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OPINION 4A

French freeze to have impact on wine, beets and canola.

Methodist dinner May 4 will benefit two schools

First United Methodist Church of Nashville will host a drive-through take-out jambalaya dinner Tuesday, May 4, from 5-7 p.m.

The cost of the meal is donation only.

The menu will include authentic chicken, sausage and shrimp jambalaya (also available without shrimp), Caesar salad, French bread and King's Cake.

All proceeds will benefit the Scrapper Supermarket and Backpacks in the Nashville School District and the Muleshoe Market Food Pantry in the Mineral Springs School District.

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick, pastor, said the church hopes to serve more than 500 people and raise more than

\$5,000 for the schools. "Come make a difference in a child's life,"

Rev. Kirkpatrick said. For more information, call 870-845-3030.

The church is located at 1403 W. Sunset St. in Nashville.

Rusty Relics Tractor Show to be held on May 15

Old, restored tractors -- and their owner/drivers -- will be the focus Saturday, May 15, when the Rusty Relics Antique Tractor Club holds its annual show.

The event will be on a large lot at 424 Yorks Chapel Road west of Nashville.

There will be tractor games, races and a colorful parade.

Hours are 9-3 and there is no admission. Food and soft drinks will be at a concession

stand. The club will have a drawing for a restored 1963 International Cub tractor, and tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25. Tickets are on sale by club members, and will be available for purchase on the day of the

show. For more information contact Roger White, 451-2096; Bob White, 845-9237; or Lesley White, 451-1239.

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PAINTING A DELUXE SIGN. Nashville artist Cindy Petty is working long hours to finish a sign for the Nashville Demonstration Organic Garden at the Farmers' Market in Nashville. The sign is sponsored by the Farm Bureau Foundation. Its width will also serve as a wind break at the demonstration table. Petty said that the presence of the dogs in the sign is a salute to the women who founded the demo garden -- all dog lovers. Petty is doing her work at the Elberta Arts Center, and the sign is due to be completed before the opening of the Farmers' Market, May 7.

School re-hires faculty, staff for 2021-22

last week re-hired the district's faculty and staff for the 2021-22 academic year.

The employees include the

Central office - Lesa Bell, district treasurer; Cassandra Evans, bookkeeper; Ashley Hale, administrative assistant to Superintendent Doug Graham; Bryce Petty, James Conant, Jon Mays, technology; Julie Smith, food service; LaDonna Curtis, LEA supervisor.

Maintenance, custodians - Jeremy Busby, Chad Westfall, Dylan Chambers, Thad Wright; custodians Paul Edwards, Jeremy Lofton.

Transportation - Kelsie Willard, bus mechanic; drivers Karen Kell, Travis Mack, Jackie Thomas, Ted Green, Dale Bennett, Gaye Graham, John Anderson, Sherry Spurling, Angie Barfield, Phyllis Williams, Kristi Cox, Tony Horn,

The Nashville School Board Marc Scroggins, Lou Ann Vance, Willie French.

High school - Erin Askew, Amy Bearden, Brian Bearden, Leslie Strong, Lucas Liggin, Lacy Britt, Mindy Brinkman, Shawn Dale, Paul Dean, Aleshia Erwin, Daniel Dunn, Crystal Evans, Doyle Green, Michelle Green, Scott Horne, Terri McJunkins, Matthew McLelland, Kim Newton, Andrea Pinegar, Aubry Basiliere, Carolanne Pinegar, Miranda Serrano, John Robert Schirmer, David Schwope, Holly Smith, Drew Tollett, John Mark Tollett, Lou Ann Vance, Mike Volarvich, Julie Wakley, Jennifer Walker, Regina Westfall, Phyllis Williams, Holly Couch, Carolynn Scoggins, Lester Stewart, Natalie Sherman, Roegers, Krysta Parker.

Junior high - Assistant Principal Kyle Slayton; certified employees Jamie Akard, Tammy Alexander,

Angie Barfield, Amy Benson, Kirk Benson, Jami Branch, Brian Brown, Bret Burgess, Kim Conant, Paul Dean, James Easterling, Brenda Galliher, Jennifer Gordon, Kynnedi Gordon, Lisa Hagler, Christie Hanney, Virgil Hellums, Araceli Hernandez, Sydney Howard, Jerrad Jones, Carmen Lingo, John Martin, Wade Matlock, Maddie McRae, Tandie Ray, Zachary Stewart, Linda Stiver, Mandi Stone, Beverly Tedford, Lori Williams, Johnny Wilson, Aaron Worthen; classified staff Katie Clifton, Jan Rebsamen, secretaries; Stephanie Hendry, nurse; Judy Mathis, Jackie VanKirk, Willie French, Willie Trimble, paraprofessionals; Cristal Perez, migrant; Nadine Stuart, Delford Traylor, Clifford Johnson, Jeremy Lofton, Jeana Medlin, Clarissa Brizo, Ray full-time custodians; Sherry Érby, part-time custodian.

Elementary - Assistant princi-

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Aviation fuel to be available at local airport

By Louie Graves

News-Leader staff

Later this week, local aviators should be able to buy aviation fuel at the county's municipal airport, located about two miles north of Nashville.

In response to a question at Monday's regular Quorum Court meeting for April, Judge Kevin Smith said that the fuel tank was ready, but that the wait was due to setting up a credit card system.

He told the newspaper that the airport's tank had a 4,000 gal. capacity, but that only 1,500 gals. were put into the tank. 'That stuff is expensive," he said, adding that the level of fuel kept would depend upon demand. He said that there was "a lot of activity" at the airport.

One other item at the court's meeting was the report on Howard Memorial Hospital by HMH

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Mineral school to reconsider PD for district

By Louie Graves News-Leader staff

The Mineral Springs School Board was to meet in special session Tuesday night to reconsider establishment of an independent police department within the school district.

A proposal to establish such a department failed in a vote at last week's regular MS board meeting for April. The vote was 3-1-2; or three aye, one nay and two abstaining. The newspaper incorrectly voted last week that the vote was 2-1-2.

In order to overturn the vote against the proposal, a simple majority vote of the board will be required.

One board member, Jaimie Jackson, was not present at last week's meeting.

At the meeting, the school's resource officer, Brandon Smith, explained that there was a time factor because if the MS board

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No Covid-19 cases reported at school for third straight week

By John R. Schirmer News-Leader staff

The Nashville School District continued to report no positive cases of Covid-19 among students, faculty and staff as of Monday afternoon, according to Superintendent Doug Graham. There were no close contacts among students, faculty and staff.

This is the third straight week for no cases and no close contacts in the district.

The zero count comes one week after the school board voted 4-1 to eliminate the district's mask mandate. "We're keeping our fingers crossed that the numbers stay low," Graham said.

Graham recommended April 12 that the mask requirement be lifted. He had earlier said the mandate would be in effect until the end of the aca-

demic year. "I don't know any one factor" that led to the change," he said. "I don't know the statewide breakdown, but a lot of schools

Some decided to stay the

Graham said he has not down is around 50-50 for masks/no masks.

members shared that they had more contacts on the mask issue than anything else since some of them got on the board," Graham said.

"We still have some who are following the mandate, and they're welcome to do so even into 2021-22 if they're more comfortable," Graham

The case count could increase without the mask requirement, Graham said. "I don't know what the magic number is if we decide it was a bad decision and try to put the masks back on."

The district's "next big decision is pretty much only for high school, and that's a Covid-19 vaccine he said of lifting the mask clinic for students. All requirement.

flipped and did away with who are 16 and over are the mask requirement. eligible. I don't know if we would have many," Graham said.

"Is it a parent responseen specific numbers but sibility? Every year we do estimated that the break-Graham said.

'For everyone that has "I know that our board it [vaccine], there's the potential to help a little bit. I'm hoping that our numbers stay where they are."

Graham added that he hopes there are no Covid-19 issues going into regional and state tournaments for spring sports.

Another reason that was considered for keeping masks was that "something has cut down on allergies and flu," Graham said. "We've not had to deal with those" as often as in previous years.

"Regardless, we're hanging with some good [Covid-19] numbers now in Howard County," with two active cases reported Tuesday morning.

"I hope this doesn't come back and bite us"

Preliminary work continues on school projects

The Nashville School District is in "the initial stages" of two projects, according to Superintendent Doug Graham.

Heating and cooling units will be replaced at

ry school. A new roof is planned at primary.

"We're working with the contractors," Graham said Tuesday morning.

primary and elementa- on Phase 2 of the Wilson Park renovation project. Demolition of the concession stand at the park will begin after baseball season ends, contractor Scott Planning also continues Howard told Graham.



News-Leader photo/LOUIE GRAVES

IN OUR SCHOOLS. A team of special ed specialists and paraprofessionals help Nashville students reach their potential despite any disability they may have, Nashville Rotarians were told last Wednesday, April 14, when school special ed coordinator LaDonna Curtis spoke to the club. She described how the school found students who were having trouble with learning, and the level of help available to those students -- including speech, physical and occupational therapy specialists. Guests at Rotary's noon meeting at Patacakes included curriculum coordinator Kim Slayton and Curtis's husband, John.



MARRIED IN 1995. Garry and Sally Edwards met on the bus on their way to the Howard County Children and Adult Center. He got up enough nerve to ask her to go out with him, but she replied, "Will you leave me alone?" He never gave up, and they were married April 15, 1995, and are living happily ever after.

Auniversaries





GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY. On April 16, 2021, Benny, Sr., and Eartha Reed reached a major milestone. Family and friends helped the celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Benny and Eartha are dearly beloved members of the Schaal/Mineral Springs community. Their family and friends want to thank them for always beng such great examples of love and commitment to each other. Although their wedding was many years ago, the celebration continues to this day They have had 50 wonderful years of joy, success, tolerance and respect. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Reed!

Obituaries



Faye Copeland Ashford

Mrs. Faye Copeland Ashford, age 81, a resident of Dierks, Ark., died Friday, April 16, 2021, at her home.

She was born Oct. 31, 1939 in Clebit, Okla., to David Livingston and Rosy Lee Craddock Copeland. She was a homemaker and a life-Church of Christ.

Mrs. Ashford was preceded in death by her parents

and a sister, Elaine Claye. husband of 63 years, Joe Quinn, Zac Jester and Brock in the Delight school gym in Ashford; one daughter and Ashford.

son-in-law, Pam and Russell McCain of Blossom, Texas; one son and daughter-inlaw, Brad and Kandi Ashford of Maumelle, Ark.; four grandchildren, Lindsey (Jay) Sherrin, Zac (Chelsey) Jester, Brock (Hannah) Ashford, and Kalli Ashford; two step-grandchildren, Anna McCain and David McCain; four great-grandchildren and a special family friend, Jamie Fannin.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ashford will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, April 19, 2021, at Dierks Church of Christ with Bro. Terry Martin officiating. Burial will follow in the Dierks Cemetery under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home in Dierks.

The family will receive long member of the Dierks friends from 5-6 p.m., Sunday April 18th at the funeral home in Dierks.

Faulkner, Tommy Miller, Church of Christ in Little She is survived by her Quinn Osborn, Chase Rockat 10 a.m., and at 2 p.m.

You may leave a condolence online at www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com.

Randy Hughes

There will be memorial services in Little Rock and in Delight for Randy Hughes who died on Jan, 1, 2021, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born March 4, 1947, and had been a school administrator and businessman in his career. He was active in service to his fellow man, including having

a prison ministry. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother,

Kenny Hughes. Survivors include: his wife of 50 years, Karan Hughes; two sons Toby and Hayden Hughes; a sister, Carolyn Holmes and a brother, Howard Hughes.

There will be memorial services Saturday, May Pallbearers will be Kip 1, 2021, at Pleasant Valley his hometown of Delight.



THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT. Brent Talley, center, of the Farm Bureau Foundation, presents a \$500 check to Gerry Wenta of the Nashville Demonstration Organic Garden, and artist Cindy Petty. The foundation committed to a three-year support for the project which is a part of the Farmers' Market in Nashville. Petty painted the sign (see photo, Page 1).

Registration being taken for Blevins school reunion

The Blevins High School reunion is set for June 5, 2021, at Hempstead Hall in Hope.

The registration fee is \$25 per person which should be sent to Vicky Land, 3507 Circleview, Texarkana, AR 71854. Deadline to receive the money is May 27.

The event will begin with a 'meet and greet' at 4, followed by a dinner and brief program at 6 p.m.

All graduates of BHS and their guests are invited. For more information call Judy at 870-845-2598, or Vicky at 903--748-4452.

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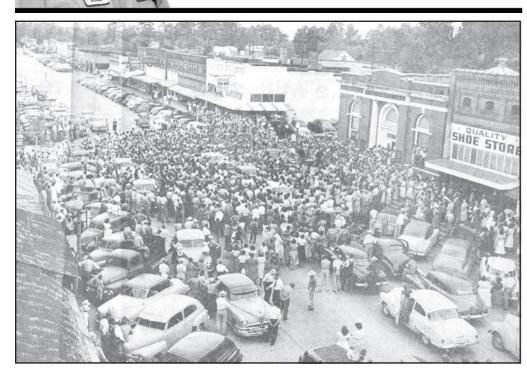
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Tales from Howard County's history reprinted in honor of longtime staff historian and photographer, Cecil Harris September 19, 1938 - December 15, 2012

Compiled by Patsy Young



Politics, movie stars and prize drawings draw big Main Street crowds, circa 1956. it impossible.

123 years ago: April 1898 In obedience to general order #2, new series emanating from General Headquarters, Center Point, Arkansas, March 28, 1898; I hereby assume command of the 3rd Regiment, Arkansas State Guard and announce Captain F. W. Lee as adjutant who will be respected accordingly. James F. Smith Colonel Commanding

Hon. W. J. Lee has written to Governor Jones tendering his services in the war between Spain and the United

85 years ago: April 1936

A 35-foot white coach drawn by a motor car and equipped with various kinds of Norge household appliances will arrive in Nashville Friday morning and will be stationed at the Nashville Motor Company, the local Norge dealer. This coach fitted with modern kitchen cabinets has installed in it Norge appli-

ances for viewing.

atre, Sunday and Monday, the Dionne Quintuplets in "The Country Doctor" with Jean Hersholt and June

The greatest youngsters in the world are shown for Vitaphone shorts.

58 years ago: April 1963

L. D. Allen, better known as "Sewing Machine Allen," is warming up his larynx for the season. He will be ready with his witty jibes when the first baseball is pitched. Right now he is telling about a cow he once owned. The bovine grazed the south pasture close to a saw dust pile. "I can drink the milk all right, but the splinters were hard to swallow."

You can stop worrying about invasion from Mars because Martians probably don't exist. Evidence has been discovered that indicates Mars' atmosphere contains enough nitrogen peroxide, a poisonous reddish-brown gas, to make (Adv.) At the Gem The- existence of life as we know

Miss Rosemary Clooney, star of stage, screen and

radio, will be featured entertainer for the 4th annual Arkansas Poultry Festival to be held in Little Rock in the first time. Also, selected June.

38 years ago: April 1983

"Preschool Fitness" will be presented in song and dance during The Little Red School House closing of school recital. The annual event is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Friday April 29 in the Elementary Auditorium. Narrators for the popular spring-time program include Tadd McCullough, Jason Cross, Marc Carozza, Rebecca Alford, Jenny Power and Kristi Cooley.

From "This is Arkansas": Shock waves from the New Madrid earthquake of 1811-1812 were recorded in Boston, New Orleans, and parts of Canada. The sunken lands of Northeast Arkansas were created by the quakes which continued for several

Decoration set at north Howard cemetery

Decoration and potluck at extreme north end of Howard County, will be Sunday, the way.

the Old Brown-Ralls Cem- north of Umpire in the Mine- a veteran of the French and etery, almost hidden in the ola community, and there Indian War. are signs to show visitors

The cemetery was lost 216-8698.

The cemetery is located for several years. It includes

For more information contact Glen G. Pate, 479-

Public Record of Howard County

issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period of Apr. 7-14, 2021:

Marriage Licenses

Apr. 9. James Stanley Frierson, 37, Covington, Ga., and Tifini L. Sanders, 37, Nashville.

Civil Court

CV21-35, Apr 13. PCA Acquisitions V. LLC, vs. Teresa Davis. Debt.

Domestic

Relations Court

DR21-49, Apr. 12 State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. Joshua T. Norton. Support.

DR21-50, Apr. 13. State of Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement vs. David Bray. Support.

DR21-51, Apr. 14. Versialene Bearden v. Timothy Walker. Order of protection.

Criminal Court

CR21-29, Apr. 14. State of Arkansas vs. Timothy S. Thompson, 25, white male, 1148 Hempstead County Road 50, Hope; possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, both class D

> **Land Transactions Quitclaim Deeds**

Apr. 9. Doris Ray, surviving spouse of Bobby Lee Ray, deceased; to Lonnie A. Neeley and wife, Kathleen L. Neeley; property in S24 T9S R27W. \$1,000.

Apr. 13. (Correction) Michael Citty, Anna City (sic) Ray and husband James Ray; to Pace King and wife, Jodi King; property in S26 T9S R27W; correcting legal description.

wife, Becky Ray; to Terry Ray and wife, Becky Ray; 0.11 ac., Lot 5, Block 5, Hill Crest Addition, City of Nashville.

Apr. 14. Lauri Michelle Lamb; to Heriberto Sanchez; part of Lot 2, Block 82, and part of Lot 1, Block 87, Town of Nashville. \$5,000.

Trustee's Deed

Apr. 9. Substitute trustee, Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc., with deed from Jimmy D. Jamison, deceased; to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.; 2.8 ac. in S4 T9S R27W, also known as 468 Jamison Road, Nashville.

Warranty Deeds

Apr. 8. Zachary Pounds and wife, Chei Pounds; to Ronny Alan Pounds; property in S25 T8S R28W. \$17,849.04.

Apr. 8. Big Rock Farms, LLC, to Phillip Alan Turner and Linda Rae Turner, Trustees of the Phillip and Linda Turner Trust; 30 ac. in S9 T9S

Apr. 9. Hix Smith, Jr.; to Smith's Ready Mix, Inc.; 4.68 ac. in S36 T9S R27W.

April 9. James Jay Lamothe; to Tempie N. Lamothe; Lot 3, Block 9, Greenwood Addition, City of Nashville.

Apr. 9. Kathy Dee Ferguson, surviving spouse of Roy Dee Ferguson, deceased; to Bobby G. Billings, Jr., and wife, Karen A. Billings; 80 ac. in S30 T7S R27W. \$250,000.

Apr. 12. A. Brent Stanley, aka Arian Brent Stanley and Candice Lorraine Stanley, husband and wife; to Arian Brent Stanley and Candice

of the Stanley Family Trust; aggregate 25.2 ac. in S1 T9S

Apr. 12. Rodrick Grosse and wife, Julie Grosse; to IMMS Investments, LLC; aggregate 1.33 ac., 3 tracts, S19 T10S R27W. \$30,000.

Apr. 12. Shandra Kay Hamner, fka Shandra Kay Hill, and husband, Casey Hamner; to Mario Aragon and Gabriela Hernandez, husband and wife; Lot 11-12, Block 4, Heights Addition, City of Dierks. \$34,000.

Apr. 12. Cathy Quinn, surviving spouse of Anthony Lee Quinn, deceased; to William F. Stinson, and Shana E. Stinson, husband and wife; 3 ac. in S23 T7S R28W. \$60,000.

Apr. 13. Bonnie Dawson; to Raymond Jones, Sr.; to Pamela Jordan-Nutt; property in S25/26/34/35 T9S R27W. \$60,000.

Apr. 13. Jackie Mc-Cullough; to Brett Muse and wife, Suzanne Muse; property in S7 T7S R28W.

Apr. 13. (Corporate, correcting legal description) First State Bank of Nashville; to Burk Family Holdings, LLC; properties in

S14/15/22/23 T9S R28W. Apr. 14. James R. Dallas and wife, Arlette Marie Horn; to Olivia D. Martin; Lots 5 & 6, Block 21, Town of Mineral Springs. \$138,750.

Apr. 14. Arian Brent Stanley and wife, Candice Lorraine Stanley; to Arian Brent Stanley and wife, Candice Lorraine Stanley; aggregate 24.2 ac. in S1 T9S R27W. \$5,000.

Son allegedly shoots father during dispute in Nashville

A father-son dispute freesboro, when the son became a shooting with a wounded victim in a Nashville government housing project April 13.

Reportedly armed with a knife, the father, Andy Wesson, 55, black male, Nashville, apparently was chasing the son, Byron Wesson, 28, black male, Murturned and shot the father. The altercation apparently took place outside a friend's apartment in the Carver Circle housing project shortly after 6 p.m.

The father was taken to Howard Memorial Hospital and was later transferred by helicopter ambulance to a Texarkana hospital.

The son was jailed in Nashville and is awaiting his first appearance before a judge. He is facing a likely charge of first degree battery.

Nashville Police Chief Amy Marion said Friday that the elder Wesson was still hospitalized but she thought he would recover.

Two enter not guilty pleas; trial dates set in criminal court

Dates for pretrial motions demeanor fleeing charge. and for trials were set for two defendants who pleaded not guilty in criminal court April 14, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County. On the bench was Judge Bryan Chesshir.

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He will be represented by the public defender. Pretrial motions will be heard Aug. 25, and the trial date is set

Also giving a not guilty plea was Timothy S. Thomp-Joseph P. Laskach, 27, son, 25, white male, Hope, white male, Waco, Texas, who gave his plea via in-pleaded not guilty to two fel-ternet from incarceration in signed court dates or further ony drug charges and a mis- Hempstead County. He is appearances.

charged in Howard County with a pair of class D felonies -- possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is also represented by the public defender.

Four other defendants made their first appearances





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Point of view

Too cold in France

Foreign nation might try to monopolize U.S. wines

YES, I AM STILL HERE looking out my window on Main Street, and I have some bad news for any of my acquaintances who like to drink

Mine Creek

Revelations

The bad news is that we were not the only ones to suffer a February Deep Freeze. They had one in France, only they called it: "Congélateur."

Even after seeing it written out in French, I have no earthly idea how to pronounce it. Way back in January I swore I wouldn't get fixated on how to pronounce foreign words.

By Louie Graves Comprende, Amigo?

The Deep Freeze in France has done a real bad, horrible, mean and evil downer in their vineyards (for my Baptist

friends' information, the devil's alcoholic wine is made from grapes which grow in vineyards).

The result won't be felt for several years when you'd normally see the wine from this year's crop of French grapes show up in uppity restaurants and at least a few of our state's upscale adult beverage emporiums. Do swell American restaurants serve French wine in their drive-thru

lines? Sorry, I get fixated on small details sometimes. Anyhow, lots of areas of France were affected (and I cannot pronounce

those names, either). The "Congélateur" hit about 80% of the vineyards

"Our anguish is immense," one Frenchie stylishly wrote.

IF THERE IS NO FRENCH WINE WILL THEY WANT OURS?

That anguish, however, is nothing to compare with the anguish to be felt by American wine drinkers if the French decide to brazenly raid us and buy up all the available wines that are grown, stomped, mixed, aged very briefly and bottled in the Land of the Free.

In other words, will there be wine shortages in our future because of "Congélateur" and those greedy Frenchies?

I, myself, am not sophisticated enough to drink wine, but I once kissed a woman who admitted she had. She whispered to me that she might have sipped just a bit of wine from the jagged neck of a bottle which was being passed around at a family reunion. "I double dog dare you to take a hit of this, honey," her uncle had challenged.

There are apparently many people who secretly enjoy our country's most famous wines. Let me list some of the (to my knowledge and experience) better-known brands:

Boone's Farm

- Mogen David 20/20
- Atlanta After Dark
- Suddenly Elvis!

There are others but I won't show off my impressive knowledge of domestic wines. I am a modest fellow, as both of you know.

All of those famous and popular American brands are on shelves in such metropolitan areas as Fulton, East Antoine and, soon, Lockesburg. That oughta tell you how sophisticated us Americans -- especially us SW Arkies -- are about wines and other important things.

You don't have to go to San Francisco to get a decent bottle of red

The European Deep Freeze also did a downer on France's 2021 crop of beets and something called "Brassica napus subspecies, napus." It is a member of the greens family and it is used in the making of something

The shortage won't bother me! I don't eat beets or drink canola.

HEARD FROM. Skip Bell, RN, also known as the Duke of Lockesburg, dropped by our office last week to brag that he had two -- not one -- two shoehorns.

Not just your everyday shoehorns, either. These have long handles. The great value of a shoehorn with a long handle is that, for instance, the elderly owner of the shoes doesn't have to bend WAAAAAY over just to force his fat foot all the way to the toe of the shoe.

Please, I am NOT inferring that the Duke of Lockesburg is inflexible or elderly or has fat feet. However, I do remind you that he was the one that brought up the topic of shoehorns in the first place.

I asked him: "Why do you need two shoehorns?" "I can keep the shoehorns in two different rooms," he said.

"Why two rooms?" I asked.

"Because I have two shoehorns."

Makes perfect sense.

But of course, I DON'T have even one shoehorn with a handle, so I've had to resort to another solution to avoid bending WAAAAY over to force my fat feet into my shoes when I occasionally wear them.

I arrived at this solution after thinking real, real hard for almost two years

Now I buy shoes that are two sizes too large. It's so much easier to get my feet into them.

Also, if you see me clumping around in large shoes it might remind you of when you were a toddler and you tried to walk in your father's

If you recall, you kinda scooted the shoes along and the heels made a clumping sound. SkaClump, skaclump.

And then you tripped and fell over.

THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: Why is lemon juice mostly artificial ingredients, but dishwashing liquid detergent contains real lemons?

WORD GAMES. The twins: One and Done. Hotshot college basketball recruits. I've always wondered if they bothered to attend any classes.

SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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Legislature passes bills aimed at reforming Arkansas election law

By Sen. Larry Teague

The legislature has enacted numerous reforms to Arkansas

The Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs reviews all proposed legislation that address elections. So far this session, the committee has received 49 bills specifically affecting polling places, absentee ballots, voter fraud and the handling of

A significant example is Senate Bill 644, which has already been approved by the Senate and is being considered by the House.

It creates a toll-free hotline to the state Attorney General's office to receive complaints of any violations of election law. To knowingly file a false claim would be a Class A misdemeanor.

Within 45 days of an election, the Attorney General shall report all complaints to the legislature's Joint Performance Review Committee (JPR). SB 644 would empower JPR to investigate allegations of election fraud.

JPR could schedule hearings to investigate allegations of election law. SB 644 empowers the committee to swear in witnesses and subpoena them to require their appearance. It could also subpoena records and documents.

refer the allegations to the state Board of Election Commissioners. The referral shall include testimony from the legislative hearings and a recommendation of possible

The recommended penalties include a letter of reprimand to a county clerk or other local election official. Also, the election official could be decertified during the next election cycle or runoff.

If legislators on JPR believe that violations are so severe that they threaten a county's ability to conduct a free, fair and impartial election, then the committee could recommend that the state Board take over the election process in that county.

The state Board of Election Commissioners could be reimbursed for running the local election. The state could withhold enough money from the county's turnback funds to pay for election

SB 644 authorizes similar steps to address voter registration violations. If the state Board finds a violation of voter registration laws, it may issue a letter of reprimand or impose a fine of up to \$1,000 against the local election official and have the official decertified.

In related news, the Senate ap-

clerks to provide the county board of election commissioners with a daily count of absentee ballot applications.

HB 1715 directs county clerks to compare signatures on applications for absentee ballots with signatures on the applicant's voter registration document. If the signatures don't match, the clerk will not send an absentee ballot to the

applicant. Both the Senate and House have passed HB 1803 to authorize the state Board of Election Commissioners to take corrective action when it uncovers violations of

The Senate also passed SB 620 to restrict electioneering at polling places and SB 498, which changes the course of action when someone files an election law complaint to a county board of election commissioners

Instead of forwarding the complaint to the county clerk and prosecuting attorney, the county board shall send it to the state Board of Election Commissioners.

The Committee on State Agencies endorsed HB 1517 to set up online voter registration. However, it failed on the first vote in the Senate. It received 18 votes but needed

Story of escape, survival after shooting at Colorado grocery

By Brenda Blagg

Between the Lines

Maggie Montoya's story is one of survival, of escape from the crosshairs of a shooter who took 10 lives at a Colorado grocery store last month.

It is a story the professional runner is sharing, hoping to impact the ongoing debate over gun laws in this country. Her words come amid another wave of mass shootings.

She wants others to know what it was like inside King Soopers, the Boulder grocery store where she hid under a desk in the pharmacy, listening to the gunfire that killed a police officer, three of her coworkers and six others on March 22.

"I think being there that day, I realized that no one should be able to annihilate as many people as they want to," she told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. "They shouldn't be able to walk into one safe space and be able to do that."

The 25-year-old grew up in Rogshe was 9 years old. It's where she discovered running and where she excelled running track in high school.

Montoya signed with Baylor University in 2013 and piled up running accolades at the collegiate level. She moved to Boulder in 2018, where she trains with others for the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials. She has already qualified in the 10,000 meters.

Montoya came back to North-

west Arkansas recently, visiting her family as she recovers from the experience at the King Soopers market near her Boulder home.

She remembers the fear she felt as shots rang out, how she hid in a tiny conference room in the pharmacy with a co-worker. As the pharmacist dialed 911, she called her parents in Arkansas.

Montoya would stay on the cell phone most of the hour that the gunman was in the store, texting her coach who was monitoring live feeds from the scene and could relay what was happening outside.

As Montoya told CNN's Anderson Cooper, she heard "a lot of shots" and "a little bit of screaming," then quiet except for the store music and random shots throughout the store — and constantly ringing phones in the pharmacy.

Her co-worker silenced the calls as they came in, worried that the ringing might draw the shooter's attention. Or maybe silencing the phones certain?

They couldn't see out into the store and weren't sure where the gunman was until he told police he was surrendering. Then, they feared he was right outside the pharmacy door. His weapons were later found there.

Montoya and her pharmacist remained hidden until the SWAT team knocked on the door and told them to knock back.

Walking out of the store, she

killer, then the body of a co-worker, a manager who was Montoya's

"That's when it just all crashed down. Like, of course, I was just nervous the whole time I was back there and really anxious and didn't know if I was going to make it out of there. But it just, it all came crashing down seeing someone I knew dead there that wasn't going to be able to walk out to her family or to walk out the store."

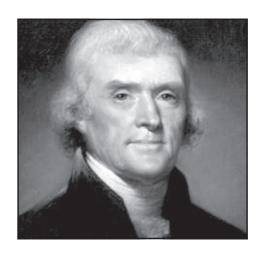
Montoya's accounts of the experience, which have been on TV and in print as well as in online posts, accomplish what she wanted. They let others feel something of what it was like to be in the midst of a mass shooting, fearing for her life and thinking the brief call to her folks would be her last.

No one would want to have been in her place or, worse, been among the victims of the 22-yearold gunman who targeted that neighborhood grocery store.

Montoya is back in Boulder now, although she is uncertain about returning to work where the shooting happened or about pursuing a planned career in pharmacy.

She is running in the mountains again, training for the Olympic trials and working past that worst day of her young life.

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



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Retired teachers hear program on role of pollinators

By Patsy Young

The Howard County Retired Teachers' Association met Thursday, April 8, at Fisherman's Cove.

Those attending enjoyed learning how to attract pollinators to gardens in a demonstration given by Samantha Horn, Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

After Horn's presentation the meeting was called to order by Pam Wynn,

The group voted unanimously to reinstate the present officers for another year.

They are president Pam Wynn, first vice president Betty Ramsey, second vice president Cindy Puryear,



Samantha Horn

secretary Charlotte Gibson, treasurer Linda Campbell, cheer person Carolyn Ellis,

historian Ruth Ann Jacobs and parliamentarian Carma Bradshaw.

Re-hire

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pal Tyra Hughes; certified staff Abby Cortez, Janet Jamison, Tabitha Jones, Laken McAdams, Hannah Topor, Krista Williams, Rachelle Erwin, Hilary Solorio, Ashton Conrad, Amy Turner, Joanna Howard, Kailee Hamilton, Sarah Matlock, Sarah Smith, Ben Wallis, Tessa Dean; certified support staff Kristi Cox, Kristy Vines, Jaree Hall, Rick Baker, Kelli Webb, Laura Pope, Stephanie Nolte, Kim Reed, Becky Fortenberry; non-certified staff Allison Crump, Veri Gallardo, Reba

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Superintendent Doug Graham, building principals Tate Gordon, Ashley Riggs, Rick Rebsamen and Nathan Evans, curriculum coordinator Kim Slayton, and director of athletics, facilities and transportation James "Bunch" Nichols were re-hired earlier this year.

MS city police officer and reand staff, and would have mains a parttime employee jurisdiction. of the city's police depart-

Currently, he has no jurisdiction at the Saratoga campus because it is in another

At the regular meeting, Supt. Lee said that the proposal would mean no extra

the department was that the school's officer could always be with the students cost to the district.

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approves the proposal it still

has to go before two sanc-

Smith is a former fulltime

tioning bodies.

Chief Financial Officer Bill

was bouncing back from

the effects of the 11-inch

He said that the hospital

snow in February and Covid

On Friday, Supt. Billy Lee

told the newspaper that the

principal reason to establish

All of the county's justices of the peace were present, including the following: D'Ann Rogers, Martha Hobbs, Kerry Strasner, Bobby Don Turner, Brent Pnkerton, Andy Hogg, Don Marks, Janice Huffman, and Jerry Harwell.

Two and Three-Bedroom **Apartments for Rent** in Dierks, Arkansas

Howard County Housing Authority is now taking applications for two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments for low-income families in Dierks, Arkansas.

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Because of a trial in the courtroom, the meeting was moved across the street to the Extension Homemakers

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Food giveaway set May 4 at city park

income guidelines in order to get emergency food boxes in a drive-through on Tuesday, May 4.

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State recognizes the value of teachers

By Gov. Asa Hutchinson

Last week, I signed legislation that will increase the median salary of schoolteachers by \$2,000 over the next two years. The raise is one way to show teachers we value their work, and this legislation was one of my top priorities. Senator Missy Irvin and Representative Bruce Cozart sponsored the bills that raised salaries.

As another priority, the 93rd General Assembly passed additional education-related laws including requiring a computer science credit to graduate from high school; increasing funding for school transportation; and requiring schools to teach Holocaust Education as well.

As an example of how the teacher salary bill works, the bill allocates nearly \$800,000 to the El Dorado School District, where the money will have an immediate benefit. On Monday night, the El Dorado School Board voted to increase pay this fall by \$2,000 for each of the 361 certified teachers and increasing the pay by 5.4 percent for each of the 241 classified employees.

Ashley Curtis, a teacher at El Dorado High School who also coaches ninthgrade basketball and track, is one of the teachers whose pay will increase. Ashley accompanied El Dorado Superintendent Jim Tucker to represent his district at the bill signing at the capitol on Monday. Ashley is a hard-working natural-born leader who is in the job for the right reasons, Superintendent Tucker said. But he can say that about every one of the teachers in the district, he added. Another of our outstand-

ing teachers and one of her first-grade students, Kamryn Gardner, has recently received national attention after Kamryn wrote a letter to a clothing manufacturer. Kamryn, who is sevenyears-old, was more than a little put out upon discovering that the pockets on the front of her Old Navy jeans were strictly ornamental. She couldn't put her hands or anything else in the sewnon pockets.

In January, Ellie Jayne, Kamryn's teacher at Evening Star Elementary in the Bentonville School District, taught her students how to write a persuasive letter. With the encouragement of her mother, Kim, who also teaches first grade, Kamryn put pencil to hand-writing paper to compose a letter to the company. She wrote: "Dear Old Navy. ... I want front pockets because I want to put my hands in them. ... Would you consider making girls jeans with front pockets that are not fake?"

A month later, Old Navy sent to Kamryn two pairs of shorts and two pairs of jeans with real front pockets and a letter of appreciation from the Old Navy Kids Team.

Ellie Jayne and Ashley Curtis are the caliber of teachers we recruit and hope to retain with competitive salaries such as the raise the 92nd General Assembly passed in 2019 for new teachers and this year's increase of the median salary.

We know these teachers are special, as Superintendent Tucker said, because they don't choose their profession for the money. Ellie treasures the opportunity to teach her students to ask questions responsibly and respectfully. Ellie is rightfully proud of Kamryn, who reports that the first thing she put in one of her new pockets was her hand and one of her drawings.

Kamryn's parents, Kim and Brandon, are not surprised that their outgoing daughter is not going to rest on her success. She thinks that next she'll write to the president to tell him that "throwing trash on the ground, there should be a law that you can't do that."

Howard Memorial to resume two classes

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Sports

Nashville News-Leader



NO-HITTER. Murfreesboro Lady Rattler pitcher Izzy Brinkley helped her team to a 6-1 record last week by throwing a no-hitter at Cutter-Morning Star.

Outlaws hold second place after 23-1 conference win

the Murfreesboro Rattlers runs scored. and above Horatio, Magand Cutter-Morning Star.

Claborn leading the way scored. with three hits, three RBI and plate with five RBI and one run scored.

out of Cutter-MOrning Star. scored; Andrew Mack, 1/3, The Outlaws now sit in two RBI; and Rustin Simsecond place in 7-2A below mons, 1/1, two RBIs, two

Dierks' offense was tonet Cove, Poyen, Foreman, taled out by hits from Kyle Caddo Hills, Mountain Pine Stamps, 1/1, three suns scored; Talon Kappus, 0/2, Dierks racked up 12 hits three runs scored; and Konagainst CMS with Braxton nor Shelton, 0/2, two runs

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The Dierks Outlaws imscored; Austin Mack, 0/4, and threw for 1 inning, strikproved their conference re- two RBI, two runs scored; Eli ing out three batters. Austin cord to 6-1 (9-1) Monday Sharp, 0/4 two RBI; Rylan Mack closed the game with with a 23-1 conference blow- Hill, 2/4, one RBI, one run an innings-worth of work,

CMS was held to three hits and committed nine er-

The Outlaws opened the game with a six-run first before adding two in the second, six more in the third, four in the fourth and five in Dierks threw three pitch- the fifth inning. CMS' sole

The Outlaws also picked

Dierks Lady Outlaws drop to 2-8

were on the bad end of a 22-3 game against Magnet Cove April 12.

The loss moved the Lady Outlaws' conference record Edckert, 1/2 1 RBI; Syd-

to 2-4 and 2-8 overall. seven hits in the loss while

Dierks' hitters managed allowing the MC hitters 17 Harley Barbre, 1/2 2 RBI. hits. Dierks also had four

The Dierks Lady Outlaws errors in the field while MC was perfect in the field.

Hitters for Dierks included Autumn Greenwood, 1/3; Jenna Bray, 1/2; Macy ney Mounts, 1/3; Kyndall Turner, 1/3

Emma Strasner, 1/3; and

Barbe and Eckert split the

dates in the pitching circle for Dierks. Barbre started and went two innings, allowing six hits and six unearned runs and striking out two and walking one. Eckert went for three innings and gave up 11 hits and 16 runs while striking gout one and walking seven.

Rattlers clinch conference Team ranks 5th among 2A teams

The Murfreesboro High a Tuesday game against cord to 18-2 (7-0 conference) on the season.

Last Monday, April 12, the Rattlers defeated Poyen by a 14-2 score.

Poyen scored a run in the top of the first inning, and held the game close through top of the fifth inning when they scored a run to make the score 3-2 in MHS' favor.

The Rattlers would explode for 11 runs in the bottom of the fifth to close out the game and mercy rule the

MHS would club five home runs against Poyen, with Alex Bailey hitting a pair to go along with his two RBI and three runs scored

Sloan Perrin (HR, double, three RBI, two runs, stolen base), Gavin Rawls (HR, three RBI, two runs), Jay Stuard (HR, two RBI, run) and Kade Caldwell (double, two RBI, run) would also have extra base hits for MHS.

Grady Jones would add two stolen bases and two runs scored, while Jared Taylor added a stolen base and two runs scored.

Anthony Nannemann had a home run and a double for an RBI and runs scored to lead Poyen.

Rawls would start on the mound for MHS, allowing an earned run on a pair of hits and walks while striking out three.

Bailey would follow in relief, allowing an earned run on a hit while walking none and striking out four batters.

@ Centerpoint

After the weather was uncooperative and canceled

School Rattlers won their last Prescott, the Rattlers travthree games to push their reeled to face in-county foe Centerpoint on Thursday, April 15, winning by a 5-4

Murfreesboro would take a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Rawls singled to score

The Rattlers would go up 3-0 on a Lawson Green double and a Taylor sacrifice bunt in the top of the third

Centerpoint would rally for a pair of runs in the bottom of the third inning and would do the same in the bottom of the fourth to claim a 4-3 lead.

Both teams were held scoreless in the fifth and sixth innings, leaving MHS in a do-or-die situation in the top of the seventh.

The Rattler came through, scoring a pair of runs to take a 5-4 lead that held up after CPHS was unable to score in the bottom half of the inning. Bailey would pitch 5.1 in-

nings of the game, allowing two unearned runs on two hits and a walk. He would strike out 10 Knights, throwing 76% of his 74 pitches for Rawls would complete

the other 1.2 innings, surrendering a pair of earned runs on no hits and three walks. He would strike out four batters.

double to lead the team in hits on the afternoon to go along with his RBI and run

Rawls had a pair of singles and two stolen bases aong with an RBI and run scored. Jones both singled and scored twice.

@ Mountain Pine

The Rattlers clinched the 7-2A conference title with a win on Monday at Mountain Pine 11-1.

Green, Jones, Perrin, Rawls and Stuard all doubled in the game, while Bailey had a triple in the first inning to open the scoring.

Alex Mitchell led the team with two RBI and added on of the team's five stolen bases.

Perrin, Rawls, Stuard and Colton Bailey collectively combined on a no-hitter over the course of five innings, cumulatively striking out seven and walking three.

Andrew Goodin of Mountain Pine had the team's lone RBI, driving in Braydon Radley in the fourth inning on a fielder's choice.

Upcoming

Last Friday's conference game against Cutter Morning Star was rained out.

The Rattlers will close out the regular season this week with scheduled games against Parkers Chapel on the road Tuesday, hosting Centerpoint on Thursday (senior night festivities at 4:10) and traveling to Genoa Central on Friday. MHS will then be set to compete in the 7-2A district tournament in Horatio as the number one seed the following week.

Rankings

Murfreesboro sits at #19 Perrin wen 3/4 with a in the all-classification state baseball rankings as of Monday afternoon by prepbaseballreport.com, while the state AP rankings have them tied for the #5 spot in class 2A with Melbourne, ranking behind Woodlawn, Parkers Chapel, McCrory and Tuckerman.

No-hitter helps Lady Rattlers to 6-1 conference record

The Murfreesboro Lady ters in four innings. Rattlers would run roughshod over Cutter-Morning Star in their game against them at home last Thursday

adv Rattlers' record to 8-2 overall (6-1 conference).

Grace Epperly would go 3/3 in the game with 4 RBI and two runs scored.

Brooke Westfall would score four runs with an RBI and steal two bases, while Emma Corbitt had a triple, three runs scored, an RBI and a pair of stolen bases.

Morgan Supko would drive in a pair and score

Izzy Brinkley would collect the no-hitter on the mound, walking a single batter as the only mar on an otherwise stellar game. She @ Mountain Pine

On Monday the Lady Rattlers advanced their record Hannah Mitchell. to 9-2 (7-1) with a 21-1 route top of the first inning

scored once, drove in four runs and stole two bases to of work. help the team to victory from her leadoff spot.

Campbell had three RBI and runs scored with a stolen

McMillian drove in one and scored three times on a pair of hits, Madison Campbell scored three times and Cailey Wilson scored three times with two RBI.

would strike out eight bat- first inning when Alexis Ted- at Horatio.

ford singled and then stole second. She was driven in on a single by cleanup hitter

Brinkley again was domof Mountain Pine after jump- inant from the pitcher's The 15-0 win moved the ing out to a 16-0 lead in the mound for MHS, allowing two hits an earned run an Corbitt doubled twice, a walk along with seven strikeouts in three innings

> Tedford worked the whole game for Mountain Supko drove in six and Pine, allowing 13 earned scored twice, while Rhealee runs on eight hits and six walks with four strikeouts.

Upcoming

The Lady Rattlers will clash at home with Cossatot River on Tuesday and against Fouke on Thursday (senior night festivities beginning at 4:30).

The following week the Mountain Pine's lone run team will compete in the came in the bottom of the 7-AA conference tournament

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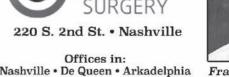
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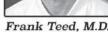
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Scrapperettes still on top in 7-4A after wins over Bauxite, De Queen

remain undefeated in District 7-4A after conference victories last week over De Queen and Bauxite at Futrell Field in the Nashville City Park.

The Scrapperettes are 18-1 overall, 7-0 in District 7-4A. They are ranked number four in the Class 4A Arkansas Softball Media Poll.

Bauxite

The Scrapperettes defeated Bauxite 4-0 April 15. Nashville scored twice in the first inning, then added one run each in the third and fifth.

Nashville's four runs came off six hits with one error.

Bauxite had two hits, no runs and no errors.

Caroline Kesterson scored twice for the Scrapperettes, including a home run in the third inning. The homer was her third of the season and was the second of the week for the senior. Kesterson hit a home

run against De Queen April 13. The Scrapperettes' other scores came from Ashley Chambers and Ellen Spigner.

Spigner was the leading batter with two hits against the Lady Miners. Chambers, Kesterson, Maci McJunkins and Jasmine Wakefield added one hit each.

two by Wakefield and one a piece from Kesterson and Emma Hutchinson. McJunkins pitched all seven

Scrapperette RBIs included

innings, giving up no runs on two hits and striking out six Lady Miners.

De Oueen

Nashville scored twice in the first inning, five times in the second, twice in the third and twice in the fourth as the Scrapperettes run-ruled De Queen 11-0 April 13 at Futrell Field.

Nashville's runs came on 12 hits with no errors.

The Lady Leopards had one run and committed three errors. Kesterson led the Scrapper-

ettes with three runs, including her second home run of the



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PROUD GRANDFATHER. Woody Futrell congratulates granddaughter Caroline Kesterson after Kesterson hit her second home run of the season April 13 against De Queen. She added another homer April 15 against Bauxite.

with one each from McJunkins, Wakefield, Spigner, Eva Reeder, Emalea Bailey and Nancy

Kesterson, McJunkins, Chambers added two runs, Hutchinson, Spigner and

Chambers had two hits a piece. Wakefield and Reeder added one hit each.

The Scrapperettes posted nine RBIs against the Lady Leopards, led by Kesterson,



SPECIAL SEAT. Scrapperette fan Reeder McCullough displays the new sign designating his own seat at Futrell Field in the Nashville City Park. Lovelis Construction built the seat. The sign by Hipermetric Designs was unveiled Thursday afternoon, April 15.



ALL DRESSED UP. Scrapperette juniors and a senior stop by Futrell Field on their way to the Nashville High School prom April 10. The group includes Coach Lucas Liggin, Mattison Steele, Jenna Hostetler, Maggie Campbell, Ashley Chambers, Maci McJunkins, Jasmine Wakefield, senior Caroline Kesterson, Ellen Spigner and Coach Brian "Boomer" Brown.

McJunkins and Spigner with two each. Hutchison, Chambers

and Reeder each added one. McJunkins pitched all five innings, giving up no runs on

one hit and striking out 10 De

Queen batters.

The Scrapperettes will host Bismarck in a non-conference game at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the city park.

They will play a District from earlier in the season.

7-4A doubleheader with Arkadelphia Friday, April 23, start-

ing at 4:30 p.m. at the city park. One of the games with the Lady Badgers is a make-up

Scrappers defeat Bauxite, De Queen; fall to Malvern

From Friday afternoon until Monday afternoon, the Nashville Scrappers were tied with Bauxite for first place in District 7-4A. The Scrappers picked up conference wins over the Miners and De Queen last week and entered Monday's makeup game at Malvern tied for

Nashville took a 2-0 lead over the Leopards in the top of the first, but Malvern went ahead 3-2 in the bottom of the inning and never trailed again, upsetting the Scrappers 6-5.

Nashville was ranked number one in the Class 4A Arkansas Baseball Media Poll going into Monday's game.

The Scrappers are tied with Malvern for second place in 7-4A. Nashville, 20-3 overall,

rors. Malvern had six runs on

three runs in the bottom of the

The Scrappers added two runs in the fourth and one in

the sixth but failed to score in the seventh, leading to the Leopards' 6-5 victory. Nic Garcia scored twice for

has two losses in district. The Scrappers scored five runs on seven hits with two er-

nine hits and one error. After taking the 3-2 lead, Malvern went ahead 6-2 with

Nashville, including a home run against the Leopards. He also recorded two hits and

Ty Gordon, Garrett Willard and Peyton Hilliard scored one run each.

Gordon, Garcia and Will Pope had two hits a piece, with one from Caiden Erwin.

Along with Garcia's RBI, others came from Gordon, Landon Tollett and Pope.

Pope pitched three innings, giving up six runs on seven its and striking out five Leopards. Garrett Willard went the last three innings, allowing no runs on two hits with seven strikeouts.

The Scrappers will host Arkadelphia Friday, April 23, at 5 p.m. at Wilson Park. Mena will visit Nashville Monday, April 26, at 5 p.m.

Bauxite

The Scrappers avenged an earlier loss to Bauxite by defeating the Miners 9-2 Friday, April 16.

Nashville led 5-1 in the bottom of the fourth and outscored Bauxite 4-1 the rest of the way.

Pope was the Scrappers' leading scorer with three runs, followed by Tollett with two. Gordon, Garcia, Kason Willard and Tyler Beene added one run each.

Nashville put up 10 hits against the Miners, led by Erwin, Tollett, Garcia and Willard with two each. Aiden Smith and Garrett Willard added two more hits.

Nashville recorded eight



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CONFERENCE WIN. Nic Garcia scores against De Queen.

RBIs, led by Erwin and Garrett Willard with three each. Tollett and Garcia had one a piece.

Garrett Willard pitched seven innings, giving up two runs off three hits and striking out four Miners.

De Queen

Ty Gordon scored three runs and drove in five more as Nashville run-ruled De Queen 17-2 Tuesday, April 13. The Scrappers scored six runs in the first inning and 11 in the fourth for the win. The Leopards' only scores came in the second.

Erwin scored three times for the Scrappers, with two runs each for Tollett, Garrett Willard, Kason Willard and Hilliard. Garcia, Beene and Slade Slayton added one run each.

Nashville had 15 hits against the Leopards, led by Erwin,



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER **AT WORK.** Will Pope pitches in the win over De Queen.

Gordon and Kason Willard with three each. Pope had two, with one a piece for Garrett Willard, Aiden Chapman, Garcia and Beene.

Along with Gordon's five RBIs, Garcia added four, with two each from Kason Willard,

Beene and Pope. Chapman

added another RBI. Pope pitched four innings, with two runs on two hits and seven strikeouts. Garrett Willard pitched the final inning, with no runs, no hits and no

Michael Howard Farm Bureau Softball Players of the Week!



Week of April 12:

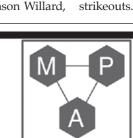
Farm Bureau Softball Players of the Week were junior Eva Reeder who batted over .500 and senior Caroline Kesterson who hit two home runs. Coach Brian "Boomer" Brown, Eva Reeder,

Caroline Kesterson and Farm Bureau agent Michael Howard.

Michael Howard Farm Bureau Baseball Player of the Week!



Week of April 12: Farm Bureau Player of the week was senior Shortstop Caiden Erwin. Caiden hit .700 (7/10) with a homerun, 7 RBI's, 5 runs scored and 3 stolen bases.



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JUNIOR HIGH CHAMPIONS. The Nashville Junior High Scrapperettes won the girls division of the Junior Domtar Relays Tuesday, April 13, at Ashdown. They will host the District 7-4A junior high meet Thursday, April 22, at Scrapper Stadium.

Junior Scrapperettes take first at Ashdown; boys place third

ASHDOWN - The Nash- Collins, 13.07 ville Junior High track teams competed Tuesday, April 13, in the Junior Domtar Relays. The girls finished as team Tate, 1:10.94 champions, and the boys placed third.

Girls Results

- 1. Nashville 130
- 2. El Dorado 103 3. Broken Bow - 77
- 4. Genoa Central 73
- 5. Magnolia 63

Sereniti Collins won the high point award for the third time this season. The girls team won six events: Collins (long jump, triple jump, and 100), Caroline Dean (800), Addie Moorer (pole vault), and Kaniya Adams (100 hurdles).

Boys Results

- 1. Prescott 154
- 2. Arkansas High 130
- 3. Nashville 93 4. Magnolia - 81.5
- 5. Ashdown 45.83 Rees Davis swept the

distance races, winning the 800 and 1600.

Nashville will host the 7-4A junior district meet Thursday, April 22.

Scrapperettes

Top eight finishes for the lett, 31-07 Scrapperettes include the

following: 100-m dash - 1. Sereniti

200-m dash - 5. Collins,

400-m dash - 8. Addison Jones, 12.06

800-m run - 1. Caroline Dean, 2:54.14; 5. Adison Moore, 3:05.37

1600-m run - 2. Dean, 6:16.03; 6. Moore, 6:51.46

100-m hurdles - 1. Kaniya Adams, 17.78; 5. Jessie Lyle, 19.10

300-m hurdles - 3. Adams, 54.94

4 x 100-m relay - 8. Nashville, 57.07

4 x 200-m relay 3. Nashville, 1:58.70

4 x 400-m relay - 2. Nashville, 4:45.64

4 x 800-m relay - 7. Nashville, 14:25.13

High jump - 4. Moore,

Long jump - 1. Collins, 15-06; 6. Shalyn Lyle, 14-00.50

Triple jump - 1. Collins, Pole vault - 1. Addie

Moorer, 7-00; 4. Emily Fatherree, 6-06

Discus - 2. Jasmine May, 86-11; 8. Jermiya Cuba, 73-01 Shot put - 8. Mattie Tol-

Scrappers

Top eight finishes for the Scrappers include the fol-

100-m dash - 6. Kentrell Palmer, 11.97; 8. Carmelo

200-m dash - 5. Palmer,

400-m dash - 8. Brayden Townes, 1:00.11

800-m run - 1. Rees Davis, 22.21; 4. Leo Hernandez, 2:25.08

1600-m run - 1. Davis, 5:16.62; 5. Seth Feltenberger, 5:30.34

110-m hurdles - 5. Philip Longtin, 19.11

300-m hurdles - 5. Long-

4 x 100-m relay - 4. Nash-

ville, 48.17 4 x 200-m relay - 6. Nash-

ville, 1:41.19 4 x 400-m relay - 5. Nash-

ville, 4:04.66

4 x 800-m relay - 3. Nashville, 8:05:55.74 High jump - 4. Palmer,

5-04 Long jump - 3. Jones,

Triple jump - 4. Jaylen

Watson, 37-08 Pole vault - 5. Banks Ray,

7-06; 6. Colby Clay, 7-06; 8. Manning Goff, 7-00 Discus - 8. Omari Benson,

108-06

Shot put - 2. Benson, 44-

Scrappers second at Domtar Relays Top eight finishes for the Robinson, 40-05 ASHDOWN - The Scrap-

Flowers, 2:11.08

per and Scrapperette track teams competed in the Domlowing: tar Relays Thursday, April 15. The boys finished as the drix, 11.09; 5. Miller Goff, runner-up and the girls team

Boys Results

1. Arkansas High - 150

2. Nashville - 116 3. Magnolia - 95

placed fourth.

4. Prescott - 68 5. Ashdown - 67

Randy Ortiz qualified for the state meet in the 3200 (10:39.24). The Scrappers won four events: Ortiz (1600 and 3200), Alex Sullivan (pole vault), and the 4x800 relay.

Girls Results

- 1. Arkansas High 137
- 2. Magnolia 112
- 3. De Queen 97
- 4. Nashville 73 5. Broken Bow - 71

The girls team won two events: Lauren Carver (200 and 300 hurdles).

Scrappers

Scrappers include the fol-

100-m dash - 2. LD Hen-

11.43 200-m dash - 4. Goff, 23.61 400-m dash - 3. Goff, 53.91 800-m run - 3. Osbaldo Martinez, 2:09.76; 4. Kelvin

1600-m run - 1. Randy Ortiz, 4:48.72; 3. Martinez, 5:12.72

3200-m run - 1. Ortiz, 10:39.24; 4. Josh Feltenberger, 11:37.08

110-m hurdles - 2. Quincey Garland, 16.16 300-m hurdles - 4. Gar-

land, 44.11

4 x 100-m relay - 2. Nashville, 44.39

4 x 200-m relay - 7. Nash-

ville, 1:38.60 4 x 400-m relay - 4. Nash-

ville, 3:50.44 4 x 800-m relay - 1. Nash-

ville, 8:58.53 Triple jump - 7. Dontrelle

Pole vault - 1. Alex Sullivan, 11-06

Shot put - 8. Dexter Draper, 41-11.50

Scrapperettes

Top eight finishes for the Scrapperettes include the following:

100-m dash - 2. Heavyn Collins, 12.95

200-m dash - 1. Lauren Carver, 27.51; 6. Collins,

100-m hurdles - 2. Collins, 16.86

300-m hurdles - 1. Carver, 49.17; 6. Collins, 52.64

4 x 100-m relay - 4. Nash-

ville, 54.18 High jump - 3. Kristin

Chandler, 4-10 Long jump - 3. Carver, 15-

02.50; 6. Collins, 14-10 Triple jump - 6. Honesty

Taylor, 30-09 Discus - 5. Macy Morris,

93-10

Shot put - 5. KK Perkins,



RUNNERS-UP. The Nashville Scrappers were second in the boys division of the Domtar Relays April 15 at Ashdown.



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER Scrapper Coach Kyle Slayton returns to the dugout during a recent game at Wilson Park. The Scrappers are 20-3 on the season and are the top-ranked team in Class 4A by the Arkansas Media Baseball Poll. Nashville will host Arkadelphia in a key District 7-4A game Friday, April 23, at 5 p.m. at Wilson Park.

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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

Izzy Brinkley, Murfreesboro



Izzy, a Lady Rattler freshman, pitched a no-hitter against **Cutter Morning Star** last week. The win helped improve the Lady Rattlers' conference record to 6-1. She struck out eight batters in the

conference game.



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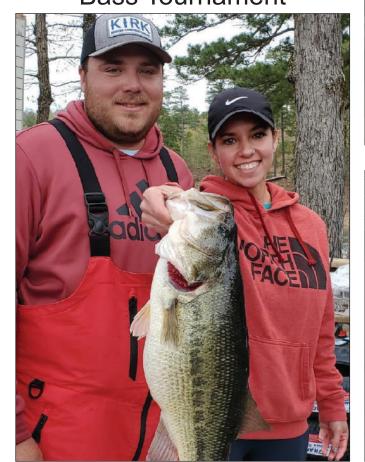
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South Pike County district has plenty to offer for School Choice

As part of the Public School Choice Act of 2015, South Pike County School District is currently utilizing an social media campaign to recruit new students that would like to attend school locally, but live in another surrounding school district.

Applications are available on the school's website at rattlers.org and must be submitted to South Pike County Schools Superintendent Brad Sullivan at brad.sullivan@ rattlers.org.

Applications may be submitted through Saturday, May 1. For more information see the school's website, e-mail Sullivan, or call the school at (870) 285-2189.

Sullivan said that the South Pike County School District was "a great place to be a student" and the district was "committed to preparing our students for the future."

He said the district continues to grow, especially in the

Apple Distinguished Schools and all students equipped with an Apple iPad.

Additionally, some 90% of teachers are Apple Certified, allowing for traditional instruction blended with virtual

"I think we're taking care of our students and our students are thriving," Sullivan stated.

Elementary students benefit from small class sizes, beginning each day with enrichment and remediation to put an emphasis on learning. Activities available to the students include STEM labs, coding, quiz bowl, robotics, archery and chess teams.

High school students are provided a diverse learning environment featuring traditional instruction and technological innovation to help prepare graduates for their future.

area of technology, with the district being recognized as MHS also offers concurrent college credit and technical certificates in cooperation with UA-Cossatot Community

> Extra-curricular activities include varsity sports, robotics, coding, an award-winning band, archery, quiz bowl and numerous other clubs and activities.

> "We have a small school environment but we get big school results ... plus, students can find their niche here, and get the one-on-one attention they need to continue to grow and thrive," Sullivan said.

Sullivan also said the school's focus on learning during COVID-19 pandemic shows the commitment of the district

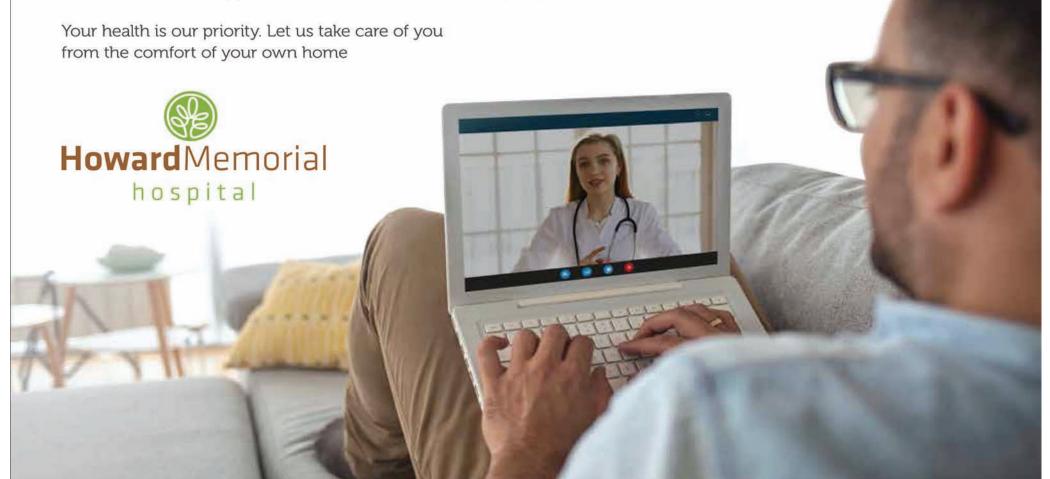
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South Pike County district asking voters to extend millage debt

Super: Extension involves no new taxes or rate hikes, 'can only help'

By John Balch News-Leader staff

The South Pike County School District is in the middle of "the perfect storm" when it comes to finances, according to Superintendent Brad Sullivan.

The district is currently flush with earmarked pandemic relief funds, but is struggling to fund the district's daily operations.

Sullivan and school board members have decided the financial issue can be helped by asking voters to extend the district's millage debt for

If approved, the debt extension would involve no new taxes or rate hikes and "can only help," Sullivan

"It's kind of the perfect storm for us," he said. "We are going to have this (pandemic) money and then if we extend our debt, it will free up construction money to be used for facility projects and we can blend the two and get more done than we could have individually."

The issue is set for the of money to put us in a better position," he said. Tuesday, May 18 ballot. Polls will be open from 7:30-7:30 on Election Day with early voting to begin May 11 in the Pike County Clerk's office.

Besides being used to make improvements to existing facilities, the proposed extension will also support the state-mandated teacher and staff salary increases.

financial assistance in the area of funding the teacher and staff raises, but Sullivan said the money will only go

"The governor gave us money, but it's not going to cover it all," he said.

Governor Asa Hutchinson has signed into law Senate Bill 504 and companion House Bill 164 to give teachers a raise and make the state more competitive in the area of recruiting. An education trust fund will be established so that the average salary can be increased by an esfrom \$49,822. The average salary across the state will noted funding for this salary increase will come from millage increase. adequacy funding and the

extension would give the million to be used on facility added.

upgrades as well as saving the district money on annually debt payments.

"It's going to free up funds for projects," Sullivan

Some of the proposed projects related to the debt extension and the related savings include a safe room with additional classroom space, remodeling the student center with classroom space, a band stand at Rattler Stadium, additional bathrooms for middle school students, relocating the bus barn. Additional projects that are being considered are replacing older less efficient HVAC units and a floor project to remove tile and carpet throughout the elementary and high school campuses, a move that would make the campus easier to clean and fails under pandemic protocol for spending.

Sullivan said many of the projects can be paid for by a combination of pandemic funds and those created by the proposal.

We can utilizes two pots

The pandemic funds currently available to the district is more than \$1.8 million. This money is restricted in use and is strictly earmarked for spending.

"We're getting in a better position (with the pandemic funds) but at the end of the day we can't keep up," Sul-The state is offering some livan said about the struggle to fund the district's daily operations.

Sullivan also said the bond market is right for an extension as the district has been advised by Stephens Inc. This is a common practice among school districts to generate additional funds to run school districts, added Sullivan.

If voters approve the millage extension, patrons will continue to pay the same 41mill tax rate for an additional 14 years from the current sunset date of 2037.

If voters do not approve timated \$2,200, creating a the proposed extension, new average of \$51,822, up patrons will continue to pay the same tax rate until 2037.

Also, if the measure is be reevaluated every two not approved and once it years. The governor has sunsets, patrons can expect the district to be asking for a

"Once it sunsets, that's new educational trust fund. something the district will If approved, the debt need to address when the time comes, and it's going to district approximately \$1 be hard to tackle," Sullivan

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Howard County District Court

April 8, 2021 BF=Bond Forfeited **Howard County**

Cogburn, Billy D., 44, Nashville, \$245 BF, failure to appear

Coleman, Robert J., 42, Lockesburg, guilty of no proof of liability insurance,

Culpepper, Barry B., 27, Ringgold, La., \$345 BF, unsafe vehicle; \$210 BF, overload; \$245 BF, failure to ap-

Hamilton, Pamela G., 51, Mineral Springs, \$50 BF, failure to present insurance; \$195 BF, running stop sign or light

Kropf, Dustin R., 17, Omaha, Texas, \$250 BF, speeding; \$245 BF, failure to appear

Murry, Natori, 25, Nashville, guilty of driving on restricted license, fined \$225; guilty of DWI #2, fined \$1,660, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI education course; guilty of possession of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$220

Sherck, Jason C., 28, Lockesburg, guilty of failure to comply-court order, fined \$220; guilty of non-payment of fines, \$2,326 owed

City of Nashville

Hunter, Regina Lynn, 39, Mineral Springs, guilty of violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law, fined \$271.08; guilty of violation of AHCL, fined \$360.11; guilty of violation of AHCL, fined \$368.81 belt; \$245 BF, failure to ap-

Murry, Natori, 25, Nashville, guilty of criminal trespass, fined \$270

Spradling, Seth A., 32, Nasĥville, guilty of non-pay-

ment of fines, \$2,670 owed Wallin, Stephanie, 39, Ozan, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,050

and license suspended for six months

City of Dierks

Washington, Derek, 46, Ardmore, Okla., guilty of speeding, fined \$240; guilty of improper or prohibited passing, fined \$195; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,110, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI education course

City of Mineral Springs Hunter, Regina Lynn, 39 Mineral Springs, \$365.92 BF, violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law

April 15, 2021 **Howard County**

Combs, Jeremy, 32, Nashville, guilty of non-payment

of fines, \$1,005 owed Cornett, Brandon, 25, Horatio, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked

license, fined \$245 Dailey, Holly Dianna, 35, Nashville, guilty of speed-

ing, fined \$260 De Jesus Ruiz, Luis, 36, De Queen, guilty of speeding,

fined \$270 Hopkins, Alysia R., 21, Texarkana, Texas, \$235 BF,

Jackson, Haynie, 34,

Hope, \$290 BF, speeding Johnson, Javen Mekhi, 18, Mineral Springs, \$235 BF, speeding

Scoggins, Christopher, 22, Wilton, guilty of non-pay-

ment of fines, \$2,110 owed Turner, Jajaun D., 27, Mineral Springs, \$70 BF, no seat

White, Paul, 33, Ashdown, \$245 BF, failure to

appear Wynn, Donald L., 63, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$240; guilty of driving left of center, fined

City of Nashville

Carthorne, Devarez, 19, Nashville, guilty of possession of marijuana, fined \$1,050 and license suspended for six months

Chaney, Dalton A., 20, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

Crisp, Nick, 34, Nashville, \$370 BF, obstructing govern-

mental operations Fisher, Brandalyn K., 43, Newhope, \$510 BF, second-

degree terroristic threaten-Franks, Deborah M., 56, Dierks, guilty of no driver's license/expired license, fined \$195; guilty of pos-

\$1,050 and license suspended for six months Henderson, Kaniesha L., 21, Nashville, guilty of third-

session of marijuana, fined

degree domestic battery, fined \$710 Hernandez, Mateo, 29,

Nashville, \$195 NBF, no driver's license/expired

Peebles, Andrew J., 16, Nashville, \$485 BF, passing stopped school bus

Richard, Later S., 20, Nashville, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$270

Sanders, Chad L., 29, Ashdown, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$710; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245 Scoggins, Christopher,

22, Wilton, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Teague, Samantha, 27, Nashville, \$185 BF, no vehicle license

White, Paul, 33, Ashdown, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445

> **Bench Trials Howard County**

Faulkner, Raymond P., 40, Glenwood, guilty of violation of protection order, fined \$, fined \$1,020 and sentenced to 30 days in jail with 30 days suspended; guilty of first-degree criminal mischief, fined \$100 cost only

Rattler benefit cheer banquet set for May 24

The 2021 Rattler Cheerleader banquet has been set for Monday, May 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Located at the MHS activity room, participants will be able to get to-go orders only that will be picked up at the back entrance of the activity room.

The meal will be comprised of chicken, loaded baked potato, green beans, dessert and a drink for a cost of \$10.

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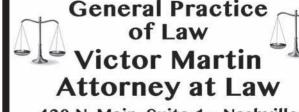


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Strawberries

Summer fruit adds important nutrients to diet

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

Strawberry season is fast approaching, and you will want to pick up a carton to enjoy. Not only do they taste great, but strawberries also add important nutrients to our diet. Strawberries are full of antioxidants and vitamin C, both of which are excellent for fighting infections. Strawberries can also help prevent heart disease, macular degeneration, diabetes, and even cancer.

One cup of unsweetened strawberries contains 140% of your daily intake of vitamin C, an antioxidant that may reduce your risk of heart disease and certain cancers. Vitamin C also helps protect your skin from bruising and helps heal cuts and scrapes.

It also helps keep gums healthy. Eating foods with vitamin Chelps the body absorb iron. In addition, strawberries provide potassium and fiber. Potassium helps maintain healthy blood pressure, and fiber helps control cholesterol and keeps you regular. One cup of sliced strawberries has only 45 calories and zero fat!

When choosing which container of strawberries to purchase, look for ones that are brightly colored and fully ripe. They should have a natural shine, rich red color and bright green caps. Avoid soft or dark colored berries as they are bruised and overripe. Also avoid berries that have a lot of green on them. Strawberries do not ripen after they are picked.

Arkansas strawberries are available from late April until the month of June. De-

pending upon the variety, locally grown strawberries are medium size, which is perfect. They have more flavor than large berries.

Strawberries do not last long once they are picked. Plan to use them within 2 to 3 days and store them in the refrigerator. Longer storage will cause them to develop a grey mold.

Store berries no more than two berries deep in a shallow container or tray covered with waxed paper or plastic wrap.

Remove any bruised, rotted, or molded berries before storing. Never rinse berries or remove the cap until you are ready to eat them. Rinsing promotes mold growth and removing the cap early reduces flavor, texture, and nutrient quality.

Strawberries are very versatile. You can enjoy them fresh out of the container, in salads, desserts, breads, parfaits and smoothies.

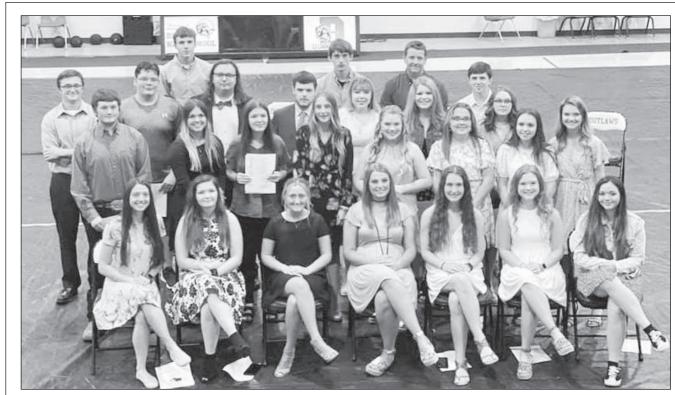
You can add a little sugar if they are not as sweet as you would like without sacrificing the nutrient quality of the berries.

For more information on strawberries, contact me at the Howard County Cooperative Extension Service located on the second floor of the courthouse or call my office at 870-845-7517.

You can also email me at jince@uada.edu. Ask for a free copy of Enjoy Arkansas Fresh. The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

Recipe of the Week

This is one of my all-time favorite strawberry recipes. My family requests this one often, especially during



DIERKS HONOR SOCIETY. The Dierks School District recently held a ceremony to induct its members of the 2021-2022 Honor Society. They include (front) Emily Gordon, Victoria Vallee, Kayden Turner, Natalee Adcock, Jasie Miller, Karson Young, Tyra Fox; (middle) Gavin Bailey, Jayda Young, Sunee Younger, Caleigh Manning, Autumn Greenwood, Jenna Bray, Emma Gilbert, Kamry Kelley; (third row) Sawyer Stapp, Ethan Smith, Damian Ward, Tyler Buck, Lindsey Martin, Arrionna Stout, Allison King; (back) Mackay Smith, Andrew Hill, Austin Mack, Jackson Fennell.

Blevins school to rename building in memory of longtime educator

The Blevins School Board decided last week to rename the elementary building after a longtime educator who passed away in January.

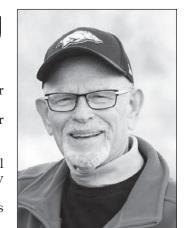
Plans are to name the elementary building after Randy Hughes, who died Jan. 1 after a long battle with cancer.

Hughes once served as elementary principal and superintendent at Blevins.

The request to rename the building came from Blevins Athletic Director and basketball coach Scott Kelton, who said Hughes was well-loved and respected by the community and very deserving of the honor.

Changing the building name will require paperwork and coordination with the Arkansas Department of Education, according to Superintendent Stephanie Dixon.

Hughes spent 25 years in education and was also superintendent of the former Delight School District.



Randy Hughes

strawberry seasons. Even seeds sceptics love this salad once

Strawberry Spinach Salad Dressing:

½ cup sugar ¼ cup apple cider or red wine vinegar

½ cup canola oil

1 Tablespoon poppy sugar

1 Tablespoon sesame

¼ teaspoon paprika Mix well and set aside. Topping:

1 cup sliced almonds 2 Tablespoons butter

2 Tablespoons brown

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium-low heat and add brown sugar. Stir well. Add almonds. Stir again. Cook until caramel-

ized, stirring frequently. Watch closely, almonds burn very easily.

1 small container straw-

berries, sliced or 1 cup sliced strawberries

1 bag ready to eat spinach, stems removed and torn into bite size pieces

Put salad in a serving bowl and add topping. Stir dressing well before drizzling over top. Stir salad and serve immediately.

The following businesses would like to salute their Administrative Professionals on their special day, April 21.



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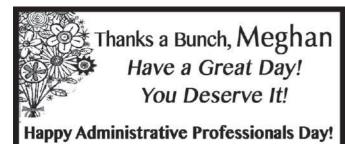






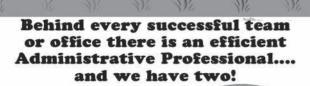












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Planting squash in your garden

By Samantha Horn **Howard County Extension Agent**

Agriculture One of the most common things you will find in today's garden is a form of

Many people enjoy growing squash during the summer to go along with other fresh vegetables. Squash has been around for 9,000 years. Today the most popular type of squash is the zucchini. Italians began using zucchini over 300 years ago and it became a favorite to Americans in the last

The name zucchini is derivation of an Italian word meaning "sweetest".

In your garden if you plant 10 feet rows, you can expect 20-80 pounds of product. If you are wanting to raise enough for each person in your family, each person can eat in a growing season 10-20 pounds of garden-fresh squash. The tricky part of growing squash is not letting the insects get ahold of it, or disease to take over your garden. When treating for insects or disease, it is best to spray or dust during the late afternoon to avoid killing your pollinators such as bees.

One of the best parts about squash is that it matures fast. From the time of flowering, it only requires 5 to 7 days to mature in hot

Popular options to plant during the summer is crookneck, straightneck, zucchini, and scallop. Squash is known to grow best in a loamy, well-drained soil. Always be sure to check your soil test to make sure the soil pH is somewhere between 6.0 and 7.5. If your pH is off, applying agriculture lime two to four months before planting will help get the pH needed.

Once you have established the correct soil pH, you can now start planting For single plant production, sow two or three seeds 24 inches apart or three to four seeds in hills 48 inches apart.

You will want to make sure they are covered with topsoil 1-inch deep. If you cover them too much or not enough it can result in lack of production or no production at all.

You can contact me for more information on growing squash by sending an email to shorn@uada.edu.

Howard County Extension office is still working and is there for all the residences in Howard County during this time.

Benefit chicken dinner for child April 24 at Umpire VFD There will be a chicken er Brian and Shelby Scott. p.m, until sold out.

dinner benefit Saturday, April 24 for Lyla Faye Scott, newborn daughter of Hunt-

The event will be held at the Umpire Volunteer Fire Department, starting at 4

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Be Conscious of Investment Environment

On April 22, we observe Earth Day, an occasion that has inspired millions of people over the decades to take steps to clean up our world. Of course, your physical surroundings are important, but you also operate in other "ecosystems" – social, cultural and political. And you'll need to consider your investment environment, too. How can you improve it?

Here are a few sugges-

• Avoid "toxic" investment strategies. The dangers of pollution helped drive the creation of Earth Day. As an investor, you also need to watch out for "toxins" – particularly in the form of unhealthy investment techniques. For example, chasing after "hot" stocks can burn you. In the first place, by the time you've heard of them, they may already be cooling off. Second, and probably more important, these hot stocks just may be wrong for the investment mix that's appropriate for your needs. Another toxic investment strategy: trying to "time" the market by "buying low and selling high." No one can really predict when market highs and lows will occur, and if you're always jump-

ing in and out of the investment world, you'll likely waste time and effort - not to mention money. Instead of looking for today's hottest stocks or guessing where the market is heading, try to create and follow a long-term investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

 Reduce waste. From an environmental standpoint, the less waste and garbage we produce, the better it is for our planet. As an investor, can you find "wasteful" elements in your portfolio? It's possible that you own some investments that may be redundant – that is, they are virtually indistinguishable from others you may have. Also, some investments, due to their risk profile or performance, no longer may be suitable for your needs. In either case - redundancy or unsuitability – you might be better off selling the investments and using the proceeds to purchase others that can be more helpful

• Recycle wisely. Recycling is a major part of the ronmental At first, though, you might not think the concept of recycling could apply to investing. But consider this: If you own stocks or mutual funds, you may receive dividends, and, like many people, you may choose to automatically reinvest those dividends back into the stocks or funds. So, in a sense, you are indeed "recycling" your dividend payments to boost your ownership stakes - without expending additional resources. And, in fact, this can be quite an effective and efficient way to increase your wealth over time.

• Plant some "trees." Planting trees has always been a key activity among boosters of the environment with the recognition that their efforts will take years, or even decades, to reach fruition.

When you invest, you must sometimes start small. By purchasing a limited amount of an investment and nurturing it over the years by adding more shares, you may one day have achieved significant growth. (Keep in mind, though, that there are no guarantees - variable investments such as stocks can lose principal.)

By making these and other moves, you can create a healthy investment environment – one that can help you achieve your long-



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Illinois Cowboy

"Where were you born?" The reporter asked one of my Colorado cowboy friends.

"Iowa," he answered.
"Iowa!" she said. "Why did you move?" "Because it's hard to be a cowboy in Iowa."

Well, it might be harder to be a cowboy in the Midwest but they've got a bunch of good ones anyway. No matter how much dependence modern cowmen place on manmade mechanical devices, there are times when nothin' beats a good roper a'horseback.

Illinois is an anthill of bovine activity. They have an abundance of cow calf operations and the state has ranked in the top ten in numbers of cattle on feed. So a "loose cow" is not an unusual occurrence. That's when a good cowboy comes in handy.

Dr. Matt has his veterinary clinic in one of the many small towns that dot the northwestern Illinois countryside. One afternoon he was processing a truckload of feeder steers in the back of his clinic.

Despite good help and good facilities, accidents can happen. A gate was left open and shornuf, one of the steers escaped. And, according to Rule #1 in the Guidebook of Loose Cattle, the steer headed straight for the center of town.

Matt leaped to his Toyota Batmobile and took up the chase as the girls in the office cheered him on and wished, not for the first time, they'd had a video camera.

The steer had the advantage. He was able to cut through lawns, across lots filled with farm implements, behind gas pumps and down sidewalks. He jaywalked with impunity. He galloped into the bank drive-through, raised his tail to the pie-eyed teller and proceeded to circle the bank building. Matt careened into the drive-through hot on the

frail. By using the parking lot and surrounding sidewalks, he was able to keep the steer circling the bank through the manicured lawn and decorative shrubbery. Matt's radio crackled, "Chet's just pulled into the clinic, could you use some help?" The steer broke for the high school. "Send him on," Matt yelled, "we're headed

for the football field!" The steer had slowed to a trot by the time Chet wheeled his pickup and trailer

into the school parking lot. He unloaded his horse, grabbed his rope and mounted. Matt said it was beautiful to watch. When Chet rode through the goal posts the

steer was on the twenty-yard line and pickin' up speed. Chet's horse was kickin' up big divots and Chet was leaning forward like an out-

side linebacker. He sailed his loop and nailed the steer on the fifty-yard line. An amazing catch. The grandstands were empty. Nobody saw it but Matt, and he told me, with a faraway look in his eye, that to this day he can still hear the crowd.

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Arkansas Grown School Garden of the Year contest entries accepted through June 6th

Entries are being accepted culture. "We are grateful for Garden Proposal - \$500 for the eighth annual Arkansas Grown School Garden of the Year Contest, sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and the Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas. Applicants may be any school, early childhood education facility, or alternative learning environment that had a school garden during the 2020-2021 school year or is planning to start a garden in the 2021-2022 school year.

valuable educational tools categories: that help students develop healthy eating habits, learn about Arkansas agriculture, and participate in hands-on learning," said Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agri-

the generosity of Farm Credit and their continued support of this program."

Entries for the contest will be accepted through June 6, and can be found at https:// www.cognitoforms.com/ ArkansasAgriculture1/Ar-

nOfTheYearContest2021. Winners will be announced at the beginning of

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the 2021-2022 school year. Applicants are eligible "School gardens are to apply for the following

Best Education Based School Garden - \$500

Best Harvest Partnership School Garden - \$500

Best Community Collaboration School Garden - \$500

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tact Hanna Davis, Arkansas Department of Agriculture State School Garden Manager, at hanna.davis@agricul-



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Glenwood man draws multiple charges for allegedly holding, beating companion

es were filed Monday in incident. Pike County Circuit Court against a Glenwood man.

charged with third-degree domestic battery, aggravated assault on a family or household member, firstdegree false imprisonment, two counts of theft of property, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and leaving the scene of an accident.

began on Feb. 27 when officers were called to Dwain Street in Glenwood concerning a domestic dispute. The victim said Lawson held her against her will and repeatedly beat her over a two-hour period. Lawson

Multiple felony charg- the victim's home during the

The victim further stated Lawson threatened to have Austin Lawson, 26, is the "Mexican Mafia" kill her and reportedly held a knife to her throat.

> Once the victim was able to escape, she ran to a neighbor's home to call for help. She said Lawson took her credit card and phone and left in her car.

Lawson was arrested The case against Lawson later that night at the home on Dwain Street after first fleeing out the back door into the woods.

On April 13, a felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident involving personal injury or death was filed against Jason Anderson is also accused of damaging Cogburn, 37, of Caddo Gap.

Cogburn is accused of switching places with a passenger, Subrina Cogburn, following a two-vehicle accident on March 26 on Highway 70 East in Glenwood. The crash involved a motorcycle rider who was injured. A witness said Mr. Cogburn was driving at the time of the accident and security footage from a nearby business verified that fact

Mrs. Cogburn was cited for obstructing governmental operations and filing a false police report and she informed an officer she was instructed to lie by her husband.

Mr, Cogburn pleaded not guilty to the charged Monday and a June 21 pretrial date was set.



MHS WINTER GUARD COMPETES AT NATIONALS. Members of the Rattler Winter Guard recently competed at MA Dance and Auxiliary Nationals in Allen, Texas, and brought home more trophies and another National Champion banner. Performers included: Peyton Keys - Youth 2nd Place; Kailee Backus - Senior 17/18 Twirl 2nd Place; Mallorie Stivers, Emily Reed and Megan Rowton - Division 1 rated, Solos for 17/18; Kamryn Taylor and Emmy Salter - Division 1 rated, Solos for 15/16; Ensembles - Megan Rowton / Emily Alexis Reed - Senior 17/18 3rd Place; and Mackenzie Epperly / Kelsie Self - Senior 15/16 National Champions; Big Group - Senior Flag National Champions.

Pike County Sheriff's Dept. to take part in National **Drug Take**

Back Day

April 24

The Pike County Sheriff's Department will take part in National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the old hospital in Murfreesboro.

In case of inclement weather, a drop box will be located in the lobby of the Pike County Jail.

Residents are encouraged to clean out medicine cabinets and dispose of any unused or expired medication.

"Cleaning out medicine cabinets and turning the expired, unused medications over to law enforcement during a Drug Take Back event will save lives," said Attorney General Leslie Rutledge.

"It is important now more than ever that we continue to properly dispose of these prescription drugs."

UA Cossatot CARES grant application re-opens

UA Cossatot recently received an additional \$387,000 in HEERF II funds for student financial relief. UA Cossatot will re-open the application to distribute Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds for spring 2021 students on April 15, 2021.

Students who qualify for the grant will receive \$500 if they are enrolled in 9 credit hours or more.

Students who qualify for the grant will receive \$250 if they are enrolled in 3 to 8 credit hours.

to apply; however, funds are

Eligible students will con- UA Cossatot students as tinue to be awarded until all funds are disbursed.

A change in the most recent award guidelines now allows dual-enrolled high school students to apply for the new HEERF II funds.

The CARES Grant is intended to help offset expenses students experienced because of the COVID-19 health emergency.

Student applicants need to indicate their financial needs as a result of CO-VID-19 on their application.

According to Chancellor There will be no deadline Dr. Steve Cole, "We will continue to get this federal funding into the hands of edu/CARES.

quickly as possible to help them with their financial needs caused by the ongoing pandemic. "We also will have addi-

tional application windows this summer and next fall as long as we continue to receive HEERF funding."

UA Cossatot CARES Grant applications will be sent to student's college and personal emails as well as a mailed letter with a QR code to apply.

For more information on eligibility requirements and a list of Frequently Asked Questions, visit www.cccua.

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Drive High, Get a DWI ASP to step up enforcement of drug-impaired drivers

Arkansas State Troopers and law enforcement officers across the state will intensify their patrols next week looking for drivers who are impaired by drugs. The special operation is part of a five state plan directed toward the dangerous practice of driving while under the influence of both illegal and legal drugs.

If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. Drive High, Get a DWI, will kick-off Sunday, April 18th and continue through next Tuesday, April 20th. Law enforcement agencies in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska are participating in the coordinated operation to get drug impaired drivers off the streets and highways.

During the If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. Drive High, Get a DWI effort in Arkansas, state troopers, local police officers and sheriff's deputies will intensify enforcement of drug impaired driving laws. Just as drunk driving is caused by the consumption of alcohol, driving while intoxicated by drugs is illegal in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington D.C. Officers will stop and arrest anyone they find to be impaired by drugs or alcohol.

It's an erroneous presumption by many that driving while high won't diminish their judgement or ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Studies have proven that THC, the active component of marijuana, slows the mind's reaction time, impairs cognitive performance, and challenges the ability of a driver to safely hold their position inside a traffic lane.

The simple truth is it doesn't matter what term is used, anyone who is high, stoned, wasted, or drunk, is impaired. Driving while impaired is illegal and can be deadly to the driver and others on the road.

"Operating any kind of vehicle while under the influence of a drug is dangerous and can lead to injury or death on the roadways," said Colonel Bill Bryant, Arkansas State Police Director and the Governor's Highway Safety Rep-

"It doesn't have to be an illegal substance to cause impairment, it can be medicine for a cold or a sleep aid," Colonel Bryant continued. "Many over the counter and prescribed medications, as well as illegal substances like marijuana or cocaine can lead to impaired driving that will result in a DWI charge against the driver. Our state troopers and law enforcement partners will make no exceptions."

A driver should always remember to never over medicate themselves, never drive after being prescribed a new medication until its known what effect it might have on their judgment, coordination, and reaction time. While particular medications may not necessarily impair a driver, the combination of a second or third medicine or the consumption of alcohol can often lead to impairment. Any form of impaired driving is illegal and can result in the arrest of a driver.

When travel is necessary and someone is impaired, there are options to get to a destination that should be considered. Ask a sober driver for help, use public transportation, a rideshare service or call a friend before trying to drive

The extra time it might take could save someone's life.

Virus cancels Delight Cemetery Association annual fundraiser

The Delight Cemetery Association has canceled the 2021 annual dinner fundraiser.

The cancellation marks the second consecutive year the event has been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19

Without the fundraiser, the group reminds local citizens that funds are still needed for the cemetery.

Donations to the cemetery association may be given to President Wallace Alexander, Secretary Brenda Lee or

Treasurer Martha May. They may also be mailed to P.O. Box 84, Delight, AR 71940.

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Arkansas rabbit disease detection retracted by AGFC

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has been notified that the detection of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus in northeast Arkansas was made in error and has been retracted.

The error which led to the false positive was detected at the United States Department of Agriculture's

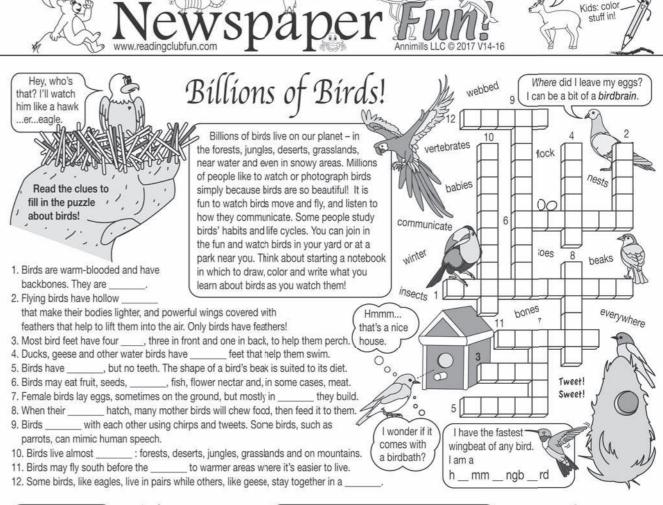
We watch and study birds.

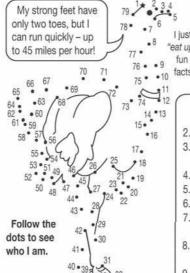
Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, which notified the Arkansas Department of Agriculture,

"This is a good thing," Dr. Jenn Ballard, state wildlife veterinarian with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission said. "But it's important that we keep up our guard and be on the lookout for this virus. The most efficient and cost effective way to fight a disease in wildlife populations is to prevent it from being introduced to an area. That is why the ADA has health regulations for importing domestic rabbits."

The ADA requires do-

mestic rabbits to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian before being brought into Arkansas. Wild rabbit species kept as pets must have an upto-date CVI along with an importation permit issued by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.





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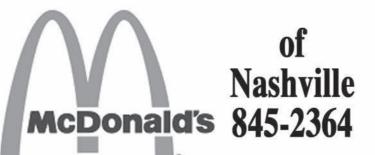
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JAMES LARRY YATES, deceased Case No. 31-PR-20-75

NOTICE

Last known address of the decedent: 130 Yates Road,

Nashville, AR 71852

Date of Death: October 20, 2020

That an Order Appointing Administratrix was on the 23rd day of November, 2020, filed in the above matter.

That all persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided, that claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.

This notice first published on the 21st day of April, 2021.

Jana Bradford, Petitioner By: Jana Bradford Attorney for Petitioners P.O. Box 2248 Glenwood, AR 71943 (870) 356-3947 Arkansas Bar #93045 (JB: 43, 44)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ESTELLA MAY BOLDEN, A.K.A ESTELLA BOLDEN, A.K.A. ESTELLA MAE BOWLES, DECEASED NO. 31PR-21-22

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 135 West 84th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90003 Date of death: December 17, 2018.

The undersigned, LaToya Jozette Bowles, was appointed administratrix of the estate of the above-named decedent on the 7th day of April, 2021.

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

This notice first published this 14th day of April, 2021. LaToya Jozette Bowles, Administratrix

By: Victor Martin, ABN 2018116

Attorney at Law 420 N. Main, Suite One P.O. Box 922 Nashville, AR 71852

(870) 845-5256 phone (870) 845-5899 fax (VM: 42, 43)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Dierks School District is accepting bids to clean the District's floors during the summer months. Bid is to include stripping and re-waxing all tile floors and vacuuming/shampooing all carpets, including labor and supplies. Must be able to move furniture out of rooms for cleaning. Submit to Dierks School District, RE: Floor Bids, PO Box 124, Dierks, AR 71833 by May 7, 2021. (DSD: 43 - 44)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION NASHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Notice is hereby given that the annual school election for the Nashville School District No. 1 of Howard, Hempstead and Pike Counties will be conducted by early voting and absentee voting only at the Howard County Clerk's Office, Nashville, Arkansas.

At this election one board member from Zone 4 will be elected for a term of five (5) years. The school millage will also be voted upon. The 31.7 mills tax includes 25.0 mills for maintenance and operation and 6.7 mills for debt service previously voted for retirement of existing indebtedness. Surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the district for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 31.7 mills represents the same rate presently being collected

Early voting will be conducted May 11, 2021 through May 17, 2021. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. No poll will be open on May 18, 2021.

Jerry Wilson

President, Nashville School Board

Jamar Finley

Secretary, Nashville School Board

(NSD: 43, 44)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Annual School Election Mineral Springs School District #3

Notice is hereby given that the annual school election for the Mineral Springs School District #3 of Howard, Hempstead, and Sevier Counties will be conducted by absentee voting and early voting only. Voting will take place in the County Clerk's office in the Howard County Courthouse. Early Voting will begin on 05-11-2021 and last until 05-17-2021.

The school millage will also be voted upon; the 34.0 tax includes 25.0 mills for maintenance and operation, 9.0 for debt service previously voted as a continuing debt service tax pledged for the retirement of existing indebtedness. The district may use surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service mileage for the other school purposes. (MSSD: 43 - 45)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Sheriff is taking bids on an audio/ video camera system for the jail and sheriffs office. Any one interested in submitting a bid by April 30, 2021 can contact Sheriff McJunkins at 870-845-2626 about details and requirements. Must be licensed for this type of work. (HCS: 43, 44)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

FIRST STATE BANK OF DIERKS **PLAINTIFF** A DIVISION OF FIRST STATE BANK OF DE QUEEN NO. 31CV-21-18

JEFFERY SCOTT TURBEVILLE A/K/A SCOTT TURBEVILLE, and wife ERIN ELIZABETH TURBEVILLE **DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the authority and directions contained in the Order of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, entered on April 1, 2021, in Cause No. 31CV-21-18 between FIRST STATE BANK OF DIERKS, A DIVISION OF FIRST STATE BANK OF DE QUEEN, Plaintiff, and the above stated Defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of such Court, will offer for public sale to the highest bidder at the entrance to the Howard County Courthouse, in which said Court is held, in Howard County within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales on May 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. on the following described real estate, located in Howard County, Arkansas to-wit:

TRACT 1: THE E 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 27 WEST, LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT: BEGINNING AT THE NE CORNER OF SAID SW 1/4 OF NE ¼, THENCE WEST 210 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 311 FEET, THENCE EAST 210 FEET, THENCE NORTH 311 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING HEREBY 18.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

TRACT 2: THE NORTH 7/8 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 14 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 27 WEST, HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, CONTAINING 35 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TERMS OF SALE: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute a bond as required by law and the order and decree of said Court in said cause, with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchaser money.

Given under my hand this 5th day of April, 2021. ANGIE LEWIS

COMMISSIONER (MW: 43)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY. ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CASE NO. 55PR-20-38 PAULA LEAL, deceased

To: Alejandro Leal

NOTICE OF HEARING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTICED that the above styled matter has been scheduled for a thirty (30) minute hearing on Jennifer Cruz's Petition to Distribute, in The Matter of the Estate of Paula Leal, deceased. The hearing will be at the Pike County Circuit Courthouse, 101 East Court Street, Ste. B, Murfreesboro, Arkansas before the Honorable Bryan Chesshir, 2nd Division Circuit Court, on the 24th day of May 2021, at 9:00 a.m., or on such date and time as this cause may be continued. If you fail to appear at the hearing, a final order may be entered without further notice to you.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Meredith Moore Meredith Moore, AR Bar #20140237 RAINWATER, HOLT & SEXTON, P.A. P.O. Box 17250 Little Rock, AR 72222 (501) 868-2500 (501) 868-2505 - facsimile moore@rainfirm.com

Attorneys for Petitioner (RH&S: 43 - 44)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-4

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15 THE 2021 HOWARD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE. BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The 2021 Howard County Budget Ordinance No. 2020-15 should be Amended as follows:

Howard County needs to anticipate and appropriate \$1,298.71 into the County Road Parts and Repairs (2000-0200-2023). This unanticipated and unappropriated money comes from AAC Risk Management Fund/Claims account for lightning damage.

SECTION 2: This ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Kevin Smith, Howard County Judge

ATTEST:

Keri Teague, Howard County Clerk April 19, 2021 (ĤCJ: 43)



CHILD ABUSE, PREVENTION MONTH. A resolution was signed Monday at the Pike County Courthouse proclaiming April 2021 as child abuse awareness and prevention month in Pike County. The resolution, signed by Pike County Judge Dewight Mack, states in part that more than 35,000 children in Arkansas are reported as abused or neglected every year; abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; communities must make ever effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; effective abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment. Christa Neal, the founding executive director of the Percy & Donna Malone Child Safety Center in Arkadelphia, said that drawing attention to abuse prevention was the goal because "awareness prevents child abuse, so we are hoping to educate the community ... report abuse to 844-saveachild (844-728-3224) and also to listen and be a safe person for the kids in their lives." The child safety center (www.pdmcsc. org) serves five counties, including Pike, and provides free services in child abuse matters such as forensic interviews, mental help therapy, medical exams, victim advocacy and community education. Neal said that they had seen an increase in abuse cases during the ongoing pandemic. "The vast majority of the time a kid will be abused by someone they know and trust ... and when kids are often stuck at home with their abusers." Pictured are (from left) Ashley Hunter, Sonia Vargas, Stephanie Hrabal, Pike County Judge Dewight Mack, Pike County Sheriff Travis Hill, Tawana Williams, PCSO Investigator Jason McDonald, PCSO Chief Deputy Wayne Epperly and Christa Neal.

Message in a Bottle: Researchers evaluating state's wine grapes

By Mary Hightower **UofA System** Div. of Agriculture

In a quiet lab at the Milo J. Shult Agricultural Research and Extension Center, surrounded by wine glasses, Renee Threlfall and John Clark spent time listening and flavor notes Indulgence, Dazzle, Opportunity and Enchantment wines were playing on their palates.

Clark, fruit breeder for the Arkansas Agricultural Exexperiment station research taste, aromas and mouth feel evolve over time. Together, they brought the grapes to market for Arkansas vineyards and wineries.

The Agricultural Experiment Station is the research arm of the University of of Agriculture.

rooted in the efforts of two Arkansas natives: the late James N. Moore, founder of the Arkansas fruit breeding program, and the late food scientist Justin Morris, renowned enologist and viticulturist. Opportunity and Enchantment, the first Arkansas' growing conditions, were released in 2016.

They were a long time prominent Muscat — also coming. Moore made the initial selections in 1991 for ian wines — or sweet floral Opportunity and 1993 for aroma. Threlfall said In-Enchantment. Evaluations dulgence shows these "esof wine production for these grapes has been ongoing for almost three decades.

Clark and Threlfall — listening for the aromatic worked hard toward the our tasting is how the Muspatent and release of Opportunity and Enchantment, and followed up with Dazzle and Indulgence, both white wine grapes, in 2020.

"Even though the grapes periment Station, developed have been released, there the grapes from which the is research ongoing about wines were made. Threlfall, how the wine changes during storage and how difscientist for enology and ferent winemaking techviticulture, made them into niques impact the wine," wines to learn how they Threlfall said. In the April 2017-2020 Indulgence and Enchantment, and the 2020 Opportunity."

Renee has refined her winemaking to get them to express themselves," Clark said.

Tasting the wines from Arkansas System Division lightest to most substantial, Threlfall said she and Clark The wine grapes are began with Opportunity.

This wine has slight tree distinguished professors and fruit aromas and flavors like peach and pear," she said.

Wines made from Dazzle "have Gewürztraminer attributes, with tropical fruits and sweet spice aroma with a subtle fruity flavor and balanced finish," Threlfall said. "The aroma was stronger in wine grapes developed for the 2020 and 2019 wines than the 2018 wine."

known as Moscato in Italpecially in the more recent years with floral and fruity flavors and balanced finish."

"What was pretty nice in cat flavor is holding up over several years. That's something you don't know" when that first wine is made from a new grape, Clark said.

Dazzle's grapes have the perfect chemistry for wine production and potential for late harvest grapes.

"Dazzle, like most white wines, is a wine that can be made and sold quickly without storing too long," all wines are intended to be made to sit around and age." White wines fit into the latter category, he said.

"Dazzle and Indulgence are distinctly different in flavor," Clark said. "They're two very nice products and that's important. Businesses need diversification of prod-

Opportunity represents a more mainstream white, he said. "Dazzle has its Gewürztraminer, and Indulgence, its Muscat, but Opportunity is more in the middle of the white category, something like a Chardonnay. It's much like the Seyval grape, a very popular French-American hybrid. Part of its appeal is that it's a stable producer Indulgence wine has a and a mainstream wine."

By contrast, Enchantment, the single red wine grape from the program, produces a wine that has an intense dark purple color and rich flavors.

Enchantment "is a powerhouse of a wine with smoky, dark berry aromas and flavors with vegetative, peppery and smoky notes," Threlfall said. "We also evaluated this wine with tannins and oak added, finding that this elevated the aroma and flavor of the wine."

Even with tastings of wines from all four grapes, there is more work to be done, she said. "John and I look forward to showcasing these wines at the Arkanshops and conferences in the region."

winemaking styles will continue with the 2021 harvest, so luckily there is more wine tasting in our future," Threlfall said.

Clark added to the ambiance during the tasting. An videos about new fruit va-

sas Association of Grape OPPORTUNITY. Fruit breeder John Clark has continfared through fermenta- wine testing, "we evaluated he said. While age is often Growers Conferences in ued the work of fruit breeding program founder James tion and how their color, the 2018-2020 Dazzle, the associated with wine, "not November and other work- N. Moore to develop wine grapes adapted to Arkansas growing conditions. (U of A System Division of Agriculture photo by Fred Miller)

> "The evaluations of the accomplished composer and rieties. Those videos can be guitarist, Clark accompanied the tasting by playing parts of his new themes for Dazzle and Indulgence. Over the years, Clark has composed the music for education

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