn into service during a ceremony on Jan. 1 to be held at the Murfreesboro City Hall.

Mineral Springs man shot in leg Sunday night during argument about horses

On Dec. 9 at approximately 9:01 p.m., the Hempstead County Sheriff's Office received information from Wadley Hospital in Texarkana, Texas in reference to victim of a gunshot wound that occurred on Hempstead County Road 14.



James Stuart

After arriving at Wadley Hospital, investigators made contact with Larry Works, 58, of Mineral Springs. Works advised he and a few people were at a blue house on Clay Hill and Works stated that he was having a conversation with James Stuart, 61, of Washington, about horses, when Stuart got mad and pushed Works' nose with his finger.

Works further stated a physical altercation between he and Stuart occurred. According to Works, Stuart stated "I got you, I'll be back" and then left. Works stated he stayed and was talking with others and was in the process of leaving and Stuart pulled up, blocking his white, 2006 Ford Expedition.

Works stated Stuart then started shooting at him. Works was shot in the inner thigh on the right leg and his vehicle was shot as well. Stuart reportedly left the scene in a green four-wheel drive Toyota pickup.

A witness stated that everyone was having a good time, when Stuart got mad at Works over horses. And a

physical altercation started between the two. Witness also stated when she and Works were leaving, she looked up and saw Stuart standing approximately five feet from a tree and had a rifle in his hands and was aiming it at Works. The witness stated she then heard three or four shots, but does not know how many shots for sure before she ran back inside of the blue house. And when she came back outside, Works was bleeding. Witness stated she then drove him to Wadley Hospital in Texarkana, Texas. According to the witness the incident happened around 7:30 p.m.

An attempted first-degree murder warrant for the arrest of Stuart has been issued and deputies are attempting to locate him at this time. Stuart will also face charges of first-degree battery and terroristic threatening.

Persons with any information as to the whereabouts of Stuart are asked to contact HCSO or call 911.



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RIGHT UP THE MIDDLE. The night of the accident where an 18-wheeler plowed through the square in Amity.

Big rig destroys Amity square

By Mike Wallace
Glenwood Herald

AMITY - An 18-wheeler hauling chicken products failed to negotiate the counter-clockwise traffic lanes around the square in the Clark County town of Amity the night of Wednesday, Dec. 5, and effectively destroyed it.

Amity Police Chief Garry B. Johns stated on Thursday morning that the big rig was traveling west on Highway 8 and entered the town square at approximately 45 miles per hour in the 30-mph zone. Chief Johns said that speed estimate came from Arkansas State Trooper Sammy Hart of Troop K in Hot Springs.

The entire incident was caught by surveillance cameras located near the Amity City Hall.

The accident occurred at 11:15 p.m. on Wednesday, and was finally cleared up about four hours later around 3 a.m. on Dec. 6.

The driver of the involved 18-wheeler was Paul Toney, Sr., 54, of Baltimore, Md. He was headed from Little Rock to De Queen delivering chicken products for Pilgrim.

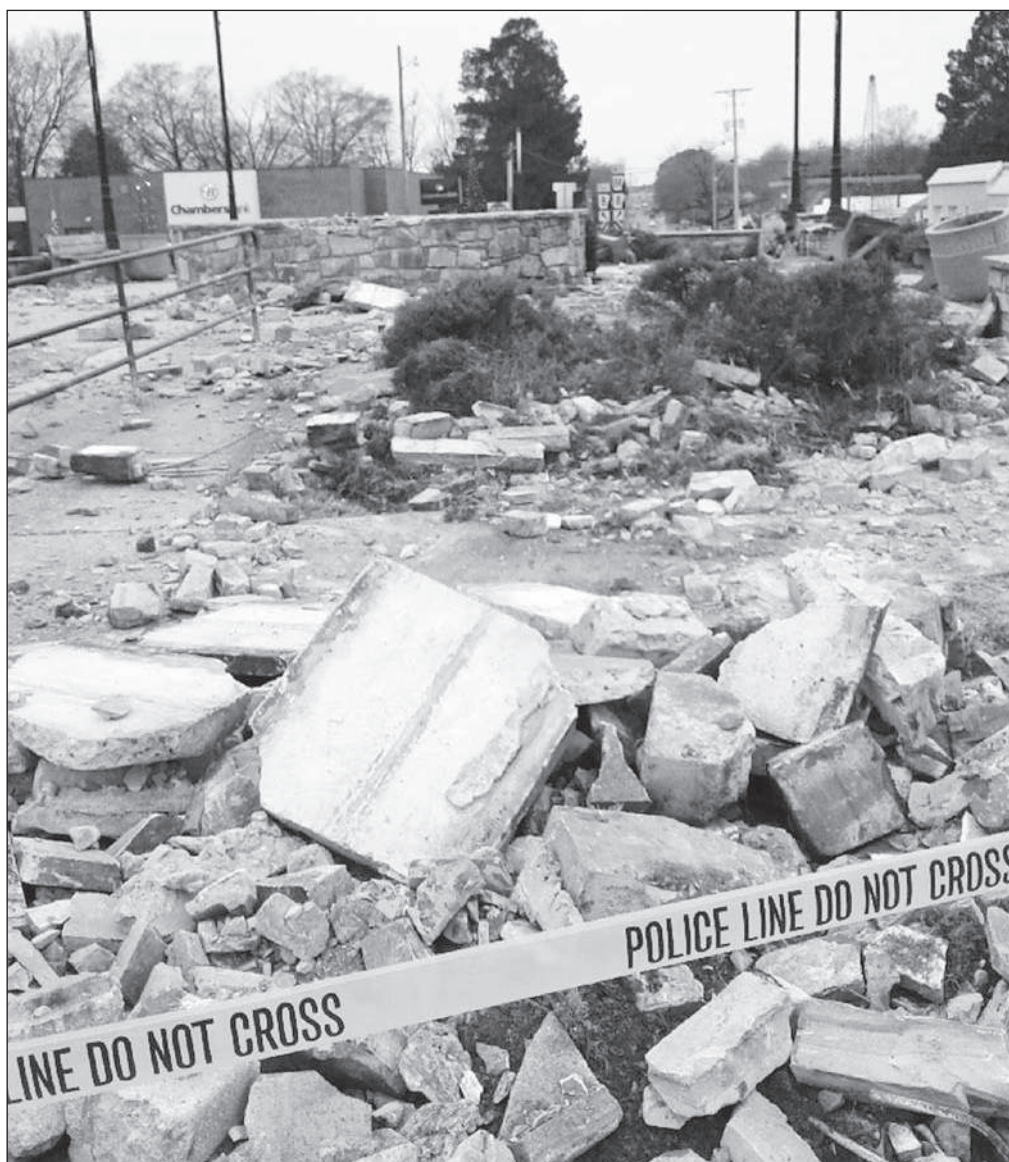
Toney came south on I-30, turned onto Highway 8, came through Alpine and into Amity.

The speed limit just east of Amity is 35 mph at that point and reduces down to 30 mph in town.

Chief Johns stated that Toney offered three scenarios as to the cause of the wreck:

One - he fell asleep. Two - he felt if he tried to turn to his right as the signs showed, the trailer might have turned over. And Three - since he could not turn - he decided to go straight through the yield sign and hit the rock-wall circle in the middle of the Amity Square.

The video taken of the accident showed that Toney made no effort to brake



Glenwood Herald photo/MIKE WALLACE

DAMAGED SQUARE. Daylight revealed the extent of damage caused by the 18-wheeler on the Amity square.

before hitting the rock wall. The 18-wheeler went completely into the circle, which had been decorated for the holidays, before coming to a stop.

Chief Johns said the semi was hauled away by Beene Towing and Recovery to Arkadelphia.

Also responding to the scene were the Amity Fire and Rescue responders, who aided in traffic control after checking Toney's condition. The Guardian Ambulance service responded as did the Clark County Office of Emergency Management.

Toney was ticketed for

misdemeanor careless and prohibited driving.

Chief Johns concluded that the Christmas decorated square sustained heavy

damage. "It will take some time to repair as (Highway Department) engineers will be involved as it is also Highway 8."

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Murder suspect pleads not guilty in Pike County

The Pike County man charged with first-degree murder last week pleaded not guilty Monday in Pike County Circuit Court during his formal arraignment.

Phillip G. Bates, 36, who has a Hot Springs address but apparently resides in the Glenwood area, is accused of killing Roy VanSlyke of Glenwood on Nov. 30 outside a residence near Lodi.

Bates, a convicted felon currently out on parole, is also charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to case information, the incident began around 4:25 p.m. on Nov. 30 when the Pike County Sheriff's Department requested assistance from the Arkansas State Police in the investigation of a reported homicide. The homicide happened outside the residence of Carlos Duggan, located on Highway 84 west of Glenwood.

A resident of the home, Charlotte Michelle Miller, 46, of Glenwood, told authorities Bates had made comments accusing VanSlyke of killing a person named "Brandon" by "cutting his throat." Bates also reportedly said VanSlyke would "get his" for killing Brandon.

That day, VanSlyke arrived at the Duggan residence in a vehicle driven by Donny Cowart and occupied by Stephanie Benney. Witnesses at the residence stated Bates was armed with a rifle when the trio arrived and fired a shot in the air as he approached the vehicle. Bates then allegedly went to the front passenger door, lowered the rifle and fired one round through the open window which struck VanSlyke.

According to information added last week to Bates' case file, VanSlyke was shot with a 30-30 rifle in the upper chest.

The vehicle left the residence with all three occupants inside and travelled west on Highway 84 to the home of Pike County Deputy Chase Reid and reported the incident. Court records do not indicate whether VanSlyke was alive when they arrived at the deputy's home.

More case information added last week stated that Miller told authorities that after the shooting she transported Bates in a private vehicle to his mother's home on Highway 70 where "Bates exited the vehicle with the rifle used

to shoot" the victim. After Miller dropped Bates off, she went to the Glenwood Police Department and reported the homicide.

When GPD Chief Clark Kinzler arrived later at the home of Bates' mother, he reported Bates exited the home with his arms outstretched and then laid face down on the ground and was taken into custody without incident. He also told Kinzler, "I killed him, I had to kill him."

In an unrelated filing in Pike County Circuit Court, Charlotte M. Miller has been charged with two separate felony counts of possession of methamphetamine. She was first arrested on Oct. 5 and again on Dec. 2.

Miller pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday and had her bond revoked. A Feb. 25 pretrial date was set for her cases.

Hot Springs man sentenced Monday

Also Monday in Pike County Circuit Court, Gregory L. Hamilton Jr., 30, of Hot Springs pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to four years in the Arkansas Department of Correction with two years suspended.

Man arrested for stabbing in Blevins

At approximately 5:09 p.m. on Dec. 8 while patrolling the area of Oak Street in Blevins, Hempstead County Deputy Jim Bush was flagged down by a white male, later identified as Travis Jones at 110 Oak Street. Jones appeared to have blood running down his right arm.

Upon making contact

with Jones, the subject advised that his uncle, Albert Jones, stabbed him.

Deputy Bush observed a stab wound that appeared to go downward into Jones' chest near his collar bone.

Deputy Bush called for Pafford EMS to respond and the victim was transported to the Christus St. Michael Hospital in Texarkana, Texas

for treatment.

Deputy Bush made contact with Albert Jones and took him into custody without incident.

Albert Jones was transported to the Hempstead County Detention Center on the charge of first-degree domestic battery and is awaiting a first appearance in circuit court.

HS man arrested for felony fleeing

On Dec. 6, at approximately 9:16 p.m., Nashville Police Officers were dispatched to Wal-Mart regarding a suspicious vehicle circling the parking lot, according to a press release issued by Nashville Investigator Larry Marion.

A caller stated that they believed the person was about to break into a vehicle at one point.

Nashville Officer Greg Parker was able to locate the vehicle leaving the parking lot and conduct a traffic stop. The driver was identified as Robert S. Hill, 38, of Hot Springs.

Lt. Clint Tedford recognized Hill as being a suspect in a previous shoplifting incident at Wal-Mart, the release stated.

During the traffic stop,

Hill fled the scene in his vehicle. According to the release, the pursuit continued for approximately 50 minutes and went into Hempstead and Pike counties. Hill drove into a field and through some fences before his vehicle got stuck.

Hill was arrested and transported to the county jail for felony fleeing. No bond has been set at the time.



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER RAISES BIG BUCKS. The Nashville Police Department would like to thank you for your generous donation to Shop with a Cop, according to incoming Police Chief Amy Marion. "We waived our policy regarding facial hair and our officers were allowed to participate in No Shave November. The officers grew (or tried to grow) out their beards for the month of November. Each officer was required to obtain four sponsors to forego shaving for the month of November. Each officer surpassed their requirement. With your donation, we were able to raise more than \$6,000," Marion added. The department worked with Nashville Public Schools to select children to take Christmas shopping this year. "This is as exciting for us as the children involved! It is amazing to see the smile on these children's faces and watch them pick out items for Christmas. This would not have been possible without your help," Marion said. "We sincerely thank you for helping us exceed our goal and for helping these kids have a great Christmas." Pictured (from left) Greg Parker, Ty Basiliere, Travis Turner, Christine Young, Tim Bowlin, Larry Marion, Amy Marion, Keith Philamlee, Larry Dunaway, Jimmy Steely, Clinton Tedford, Jarrett Rogers, and Cody Looper. Not Pictured: Francisco Mercado (he was on his honeymoon).

Howard County District Court

Dec. 6, 2018
BF=Bond Forfeited
Howard County
 Clark, Michelle Dawn, 45, Mineral Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$230
 Evans, Amy, 27, De Queen, 27, De Queen, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345 and sentenced to two days in jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
 Finley, Ashley, 29, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$365 owed
 Hostetler, Jaydon Ray, 17, Nashville, \$235 BF, speeding
 Roberts, Pamela K., 33, Umpire, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$355 owed
 Rogers, Shontina, 42, Mineral Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$260; guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345 and sentenced to two days in jail or community service
 Tulyahanov, Makhmudjan, 51, Auburn, Ga., \$240 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear
 Unamba, Donald Nneji, 29, Fort Worth, Texas, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345 and sentenced to two days in jail - suspended; \$245 BF, failure to appear
City of Nashville
 Bentley, David C., 54, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345
 Clardy, Kenny L., 42, Nashville, guilty of criminal mischief - first degree, fined \$100 cost and restitution only; guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$270; guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$270
 Escamilla-Torez, Yair, 42, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$9,950

owed, sentenced to three days in jail
 Ford, Travon, 29, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$335 owed, committed to jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
 Glenn, Jonathan P., 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$205 owed
 Hickey, Kyler, 25, Mineral Springs, guilty of shoplifting, fined \$416.97 and sentenced to three days in jail; \$270 BF, criminal trespass
 Medina, Angelica M., 26, De Queen, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345 and sentenced to two days in jail; guilty of no child restraint, fined \$195; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$345; guilty of expired vehicle tags/no vehicle tags, fined \$185; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
 Pineda, Ricardo, 40, Nashville, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI course; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$195
 Reeder, Joseph A., 40, Nashville, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$483; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI course
 Reyes, Angelino, 51, Nashville, guilty of DWI #2, fined \$1,640, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete outpatient assessment; guilty of driving on suspended license, fined \$390 and sentenced to 10 days in jail
 Rogers, Shontina, 42, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$530 owed and sentenced to jail-suspended

Thomas, Robert, 43, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$140.38 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
 Tigue, Tyler D., 23, Kirby, \$225 BF, speeding
 Vaughn, Whitley A., 29, Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$622.78 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
 Woodruff, Douglas L. Jr., 56, Nashville, \$270 BF, disorderly conduct
City of Mineral Springs
 Davis, Alexandra, 21, Nashville, \$225 BF, speeding
 Lee, Michael D., 51, Mineral Springs, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete outpatient assessment
 Rogers, Shontina, 42, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345 and sentenced to two days in jail or community service; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
Bench Trials
Howard County
 Clardy, Kenny L., 42, Nashville, guilty of criminal mischief-first degree, fined \$1,112
 Stewart, Tamarcus, 26, Nashville, guilty of domestic battery-third degree, fined \$540
City of Nashville
 Adil, Abdul Z., 27, Nashville, guilty of DWI, under advisement for six months and no-contact order issued, fined \$640; disorderly conduct, under advisement for six months, fined \$270
 Wilkerson, Richard L., 23, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$345

City of Delight's parade reset for this Saturday

The own of Delight had rescheduled ever "biggest and best parade ever" for this Saturday at 2 p.m., according to Delight Christmas Parade Coordinator Valarie Wingfield.

The event, which was scheduled for last Saturday, was delayed due to the rainy weather.

Giving the children of the community an opportunity to look forward to seeing Santa Claus, the annual parade will be led by Grand Marshall Justin Gonzalez, District 19 Representative.

Wingfield said there will also be various floats and

other participants -- including a group of motorcycle enthusiasts -- for the community's enjoyment, and that anyone interested could simply join the line up before the commencement of the parade.

The event hopes to include volunteer fire departments, a pet parade, the MHS Marching Band, antique cars, pageant queens,

local law enforcement, tractors, horses as well as jolly Saint Nicholas.

The parade line-up is set for 1 p.m. at the intersection of Railroad Street and Highway 195. After the conclusion of the parade, Santa will be handing out toys and candy canes to the children in attendance, as well as providing a photo opportunity.

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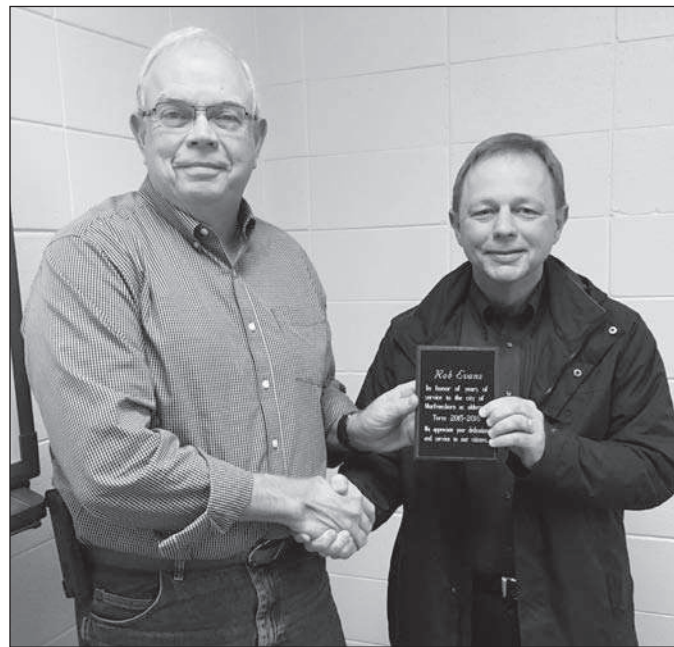
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HOLIDAY GATHERING. Members of the Pike County Archives and History Society held their annual holiday get-together on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the CADC Senior Center in Murfreesboro. Along with festive food and fellowship, the group spoke of their recent year including memberships and projects. Information about the archives, membership information and a myriad of local historical information can be found on the group's website at www.pcahs.org.



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IN APPRECIATION. Murfreesboro Mayor Rodney Fagan (left) recognized two-term council member Rob Evans, who did not seek re-election to the city's North Ward Position 1 seat.

M'boro council recognizes member, approves two gear purchases for police

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

The Murfreesboro City Council worked through a quick agenda Monday night which included recognizing a two-term council member and purchasing new equipment for the Murfreesboro Police Department.

At the end of Monday's meeting, Mayor Rodney Fagan presented a plaque to Rob Evans, who did not seek re-election to the city's North Ward Position 1.

Former Murfreesboro police chief Mark Barnes ran unopposed for the position and will replace Evans Jan. 1.

Mayor Fagan reminded the council that all area elected officials are invited to attend a swearing-in ceremony Jan. 1 at 2 p.m. in the Murfreesboro Community Room.

Also Monday, the council approved the purchase of two new "tasers" for the police department at approximately \$1,800 each. The

council also approved the purchase of three new body cameras for approximately \$3,000.

The council again tabled an ordinance Monday that concerns assessing fines and issuing citations for property owners who do not comply with city rules to maintain their property in a safe and sightly manner.

Mayor Fagan also presented the council with the findings of the recent state audit of the city's operations. Fagan said the audit revealed "substantial compliance" in all areas.

The council also approved Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb's financial report, which included the following beginning and ending balances for November:

General Account	\$307,481 / \$298,162
Street Dept.	\$141,486 / \$151,227
Water & Sewer Dept.	\$333,69 / \$324,287

Local man arrested for kidnapping

By Terrica Hendrix
News-Leader staff

A local man was arrested last week for kidnapping and second degree domestic battery.

Yair Escamilla-Torez, 40, of Nashville, was arrested on Dec. 5 after Nashville Police Lt. Clint Tedford was dispatched to 1216 Mine St. "regarding a person that had been beaten up," Nashville Investigator Larry Marion

stated via press release. Tedford spoke to the victim "and noticed that she had visible injuries to her face and head area. The victim stated that the incident occurred at a chicken house south of Nashville. Victim stated that her ex-boyfriend, Yair Escamilla, had hit her, and then carried her to his residence on Peachtree Street in Nashville. The victim stated that Escamilla had taped her

wrist and ankles together while they were at his residence.

The victim was able to talk Escamilla into carrying her back to the chicken house to her vehicle where she was released. Ms. Ramirez was transported to Howard Memorial Hospital for her injuries."

The officers arrested Escamilla in a wooded area on Highway 27 south of Nash-

ville. Investigators with the Howard County Sheriff's Department and the NPD began conducting the investigation and gained consent to search his residence and vehicle for possible evidence, according to Marion.

Escamilla is being held at the Howard County Jail on charges of domestic battery second degree and kidnapping and his bond was set at \$125,000.

Arkansas State Police special year-end safety campaign

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Arkansas State Troopers will be joined by city and county law enforcement officers in the coming days in a unified effort to remove impaired drivers from local streets and roads as well as state and U.S. highways.

The special enforcement operation begins Friday, Dec. 14 and continues through New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1.

"Drive Sober or Get Pulled-Over" is a national campaign organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Participating law enforcement agencies will have no tolerance for drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

According to NHTSA, 10,874 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes during 2017 which equates to one person killed every 48 minutes. On average, 10,000 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes

each year from 2013 to 2017. During December 2017, 885 people lost their lives across the country in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver.

"Impaired driving is not acceptable behavior," said Colonel Bill Bryant, director of the Arkansas State Police and the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "Drivers should remember it's up to them to make the smart decision to drive sober, not just during the holidays, but every time they're behind the wheel."

Colonel Bryant stated that impaired driving is a growing problem in our country. "In addition to drivers impaired by alcohol, we're also seeing an increase in drivers who are under the influence of drugs."

NHTSA statistics from 2017 also indicate that motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes had higher percentages of alcohol impairment compared to other motor vehicle drivers (27%

for motorcycle riders, 21% for passenger car drivers, 20% for light-truck drivers, and 3% for drivers of large trucks).

Nearly one in five children (14 and younger) killed in traffic crashes were killed in drunk-driving crashes. Fifty-four percent of the time, it was the child's own driver who was drunk.

The Arkansas Highway Safety Office offers the following tips for a safe holiday season:

- If you plan on drinking, do not drive. Plan ahead and designate a sober driver before you get in the vehicle. Even one drink can impair your judgment and increase the risk of getting arrested for drunk driving, or worse, risk injury or death to someone by causing a crash.

- If you have been drinking, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get to your destination safely.

- Download NHTSA's SaferRide mobile app, available on Google Play for Android devices and Apple's iTunes Store for iOS devices. SaferRide allows users to call a taxi or a predetermined friend and identifies the user's location so he or she can be picked up.

- Promptly report impaired drivers to law enforcement.

- Always wear your seat belt or use safety equipment while on a motorcycle. These items are your best defense against an impaired driver.

For more information on the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, visit www.trafficsafety.com or call the Arkansas Highway Safety Office at (501) 618-8136.

For information on Arkansas' "Toward Zero Deaths" campaign to eliminate preventable traffic fatalities, visit www.TZDarkansas.org.

Time short to help Murfreesboro Angel Tree gift-giving program

The time to assist those in need to help give their children in the Murfreesboro area a merrier Christmas via the Angel Tree Program is rapidly drawing to a close for 2018.

Local residents who wish to participate in the gift giving process may collect angels at several locations -- the Pike County Courthouse, Murfreesboro City Hall, Cash Saver, Diamond Bank and First State Bank in Murfreesboro.

All presents for the program are to be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 13 to either the Murfreesboro Mayor's Office or the Pike County Collector's Office.

The program has been a successful one for local

residents, serving 25 families and 18 children in 2017, 46 children in 2016 and 173 children in 2015.

The program in 2018 is helping 20 families and 52 children.

Those interested in doing only part of an angel or donating cash to the effort can get more information by contacting Candi Allmon in the Pike County Collector's Office at (870) 285-3121.

The presents may be picked up by registered families on Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 5-6 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building.

Deliveries of the presents will be made on a by-need basis only, and previous arrangements must be made.

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By Jean A. Ince • Howard County Extension Agent-Staff Chair

Ham for the Holidays

When it comes to the holidays, many will find ham on the menu. The most popular ham options are cured or cured and smoked. These cuts are pork that comes from the hind leg of a hog. If it comes from the front leg of a hog, it must be labeled as pork shoulder picnic.

When deciding how much to buy, estimate the size needed according to the number of servings the type of ham should yield. For a boneless ham, purchase one fourth to one third pound per serving, one third to one half pound of meat per serving if it has little bone, and three fourths to 1 pound of meat per serving with a large bone. Hams with the bone left in them to be more flavorful than boneless hams. Bone-in hams are more decorative.

Many brands of bone-in ham are spiral-cut. This means that the ham has been cut in a continuous spiral all the way around the bone, producing thin slices that easily peel away, making it very easy to serve.

There are two methods to safely thaw your ham: refrigerator or cold water method. Never thaw meat on the kitchen counter. The outside of the meat will reach a temperature above 40 degrees F while the inside is still frozen. The area that reaches a temperature above 40 degrees F would be susceptible to bacterial growth.

The refrigerator method is the slowest but safest method and will result in the least amount of moisture loss. Leave the meat wrapped and placed on a platter or a tray to catch the drippings as it thaws. Allow 4 to 5 hours per pound thawing time.

The cold water method allows you to thaw pork in cold water, is faster than thawing in the refrigerator, and is safe as long as the proper precautions are taken. Fill the sink with enough cold tap water to cover the cut of meat, place the pork in a leak proof bag and put it into cold water. Be sure the meat is sealed tightly so that it is not exposed to the water. Meat exposed to the water will result in flavor and color loss, and will have a greater chance of bacterial growth. The water must be replaced with fresh cold water every 30 minutes. Do

not use warm or hot water because it will encourage the growth of bacteria. The ham will be thawed in two to three hours.

Do not use the sink for other purposes during the thawing period and be sure the water does not splash onto other preparation surfaces or food. Once the meat is thawed, remove it from the sink and sanitize all utensils and surfaces. The pork should be cooked immediately after thawing.

The most traditional way to cook a ham is to bake it. Place the ham cut side down in a baking pan. For a ham that is partially cooked, allow about 20 minutes per pound in a 325 degree oven. A fully cooked ham that needs only reheating will require about 10 minutes per pound.

For more information on safely thawing or preparing your ham, contact me at the Howard County Extension Office at 870-845-7517 or visit our office located on the second floor of the courthouse. You may also email me at jince@uaex.edu or follow Howard County Extension FCS page on Facebook. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Recipe of the Week

To "dress up" your ham, some people enjoy preparing a glaze and garnishing with pineapple and cherries. Here is a great recipe to make your ham extra-special. It is enough glaze for a six to eight pound ham.

Brown Sugar Pineapple Glaze

1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 Tablespoon cornstarch
1 Tablespoon prepared mustard
1 (15 ounce) can pineapple slices, drained and juice reserved

1 (4 ounce) jar maraschino cherries

In a heavy saucepan, mix brown sugar and cornstarch. Add reserved pineapple juice and prepared mustard; stir well. Bring this mixture to a boil and continue to cook until the mixture has boiled for 1 minute. Arrange pineapple slices and cherries on top of ham. Drizzle half the glaze over the ham and place in a 325 degree oven. Continue to brush ham with glaze every 20 minutes until internal temperature reaches 160 degrees F.



News-Leader photo/ TERRICA HENDRIX

WELCOME. Dierks Mayor Terry Mounts (right) welcomed new city alderman Quinn Revels to the city council at the meeting held Monday, Dec. 10.

Dierks receives water-quality award, looks to hire new fulltime police officer

By Terrica Hendrix
News-Leader staff

The city of Dierks received an award from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention and the Arkansas Department of Health for its efforts in meeting the requirements for the 2017 Water Fluoridation Quality Award. The mayor announced that the city received the award at the Dec. 10 council meeting.

The award recognizes systems that adjust the fluoride concentration in drinking water and achieve a monthly average fluoride level that is in the optimum range of 0.7mg/ml for 12 consecutive months in a year as documented in the Water Fluoridation Reporting System.

According to the ADH, "community water fluoridation has been recognized by the CDC as one of the top 10 public health achievements in the 20th century and for every \$1 invested in water fluoridation there is a \$38 savings in dental treatment

costs.

Also Monday, Mayor Terry Mounts - serving in his role as Dierks mayor for his last city council meeting - swore in Quinn Revels as the new alderman. Revels was appointed by the mayor to fill John Hill's position on the council. Hill's resignation was effective Nov. 30.

Alderman Chase Quinn told the council that he had visited with Dierks Police Chief Brian White regarding the need for the city and police department to hire another full-time police officer. According to Quinn, Dierks Assistant Police Chief John McKee has received approximately 120 hours of overtime within the last eight weeks. Quinn urged his fellow aldermen to support his motion to start the hiring process for a new officer. As of now, the Dierks Police Department only has two full-time officers - White and McKee. McKee works extra hours to help cover and protect the city, Quinn added.

Dierks Christmas Parade
Friday, Dec. 21
6 p.m.

The mayor took a roll call vote for Quinn's motion to begin the hiring process. The motion - made by Quinn and seconded by Roddy Smith - passed 4-1 with Smith, James Sebren, Quinn, and Revels voting "yes" and John Sharp voting "no." The motion passed and the city and police department will begin accepting application from certified police officers to fill the full-time position.

"It's my last meeting," the mayor said as he addressed the council. "We've had a good council for the last 16 years I've been here [in office] and I'm leaving the office with a surplus in each account." He thanked the aldermen for their service and said that he'll be around to help the city and the incoming mayor, Ronnie Coghburn.

Santa making stop Dec. 15 at Dierks' Masonic Lodge

Good little girls and boys will have a chance to visit with Santa Claus at the Oak Hill Masonic Lodge in Dierks.

15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to come and take as many pictures as wanted for free. Attendees should bring their own camera.

Santa will be at the lodge Saturday, Dec.

Harmony set to perform at Nashville FCC Dec. 22

The Christian music group Harmony will present "A Musical Christmas Journey" throughout December at various locations.

The group has a performance scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 22 at the Nashville First Christian Church at 6 p.m.

Harmony consists of Lynn Smith on vocals and bass, Retta Smith on vocals and keyboards and Dennis Green on vocals and drums.

South Pike elementary Christmas program Dec. 17

South Pike County School District's elementary Christ-

mas program will be held Monday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

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Apply the principle

By Pamela Kelly
Williams Memorial
Church of God In Christ

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Principles are fundamental truths or propositions that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior. Everyone live by some type of principles whether they good or bad.

Some have goals to accomplish in life but principles has to be set in motion to do so. Focusing is one of the main points to move forward to reach this goal. They think bigger than where they are and believe that having determination is everything.

Principles must be applied to reach any goal in life. Building a solid foundation is very important because it will hold up what you're trying to build. Your outcome depends on your foundation and how you build. People that are smart investors are successful. They don't just invest their money in anything but instead they research companies to invest in. Jesus said in John 14:6 that if anyone wanted to come to the Father they had to go through him. Jesus is the way to heaven.

Our good deeds can't get us in. We must go through Jesus to get there. Our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6) To successful in God we got to apply the principles he set before us. There's another principle that talks about sowing and reaping.

Some call it karma or they use a saying "What's comes around goes around." If you sow good things you will reap good things but if you sow bad things you reap bad things. This also is a principle. Some get angry when bad things come in their life but we must think about the seeds that

was sown. We know that life happens to all of us. Things are going to come our way but make sure that it's not the seeds that we have sown.

Another principle is found in Proverbs 19:17 says that if we have pity on the poor we lend to the Lord and that he will repay us. Don't forget the poor. If God has blessed you to be a blessing to others do it! This is pleasing to the Lord.

You don't have to have a lot of money to help someone. Some may need a little of your time. Invest your time into someone's life. God will reward you. A lot of us invest into the stock market and into other investments and this will pay off in its own way.

Don't forget others because money will go away, houses will fall, cars will quit but a soul will live forever. One last principle I'm going to write about comes from Philippians 4:8 which tells us to think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and are of a good report. God commands us to think positive thoughts.

Every action starts with a thought and what we think on determines the direction our actions will take us. We can control our actions simply by being careful about what we think. Have you ever been around people that talk negative all the time? Do you remember how it made you feel just being around them? Well, I don't know about you but I was ready to leave.

People like this is considered to be poison and they spread it every where they go. The human mind is a wonderful creation of God. Be careful what you feed your mind. The things we watch on TV and the music we listen to affects our mind. You are what you eat in everything.

The bible is the final authority for all things and it's the means by which God provides principles for living in a way that protects from harmful thinking and behavior. It teaches us how to live. Read what God requires from us and live by the principles. It has a good return.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church to host pastor, wife 2nd church anniversary

On December 16 at 2:30 p.m., Zion Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their Pastor and Wife Rev. Jerry and First Lady Fayeretha Watts second anniversary services. The speaker of the hour will be Pastor Maurice Henry and Corinth First Baptist Church of Tollette. The church is located at 1500 S. Ansley St. in Nashville. The public is invited.

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Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want some Ninjago Legos, a robot, and a skateboard.
Love,
Gael Brizo
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want Boxy Girls, Once Upon a Baby, Barbie's Ultimate Kitchen, Barbie's camper set, and a new snuggle buddy.
Love,
Abraile Brown
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want an iphone, some heels, a tablet, American Doll, and a hover board.
Love,
Ja'Leeyah Dickerson
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a tablet, a computer, some slime, an Elsa doll.

Love,
Jaylie Eskew
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a bike, a hover board, a real phone, Hot Wheel cars, some dinosaurs, and a football.
Love,
Malik Hawthorne
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want an ipad, a Barbie doll house, a mermaid Barbie doll that lights up in water, magnablocks, and a fidget spinner for me and my brother.
Love,
Serenity Henderson
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a hover board, some football pads, and a new baseball helmet.

Love,
Brody Moody
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want roller skates, a doll, a toy dog, and a baby doll.
Love,
Daliyah Morales
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a robot, some cars, and dinosaurs.
Love,
Brandon Nava
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a Build a Bear, and an ipad,
Love,
Mollie Revels
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a pogo stick, a real motorcycle, a real 4

wheeler, and a real car.
Love,
Jeremiah Snell
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a skateboard, an excavator, and a hover board.
Love,
James Talley
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.

I want a hula hoop, and a bouncy house,
Love,
Raielynn Taylor
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a castle, and a boat with planes on it.
Love,
Daniel Trujillo
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a laser gun, a granny game, Watch Out for the Poop game, and a remote control airplane.

Love,
Kash Webb
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want LOL dolls, a baby doll that swims, an American Girl Doll, American Girl doll clothes, and baby doll, clothes.

Love,
Samantha Woodruff
Dear Santa,
I have been really good.
I want a beanbag chair, and the Barbie dog that has puppies.
Love,
Kamryn Wright
Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I want some toy guns, Hot Wheels, a muscle car and some race cars.

Love,
Kayden Wyatt
Casey Goodwin's Class
I want Santa to bring me...

Emanuel Andraca - a toy car that has a controller, a toy race car, and a transformer toy.
Aiden Brown - a Saint Bernard, a cute little teddy bear, a laser tag gun, a remote control toy robot and Batman mobile, and my own phone.

Cooper Cogburn - Bey Blades and a dome for Bey Blades.

Tyler Cox - Jose Altuve and Dallas Keuchel jersey, a trampoline, and a Jose Altuve jersey for my brother because he likes him so bad.

Douglas Gathright - a toy train.

Fabricio Gonzales - a monster truck, a helicopter, and train.
Myasia Hall - a tablet and a bike.

Adeyani Hernandez - L.O.L. Dolls, L.O.L. House, Barbie Dolls, a Barbie House, and Ken Barbie.

Evelyn Lima - a chalk board, a kid phone, and a camera.

Jolie McLelland - a Boxy Girl, a Breyer Horse, some more cows, and a clip for one of my reins.

Elijah Morris - stickers that I can put on my wall, Bey Blades, a new, red Under Armour hat, and a power rangers.

Oliver Nguyen - a Ninja Megazord, a zip line, a bungee jumper, and some Legos, a red Lego dragon.
Zayden Null - motorcycle and a grey truck.

DaMiyah Piggee - Barbie and Barbie vet.
Alivia Ray - a Barbie house, a hoverboard, a coloring book, and crayons.

Jamere Scarber - two drums, hoverboard, a scooter, a football, and books.

Sarah Rachel's Class
Trigger Almond - I need shirts, and I want Tattle Tale and a toy car.

Jeslin Capps - I need winter boots, and I want a bike.

Joel Carroll - I need shirts, and I want a robot and a dinosaur.

Ta'Kavian Dixon - I want Batman Power Wheels and scooter.

Santiago Dukes - I need books, and I want Apple watch and blue shoes.

Eden Hernandez - I need an Alphabet chart, and I want Xbox 1.

Anna Lee - I need pizza and I want Paw Patrol Airplane.

Jeremiah Lee - I need a Batman picture for my room, and I want a Lego Jurassic Jeep and more Legos.

Raiden Moore - I need a self for my trains, and I want Super Station and Railway Henry, Gordon, Thomas, James, Percy, Emily, Rocket, and big Island "Asorder".

Sienna Norton - I need shoes, and I want a bike and a scooter.

Chloe Payne - I want a white toy unicorn.
Mia Portillo - I need a

new backpack, and I want shoes and a castle.

Shaelyn Rodriguez - I need a new bed, and I want pink toy carriage.

A'Yala Grundy - I need a new bed, and I want hover board and a baby car seat.

Jennifer Pinkerton's Class

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll because I like playing with them. I also want a toy puppy and a castle for my Barbie. I will leave you some Coca-Cola and gingerbread cookies.

Love,
Xiomara Bretado
Dear Santa,

I would like some Play-Doh because mine is all dried up. Please bring me some new clothes and a new playhouse for my brother. I will leave you some gingerbread.

Love,
Xavier Cardona
Dear Santa,

Please bring me a tree house so I can do art stuff in it. I also need some art supplies like paint brushes, paint, and an easel. I will leave you some milk and Oreos.

Love,
Hayden Harrison
Dear Santa,

I really want a Barbie doll, a dog, a cat, and a horse. I want some clothes for school. I will leave you some cookies and burgers.

Love,
Madison Hawkins
Dear Santa,

Can you bring me some makeup, a baby doll, a Minnie Mouse, and a bicycle. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Nicole Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a toy box because

I need something to put my toys in. I would like a jingle bell off of your sleigh. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Sean Hopson
Dear Santa,

Can you bring me some Barbie dolls to play with and a Barbie doll house and a baby doll. I will leave you a letter and milk and cookies.

Love,
Abby Hutchinson
Dear Santa,
I want a bat cave

because I like Batman 2. Could you also bring a Batmobile that changes colors and a Batman. I also need a Batdrill to go on the Batmobile. I will leave you hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Phillip Jones
Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a dolly house? I also want a Christmas house for Santa and his elves to live in. I will leave you cookies and milk with mac and cheese.

Love,
Scarlett McColley
Dear Santa,
I want an LOL doll because I saw it on tv and I always wanted one. Could you also bring me a crybaby that cries if it doesn't have it's paci. I also want a Barbie dream house and a Barbie camper with fire and stuff. I will leave you a note and some milk.

Love,
A'Rhianna McElroy
Dear Santa,

I would like a four wheeler that is about my size because mine doesn't work very good and won't start in the cold weather. I would like a jingle bell off of your sleigh too. I will leave you milk and Oreos.

Love,
Kase McJunkins
Dear Santa,

Please bring me a computer and games to play. I would also like a big car to ride on. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Ayden Najera
Dear Santa,

I want an Elsa dress because I love Elsa. Can you bring me some Elsa shoes and some makeup? I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Lexi Perkins
Dear Santa,

I want a scooter because my bike messed up. I also want a racecar track and some racecars. I will leave you a bike.

Love,
Ja'zayen Thompson
Dear Santa,

I really want some slime to play with. I also want crayons, pencils, and erasers. Can you bring me a new backpack? I will leave you candy and a note.

Love,
Tyler Toliver
Dear Santa,

I really want some art supplies like scissors, glue, paper, glitter paper, crayons, colored pencils, and erasers. I also want an American doll, some glue and stuff to make slime, and some makeup. I will leave you cookies and milk and some carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
Adyson Winton
Dear Santa,

I really want a remote control metal tank that can shoot bbs because I've watched videos of them. You can bring my dad a big one and me a medium sized one. I would also like some Lego armies with binoculars, knives, sniper rifles, and bazookas. Holden has been taking some of my Legos and I have not that much now. I also want a Nerf machine gun with 100 bullets. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies with milk.

Love,
Hudson Worley

Shannon White's Class
Jake Adams - a skateboard.

Blakelee Britt - a big, golden Hatchimal, a Baby Alive, and a puppy.

Raul Bustamante - a Nerf gun.

Corshawn Cooper - a big truck and a hover board.

Miles Golston - a Hover board and action figures.

Emerie Griffin - an Xbox and a hover board.

Zaylon Lofton - an Xbox and a hover board.

Jennifer Martz - a JoJo doll and JoJo hair bows.

Gage Maxey - a green, remote control Monster Truck and a remote control boat.

Aubrey McLaughlin - a big Hatchimal and a little Hatchimal.

Nhi Phan-JoJo bows, JoJo doll and a JoJo house.

David Santamaria - a big dinosaur.

Makenzie Simmons - books, a Barbie house and a computer.

Davonte Slaton - Green Lantern toys and a basketball.

Mallory Tollett - a toy pony, necklace and JoJo hair bows.

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Zach Upton- a Playdo cutting set.

Olivia Wright- a JoJo doll and a Hatchimal.

Cynthia Bailey's Class
Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Could you please bring me some pink and purple slime. I would also like some make-up, bracelets, a crown, a mermaid, and a Hatchimals. If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you a Gingerbread House with some juice.

Love,
Ava Agular
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Could you please bring me a cowboy hat, boots, and shirt? I would also like a Scrapper football uniform with a real helmet. I would really like a drone, too. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Gavin Applegate
Dear Santa,
Sorry Santa, but I have been a little bit naughty. Could you please bring me a Baby Alive, hoverboard, and LOL Surprise. I would also like a Hatchimals and a baby stroller for my baby.

Love,
McKinley Benson
Dear Santa,
Sorry Santa, but I have been a bit naughty this year. I would like an I-phone and some headphones. I would also like a chihuahua puppy. I will leave some cookies.

Love,
Corina Carroll
Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good. Could you bring me a Barbie doll and a tablet? I would also like a jacket. I will leave you something to eat.

Love,
Brooklynn Coulter
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Could you please bring me an art set? I would also like some video games. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Noah Davis
Dear Santa,
Sorry Santa, but I have been a little bit naughty this year. Could you please bring me a bike? I would also like a scooter and a Paw Patrol toy. I will leave you something to eat at my house.

Love,
Miguel Garate
Dear Santa,
I have been a little good this year. Could you please bring me a hoverboard and a dog

with clothes that walks? I would also like a baby with clothes and shoes, a stroller, and a Hatchimals.

Love,
Chyna Gilliam
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Could you please bring me a T-Rex toy? I would also like some Paw Patrol toys, a dry-erase board with markers, and a remote control helicopter and airplane. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Eli Hill
Dear Santa,
Sorry Santa, but I have been a little bit naughty this year. Could you please bring me a cowboy hat, spurs and a saddle. I would also like some action figures. If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you an apple and some juice.

Love,
Brayden House
Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Could you please bring me some Shopkins, a Hatchimals, a 2-sided suitcase to keep my things in, and some bracelets? I would also like a Barbie, a cheerleader suit, and some Fancy Nancy books. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Arlee Howard
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Could you please bring me a remote control car and airplane? I would also like an X Box with Spiderman games, a PJ Masks toy and a Merry Christmas sign. I will leave you some goodies!

Love,
Lemajia Johnson
Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. Could you please bring me a blue bicycle and a blue helmet? I would also like a walking toy dog and a REAL cat but I don't know how you will wrap it. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Maecee Myrick
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Will you please bring me a Barbie and some Shopkins? I would also like a hoverboard and some new clothes. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Elizabeth Nava
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Could you please bring me some unicorn stuff? I would also like some make-up and jewelry. I hope you have a safe trip!

Love,
Georgia Pinegar

Dear Santa,
Sorry Santa, but I have been just a little bit naughty this year. Could you please bring me a PS4 game and a BlackOps4 game? I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Giovani Santana
Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Could you please bring me some walkie-talkies and some new shoes? I would also like a toy 4-wheeler. I will remember to leave you something for a snack.

Love,
Kameron Willard
Dear Santa,
This year I have been a little bit good. Could you please bring me a T-Rex and Triceratops toy? I would also like a PJ Masks and a Power Ranger toy. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Rajon Witherspoon
Angela Dodd's Class
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Could you please bring me a playhouse, a bicycle, a tablet, and a toy? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some goldfish and juice.

Love,
Kaisen Allen
Dear Santa,
I've been pretty good this year. Could you please bring me a new bicycle, an iPad, and a Snuggle bunny? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you candy and juice.

Love,
Madilynn Angeles
Dear Santa,
I've been pretty good this year Santa. Could you please bring me a car for Owen and me to ride around in the backyard, a unicorn toy that flies, a bike, and a unicorn stuffed animal? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some cake, milk, and carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
Nora Bauer
Dear Santa,
Santa, I've been very good this year. Could you please bring me My Little Pet Shop, some My Little Ponies, My Little Pony stuffed animal, and a lunchbox? I will leave some chips, cookies, and chocolate milk.

Love,
Texas Bean
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Could you please bring me a Luvabella doll, push-a-moles, a Kate Unicorn Squeezamals, and another Elf on a shelf? If I run out of cookies, I will leave you some juice and a banana.

Love,
Raeley Clements

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good this year. Could you please bring me a Ben 10 toy, a bike, some trucks, and a Spiderman? If we run out of cookies, I will leave you some pizza and water.

Love,
Kevi Delarosa
Dear Santa,
Santa, I have been a very good this year. Could you please bring me a Nerf gun, a football, a walkie talkie, and a Ben 10 toy? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some pizza and soda.

Love,
Braxton Dixon
Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good this year. Could you please bring me an Elsa Christmas tree, a real dog and kitty, an Elsa doll, and playdoh that you can make play food? If we run out of cookies, I will leave you some cookie drips, cookies, milk, and soda.

Love,
Nativa Gonzalez
Dear Santa,
I have been a very good this year. Could you please bring me a drone, a real cat, a truck, and a tent? We won't run out of cookies and milk because we have a bunch of new ones, but I will also leave you some hot chocolate

Love,
Rhett Henderson
Dear Santa,
I have been a very good this year. Could you please bring me some clothes, a BB gun, some little cars, and a soccer ball? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some candy and a coke.

Love,
Manuel Hernandez
Dear Santa,
Sorry Santa, but I have been a little naughty this year. Could you please bring me a big bike, a scooter, a riding horse, some Princess shoes, and some skates? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you a cake and some milk.

Love,
Kinley Lovewell
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Could you please bring me a skateboard, a new bike, a LED light scooter, and a fame that bounces a ball off the table into a little hole? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some cupcakes and Kool-aid.

Love,
Peyton Lovewell
Dear Santa,
Santa, I have been a very good this year. Could you please bring me a toy 4 wheeler, some candy, a remote control racecar, and a bike? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some corn dogs

and some Bug Juice.
Love,
Dayrion Moreland
Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good this year. Could you please bring me a bike, a car, a Spiderman, and a stuffed animal dog? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some gingerbread cookies and chocolate milk.

Love,
KJ Stewart
Dear Santa,
I have been a little good this year. Could you please bring me an Air Force One toy plane, Battlefield V for X-Box One, a big truck, and a dump truck? If I run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you a Sprite and chocolate chip cookies.

Love,
ZY'Kurreyun Swift
Dear Santa,
Sorry Santa, but I have been pretty good this year. Could you please bring me a Nintendo Switch, some Nerf guns, a Hot Wheels car, and some balloons? If I run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you a sausage biscuit and milk.

Love,
Ja Bryant Trotter
Ginger Blue's Class
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Could you please bring me a JoJo bed set, a JoJo room, a slushie maker, some Playdoh, and a JoJo table and chairs? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you tea and chocolate cake.

Love,
Adalynn Boon
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Could you please bring me a Sea Patrol boat with Ryder, a toy car, a Rudolph the Red Nose reindeer toy, and a Rudolph the Red Nose reindeer song? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you chocolate milk and cereal.

Love,
Aron Chandler
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Could you please bring me a Mermicorn (part mermaid/part unicorn), a coloring book, colors, some clothes, and some nail polish? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some chocolate and juice.

Love,
McKayla Curry
Dear Santa,
I have been a little bit good this year. Could you please bring me a Barbie, some shoes and pajamas, a dress, and some more Barbies? I will leave some cookies and chocolate.

Love,
Jimena Escalante
Dear Santa,
I have been a little bit good. Could you please bring me a motorcycle, a new bike, and a scooter

that goes by itself? If I run out of cookies, I will leave you some cookies and water.

Love,
Jesse Escamilla
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Could you please bring me a JoJo phone speaker, some make-up, a lap top, some slime, and a castle? If we run out of cookies, I will leave you some strawberries.

Love,
Andrea Garcia
Dear Santa,
I have been a little bit good this year. Could you please bring me a remote control car, a go-cart, new clothes, a monster costume, and my own Christmas tree? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you a Gingerbread house and some juice.

Love,
Lenyx Green
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Could you please bring me a play house, some party necklaces, an Elf surprise, some high heels, and a pink dress? If we run out of cookies, I will leave you some bananas.

Love,
Tinsley Griffin
Dear Santa,
I have been a little good this year. Could you please bring me a tablet, a backpack, a desk to play teacher, a laptop, and some Barbie dolls? I will leave you some juice and banana.

Love,
Annabella Hill
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Could you please bring me a Paw Patrol set, a Mickey Mouse thing, a tablet, a book about Rudolph, a slap bracelet? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some strawberries and some salad.

Love,
Emari Johnson
Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. Could you please bring me a tablet, a doll house, a Princess dress, a tent with stairs on it, and a Sleeping Beauty bed? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some apples and tea.

Love,
Maddie McRae
Dear Santa,
I have been a little bit good this year. Could you please bring me a Yo Gabba Gabba, a Paw Patrol boy bag, a Paw Patrol Lego tower, and a Lego Ninjago? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you a Coca-Cola, some apples, and a sprinkler.

Love,
Ryder Pope

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Santa left a note for his beloved Mrs. Claus -- it said:

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GOIN' FISHING. Retiring Nashville Police Chief was presented a plaque by Mayor Billy Ray Jones, Wednesday, at a hamburger luncheon attended by about 100 law enforcement officers, friends, family, and judges. The gathering was at the Carter Day Training Center, and many tales of the chief's career were told.



FOOD DRIVE. Boy Scout Troop 61 and Cub Scout Pack 61 of Nashville finished their successful "Scouting for Food Drive." The food drive is an annual project for Scouts across the nation. The Scouts donated all of the canned food items to the First Baptist Church food pantry on Dec. 8. Scouts distributed bags to area homes on Dec. 1. Residents placed non-perishable food items in the bag and then left the bag outside their door before on Dec. 8. The Scouts picked up the bags in the rain. If you have forgotten to put out your bag on Saturday or you did not receive a bag and wish to donate, please take your food items to First United Methodist Church and place inside the glass doors. The church is sponsor for the Scout troops. For more information call 845-1385. Pictured are Boy Scouts Isaiah Martin, Jacob Martin, Bradley Whitlow, Joshua Deaton, Gabriel Hanson, Robert Nannemann, Wyatt Haney, Chris Connell, and Floyd Roberts. Cub Scouts (front row) Brett McClane, Kason Hendrix, Taylor Adams, and David McClane Jr.

Grant to be used for 'Jaws of Life'

A recent grant will enable the city of Mineral Springs to purchase new extrication equipment for the fire department, Mayor Bobby Tullis told city council members, Monday night.

The council decided to get replacement 'Jaws of Life' after the fire department's equipment was found to be inoperative and too expensive to repair.

The mayor also noted a recent grant for an emergency electric power generator, and said the city would continue to make improvements. "We're not going to stop, not going to rest."

On a motion by Alderman James Jeanes, the city will begin a three-year program of setting aside \$10,000 yearly to help with eventual purchase of heavy equipment.

Kindergarten Christmas Wishes

Continued

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Could you please bring me a remote control army tank, a phone, an Ipad, and an Elf on the Shelf. If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some strawberries and juice.

Love,
Caleb Reagan
Dear Santa,
I have been a little bit good this year. Could you please bring me an extreme set of marbles, a green car, and fifty marbles? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some juice.

Love,
Yael Velazquez
Dear Santa,
I have been a little bit good this year. Could you please bring me a remote

control Monster truck, a dinosaur remote control, a Megalodon shark toy, and a toy boat? If we run out of milk and cookies, I will leave you some pancakes and syrup.

Love,
Weston Wallace
Dear Santa,
I have been quite good this year. Could you please bring me a bigger bike, my own computer with a mouse and lots of games on it, a Monster Truck, and my own race car track? I will leave you milk, apples, and cookies.

Love,
Jagger White
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Could you please bring me 200 L.O.L. surprise dolls, an Anna that stands up and swims and talks, a swim baby, and a glittery baby that shines? I will leave you some Sunny D, popcorn, Gingerbread houses and a Gingerbread man.

Love,
Nataly Young



A CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY COFFEE. Edward Jones Investments hosted a chamber of commerce coffee, Wednesday. From left, Denise Musgrave and Vicki Powell, of the agency, and Jacey, Jess, Josh, Jamey and Jovie Tice.

College to offer criminal justice tech certificate program in 2019

The University of Arkansas Cossatot is now offering a new Criminal Justice Technical Certificate Program. The program prepares students to enter into the Criminal Justice field as a dispatcher/jailer. This program was developed in conjunction with the Sevier County Sheriff's Office with input documenting need from other counties in the UAC service area and with the Arkansas Office of Jail Standards. Upon successful completion of the two-semester program, students may obtain certification which will allow them to work anywhere in the state.

"Collaborating with our local college to provide training and education for future dispatchers and jailers, has been tremendous and cannot wait to hire future graduates," says Sevier County Sheriff Robert Gentry.

The annual median wage for Correction Officers/Jailers in Arkansas is \$33,810 per year and \$28,720 per year for Police/Fire/Ambulance Dispatchers. Enrollment for the program is currently underway, and classes are available after 6 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and at 9:30 am on Tuesday set to begin on Jan. 14 on Ashdown, De Queen and Nashville campuses.



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*Queremos agradecerles a todos
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