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Love your neighbor and get your vaccination.

Airport work on hold until city's share determined

Repairs to the beacon and runway lights at the county airport are on hold for a month while the county tries to learn if the city of Nashville might be obligated to share the cost.

No one now in county office or around the JP meeting table in the courtroom were aware of a possible 1997 agreement between the two governments as asked by JP Brent Pinkerton Tuesday, the regular October meeting date for the quorum court. County Judge Kevin Smith said he would speak to Nashville Mayor Billy Ray Jones to look into a possible lease agreement.

As a result of the question, the motion for a low bid on lighting was withdrawn.

The low bid for lighting work was \$18,887 and the county is eligible 10% matching grant.

Possible renovation grants is possible at the remaining buildings at the old Howard Memorial Hospital campus. Judge Smith said he would wait to learn for sure that use of the grant funds was proper before bringing up the topic again.

Six of the county's nine JPs were present for the brief meeting, including Andy Hogg, Martha Hobbs, Brent Pinkerton, Janice Huffman, Don Marks and D'Ann Rogers.



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Covid battle continues Howard Memorial staff sees effects of virus on daily basis

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

Some are right out of nursing school. Others are health care veterans.

All say they've never seen anything like Covid-19.

And, they all say they're tired.

For staff members at Howard Memorial Hospital, Covid-19 has presented unprecedented challenges.

They've never seen one diagnosis represent 60 percent or more of the total inpatients at a medical facility.

Emergency Room Director Steven May said earlier this month that the pandemic "has waxed and waned. This cycle in ER, we were unable to transfer patients. ICUs are full several states away from here. Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana are trying to send patients here."

Staff nurse Tasha King

said that all year and this year, HMH has had to keep "more critical patients."

May said he tried to be "open and honest and tell patients and families the truth. Once, we called 42 hospitals" looking for a place to transfer.

Covid-19 has affected "families and us. We've all cried a lot this round. We've had more Covid patients than regular patients," King said.

Even though case numbers locally and around the state have declined in the last few days, "2021 has been a lot worse than 2020," according to Danielle Frachiseur, director of the patient care unit. "Numbers are higher. We've had a lot sicker patients. Mortality numbers have been worse."

King said her faith has helped her throughout the pandemic. "I keep praying, asking God for strength to



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER

ON THE FRONT LINE. Emergency room director Steven May, nurse Tasha King, PCU secretary Sandy Webb and PCU director Danielle Frachiseur.

make it through."

Like health care professionals nationwide, King and her colleagues at HMH "knew we'd lose a patient. I rely on God for strength. I've still broken down with families and cried."

King said she wants to be "strong for them" and for the patients who "usually can't have family with them."

Going back to March 2020, Covid-19 has caused

countless changes at HMH and in employees' lives in general.

Sandy Webb, unit secretary, said she has spent "more time with family."

Frachiseur said medical facilities are having nursing shortages "because of it [Covid] and emotional distress."

King has felt "hopeless at times if I couldn't do anything or anything we did didn't help."

May has seen staff members "try every resource and know the outcome" in advance.

King said she was three months out of RN school when Covid-19 hit. At times she talks to others from her nursing school class about what's going on.

When patients go to the emergency department, May said workers "are

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'Collegiate look' planned for NHS cafeteria

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

If everything goes as planned, the Nashville High School cafeteria will receive a major upgrade during Christmas break.

The Nashville School Board Monday night accepted a bid of \$309,545 from Supreme Fixture Co., Inc., of Little Rock for a completely new serving area in the cafeteria. The bid will include new serving counters and all necessary equipment.

"This will be a show stopper," Julie Smith of Elinor K-12 food services said. "It will be a collegiate style service area, a food court. All of the open space [between the dining area and kitchen] will be the new serving area."

Superintendent Doug Graham said the "serving area in the old

dining room will complement the dining area."

The new equipment and counter tops will be installed during Christmas break, Graham said. "They'll work on the Thursday and Friday of semester tests, then work during the break" with the goal of being finished when students return for the spring semester Jan. 3.

Most of the project will be paid from the food service department's balance of more than \$300,000, Graham said. The district will pay about \$17,000 for the electrical work needed for the serving line. The same electricians who have worked on other school projects, including Wilson Park and Scrapper Arena, will do the work in the cafeteria.

Funds in the food service program are separate from the dis-

trict's accounts and can't be spent on electrical installations under federal regulations, Graham said.

"This is a leap of faith. We're taking money from last year's balance and using it to upgrade" the high school cafeteria, Graham said. "The money is there to be spent back on food services. We'll have a good portion back by the end of the school year. When this is finished, it will look like a Scrapper project and will be something we can be proud of. We're going to put the money to work and let the kids enjoy it."

The vote to upgrade the NHS cafeteria was unanimous.

Earlier in the meeting, Smith gave an update on the food service program. Student participation is "up significantly for all campuses except on high school breakfast,"

she said. "We had a big jump at junior high. At high school, lunches are up; breakfast is down."

Serving numbers "go up every month," Smith said. "Every single day, more kids eat with us."

The food service department recently began offering a menu for teachers, who place their orders on line each week. "Last week, we had 22 teachers who ordered. This week, we have 31," Smith said.

The new Scrapper orange and black food truck provided by Elinor will begin visiting high school one day a week and junior high one day a week starting in November, Smith said.

The truck, which made an appearance at last Friday's Scrapper Tailgate Party, has a grill, refrigerator

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A NECESSITY FOR ECLIPSE WATCHING. People who watch the total eclipse in 2024 must wear protective glasses in order to prevent eye damage, authorities say.

Total solar eclipse of 2024 to be visible in area

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

Don't think they won't come. That was some of the important advice from a Wyoming tourism official who has been making rounds in Arkansas trying to get people ready for what's being billed as "The Great American Eclipse."

On April 8, 2024, The Natural State will be one of a few states directly in the eclipse's "path of totality" - the shadow zone of an eclipse that makes the entire spectacle visible. The path of totality is about 120 miles wide and will darken the day for more than four minutes. Outside the path, the eclipse will

be only partially visible.

Brook Kaufman of Visit Casper Wyoming was in Nashville last week to share the "do's and don'ts" of hosting what turned out to be about 500,000 eclipse chasers in 2017 for a full week of activities. The event doubled the population of Casper and tested not only the city's tourism ability but the overall infrastructure of the area.

The 2024 total solar eclipse is the only one in the 21st century with a path of totality in Mexico and parts of North America.

"It's going to be big deal," Kaufman said to a small crowd in Nashville last Thursday morning. Kaufman said Wyoming capi-

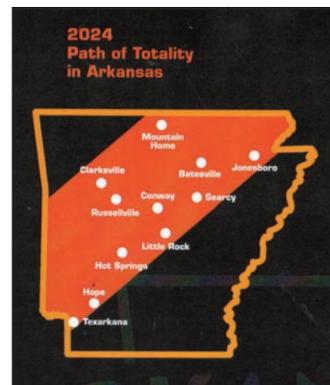
talized on the eclipse in 2017, which lasted only 1.42 seconds in the direct path. Arkansas has 30 months to prepare for what could be thousands to millions of visitors that will need a place to view the event, stay, eat, use the restroom, gas up, etc.

"They're coming," Kaufman said. "So, it's time to get organized."

Kaufman said rural Arkansas should be prepared to ask and answer the question, "What if 250,000 people show up?"

Word is that hotels in Little Rock and Hot Springs are already sold

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TOTALITY. Nashville and surrounding areas will be in the path of totality for the 2024 eclipse.



BAND COMPETITION.

The mighty Scrapper band competed in the Championship at the Rock at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock Saturday, Oct. 16. The musicians placed third in their division. Nashville was to participate in the regional marching assessment at Arkansas High Tuesday, Oct. 19, to determine if the band will advance to state. Results were not available at press time Tuesday afternoon. Cody Ford is the NHS band director.

Courtesy photo/GRACE MAYA

Obituaries



Phyllis Ann Lyday Noble

Phyllis Ann Lyday Noble was born Dec. 5, 1948, and went to her Heavenly Home on Oct. 14, 2021, in Nashville.

She was the daughter of the late Fredrick Lyday and Della Sisco Lyday. Phyllis was retired from the Upper Southwest Landfill. She was a true Christian, loving to witness to anyone she could about her Lord and Savior. Family was especially important to her, she loved family gatherings and having fun. Phyllis loved animals, she had numerous strays she would care for and take in and give them a home. Overall, she shared her life as best as she could for the Lord.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Gary and Dan Lyday; two sisters, Dodie Carter and Jonsie Cunningham.

She leaves behind the love of her life and best friend of over 27 years, her husband Mitch Noble of Nashville; two children, Shelly Childers and husband Philip of Smackover, Ark.; Todd Raymond and wife Lisa of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Susie Hendrix of Columbus, Ohio; five grandchildren, Allen, Reese, T.J., Justin, and Breann; three great-grandchildren, C.C. Shepard, and Walker. A host of other family and friends too numerous to name.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to the ASCPA, @ ASCPA.org.

A visitation for Phyllis will be Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, at Nashville Funeral Home from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

A graveside service will be Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Smackover Cemetery in Smackover, Ark.

Judy Cottingham

Judy Cottingham, 71, of Delight died Oct. 12, 2021, in Arkadelphia.

She was born Jan. 9, 1950, in Little Rock, the daughter of the late Elton and Ethel Whitten.

She was a member of the Bowen Community Church and worked in the cafeteria for many years at Delight Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her son, Chris Cottingham.

Survivors include: a son, John Paul Cottingham; a daughter, Becky Ewing and husband Tony; a brother, Jack Whitten; also grandchildren.

Visitation was 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Graveside services were Friday, Oct. 15, at Bowen Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Darlene McFadden

Darlene McFadden, 59, died Sept. 28, 2021.

She was born Oct. 21, 1961, the daughter of Katie and the late John

Charles.

Survivors include: her husband of 33 years, Mickey McFadden; her mother; two sons, Gerry, and Michael Charles; four brothers, Marvin, Jimmy, Ronald, and Kelvin.

Graveside services were Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, in Center Point Cemetery under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home.

Michael Todd Myers

Michael Todd Myers was born in Howard Memorial Hospital on May 20, 1967. He attended Central High School in Little Rock and graduated from Northeast High School in North Little Rock. A brilliant scholar, Todd attended Rice University and was employed by the University of Houston. Todd lost his courageous battle with cancer on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021.

Todd was a brilliant man and a kind and loving friend, with a great sense of humor. He had a passion for geography and world affairs and could speak many languages. Before the days of the Internet, he loved his shortwave radio with which he listened to broadcasts from around the globe. Once he was introduced to the Internet, there was no going back — it became his window on the world. He was a walking encyclopedia of entertainment and pop culture. He made a career of working with books. Cinema and television were his great hobbies. His passing will leave a place of great sadness in the hearts of all who knew him.

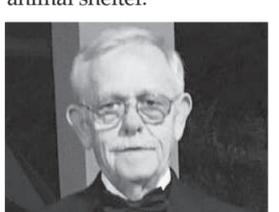
He is predeceased by his father, Mickey Myers of Nashville, Aunt Karen McCoy of Little Rock, and niece Ella Grace Myers of Nashville. He leaves behind his longtime companion, Andrew Venier of Houston, Texas, special friend Terry Bridges of Little Rock, and his beloved canine friend, Maxine.

He is survived by his mother, Roseanna Kazan of North Little Rock; sister Sylvia Rather (David) of Delight; brothers, Mat Myers (Tugi) and Mark Myers (Sarah) of Nashville; nieces Hannah, Kelli, Claire and Avery, all of Nashville; nephews Evan Wakefield (Regan) of Nashville and Seth Wakefield (Taylor) of Alexander; one special great-niece, Karmie Wakefield; cousin Dr. Julia McCoy of Little Rock, and a host of other family and friends.

A private service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Todd would encourage donations to your local animal shelter.

Marie "Louise" Tolleson, age 76, of Kirby, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021. She was born on Aug. 18, 1945, in Fordyce, the daughter of Leonard Roland McClane and Marie Cox McClane. On August 18, 1963, she was married to the love of her life, Alton Tolleson, who preceded her in death on April 11, 2014. She was also preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Doug McClane and Leonard McClane, Jr.

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Arkansas for 42 years. He was also a Baptist.

John loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed spending time hunting and fishing. He and his wife, Maria, would tour the countryside on their Harley, marveled by all the sights and beauty they encountered. He was an avid bowler and looked forward to playing on a league each year. He was a mason and a member of the Buffalo Gap Lodge # 484 in Langley, Ark. He was past President of the Millwright Union in Dierks. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rhonda McKnight Holder.

He is survived by his wife, Maria McKnight of Fouke, Ark.; one son and daughter-in-law, Rusty and Carina McKnight of Nashville, Ark.; one stepson, Charlie Moss of De Queen, Ark.; three stepdaughters and one stepson-in-law, Tesa Hall of De Queen, Ark.; Tasha and Wes Kemp of Acorn, Ark.; Randi Jo Baker of Mena, Ark.; one brother, George McKnight of Sanger, Texas, and one sister, Brenda Eriksen of Dallas, Texas; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a host of friends and other relatives.

A graveside memorial service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, at Rocky Mound Cemetery with Rev. Steve Carter officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Texarkana Funeral Home, Ark.

Memorials may be made to the Texarkana Alzheimer's Assoc., 100 Memory Lane, Texarkana, Texas 75503.

Register online @ www.texarkanafuneralhome.com.



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of the church and taking fun, little day trips with Beverly Tolleson. Louise was always up for taking a trip when her cousins, Johnny Mack and Kathy, would call and say, "let's go!"

She is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Brandy Tolleson and Rex and Suzie Tolleson; her three grandsons, Anthony Tolleson, Joe Tolleson and J.R. Tolleson; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and a host of wonderful friends.

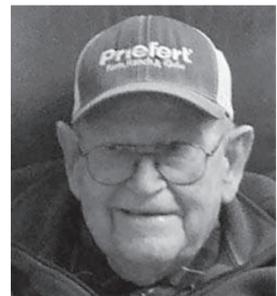
Services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, in the Davis-Smith Funeral Home Chapel, Glenwood with Roger Cox and Pete Pedron officiating.

Visitation will be held Monday, 10-11 a.m., prior to the services at the funeral home.

There will be a private family burial in the Hopper Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Anthony Tolleson, Joe Tolleson, J.R. Tolleson, James Wright, Bobby Cox and Johnny Harrison.

Honorary pallbearers will be Keith Craig, David McClane, Dan McClane, Jason McClane, Mike Golden, Randy Golden and Lynn Tolleson.



Samuel 'S.A.' Westbrook

Samuel "S.A." Westbrook, age 90, of Nashville, Ark., died on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021, in Nashville, Ark. He was born June 10, 1931 in Heber Springs, Ark., the son of the late S.A. Westbrook, Sr. and Viola Hawkins Westbrook.

S.A. was a lifelong member of the First Assembly of God where he served as a Deacon, and Sunday School teacher for over 60 years. He graduated from Hope High School and then graduated from the University of Arkansas in Monticello. S.A. served in the United States military as a proud Marine.

He was owner of S.A. Westbrook Logging and Clear Creek Tie Company. Mr. Westbrook served on the Arkansas Forestry Association Board and was a founding member of the Arkansas Timber Producers Association. He was very proud to be a partner with the Log a Load for Kids and along with Charles Moore held the first official Log a Load for Kids fundraiser in Arkansas.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Etheline White Westbrook; infant son William Alexander Westbrook, one brother Don Westbrook and wife Melba Jo, sister Annadean Watson and husband James, and his son-in-

law Eddie Dyer.

Survivors include: one son Samuel Lee Westbrook and wife Diane of Blevins, Ark.; one daughter Sarah Lynn Dyer of Nashville, Ark.; four grandchildren William Westbrook "Wes" Dyer and wife Courtney of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, Sarah Diann Hicks and husband Anthony of Nashville, Leann Westbrook of Stillwater, Okla., Allen Westbrook of Blevins, Ark.; four great-grandchildren Jake Hicks, Hailey Hicks both of Nashville, Ark., and Addison

Dyer and Bowen Dyer both of Mt. Pleasant, Texas; as well as a number of friends.

Visitation will be 1:00 p.m., until service time Sunday, Oct. 24, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville with Bro. Terry Goff officiating, burial to follow in Unity Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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



NEW VETERINARIAN WELCOMED. Dr. David Fletcher was officially welcomed last Wednesday with a 'meet and greet' at Nashville Animal Hospital. The new 'vet' is a native of Farmerville, La., and is a graduate of Louisiana State University.

Your garage sale should be advertised HERE!
845-0600

In honor of
Pastor Appreciation Month.
Pastor Marvin L. Edwards,
our man of God.
He is the Pastor of
Lifeline Ministry C.O.G.I.C.
located at 118 East Sybert in
Nashville.



We have been members under his leadership for 19 years. Pastor Edwards has a heart to be a blessing to the people. He loves the church and his family. He has helped not only us but anyone that is in need. He has taught us that if you put God first, He will take care of you and what you need. He leads by example. Whatever he teaches he applies to his own life. I can remember when we needed a vehicle he gave us directions on how to be blessed spiritually, then naturally. He has always encouraged us to be the best we can be. Never to pretend we are something we are not, but be who God has made us to be. We thank God for our man of God. We pray God continues to bless and keep him in the center of his will. We love you Bro. & Sis. Alvarez.

To our "uncle" Pastor we love you. Our Pastor is a Godly man, dependable, trustworthy, friend, loves the church, helpful person, prayer warrior, kind, humble, and responsible. These are just a few words to describe the Pastor. We love you "Uncle" Pastor. Raymiah & Rayniah Alvarez.

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LOOKING BACK IN TIME. Howard County Retired Teachers Association members recently visited Hester Cemetery north of Center Point. They include Ruth Ann Jacobs, Fran Strawn, Cindy Puryear, Carolyn Prescott, Pat Blakely, Charlotte Gibson, Candy Blackwell and Betty Johnson.

Retired teachers take a look back

After a breakfast at Patcakes in Nashville, the regular monthly meeting of the Howard County Retired Teachers Association was held Wednesday, Oct. 13, with President Pam Wynn presiding.

After a brief meeting and introducing new members, some of the group drove three and one-half miles north of Center Point to "look back in time" with a

visit to the Hester Cemetery just off Highway 278.

The small one-acre cemetery is part of a 200-acre plot originally owned by William Hester.

After serving in the Civil War, Francis Marion Stone (1843-1896), who was married to William Hester's daughter, bought the land and devoted his life to agriculture.

Their beautiful home still

exists on the banks of Messer Creek on Highway 278.

Ruth Ann Jacobs, wife of the late Jerry Jacobs, was the tour guide. Jerry's mother was a daughter of Francis Marion Stone.

The Hester Cemetery has only 50-60 graves and only eight are marked. The tomb markers mainly list Stones and Smiths.

The early Smiths were neighbors to the Stones.

Public Record of Howard County

Filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period of Oct. 6-13, 2021 include the following:

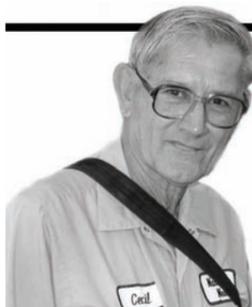
Marriage Licenses
Oct. 12. Braden Lane Nutt, 25, Mineral Springs, and Amber Nicole Ellis, 25, Nashville.

Civil Court
No civil cases filed since CV21-80, Oct. 5.

Domestic Relations Court
DR21-132, Oct. 7. Leta Mae Cox vs. Martin Lynn Cox. Divorce.
DR21-133, Oct. 7. Larissa Wright vs. Christian Rose. Divorce.
DR21-134, Oct. 7. Bradley Thomas vs. Tori Thomas. Divorce.
DR21-135, Oct. 7. Amanda Sullivan vs. Marcus Sullivan. Divorce.

Criminal Court
No new criminal cases filed since CR21-79, Sept. 28.

Land Transactions
Redemption Deeds
Oct. 8. State of Arkansas; to Delores Moore, c/o Charles E. Moore, Ft. Smith, Ark.; 0.14 ac in S9 T11S R27W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$169.96.
Oct. 8. State of Arkansas; to Edgar Eugene Copeland c/o Burgess Law Firm, Texarkana, Texas; 1 ac. in S29 T9S R27W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$373.67.
Oct. 8. State of Arkansas; to John W. King, c/o Cortez Samuel, Portland, Ore.; 1 ac. in S1 T11S R28W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$297.77.
Oct. 8. State of Arkansas; to Rosie King, c/o Cortez Samuel, Portland, Ore.; 4 ac. in S1 T11S R28W; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$360.18.
Quitclaim Deeds
Oct. 12. Ann Galen McDonough and husband, Scott McDonough; to Cynthia Lea Duncan and husband, Tim Duncan; aggregate 78.504 ac. in S1 T9S R28W.
Oct. 12. Oscar Michael Horn and Vicki Horn, husband and wife; to Aaron Horn, Initial Trustee of the Oscar Michael Horn and Vicki Horn Irrevocable Trust; 5 tracts in Howard County and Pike County.
Oct. 13. Shaun Cox and wife, Heather Cox and Curtis D. Cox and wife, Sandy A. Cox; to Curtis D. Cox and wife, Sandy A. Cox; aggregate 38 ac. in S24 T9S R28W.
Beneficiary's Deed
Oct. 12. Robert Wayne Tullis; to Jennifer McHan Tate; Lots 1-12, Block 42, with exception of Lots 1-2-3, all in Mineral Springs Heights Addition, Town of Mineral Springs.
Warranty Deed
Oct. 13. Angelique Barfield, Melanie Clements, and Steven Tracy Clements and wife, Leticia Clements; to Sarah Gaye Parker; 3 ac. in S11 T10S R27W. \$128,600.



THE CECIL "BIRDDOG" HARRIS MEMORIAL EARLY FILES

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

Compiled by Patsy Young



1920 Bethel School Students. W. C. Seals was teacher. The school was located near Umpire in North Howard.

123 years ago: October 1898

We have received a copy of the weekly edition of the "Wagoner Sayings" published at Wagoner Indian Territory by J. C. B. Lindsey. The "Sayings" is a six-column eight-page paper and has a good advertisement patronage and has a prosperous appearance. It is well edited.

The larger boys and young men of the school organized themselves into a literary society last Friday after school.

The society will meet every Friday afternoon. Their work is varied and includes debating, reading, essay writing, newspaper writing and orations.

81 years ago: October 1940

Tom Mix was killed last Saturday as his specially built roadster went 80 miles an hour on an Arizona desert. Mix was a cowboy star and topped the crop through

the decades. He was a hero to two generations of small boys. He made a lot of money and had about \$7,000 on his person when he died.

A total of 81.5 miles of farm-to-market roads was constructed in Howard County by the WPA in cooperation with county officials during the 5-year period ending June 30, 1940. These roads have opened up thousands of acres of farm land that heretofore were without market outlets during inclement weather.

58 years ago: October 1963

Visiting in Nashville recently was Mrs. Velma Bellotte of Hollywood, California. She was in Nashville for a short stay with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cornwell and Mr. and Mrs. Gipson Cornwell of Nashville. Mrs. Bellotte is the mother of celebrated TV and motion picture star Earl Holliman of Oil City, Louisiana.

Dedication of the new

Howard Manufacturing Company building will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Governor Orval Faubus has accepted an invitation to be a principal speaker for the event.

38 years ago: October 1983

The old Center Point School will be haunted by ghosts, goblins and other spooks Saturday and Monday night. Admission to the haunted house will be \$1. The Haunted House opens at 7 both nights.

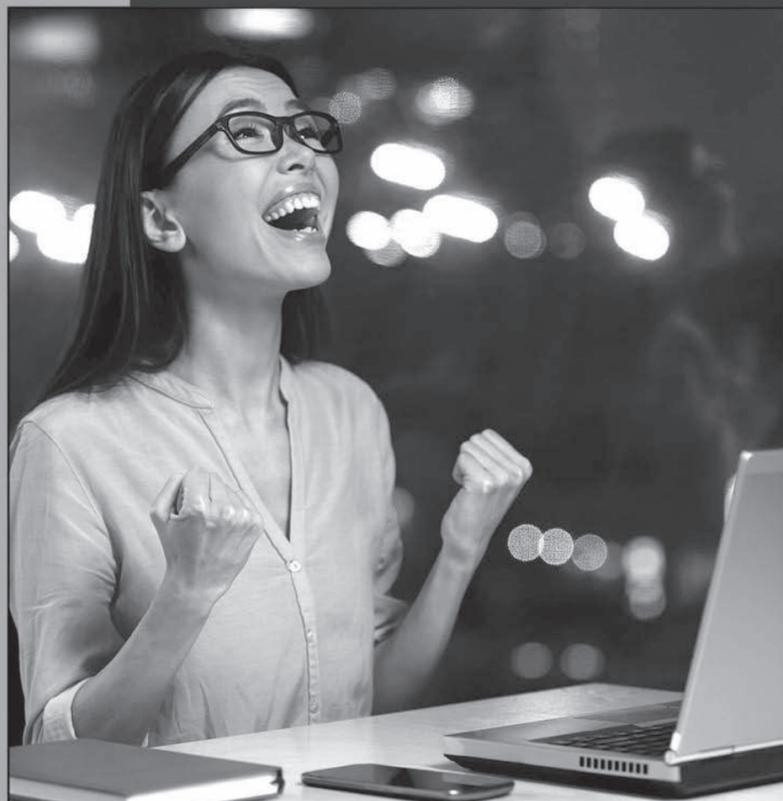
Jay Sanford has been named a 1983 United States National Award winner in speech and drama. The award is announced by the United States Achievement Academy.

Sanford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sanford. His grandparents are Mrs. T. J. Copeland and James Sanford.

He was nominated for the national award by NJHS Librarian, Bertha Crumpton.

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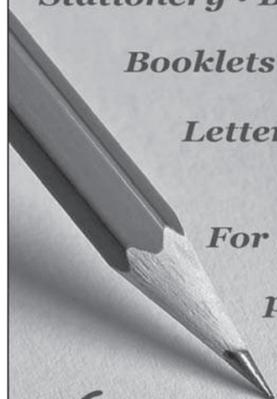
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Point of view

Fair Weather Fan

Known for his faint support and lack of answers

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out of the newspaper's window on Main Street and the #1 Fair Weather Razorback Football Fan (a mysterious force that lives within me) is thrilled about one thing -- and one thing only -- in football this past weekend.

UConn broke its losing streak. The Huskies managed to defeat the Mighty Yale Bulldogs. UConn hadn't won a game since the end of WWII.

#1 F Weather Fan sorta knows the feeling of following a doomed team.

Scrappers played better than I thought they would against Ashdown. But it's beginning to get iffy whether or not we keep our streak of making the playoffs at 30 years in a row.

My heart goes out to Mineral Springs Hornets fans, and I hope for better days.

The #1 Fair Weather Razorback Football Fan predicts that the Hogs will lose two of their next four games. How's that for a sour attitude?

During the first quarter in the Auburn-Arkansas game, when his favorite fair weather team was trying its best to give the game away early, he starting spurting blood from his nose and ears.

It's called the Razorback Stigmata. Look up 'stigmata.'

The Latin name for this condition is Pigus Pitifulius.

It happens every time the Razorbacks -- team or coaches -- do something seriously stupid.

After a pretty good start to the season (even including the losses to Georgia and Ole Miss) the Razorbacks managed to take two or three steps backward when they played Auburn. Just as #1 Fan expected.

The #1 Fair Weather Razorback Football Fan still has a little 'pull' at this newspaper, and he insisted that the UA-UAPB game not be a part of the weekly prediction contest lest it jinx the Hogs. He looks for every edge he can get.

After Saturday's game #1 FW Hog Fan burned his lucky shirt.



GOT ANOTHER Scrapper Band majorette to add to my list of the Lovely and Talented. I omitted the name of Pat Puryear Blakely from the list of former majorettes. I remember and appreciate Pat for her time in the twirler line. Also among Scrapper Band twirlers: Rea Hill and Karen Dildy.

In addition to twirling skills, Pat played the clarinet; Rea played the French horn; and Karen played the flute. Musicians all.

Please tell me the names of any other majorettes. Send to: louie@nashvilleleader.com

If you can contribute a name and give a close estimate of the year, your name will be put into a drawing for a free J-Turn warning ticket in Downtown Nashville. The drawing is contingent upon me actually being sworn in to this high office.

Because of my own fear of the Flag Line Moms, I always like to mention that Majorettes and the Flag Line can co-exist.

For several years back in the '60s, the Band and Majorettes had to co-exist with the Scrapper Belles. The Belles were a big hit all over Arkansas, and they got invited to parades and all-star games. And of course they had to have music so they drug the Band along.

Did the Scrapper Belles perform at halftime or pre-game of our hometown football games? I can't remember. If it was at halftime, then they cut into the time for the band to perform, thereby slashing the time Majorettes got to twirl and strut and be the center of attention.

However, I have been reliably assured that there were no catty remarks passed between the two groups.



CLASSROOM VISITORS. A reliable source tells me that a teacher recently summoned a janitor to take care of a mouse that was terrorizing her classroom. The janitor put out some sticky traps, then ruined the teacher's day by telling her that he had also caught and killed four snakes in classrooms this year -- two timber rattlers, a cottonmouth and a rat snake.



PLEASE GET the Covid-19 vaccine. Hospitals in many places are so clogged with Covid patients that they can't admit other sick people who need to be in the hospital.

One of my heroes, Collin Powell, former US Secretary of State and former general of the US Army, has died of Covid. His family said he was fully vaccinated.

News articles said that he died of COMPLICATIONS of the virus. Vaccinated people DO die of the virus, but the percentage is teensy compared to the number of unvaccinated persons who die.

Gen. Powell had blood cancer which made him very vulnerable.



THINGS I LEARNED from opening an email: I'm a multi-tasker. I can listen, ignore, and forget all at the same time.



WORD GAMES. The twins: Out and About. They're rarely at home. Where? Your guess is as good as mine.



HE SAID: "A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties." Harry S. Truman, 33rd president of the United States



SHE SAID: "All the intelligence and talent in the world can't make a singer. The voice is a wild thing. It can't be bred in captivity. It is a sport, like the silver fox. It happens." Willa Cather, American novelist



SWEET DREAMS, Baby

Mine Creek Revelations



By Louie Graves

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Workers' comp insurance market competitive; cases of fraud low

By Sen. Larry Teague

The market for workers' compensation insurance remains competitive in Arkansas, thanks to efforts by the legislature to hold down rates.

According to the most recent data available from the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Arkansas has some of the lowest rankings for losses.

Factors that drive rates include the frequency of claims, medical costs and the price of prescription drugs.

There are two major markets from which employers purchase workers' comp insurance. One is voluntary and the other is the assigned risk pool, for jobs that are too risky or too expensive for the ordinary market. The top five categories that are covered in the assigned risk pool are in the construction industry.

Earlier this year 185 companies in Arkansas were removed from the assigned risk plan and got coverage in the voluntary market, saving them on average 5.35 percent in premiums.

In 2020 Arkansas had the lowest loss costs in the region, per each \$100 of payroll. It was 50 cents per \$100, compared to a regional average of 69 cents and a national

average of 91 cents. The cost of premiums in Arkansas is stable or declining because of declines in loss costs.

In the early 1990s workers' comp insurance was about to become too expensive for many employers to afford. Annual rate increases were in the double digits. For example, premiums went up by 15 percent and 18 percent in 1991 and 1992.

The legislature passed Act 796 of 1993, and the effect on the market was clear and significant, according to the Insurance Department's most recent annual report. Anticipated rate increases in 1993 and 1994 did not occur. It was the first time in 10 years that rates did not go up.

The Insurance Department reached the conclusion that the voluntary market in Arkansas would possibly have disappeared without Act 796, leaving the assigned risk pool as the only market for workers' comp insurance.

The act created a division within the Insurance Department assigned to investigate fraud, and set financial penalties for fraudulently making workers' comp claims. According to the Insurance Department report, "before the passage of Act 796 of 1993, there had never

been a criminal prosecution in Arkansas for workers' compensation fraud committed by employees, employers or healthcare providers."

In 2005 the division's authority was expanded to investigate all forms of insurance fraud and it was renamed the Criminal Investigation Division of the Insurance Department.

In 2020 the Division got 40 referrals, of which 20 were investigated. One case was referred to local prosecutors, but it was subsequently closed for lack of evidence.

Since the Division was created in 1993, it has referred 167 cases for prosecution, resulting in 123 convictions.

In three cases the defendant was acquitted and in all the remaining cases the charges were not filed by prosecutors.

In cases in which there is not sufficient evidence to prosecute, often the threat of prosecution is motivation for the parties to settle out of court, according to the Insurance Department.

The overwhelming majority of cases investigated by the Division are for other forms of insurance fraud. Only 3.5 percent of its cases are investigations of workers' comp fraud.

Bipartisan report on Supreme Court looks at list of possible changes

By Brenda Blagg
Between the Lines

A draft report from a bipartisan commission studying possible changes to the U.S. Supreme Court barely made headlines last week.

The real thing, a final commission report due in a month or so to the White House, could get an altogether different reaction, depending on what President Joe Biden does with it.

Biden, acting on a campaign promise, created the 36-member commission that is made up largely of academic experts on the judiciary. Their charge is to study possible modifications of the Supreme Court and hold hearings, but they are not to make recommendations.

Hence, the 200 or so pages in this recently released draft report, is mostly about the court's history. It presents ideas for proposals but recommends no actual proposals.

They are examining some pretty heady questions, including whether the nine-member U.S. Supreme Court should be expanded.

For the record, the Congress originally set the size of the court at six members. It has been a nine-member court since 1869.

There have been other efforts to expand the court, none of them successful.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a plan in 1937 to expand the Supreme Court to as many as 15 judges. He eventually backed off the so-called "court-packing" scheme after his administration started winning New Deal-related cases before the Supreme Court. (FDR later served long enough to have named all but two of the court's justices.)

The idea of expanding the

court more recently got popular with Democrats and activists after then-President Donald Trump appointed three right-leaning justices, giving the court its present 6-3 conservative majority.

That split has given rise to more immediate controversy over predictions that the court is on the verge of abandoning 50-year-old precedent established by Roe v. Wade in abortion cases.

But this call for judicial reform began building years ago.

The first of those three Trump court appointments came after Senate Republicans refused to consider then-President Barack Obama's nomination of then-Judge Merrick Garland to fill a court vacancy.

The Republicans who controlled the Senate claimed they denied Obama's appointment because of the nearness of a presidential election; but they allowed Trump's third nomination with the 2020 presidential election looming even closer.

Understandably, the makeup of the Supreme Court was a campaign issue in both the primary and general elections in 2020.

President Biden has since been encouraged to pack the court to alter its makeup but has said he is not inclined to do that.

It isn't the only option the presidential commission is studying.

Another issue is term limits for the nation's top justices.

A Supreme Court justice is now appointed for life. Justices either serve until they die or until they choose to resign.

The U.S. is the only major constitutional democracy in the world that has neither a retirement age nor a fixed term of years for its high

court justices.

What's more, in more recent years, presidents have been nominating younger justices to the court, anticipating longer service.

Term limits would likely result in more frequent turnover, if adopted.

This is the idea that the draft report said seems to have "the most widespread and bipartisan support."

The assertion was immediately challenged by some of the participants, but the idea has gotten support even from three of the sitting Supreme Court justices.

Again, the commission has no recommendation, but it reported that one bipartisan group of experienced Supreme Court practitioners suggested the commission consider an 18-year term for justices.

This idea, like the possible expansion of the court, is just simmering for now. It's part of the discussion in the bipartisan commission's draft report.

Still unresolved, for example, is whether the Congress has the power to create the equivalent of term limits for the justices by statute or if a constitutional amendment would be required.

Keep an eye open for the final report, presumably later this year, to see what actually gets included.

Then watch for President Biden's response to see if this court reform effort is going anywhere.

The draft report of the President's Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States is available online at whitehouse.gov.

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MINI CHEER CAMPERS. Participants in the Scrapper Mini Cheer Camp perform before Nashville's game against Ashdown Friday, Oct. 15, at Scrapper Stadium. More than 130 girls grades K-6 participated in the camp, sponsored by the junior high and high school cheerleaders.

HMH

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highly suspicious. We treat every patient like they have Covid. One wrong move and you contaminate yourself. It's taken us nearly two years to perfect the process." On the nursing side, "We do something for all departments to help them keep going. We've definitely had to adapt," King said. "It's very scary," according to Franchiseur. "We try to be safe and not take it [Covid] home to our families." That means removing clothing at the door and throwing it into the wash. "I can't hug my kids before I shower," she said. The original Covid affected more individuals 65 and older, while the Delta variant affects younger people, May said. "They're way sicker. I've seen some who were 20 years old." Some cases become critical soon after the patients arrive, King said. Monoclonal antibody therapy has proven effective for many patients, May said, keeping them from becoming hospitalized. "I highly

recommend it" for those who qualify. Franchiseur said HMH has been able to keep the treatment on hand despite shortages in some places. "The state allots us so much. They decide how much we obtain." The Covid-19 vaccine has kept many out of the hospital or has resulted in milder cases for those who contract the virus, according to May. "I'm pro-vaccine and pro-MTA," he said, while acknowledging that there are "different viewpoints." Franchiseur said MTA is most effective if used early. "Some patients wait too long" before they go to the hospital for help. They should contact HMH "as soon as they test positive. If you're short of breath, come to the ER," May said. Despite the decline in numbers, Covid "is very much real," Franchiseur said. King urges individuals to continue to practice good hand washing and keep wearing masks. Webb, the PCU receptionist, said the first day of screening for Covid was March 13, 2020. Now, "Even the screening process has changed," she said.

HMH has nine negative pressure rooms for Covid-19 patients, Franchiseur said. At times, "We've had every room filled," according to King. The minimum hospital stay is five days, Franchiseur said. "We've had some here two or three weeks." Patients sometimes go home with three liters of oxygen when they're dismissed, Franchiseur said. Lingering Covid issues may include lung problems, heart damage and fatigue, among others. Despite the challenges of the past 18 months, "I love what I do," King said. "It's stressful, and there are days I question why I'm doing it, but I love it." She said she would tell nursing students to continue in school "if they're serious about it." The reward comes when "a family member thanks you for being there for their loved one when they can't be," King said. Franchiseur said she "can't imagine doing anything else" while adding, "We're tired all the time." May said staff members "have to trust the people around us. We look out for each other."

Eclipse

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out for that week in April when the eclipse comes around. Kaufman said eclipse chasers in Wyoming spent an average of \$931 and there is certainly money to be made from the event. One thing Kaufman said her city did not expect was the mass exodus when the eclipse cleared and half-million got in their vehicles and headed out of town. The situation caused one of the largest traffic jams in Wyoming history and even the governor had to be picked up by a helicopter so he could get back to work. The eclipse will take place on a school day, and with such a large volume of traffic expected Kaufman said schools should question whether to hold class that day. There will be plenty of "fear and unknowns" involved in the planning with the weather forecast topping that list. Kaufman said a NASA weather report shows



Brook Kaufman

there will be an 80 percent chance of clear skies on April 8, 2024. Sevier County is already getting ahead of the game after finding out that the rural town of Gilliam, located near the Polk-Sevier county line, will be the best spot (the center line) in Arkansas to view the eclipse. A community website has been created (eclipse2024.org) and Create Bridges is helping spread the word and offer advice for preparation. Murfreesboro City Council members Jack Bonds and Jane Fugitt attended Kaufman's presentation in Little Rock last week. Bonds said that it was told in that presentation that NASA will be designing and selling the

special glasses needed to safely view the eclipse. The cost per pair will somewhere about 13 cents each. Bonds said Monday, "Her suggestion was the state of Arkansas buy a million pairs of the glasses." Eclipse chasers are already scoping out the places they want to be in 2024 and Kaufman said in Wyoming that open spaces were rented from ranchers and some landowners offered their land for temporary campsites. Kaufman added that - believe it or not - some people will not know what is happening on April 8, 2024 and will be surprised when the day turns into night for more than four minutes and the state's two-lane roads are clogged in every direction. She said now is the time to start educating the public, involving the communities and businesses and getting county and city officials on the same page about what could potentially happen that week. "This will be a very unique opportunity for the state of Arkansas," Kaufman said.

School

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four campuses, three were "significantly above the state average. One tied. Nashville scores are pretty impressive compared to other districts," according to Graham. "Our teachers worked their tails off. Somebody is doing something right when you look at those test scores. The reason we're up here is academics," Graham said. A complete review of test results will be presented to the board at the next meeting in November. Graham said heating, ventilation and air conditioning work is complete on all four campuses. Primary and elementary received new HVAC units. All campuses received iWave air purification systems. The iWaves were to be installed at the administration building this week. The new units at primary and elementary have individual thermostats for each room, Graham said, instead of having one control for a "pod" of four or five rooms. The new roof is in place at primary, according to Graham. Gutters and trim are soon to be finished. Howard Construction is "making steady progress" on the new press box, restrooms and concession stand at Wilson Park, according to Graham. "We hope to get it closed in soon to work on the inside." In his financial report, Graham said the district is 33.5 percent through the budget for 2021-22. The operating balance at the end of September was \$3,887,473, Of the Nashville district's

tor, sink and other equipment. "It's self contained. We can prepare food and take it with us and keep it cold or hot," Smith said. Smith told the board that standards for grades K-8 show 35 percent of students eating breakfast and 75 percent eating lunch. For grades 9-12, standards call for 25 percent at breakfast and 65 percent at lunch. Nashville students eat free at breakfast and lunch. Elio charges the school \$3.14 for lunch. The federal government reimburses the district \$4.24 for each lunch, according to Smith. Smith said the food service program has 24 employees, 10 of whom are new for the whole district. The program "has a full staff today," Smith said, after some employees who were out for Covid-19 protocols returned Monday. After the food service discussion, Graham said the "biggest thing this year has been Scrapper cookies. They're more like the originals. We appreciate that." In other business, Graham discussed the district's standardized test scores from last spring. The state Department of Education released the scores Oct. 15. "The state department is not assigning letter grades because of Covid issues last year. I wish they were. We'd come out on the high end," Graham said.

he said. Graham said the district will rezone to bring the population in each zone up to population numbers from the 2020 U.S. Census. "I'd hoped to have all five zones tonight," but they weren't ready. "Dec. 7 is the deadline. I may call a special meeting" when the company working on the rezoning has its maps prepared. In personnel matters, the board accepted the resignation of junior high band director Brooke Moorehouse, effective Oct. 11. "We wish her nothing but the best," Graham said. The board accepted Graham's recommendation to name Dennis Keith Sanders interim junior high band director. Sanders has a master's degree in music, according to Graham. "He's not 100 percent certified. He's passed the Praxis. Now he has to go back and complete education hours" needed for certification. Sanders was hired on an interim basis, and the district will "come back in April and advertise the position. If we're 100 percent satisfied, it will be a short interview process." Sanders will have the necessary college hours before the next academic year, Graham said. He'll receive a three-year provisional license in early 2022 before receiving his five-year license. "He's been volunteering with the high school band since this summer," Graham said of Sanders. "He's also been subbing."

School Covid cases continue to decline

Active cases of Covid-19 continue to drop in the Nashville School District, according to Superintendent Doug Graham. Monday, there were no teacher positives and one teacher close contact, Graham said. There was one positive among students, along with seven student close contacts. The district removed its mask mandate Oct. 8. So far, the results are good, according to Graham. "I hope not requiring masks won't come back to bite us. If things skyrocket, we can put them back on," Graham said. As of now, "I'm very

County vaccination rate ahead of state

Howard County's Covid-19 vaccination rate remains above the percentage statewide, according to the Arkansas Department of Health. As of Tuesday afternoon, 53.7 percent of eligible Arkansans have been fully vaccinated, ADH said. In Howard County, 56.3 percent of eligible residents have been fully vaccinated. That's one of the highest percentages in western Arkansas, according to ADH figures. Rates for neighboring

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Sports

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Scrappers lead early, 'play hard' before falling to Ashdown 26-21

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff

Playing against the number four team in Class 4A, the Nashville Scrappers led briefly and had an opportunity to win before falling to Ashdown 26-21 Friday, Oct. 15, at Scrapper Stadium.

The Panthers, led by University of Arkansas commit Shamar Easter, remain undefeated at 7-0 going into their game this week against Arkadelphia.

The Scrappers (2-5 overall, 0-4) will host Haskell Harmony Grove.

"It was a hard loss for us," Coach Mike Volarvich said of the Ashdown game. "I thought we played hard. We just came up short."

The Scrapper defense "started out kind of slow," giving up an early touchdown to the Panthers. "The defense was pretty good in the second half," Volarvich said.

Offensively, "I saw some pretty good things in the first half, and we slowed down in the second half and only scored one time," according to Volarvich.

"A couple of penalties at crucial times hurt us," Volarvich said. "We fumbled late after getting the ball with two minutes left and a chance to win."

Sophomore Tre Hopkins "played a good game. This was his third week in a row with over 100 yards [rushing]. He averaged 4.3 yards per carry," Volarvich said.

Defensively, "Kelvin Flowers did a good job going from safety to linebacker. He was in on 11 tackles. He flew around and did a good job," according to Volarvich. Alex Mendiola and Riley Dodd also recorded 11 tackles each.

Coaches have "stressed to the team to get a little better every week and play with a lot of intensity. We did some of that. Our offensive line

cleaned up some mistakes they've had and did a good job."

Turner Futrell, Noel Dunham and Kason Willard "played on the offensive line and defensive line. They did a good job and gave good effort," Volarvich said.

With three games left, "We're still fighting for the opportunity to make the playoffs," Volarvich said. "If we continue to improve, I think that will happen. We have to be better on Wednesday than we were Tuesday, and better Thursday than we were Wednesday."

The Scrappers have made the state playoffs for 30 consecutive years.

Harmony Grove, Malvern and Bauxite are the three remaining teams on the schedule. "All have had their struggles like we have," Volarvich said.

The Scrappers will play at home for the second straight week when they host Harmony Grove Oct. 22. "We want to improve on last week and build some momentum," Volarvich said.

Against Ashdown, the Scrappers fell behind 6-0 before Hopkins scored on a 13-yard run. Obed Aguilar kicked the PAT to put Nashville on top 7-6.

The Panthers came back and scored on a one-yard run. The PAT was no good for a 12-7 Ashdown lead.

Hopkins put up his second TD on a one-yard run. Ethan Gunter passed to Isaiah Jones for the two-point conversion and a 15-12 Scrapper lead.

Ashdown went ahead to stay on a two-yard run. With the two-point conversion, the Panthers were on top 20-15.

They extended the lead to 26-15 on a 12-yard pass. The two-point try was no good.

The Scrappers scored on a 35-yard pass from Gunter to

Elijah Harris. The two-point conversion failed, leaving the Panthers ahead 26-21.

The game was fairly even statistically.

Nashville ran 62 plays to 67 for Ashdown.

The Scrappers had 335 yards total offense, including 220 passing and 115 rushing.

Ashdown had 336 total yards, with 169 passing and 167 rushing.

Nashville had five more first downs with 17, compared to 12 for Ashdown.

Both teams were four of 10 on third down conversions.

The Scrappers converted on one of four fourth downs, with Ashdown good on two of five.

Nashville lost a fumble and threw one interception. Ashdown didn't lose a fumble but had two interceptions.

The Scrappers were penalized five times for 25 yards. Ashdown had six penalties for 30 yards.

For the night, Gunter completed 17 of 28 passes for 220 yards, one touchdown and an interception.

Hopkins rushed 27 times for 115 yards and two TDs.

Jones was the leading receiver with nine catches for 101 yards. Hopkins had three catches for 44 yards.

Elijah Harris made one reception for 35 yards and a touchdown. Mendiola caught the ball twice for 17 yards. Toddrick Watson and Astin Cooper made two catches each.

Defensively, Flowers, Mendiola and Dodd had 11 total tackles each. Watson had five. Jones, Willard, Dunham, Futrell, Mikell Johnson, Waylan Benson, Omari Benson, Fernando Perez and Miller Goff also recorded tackles.

Jones and Harris made one interception each.



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BUYING TIME. Turner Futrell (74) gives Ethan Gunter (5) to set up a pass Friday night against Ashdown in a District 7-4A home game. Gunter completed 17 of 28 passes for 220 yards and a touchdown.



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TACKLE. Scrapper Kelvin Flowers (21) stops Mason Washington (4) of Ashdown as Riley Dodd (25) moves in to assist.



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CENTURY MARK, AGAIN. Tre Hopkins (right) ran for more than 100 yards for the third week in a row. He recorded 115 rushing yards against Ashdown.



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OFFENSE. Coach Mike Volarvich and Coach Jimi Easterling instruct the offense on a scoring drive Friday night.

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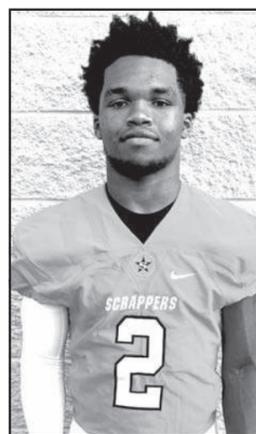
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Tre Hopkins, Nashville



Tre, a Scrapper sophomore, ran for more than 100 yards for the third week in a row Oct. 15 against Ashdown. He carried the ball 27 times for 115 yards and two touchdowns.



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Nashville quarterback Ethan Gunter.

Scrappers to host Harmony Grove

By John R. Schirmer
News-Leader staff
Haskell Harmony Grove will visit Scrapper Stadium Friday night, Oct. 22, for a District 7-4A game. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Scrappers (2-5, 0-4) enter the game after a hard-fought home loss to Ashdown, 26-21 Oct. 15.

Harmony Grove (2-4, 1-3) fell to Arkadelphia 42-19 last week.

The Cardinals "like to run the football," Scrapper Coach Mike Volarvich said. "They'll have two tight ends, three running backs. It's three yards and a cloud of dust. They try to control the clock and limit you on offensive plays."

Defensively, "They've done a couple of things this

year. They play with good pad level and leverage on the line. They play really hard," Volarvich said.

The Cardinals "are not overly big or fast, but they make up for it with effort," according to Volarvich. They defeated Bauxite earlier in the season.

"We'll have to match or exceed their effort on fundamentals," Volarvich said. "We can't turn the ball over. We have to make our scoring opportunities count."

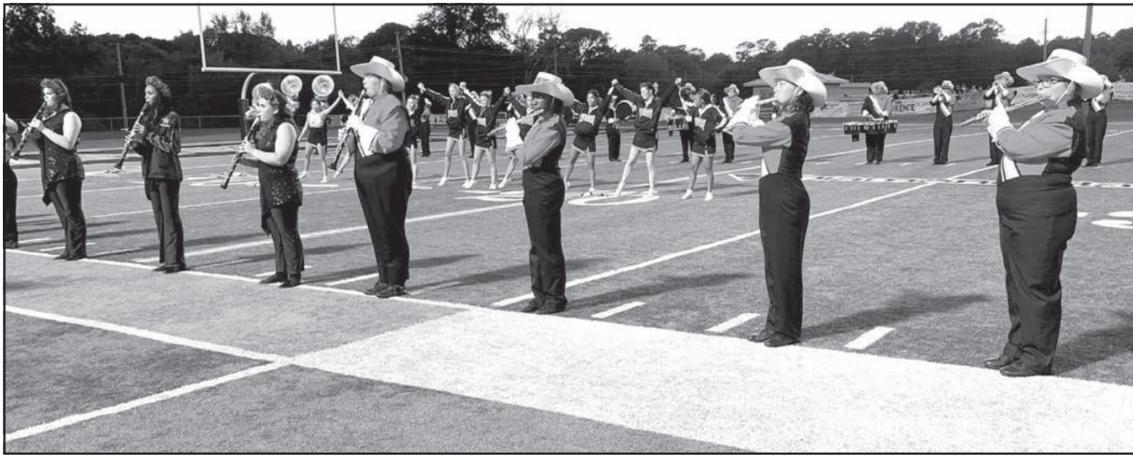
The Scrappers "will have to be very physical on defense. We have to stop the run."

Harmony Grove averages 290 yards per game total offense, including 33.3 passing and 256.7 rushing.

The Scrapper defense has



GATHER AROUND. Coach Mike Volarvich talks to the Scrappers in the wake of their 26-21 loss to Ashdown Friday, Oct. 15.



BEFORE THE GAME. The Scrapper band and cheerleaders lead the NHS "Alma Mater" during pre-game activities Friday night at Scrapper Stadium.

allowed 187 yards per game passing and 218.6 rushing for a total of 405.6 yards.

Nashville averages 210.6 yards per game passing and 131.6 yards per game rushing for 342.2 yards per game total offense.

The Cardinal defense has yielded 326.5 yards per game.

Scrapper quarterback Ethan Gunter has completed 98 of 178 passes for 1,191 yards, nine touchdowns and six interceptions.

Harmony Grove QB Hunter Williams has completed 18 of 38 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns.

Tre Hopkins of Nashville

has run the ball 100 times for 652 yards and five TDs.

Williams has 59 carries for 327 yards and four touchdowns for the Cardinals.

Isaiah Jones is Nashville's leading receiver with 33 catches for 532 yards and three touchdowns.

Nashville leads the series with Harmony Grove 2-1.

The Scrappers are 1-0 at home against the Cardinals.

Last season, Nashville defeated Harmony Grove 41-7. The Scrappers won 42-6 in 2019.

The Cardinals' only win came in 2018 when they defeated Nashville 26-21 in a game marked by rain and controversial penalties.



FUTURE CHEERLEADERS. More than 130 girls attended last week's mini-cheer camp last week in Nashville. High school cheerleaders were the instructors.

Junior Scrappers drop overtime game to Ashdown

ASHDOWN - The Nashville Junior High School Scrappers fell to Ashdown 32-30 in overtime Oct. 14.

Both teams scored during overtime and went for the two-point conversion. Ashdown's attempt was successful; Nashville's was not.

Quarterback Chambers completed six of nine passes for 23 yards and two touchdowns against the Panthers. He also ran the ball six times for 28 yards.

Matthews ran for 47 yards, caught two passes and scored a touchdown.

Jones had eight carries for 34 yards.

Grey, Cortez and Morgan caught passes for six, seven and 10 yards, respectively.

Nashville had 132 yards total offense, including 109 rushing and 23 passing.

Tacklers included Long-

tin, Jones, Scott, Matthews, Cooper, Harris, Canada, Chambers, McIntosh, Erby, Gray, Wiley and Cox.

Gibson intercepted an Ashdown pass.

Nashville will play at Haskell Harmony Grove Thursday at 7 p.m.

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Rattlers take down Gators

Dierks Outlaws headed to Rattler Stadium Friday

The Murfreesboro High School Rattlers (3-3, 2-0) garnered their second conference victory while keeping the visiting Foreman Gators (0-7, 0-2) winless on the season with a 21-12 victory at home last Friday night.

The game began slowly as the teams felt each other out -- MHS would have a turnover on downs and a pair of punts in their first three possessions, while Foreman had three punts and a turnover on downs in their first four possessions.

Murfreesboro would break through on their fourth possession after a botched punt attempt by the Gators -- tackled by Andrew Howard -- gave the ball to Murfreesboro on the Gator 14-yard-line.

Jay Stuard would rush the ball four consecutive times to gain the score, the final attempt a two yard sneak. Alex Bailey would add the extra point attempt to set the game at 7-0.

Now deep into the second quarter, the Gators would answer on the ensuing possession. Starting at their 42-yard line, Foreman would drive inside the red zone on the strength of a 28 yard pass play from Hunter Fowler to Curtis Young. Fowler would then complete a 7 yard pass on the next play to Desmond Cornelius for a touchdown. The Gators would attempt a two-point conversion on a Fowler rush, but the trio of Tay Johnson, Haydan Pickett and Howard would stop him short to preserve a 7-6 MHS lead at the halftime break.

On their first possession of the second half, the Rattlers would move into Foreman territory on rushes of 11 and 13 yards by Stuard. Five plays later Tyler Nichols would rush for 14 yards to the FHS 10 yard line.

A Rattler holding penalty temporarily disrupted the drive, but Stuard would score from nine yards out two plays later to augment the MHS lead. The teams would trade penalties before the Bailey PAT was good, making the score 14-6.

Foreman would drive to the MHS 36 yard-line, but the Rattler defense held, forcing a turnover on downs.

MHS would punt the ball back to the Gators four plays later, and Foreman would proceed to drive for their second score when Fowler hit Cornelius with a 23 yard pass. The two point conversion was fumbled, setting the score at 14-12.

Now in the fourth quarter, MHS would drive to the Foreman 44 before punting the ball back to the Gators.

The Rattler defense would come up big on the second play of the drive when Travis Reed would intercept a Fowler pass to return the ball to MHS at the Foreman 20-yard line.

Stuard would rush for 19 yards on the first play and seal the game with a TD rush from the one-yard-line

on the second. Bailey added the PAT to finalize the scoring at 21-12.

On their last gasp, the Gators would progress to the Rattler 33-yard line, but a Nichols interception would seal the deal for the Rattlers.

In sum, Foreman would outgain the Rattlers on offense 220-177 and earn more first downs 16-13, but the pair of second half interceptions proved costly as the game's only turnovers along with the errant punt snap in the first half that allowed MHS to be opportunistic.

The Gators would rush for 65 yards and pass for 155 yards on 65 plays.

Murfreesboro would rush for 170 yards and pass for 7 yards on 44 plays.

The contest was filled with penalties, with MHS having 11 for 108 yards and Foreman incurring 13 infractions for 92 yards.

Fowler would pass 15/34 for 155 yards with a pair of touchdowns and interceptions in the game for Foreman. He also gained 13 yards on six rushing attempts.

Tyrance Marks would lead the Gators in rushing with 42 yards on 16 attempts. He added seven receptions for 65 yards.

Cornelius would catch six passes for 62 yards and a pair of scores for Foreman.

For the Rattlers, Stuard would pass 1/9 for seven yards, while rushing for 117 yards on 18 attempts and three touchdowns. He accounted for 11 of the MHS first downs.

Reed would amass 40 yards on nine rushing attempts for MHS.

Noah Cox was the recipient of the lone Rattler completion for seven yards.

Malachi Sanders would lead the defense with 21 tackles, including two for loss. Cox would add 14 tackles, also with two for loss, while Avery Manley had 13 tackles and two for loss. Howard and Brandt Stevens would each tally 12 tackles for the Rattle defense.

In addition to his 3/3 effort on PATs, Bailey would punt four times for a 39.5 yard average, leaving two inside the 20 yard line and one return for minus-four yards.

This Friday, the Rattlers -- winners of three consecutive games -- will host the Dierks Outlaws.

Dierks is 2-6 on the season and 1-0 in conference play. The Outlaws will be coming off a bye week after having defeated Foreman 38-28 in their previous game.

Maxpreps.com ranks the Outlaws as the 16th best team in Class AA, while it has the Rattlers at number 19.



FEARLESS FRESHMEN AND WINNERS. (Front from left) Alley Stinson, Autumn Dixon, Halehy Broach, Stail-ee Harrison; (back) coaches Jordan Hill and Grayson Kersey, Marleigh Reese, Hannah Kirby (MVP), Chlose Billings, coach Cole Brinkley.

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JUICY JUNIORS. (Front from left) Sunee Younger, Chloe Manasco, Evelyn Salgado, Jenna Bray; (back) coach Andrew Hill, Arriona Stout, Kyndall Turner, coach Mackay Smith, Lillian Glass, Jayda Young, Caleigh Manning, coach Eli Sharp.



SWAGGY SOPHOMORES. Coach Rustin Simmons, Baylee Carter, Destine Jackson, Haley Carter, Sydney Mounts, coach Kason Jewell, Ally Hogg, Madison Chandler, Emmi Ford, Harley Barbre, coach Hayden Ste-



SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS SENIORS. (Front from left) Kammie Hill, Autumn Greenwood, Kamry Kelley, Allie Miller; (back) coach Jacob Moore, Allie McConnell, Laken Whisenhunt, Sydney Brice, Kasyn Turner, Lindsey Martin, coaches Kohl Kersey and Braxton Claborn.

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GUEST PICKER: Andy Hogg; #82 defensive back and wide receiver on 1992 Dierks Outlaws; now technical advisor for Tyson Foods, and Justice of the Peace on Howard County Quorum Court



News-Leader photo/JOHN R. SCHIRMER
 Isaiah Jones advances the ball after catching a pass from Ethan Gunter Friday night, Oct. 15, in the Scrappers' 26-21 home loss to Ashdown. Jones had nine receptions for 101 yards and made the catch on a two-point conversion during the first half.



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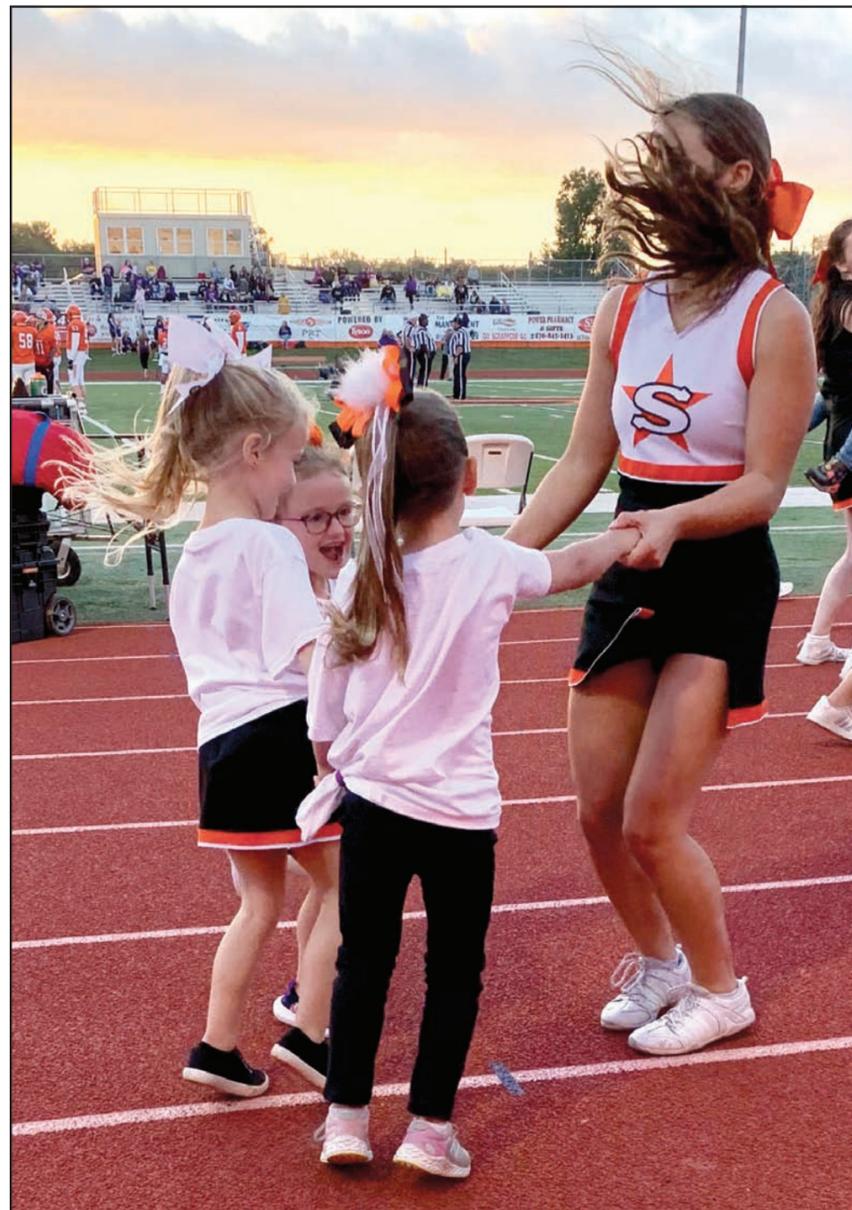
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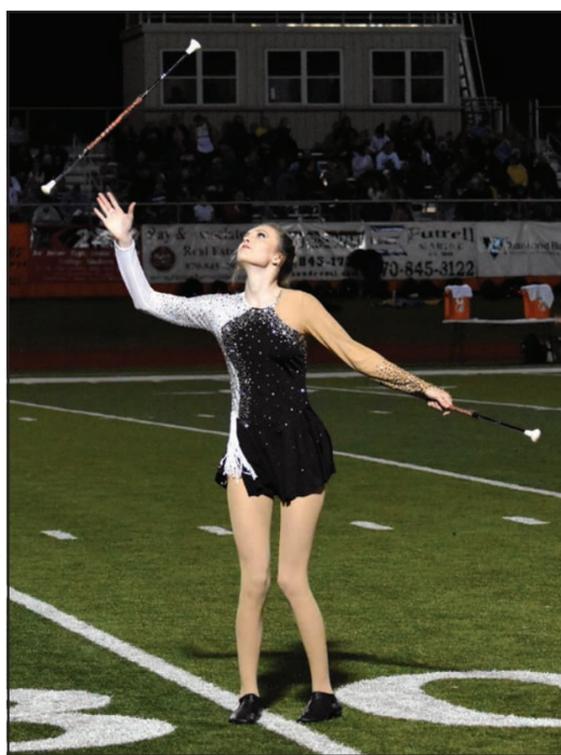
BEFORE THEY PERFORM. Scrapper cheerleader Anna Kate Sartin visits (front) Presley Bennett, Julianne Mishler (to her left) and Madeline Britt Friday night before the mini-cheerleaders performed prior to the game with Ashdown.



HALFTIME. The Scrapper band performs during halftime of Nashville's game against Ashdown Friday night, Oct. 15, at Scrapper Stadium. The halftime theme focuses on the music of Carlos Santana.



ON THE FIELD. Drum major Luis Maya (above) directs the NHS band at halftime Friday night at Scrapper Stadium. (right) Majorette Sarah Rawlison twirls two batons during her routine.



Friday night at Scrapper Stadium

News-Leader photos/JOHN R. SCHIRMER



PRESENTATION. NHS Student Council members Natalia Betancourt, Maggie Campbell and Lily Meraz presented a gift basket to Ashdown Student Council members as an act of sportsmanship before Friday night's game at Scrapper Stadium.



FLAG RUNNERS. Five of the Bleacher Creatures ran the Scrapper flags along the track following Nashville touchdowns Friday night against Ashdown. They include (front) Jace Knipper; (standing) Reese Worthington, Katherine Talley, Maci McJunkins and Ashley Chambers.

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Other items to be discovered at the event includes thousands of coins, civil war bullets, and other historical relics. There will also be artifacts to be discovered including arrowheads.

A children's area will be available for youngsters in attendance with treasures of their own to discover.

Admission to the festival will include a tour of Kadoha Indian Village, as well as a lunch held at the event on Saturday. A raffle will also be conducted amongst ticket holders for prizes such as a metal detector.

Visitors are welcome, but non-ticket holders in attendance must pay for lunch on Saturday.

The event now features a "refer-a-friend" program that allows \$50 discounts off the ticket price, with no limits to the number of referrals.

Tickets will be limited to 250 and are \$300 each, which allows entrance both days. Children 12 and under are permitted free attendance. Tickets may be purchased by mailing checks to Caddo Trading Company, Inc., P.O. Box 669, Murfreesboro, AR 71958, or via electronic devices (Paypal) at caddotc@windstream.net.

Admission can also be purchased with a credit/debit card via phone by calling (870) 285-3736.

Owner Sam Johnson said that tickets were going quickly in what will be their best attended event yet. Attendees will include visitors from nine different states.

"Come find your treasure -- it really is fun for the entire family," Johnson said of the festival.

Kadoha Indian Village is located at 281 Kadoha Road in Murfreesboro.

For more information, visit Arkansas History Unearthed on Facebook.

Dierks eatery to host bake sale for Angel Trees

Kenya's Drive In, located in Dierks, will host a bake sale Sunday, Oct. 24 to benefit the area Angel Tree project for the upcoming holiday season.

The sale will be all day. Those not wanting to bake can donate throw blankets to be used by missionaries this winter. Blankets can be delivered to Kenya's any time before the sale.

For more information, call (870) 286-2222.



RATTLER BAND ON HOLLOWAY FIELD.

The Murfreesboro High School Marching Rattler Band took the field during halftime of Friday's game against Foreman at Rattler Stadium. Above are percussionists (from left) Renika Gordon, Laine Stone, Liam Eoff and Dusty Lee. To the right is Finley McDaniel on the flute.

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Former MHS coach pleads guilty to sexual assault, faces victims

By John Balch
News-Leader staff

The speculation is over in the case against the former Lady Rattler coach charged with sexually abusing three students during his time at Murfreesboro High School. Charles "Si" J. Hornbeck, 38, had maintained his innocence in the case since his arrest in September 2020, but on Monday the former coach pleaded guilty to five counts of first-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree sexual assault.

He was sentenced to 20 years with eight years suspended in the Arkansas Department of Correction on each charge. Hornbeck's sentences will run concurrently for a total of 12 years

on all charges. He will be required to serve at least three to four years in prison before becoming eligible for parole and he will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release.

Hornbeck was set for a jury trial on Oct. 27.

Hornbeck worked as a coach and teacher on the MHS campus of the South Pike County School District from 2007 to 2014. Hornbeck was most recently employed by the Farmington Public School District in northwest Arkansas but he resigned from that position in August 2020 just weeks before charges were filed on Sept. 9, 2020 in Pike County.

The assault involved three female victims, all less

than 21 years old and there was a four-year time span when the assaults happened. The victims at the time of the assault ranged in age from 15 to 18. The victims said the assaults took place in the Rattler Field House, at the coach's Murfreesboro home, and at his in-law's home.

The investigation began in 2019 when the Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children Division Child Abuse Hotline received notification regarding an alleged assault of a 16-year-old former MHS student.

As part of the agreed-upon plea deal, Hornbeck had to face his victims as they stood before him to deliver victim impact statements.

(Editor's Note: Though the victims spoke in open court and their identities were revealed, The Nashville News-Leader will not publish the names of the victims.)

The victims all stated they felt they needed to keep their secret to themselves and that they hoped stepping forward will keep Hornbeck from abusing more victims. They all said they had lived with guilt and shame for many years.

Tears streaked down Hornbeck's face and he nodded in agreement when the first impact statement was delivered. The victim said she found "clear direction" from the Bible, particularly Ephesians 5:11: "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose

them." She also said she forgave her former coach for his crimes.

"Si, I can stand here today and say I forgive you. Today is not about trying to get back at you. Today has happened because of your bad choices but today is also happening because of a good choice. A choice to stand up and speak out so another little girl didn't have to worry about being quiet."

The victims also said they were unaware they were being groomed and manipulated by Hornbeck. One victim said she first met Hornbeck as a fourth-grader and he soon became a figure of trust. "Growing up with you as a figure in my life for the next eight years, I was not able to see the grooming and manipulation that was happening to me. But I grew into a strong, educated woman, and realized the mental, emotional and sexual abuse you put me through. For years I dealt with confusion, guilt and shame that was not mine to carry. It was yours."

The victim continued, "Although today looks like it's about me, it's not at all. This moment is for all the other girls that were going to be in your path until you were stopped."

This victim also quoted the Bible's Psalm 94:16: Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will stand for me against those who practice iniquity?

"I find my peace knowing that's what I've done today,"

she concluded.

Hornbeck struggled to keep his head up while facing the victim who delivered the last statement.

The victim stated she had planned to keep her secret but a phone call informing her that Hornbeck had also violated a younger family member changed her mind. "In that moment, I felt a whole new level of disgust, anger and more guilt. I knew then, I couldn't keep hiding it any longer."

She also said Hornbeck's grooming and manipulation was so deep, she still struggled to come forward because she did not want to hurt his family or children.

"But, I was finally able to open my eyes and realize that I'm not the one doing this to them. You are. You did this to them. You knew what you were doing not just once, twice or even three times, but without a doubt in my mind, many, many more times."

The victim said she is proud to play a part in "ending your long streak of using and abusing young girls."

"You're a liar, manipulator, a predator. And my only regret is not coming forward sooner."

Those words stung Hornbeck and he dropped his head. Unable to speak, Hornbeck had his lawyer, John Pickett of Texarkana, deliver his statement to the victims and their families. Hornbeck faced them with his head up as the lawyer

told them Hornbeck was sorry for "letting you down" and that he has accepted responsibility for his crimes.

Within minutes of his guilty pleas, Hornbeck was escorted from the courtroom and into the booking station where his mugshot was taken again and he was fitted with "jail orange" clothing to await bed space in the state prison system.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jana Bradford, along with DPA Erin Hunter-Sprick and Special Investigator David Shelton spearheaded the case against Hornbeck and said the victims should be praised for their courage to step forward.

"The prosecuting attorney's office is so proud of these ladies in this case for having the courage to come forward against their former coach.

"They are the true heroes. Through their bravery, they prevented him from being able to groom and prey on future young athletes and students that he might have taught or coached," Bradford said.

"The victims and the prosecution team spent countless hours preparing for this case for trial.

"The plea agreement allowed Hornbeck to be punished and allowed the judicial system to continue to keep an eye on him following his release from incarceration."

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Alexander, Andreka Charney, 20, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315
Alred, Penny L., 34, Hot Springs, \$125 BF, no child restraint device
Bailey, Sarah M., 35, Belleville, Ill., \$125 BF, no child restraint device; \$185 BF, speeding
Bethel, Derrick, 39, Mineral Springs, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315
Blanco, Hector Pastor, 19, De Queen, \$135 BF, speeding
Boyd, Steven A., 28, Glenwood, guilty of defective of speedometer, fined \$125
Bradshaw, Lena Louise, 33, Delight, guilty of expired vehicle license/tags, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125
Buck, Dusten Ray, 36, Glenwood, \$165 BF, speeding
Camacho, Febronio J., 44, De Queen, \$125 BF, speeding
Campbell, Mitchell Everett, 52, Texarkana, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding
Castillo, Gelacio Arviso, 36, Glenwood, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Coe, Lauren Berry, 38, Maryville, Tenn., \$135 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Cogburn, James C., 36, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Cogburn, Mark, 35, Norman, \$125 BF, failure to affix or display license plates; \$125 BF, improper heavy machine/machine secure; \$125 BF, ire-tread and/or sidewall separation
Cox, Mathew Allen, 18, Hot Springs, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125; guilty of reckless driving, fined \$445; guilty of improper use of signals to stop or return; guilty of fleeing, fined \$580
Crawford, Dusty Reno, 27, Lockesburg, \$135 BF, speeding
Davis, Larry M., 62, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$135; guilty of improper passing, fined \$125
Elliott, Joshua Allen, 38, Kaufman, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding
Eskew, John P., 41, Umpire, \$165 BF, speeding
Ewaskiewicz, Boleslaw, 74, Langley, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Fidel, Trejo A., 46, Albuquerque, NM, \$215 BF, speeding
Fox, Tanya Marie, 47, Amity, \$125 BF, speeding
Fugitt, Elijah T., 15, Nashville, \$125 BF, no driver's license
Garcia, Antonio, 22, Jacksonville, guilty of speeding, fined \$125
Garcia, Gideon E., 28, Hot Springs, \$165 BF, speeding
Gillenwater, Faithann K., 25, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$31; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Gonzalez, Barbara J., 50, Amity, \$70 BF, no seat belt
Graves, Brandi N., 31, Amity, \$155 BF, speeding
Hale, Timothy Todd, 50, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Hamilton, Pamela Gale, 52, Mineral Springs, \$185 BF, speeding
Hatton, Skyler James, 19, Arkadelphia, \$125 BF, failure to stop or yield; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Hernandez, Juan Martinez, 20, Glenwood, \$135 BF, speeding
Hernandez, Monica M., 43, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver's license
Houser, Dylan, 29, Amity, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315
Hughes, Patrick N., 56, Murfreesboro, guilty of DWI #2, fined \$1,620, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of refusing breath test, fined \$125; guilty of violation of ignition interlock device, fined \$170; guilty of failure to yield to emergency vehicle, fined \$295; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of speeding, fined \$125
Hunter, Dylan C., 22, Bryant, guilty of speeding, fined \$135
Jensen, Lawrence W., 52, Hot Springs, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325
Jewell, Dealia Renee, 23, Cove, \$70 BF, no seat belt
Johnson, Endley Anne, 22, Richwood, Texas, \$125 BF, speeding
Kievit, Sean Robert, 19, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$135
Lambert, Kenneth J., 34, Amity, \$125 BF, failure to appear; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Marquez, Rosa P., 29, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$135 BF, speeding
Martinez, Teresa, 55, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver's license
Morris, Joe Elton, 35, Percy, \$125 BF, speeding
Murphy, William Robert, 40, Umpire, \$135 BF, speeding
Neighbors, Michael C., 24, Amity, \$125 BF, no child restraint device; \$45 BF, no seat belt
Porter, Brittany Ann, 34, Chouteau, Okla., \$135 BF, speeding
Porter, Curtis L., 28, Nashville, \$125 BF, driving left of center
Pruett, Bobby J., 42, De-light, \$70 BF, no seat belt
Quiroz, Angelo, 50, Nashville, \$125 BF, no vehicle license
Rodriguez, Adan A., 66, Kirby, \$135 BF, speeding
Rosilier, Brianna, 15, Murfreesboro, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125
Salazar, Paul G., 50, New York, NY, \$135 BF, speeding
Saldana, Yahira A., 25, Nashville, \$125 BF, speeding
Sebastian, Joy, 52, Frisco, Texas, \$125 BF, improper passing
Sloan, Kasie L., 41, Nashville, \$220 BF, public intoxication
Smith, Danielle Elise, 21, Newhope, \$125 BF, careless prohibited driving
Spears, David Journey, 21, Glenwood, \$125 BF, violation of restricted driver's license
Sterling, Christopher C., 49, Murfreesboro, \$185 BF, speeding
Stone, Justin B., 28, Delight, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; \$125 BF, no vehicle license; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315
Sullivan, Michael Gage, 19, Delight, \$70 BF, no seat belt
Voorhees, Kenneth B., 26, Miner, Mo., \$135 BF, speeding
Walker, Bobbi J., 56, Amity, \$165 BF, speeding
Webb, Logan S., 20, Murfreesboro, \$70 BF, no seat belt
Webb, Rhonda L., 39, Murfreesboro, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Weithington, Seth A., 43, Ashdown, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), \$860 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, guilty of failure to appear, \$70 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325
Whisenhunt, Austin E., 17, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Whisenhunt, Beverly J., 61, Amity, \$155 BF, speeding
Whisenhunt, Jasper G., 23, Caddo Gap, \$155 BF, speeding
Wilder, Matthew Dale, 18, Amity, \$70 BF, no seat belt
Wilder, Myles Alan, 21, Glenwood, \$135 BF, speeding
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Bunch, Jeremiah Randall, 20, Texarkana, \$155 BF, speeding
Castillo, Gilberto O., 44, Laredo, Texas, \$145 BF, expired driver's license
French, Aron, 20, Nash-

ville, guilty of contempt (failure to pay), \$70 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225
Jones, Wade, 20, Texarkana, Texas, \$145 BF, running stop sign
McMillian, Cheyanne L., 19, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt
White, Jacob Anthony, 21, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
White, Rachael, 29, Lockesburg, guilty of obstructing government operations, fined \$300; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$90; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$265
Wilkinson, Jesse, 31, Murfreesboro, \$145 BF, passing in no passing zone
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Tha, Pa, 25, Garland, Texas, \$220 BF, fishing without license resident

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I keep my kitchen in apple-pie order!
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Is your child throwing a fit?

There may be more to it than meets the cry

By Jean A. Ince
Howard County
Extension Agent
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Does your child throw a temper tantrum? If so, they are not alone. Most young children throw one occasionally. Temper tantrums can be exhausting for any parent or caregiver. It may feel like the child is trying to annoy you, but more than likely they have lost control of emotions. Adults can wrongly assume the child is able to pull it together, when in fact, they may want to pull it together, but they can't. What can you do as a parent?

First, remember what NOT to do. Don't threaten or punish a child for having strong emotions. In the short run, they will become more upset, and in the long run, it will teach them to suppress their emotions instead of learning to deal with them.

Make sure the child's basic needs are met. Sometimes, all a child needs are a nap, or a snack, or a drink of water to become the sweet, loving child you know they are.

Stick to a gentle, stable routine and set predictable boundaries. Children, and even adults, do best when they know what to expect. This includes knowing what they can and cannot do.

Set routines and boundaries that can be flexible when needed but are generally predictable. The child may deviate from the routine for a little while, but generally they will return.

For example, you may have a bedtime routine of taking a bath, putting on your pajamas, reading a book and saying prayers before lights out. While this may be ideal, it may not

always be possible and depending upon the age of the child, it may not work for a while. An eight-month-old, who has been following a routine, suddenly stops. That's normal. Encourage following the routine and usually within a couple of weeks they will pick it back up.

Identify triggers. If a child has regular trouble controlling emotions, pay attention to what happens before the tantrum and be proactive dealing with the trigger. Maybe they always break-down around the same time of day or around the same transition or person. If the transition from lunch to naptime is tough, make sure they have a lovey or give them a nap spot away from others.

Help the child feel in control. Kids may have a hard time telling you how they feel. One way to help is to give them words to tell you how they feel and help them regain control. Help them describe how the emotion feels physically or as a color or a "hot" emotion. Giving them ways to describe it can help them work through it and even feel it coming on.

Be calm, kind, and sensitive. Meeting a tantrum with a tantrum may feel good in the moment, but it won't help. Remaining calm and kind in the face of a screaming child can help them understand that they are safe and sound.

Avoid telling them not to cry or not to feel how they feel. This can have unintended consequences as they get older, so naming and dealing in the moment teaches them those feelings are good and normal and can be handled. Keep in mind, most chil-

dren throw a temper tantrum on occasion. Learn how to help them deal with it in a positive way. For more information on parenting issues, contact the Howard County Extension Service at 870-845-7517 or visit our office located on the second floor of the courthouse. You can also check out the website <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/life-skills-wellness/personal-family-well-being/parenting/>

Recipe of the Week

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Here is a recipe from ChooseMyPlate.gov that received high ratings.

The combination of cranberries and apples are perfect for this homemade dessert. The best thing is it can fit into an overall healthy diet with 158 calories per slice!

Deep Dish Apple Cranberry Pie

4 apples (large, peeled, cored, and sliced)
2 ½ cups cranberries (fresh or frozen)
¾ cup sugar
¼ cup flour
1 teaspoon apple pie spice
1 pie crust (prepared)
Directions:
Stir all ingredients (except for the pie crust) together in a medium sized mixing bowl and place in a 10-inch-deep dish pie pan.

Place one pie crust on top of the fruits. Cut 3 or 4 slits to allow the steam to escape. Bake at 375 degrees for about an hour. Serve warm. Refrigerate any leftovers.

Yield: 10 servings
Nutrition Information per Serving: 158 calories, 1 g fat, 15 mg sodium, 37 g carbohydrates, 4 g fiber, 1 g protein, 11 mg calcium, 137 mg potassium



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Boot Camp

Do you ever give much thought to where your weaner steers and heifers go when you load 'em on the truck or take 'em to the sale?

You think maybe it's like goin' off to college? Stay in the dormitory, have a nice roommate who doesn't bawl or stay up all night talking about the cute Charolais they met in the cafeteria.

Maybe join a fraternity or sorority, Milka Dama Cow. Play intramural head butting, horn wrestling or pin the tail on the Holstein? They can learn a foreign language like Corriente, Water Buffalo or Emu. And eventually graduate Phi Beta Moo and go on to Hi Concentrate Feedlot Graduate School eventually attaining a Ph D in Hi Choice. Sounds idyllic, doesn't it? Just like you imagine for your own kid going off to college. But the feedlot hands are reading this dreamy scenario like a drill sergeant listening to an Army recruiting ad; "Be all that you can be."

A growing yard or feedlot is more like boot camp. No hallowed halls of ivy here. Does the name Powder River, WW or Bowman ring a bell? Indoctrination for recruits involves standing in line for hours, being shouted at and vaccinated for things you can't pronounce. Sound familiar? The intimate dormitory sleeps 260.

Courses studied include Feed Ingredient Identification, Cowboy Outer Wear, Mud 101 and 102, and Hot Shot Evasion. Sports that are available for participation are Intramural Pneumonia, Find the Water Tank, Coughing Practice and Long Distance Diarrhea.

Within a month the successful recruits are moved up to a better class of grub from the mess hall kitchen and are left alone. So when you watch yer little weaners scamper on the truck with the untroubled mind of a high school graduate, remember their next few weeks are not gonna be easy.

But you can be comforted in the fact that almost all of them will get through boot camp and most of them will achieve knighthood; as in Sir Loin.

Whereas the most a weaner chicken can hope for is colonel.
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Pike Co. Q-court works through short agenda, budget committee appointed

The Pike County Quorum Court met Monday night to take care of short agenda.

The justices of the peace voted unanimously to approve a new insurance policy after appraisals for 2022 came in higher from the Arkansas Association of Counties (AAC).

Insurance in 2021 for all county buildings was \$20,32.39. In the two quotes offered the county, the court had a choice between \$8,294.66 more for appraisal value or \$10,886.04 more for replacement value.

After debating the need for insuring some of the buildings they wouldn't care to replace, such as the old county sheriff's office, which is now used for storage, and the former Pike County Hospital building, which is prospectively the home for a drug rehabilitation facility, it was determined that there just wasn't enough difference on the two, which cur-

rently carry insurance costs of \$138 and \$330 per year respectively.

It was ultimately decided that with older buildings, replacement cost held much more value, as appraisal value wouldn't come close to resolving the issue should some cataclysmic event occur.

In other quorum court news, the county personnel policy remains without major amendment for the last 27 years. To proactively combat the issue, it was stated that the model from the AAC would be used as a basis and that elected department heads would make sugges-

tions for additions and subtractions for consideration by the personnel committee comprised of Johnny Plyler, Jerry Fendley and Seth Henry Kirkham. It was noted that changes would not be presented to the committee until likely after the start of 2022, and a current copy of the personnel policy would be provided to the committee next month.

The budget committee, comprised of Plyler, Kirkham and Robbie Crocker, will begin meetings with department heads next week in the first step toward preparing a budget for the county for approval by December.

'Diamond In The Fall' Oct. 30

The Diamonds In The Fall Festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 30 on the historic Pike County Courthouse Square in Murfreesboro.

The public is invited to attend with events including: Cake walk and games (ongoing throughout festival)

Dog costumer show contest -- 1p.m.

Kids Unlimited performance -- 2 p.m.

Costume contest with divisions -- 4 p.m.

Trunk or Treat event -- 5 p.m.

It is asked that all participants of the trunk or treat to please start on the Cowling Title side of the square so that the flow is uniform.

Members of the public are invited to decorate their vehicle trunks and to come hand out candy to the participating youth. Parti-

pants are asked to arrive by 4:00 p.m. and once parked must remain until the trunk or treat event is over.

The local public is reminded that the Pike County Courthouse Square will be closed to traffic from noon to approximately 6:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce, who invites local vendors to participate.

The vendors will be assigned spots as they arrive to the event, based on need of electricity and the like.

Spaces will be approximately 12x12 and cost \$25 -- which will be non-refundable in the event of inclement weather. Vendors will be allowed to arrive beginning at 11:30 a.m., and can leave before the trunk or treat event or stay until it is completed. Interested participants are asked to provide the fol-

lowing information prior to the event:

Vendor Name
Contact Person
Address (including City and Zip Code)
Email
Cell/Phone Number
Type of Vendor (Food, Craft or Non-Profit)

For questions, contact Jane Fugitt at (870) 285-3131 or e-mail the chamber at murfreesboroar.chamber@gmail.com.

Vendor application information and payment may be sent to the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 166, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

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Short-term investments offer liquidity, more

Generally speaking, investing is a long-term process. You invest in your IRA and 401(k) to reach a long-term goal – retirement. You may invest in a 529 education savings plan for many years to reach another long-term goal – college for your children. But is there also a place in your portfolio for shorter-term investments?

In a word, yes. You have three good reasons for owning short-term investments: liquidity, diversification and protection of longer-term investments. Let's look at all three:

- **Liquidity** – For many people, the COVID-19 pandemic brought home the need to have ready access to cash, and short-term investment vehicles are typically liquid. Still, some are more liquid than others, and you'll want to know the differences right from the start.

- **Probably the most liquid vehicle you could have isn't an investment at all, but rather a simple savings or checking account. But you likely could earn much more interest from a high-yield online savings account without sacrificing much, if any, liquidity. Money market accounts are also highly liquid, but they may carry minimum balance requirements.**

- **Other short-term investments may be less liquid, but that may not be a major concern if you don't need the money immediately. For example, you could purchase a type of mutual fund known as an ultra short-term bond fund that invests in longer-term bonds due to mature in less than a year, so you could receive the benefit of the higher interest rates typically provided by these bonds. You could choose to partially or entirely liquidate your bond fund at any time, but it may take several days for**

the sale to go through, since the shares in the fund need to be sold. You could also invest in a three-month certificate of deposit (CD), but if you cash it out early, you'll lose some of the interest payments.

- **Diversification** – If your portfolio consists largely of stocks and stock-based ETFs and mutual funds, you could take a hit, at least temporarily, during periods of market downturns, which are a normal part of the investment world. But a diversified portfolio, containing both long- and short-term investments, may hold up better during periods of market volatility. That's because the short-term vehicles we've looked at are typically going to be far less affected by market movements, if they're affected at all. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification by itself can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

- **Protection of longer-term investments** – If you were to face an unexpected expense, such as the need for a major home or car repair, how would you pay for it? Without any liquid reserves, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments, such as your 401(k) and IRA.

But by doing so, you could incur taxes and penalties – and, perhaps even more important, you'd be removing resources from accounts designed to help you achieve a comfortable retirement. With enough short-term investments in place, though, you can avoid touching these long-term accounts.

As you can see, you can benefit significantly by adding some short-term investment vehicles to your portfolio. They could make a big difference in your ability to meet your financial goals.

Howard County District Court

Oct. 14, 2021
BF=Bond Forfeited
Howard County
 Bustillos Ramirez, Edelmiro, 20, Hope, guilty of speeding, fined \$230; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$185 Davis, Larry M., 672, Amity, \$210 BF, overload
 Haynes, Michael Ross, 26, Hot Springs, \$235 BF, speeding
 Henriquez, Dilcia, 43, Mineral Springs, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
 Hernandez, Salvador V., 31, De Queen, \$250 BF, speeding
 Keele, Lee Roy Jr., 39, Texarkana, \$445 BF, driving on suspended or revoked license
 Markcum, Allen Lee, 46, Nashville, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$445
 Marlow, Michael B., 35,

Mineral Springs, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,815 owed
 Revilla Gaspar, Francisco, 52, no address listed, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
 Williams, Jim E., 61, Ash-down, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,860 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245
City of Nashville
 Garcia, Nicolas R., 18, Nashville, \$145 BF, using wireless phone interactive communications while driving
 McGough, Sasha A., 22, Hope, guilty of theft of property, fined \$1,709
 Mitchell, Elizabeth J., 57, Nashville, guilty of theft of lost or mislaid property, fined \$635
 Pelky, Skyler Lynn, 30, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$745 owed

Ross, Timothy A. Jr., 20, Hope, guilty of driving on suspended or revoked license, fined \$95 cost only; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$185; guilty of running stop sign or light, fined \$195
 Smith, Justin D., 23, El Dorado, \$220 BF, careless or prohibited driving
 Young, Jalise, 33, Nashville, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$1,370 owed
City of Dierks
 Vartlett, David Neil, 23, Cabot, guilty of speeding, fined \$240
City of Mineral Springs
 Spencer, Leroy, 63, Nashville, \$195 BF, no driver's license/expired license
Bench Trials
Howard County
 Davis, Javon, 31, Saratoga, guilty of non-payment of fines, \$3,015 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

Free outdoor movie Oct. 23 at Ridgeway Baptist Church

A free inspirational movie, "Overcomer," will be shown outdoors Saturday, Oct. 23, at Ridgeway Baptist Church. Movietime is 7 p.m. at

the church, and the showing will be moved inside in the event of rain or uncomfortable cold. There will be free popcorn and drinks. Partici-

pants are urged to bring lawn chairs for the whole family. The church is located at 801 E. Peachtree, Nashville. The public is invited.

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Adult Children of Alcoholics Recovery Meetings. Every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at 202 W. Howard, Nashville. Beginning on October 26. Call Melissa at 870-200-5437.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: 31PR-21-69-2 FLORIDA BELL, DECEASED

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 149 Gary St., Nashville, AR 71852

Date of Death: February 24, 2016

On October 5, 2021, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Florida Bell, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the Estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the Estate.

This notice first published on the 13th day of October, 2021.

The name and address of the distributee or attorney is:
 Mary Taylor,
 By: /s/ Jessica Steel Gunter
 Jessica Steel Gunter,
 Attorney at Law
 219 N. Main
 Nashville, AR 71852
 (870) 845-4532
 (JSG: 16, 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: 31PR-21-73-2 NOLEN BETHEL ALLEN, DECEASED A/K/A: NOLAN BETHEL ALLEN

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 430 Randall Lane, Mineral Springs, AR 71851.

Date of Death: October 17, 2016

On October 12, 2021, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Nolen Bethel Allen, a/k/a, Nolan Bethel Allen, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the Estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the Estate.

This notice first published on the 20th day of October 2021.

The name and address of the distributee or attorney is:
 Nolen Kelly Allen,
 By: /s/ Jessica Steel Gunter
 Jessica Steel Gunter,
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 219 N. Main
 Nashville, AR 71852
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 (JSG: 17, 18)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

JEFF TURNEY, Petitioner,
 Vs.
 31 CV 21-75-1
 ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES
 Defendants,
 IN REGARD TO A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
 To wit:

A part of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 1, Eley Addition to the Town of Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas, according to the Official Plat thereof, said land being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 6 in Block 1, thence run West 50 feet for Point of Beginning; thence North 100 feet, thence West 25 feet; thence South 100 feet, thence East 25 feet to the Point of Beginning; ALSO, the East One-Fifth of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 1 in the Eley Addition to the Town of Nashville, Arkansas, according to the official Plat of same, and being more particularly described as beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 5 in Block 1, thence West West 50 feet, thence North 100 feet, thence East 50 feet, thence South 100 feet to the Point of Beginning

NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, a Petition to quiet title to lands in Howard County, Arkansas, described as follows, to wit:

A part of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 1, Eley Addition to the Town of Nashville, Howard County, Arkansas, according to the Official Plat thereof, said land being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 6 in Block 1, thence run West 50 feet for Point of Beginning; thence North 100 feet, thence West 25 feet; thence South 100 feet, thence East 25 feet to the Point of Beginning; ALSO, the East One-Fifth of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 1 in the Eley Addition to the Town of Nashville, Arkansas, according to the official Plat of same, and being more particularly described as beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 5 in Block 1, thence West West 50 feet, thence North 100 feet, thence East 50 feet, thence South 100 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The Defendants, and/or any and all other persons claiming said lands or interest thereon are hereby warned to appear in this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice and answer said Petition and show cause why the title to said lands should not be quieted and confirmed as set forth by the Petitioner or be forever barred from asserting his or her interest.

WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, this 8th day of October, 2021.

ANGIE LEWIS
 CIRCUIT CLERK
 OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 (AB: 16 - 19)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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'Closed canopy' approach to pasture management a reliable defense against unpredictable weather

By Ryan McGeeney

U of A System
Division of Agriculture
From record summer high temperatures to record winter lows and record 48-hour rain events in between, the unusual has increasingly become the norm in Arkansas' weather.



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The good news for pasture managers is that grassland agriculture can cope with both wet and dry extremes better than perhaps any other form of agriculture.

Dirk Philipp, associate professor of animal science for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said that the historically high variability in rainfall and temperatures throughout the Midwest accounts for the presence of such widespread grasslands in the area.

"It's both the result of a continental climate with hot summers and cold winters and rainfall patterns irregular enough so that trees were not able to establish permanently," Philipp said.

A common feature of grasslands is their year-round closed canopy, along with a high species diversity of cool and warm season plants.

The combination allows for a nearly continuous biomass production, Philipp said, vital for carbon sequestration and resilience to long-term environmental stresses.

"Cattle farmers can improve the resiliency of their livestock production systems by keeping a closed canopy year-round as well," he said. "And by 'closed canopy,' we just don't mean avoiding bare soil. Ideally, it also means growing grazeable forage year-round."

Diversity is the key
Philipp said three key strategies will support growers striving for those conditions.

CATTLE SALE. Braford heifers brought \$1,600 head Saturday at the Triple J special cow sale in Nashville. The heifers, consigned by Brent Hostetler, were part of more than 300 cows and bulls returning to area ranches. The sale, located at the Nashville Stockyard facility, was conducted by Triple J Angus Ranch. The auctioneer was Lavon Hostetler.

"Forage diversity is key," Philipp said. "Extending the grazing season has been all the buzz, but that simply means closing 'forage gaps' and cultivating species that go beyond tall fescue and bermudagrass."

Grasslands are dynamic ecosystems, he said, and pasture managers should ignore the impulse to fight every last weed in an effort to keep a "clean" pasture.

"The idea that you're going to achieve 100 percent of this or that species is a mirage," Philipp said. "If crabgrass becomes prevalent in bermudagrass, for example, just try to make the best use of it."

After forage diversity, growers should be aware of "farm ecozones," he said.

"Wet-laying areas should be treated as a valuable landscape feature," Philipp said. "Grazing can and should take place there. But forcing a landscape toward certain forage species may not work."

Legumes, for example, need a lot of water, so growers should plant them in low-

laying area where long-term persistence is more likely, he said.

Finally, Philipp advised pasture managers to be diligent with grazing management tools.

"Don't be afraid to reach deep into the toolbox of grazing methods and management strategies," he said.

Modern fence technologies and equipment, for example, allow for rapid adjustments of grazing pressure, which can help control plants such as johnsongrass and reduce woody vegetation if necessary.

"Yes, farmers need to maximize the return per acre, but that depends highly on growing grazeable forage first and foremost," Philipp said.

"Experiment yourself and find out what forage species and grazing management works best on your place."



CELEBRATING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. The teachers at Nashville Kindergarten will wear pink during October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pictured are (top to bottom from left) Amber Mischler, Emily Veneable, Shannon White, Angela Dodd, Jennifer Pinkerton, Ginger Blue, Casey Goodwin, Cynthia Bailey and Krissie Talley.

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