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## Chamber of commerce proposes services to Jasper

Staff Report

As the Jasper City Council reviews the past performance of the Jasper Advertising and Promotion Commission (JAPC), the Newton County Chamber of Commerce has made a proposal offering its tourism and marketing services to the city at just over \$10,000.

JAPC was authorized by the city council in 2020 with a stipulation - that after five years the council would examine and evaluate the commission's work and weigh the program's benefits to the city's economy.

It's time to see if the JAPC is self-sustaining and if the commission is reaching the goals that were set out for itself, said Mayor Michael Thomas during the council's regular meeting Thursday, April 17.

When the JAPC was initiated it was done without the support of a local sales tax levied on the sale of prepared food and lodging to fund tourism and local development. Referred to as a "hamburger tax," this tax is in addition to regular



state and local sales taxes.

The JAPC would raise advertising and promotion dollars by holding public events and attracting donations through the non-profit Jasper Arkansas Foundation that was formed in 2023. No other city revenues can be contributed to the JAPC.

The JAPC, comprised by a majority of individuals representing the city's business community along with some representation from the city council, met recently and accepted the resignation



of its paid director Lisa Duet. Duet was the third JAPC director in five years. Thomas said with the position currently vacant, now would be an ideal time for

the council to conduct its mandated review of the JAPC.

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## Sew up projects at remaining quilting workshop



Participants in the Northwest Arkansas Quilting Workshop work together to put the pieces together of a club project. The last workshop will be Thursday, May 1, at Signature Bank Community Room in downtown Harrison. JEFF DEZORT/STAFF

Staff Report

Participants in this year's Northwest Arkansas Quilting Workshop have only one session remaining to get their personal projects sewn up. The month-long series of programs ends Thursday, May 1, at the Signature Bank Community Room in downtown Harrison. The series of weekly workshops began last April 3. Attendance has been between 150-160 participants each Thursday, according to organizers.

The May 1 workshop will conclude with displaying the Mystery

Quilts, and completion of other workshop projects and their evaluations.

The Searcy County Quilt Guild members will present "Creating a Coat of Many Colors." There will also be a presentation on veterans' quilts and/or quilts of valor.

Results will be shared on the winning Mystery Quilt and quilt craft projects with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes being awarded.

The 2025 quilt workshop will dismiss following a presentation of door prizes from tickets sold during the workshop.

## Reported shooting incident leads to multiple felony charges

From the Newton County Sheriff's Office

Newton County Sheriff Glenn Wheeler said his office was contacted on Wednesday April 23rd, 2025 at approximately 7:44 p.m. of a possible shooting incident in the Wayton area. The caller said she was riding in a vehicle when a man apparently shot through the windshield of the vehicle. Two adults and a 5-year-old child were inside. The caller stated the man who shot at them was Aaron Lee Wade, aged 36 of Wayton.

Sheriff's Office Personnel responded to the scene and located the suspect. Mr. Wade stated he did not actually shoot at the vehicle, but threw a large rock into the windshield as they drove by. Mr. Wade had recognized the vehicle as belonging to someone he was upset with. He thought he was attacking the owner, when instead, it was the two adults who had borrowed the truck and the child inside.

When deputies went to where the victims were located, it was also reported that Mr. Wade had shot at the owner of the truck approximately three weeks prior while following the man down the highway, striking the rear of the vehicle. Damage from the previous shooting and damage from the April 23rd incidents were located. Upon further questioning, Mr. Wade admitted to the earlier shooting in addition to throwing the rock at the moving vehicle. A firearm that Wade said was used in the earlier shooting was seized at the scene.

"Mr. Wade's actions show extreme recklessness and disregard for the safety of others," Sheriff Wheeler said. "Firing a gun at someone in a vehicle while both the victim and Mr. Wade were driving down the road, and with other vehicles around, was not only reckless toward the other driver, but the public in general. Then, tonight, the actions he took at a moving

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## Schools receive simulated grades

By JEFF DEZORT  
Newton County Times

JASPER — The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) is proposing a revised formula for calculating simulated school letter grades, according to Jasper School District Assistant Superintendent Kim Liggett, who presented the simulated grades for district schools to the board of education at its regular meeting Monday night, April 21.

According to the ADE, these letter grades, from A to F, are based on factors like academic performance, student growth, and readiness, and are intended to be informational only.

The ADE is proposing a revised method for calculating school letter grades, moving away from a previous formula that was considered confusing and complex.

These letter grades are not official, but they provide a way

to assess and compare school performance based on the new formula.

### Key Factors:

- The formula takes into account student performance on standardized tests, including the new Arkansas Teaching, Learning, and Assessment System (ATLAS).
- Schools and districts earn points (900 to 0) based on their performance in each category,

and these points are then converted into a letter grade.

• These simulated grades are for informational purposes only and do not have any immediate implications for school accountability or funding.

Liggett emphasized the letter grades are part of the new school accountability formula and are provided for informational purposes only to allow leaders time

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## Contracts offered to Jasper staffs

By JEFF DEZORT  
Newton County Times

JASPER — The Jasper School District Board of Education met in regular session Monday night, April 21, and released offers of contracts for the 2025-2026 school year to members of the current classified and certified staffs.

The board first deliberated in executive session for about 40 minute to discuss personnel. In open session the board took the additional actions:

Accepted resignations for the 2025-2026 school year, classified staff, Billie Sudigala, physical therapist, effective at the end of the current school year. Certified staff, Sharron Murrell, Kingston teacher; Megan Guynn, Jasper Elementary teacher; Kendra Stuart, Jasper Elementary teacher; Caitlin Rund, Oark teacher and Jennifer Lord, Oark teacher. All are effective at the end of the current school year.

New hires for the current school year, classified staff, John Thomas, Jasper janitor and LaToya Dillow, Jasper cook.

New hires approved for the 2025-2026 school year, certified staff, Craig Villines, Kingston Ag teacher; John Wesley Taylor, Kingston coach; Shane Andrews, Oark Elementary principal; Emily Villines, Jas-

per Elementary teacher; Bailey Cook, Jasper Elementary teacher and Brooklyn Flud, Jasper Elementary teacher.

The board also named workers for the coming summer feeding program. Kathy Brasel, Tim Slape, Sheila Reynolds, Jenna Waldron, Lynsey Jackson, Katelynn Murphy and LaToya Dillow and student workers, Alabama Cantwell, Isaac Reynolds and Caden Reynolds.

Hired for the Kinder-boost program funded by Save the Children were Kelsey Engle and Shianne McCutcheon.

On other matters involving staffs, the board was provided with an updated stipend schedule for the 2024-2025. Stipends are paid to cover all additional duties of a position, other than the contracted 190 teaching days, performed outside of regular contracted hours. This is intended to cover all duties of the position for the fiscal year including all academic/activity/coaching duties assigned by the supervisor.

Superintendent Dr. Candra Brasel noted that the stipend schedule when initially adopted did not include at the time the stipend paid to the E-Sports coach. The approved activity stipend is \$500.

All other academic and activity stipends remain the same on the schedule.

The board also approved the 2025-2026 certified and classified salary schedules.

The school district will continue to offer teachers the state-mandated base salary of \$50,000. Add ons are stepped on years of educational experience ranging from \$100 for 1-5 years of experience up to \$2,000 for 21 years or more of experience. Teachers may also receive loyalty pay, \$100 for the first five years of service in the district to up to \$2,000 for 21 or more years of service in the district. A Masters Degree also commands an additional \$1,500 to a teacher's salary.

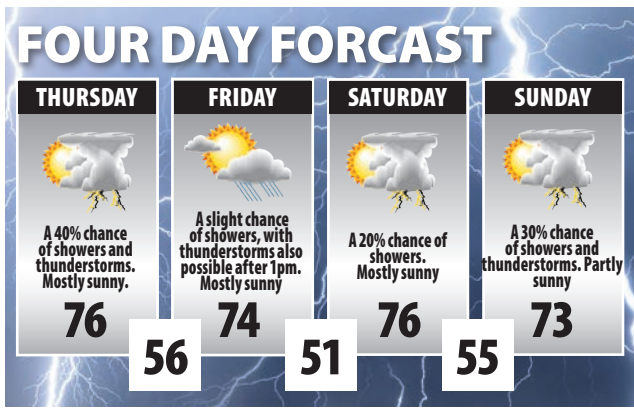
Administrators' contracts receive a base salary and a multiplier on a 240 day contract. Extended contract employees also receive a multiplier to their base salary.

The \$75 teacher license renewal fee will be reimbursed if the teacher returns to teach in the Jasper School District the following year. Reimbursements will be paid upon return of a signed contract for the following year with a request for reimbursement and proof of payment of the renewal fee.

Classified salaries are established on individual positions such as bus driver, lunchroom manager, cook, etc. the number of days contracted and experience up to 20 years.

## Deer water association meeting May 1

The annual meeting of the Deer Community Water Association will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 1, at the Deer School ABC building.



# Jasper to follow traditional calendar

Staff Report

The Jasper School District will follow a traditional school year calendar next year. The district's board of education adopted the calendar during its regular meeting Monday night, April 21. The 2025-2026 school year will begin for students Wednesday, Aug. 13. Thanksgiving break will be Nov. 24-28. Semester break will be Dec. 22-Jan. 2. Spring break will be March 23-27. The end of the fourth quarter is May 22. Make-up days (only to be used in emergency) are May

26-June 1.

Other days when no classes will be scheduled are Labor Day, Sept. 1; Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 19; Good Friday, April 3 and Memorial Day, May 25. There will also be no classes on Professional Development Days for teachers, Oct. 17 and Feb. 13.

Parent/Teacher Conference days are Oct. 16 and Feb. 12 and classes will be released at 2:30 p.m.

Graduation days will be May 14, 15 and 16 for Oark, Jasper and Kingston high schools respectively.

# Summer facility work begins

Staff Report

Much of the repairs and improvements made on school campuses are done during the summer break and that will be the case this summer at campuses in the Jasper School District, said Pat Summer, the district's operation director at the Monday, April 21, board of education meeting.

A security grant received earlier this year by the school district is funding fencing projects already started at some of the schools. Summer noted work was delayed at Oark School because the wrong materials were delivered there.

Some of the \$111,524 for Jasper and Kingston fences is also dedicated to signage and that will begin to progress shortly at each campus, Summer said.

A waterline is being installed at the Jasper campus. All of the grunt work has been in done in house, he said, which has resulted in a lot of cost savings on this project that will be completed over the summer. The board approved an appropriation of \$10,051.45 for materials to complete the project.

At Oark, the school bus garage

roof will be replaced. That will cost about \$4,000. Summer said the campuses other buildings' roof are in pretty good shape.

Various sewer and drainage issues on different campuses will also be taken care of during the break.

The school district agreed to partner with the city of Jasper in applying for a grant to purchase new score boards at the baseball and softball fields in Bradley Park. Jasper School's athletic programs use the fields. They have been playing without scoreboards for some time.

The two new score boards were recently installed and are in use.

In other matters coming before the board:

- A report was received from rootEd Arkansas, a contractor providing counseling for students to help them achieve educational goals and professional development opportunities for advisers.

At Oark, Kingston and Jasper, seniors have created financial plans, submitted applications to higher education or career training and have applied for scholarships and aid.

- Passed a resolution to ap-

point Dr. Candra brasel to serve as the school district's representative on the Ozarks Unlimited Resources Education Service Cooperative Board of Directors.

- Approved taking steps to be eligible for the federal free lunch program. The school district's eligibility under Provision 2 had fallen, but now Medicaid recipients are now eligible and can be counted into the program application. Parents must fill out necessary information forms, however, for the school district to reapply to the program.

- Approved a disclosure statement for an employee doing business with the district.

- Approved 2025-2026 cybersecurity policy.

The board also approved a list of out-of-state trip requests.

Kingston 8th grade to college of the Ozarks April 29

Jasper Elementary 5th and 6th grades to Fun Mountain, Holister, Missouri, May 5.

Jasper Elementary 2nd grade to Fun Mountain, My 7

Jasper Elementary 3rd and 4th grades to WonderWorks, Branson, Missouri, May 12. Graduation dates are: Oark, Friday, May 9; Kingston, Monday, May 12 and Jasper, Tuesday, May 13.

# 3 laws invest in state water infrastructure

LITTLE ROCK – Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders signed three major pieces of legislation during the 2025 legislative session making large investments in Arkansas' water infrastructure.

"If our state is going to continue to grow and thrive, then every Arkansan needs access to safe and reliable water infrastructure," said Governor Sanders. "I was proud to work with the legislature to support this legislation and invest

more than half a billion dollars in Arkansas' water issues, and I will work closely with the Department of Agriculture to ensure we provide assistance to the communities that need it most."

SB420, now Act 736, allows more private entities to convert to public water authorities, allowing them to apply for additional state funding.

HB1681, now Act 812, establishes the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant Program, provid-

ing \$25 million from interest earnings per year over the next three years to water and sewer facilities, with 20% earmarked for rural systems serving 1,200 people or fewer.

SB421, now Act 578, creates a ballot initiative for the 2026 election that, if approved, would provide \$500 million in water and wastewater project funding through 2043, paid for through loan repayments and no increase to state general revenue. Arkansas'

existing bond authority is set to expire in the summer of 2027.

"Reliable water and wastewater infrastructure is vital for the sustainability of communities and industries throughout our state as well as the quality of life for every Arkansan," said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. "We appreciate Governor Sanders' continued leadership to ensure the long-term success of our state."

"This legislative package pro-

vides critical tools to improve how we plan, fund, and deliver water projects across the state," said Chris Colclasure, Director of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division. "We appreciate the Governor's leadership and look forward to working with communities and partners to implement these programs and make meaningful progress where it's needed most."

## CHAMBER

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In order to do so, the council members decided to temporarily suspend the JAPC halting further activities at this time. The council members can take their time to conduct interviews, review JAPC records and finances and make a recommendation to either dissolve the commission, allow it to proceed as it has been doing, or to go forward with some

changes being implemented. Meanwhile, the JAPC would continue to pay its bills and plan for a previously announced summer event. The commissioners are also being asked to continue serving as a committee.

The Little Buffalo River Visitors and Convention Center would not be affected, Thomas said.

Newton County Cham-

ber of Commerce Director Toinette Madison was in attendance at the council meeting and made a short presentation to the council offering chamber services to the city. Madison was a former JAPC director. She gave the council members a draft proposal for them to consider.

Highlights of the proposal include:

- The chamber would provide and maintain an office for tourism marketing.
- Provide experienced tourism marketing professional to consult with and coordinate tourism marketing effort.

## GRADES

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to learn about the new formula. ADE will implement a hold harmless for Public School Ratings for the 2023-2024 school ratings per HB 1598 of the 2025 legislative session. New school ratings for the 2024-2025 school year are anticipated to be released in late summer.

Liggett reported the Jasper School District's simulated letter grades for

its six schools, with Jasper High School earning a B, Jasper Elementary school earning a B, Kingston High School earning a B, Kingston Elementary School earning a B, Oark High School earning a D and Oark Elementary School earning a C.

Liggett said there is concern with Oark High School's grade and staff will

be looking for reasons the school fell in its grade, but at the Oark Elementary School there is celebration as the school went from an F to a C. Jasper Elementary School also progressed going from a C to a B.

Students are in the process of testing and those score should be available by Aug. 1, Liggett said.

## CHARGES

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vehicle that had innocent people inside - not even

who he was looking to hurt - shows his lack of character and lack of regard for human life. There was a 5-year-old child in that truck that could have easily been severely injured or killed!"

Mr. Wade was taken into

custody on several charges; From the earlier incident, Wade was charged with committing a terroristic act, a class B felony, aggravated assault, a class D felony, unlawful discharge of a firearm from a vehicle in the 2nd degree, a class B

felony, criminal mischief in the 1st degree, a class D felony and committing a felony with a firearm sentencing enhancement.

From the April 23 incident, Wade was charged with committing a terroristic act, a class B felony, three counts of aggravated assault, class D felonies, endangering the welfare of a minor in the 2nd degree, a class A misdemeanor, and criminal mischief in the 1st degree, a class D felony.

Wade was transported to the Newton County Jail where he will be held and will appear before a judge before a bond is set.

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# Car show coming to senior center

The Newton County Senior Activity and Wellness Center in Jasper will be hosting its third annual car show on Saturday, May 3. Registration is 9-11 a.m. Judging begins at 11 a.m. Trophy categories include: original cars, muscle cars, street rod, modified cars, new muscle cars, motorcycles, original trucks, modified trucks,

Corvettes and a special trophy will be presented to the Senior Center Favorite.

Meals at the center are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. A \$4 donation is appreciated from clients. No age limit and carry-outs cost \$8.60 per meal. All meals include 8 ounces of 2% milk.

### Menu

#### May 1-2

Thursday - Breaded shrimp, French fries, broccoli florets, hushpuppies and pineapple and bananas.

Friday - Crispy chicken salad, marinated cucumber salad, dinner roll and strawberry dessert bar.

# Compton VFD serving breakfast

The Compton Volunteer Fire Department will be serving breakfast to the community in a fundraiser set for Saturday, May 17, from 6-11 a.m., at the Compton Community Building.

The cost of the breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

# Mt. Judea Yard Sale May 3

The Mt Judea Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Mt Judea School parking lot.

Cost: \$10 per 10x10 spot, \$20 per trailer. You need to sign up for your spot as soon as possible. Sorry, no reserved spots. You can pay any Mt Judea Area Alliance member.

The proceeds will go right back into supporting the community.

# Fishing derby season returns to Compton Pond

May marks the return of fishing derby season at the Compton Pond.

Located behind the Compton Volunteer Fire Station, the pond has hosted a series of youth fishing derbies sponsored by several local organizations on Saturdays during the month of May. Each derby begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 11 a.m.

The Jasper American Legion will sponsor opening day, May 3. Compton Busy Beavers 4-H will sponsor the May 10 derby.

Compton Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor the May 17 event.

County Line Baptist Church will sponsor the final derby on May 24.

These series are open for all youth under 16 years old.

For more information call 870-420-

3392.

### American Legion fishing Derby May 3

Calling all kids 15 and under! Come out to the pond for a morning of fishing!

Keep what you catch out of the fully stocked pond limit of 3. Just bring your fishing gear, your parent or grandparent, and your excitement! No adults allowed to fish.

Saturday May 3 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. the Jasper American Legion Post 93 is proud to sponsor the first of four-fishing

derbies at Compton Fire Department Pond! Located at 13577 Hwy 43 N, Compton, AR 72624.

# Win a quilt and fight cancer, too

The Newton County Cancer Support Group announces its annual spring fundraiser. It will be awarding a quilt again this year. The quilt will be on display at Anstaff Bank during April and May.

This quilt is a beautiful Nine Patch pattern to fit full or queen sized beds. It is in all shades of purple colored solids and prints. The quilt is reversible with purple colored backing, too. So you get to have two different looks.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds go to help people in Newton

County with cancer - for transportation to and from treatments, doctor's appointments and diagnostics.

The quilt was made by Susan McSweeney and Rhonda Waters during the Newton County Library's social crafting class offered every other Thursday from 1-3 p.m.

Come see the 2025 "Spring into Spring" fundraiser quilt at Anstaff Bank starting April 1 through May 31. Tellers inside will have tickets. Drawing will be June 2. The winner will be notified.

# Wheelbarrow fundraiser ends May 2

The Newton County Friends of the Library Wheelbarrow drawing is Friday, May 2.

Tickets for the wheelbarrow full of gardening supplies cost \$2 each or three for \$5.

The wheelbarrow was donated by Tanner's Do-It-Best Hardware in Jasper. Proceeds benefit the Newton County Library by providing programs to its patrons.

# 25 vendors participate in annual job expo

Staff Report

JASPER — The sixth annual Job and Information Expo was held Friday, April 25, at the Carroll Electric Building in Jasper. The event was relocated indoors from Bradley Park due to inclement weather forecasts.

The Expo attracted 25 organizations that distributed information about their services, employment and volunteer opportunities.

Vendors included: The U.S. Air Force/Space Force; Arkansas State Police; H2Ozarks; USDA Rural Development; Area Ham Radio Broadcasters; Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas; Sanctuary, Inc.; Ozark Rape Crisis Center; Newton County Friends of the Library; Newton County Hometown Health/Partners In Prevention; Bank of the Ozarks; Legal Aid of Arkansas; Jasper Volunteer Fire Department; Community Matters/Emergency and Disaster Response; Arkansas Department of Emergency Management; Superior Senior Care; Northwest Arkansas Regional Housing Authority; Ozark Op-



Local ham radio operators set up a shortwave radio and demonstrated how operators could communicate with other operators in distant countries. The group is offering training for those interested in earning a broadcasting license. JEFF DEZORT/STAFF

portunities, Inc.; Adventist Community Services; Boston Mountain Rural Health Clinic; Arkansas Department of Human Services; Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division; Newton County University of Arkansas Extension Office; Al-Anon and Trio Educational Opportunity Center/Single Parent Scholarship Fund.

The expo was presented and sponsored by the City of Jasper and was coordinated by Quinell Land, director of the Little Buffalo River Visitors and Convention Center in Jasper.



Officers from the Arkansas State Police talk with youth during Friday's Job and Information Expo.

# WHAT'S GOING ON

### Attention Newton County residents

To obtain your 911 address please contact the Newton County addressing office at 870-446-2966 or come by Monday — Friday 8-4:30. The office is located upstairs of the courthouse.

### ASP DL testing facilities

At each facility written exams are given from 8 a.m to 11:30 a.m. and the skills exam is by appointment times only. Jasper — The 1st Tuesday of the month. Newton County Sheriff's Office, 300 North Spring Street.

### Jasper Kiwanis Club

Meets 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Ozark Cafe.

### Al-Anon Meeting

Support group for family and friends of alcoholics. The Jasper meeting now meets via Zoom every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information and Zoom ID, call 479-857-8281 or 870-446-2402.

### Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Meeting in a rotating format on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Newton County Library. Conducted by Better Together Recovery, 230 south Stone Street, Jasper. bettertogetherrecovery@gmail.com 870-446-2983.

### American Legion, all you can eat pancakes and waffles

Scrambled eggs and sausage patties, biscuits and sausage gravy, along with coffee, milk, and orange juice. Only \$8 on the first Saturday of every month, starting at 7 a.m., at the American Legion Hut in Jasper. Served by Boy Scouts from Jasper/American Legion Troop 446. The next breakfast will be Saturday, May 3.

### Jasper Community Garden

Meet on the first Monday of each month at the Jasper United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is May 5.

### The Newton County Quorum Court

Meets the first Monday of each month at the courthouse beginning at 7 p.m., unless the first Monday is a holiday, then the quorum court meets Tuesday. The next meeting is Monday, May 5.

### Western Grove City Council

Meets the first Tuesday of the month. The council meets at 7 p.m., at the Western Grove City Hall. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 6.

### The Newton County Hometown Health Initiative Coalition

Coalition of groups and individuals working towards improving the health and welfare of Newton County citizens. Regularly meets the second Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Jasper Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The next meeting is May 8.

### The Newton County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meets the second Monday of each month at the Jasper Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, May 12.

### The Newton County Friends of the Library

Meets at noon on the second Monday of each month at the Newton County Library. The next meeting will be May 12.

### The Deer/Mt. Judea District Board of Education

Regularly meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Location alternates. The next meeting is May 12 at Mt. Judea.

### The Newton County Master Gardeners

Meets at 4:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month at the Newton County Extension Office, 504 W. Court Street, Jasper. The location changes occasionally. The next meeting will be May 13.

### Newton County Chamber of Commerce

Regular monthly meeting is on the third Thursday. The next meeting is at noon on Thursday, May 15. Location changes

### American Legion Auxiliary

Meets the third Thursday at 4 p.m. The mission of the Auxiliary is to support the veterans. The next meeting is May 15.

### Jasper City Council

The Jasper City Council meets on the third Thursday. The next meeting is Thursday, May 15, at 6 p.m.

### Jasper School District Board of Education

Regularly meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Jasper School Library. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19.

### Newton County Animal Welfare

Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from 5 to 6 p.m., at the Newton County Library in Jasper. The next meeting is May 20.

### Community Matters

A group representing churches and non-profit organizations serving Newton County meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., at the Jasper Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The group will meet next on May 22.

### Campbell Edgmon Post 93 Auxiliary

Meets the fourth Thursday of every month at the Legion Hut in Jasper from 4-6 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is May 22.

### Mt. Judea Area Alliance

Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the old cafeteria on the Mt. Judea School campus. The next meeting is May 27.

### Newton County Healthcare Association, Inc.

Meets the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, at 5 p.m., in the Conference Room of Newton County Nursing Home.

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# State Capitol Week in Review

From SEN. BRYAN B. KING

**L**ITTLE ROCK – The legislature agreed on three proposed amendments to the state Constitution. One measure would expand the economic development authority of local governments. Another proposal would protect the right to keep firearms, ammunition, firearm accessories and components. The third proposed amendment would prohibit people who are not citizens of the United States from voting. Senate Joint Resolution 15 is the proposed economic development amendment. If voters approve it, the General Assembly would pass enabling legislation that sets the parameters for cities and counties to create economic development districts. Neighboring states have similar economic development laws. Supporters of SJR 15 say that Arkansas is at a disadvantage in recruiting retail outlets, new homes and office parks. Local governments could create districts of varying sizes, to suit their goals. They could be geographically large in order to promote

housing and development in a certain part of town. They could be relatively small to stimulate investment to restore a few deteriorating buildings. A local development district could freeze property taxes at existing rates for a set period of time, for example, for 10 years. Revenue for local schools would remain stable. New businesses would have an incentive to move into the district to get a break on property taxes for 10 years. The amendment, if approved by voters, would also allow districts to freeze local sales taxes to encourage economic development. Also, districts could issue bonds for public improvements, to be paid off with district revenues. Arkansas voters have approved a similar economic development plan when they voted in favor of Amendment 78 in 2000 by a vote of 427,000 to 356,000. However, a legal challenge that went to the Supreme Court resulted in the repeal of several provisions, diminishing its effectiveness as an economic development tool. In every regular session the legislature can refer up to the three proposed amendments. The Secretary of State will assign numbers to the

proposals adopted by the legislature. They will be labeled Issue One, Issue Two and Issue Three, and they will be on ballots statewide in the November general election next year. A second proposed amendment is SJR 11 to protect the right of citizens to keep and bear arms, for their defense, for hunting, for recreational use and for any other lawful purpose. The right includes the possession and use of ammunition, firearm components and firearm accessories. If approved by voters it would take effect January 1, 2027. The third proposed amendment is House Joint Resolution 1018, known as the Citizens Only Voting Amendment. It states that only United States citizens are allowed to vote in state and local elections. When the legislature refers a proposed amendment to the ballot, it is in the form of a Joint Resolution that originates in either the House or the Senate. This year representatives introduced 20 proposed amendments, and they were narrowed down to HJR 1018. Senators introduced 24 proposals and they were narrowed down to SJR 15 and SJR 11.

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## Securing Arkansans' Second Amendment rights

By US SEN. JOHN BOOZMAN

**S**ince our country's earliest days, our laws and traditions have afforded citizens the right to protect themselves and their property. In fact, our founding documents specifically ensure Americans' right to keep and bear arms – most explicitly in the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. As a lawmaker, I have never wavered in defense of law-abiding citizens' right to own and use firearms whether for hunting, recreation or self-defense. In fact, I have helped secure important victories for the Second Amendment and defeat policies like so-called assault weapons bans and international treaties that would violate our national sovereignty to regulate the lawful ownership of firearms.



**JOHN BOOZMAN**  
U.S. SENATOR

The 119th Congress is still in the early stages, but already my colleagues and I have been championing bills to protect and strengthen this foundational right for ourselves and future generations. I am especially pleased to have lent my support to several pro-Second Amendment bills and other actions that would serve to enhance the rights of hunters, shooting sportsmen, firearms enthusiasts and even gun manufacturers and retailers.

The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act is a commonsense proposal to allow individuals with concealed carry privileges in their home state to exercise those rights in any other state that allows concealed carry. It essentially would treat state-issued concealed carry permits like drivers' licenses while upholding state sovereignty.

A related issue involving the rights of potential firearms owners like RV-ers, active-duty military, military spouses and others who rely on a P.O. Box for their primary mailing address but are unable to obtain a firearm due to lack of a permanent physical address. A sensible remedy, the Traveler's Gun Rights Act, would require the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to allow those in this unique situation to complete transaction paperwork accurately and still obtain a weapon legally.

Two other important initiatives deal with expanding access to guns and accessories to responsible individuals wishing to exercise their gun rights.

The Hearing Protection Act would make suppressors easier to obtain and help preserve gun owners' hearing and safety. Likewise, I was proud to join Senator Tom Cotton's (R-AR) Repealing Illegal Freedom and Liberty Excises (RIFLE) Act to remove a burdensome tax and bureaucratic hoops imposed on firearms regulated under the National Firearms Act. Law-abiding, responsible Americans should not have to fight the current burdensome regulations and financial hurdles to enjoy their hobbies safely and with the accessories that can protect them.

But individual firearms enthusiasts are not alone in facing obstacles that need to be overcome.

That is why I have joined many colleagues calling on the Trump administration to reverse a Biden-era rule restricting firearm exports for law-abiding American manufacturers. Similarly, we have put forward the Fair Access to Banking Act to ensure our country's financial institutions are not able to target lawful, legal industries – including firearms and ammunition companies – from being refused lending or services.

Finally, our veterans certainly do not sacrifice their Second Amendment right to purchase or own firearms if they receive help managing their Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. Reversing a misguided interpretation of current law that blocks these former servicemembers from exercising their right to bear arms, which the Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act would do, will help curtail bureaucracy at its worst.

I am a proud supporter of the Second Amendment right to bear arms who believes disarming law-abiding citizens is unconstitutional and does not help reduce violent crime. I will always work to protect this right for the people of Arkansas.

## Celebrating our National Parks

From CONG. BRUCE WESTERMAN  
Arkansas's Fourth District



**BRUCE WESTERMAN**  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN FOR  
ARKANSAS'S FOURTH DISTRICT

**F**or over 100 years, the National Park Service has been a diligent steward of the beautiful lands our nation is blessed with. In 1872, President Ulysses S. Grant established Yellowstone as the very first National Park, setting precedence for future generations to preserve and enjoy the incredible natural beauty that our country so uniquely boasts. From the beautiful Cape Cod National Seashore to the desert lands of the Saguaro National Park and the glacial majesty of Denali National Park, our country is second to none in its beauty.

But of course, we can't forget the Natural State's own National Park, housed right here in the Fourth District. With its rich history and natural beauty, it's no surprise people from all over the country and world come to visit Hot Springs National Park. Locals and visitors enjoy beautiful mountain views, 26 miles of hiking trail, and the thermal springs that inspired the city's name. In 1832, forty years before Yellowstone was even dubbed a National Park, Hot Springs was named the first Federal Reservation in the United States – receiving protection under federal law most notably due to its natural resources. Finally, in 1921, Hot Springs received its beloved title as a National Park.

Most National Parks require vis-

itors to trek far beyond the nearest city limits to enjoy its beauty. But the uniqueness of Hot Springs is that it's right here in the middle of town – stunning views, both natural and architectural, make this town unique – offering up an abundance of outdoor opportunities for all who visit. As an avid outdoorsman, it's especially exciting to take advantage of the outdoor opportunities like biking and the twenty-six miles of hiking trails the Park has to offer.

Early explorers of this region were drawn to the great potential the geothermal springs offered as a mecca for health benefits. After decades of construction, Bathhouse Row became a popular destination, even receiving the title of National Historic Landmark District in 1987. While the bathhouses aren't all under use today, some are still enjoyed as tourist attractions as an emporium and even a brewery – where they make use of the geothermal springs for their production process. Whether

you're enjoying the health benefits of the thermal waters through spas, outdoor natural pools, or public fountains, there is no question that Hot Springs offers natural resources unlike any other in the country. I am immensely proud to represent this historic location – and my beloved hometown - in Congress.

As the Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, there are plenty of opportunities to advocate for and champion legislation that have direct impacts on the Fourth District. Last Congress, I introduced the EXPLORE Act, which was signed into law, that encourages the expansion of outdoor recreation opportunities our great nation has to offer. Much of this legislation was inspired by a great love of the outdoors which was established right here in Arkansas. Most notably, this law improves public land access, modernizes the technology used to improve visitor experiences, restores campgrounds and modernizes infrastructure – all things that greatly benefit Hot Springs National Park and other Parks across the country.

As we wrap up a week designated to celebrating our majestic National Parks, may this serve as a reminder for all the beauty our public lands have to offer, and may we take the time to appreciate our natural resources and do our part in stewarding our land well in order for it to be enjoyed by future generations, just as much as we have been blessed to enjoy it in our own day.

## 2025 agriculture legislation

From REP. STEVEN WALKER  
28th District



**STEVEN WALKER**  
ARKANSAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**D**uring the 2025 Regular Session, the Arkansas House of Representatives approved a set of laws designed to strengthen the state's leading industry—agriculture—through tax relief, land protections, food-security measures, and streamlined regulation.

Act 696 expands the income-tax exemption for payments received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture by adding programs created under the American Relief Act of 2025. By excluding these additional payments from taxable income, the law leaves more operating capital with producers and agribusinesses facing economic or weather-related setbacks.

Act 923 requires an owner of a commercial renewable-energy facility to sign an agricultural-impact

remediation agreement with the landowner before building on farmland.

Act 942, known as the Good Neighbor Act, addresses food insecurity by extending civil-liability protection to donors, including farmers, who give food to nonprofit distributors or food banks.

Act 585 removes veterinary inspection certificates and the personal information tied to electronic animal-identification tags in the custody of the Department of Agriculture from disclosure under the Freedom

of Information Act, providing producers with greater data privacy.

Act 621 directs the Department of Finance and Administration to issue a Farmer Sales Tax Identification Card. Retailers can rely on the card to verify eligibility for nontaxable sales of seed, fertilizer, equipment, and other farm inputs, reducing paperwork for both merchants and producers.

Act 125 permits the sale of unpasteurized milk at farmers' markets or through direct delivery from the farm where it was produced, under defined safety requirements.

Act 18 establishes standards for veterinarians to use telemedicine in urgent or emergency situations, expanding access to timely animal care in rural areas.

Act 811 restricts a prohibited foreign-party-controlled business from leasing agricultural land in Arkansas and prohibits those tied to countries of concern from holding interests in real property or farmland near critical infrastructure.

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**Deaths**

Richard Lynn Chasteen, 76 of Wayton, Arkansas, passed away at The Springs Nursing Home in Harrison, Arkansas on April 3, 2025. There will be a Celebration of Life for Richard at the Parthenon Community Building on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 2:00 PM in Parthenon, AR.

Brandon John Huffer, 44, of Jasper, died April 13 (2025). A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. April 22, at the Lighthouse Bible Church in Diamond City.

*The Newton County Times is pleased to publish death notices of reasonable length at no charge to the family. Expanded obits, with more detail and information, may be purchased as paid advertising through a funeral home or by calling Lynn Blevins at the newspaper at (870) 743-0606.*

**OBITUARIES**

**Brandon Huffer, 44, of Jasper**

Brandon John Huffer, 44, of Jasper, died at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison, April 13 (2025). A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. April 22, at the Lighthouse Bible Church in Diamond City, with Pastor Willie Bousquet officiating. Cremation arrangements were under the care of Diamond State Cremation in Lead Hill.



The son of Robert and Renee (Randall) Huffer was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, June 8, 1980.

Brandon is preceded in death by his mother Renee Randall Huffer, his grandparents Alan John and Carol Huffer and Robert Darrell and Mamie Randal.

He is survived by his father, Robert John Huffer and stepmother Donna Huffer; sister, Erika Huffer; brother, Jonathan Root; children Damian Huffer, Dominic Huffer, Desha Huffer, Dakota Huffer and other relatives.

**Richard Lynn Chasteen, 76 of Wayton,**

Richard Lynn Chasteen, 76 of Wayton, Arkansas, passed away at The Springs Nursing Home in Harrison, Arkansas on April 3, 2025.



The son of Hersil Ray Chasteen and Cora Brashers Chasteen was born on November 5, 1948, in Vanduser, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a baby brother, and 2 sisters, Corolin Daughtry of High Springs, Florida, and Patrica Chasteen of Lake City, Florida.

Richard is survived by 3 brothers and 3 sisters, Robert and Lorreta Chasteen of Welcome Ridge, AR, Ronald Chasteen of Parthenon, AR, Kenneth Chasteen of Lake City, FL, Anita Lovet of Inola, OK, Rita Joyce Brannon of Lake Butler, FL, Susan McDonald and Keith Blackie of Lake City, FL, and his special friend Shirly Skaggas of Jasper and a host of cousins, nephews and nieces.

Richard was a retired carpenter and cement man. He worked for many years with ED and Glen Smith. If a job was worth doing, it was worth doing it right, and that is how they built. Richard loved camping, fishing, and hunting. He would camp for weeks at a time.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Richard at the Parthenon Community Building on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 2:00 PM in Parthenon, AR. Everyone is welcome to come help celebrate his life.

*Obituaries*  
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**ASP Memorial Service to honor fallen troopers scheduled for May 7**

From the Arkansas State Police

The Arkansas State Police will hold its annual Memorial Service on May 7 to honor fallen Troopers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the State of Arkansas. This event precedes National Police Week, which takes place from May 11-17, 2025.

The service will begin at 2 p.m. at the Arkansas State Police Administrative Headquarters

One State Police Plaza Drive (Geyer Springs and I-30, Exit 133).

During the ceremony, ASP Troopers and personnel will gather to remember and pay tribute to their fallen colleagues. Each Trooper who lost their life in the line of duty will be honored with a single red rose presented to their family members in attendance.

Since 1948, 21 Troopers and

two canines have died while serving the State of Arkansas. The Memorial Service is a solemn reminder of their bravery and dedication to keeping Arkansas communities safe.

The Arkansas State Police ceremony aligns with the national observance of Police Week, which includes the Candlelight Vigil on May 13 and the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15 in Washington, D.C.

**Flu level at minimum**

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) produces a Weekly Viral Respiratory Diseases Report for clinicians. The report provides information on Influenza, COVID-19 and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) activity in the state. The report also compares activities in Arkansas to the U.S. ADH receives reports of only a fraction of COVID-19 cases and flu cases since it only requires reports of flu hospitalizations, deaths, and outbreaks. RSV is not a reportable disease in Arkansas. Therefore, it is important to understand that the information in the weekly update is representative of the timing and location of activity, but it does not reflect the overall disease burden. It is presumed that there are many more people actually affected than the report shows. Clinicians and policymakers may find the report helpful in terms of communicating to colleagues and patients about the current status of viral respiratory diseases in the state and nationwide.

**Report Key Points for Week 16:**

- Arkansas reported "Minimal" or 1 out of 13 for the Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI) activity level indicator determined by data reported to ILINet.
- Hospital Emergency Department visits reported through Syndromic Surveillance were at 1.78% for Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI), 1.23% for COVID-Like-Illness (CLI), and 0.06% for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).
- Outpatient visits for ILI reported through ILINet from the Sentinel Providers were at 1.60%.
- Arkansas Children's Hospitals and associated clinic locations in central and northwest Arkansas report Human metapneumovirus test positivity with an increase to about 9%; Influenza B is up to more than 3%; RSV, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, Pertussis, COVID -19, Flu A, H3 and Flu A, H1 2009 are below 2%.
- The average school absenteeism rate last week was 6.35% among public schools.
- Arkansas reported 177 influenza-related deaths this season including 3 pediatric deaths, 78.5% of them were not vaccinated.
- Nationally, CDC estimates that there have been at least 46 million illnesses, 600,000 hospitalizations, and 26,000 deaths from flu so far this season.
- Arkansas reported 3 COVID-19-related deaths this week. There was a total of 533 COVID-19-related deaths in 2024. Since January 1, 2025 there have been 129 COVID-19-related deaths. The weekly deaths reflect week reported, not date of death.
- This flu season, 50 influenza outbreaks have been reported from nursing homes or other congregate setting institutions.
- Nationally, the proportion of deaths reported to the National Center for Health Statistics that were attributed to pneumonia, influenza and COVID-19 was below the epidemic threshold this week.

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# Extension Corner: Tips for blending fishing and livestock watering uses in ponds

**From University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**  
School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences

By far the most prominent roles of ponds built in Arkansas are recreational fishing and livestock watering. Optimal designs for these ponds are quite different but they are often built to serve both purposes for their owners, Scott Jones, small impoundment Extension specialist at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, said.

The following are some tips given by Jones to improve the performance of ponds built to

serve one purpose or the other, as well as ways to blend designs to achieve great results for both purposes.

## Fishing Ponds

Recreational fishing ponds tend to do well with complex shorelines, or shorelines that bend and curve with points, peninsulas and pockets, Jones said. Submerged or exposed islands can also provide depth and shoreline diversity. These topographical features provide locations for fish to congregate and position based on wind, sunlight and depth.

“While good for fish, increas-

ing complexity also increases construction costs. Fishing ponds range in size from tiny, less than 0.25 acres, to hundreds of acres,” he said. “Water depths should quickly reach about 3 feet (utilizing a max 3:1 slope; one foot deep for every 3 feet from shore), with a maximum depth around 12 to 14 feet. Deeper than this, especially in small ponds, is unnecessary and often encourages more severe turnovers in fall.”

Diffused aeration, while beneficial in most ponds, is highly encouraged in deeper ones. Install fish habitat in the form of tree logs and limbs, piles of rock,

brush piles or artificial cover for fish to hang around. Occupying 20 to 40% of the total pond area with cover tends to result in better fish production than less or more.

## Livestock Watering Ponds

Livestock drinking water ponds, or tanks, tend to be smaller, usually less than 0.50 acres but up to several acres each. Overall shapes are simpler, often circular with more gradual slopes, as little as 8:1 or 6:1 but no more than 4:1 if animals are meant to enter the pond. Steeper slopes are more difficult for the animals to negotiate, Jones said. Max depth is not

as important in livestock ponds, but their small size and lower shoreline slopes often keep them relatively “For superior drinking water quality, prevent animal access to the pond by fencing the entire perimeter. Install a gravity- or pump-fed watering trough away from the pond on a pad reinforced with non-woven geotextile fabric covered by 6-8 inches of coarse #53 or #57 crushed limestone covered by about 2 inches of coarse agricultural lime,” he said. “Ideally, locate the drinking pad downhill from the pond so that runoff from the high-use area does not drain into the pond.”

## GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

# The Stephen Rowland family

By BARBARA LEROY

Stephen Rowland was born in North Carolina in 1791, the son of Revolutionary War soldier James Rowland, who fought with the Anson County Militia in its 1776-1777 incursion with the Cherokee Nation in what is now western South Carolina.

In the early 1800s, James moved his family to what would become Lawrence County, Tennessee, Oct. 12, 1817.

On Oct. 12, 1818, Stephen married Sarah McHugh (“Sally McKew”) there, with Sally’s brother, Charles, serving as bondsman.

In November that same year, Charles McHugh married Stephen’s sister, Mary “Polly” Rowland.

Stephen and his father moved their families to McNary County, Tennessee, between 1822 and 1826.

On June 30, 1826, land occupancy claims were awarded for adjacent acreages for Stephen and his father James. They were found there in the 1830 census, along with James and Charles McHugh.

In 1832, after the removal of the native people, Tishomingo County was created in northeast Mississippi. It was just over the border from McNary County, and Stephen Rowland and Charles McHugh moved there soon after the creation of the county.

Charles died there in 1843, and that same year Stephen moved his family to Newton County, Arkansas. They joined Stephen’s sister-in-law, Jane (McHugh) Henson and her husband John Henson in the Parthenon area.

Stephen’s wife, Sarah, died in 1845 following the birth of her last child, Martha. They had ten children born between 1819 and 1845. Stephen continued to live in the Parthenon area until his death sometime after 1860.

Of his ten children, three of them lived out their lives in Newton County. Mary Ann “Polly” Rowland (1827-1906) married John M. Smith. Elizabeth Rowland (about 1830-about 1912) married Vincent Dillard Henderson. John Rowland (born 1837) married Nancy Owen.

Barbara LeRoy is the author of “Which Side Were They On?,” a 302 page book listing biographical sketches of the Newton Countians who were involved in the Civil War, available for sale either in the Bradley House Museum or by purchasing online at [www.newtoncountyar.com](http://www.newtoncountyar.com). The book sells for \$33.

# As life goes by

By ELAINE LAUNDERVILLE

The hummingbirds have been drinking lots of sugar water. I saw a hummingbird flying under my other feeders and realized I needed to get bottles ready for the rest of the birds! It didn’t take long for the crowd to arrive. I have seen six to eight flying around the feeders. I love seeing them flying around the feeders. Tonight I saw another bird feeding from the feeders with seeds in them. It was red headed, black back with black going down the back, and with white belly. It could have been a warbler or a grosbeak. The colors were so bright and it was a strange bird last seen last year.

My granddaughter had a birthday last week. Mary Margaret turned 22. Her track team was back at the University of Arkansas for another meet. She ran in the steeple chase which was different from her other races. Mary Margaret ran around the track three times, over a high fence into a pool of water each round. She ran in another race just a little less than a mile. Amanda and I went by Tim’s Pizza where Colorado works and had a small pizza before we returned to the track. Elisa and Kara came for the event.

My church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Rogers, met on Saturday to build bunk beds for kids who sleep on the floor. Many churches build these beds. We built 21 1/2 beds. There were 30 members who helped build the beds. If your church is

offered the opportunity to build the beds, do so! It is a lot of fun and kids get to help too.

My bridge group met last Monday and Tuesday I played with a group called the Day/Night group. They used to play at night and the ladies started having trouble traveling at night so they changed the name to fit it.

On Wednesday, I had a little fender bender on my way to Physical Therapy. I slid into a car who was in my lane as we merged. It was my second accident in life and that is enough. Thankfully, no one was hurt but we will both have to have repairs done.

My bookclub met to discuss the book we read for the month. It was “Maggie, Trapped in the School for the Feeble Minded.” It was written by Dr. Lynn Phillips from Enid, Oklahoma. It is based on actual events based on a story told to him on a cold winter evening in 1982. It talked about Calico Rock, which is where two of my girls were born. Rachael was born in 1980, and Kara was born in 1983. We lived in Mountain View at that time.

On Thursday three of us from my home economist club went to Springdale to take food to the workers at Spay Arkansas. It is a project we have continued for a number of years. We go once a month with sandwiches, chips and brownies. We make the club sandwiches at Roxie’s house that morning so they are fresh. We make plans each time we go to eat out together.

That afternoon I went out with one of the TTT club members with a little fourth grade girl to shop for her camping experience clothing. We are sending five girls to camp this year. They go to War Eagle Camp for a week. Three of the girls are from Garfield and two from Springdale. We spend \$300 per girl for their week. We have people who donate money that helps pay for the clothing. I joined the TTT club after Jackie invited me to join ten years ago. There are three members from Garfield and the rest are from Springdale. We will have a Camper Party to show everyone the clothes. The families come and we have a fun night meeting each other and sharing about their upcoming camping trip in June.

Jackie has had her two girls visiting, one per weekend. Lynn came first from Texas and Terri came the second weekend. Terri plants tomatoes to put into the garden so they planted along with many other vegetables.

Jane has been sick, coughing lots and then she was bitten by a spider which has made her so weak. Her coughing comes from allergies since she has been mowing and working in the yard. She will have to get well since we will be coming over to decoration this weekend. Union Hill celebrates on the first weekend of May each year. We look forward to going to the cemetery and then to John and Wanda’s house for lunch and visiting.

Have a great week. Stay well and plant your garden if you do so.

# Lewis going to Harrison

The Ozark Mountain School District will meet in special session at the Bruno-Pyatt Elementary School at 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 30. The board members will have a work session to develop a superintendent hiring rubric. Superintendent Jeff Lewis recently announced he is resigning from the school district effective June 30.

Harrison School District announce last week it has hired Lewis, a seasoned educator and coach with 28

years of experience, to its athletic department. Beginning next year, Coach Lewis will lead the 8th and 9th grade Girls’ Basketball teams and assist the Lady Goblins Varsity squad. He will also coach junior high track in the spring.

Coach Lewis brings a wealth of experience to the Harrison team. He spent 21 years coaching at Jasper, leading teams in basketball, baseball, track, golf, softball, and cross country for both junior and senior high stu-

dents. He served as the High School Principal for 10 years at Jasper. His coaching career began at DeValls Bluff, where he coached the boys’ basketball team. Most recently, Coach Lewis has served as the Superintendent of Schools at Ozark Mountain School District the past four years.

Coach Lewis holds an Associate Degree from NAC and a Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Superintendent Certification from the University of Central Arkansas.

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# Preparations being made for Summer Camp 2025

The Newton County Resource Council is making plans for its 2025 summer Camp for area youth.

In a recent announcement the Resource Council reported, “We had a huge success last year with our camp of 52 students with four lead counselors and four junior counselors with a summer camp director

and co-director. So many businesses and amazing individual helped with our success. We are creating fun and learning activities for local students between the ages of 6 to 12.

“Summer Camp starts May 27 to June 6 and re-starts June 15 to June 27. We have selected our theme: ‘We are Better Together’

with many team building skills and activities. We are looking for help with donations to provide the best experience for our campers. We already have so many activities planned and cannot wait for the fun to begin.”

The community can help in many ways, including: Help with t-shirts costs, ex-

tra snacks, sponsor a student or \$40 a week, cash donations, end of camp party, field trips, prizes for games, ice (for very hot days), life jackets, sun screen, bottled water for field trips, outdoor games and supplies for activities.

Contact Lalani Pomatto at 870-754-4477 for more information.

# Swain

By Kathy Martin

Happy May birthdays: Laura Carney, Lyndsey Carney Berry and Dequita and Brandy Williams. Happy birthday to Benton, Randal and Donovan Davis, Billy Paul Matlock and Julie Villines, Yolanda Martin. Donna Adams and Donna Dodson Rocole, Loreshia Heffley, Susie and Rocky Martin, Mahallie Pettis and Wrenlee Anne Hallum.

Congratulations to Terry and Becky Carney, Brent and Alexis Martin, Evan and Bailey Middleton, Emily and Gary Smith, Dustin and Melisha Middleton who are celebrating their anniversaries. Also Dequita and Billy Williams

celebrated their 24th anniversary last month.

Congratulations to our Deer Seniors graduating this year. We’re so proud of all our Deer School graduates! Several students were recognized for their accomplishments; congratulations to Karlee Willis, BB Hot Shot, Ariel Middleton, AGRI student of the month by Newton County Farm Bureau, Brenna Middleton, student of the month and Laquita Davis was recognized as employee of the month.

Congratulations Michael Varner, Ryan Martin on their turkey hunt. Cam Smith and Wyldey Davis got their first

turkey and Addison Martin captured a big wild hog.

We congratulate Mahalie and Marshall Pettis on their purchase of their beautiful home in Wayton. They are wonderful neighbors and we will miss them in our neighborhood.

This month is Memorial Remembrance and usually Decorations are scheduled at area cemeteries. Cassville Baptist Church will not meet on the May 18th for decoration.

Happy Mothers Day to all our wonderful mothers! You are so important in your calling and I pray Gods blessings over you!

## NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS ALL-STAR COACHES

## Arkansas falls to Florida in finale

From Times Sources

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Despite scoring five runs in the second inning, No. 5 Arkansas (37-9, 14-7 SEC) could not slow Florida (30-16, 8-13 SEC) and was handed a 9-5 loss in the series finale Sunday afternoon at Condron Family Ballpark.

With Sunday's setback, the Hogs dropped the rubber match to the Gators and were unable to secure their first series win in Gainesville since 2012. Arkansas has now lost three straight SEC weekend series for the first time since 2016.

A run-scoring walk, wild pitch and ground-out gave the Razorbacks their first three runs of the afternoon before Cam Kozeal laced a two-out, two-run double to right center, putting Arkansas ahead, 5-1, in the top of the second inning.

Arkansas would lead by three through the first three innings of play but had no answers for Florida's offense all afternoon. The Gators overcame their early multi-run deficit by scoring in seven of their eight frames at the plate, tagging seven Razorback pitchers for nine runs on 12 hits and five walks in their series-clinching win Sunday.

Offensively, six Arkansas batters collected at least one base hit. Kozeal led the way with his team-leading two knocks, including his second-inning double, and two RBI, while Kuhio Aloy also added a double to begin the second inning.

### Arkansas 7, Florida 0

The Razorbacks scored six runs in the top of the fifth and got outstanding pitching from Gage Wood, Gabe Gaeckle and Aiden Jimenez limiting the Gators to just five hits. Dave Van Horn praised Kuhio Aloy, Brent Iredale and his team afterward.

"Yeah, just a really good bounce back win after last night," Van Horn said. "We were frustrated

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Jasper's Ben Grice (right) coached the East squad in the North Central Arkansas All-Star Game. He was assisted by Peyton Bryant.

Michael Smith of Alpena coached the West girls in the North Central Arkansas All-Star Game. JEFF BRASEL/STAFF



Coaching the West boys team was Logan Bryant (from left); David Stahler; and Heath Nicholas. All three coach at Harrison High School.



Derek Rogers of Lead Hill coached the East boys All-Star squad during the North Central Arkansas All-Star Game.

## Hogs down three SEC series in row

By Otis Kirk  
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FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas has now lost three SEC series in a row and have nine games in the conference remaining.

Arkansas (14-7) is tied with LSU for second place in the SEC behind Texas (19-2) who is running away with the race for top seed. Tennessee (13-8) is hanging right by the Hogs and LSU.

As fate, or in this case schedule makers, would have it Arkansas faces Texas, LSU and Tennessee the next three weekends. The good news is Texas and Tennessee come to Baum-Walker Stadium while the Hogs will also go to Baton Rouge. The Razorbacks will go to Missouri State Tuesday night for a 6 p.m. non-conference game which marks the last one of the season.

Missouri State beat Arkansas 14-13 in 10 innings on March 25 at Baum-Walker Stadium. Arkansas (37-9) has bigger worries though than a midweek game against Missouri State. A few weeks ago the Hogs were ranked No. 1 in the nation and now having lost three SEC series in a row and at least on paper the best teams in the league remaining hosting a regional could even be in jeopardy. Dave Van Horn relayed what he

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## TeSlaa to Detroit, Jackson to Bills in NFL Draft

By Otis Kirk  
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FAYETTEVILLE — The second day of the NFL Draft saw two Razorbacks come off the board including a surprise first one.

All the speculation had been edge Landon Jackson would be the first Razorback drafted. Instead it was wide receiver Isaac TeSlaa taken by the Detroit Lions with the

No. 6 pick of Round 3, No. 70-over-all pick. Jackson, 6-7, 291, went two picks later to the Buffalo Bills.

TeSlaa, 6-4, 218, who is from Hudsonville, Mich., grew up a Detroit Lions fan. In 2024, TeSlaa caught 28 passes for 546 yards and three touchdowns. He transferred to Arkansas from Hillsdale (Mich.) College in 2023. At Arkansas in 2023, TeSlaa caught 34 passes for 351 yards and two

touchdowns.

Jackson had 49 tackles, including 28 solo, 6.5 sacks, three pass deflections, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery in 2024. He transferred to Arkansas from LSU prior to the 2022 season. In his two seasons prior to 2024, Jackson had 67 tackles, 31 solo, 17 tackles for loss, 9.5 sacks, a forced fumble, four quarterback hurries and two pass breakups.

## Iamaleava says I'm a leaving

Thank goodness I don't have to remember that name.

Madden Iamaleava has said good-bye to Arkansas after only a couple of months of being with the football program.

His leaving has brought attention to the Arkansas football program. Not, because the incoming freshman was going to play much or at all, but what his leaving may do to college athletic programs across the nation.

Iamaleava signed a Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) deal with Arkansas Edge. That deal was to play football for the University of Arkansas.

Reports are stating that Arkansas Edge (which is Arkansas'

NIL collective) has paid the Southern California boy roughly \$200K.

Edge has determined that the teenager has not upheld his end of the bargain and the company wants its money back.

We all know that the NIL is out

of hand. But this is a bold move from any athletic program. I am sure it is being watched by every college across America.

"I have spoken with the leadership team at Arkansas Edge and expressed my support in their pursuit to enforce their rights under any agreement violated by our student-athletes moving forward," said Arkansas athletic director Hunter Yurachek said in a statement. "We appreciate Edge's investment in our student-athletes and acknowledge the enforcement of these agreements is vital in our new world of college athletics. We look forward to continued dialogue with all parties in resolving these."

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# Hogs fall in series finale at Texas A&M

By UA Communications

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – The No. 9 Arkansas Razorbacks fell to No. 1/2 Texas A&M in a pitcher's duel 2-0 during the series finale on Sunday afternoon at Davis Diamond.

The Razorbacks still left A&M with their highest-ranked series win in program history, the first over a No. 1 ranked opponent in the NFCA Poll.

The Aggies' Emiley Kennedy was the difference maker in the loss for the Razorbacks as she threw a complete-game shutout and allowed four hits and four walks while striking out five.

Bri Ellis extended her reached-base streak to 22 games with a first-inning single. Ellis also reached base after being hit by a pitch. Reagan Johnson, Raigan Kramer and

Courtney Day all recorded a single and a walk for Arkansas. Cam Harrison also reached base after drawing a pinch-hit walk in the seventh inning.

Reis Beuerlein (3-1) took the loss for the Razorbacks despite allowing just one run on three hits and three walks in 3.2 innings pitched. Robyn Herron would pitch the final 2.1 innings of the game allowing one run courtesy of a solo homer to Mac Barbara in the bottom of the fifth inning. Herron finished her day with a strikeout and two hits allowed.

Reis Beuerlein made her eighth start in the circle for Arkansas, while Texas A&M went back to Friday night starter Emiley Kennedy.

Reagan Johnson led off the game with a walk. Bri Ellis then singled to left-center field with one out and advanced to

second on a throw to third on the play as Johnson reached third base. Kennedy would escape unscathed, however, with a strikeout and a popout to end the frame.

Reis Beuerlein spun a scoreless bottom of the first inning, allowing just a single to Mya Perez in the process.

Courtney Day drew a lead-off walk to become the only baserunner for the Hogs in the second inning. In the bottom half, the Aggies' KK Dement reached second on a double. With two outs, Kramer Eschete legged out an infield single that Dement attempted to advance home on but was thrown out at the plate by Ellis.

Raigan Kramer legged out an infield single with one out in the third inning. Ellis also reached after being hit by a pitch.

An infield single and two walks loaded the bases for Texas A&M with two outs in the bottom of the third inning, but Beuerlein was able to escape the bases-loaded jam with a groundout to Davison at second base.

Day singled to center field for the Hogs' lone hit of the fourth inning. Texas A&M took a 1-0 lead with a two-out RBI single to left-center field from Frankie Vrazel. Herron relieved Burnham with two outs in the inning.

In the top of the fifth inning, Johnson and Kramer reached base courtesy of a bunt single and walk but that was all the Hogs would get. Johnson would steal second base before Kramer drew the walk.

Texas A&M extended the lead to 2-0 in the bottom of the fifth on a solo home run from

Mac Barbara.

Kailey Wyckoff was hit by a pitch to lead off the sixth inning. The Aggies would get out of the frame without further damage courtesy a 6-4-3 groundball double play and a strikeout.

Herron faced the minimum in the bottom of the sixth inning, highlighted by a 6-4-3 double play from Atalyia Rijo and Karlie Davison.

Cam Harrison brought the tying run to the plate by drawing a pinch-hit walk with one out in the seventh inning. Kennedy would complete the complete game shutout, however, by issuing a lineout and a strikeout to end the game.

Arkansas (36-10, 12-9 SEC) will be back in action May 1-3 at Bogle Park when the Hogs host LSU for the final SEC series of the regular season

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told his team after Sunday's disappointing 9-5 loss to Florida, a game they once led 5-1.

"We just got to get better at a few things," Van Horn said. "No. 1, we have to have a little better clutch hitting, left too many runners out there. Kind of the same thing happened on Friday. Friday, we struck out too many times. Kind of corrected that last couple of days, but couldn't really get the big hit. So that happened. It kind of runs in streaks a little bit. Starting pitching got to get better, has to show us a little more. That'd be the two things that jump out at me right away."

Starting pitching that looked so promising to start the season hasn't been good in several weeks. Getting Gage Wood back from injury may help as he looked almost unhittable on Saturday in the lone game Arkansas won in Gainesville. He is under a strict pitch count now, but that will be long gone by time postseason rolls around. However, Arkansas may have suffered another pitching blow on Sunday when ace reliever Carson Wiggins left injured.

"Oh, yeah, it's the bad part," Van Horn said. "It's the elbow. He felt it when he picked it first. Who knows when it happened? He threw the ball... I think the couple of pitches he threw were 99, 100 miles an hour. It just didn't feel right when he picked. So he's smart enough to say something and get out of there and we'll get it looked at tomorrow."

That isn't good news for the team since the bullpen has actually been pretty good. They have had to pitch a lot of innings since starters aren't going deep into games.

"Oh, yeah. It's been a lot of short starts all season long it seems like," Van Horn said. "We had a couple of good ones there in the middle, but if we could put together back-to-back good starts, like six, seven innings that would be awesome. We haven't done it in a while. We've got some guys, we can bring them in. The first time they seem to do pretty good. It's tough doubling up and I didn't want (Aiden) Jimenez to go again today. He probably could have gone a little bit, but he threw up and down a few times yesterday and we finally bring him in. It's just too much. Trying to make sure he's healthy at the end of the year."

Even the hitting that was dominating until recently has started to dry up some it seems.

"I think we just didn't take advantage of some pitches that we fouled straight back," Van Horn said. "The approach was pretty good, you're not going to get hits every time at the plate, but you got to make adjustments. I thought that, I think his name was Pinnop (he means Alex Philpott), whatever his name was, second pitcher did a pretty good job of slowing us down. (Christian) Rodriguez came in and they realized that we were going to get on him pretty quick and they went with (Luke) McNeillie, who has been one of their conference starters and he held us down for awhile."

"Then we hit a ball to the fence with two on and two out, down three. Another ball to the fence the inning before. We just didn't have a lot go our way, but we need to setup those innings a little bit earlier. Not wait until the eighth and ninth innings to really rally a little bit. That's what was disappointing."

The Hogs lost 6-4 on Friday and then won 7-0 on Saturday. The other series Arkansas has lost were to Georgia (12-9) and Texas A&M (8-13). The A&M series was at Baum-Walker which stings a little more.

The bottom line is the Hogs have a difficult schedule remaining and how those series play out will determine if the team is home or traveling in the postseason.

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after the game and felt like we kind of let it slip away. Then today, made all the plays, turned a couple double plays, great relay play at the plate, stole a couple bases, put together a great inning in the fifth with a little bit of their help. We took advantage of a couple errors. A bobble in the outfield, had a base runner take third base, next pitch (was a) sac fly instead of just an out, we got an RBI. And then Kuhio got a big hit and Iredale got a big two-out double and obviously a pinch-hit two-run homer and we're up 6-0 and kind of in cruise control there a little bit. So good win."

The pinch hit home run was by Cam Kozeal. Van Horn surprised many starting Rocco Peppi over Kozeal, who has been one of Arkansas' hottest hitters in the SEC.

"Just matching up a little bit," Van Horn said. "The right-hander that they started, (Aidan) King, the numbers against rights were a lot better for the offensive guys that are right-handed compared to the lefties. Just felt like that we'd start out with a bunch of righties. Keep our leadoff man the same, right-handers after that and then we had a left-hander in I think the seven hole but that was it. Big-time swing (by Kozeal), tried to sneak a fastball by him and he hit it about as hard as you can hit it."

Wood, who just recently returned from injury, worked 3.0 innings allowing just a hit, no runs or walks and striking out five. Van Horn expected him to pitch better in his second outing this weekend compared to last week.

"Well, he had a really good bullpen is what I was told by Coach (Matt) Hobbs yesterday," Van Horn said. "Felt like he would be. I felt like he had great stuff last week, he just didn't have the breaking ball and obviously he didn't command this fastball quite as well. But today it was fun to watch. Three innings of high-octane carry fastball and a good breaking ball."

Wood's pitch count was 42. Was Van Horn tempted to stick with him longer considering how dominating he was?

"No, we were getting him out," Van Horn said. "As a matter of fact, that was his last hitter. If he didn't get that last hitter, we were going to the pen. 35 would have been ideal. I think he ended up throwing 42, so that was right where we wanted him. Hopefully he gained a lot of confidence. Coach Hobbs and I talked about it's kind of like a basketball player that's been out. He starts seeing the ball go through the hoop, gain a little bit of confidence. He definitely did that today."

Gaeckle (4-1) got the win. He pitched 3.1 innings. He only allowed one hit, no runs, but walked four while striking out two. He also hit a batter. Jimenez worked the final 2.2 innings allowing three hits while fanning a trio. Van Horn reflected back on Gaeckle's performance.

"Didn't have his best stuff, didn't command his fastball," Van Horn said. "Had a good breaking ball. Kind of just battled through it. I think he was a little disappointed in himself, but I told him 'you're never going to great all the time,' but he was just good enough and, you know, it is what it is. Hopefully next week when we play Texas he'll be even better."

In the fifth, Kuhio Aloy did break a scoreless tie with a single that allowed Gabe

Fraser and Justin Thomas Jr. to score. An error on a Florida outfielder allowed Aloy to get to third on the play. Iredale's double allowed Aloy to score. Kozeal hit his home run that also plated Iredale.

In the top of the eighth, Wehiwa Aloy gave the Hogs an insurance run with a sacrifice fly that got Fraser home for the final run in the game. The Hogs only struck out six times in the win after 16 times on Friday. What was the difference?

"Well obviously it starts with who's on the mound, but Aidan King's got a ton of strikeouts and really good stuff," Van Horn said. "We thought he was gonna throw a little harder than he did. We thought he was gonna be, like, 93-96. He was more like 92 most of the game. I think he hit 93 at least on the board a couple of times. Our guys seemed to be on him a little bit. He threw a lot of off-speed pitches, as they did last night. I mentioned that after the game that we cut down our strikeouts by 10 and we made them field the ball and they didn't field them all and we took advantage of it and scored 6 in one inning."

Wood also talked about the difference this week and last in addition to how he feels.

"I got outs this week," Wood said. "Last week, I didn't get outs. Yeah, it's more just health reasons right now that I'm on a pitch count and building back up. You can't just go out there and throw 100 pitches after not seeing a hitter for eight weeks but I'm feeling good. Ready to just keep progressing throughout the weekends."

Wood was asked to talk more about his three innings on Saturday.

"I feel like I did a pretty good job of going out there and giving my team a chance to win the ball game," Wood said. "I just want to go out there and compete. Just being out there is a blessing. I got really lucky that I didn't have to get any surgery or anything and that it was just a small injury. It took a little longer than expected, but it's good."

### Arkansas 4, Florida 6

Arkansas fell to Florida 6-4 on Friday in the first of a three-game SEC series in Gainesville.

Arkansas jumped out to a 2-0 lead after two innings on solo home runs by Wehiwa Aloy and Cam Kozeal. But then Florida starter Liam Peterson put the brakes on Arkansas' bats. Peterson (7-2) worked 6.0 innings to pick up the win. He allowed five hits, three runs, walked a pair and struck out 13. Dave Van Horn was asked how Peterson was able to dominate like that?

"Well, because he's a first-round draft choice, No. 1," Van Horn said. "I mean, the dude throws harder than most big league starters and he didn't lose it. He just... He made some mistakes with the fastball and left them in the plate and a couple of them left the yard, but really his stuff is amazing. He was throwing his breaking ball for a strike at will. That's hard to do when you throw 97 mph, that you can just dump that breaking ball in there just about any time you want. He threw it a couple times down in the count 2-0 for a strike. A lot of time he'd start hitters with the breaking ball. When we hit a couple home runs the first couple innings, he just started throwing that breaking ball about 80% of the time."

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Good move. To me, it could have been said a little better. "Give us our money back you little thief."

That could be the grumpy old man in me coming out or maybe it just is the truth.

Iamaleava is the younger brother of Nico Iamaleava.

Nico was the quarterback at Tennessee last season. Arkansas beat him, so how good was he really?

Nico had signed with Tennessee for roughly \$2.4M a

year. Most college students would love to make that much money a year.

However, Daddy Iamaleava thought that his son was a superstar worth double what he was getting paid. So, Nico set out spring training and didn't work out with the team awaiting his money.

There are not many things that a college with an orange T does that impresses me, but Tennessee did the trick. They let Nico walk away.

He walked back home and ended up at UCLA. The paycheck there is much, much less than what he had at Tennessee.

Then Daddy Iamaleava is reportedly sending Madden to UCLA as well. That means the family is splitting the quarterback pie between the family.

They had better hurry up and get that money flowing into the family because rumors are that Madden has already spent his money.

If Madden owes Arkansas \$200K, he can't make that kind of money bagging groceries or working in the fast food industry.

Oh yes, with the new revenue sharing program for college athletes, Nico would have made an estimated \$10M when he finished the year.

Jeff Brasel is the sports and managing editor and general manager of the Newton County Times. E-mail him at [sports@newtoncountytimes.com](mailto:sports@newtoncountytimes.com) or follow him at [X.com/jeffbrasel](http://X.com/jeffbrasel).

### Amazing maze

Connect the right dinosaur heads to their bodies

ANSWERS: 1-A, 2-Z, 3-C, 3-D, 4-E, 5-B

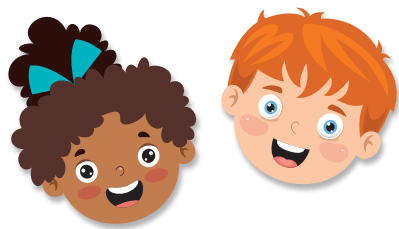
# KID ZONE

A WEEKLY HANGOUT FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

### Private eye

Which two are exactly alike?

ANSWERS: 2 and 3



### Shadow figures

Match the image to its shadow

## BNCRTSS hosts Jim Works

The Boone-Newton County Retired Teachers and Support Staff met Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Harrison, Arkansas at 11:30 am. The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Holmes who welcomed members and guests. Charles Adair led the invocation, and Claude Whited led the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes which had been emailed to members and posted on Facebook were approved, and the treasurer's report was also approved. Currently there are 32 members in the organization. Amy Young shared information related to counting volunteer hours, and said the due date for reporting those hours is May 6, 2025. Jane Adair reported that the Boone & Newton Counties Retired Teachers and Support Staff Association scholarship application deadline has been extended to April 15, 2025. This scholarship to North Arkansas College is for a student pursuing a career in teaching. For information call 870-365-8065.

The ARTA state meeting begins at 10:00 at the Benton Convention Center on May 13, 2025. Dr. Brooks Blevins, who has authored several books and narrated at least one AR PBS documentary about Ozark life, will be the keynote speaker.

He will address early education Arkansas. Registration is \$30.00 if you register by April 25. After April 25 there is a \$10 late registration fee. Registration forms were available at the meeting. Lynn asked that if one plans to attend the conference to please plan to stay for our Area planning meeting afterwards. The conference will be over about 2:00 pm.

Our ARTA Regional Area Conference will be October 2nd from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Discussion of the area conference included discussion of the First Christian Church as a place to meet. Jane said she would check with the church. Members were asked to think of places we might secure catering for the noon meal.

President Holmes suggested that we try to reach out to teachers and support staff planning to retire this year in each school district with a nice book mark and an information letter about our organization. School districts in Boone and Newton Counties were assigned, and Lynn needs the list of retirees by April 24th.

Nominations for 2025-2026 officers were: President—Lynn Holmes; Secretary—Amy Young; and Treasurer—Linda Mathis. Claude Whited volunteered to check with another

member about the Vice President position.

President Holmes introduced former member Jim Works who presented an informational program about his and Brenda's trip to Utah last summer. His presentation was like a travelogue through Missouri, Nebraska, and Wyoming highlighting various historical and scenic areas they visited.

Upon reaching Utah, most of their time was spent in Zion and Bryce Canyons and in Salt Lake City. There were some stunning photographs of colors and rock formations taken in the canyons. The highlight of the trip for Jim, a former music educator, was the opportunity to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and orchestra as well as one of the largest pipe organs in the world being played. The group greatly appreciated the effort Jim and Brenda made to come back to Harrison to visit and share the highlights of their vacation.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of BNCRTSS is May 6, 2025 at Western Sizzlin at 11:30 for our business meeting. Afterward, we will be having a tour of Baker Prairie led by Cheryl Satterfield. All retired teachers and school support staff are cordially invited to attend.



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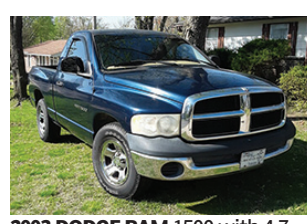
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**YARD SALES**

**Baxter County**

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**YARD SALE, FRIDAY** May 2nd and Saturday May 3rd, 8 AM - 4 PM, 1321 Wilshire Court, Mountain Home. Home decor, furniture, linens, kitchenware, ladies clothes and shoes, some new. Hunting blinds, hunting supplies, lots of miscellaneous, no early sales.

**YARD SALE, FRIDAY** May 2nd and Saturday May 3rd, 8 AM - 4 PM, 1800 Franklin Avenue. Home decor, plus size clothing, furniture, and lots of miscellaneous.

**YARD SALE, FRIDAY** May 2nd and Saturday May 3rd, 8 AM - 4 PM. 1 Redwood Drive. two recliners, oak kitchen table with six chairs, dresser, nightstand, household goods, bedding, portable 200 gallon water tank, 15 gallon utility sprayer. Cash only.

**YARD SALE, FRIDAY** May 2nd and Saturday May 3rd, 8 AM - 4 PM. 1740 Fairway Drive, Mountain Home. Tons of kid's clothes and adult clothes, lots of toys, shoes, home decor, dishes, furniture, lots of stuff. Come by and find a great deal.

**YARD SALE, IT'S** a whopper. Too much to list, priced to sell. 1508 Nicole Lane. Friday 5/2 10:30 AM to late, Saturday 5/3 7:00 AM to close.

**YARD SALE, SATURDAY 5/3** only, 9 AM - 3 PM. 1201 County Road 30, Mountain Home. Too much to list.

**YARD SALE 603** Russell lane Mtn Home Sat ONLY 8-2 Lots of misc, This and that and a little of everything.

**Boone County**

**BIG YARD SALE**, lots of crafting items, vintage, and much more. Come by 412 N. Willow St. just south of the hospital, enter through alley way. Everything must go. Friday and Saturday 8 AM - 5 PM, rain or shine.

**FRIDAY ONLY MAY 2** 7am-1pm Garage sale 1612 Windsor Dr. Love seat, Desk, End Tables, King bed frame, aluminum spindles. Women's shoes size 9, Clothes Lots of Misc.

**MOVING SALE 3805** Shields Dr Harrison. Fri and Sat May 2nd and 3rd 8-1. Shoppers saw, tools, Queen beds, roll top desk, Oak dinette with leafs and 6 chairs, tables, housewares, clothing, unique collectibles.

**Howell County**

**EIGHT YARD SALES** on Bluebird Way in The Timbers subdivision. Friday and Saturday, May 2 & 3, 8:00 - ? Take K Hwy, west to The Timbers, left on Emilee, then left on Bluebird Way. For information contact Phyllis at 417-256-1881 or pbischof@centurylink.net

**LARGE FAMILY GARAGE SALE.** Thursday, 1st- Friday, 2nd. 3001 Gleghorn (Meadow Brook subdivision).

**Surrounding Counties**

**TTMP Spring Festival**, May 3rd, 10 AM - 4 PM. A variety of over 70 vendors, food and snacks trucks. Free admission, Free raffle tickets, Free bounce house, and face painting for kids. 26786 HWY 160 Hardenville, MO 1/2 hour North of Mountain Home, AR. tripletreasuresmarketplace@gmail.com

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**AUCTIONS & ESTATE SALES**

**Boone County**

**ESTATE SALE, MAY 1st 8 - 5**, May 2nd 8 - 5, May 3rd 8 - noon. Clothes, dishes, housewares, crafts, craft supplies, sewing machine, lamps, TVs, bedding, Christmas, tools, outdoor furniture, furniture, some vintage items. 3361 Cottonwood Road, Harrison.

**Searcy County**

**ESTATE AUCTION**  
FROM Harrison Take US 65 South 18 Miles Thru Pindall To Arkansas Highway 235, Turn Left On Arkansas 235 and Go 5.0 Miles To MC 5012, Turn Right and Go 2.5 Miles To 1747 MC 5012 & Site of Auction.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 3 @ 10:00 AM**

**COLLECTIBLE:**  
Metal Lawn Chairs, Cotton Scales  
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Don Knotts "Barney" Poster  
"Along The Yellowstone" Print  
Framed Newspaper Of Mark McGuire Hitting Number 70  
Pyrex Mixing Bowl Set  
Glass Butter Churn  
16 Pc. Sets Holiday Porcelain Dishes  
Vintage Dresser (4 drawer W/mirror)  
Advertising Thermometers  
**FARM EQUIPMENT & TOOLS:**  
Bruin Yamaha 250 ATV  
13' T/A Stock Trailer, Lawn Trailer  
8' T/A Tilt Bumper Trailer  
6' Brush Cutter  
Campbell Hausfeld Air Compressor  
Squeeze Chute  
Feeders % Hay Ring  
26' & 14' Aluminum Ladders  
10" Craftsman Table Saw  
Pancake Air Compressor  
Torque Wrenches,  
Bench Vise & Grinder  
Drill Press  
Log Chains  
"T" Posts, Fuel Cans  
Insecticides/Herbicides, Oils  
15W40 Shell Rotella Motor Oil  
**LAWN & GARDEN:**  
Craftsman 8200 Riding Mower  
Patio Glass Top Tables  
W/Chairs  
Gas Grill, Metal Lawn Swings  
Canvas Lawn Chairs  
**FURNITURE:**  
Home Stretch Lift Chair, Sofa & Love Seat  
32" Smart TCL TV  
Table/Floor Lamps, Bedside & Storage Tables  
Rocking Chair, Queen Anne Chairs  
Maple Side & Coffee Tables,  
Dining Chairs  
Sofa Back Table, Bedside Table  
Dining Table (W/Butterfly Leaf) & 6 Chairs  
China Hutch, Bedroom Chests  
Twin Bed W/Headboard  
Office Desks, Chairs & Credenza  
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Card Table/Chairs  
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(2) Sets Metal Bar Stools,  
Propane Heaters  
**KITCHEN & HOUSEHOLD:**  
Maytag Refrigerator W/Ice maker  
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Amnna Dryer, Estate HD Washer  
Dishes, Cookware, Cast Iron Skillet, Corn Pone Pan  
Metal Jello Molds  
Loaf, & Bundt Pans  
Kitchen Utensils & Flatware  
Bissel Floor Vac , Linens, Quilts,  
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**LEGALS**

**Legal Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD JOHN FAILING, DECEASED  
No. 51PR-25-22

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR**

Last Known Address: 377 NC 8406, Parthenon, Arkansas 72666  
Date of Death: March 10, 2025

An instrument dated April 16, 2024, was admitted to probate on April 24, 2025, as the Last Will and Testament of Ronald Failing, deceased, and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. Contest of the probate of the Will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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

**THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED THE 30 DAY OF April, 2025.**  
PATTI FAILING, Executor  
C/o RAGLAND LAW FIRM  
324 West Ridge Avenue  
Harrison, Arkansas  
Phone: 870-741-4490  
Email: raglandlawfirm@gmail.com

**NOW COMING FORWARD** Sophia June Fowler intending to conduct business in Newton County, Arkansas under the name of SOPHIA JUNE FOWLER, at the following mailing address, PO Box 295, Jasper, AR 72641.  
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**Harrison Daily Times**

# Shindig shows children how life used to be

The Shindig - Ozark Living Expo - two days of local heritage presented live through music, demonstrations, exhibits and lectures, returned to the Newton County Fairgrounds last Friday and Saturday, April 25-26.

Scheduled events began Friday morning with Kids Day activities.

Children had the opportunity to play with handmade games and attractions including a maze, chutes and ladders and wooden bins filled with corn kernels instead of sand.

There were live animals as well as crafts demonstrations such as soap making, leather crafts and blacksmithing.

The first day of the shindig ended with a hog roast and barn dance, from 6 - 8 p.m., featuring local music group 7South.

Activities continued Saturday including a car show from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Presented by Newton County, Arkansas, Homecoming Shindig, this year's event sponsors include: Welch's Roofing & Construction LLC, Circle PM Properties, Burris Construction, Yeager's Junction Quick Stop, The Jasper Getaway, J3 at the Gap, Tim Emerson Construction, Hickory Grove Cottage, Tanner's Do It Best Hardware, Carroll Electric Cooperative, Bubba's Buffalo River Store, Jasper Pharmacy, Anstaff Bank, Midwest Equipment NWA, Mill Creek Tees, Cavender's Greek Seasoning, Bob's Auto Body, Powell's Feed & Milling and Jasper Pizza Company.



Children play with chickens available for sale during the Shindig, Friday.

JEFF DEZORT/STAFF



A large play area including cuts, ladder and a wooden maze entertained youngsters at the Shindig.



Blacksmithing was on exhibition at the Shindig.



Children of all ages could play with toys popular years ago made out of wood and other materials at hand such as a checkers table, hobby horses and wooden blocks.



Youngsters got to watch craftsmen at work at the Shindig including this leather worker.



Children play in a bin filled with corn instead of sand.



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