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## What has melted away

Remnants of the snow and single-digit temperatures were around on Friday. Temperatures have warmed up significantly this week. Temperatures are expected to hit the high 50s later in the week.

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## Race for Boone County Judge starts sizzlin'

By Michael Gripp  
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Republican candidates for the Boone County Judge position met at Western Sizzlin' to introduce themselves and answer questions from the Boone County Republican Committee on Feb. 2.

Candidates for county judge in attendance were:

- Bobby Woods
- Christopher M. Davis
- Danny Hall
- James Still
- Tyler Gentry

### Woods

Bobby Woods was the first candidate to speak. He referenced four generations of family in Boone County. He was motivated to run for judge of the county because of his love for the area and his desire to see the county do the best and most it can for its citizens, Woods said.

"I believe county government is business. It's all about business," Woods explained. He provided a list of a county judge's responsibilities, including establishing a budget and ordinances.

Woods said his experience aligns with the duties of a county judge. His 45 years of experience in financing, contracts, business, law and ethics give him the right skills to be a county judge, according to Woods.

to Woods, his decades of self-employment prove he is self-motivated and able to lead. He is in favor of "common sense" when governing the county.

"I understand that county government is non-profit. It must have enough revenue to cover its expenses. Profits realized from the operation of county government is the services and quality of the services provided to our citizens," Woods concluded.

### Davis

Christopher Davis said he was running for judge to give him the opportunity to grade roads. He said his children and grandchildren

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## Victim alleges ambush at Newton County residence

By Michael Gripp  
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On Jan. 27, 36-year-old Clayton Douglas Wilson was arrested by the Newton County Sheriff's Office. The arrest came after Wilson was accused of breaking the conditions of his release by shooting at someone.

He was charged with aggravated assault, terroristic threatening in the first de-

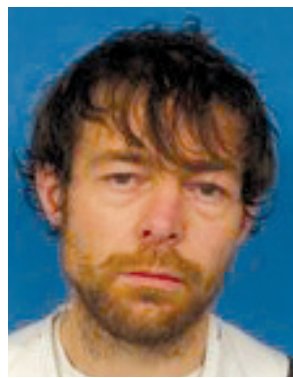
gree, possession of schedule six drugs, criminal mischief, simultaneous possession of drugs and firearms, and bond revocation, among others.

He is being held on a \$50,000 bond.

On Dec. 19, 2025, a deputy took a statement from the alleged victim stating that he had been shot at by Wilson while responding to a request to pick someone up

from Wilson's mother's residence. The victim said Wilson stepped out from behind a white Nissan truck parked in the front yard and began shooting at him while he was in his vehicle. The victim said that, upon receiving fire, he left as fast as possible. Bullet holes were found in the radiator and windshield of the victim's vehicle.

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WILSON

## American Petroleum Institute's (API) Annual State of American Energy

By GEORGE FOWLER, PhD  
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WASHINGTON — The American Petroleum Institute (API) convened its annual State of American Energy event on Jan 13, with a media call on the 12th. What are the top priorities of its constituents and how might that impact people and businesses in Newton County?

API President and CEO Mike Sommers described "the next ten years are shaping up to be the Demand Decade— an era that is going to require historic

amounts of new energy. Whether our nation can meet that demand will define its trajectory."

Venezuela and durable policy were the two primary areas addressed. With dollar devaluation in full view on any receipt, the cost of energy production as well as gas for our automobiles are of increasing importance to the average consumer.

Competing tensions were described, increased supply in the short term will decrease costs for the consumer, but will reduce profit for producers, which, in

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## Will minerals be next turbines, data centers for Newton County

By GEORGE FOWLER, PhD  
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NEWTON COUNTY — With the specters of wind turbines and data centers and cryptomining operations still lurking about Newton county, might another one also be in the works — critical mineral mining?

What are critical minerals? According to 30 USC 1606: Mineral security, the term "critical mineral" means "any mineral, element, substance,

or material designated as critical by the Secretary of the Interior. The 2025 list of critical minerals includes 60 elements.

Zinc, lead, and manganese are the three that appear to directly affect Newton county, as those are the ones that are listed to have been found in quantities within the county. Other minerals and resources may also be of interest, but they are not currently listed on any list.

Some of you may have noticed smaller planes flying

in specific patterns back and forth at low altitude over the past few years. These planes were conducting magnetic, radiometric, and other ground-penetrating means to identify and map locations of minerals throughout the US, to include in our county. Having conducted these surveys, the US government now has a detailed knowledge of the mineral resources available, likely better than anyone else, including everyone

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**Staff Report**  
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The Harrison Fire Department was paged out at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday afternoon to a structure fire on Ocoee Cove off of W. Sherman Avenue.

There were no injuries. The family escaped after seeing smoke coming from the basement area.

Four Harrison Fire Department Fire Engines responded to the 911 page-out. Valley Springs and Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Departments responded with manpower for mutual aid.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by Harrison Fire officials.



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## BOONE COUNTY LIBRARY CORNER

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### Adult Programs

For ages 18 and up only (unless listed otherwise)

All adult programs begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays (unless listed otherwise)

**Tuesday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. – DIY Valentine’s Day Gift –** Come in and make a Valentine’s Day gift for your valentine. You can make cards, origami hearts, paper roses, and more! All ages welcome!

**Thursday, February 5 at 5:15 p.m. – Evening Book Club –** Book club members join us to discuss *My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite.

**Tuesday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. – Chair Yoga –** Join us and Mrs. Mary Michels for some relaxing chair yoga. Ages 18 +.

**Thursday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m. – Burrus Elder Law Presentation –** Join us and Mr. Burrus from Burrus Elder Law, as he gives us insight on estate planning and asset protection. All ages welcome!

**Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30 p.m. – They’re Going to Put Me in the Movies: Movies and TV Shows Filmed in the Ozarks –** Join us and our guest, Rance King, as he gives a presentation about the TV shows and movies filmed here in the Ozarks. All ages welcome!

**Wednesday February 18 at 12 p.m. – Noon Book Club –** Book club members join us to discuss *The Forgotten Girls* by Monica Potts.

**Thursday, February 19 at 5:30 p.m. – Master Gardeners, Spring Gardening –** Join us as the Master Gardeners teach us how to start our spring gardening. All ages welcome!

**Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. – Paper Lantern Making –** Join us as we make paper lanterns for the lunar new year. All materials provided. All ages welcome!

**Thursday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m. – Master Gardeners, Spring Gardening –** Join us as the Master Gardeners teach us how to start pruning. All ages welcome!

### Children’s Department

Passive Activities for February

**Fortune Cookie Scavenger Hunt-** Look for a hidden Fortune Cookie in the children’s department for a surprise!

**Book Dash-** Will start Feb 1 and run till Feb 14. Choose a book to checkout from our Book Dash selection and for participating you will be entered into a drawing to win a pizza shaped blanket, candy and a book of your choice. We will choose one

winner on Feb 14.

**February Book Drawings –** Stop by the children’s department and enter for a chance to win a book. We will have 2 different books to choose from. Put your name and phone number on the entry slip and place it in the bucket for the book you hope to win. You may enter once a day. Drawing will be held Monday, March 2. Good Luck.

**Tuesday, February 3 at 4 p.m. –Pop Sockets-** Stop by to make a cool Pop Socket for your cell phone. All materials supplied. Ages 12-18

**Thursday, February 5 at 4 p.m. –Pipe Cleaner Heart Rings–** Make a heart shaped ring with your favorite color pipe cleaner. All materials supplied. Ages 6 to 12.

**Tuesday, February 10 at 4 p.m. –Paper Fortune Cookies–** Make a paper fortune cookie with scrap book paper. All materials supplied. Ages 12 to 18.

**Thursday, February 12 at 4 p.m. –Candy Love Bug–** Make a Love Bug out of candy and a clothes pen. All materials supplied. Ages 6-12

**Tuesday, February 17 at 4 p.m. – Beaded Bracelets-** Come make a bracelet for you or a friend! All materials supplied. Ages 12-18

**Thursday, February 19 at 4 p.m. –Bedazzled Picture Frame–** Come bedazzle a photo frame with us! All materials supplied. Ages 6-12

**Tuesday, February 24 at 4 p.m. – Painted Sun Catcher-** Come paint a sun catcher with paint and glue mixture to give a stained glass look!! Ages 12-18

**Thursday, February 26 at 4 p.m. – Pom Pom Axolotl-** Make an axolotl with pom poms, pipe cleaners and google eyes! All materials supplied. Ages 6-12

**Toddle Time** is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and is geared toward ages 0-3.

Join Mrs. Lori every Thursday to sing songs, dance, and make a craft. This is a great way for little ones to interact and socialize with other little ones their own age. Toddle Time will be on 2/5, 2/12, 2/19 and 2/26 this month. We will have a special toddle time on 2/19 for Children’s dental Health month.

**Story Time** is on Mondays at 10 a.m. and is geared toward ages 3-5.

Join Mrs. Lori every Monday as we sing songs, dance, and interact with other kiddos the same age. They will also be making a craft. Story time will be on 2/2, 2/9 and 2/23. Mrs. Lori will be going over Groundhog’s Day, Valentine’s day and Children’s Dental Health. There will be NO story time on 2/16 due to the library will be closed February 16 for President’s Day.

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# Pothole season is upon us

From Times Sources

**LITTLE ROCK** — As snow and ice begin to clear from Arkansas roadways, another seasonal hazard is emerging: Potholes — and they can be costly for drivers.

According to AAA, Americans spend more than \$26 million each year on vehicle repairs related to pothole damage. That damage can range from ripped tires and dented rims to, in extreme cases, total vehicle loss if a pothole leads to a serious crash.

While potholes are frustrating, transportation officials say they're also expected this time of year, which means drivers should proceed with caution and report them as soon as possible.

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) says response times depend on the location and severity of the pothole. In some cases, crews can respond within hours. In others, repairs may take several days.

Cold temperatures can also delay repairs, as certain materials won't work effectively in freezing conditions.

"We spend anywhere from six to \$7 million a year dealing with potholes, six to \$7 million," said Dave Parker, spokesperson for the Arkansas Department of Transportation. "So, you know, we ask that the public let us know about them. Be those eyes and ears for us. Try to get as much information as you can. You know, if you have a mile marker, if you have a landmark, something — not just, 'Hey, there's one on Interstate 40.' Well, Interstate 40 stretches a long way. As specific and detailed as you can in your reporting through either I Drive Arkansas — has a little drop-down menu



JEFF BRASEL/STAFF

you can select and report a pothole — or Ask ARDOT."

Parker says serious potholes on high-traffic roadways are prioritized.

"If we get calls about a serious pothole, like one on 440, we're out there within hours. You know, that could be a major problem," Parker said. "If we get reports of, 'Hey, this particular stretch of a highway has got several potholes,' you know, a couple of days at the most. Some of it's weather dependent also, because even

though we might want to get out there the next day and do it, if it's too cold, none of that mix is going to work."

To address potholes quickly, road crews often use a temporary solution known as cold mix asphalt.

This method allows crews to make fast repairs without closing roads, but its lifespan depends heavily on weather conditions and traffic. Permanent fixes require warmer temperatures and often involve lane or road closures.

# AL a-BOARD FOR BERRYVILLE LIBRARY GAME NIGHT



From Times Sources

Bring your friends and come play some games at the Berryville Library this Friday, February 6, from 5-7 p.m. You will find games galore with lots of boards, dice, cards, and more! (Just no screens at this event!)

And the best part is that all who play some games will be treated to free pizza! There is no cost to at-

tend and reservations are not required. Bring your friends and plan to spend a fun filled evening at the Berryville Library this Friday! Everyone is welcome.

For more information on events happening each month at the Berryville Library, call (870) 423-2323 or visit the library, or visit their website [www.berryvillelibrary.org](http://www.berryvillelibrary.org)

## Arkansas finance officials increase budget surplus forecast

By Andrew DeMillo  
The Arkansas Advocate

Arkansas is expected to end the current fiscal year with a \$334.4 million surplus, the state's top finance official said Friday, adjusting the state's budget forecast.

The higher expected surplus figure from Department of Finance and Administration Secretary Jim Hudson marks an increase from the adjusted forecast released last summer for the budget year that ends June 30. In May, Hudson lowered the surplus forecast to \$185.1 million.

In a letter to the chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council, Hudson wrote that the state's net available revenue for this fiscal year is expected to

reach more than \$6.8 billion, which is \$149 million higher than the previous fiscal year and about \$149 million higher than the May forecast.

Hudson also forecast that the state's net available revenue in the fiscal year that begins July 1 will increase by \$187 million to more than \$7 billion.

The adjusted surplus numbers come a little more than two months before lawmakers return to the Capitol for this year's legislative session, which is intended to focus primarily on budget

issues. Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders has not said whether she will push for another round of tax cuts this year, either in the fiscal or in a special session.

The state enjoyed some one-time revenue, Hudson noted, including the income taxes that were collected from the winner of the \$1.8 billion Powerball ticket that was sold in the state. The state collected \$32 million in taxes from the winner, who opted to receive a nearly \$835 million lump sum payment.

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## Upcoming Services

**RAYMON GROSS**  
Services will be Thursday, Feb. 5, 2 p.m.

**JOHN ALLEN JONES**  
Services will be Saturday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m.

**JOHN VAIL**  
Services will be Tuesday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m.

**RYAN OSWALT**  
Services will be Thursday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m.

**CHAD COLE, JR.**  
Services will be Saturday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m.



## John Allan Jones

82 of Harrison

John Allan Jones, 82 of Harrison, passed away Saturday, January 31, at Hillcrest Home in Harrison, after a short illness.

He was born at Alpena Pass, on August 24, 1943, to Johnny Lee and Jessie Clyde Bishop Jones. He graduated from Harrison High School in 1961, where he served as the Student Body President, and he later graduated from the University of Nebraska with a double major in anthropology and zoology and a minor in English literature.

He began his career as an English and science teacher at Bergman High School and later taught at the Alpena School District. In 1974 he and his brother, Ken, purchased the AMC/Jeep dealership and he spent the remainder of his career working with his family at Jones Brothers Jeep in Harrison for almost 40 years.

John Allan was a member of many civic clubs, such as the Boone Masonic Lodge 314 and served as the Centennial Master. He served in the Harrison Noon Lions Club for many years and was also a Shriner. He was very passionate about amateur/ham radio and has confirmed contacts in over 320 countries. He even learned to speak fluent Spanish so he could communicate with amateur radio operators in Spanish-speaking nations. He was the driving force in establishing the Alpena High School Ham Radio Club for the students of Alpena where he taught them an appreciation for the hobby and helped them acquire their ham radio licenses. He also obtained his pilot's license and flew for many decades. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Harrison for 70 years.

John Allan was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved sisters, Sue Carole McElroy and Linda Lou Reinerio; a brother, Ronald Dean Jones; his father and mother-in-law, Doyle and Genevieve Norton; and his brothers-in-law, Norman McElroy and Pat Ragan.

John Allan had a great love for his family. He leaves behind his loving wife of 57 years, Sharon Jones of Harrison; his two daughters, Shelly Stone (Scott) and Stacy Sue Flower (Steve), all of Harrison; his four grandchildren, Jonathan and Nicholas Stone and Deryck and Kaci Flower, all of Harrison; his sister, Glenna Ragan of Springfield, Mo.; a brother Ken Jones (Pam) of Harrison; his brothers-in-law, Mike Norton (Karen) of Harrison and Ed Reinerio of Lincoln, Nebr.; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, at Alpena Cemetery with the Rev. Phillip C. Collie II, Dr. Kent Ragan, and Jentry Jones officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Holt Memorial Chapel.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, February 6, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan, Nicholas and Scott Stone, Steve and Deryck Flower, and Don Banta. Honorary Pallbearers will be Terry Yeager, John Wray, Lowell Williams, Keith Depriest, and Ross Parker.

A special thank you to the staff at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center and Hillcrest Home from John Allan and his family for the great care, attention, and love you have shown our family.

The family request memorials may be made to Hillcrest Home, 1111 Maplewood Road, Harrison, Arkansas 72601.

The online obituary and guestbook are available at [www.HoltChapel.com](http://www.HoltChapel.com).



## Raymon Gross

96 of Omaha

Raymon Gross, 96 of Omaha, passed on February 1.

Raymon was born on July 18, 1929 in Ridgedale, Mo. to William Melvin Gross and Lula Missouri (Atchison) Gross. He married Voncille Blevins on August 9, 1950, in Harrison.

Raymon proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning home, Raymon worked as a carpenter, building many homes and commercial buildings in the Branson & Omaha areas.

Raymon was preceded in death by his parents, William & Lula Gross; his wife, Voncille Gross; brothers, Arlis Gross and Everett Gross; sisters, Edna Sizemore, Laurene Allen, Audie Kenyon and Fredleen Kellett and his great-granddaughter, Brady SueAnn Lippe.

He is survived by his children, Eddie Gross (Doris) of Branson, Mo, Teresa Phillips (Ron) of Everton, and Larry Gross (Carla) of Camdenton, Mo.; grandchildren, Eddie Gross, Kathy Eaton, Brad Lippe, Paula Sanders and Kelsey Cyr, along with eleven great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 4, from 5-7 p.m. at Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home & Crematory, Branson, Mo.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 5, at 2 p.m. at Omaha Baptist Church, 199 Church St., Omaha, AR. Burial will follow in Cedar Valley Cemetery, Hollister, Mo. with full military honors.



## Chad Cole, Jr.

58 of Harrison

Larry Charles "Chad" Cole Jr., 58 of Harrison, passed away Wednesday, January 21, at The Springs of Mt. Vista in Harrison.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, at Capps Full Gospel Church, with Pastor Eddie Reed officiating. Burial will be in Mississippi beside his grandparents. Arrangements are under the direction of Holt Memorial Chapel.

The full obituary and guestbook are available at [www.HoltChapel.com](http://www.HoltChapel.com).

## Ryan Oswalt

49 of Broken Arrow, Okla.

Ryan Christopher Oswalt, 49, of Broken Arrow, Okla., formerly of Harrison, passed away on Sunday, February 1, at Saint Francis Health Care in Tulsa, Okla.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 12, at Crossroads Community Church with Pastor Johnny Walters officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery under the direction of Holt Memorial Chapel.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. On Thursday, prior to the service at the church.

The full obituary and guestbook are available at [www.HoltChapel.com](http://www.HoltChapel.com).

## John Vail

81 of Harrison

John Clifford Vail, age 81 of Harrison, passed away at home on Sunday, February 1.

The son of George and Mae (Minyard) Vail was born in Bessemer, Ala. on April 25, 1944.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Betty Vail; brother, Edward Vail; and sister, Barbara Parker; and grandson, Jeffery Tillman.

John is survived by his son, James "Bo" Vail; his daughter, Anne Vail; and his stepchildren, Kathy Smith, Mark Gunter, and Bryan Gunter, 15 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandson.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 10, at Alpena First Baptist Church beginning at 10 a.m., with the funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Auman Cemetery under the direction of Coffman Funeral Home of Harrison.

Memorial donations can be made to Alpena First Baptist Church, PO Box 130, Alpena, AR, 72611.

## Catherine O'Hara, Canadian queen of comedy, dies at 71

Staff Report  
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LOS ANGELES — Catherine O'Hara, the comedy queen famous for roles in films and television, such as Home Alone, Schitt's Creek, and Beetlejuice, has passed away. She passed away on Friday, Jan. 30, at the age of 71.

According to her agency, Creative Artists Agency, O'Hara died at her home "following a brief illness."

Toronto-born and raised, O'Hara, the sixth of seven children, joined the famed Second City improv troupe in Toronto in her early 20s, understudying for Gilda Radner before Radner left for Saturday Night Live.

At Second City, she would meet a slew of comedians she would end up working with in future projects. One of those said projects was "SCTV," a sketch show with a cast of such luminaries as Rick Moranis, John Candy, Martin Short, Andrea Martin, and lifelong collaborator, Eugene Levy. O'Hara portrayed such characters on the show as the melodramatic singer Lola Heatherton and the overea-

ger quiz bowl contestant Margaret Meehan. O'Hara would join the cast of "Saturday Night Live," but would leave before appearing on air.

O'Hara played supporting roles in Hollywood, including in Martin Scorsese's "After Hours." She gained much notoriety for her role as kooky artist mother Delia Deetz in Tim Burton's "Beetlejuice." She would reprise the role in 2024's sequel "Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice."

One of her most famous roles came in 1990, in the holiday staple, "Home Alone." In the movie, O'Hara plays Kate McAllister, the frantic mother who, upon learning that she left her son at home while the family went on vacation, does everything in her power to get back home to her son. O'Hara reprised the role in the 1992 sequel, "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

The 90's and 00's would see O'Hara find another collaborator in Christopher Guest. O'Hara appeared in four of Guest's mockumentaries, "Waiting for Guffman," "Best in Show," "A Mighty Wind," and "For Your Consideration."

O'Hara would have a career resurgence in the 2010s when she

was brought a role from friend and frequent co-star, Eugene Levy. Levy and his son, Dan, pitched her a role in a show they were developing called "Schitt's Creek." In the show, O'Hara plays the matriarch of a family of formerly wealthy folks who find themselves with no money. She would play Moira Rose, a faded soap opera actress with a love for peculiar words and wigs. The role would nab O'Hara an Emmy for Outstanding Actress in a comedy in 2020.

The news of O'Hara's passing brought tributes from far and wide. Meryl Streep, who starred with O'Hara in "Heartburn", said in a statement that she "brought love and light to our world, through whipsmart compassion for the collection of eccentrics she portrayed." Eugene Levy said, "Words seem inadequate to express the loss I feel today. I cherished our working relationship, but most of all our friendship." One collaborator she remained close with was "Home Alone" co-star Macaulay Culkin. He said in an Instagram post, "Mama, I thought we had more time.... I heard you. But I had so much more to say. I love you."

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# Arkansas voter verification letters sent by state lacked date, official letterhead

By Antoinette Grajeda  
The Arkansas Advocate

Nearly 1,300 Arkansas voters who were also registered in Alabama or Tennessee were sent undated form letters from the state lacking official letterhead telling them they may be removed from voter rolls if they didn't respond within 30 days.

The Arkansas secretary of state's office on Monday confirmed the letters were sent as part of its effort to verify voter information, but said the lack of an official letterhead or date was a clerical error.

The letters are part of the One State One Vote initiative, which created a partnership between Arkansas and neighboring states to ensure citizens aren't registered to vote in more than one state.

"Fixing these duplicates is basic good governance to keep accurate records," Samantha Boyd, spokesperson for Secretary of State Cole Jester's office, said. "This proactive effort reflects Secretary Jester's commitment to maintaining accurate, lawful voter rolls and ensuring problems are identified

and addressed before they can undermine public confidence in the electoral process."

Letter recipients were asked to choose where they wanted to remain registered and to indicate that they understood the form must be returned to their Arkansas county clerk or the secretary of state's office in Alabama or Tennessee. The letter states recipients "may be subject to removal from the voter rolls in Arkansas" if a response is not received within 30 days of the date of the letter.

The undated letters were mailed on Jan. 13 and 14, according to Boyd, who said the 30-day deadline is more of a guideline to help expedite the information-gathering process. Only county clerks can remove someone from the rolls, not the secretary of state's office, she said.

Faulkner County Clerk Margaret Darter said county clerks generally clean up voter rolls in odd-numbered years and they make multiple efforts to contact voters before removing them from the rolls.

"As a clerk, we're out to protect our voters as much as we can,"

said Darter, who also serves as president of the Arkansas Association of County Clerks. "We don't want anyone criminally voting, but we're also not out trying to make someone a criminal voter either."

If someone who registers to vote in Arkansas indicates they were registered in another state, Darter said she would alert the other state that the voter needed to be removed from their rolls. However, postal and administrative errors could lead to duplicate registrations.

The Faulkner County Clerk's office has received a few responses from letter recipients, but Darter said she wasn't sure how many voters were affected in her county.

The secretary of state's office will begin sending the list of duplicate voters they identified to county clerks this week, Boyd said.

"We would be cautious at this point not to remove anybody unless we're certain that they need to be removed," Darter said.

Arkansans can check their voter registration at [www.voterview.ar-nova.org/VoterView](http://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/VoterView).

## Senate Committee meeting to be held today in Berryville

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The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development will meet today at the Berryville Community Center on 601 Dr. Spurlin Circle at 1 p.m. in Berryville, Ark.

One item to be discussed is the Illinois River Watershed, most recently highlighted in an Oklahoma court case, where large food corporations, such as Tyson, were found liable for pollution.

Senator Bryan King, of District 28, is expected to outline a proposal for new river studies through a \$25 million allocation of state funds. The money would go to North Arkansas College to study the Buffalo, Kings, Crooked Creek, Mulberry and Illinois rivers.

Mark Lambert, Director of State Affairs, Farm Bureau, is also scheduled to speak.

## API

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turn, reduces capital expenditure, which would ensure more production in the long-term. Balancing that tension is something API purports to be helping accomplish.

"The United States is the world's energy superpower – but that status isn't guaranteed," Sommers said. "Infrastructure. Access. International competitiveness. Across all three, the priority is the same: durable policy that outlasts political cycles and supports long-term investment, reliability, and growth."

Sommers pointed to comprehensive permitting reform as the "hinge point" of the Demand Decade and the top energy policy priority of 2026. "Right now, America has energy in the ground — and demand on the grid — but too often the connection between the two is blocked by red tape, delay and endless lawsuits."

Judging based on his executive orders, including his very first one this term, President Trump is prioritizing energy production over environmental and locals' concerns – swinging the pendulum far in the opposite direction of his predecessor.

Against the backdrop of rising global demand, Sommers also addressed recent developments in

Venezuela and the conditions required for long-term energy investment.

"Turning reserves into sustained production – whether in Venezuela or anywhere else – requires more than expertise and geology. It requires stable governance, rule of law, operational security, physical safety, and long-term investment certainty."

Sommers concluded by pointing to a growing national consensus around "energy realism."

"Americans spent years being told they should do less, build less, produce less and pay more. We're done with that," Sommers said. "The mainstream has moved decisively toward abundance, affordability, and growth. ...This is the clearest public consensus we've seen in a decade."

How this information may affect you depends on how you look at it. If investing, Sommers' comments indicate cautious optimism for a good decade to come. If consuming (gas, anything that requires transportation, plastics, fertilizer, pharmaceuticals, and any other petroleum-based products), then it may not be as positive, as the costs appear to remain constant, if Sommers' optimism is proven out.

## WILSON

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A warrant was issued for the site of the alleged attack, where four .223 caliber casings were found in the vicinity of where the witness said he was attacked from. Next, Clayton's residence was searched, revealing "numerous firearms, ammunition, and large amounts of illegal substances," according to the police affidavit. Wilson did not appear to be at the residence during the search.

A full list of seized evidence is as follows:

- Approximately 1.3 pounds of suspected marijuana
- 31 firearms
- 1 firearm barrel
- 3 soda cans with white residue
- 16 metal spoons with white residue

- 5 used syringes
- 2 broken glass pipes with white residue
- 10 spent shell casings
- 81 rounds of 30-30 caliber ammo
- 2 Ruger 10-22 magazines
- 12 AR-15 magazines
- 10 .22 Hornet caliber ammo
- .22 mag caliber ammo
- Small bag of cotton soaked with residue (destroyed in evidence)

Wilson was out on a combined \$18,500 bond for at least three other cases at the time of the alleged attack. The other active cases involved driving on a suspended license, possession of class I, II, and VI drugs, and endangering the welfare of a minor in the second and third degree.

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## STATE VEHICLE FATALITIES FOR JAN. 26-FEB. 1

There were 4 fatalities on Arkansas roads and highways last week, bringing the total to 26 so far for 2026.

• **Kajyla Hill**, 20 of Greenville, Miss., was killed in a two-vehicle accident that occurred on Thursday, January 29, in Lincoln County.

A 2024 Nissan, driven by Hill, failed to yield and crossed the northbound lanes of traffic. A 2019 struck the Nissan. The Nissan then left the roadway.

The accident happened at 6:26 p.m. on Thursday. The weather was clear, and the

road condition was wet.

• **Roxanne Bundrick**, 26 of Dallas, was killed in a two-vehicle accident that occurred on Thursday, January 29, in St. Francis County.

A 2018 Toyota Rav 4, driven by Bundrick, was stalled in the left lane. The driver was outside the vehicle. A 2018 Jeep Cherokee struck the Toyota then struck Bundrick.

The accident happened at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday. The weather was clear, and the road condition was snow/icy.

• **Matthew Coles**, 43 of Marion, was killed and Zivko Josipovic, 57 of Hudsonville, Mich., Ronnie Black, 50 of Walnut Ridge, and an unnamed minor, were injured in a three-vehicle accident that occurred on Thursday, January 29, in Crittenden County.

A 2017 Freightliner, driven by Black, was merging from the rest area. A 2019 Freightliner, driven by Josipovic, struck the rear of the 2017 Freightliner. The 2019 Freightliner left the roadway crossing the cable barriers and entered into the southbound lanes striking a 2006 Honda Accord, driven by Coles

with the minor as passenger, headon.

The accident happened at 7:48 a.m. on Thursday. The weather was clear, and the road condition was icy.

• **Patrick Black**, 73 of Hardy, was killed in a single-vehicle accident that occurred on Friday, January 30, in Sharp County.

Black was in the roadway. A 2011 Buick struck Black.

The accident happened at 1:39 p.m. on Friday. The weather was clear, and the road condition was dry.

## Heart disease remains Arkansas's leading killer

From Arkansas Department of Health

LITTLE ROCK — Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in both the United States and Arkansas, claiming the lives of 8,531 Arkansans in 2024 alone. This is about one death every hour of the year.

In recognition of American Heart Month, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) reminds Arkansans that heart attacks often happen suddenly, and quick action by the patient or bystanders can mean the difference between life and death. According to Bala Simon, MD, DrPH, Deputy Chief Medical Officer and State Chronic Disease Director, "Heart disease continues to be the leading cause of death in Arkansas. Recognizing heart attack symptoms early and calling 9-1-1 right away allows emergency medical services and hospitals to begin life-saving treatment as quickly as possible."

### Recognizing a Heart Attack

Heart attack symptoms can vary and may not always be sudden or severe. Common warning signs include:

- Chest discomfort: Pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body: Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
- Shortness of breath: With or without chest discomfort.
- Other symptoms: Cold sweat, nausea, lightheadedness, or unusual fatigue - especially in women.

If you or someone else experiences these symp yourself to the hospital.

### Why Calling 9-1-1 Matters

Using emergency medical services allows care to begin sooner, including early diagnosis, rapid transport to the most appropriate hospital, and faster treatment to restore blood flow to the heart. Arriving by ambulance can significantly reduce treatment delays and improve survival.

### Major Risk Factors for Heart Attack

The leading risk factors include:

- High blood pressure
  - High cholesterol
  - Smoking
  - Diabetes
  - Obesity and physical inactivity
  - Family history of heart disease
- Many of these risk factors are preventable or manageable. Arkansans are encouraged to see their primary care provider regularly and take steps such as eating a heart-healthy diet, staying physically active, quitting smoking, and managing blood pressure and cholesterol.

## Elder care planning for families in Arkansas

From Times Sources

Elder care planning feels substantial because it is substantial. However, it is a process that you cannot delay. We have seen too many families wait until it is too late to make decisions, limiting their options significantly. You need a comprehensive plan before a crisis strikes. Knowing where to start can feel overwhelming, but taking the first step is the most important part of the journey. We are here to walk you through the early steps, the key questions to ask, and the necessary checklists to help reduce stress and increase confidence as you support your aging loved one.

### The First Steps in Elder Care Planning

Start by having an honest, open conversation with your loved ones about their future care needs. This is often the hardest part, but it sets the foundation for everything that follows.

### Starting the Conversation

You might wonder how to start a conversation about such a sensitive topic. One helpful way to begin is by asking a hypothetical question, such as asking what they would want if they needed daily help. Some families find it easier to use a friend's story or a recent news event to break the ice. Others prefer to talk during holidays or family gatherings when everyone is present. If emotions get intense, writing questions ahead of time may help keep the discussion focused and calm.

Talking early allows your family to plan collectively rather than making snap decisions during a medical panic. Many families regret waiting too long to have these talks. By starting now, you ensure your loved one's voice is heard in their own care plan.

### Key Questions to Ask

To create a robust plan, you need to gather specific information. Focus on clarity and shared facts. You should ask open questions that reveal their preferences and fears.

### Consider asking:

- What kind of care would you prefer if staying alone became dangerous?
- Would you rather remain at home with help or move to a community later?
- Who do you trust to make decisions regarding money and health if you cannot?
- What specific fears or concerns do you have about the aging process?

• Do you already have legal papers like a will or power of attorney in place?

Each response offers clues that shape your elder care planning strategy. Good conversations lower the risk of conflict and confusion down the road.

### Assessing Needs for In-Home Care

To plan effectively, you must understand the reality of your loved one's daily life. Start by figuring out what help your loved one needs every single day. You need to ask yourself if they can eat, bathe, dress, and move around safely without assistance. The answers to these questions will guide your plan's priorities.

### Using an Activities of Daily Living Checklist

Write down what they can do independently and what they cannot. Professionals use an Activities of Daily Living (ADL) checklist. This includes essential tasks like eating, bathing, walking, and dressing.

You should also consider Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs), which are more complex:

Are they taking the correct dosage of medicine at the right time?

Can they maintain the home safely when alone?

Are they showing signs of memory loss, confusion, or extreme loneliness?

Keep a journal or notes on what you observe over a few weeks. These details help track changes later and are invaluable when speaking with doctors or case managers.

### Establishing a Routine for Elder Care

A daily plan covers more than just meals and medicine. A good routine provides structure and safety. A comprehensive daily schedule might include wake-up and bedtime routines, scheduled meals, hygiene tasks, medication times, and light exercise.

Do not forget the emotional side of care. Include quiet time, enjoyable moments, and phone calls or visits with friends. Weekly plans can include doctor appointments, shopping trips, bill payments, and hobbies. Routine builds comfort and stability for seniors who may feel their world is changing.

### Tools for Organization

You do not have to begin from scratch. Many organizations provide printable

templates meant for use with doctors or caregivers. Other helpful tools include large wall calendars, shared digital calendars for the care team, or a dedicated binder with contact info and medication lists. Mobile apps can also help coordinate tasks among siblings.

These tools support the whole caregiving team and keep everyone informed. Always include your loved one's preferences in this organization. Whether it is walking the dog or having tea at a certain time, their priorities matter. A good plan includes every helper, from family and friends to paid home aides.

### Financial Planning for Elder Care

Financial anxiety is common, but knowledge can ease that stress. Elder care planning requires a hard look at the numbers. Begin by asking how much care will realistically cost. You cannot plan if you do not know what to expect regarding nurse visits, home care hours, or transportation costs.

Budgeting Strategies Start by listing all projected costs, including housing, food, professional helpers, and travel. Then, list all income sources, such as Social Security, pensions, and savings. If the costs exceed the income, you must look for financial support or tools to close the gap.

Lowering expenses can help immediately. Cancel unneeded subscriptions, consider downsizing to smaller housing, or reduce discretionary spending. Review your budget monthly as care needs often increase over time.

Reducing Out-of-Pocket Expenses

Act early to secure financial safety nets. Long-term care insurance can help significantly if purchased before health declines. These policies often cover items like visiting nurses or rehabilitation aides that standard insurance misses.

You should also check if your loved one qualifies for Medicaid or Veterans Affairs (VA) programs. Open family talks matter here as well. One person may be able to offer time while another offers money. Making a written plan keeps contributions balanced and expectations clear among siblings.

### Navigating Government Support Programs

Understanding the difference between Medicare and Medicaid is vital for elder care planning. Many fami-

lies assume Medicare covers everything, but this is a dangerous misconception.

### Medicare vs. Medicaid

Medicare provides health insurance for those over 65. It covers short-term care after a hospital stay, such as rehabilitation or skilled nursing, typically for up to 100 days. It does not pay for long-term care or daily personal help like bathing or dressing.

Medicaid fills that gap. It covers long-term care, such as nursing homes, in-home services, and medical equipment. However, Medicaid is an assistance program based on financial need. Each state sets rules, and typically, only those with limited income and assets qualify.

### The Spend-Down Process

If income or assets are too high, a person may need to "spend down" until they meet eligibility requirements. This might mean paying for care out of pocket until assets fall below the state's limit. Strict rules apply to this process. For instance, there is a "look-back" period, usually five years. Medicaid will penalize applicants who gave away money or assets during that time to qualify.

Guidance from a planning expert is essential here. The Arkansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging can help you understand the local requirements and connect you with resources to navigate Medicaid applications correctly.

### Choosing the Right Housing Option

Eventually, you may need to decide between home care, assisted living, and nursing homes. Start with one question: What does your loved one need help with each day?

### Matching Care to Needs

If they only need meals and help getting dressed, home care may work well. If they forget medicines or need steady social support, assisted living provides a blend of independence and care. For serious health issues needing constant nursing supervision, a nursing home is the appropriate setting.

Make a list of needed tasks and compare that list to what is offered in each care type.

Home Care: Ideal for those who want to age in place. Costs are hourly.

Assisted Living: Includes meals, light health support, and social activities. Costs are usually monthly.

Nursing Homes: Provide full-time medical care for complex needs.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Senate Capitol Week In Review

**L**ITTLE ROCK - Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Wildlife Management Division staff reported on the 2026 midwinter survey. The survey includes the Mississippi Alluvial Valley (the Delta), Arkansas River Valley, and southwest Arkansas. The midwinter survey is usually when biologists see peak waterfowl numbers, and found overall numbers were down from last year.

The most recent data, released January 21, 2026, found dramatic changes in the waterfowl population since the previous report only 2 weeks prior. The January survey estimated 574,940 ducks in Arkansas, with 351,900 of those being mallards. The December survey found 1,030,824 ducks in the state.



**BRYAN KING**  
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR

A total decrease in ducks of approximately 455,884 and a decrease of approximately 143,835 mallards. Staff noted that the deficit in numbers was possibly skewed from the December count. According to the AGFC waterfowl coordinator, "We have less confidence in our December estimate because it may have been biased high due to dry conditions with large amounts of birds around limited water sources." Making it more difficult to estimate is that each state has varying survey methods. Overall, most states are seeing fewer birds during peak migration this season. Also, a decrease in duck numbers is expected due to drought on the Canadian prairie, where ducks hatch on the PotHole Region.

Biologists are back in the sky this week (as long as the weather holds up) for the annual late January survey, the last of three AGFC waterfowl surveys for the season. Arkansas continues to face extremely dry conditions this winter with little rainfall. Many regions of Arkansas faced their second-to-third driest December on record, dating back to 1893, and there has been little precipitation in January. To see the latest survey and maps of duck distribution around the state, visit: <https://www.agfc.com/>.

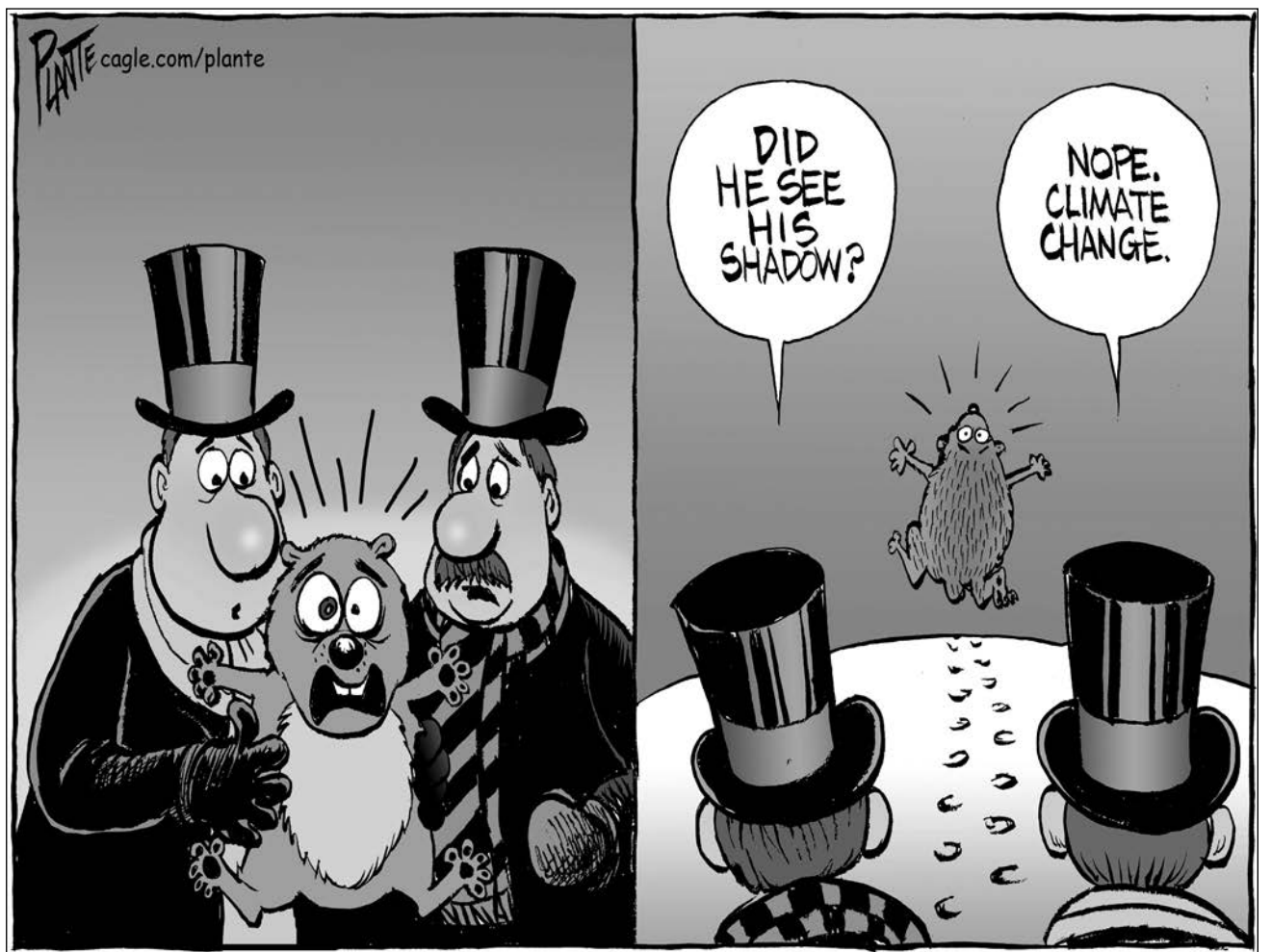
#### 36th Annual Big Buck Classic

The Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation's (AGFF) 36th Annual Big Buck Classic will take place February 6-8 at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds. The children's area provides hands-on for the next generation of hunters and anglers. There is an indoor trout pond where children can catch live rainbow trout, an inflatable BB gun range, and a hover ball archery shoot. There will be expert instruction provided by Bowfishers of Arkansas and the Arkansas Bowhunters Association.

It is a great environment for newcomers to learn about our state's traditions. In addition to the kid's zone, state biologists will be on hand to promote conservation programs, and attendees can learn about the new Deer Management Assistance Program, where deer clubs can get professional guidance on managing deer herds and improving the wildlife habitat.

There is no charge to participate in the AGFF Kids Zone, but admission to the show is \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 5 to 12 years old. Admission for children under 5 is free.

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## EDITORIAL

### Putting the pieces together

**A**lthough my work in the U.S. Senate requires me to spend a lot of time in Washington, I am always grateful to come home and connect with the people and places that make up the fabric of Arkansas. Thankfully, the 2026 legislative calendar has already afforded an early occasion for in-state visits, and I was fortunate to spend a few days making stops in Northwest Arkansas and the River Valley before a powerful winter storm confined us all to our homes.

What struck me most was the growth and opportunity we have in The Natural State at this moment, and the incredible partnerships making things happen. It is something you'll see throughout our state because of a concerted effort by people across all levels of government, nonprofit organizations, businesses and motivated individual leaders who believe in the future of Arkansas.

One of those exciting projects is Patriot Park in Fayetteville. This 60-unit complex will help provide veterans with a safe, affordable place to live, near amenities and services they need. It was exciting to visit with county officials, veterans advocates and builders to see the progress and learn about this unique public-private partnership that I am confident will serve as a model for the nation.

When I returned to Capitol Hill last week, I had the chance

to mention the project to U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Doug Collins and invite him to see it firsthand.

I was also pleased to see the support small businesses are getting in our state. The Wiginton family's Red Barn Donut Shop in Rogers is a great example of what is possible when hard work meets opportunity. In addition to being a great family business with delicious apple fritters and other treats, it also highlighted how success can follow valuable support from organizations like the Arkansas Small Business Development and Technology Center (ASBDTC) as well as the optimism about the Working Families Tax Cuts' benefits for entrepreneurs and their employees.

From no taxes on tips to making the small business deduction permanent and reducing burdensome paperwork, this landmark legislation is now delivering for hardworking Arkansans and our economy.

Later stops in the week were also insightful about the intersecting nature of our industries and public policy.

Van Buren is home to Bekaert Manufacturing, a global company whose largest plant in North America is located in Crawford County with more than 450 employees. Bekaert is also growing, thanks to the area's tremendous skilled workforce and unique transportation infrastructure developed



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U.S. SENATOR

collaboratively and intentionally for several decades.

Nowhere is that progress more apparent than along the Arkansas River where business leaders, local officials and engineers are working through the final hurdles to begin work on a slackwater harbor. It was great to see how the project is interwoven with I-49 construction and, only seven miles away, the bridge over the Arkansas River is currently under construction. With these critical resources in progress, local businesses and communities are looking forward to even more expansion and opportunity.

I am honored to do my part in Washington to support the people and places that are making things happen in Arkansas. Over the coming year, we will put many more miles in while listening, learning and locking arms across our great state.

John Boozman is one of two senators representing the state of Arkansas in the U.S. Congress. Visit Senator Boozman's website at [boozman.senate.gov](http://boozman.senate.gov) or call his Washington office at (202) 224-4843.

## Go fish



**ALEXANDRA PASKHAVER**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I love being out on the water and hate fishing. Or maybe it's the other way around.

A colleague of mine invited me to go out on a lake and try our luck at catching fish. I categorically refused.

It's not that I hate fish. I love fish, especially with a side of rice and a cool drink. I just hate sitting around for 12 hours to catch a fish the size of a thimble.

But my coworker begged and pleaded and mentioned the seven-foot-long salmon he was sure lurked somewhere beneath the surface, and at last I assented.

We sat in a little canoe that already had water in the bottom of it before we even got on the pond. Then my coworker jerked the oars and we were off on our fishing adventure.

I asked where he was rowing us. He mentioned he was rowing toward the middle of the lake, where the fishing was best.

"How do you know the fishing is best there?" I asked.

"A guy marked it," he replied.

"On a map?" I questioned.

"No, he drew an X on the bottom of the boat," said my coworker.

I looked at the puddle steadily growing beneath my feet and saw the X. "Why isn't this the best fishing spot?" I asked. "Where we are, right now?"

"My coworker stopped rowing. I guess it could be," he said. He handed me a fishing pole. "Only one way to find out."

So we cast our lines and waited for 527 hours. Or maybe it was 528. All I knew was that the salmon, seven feet long or not, were not biting.

Maybe our lures weren't tasty-looking. After watching mine bob on the surface for a while, I was ready to eat it.

At last something pulled at my rod. There was a definite yank on the end of my stick. "I got one!" I yelled, and spun the reel as fast as I could.

The fish was putting up a fight. Our canoe even wobbled. At last I gave a great heave and brought up... a stick.

"A stick?" I said, bewildered.

"A stick," confirmed my coworker. "But it was a hard stick to catch, mind you."

We spent another 82 hours just sitting there before my coworker finally rowed us back to shore.

So even though we went out to the middle of the lake, we didn't catch a single fish. I recommended we mark the bottom of our boat to warn other fishermen of our fate.

So we drew another X on the bottom of our boat and gave it back to the rental. Then we walked along the lakeshore for a while.

I didn't see any seven-foot-long salmon, but I'm sure they were there, whispering about how clever they were. You don't see fish wasting 924 hours of their lives trying to fool humans.

But fishing was a meditative experience. At some points, I even enjoyed sitting there in the cool breeze, wondering about dinner.

Maybe I'll come back one day and try my luck with the salmon. Until then, I'll mount my stick on the wall as a trophy.

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## Local ribbon cuttings

CS Bank South Branch held their Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening event last Thursday with the Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce. The event was held at their new branch location at 310 N. Olive Street in Harrison (the former Magness Oil Bulk Plant at East Prospect and the 62-65 Bypass). Charlie Cross, the CS Bank CEO, was the featured speaker and introduced the staff during the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting event. CS Bank is a full-service bank offering loans, checking accounts, savings accounts, and CDs. The phone number at this location is (870) 414-2199. The website is [WWW.CS.Bank](http://WWW.CS.Bank)  
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## InnovAsian to build facility in Jonesboro

New frozen food manufacturing facility will create approximately 200 new jobs

From Times Sources CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

JONESBORO — InnovAsian Cuisine Enterprises Inc., a subsidiary of Nichirei Foods Inc., will build a state-of-the-art frozen food manufacturing facility in Jonesboro, Arkansas. This major development will create approximately 200 new jobs, strengthening the region's position as a vibrant hub for food manufacturing.

Found in grocery freezer aisles nationwide, InnovAsian brings family-favorite Asian dishes to the table with bold, restaurant-inspired flavors. From popular multi-serve entrées to rice, sides, appetizers, and single-serve

meals, the brand makes weeknight dinners easy. The new facility will significantly increase production capacity for its high-growth multi-serve entrée line, supporting the company's continued growth in the U.S. market.

"This new facility investment underscores InnovAsian's commitment to growth and is a pivotal moment in the evolution of the brand. This is a major step forward for Nichirei's global growth strategy in the North American market," shared Joe Kent, President and CEO of InnovAsian. "Our new Jonesboro facility will allow us to meet growing demand for high-quality Asian cuisine while creating meaningful jobs in the community. It has been a pleasure to work with Jonesboro Unlimited, the Governor of Arkansas, and the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC), and we look forward to delivering innovation



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

and flavor to more families across America."

The 175,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility will be located in Craighead Technology Park, a 2,100-acre industrial park in Jonesboro. InnovAsian chose Arkansas after a competitive multi-state search, citing speed-to-market, a skilled workforce, and strong local and state support as key factors. Nichirei will make a capital contribution of approximately \$105 million to InnovAsian in 2026 to initiate the project.

"Arkansas is proud to be a state where farm products

are turned into value-added food for tables across America," said Governor Sanders. "With approximately 200 new jobs coming to Jonesboro, this investment strengthens our economy and expands opportunity in Northeast Arkansas, while creating another market for Arkansas' number one industry, agriculture."

Arkansas Department of Commerce and AEDC leaders met with Nichirei Foods executives in Tokyo in 2025 to showcase Arkansas' business climate and help secure the project.

"Arkansas is excited to welcome InnovAsian to Jonesboro with its new frozen food manufacturing facility," said Clint O'Neal, executive director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. "InnovAsian is a leading frozen food company, and this project is a perfect fit for Jonesboro. We congratulate InnovAsian and Nichirei Foods on their growth, as well as the community of Jonesboro on this big economic development win."

"Jonesboro has a long history of supporting food manufacturing, and we are excited that InnovAsian has seen our competitive advantages and decided to be a part of our community," said Mark Young, President of Jonesboro Unlimited.

InnovAsian, a subsidiary of Nichirei Foods Inc., is a provider of frozen Asian-inspired meals, appetizers, and side dishes made. Learn more at [Eatinnovasian.com](http://Eatinnovasian.com).

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- Drop-in event: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- 224 W Erie Ave, Harrison, AR 72601





The UCA Innovation Campus will be housed at 355 Ledgelawn Drive, Conway. Conceptual interior provided by WER Architects. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

## UCA announces Innovation Campus



From Times Sources

CONWAY — The University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees voted today to move forward with the development of a new Innovation Campus, an interdisciplinary initiative designed to strengthen workforce readiness, expand applied research and support economic growth across Central Arkansas and throughout the state.

State leaders said the Innovation Campus aligns with broader efforts to strengthen Arkansas's workforce and retain talent.

"The Innovation Campus is exactly the kind of forward-looking investment Arkansas needs to prepare our students for the jobs of today and tomorrow," Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders said. "By bringing higher education, employers and applied research together under one roof, we're creating real pathways from the classroom to the workforce and strengthening our economy in the process. This is how we keep talent in Arkansas and keep our state moving forward."

The board of trustees approved a lease agreement with the Conway Development Corporation for approximately 70,800 square feet of space at 355 Ledgelawn Drive, which will serve as the home of the UCA Innovation Campus and the expansion needs of the UCA College of Science and Engineering. The initial lease term runs from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029, with options for renewal.

UCA President Houston Davis said the Innovation Campus represents a strategic shift in how the university prepares students for the workforce.

"This is not just another building – it is a new and dynamic model for how UCA connects education to opportunity," Davis said. "The Innovation Campus will bring students closer to the industries they are preparing to enter, give employers a direct role in shaping talent development and create real value to Arkansas's workforce and economy."

This collaborative effort among UCA, Conway Development Corporation and the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton (UACCM) will feature co-located academic and workforce training spaces, including engineering faculty offices and laboratories, open project areas for student-led engineering work, and administrative and instructional space for the Arkansas Coding Academy. UCA will lease approximately half of the office complex, with the other half being occupied by regional businesses and employers actively hiring UCA students, creating direct pathways for internships, applied learning and job placement.

The project is designed to support workforce needs in engineering, technology, health informatics and skilled trades, while providing flexible space for research, innovation and reskilling initiatives. University leaders say the model is scalable and positions UCA to respond quickly to evolving industry demands.

"UACCM is grateful to the UCA Board of Trustees and President Davis for the exciting opportunity and the trust they place in us as a true education partner," UACCM Chancellor Lisa Willenberg said. "This collaboration represents a commitment of both institutions to combine efforts ensuring students and business/industry in the North Metro and the River Valley region have expanded access and training opportunities in both the engineering and advanced manufacturing sectors."

Brad Lacy, president and CEO of the Conway Development Corporation, said the project represents a long-term investment in Conway's workforce and economic future.

"This project brings together education and industry in a way that directly supports Conway's workforce and long-term economic growth," Lacy said. "By co-locating academic programs, training and employers, we are creating a stronger pipeline of talent while making Conway an even more attractive place for companies and workers."

Under the public-private partnership, the Conway Development Corporation will oversee facility infrastructure, maintenance, custodial services and security, with all property-related investments remaining with the site. UCA will be responsible for interior instructional and technology build-outs, including modular classrooms, audiovisual systems and flexible learning spaces. With the completion of the limited renovations and improvements in spring and summer of 2026, classes and lab activities will begin in August 2026.

## Kindness, service among lessons learned during Memphis trip



A group of Arkansas Tech University students who took a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day service trip to Memphis, Tenn. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From Times Sources

RUSSELLVILLE— Eighteen Arkansas Tech University students participated in a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day service trip to Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 18-19.

"I will never forget when we, as a group, marched down the streets for MLK and rang the bell to commemorate his memory," said Diana Henderson, an ATU sophomore from Russellville majoring in psychology, sociology and criminal justice. "This experience can't be written or put into words unless you have personally experienced a march in the heart of Memphis. With Memphis' long and remarkable history that has affected the Black community that lives there to this day, you could feel how powerful the crowds were and

how much they believed in Dr. King's message. I felt our voices became one and we were being heard. The freezing weather did not stop us from marching. It did not stop us from dreaming of that fateful speech that Martin Luther King gave and what we will do to continue his legacy and provide the true American dream to the next generation."

The members of the ATU delegation also visited the National Civil Rights Museum and participated in a service project during their trip to Memphis.

"There's nothing like the feeling you have after volunteering yourself to a community and seeing the impact you have left on it," said Pablo Moreno, an ATU freshman from Green Forest majoring in digital marketing. "It was good to know we were helping a good cause and that there will soon

be people using the garden beds we cleaned and redid as a form of physical and mental therapy."

The trip was made possible by the ATU Center for Student Engagement and First-Generation Student Success and organized by Armando Harper, ATU graduate assistant for campus life.

"Be kind and help others by showing kindness, especially for people who may not look the same or act the same as you," said Henderson. "If you give kindness willingly without any strings attached, you will receive kindness in return. I plan to live out the ideals expressed by Dr. King by continuing to volunteer and provide community service to those in need. I cannot express how much this trip has changed me as a person and how much more I want to do for Arkansas Tech University and beyond."

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2026 PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR SEARCY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

To be held Tuesday, March 3, 2026

All Polling Sites on Election Day open at 7:30 am and close at 7:30 pm

Bear Creek 4	Marshall Veterans Memorial Hall, 108 Noah Horton Memorial Drive
Bear Creek 5	Marshall Veterans Memorial Hall
Bear Creek 6	Marshall Veterans Memorial Hall
Calf Creek	Dongola Church
Long Creek	Landis Fire Station
Mt Pleasant	Witts Springs School (Welcome Home will no longer be a polling site.)
Oxley	Leslie Community Building
Prairie	St. Joe Community Building
Red River	Marshall Veterans Hall
Rock Creek	HaRoCo Fire Station
Shady Grove	Leslie Community Building
Spring	Dongola Church. (Bear Creek Community building will be closed.)
St. Joe	St. Joe Community Building
Tomahawk	St. Joe Community Building
Wiley's Cove	Leslie Community Building
Absentee Voting	Searcy County Courthouse

To check your voter registration status and view a sample ballot, go to [voterview.org](http://voterview.org). Voters with address changes or questions related to voting eligibility please call the Searcy County Clerk at 870.448.3807 prior to going to vote during early vote or Election Day.

#### EARLY VOTING

Early Voting will be held at the Searcy County Courthouse, 200 AR 27, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 17 through Monday, March 2, 2026

Weekdays – 8 am-6 pm

Saturdays – 10 am-4 pm

Monday, March 4 – Early Voting ends at 5 pm

#### Offices and Candidates to be Elected:

**Justice of the Peace District 1:** Zachary Graham; Mark Buchanan; David Roberts

**Justice of the Peace District 8:** Tom Wimberly; Michael LeMarr

**Constable District 1:** Caleb Horn; Drew Ward

**Constable District 2:** Billy Joe Cordell; Joseph Baysinger; Bo Horton

**Searcy County Judge:** Tony M. Horton; Timmy Reid; Cindi Silor

**Searcy County Coroner:** Richard "Rick" Brewer; Eldon Harris

**Searcy County Sheriff:** Jerry Loggins; Sheriff Kenny Cassell; Troy Dye

**Searcy County Tax Collector:** Jenny Gray; Talitha S. Hardin; Melissa Ward; Brittany Watts

**AR State Governor:** Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders (R); State Senator Fred Love (D); Supha Xayprasith-Mays (D)

**US Senate:** Hallie Shoffner (D); Jeb Little (R); Mayor Ethan N. Dunbar (D); Micah Ashby (R); Senator Tom Cotton (R)

**AR Secretary of State:** Bryan Norris (R); Judge Cathy Hardin Harrison (R); Kelly Grappe (D); Senator Kim Hammer (R)

**Commissioner of State Lands:** Christian Olson (R); Secretary of State Cole Jester (R)

**State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 3:** Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Nick Bronni; John Adams

**Circuit Judge Dist. 20 Div. 5:** Chad J. Brown; Quincy McKinney

**School Taxes and Issues:** Searcy County School District; Ozark Mountain School District; Hector School District; Yellville-Summit School District; Mountain View School District.

**Unopposed Republicans:** US Congress District 1, Congressman Rick Crawford; State Representative District 27, State Representative Steven Walker; JP District 2, Kim D. Loftin; JP District 3, James "Matt" Smith; JP District 4, Nathan Allen Treadwell; JP District 5, Wayne Witcher; JP District 6, Brian Ragland; JP District 7, Jason Ragland; JP District 9, Billie Reed; County Treasurer, Mary Beth Martin; Assessor, Randy Crumley; Lt. Gov., Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge; AR Attorney General, Attorney General Tim Griffin; Auditor of State, Auditor of State Dennis Milligan; State Treasurer, State Treasurer John Thurston.

**Unopposed Democrats:** US Congress District 1, Terri Yarbrough Green; JP District 9, Kristen C. Dornburg.

**Unopposed Non Partisans:** Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 6, Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Cody Hiland; Court of Appeals Associate Judge District 2, Position 1, Court of Appeals Judge Bart Virden; Circuit Judge Dist. 20 Div. 1, Judge Susan K. Weaver; Circuit Judge Dist. 20 Div. 2, Circuit Judge Troy Braswell; Circuit Judge Dist. 20 Div. 3, Circuit Judge Chuck Clawson; Circuit Court Judge Dist. 20 Div. 4, Circuit Judge David M. Clark. SCSD Zone 2, Bradley M. Ragland; SCSD Zone 3, Jordan Pinson; OMSD Zone 2, William Travis Freeman; OMSD Zone 5, James R. Morris; JP District 4, Jeff Ratchford.

Logic and Accuracy testing will be conducted Monday, Feb. 9, at 9 am 100 West Nome St on the Marshall square.

#### ABSENTEE and PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

The processing, and canvassing of absentee ballots will begin Friday, Feb. 27, at 4 pm. Absentee ballots will be opened and counted Tuesday, March 3, at 11 am at the Searcy County Courthouse.

Final processing and counting of provisional ballots will be Monday, March 11, at 11 am at the Searcy County Courthouse.

#### COUNTING PAPER BALLOTS

Total tabulation, using electronic tabulating machines, of all votes will begin as soon as the polls close at 7:30 pm at the Searcy County Courthouse.

Hand marked paper ballots will be audited by hand count Thursday, March 5, beginning at 9 am at the Searcy County Civic Center, 515 Zack Rd. Members of the public are invited to watch.

#### RUNOFF ELECTIONS

Early voting for a Runoff will be Tuesday, March 24 – Monday, March 30. Same times as listed above for early voting. At the Searcy County Courthouse.

Election Day for a Runoff will be Tuesday, March 31, at all regularly listed polling locations (see above).

A list of election officials working early voting will be posted at the Searcy County Courthouse by February 6. A final list of election officials including Election Day poll workers and Ballot Counters will be posted at the Searcy County Courthouse starting Monday, Feb. 23. Searcy County Election officials are eligible to work anywhere in the county, and may be moved to a different site on election day. Any objection to the service of an election official must be filed with the Searcy County Election Commission on or before Feb. 19. Call or visit the Searcy County Clerk's office to file an objection. 870.448.3807. This ad costs \$440 and is paid for by the Searcy County Election Commission.

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## Bell Pepper Nachos



Try this deliciously different way to use bell peppers. Use any color of peppers and any type of beans.

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 bell peppers, any color
- 1 cup salsa
- 2 teaspoons seasoning (try a mixture-chili powder, garlic powder, ground cumin, pepper)
- 1 cup cooked chicken, shredded or chopped (or tofu -- or try a combination)
- 1 cup canned or cooked beans, drained (any type)
- 3/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

### DIRECTIONS

1. Wash hands with soap and water.
2. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain.
3. In a small saucepan, cook onion and garlic in oil until tender.
4. Stir in tomatoes, basil, oregano, sugar, and pepper.
5. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Simmer uncovered for 15 minutes. Add pasta to sauce.
6. Transfer to a greased 1-quart baking dish.
7. Top with cheeses.
8. Bake, uncovered at 375 °F for 10 to 15 minutes or until cheese is melted.

### MAKES

8 Servings

### COOK TIME

15 minutes

### PREPARATION TIME

5 minutes

### NOTES

- Chili powder used for cost and nutritional analysis.
- Try topping with chopped green onions or black olives.
  - Try adding cilantro on top for more flavor.



Layers of Italian sausage, other toppings and crispy Tater TotS are drizzled with Queso dip at a Tater Tot Sundae Bar. LINDA MASTERS/THE BAXTER BULLETIN

## 60 years of football & food

Linda Masters

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Here I am again planning ahead. This week it's food for watching Super Bowl XL on Sunday, Feb. 8. As the big game approaches, let's reflect on 60 years of Super Bowl food history I found on the Internet:

In the '60s and '70s, watching the big game was reminiscent of tailgating. Fans prepared whole chickens with all the trimmings for game watching. A meal of chili and accompaniments became a favorite when Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson brought Texas chili to the White House

In the '80s and '90s, Buffalo Wings entered front and center thanks to consecutive Super Bowl appearances by the Buffalo Bills. Meatballs also came to light during with the Grape Jelly Meatball recipe,

and pizza became popular

The 2000s brought game snacking to the forefront with queso and other dips. We were introduced to adding Retel to Velveeta cheese Buffalo Chicken Dip, Seven-Layer Dip, Nachos and Spinach-Artichoke Dip. To go with the dips, we needed a massive amount of chips of all shapes, sizes and varieties

From 2011-2020, finger foods reigned supreme with pigs in a blanket, sliders, loaded potato skins and jalapeno poppers.

Since 2020, snacks and finger foods of the past have become more elevated with global flavors - think Mexican Street Corn Dip and Asian Chicken Wings. Healthier snacking also is popular with air-fryer wings, vegetable-loaded dips and baked sheet-pan snacks.

My favorite game-day snacks are recipes that are

easy to eat as well as easy to make. Here are few to consider for sitting down to watch the game on Feb. 8:

### Tater Tot Sundae Bar

I found this recipe on Pinterest and thought what a great idea. Prepare the ingredients and let everyone customize their own snack to fit their individual taste.

Serves 6-8

- 1 pound Italian sausage or chorizo
- 32-ounce bag Tater TotS\*
- Oil for frying the TotS.
- 2 cups diced tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups pitted black olives
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3-4 cups favorite Queso or cheese sauce

In a large skillet, brown sausage, breaking into bits as you fry; remove from pan, drain and set aside.

In a large pot, heat the oil to 360 degrees and deep fry the TotS. (I cooked them in batches 6-8 minutes per batch in the air fryer)

To serve, heat the Queso or cheese sauce. Put out the ingredients in individual dishes and let everyone assemble make their own Tater Tot Sundae, topping it off with the Queso or cheese sauce.

*Linda's Note:* Use the mini Tater TotS if you can find them.

### Sticky Piggies in a Blanket

How can you go wrong with sausages wrapped in bacon and brushed with a sticky, sweet glaze?

- Cocktail sausages
- Thinly sliced bacon
- Honey
- Brown sugar
- Dijon mustard
- Black pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with foil and place a wire rack on top for even cooking and easy cleanup.

Slice each strip of bacon in half. Wrap each sausage with a half strip of bacon and place seam-side down on the wire rack.

In a small bowl, whisk together honey, brown sugar, and Dijon mustard until fully combined. Add a crack of black pepper to taste. No amounts are given, just add ingredients until you get a taste you love.

Generously brush the glaze over each bacon-wrapped sausage. Bake 20 minutes, then brush with more glaze and bake for another 10 minutes or until crispy and caramelized.

Remove from the oven and allow piggies to cool for 5 min-

utes before serving. Pass the napkins as they are quite sticky.

### Air-Fryer Meatball Bombs

Refrigerated biscuits are wrapped around precooked meatballs and air-fried until golden brown, what could be easier?

Makes 16

- 1 can refrigerated biscuits
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 16 precooked frozen meatballs

Marinara sauce for serving

Thaw meatballs. Preheat the air fryer to 350 degrees (about 10 minutes).

### 3-Ingredient Candied Jalapeno Dip

Easy peasy to make, you just need to start the day before you want to serve it.

Makes 2 cups

- 8-ounce jar diced jalapenos
- 1 cup sugar
- 16 ounces cream cheese at room temperature

At least 24 hours before serving, drain the jalapenos, add to a bowl and stir in the sugar. Pour the mixture back into the jalapeno jar, shake several times to make sure the sugar dissolves and put in the fridge

Just before serving, beat the softened cream cheese in a large bowl until very smooth.

Drain the candied jalapenos, reserving the syrup. Add the jalapenos to the cream cheese and stir until combined. If the dip is too thick, add 2-3 teaspoons of the syrup to thin it and add more flavor.

Serve with assorted crackers.



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<b>60</b> CRITICAL MINERALS	<b>10</b> NEW CRITICAL MINERALS	<b>15</b> RARE EARTH ELEMENTS*
ALUMINUM	HAFNIUM	RHODIUM
ANTIMONY	HOLMIUM*	RUBIDIUM
ARSENIC	INDIUM	RUTHENIUM
BARITE	IRIDIUM	SAMARIUM*
BERYLLIUM	LANTHANUM*	SCANDIUM
BISMUTH	LEAD	SILICON
BORON	LITHIUM	SILVER
CERIUM*	LUTETIUM*	TANTALUM
CESIUM	MAGNESIUM	TELLURIUM
CHROMIUM	MANGANESE	TERBIUM*
COBALT	METALLURGICAL COAL	THULIUM*
COPPER	NEODYMIUM*	TIN
DYSPROSIUM*	NICKEL	TITANIUM
ERBIUM*	NIOBIUM	TUNGSTEN
EUROPIUM*	PALLADIUM	URANIUM
FLUORSPAR	PHOSPHATE	VANADIUM
GADOLINIUM*	PLATINUM	YTTERBIUM*
GALLIUM	POTASH	YTRITIUM*
GERMANIUM	PRASEODYMIUM*	ZINC
GRAPHITE	RHENIUM	ZIRCONIUM

**MINERALS**

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in the county.

So, there are at least three known critical minerals located in Newton County...possibly more. So what?

President Donald Trump has declared them essential for national and economic security through the publication of several Executive Orders. EO 14241—Immediate Measures To Increase American Mineral Production is of particular interest.

Section 5 directs the Secretary of the Interior to identify and provide a list of all Federal

lands known to hold mineral deposits and reserves. The Secretary of the Interior shall prioritize

mineral production and mining related purposes as the primary land uses in these areas. Land use plans under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act shall provide for mineral production and ancillary uses, and be amended or revised as necessary, to support the intent of this order.

It further directs the Secretaries of Defense, Interior, Agriculture, and Energy to identify sites on Federal land managed by their respective agencies

that may be suitable for leasing or development for the construction and operation of private commercial mineral production enterprises. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy shall enter into extended use leases using any authority they deem appropriate, with private entities to advance the installation of commercial mineral production enterprises.

Further, section 6(b) delegates to the Secretary of Defense the authority of the Defense Production Act (DPA), which he can use as he deems appropriate, for the domestic production and facilitation of strategic resources the Secretary of Defense deems necessary or appropriate to advance domestic mineral production in the United States.

Meanwhile, the construction of a new aluminum plant in Inola, OK (outside of Tulsa) and non-ferrous metals (including zinc and lead) smelter in Clarksville, TN has been announced.

As the pièce de résistance, Executive Order 14156 includes the consideration of Federal eminent domain authority in addition to the DPA for energy—which includes critical minerals—both on Federal and other lands.

**JUDGES**

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reside in Boone County. He believes the role of judge is supervisory, and his 25 years of supervisory experience uniquely qualify him.

“I am what you see,” Davis said, describing what made him different from the other candidates.

**Hall**

Danny Hall referenced his 61 years as a local. He said he started his own business 30 years ago after becoming frustrated with being told, “This is how we’ve always done it,” or “Because I told you to.”

Hall believes those are the responses he gets from the current county leadership. He said he sees problems that could be fixed and wants the position so that he can act on his plans to fix them.

Hall says he wants to “take what I’ve learned over the last 30 to 40 years and pass it on to the crew that are working. More or less, teach them a better way to do things. A more efficient way to do things. A way to spend your tax dollars the best we can to improve the roads, bridges – good maintenance on the buildings. Efficiency is my biggest priority. It bothers me to see four people do a job that one man could do.”

**Still**

James Still said he has 22 years of experience in the road department, including road supervisor. He said he’s running for judge to make decisions about how roads are maintained.

He said he would emphasize maintaining the roads correctly the first time.

“We got 253 miles of asphalt. If we don’t start maintaining and taking care of them, its going to be something that comes back and bites us,” Still elaborated. “There’s not a lot of money in the budget for asphalt, but we could do state aid... they pay 90[%], we pay 10.”

“It’s going to be a slow process, but if we don’t get in there and start doing it now, the roads are going to fall apart,” Still said.

**Gentry**

Tyler Gentry explained that she has worked for the county for six years as the assistant county judge. She said that

she and her husband of fifteen years have made Boone County their home.

She believes her role has uniquely positioned her to understand the county judge’s responsibilities.

“That is important, to take a job and have a full understanding of what you’re getting yourself into,” Gentry explained.

She said that among her duties are writing ordinances, presenting budgets to the quorum court and helping with bidding and purchasing. A huge part of the job, Gentry said, is having an understanding of state laws and regulations.

Transparency is of critical importance, said Gentry. She described having a natural distrust of government and, as a result, wants to prioritize building trust between the community and its government. Gentry said that when a citizen calls to ask for something, they should be given an explanation if it can’t be done, not just a “no.”

“It’s not going to happen overnight, but we should be able to help with our customer service, our communication and ultimately get that trust back, hopefully, back to our county government,” Gentry said.

Gentry said the county is wasting significant material and fuel on inefficient maintenance of county roads. She said the county needs to start doing it right the first time. She said there are many county-owned buildings that require maintenance.

“I’m personally sick of Band-Aid fixes. We are just costing ourselves more money in the long run,” Gentry said.

Gentry said her “leg up” on the other candidates is that she already understands how the county’s departments work. She believes she can start operating within those departments without the steep learning curve other candidates would face.

*Many people live in Boone County because of its culture. How would you help keep this culture as new people move to the area?*

Woods acknowledged that it is hard to control how a culture develops, but felt that people moving to Boone County generally do so because of its existing culture, not to change it.

Gentry agreed with Woods, reiterating that newcomers generally want to be a part of

the existing culture.

Hall said it is important for leaders to maintain their values and resist peer pressure.

*Each candidate has given a different plan for road maintenance. Is there a way to codify a plan for everyone to follow?*

Gentry agreed that someone would get different answers depending on whom they talked to in the county government. She says her plan would prioritize the most trafficked roads, followed by those with the most residences.

Still agreed with Gentry in her assessment of prioritization.

Woods and Still went on to describe the difference between county, public and private roads, the confusion that leads to, and ways that confusion should be eliminated.

*County building management appears to need improvement. What checks and balances are in place to ensure it’s done right?*

Gentry said that there needs to be someone in the position long enough to follow through on planned maintenance. She said the county went from doing nothing for a long time to beginning regular maintenance. She acknowledged that, while there is room for improvement, building maintenance is improving. Getting everyone on the same page is important, Gentry said.

Woods said he would require an annual inspection to help prioritize maintenance on the county’s buildings.

Hall pointed to his willingness to “ruffle feathers” to get the work done, even if it wasn’t popular among some.

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## PATROLMAN JACOB RICKETTS

Special to the Times



*Patrolman  
Jacob Ricketts*

**E**ven though Harrison patrolman Jacob Ricketts has been in law enforcement for three years, he is a natural to the position.

He had always had the desire to serve in this capacity, and when the opportunity became available, he was quick to seize the chance.

“I had always wanted to be a part of law enforcement since I was a child, but when I was presented with the opportunity three years ago, I took it,” he stated.

Working in a rural area is something that has been a plus for Ricketts. He likes the community involvement.

“I would rather work in a rural area every time because you know the people you are serving in your community,” he said. “You aren’t just helping strangers, you’re helping neighbors, family, friends. Knowing the people and the faces you are protecting gives it all the more reason to carry the weight of the badge.”

Carrying the badge is very important in any community. Sometimes law enforcement is misunderstood.

“I think the most misunderstood thing about law enforcement is that we are law-makers,” he commented in his interview. “We are NOT. We are law enforcers. We protect and serve our communities by enforcing the laws. That is our job.”

There are always going to be those that don’t have respect for law enforcement which is something that Ricketts would like to change if he could.

“The one thing that I would change both nationally and locally is the point of view of law enforcement officers,” started Ricketts when speaking about changes he would like to see in law enforcement. “We are just regular people. We get up and go to work just like most men and women in the world. We have families, we have hobbies, we make mistakes and we are not perfect, just as anyone else. But the difference between LEOs (law enforcement officers) and everyone else is we choose to step out of the comfort of our lives to put everyone else’s comfort and safety above our own.

“We go out every day not knowing with certainty that we will return home again,” he continued. “Not because we try to be better than anyone else, but because we truly care about protecting and preserving our community’s safety in hopes that one day our children can grow up in a place where they may have the freedom to do the same.”

While dedicating his life to protect the

community, Ricketts has never been involved in a shooting incident, but there have been physical altercations.

“So far, I have never been shot at,” he said. “However, in the last three years of duty, I have had several people kick, hit, and try to fight me while resisting arrest.”

While firearms are so important for police officers, training is very important.

“Gun training is mandatory, at least twice a year, but most of us officers train on our off time because practicing your skill makes perfection,” he said.

Ricketts and the team of officers also receive automobile training at least twice a year. Officers also receive training on how to deal with residents suffering with mental issues.

Ricketts received his training at the Camden Police Academy. He completed his training in July 2023.

While the training is extensive, Ricketts has an unique idea on what is the most difficult concept going from the classroom to the real world.

“Although not nearly enough, we are trained on how to go from police officer mode back to normal mode,” he said.

“While that is easy in a classroom setting, you can’t just shut off compassion. We are still human. At the end of the day, we are still thinking about the woman, the man, the child we had to help that day. Some calls stay with you forever, and that is something you cannot just ‘train’ for.”

That compassion is something every community should want from their officers.

When Ricketts is trying to turn off the profession and spend some down time, he likes what he describes as the simple things.

“When I get free time, I enjoy the simple things of life: fishing, sports, singing/playing guitar and spending time with my family,” he stated.

He is married to his “beautiful wife” of nine years. The couple has four children together — two boys and two girls.

Ricketts concluded his interview with the following statement.

“Harrison is home to some of the best people,” he stated. “It has truly been an honor to serve the community of Harrison and its surrounding areas for the past three years. As a local native, this is not something I take lightly and I look forward to many more years to come.”

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## Hogs fall to Kentucky

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FAYETTEVILLE -- No. 15 Arkansas now knows what it was like to go into Rupp Arena last season as underdog and win following its 85-77 loss to unranked Kentucky on Saturday in front of 19,200 fans in Bud Walton Arena.

The game was marred by technical fouls in the second half with both teams losing their composure at times. But Kentucky outplayed Arkansas for most of the game with the Hogs never leading by more than four and only held an advantage for 3 minutes, 53 seconds. John Calipari was disappointed but quick to credit Kentucky following the game.

"Give Kentucky credit," Calipari said. "From the beginning of the game they were tougher, they were sharper and played with more energy."

"Then when we finally caught them how would you do stuff to get technicals in a game like that? I don't get it. Instead fight to go get rebounds. Don't do that stuff. There's no place for it in our game."

Both teams were hit with multiple technicals resulting in six overall, all in second half. With the game tied at 63 with 8:07 remaining, Malique Ewin was called for a technical foul after a personal foul which resulted in Kentucky taking a 68-63 lead. The Hogs never held the lead again. They did pull to within 72-69 on a Darius Acuff Jr. layup, but then Kentucky pulled away again.

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## WEATHER MAKEUPS



Jordan Quandt (left) handles the basketball for the Lady Gobblins of Harrison. After Harrison faced Mountain Home on Tuesday night in Baxter County, they are scheduled to play Russellville on Wednesday night in Goblin Arena. Those games are makeup contests from last Friday night. Then on Friday, the Gobblins will play Greenwood in Color Day festivities. Harrison's eighth- and ninth-grade boys and girls teams will play Greenwood at Rogers AAO while on Thursday night, the seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade boys and girls teams will play at Van Buren. Harrison's swimming team is at Russellville on Thursday night at University of Arkansas, Little Rock against Little Rock Central on Friday night. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/LEE H. DUNLAP

## Bobcats drop two crucial games

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BERRYVILLE — The Berryville Bobcats played two crucial games on Friday and Saturday.

Unfortunately, the squad came out on the short end of both games. Gravette defeated the Bobcats, 71-58, on Friday night. The Bobcats fell to Shiloh Christian on Saturday afternoon, 77-56.

### Gravette 71, Berryville 58

The Bobcats had a 40 point second half, but the team already had a large hole that they couldn't overcome as they fell to Gravette, 71-58.

Coming out of halftime, the Bobcats trailed, 34-18. Things seemed to be going the Bobcats way in the third period as they cut seven points off of the lead and got the contest into single digits at 48-39.

Gravette was able to finish the game off in the fourth.

The Lions had doubled up the Bobcats after the first period, 14-7.

Peyton Smith led the Bobcats with 28 points./ John Butler added nine, Craig Thomas Hicks and Hudson Norris had seven each, Noah Houghton four and Mason Zogleman three.

### Shiloh Christian 77, Berryville 56

A slow second period by Berryville allowed Shiloh Christian to take control of the game for a 77-56 victory.

Berryville played the Saints close after the first period, 15-13. Shiloh Christian won the second frame, 23-13 to increase its lead to 38-26.

Smith led the Bobcats with 20 points. Norris pitched in nine, Hicks eight, Houghton seven, Butler six and Jash Ruiz and Mason Zogleman three apiece.



Peyton Smith of Berryville takes the ball to the hole for the Bobcats in Bobcat Arena. Smith had 20 and 28 points in games on Friday and Saturday night. JEFF BRASEL/STAFF



## Acuff makes Bob Cousy Award midseason watch list

By UA Communications

FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas freshman Darius Acuff Jr. is one of 10 players selected to the Mid-season Top 10 candidates for the 2026 Bob Cousy Award, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced.

Fans are encouraged to participate in Fan Voting in both of the remaining rounds, starting on Feb. 6 (Friday), at [hoophallawards.com](http://hoophallawards.com). The Fan Vote will count as one committee vote during the finalist selection process.

Acuff is one of just three players in the NCAA to average at least 18 points and 6 assists, posting averages of 20.3 points and 6.2 assists. He is joined by Texas Tech's Christian Anderson (19.6 points and 7.5 assists) and SMU's Boopie Miler (19.0 points and 6.6 assists). However, Acuff, who ranks 33rd in the NCAA with a 3.04 assist-turnover ratio, is the only player in the NCAA to average over 15 points and 5.5 assists with an assist-to-turnover ratio above 3.

Acuff leads the SEC in assists for the season (6.2) and in SEC games only (6.3). Also in SEC games only, Acuff leads the league in scoring (22.56 ppg).

### In the NCAA/SEC overall, Acuff ranks:

- 14th/1st in Field Goals Made (160)
- 21st/1st in Assists (6.2 avg)
- 24th/4th in Scoring (20.3 avg.)
- 33rd/1st in Assist-Turnover Ratio (3.04)

### Among NCAA Freshmen, Acuff ranks:

- 2nd in Assists (6.2 avg)
- 3rd in Field Goals made (160)
- 4th in Scoring (20.3 avg.)
- 4th in Assist-Turnover Ratio (3.04)
- 10th in 3-Point Field Goals Made (2.23 avg.)

### In SEC games only, Acuff ranks:

- 1st in Scoring (22.56 avg.)
- 1st in Assists (6.33 avg.)
- 2nd in Assist-Turnover Ratio (2.85)
- 3rd in Field Goal Percentage (48.6%)
- 15th in Free Throw Percentage (82.0%)

See **ACUFF**, Page 3B

## Swatter's Club back in swing of things

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FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas' baseball season is growing nearer as evidenced by Monday's Swatter's Club at the Fayetteville Library.

Dave Van Horn is set to begin another season with his team ranked as high as No. 4 by Perfect Game in the preseason. Arkansas (50-15) last season and made another trip to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Due to the recent weather in Fayetteville the team has spent a lot of time practicing inside. Van Horn was asked if that has still resulted in good practices?

"Yeah, it's been good, but you know, it's to the advantage of the pitchers," Van Horn said. "You know, it's tough hitting inside. It's tough hitting it anyway when they're throwing as hard as they are, when they're throwing those cutters and change

ups. And you know, the lights are good in there and we have a really good backdrop, but it's not like being outside. Hopefully this weekend our offense will pick it up a little bit because the last couple of weekends, it's been all about the pitching."

With temperatures improving this week and basically the snow almost completely gone the outlook for practice is better now.

"Oh yeah, we'll be out there this weekend," Van Horn said. "We had the tarp on the field so the snow's melted off of it. Then we had the tarps in the outfield where it doesn't get much sun, and they've gotten that all taken care of. Now it's just a matter of just drying up that green part of the outfield, so to speak. They had to break it up, because they had a sheet over the top of it. So they've been doing that today. So today's a big day for us to get that down. Honestly, if it's melted enough I would like to hit out

there tomorrow even if we're using old baseballs because our outfielders need to catch a ball off the bat."

Van Horn was asked if the weather conditions leading up the season have had much an impact on the start?

"Yeah, I mean, it is what it is," Van Horn said. "We try not to make a big deal out of it. But it'll slow you down for sure. But I don't ... I'm not making any excuses. If we pitch well and field well, we'll be in the games down there. If we don't, we won't."

"I don't take the first weekend too seriously, so to speak. I know that we're going to get better. If you win three, it's great. If you lose a couple, it's don't panic, just try to see what's up. But this weekend, being able to go outside, I think it makes up for the last couple of weeks being inside because we get to make up for it a little bit, see what's up."

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# Berryville girls splits weekend contest

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**BERRYVILLE** — The Berryville Lady Bobcats competed against two 4A-1 schools over the weekend.

On Friday night, the Lady Bobcats defeated Gravette, 51-42, while the Lady Bobcats fell to Shiloh Christian on Saturday afternoon, 56-27.

## Berryville 51, Gravette 42

Berryville's defense held Gravette down the stretch to help the team claim a 51-42 win.

The Lady Bobcats trailed by six points entering the fourth

period. The team then held Gravette to five points in the final eight minutes of play. That allowed the Lady Bobcats, who scored 20 points in the final frame to come-from-behind to take the conference victory.

Berryville led at the end of the first two breaks.

It was a 12-9 contest at the end of the first period, but Gravette got closer in the second frame and pulled within, 23-22.

Gravette held Berryville to eight points in the third period and overtook the Lady Bobcats, 37-31, with a quarter left to play.

Leading Berryville was Paige Thurman with 19 points. Chaney

Fairweather added 13, Hailey Howerton 12, Ellie Asbury four and Tessa Johnson three.

## Shiloh Christian 56, Berryville 27

A seven-point second half allowed the Shiloh Christian Lady Saints to down Berryville, 56-27.

Berryville scored three points in the third period and four points in the fourth.

The Lady Saints turned a 24-20 halftime score to 36-23 after three periods and 56-27 at the end.

Leading Berryville in scoring was Asbury with nine points. Johnson and Howerton added five each and Thurman and Laykin Talley two apiece.



Omaha's Riley Hopson (left) puts up a shot against Lead Hill's Carly Arnold in basketball action on Monday night at Omaha. The Lady Tigers left Omaha with a 1A-1 victory. JEFF BRASEL/STAFF

# Jasper leaves Omaha with three wins

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**OMAHA** — As the conference season is coming to a close, teams are trying to jockey for position in the upcoming district tournament.

Jasper and Omaha met on Friday night and the visitors left with all three wins.

The Pirates won the senior boys contest, 81-20. Jasper won the senior girls contest, 72-33, and Jasper picked up a junior boys victory, 45-33.

## Senior Boys

The Jasper senior boys held Omaha to one field goal in the first period on the way to posting a 81-20 win.

Scoring 22 points in the first period, the Pirates moved out to a 22-3 lead.

Jasper moved ahead, 38-15, at halftime and 64-17 after three periods.

Malijah Campbell led the Pirates with 16 points. Ty Williams added 12, Blake Williams and Jase Willis 11



Omaha's Maddi Pyshny (left) handles the basketball against Jasper's Delaney Redell. The Lady Pirates remained undefeated in league play with a win over the Lady Eagles. JEFF BRASEL/STAFF

each, Ty Floyd 10, Tyson Davis six, Braden Case four, Aaron Thomas, Max Davis and Luke Traywick three each and Gia Ramirez two.

Ryder Larson led Omaha with seven points.

## Senior Girls

Jasper popped the nets for 27 points in the first period on the way to posting a 72-33 win.

The Lady Pirates led 27-10, at the first break.

Offenses for both teams slowed down in

the second period. The Lady Pirates outscored the Lady Eagles, 11-7, to give Jasper a 38-17 advantage as both teams left the court to plan for the second half attack.

Omaha repeated a seven point effort as the Jasper Lady Pirates hit for 20 more points.

Leading Jasper in scoring was Delaney Redell with 26 points. Jessa Edgmon added 13, McKenna Davis nine, Kinley Stephens eight, Camber Shrum and Emmy

Denniston six each and Rylea Martin four.

Omaha was led by Maddi Pyshny with 16 points. Kandyce Tindall added six, Brookklyn Stone five and Peyton Matlock, Kaiden Gilbert and Hannah Lane two each.

## Junior Boys

The Jasper junior boys made some breathing room in the third quarter on the way to posting a 45-33 win.

Jasper led 9-2 at the first break and held a 19-13 halftime lead.

Outscoring Omaha, 15-7, in the third period, Jasper had a 14-point bulge heading into the last period.

Leading Jasper in scoring was Eli Young with 14. Auston Hood added 12, Ethan Collins eight, Sam Davis seven and Peyton Kolb and Rowdy Hodge two each.

Thompson Edwards led Omaha with 18 points. Kyran Shaw added six, Emmett Pyshny and Zane Gass six each and Johnny Muncy one.

# Ozark Mountain splits games at Life Way

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**JOHNSON** — After nearly two weeks off of the court, the Ozark Mountain Bears and Lady Bears traveled to Life Way Christian for league games

It was a great night for the Lady Bears as they won, 75-52, but the Bears fell, 45-44.

The Junior Bears rolled to a 46-15 win.

## Senior Boys

Ozark Mountain gave up the lead in the fourth period as Life Way defeated the Bears, 45-44.

In the final period, the Bears were 1-of-5 from the free throw line.

Heading into the final period, the Bears were leading 36-32. In the frame, Logan Sisco scored five points and Sammie Riddell completed a three-point play.

That was all of the points for the squad.

Life Way hit four 3-pointers and a free throw in the last eight minutes to move in front.

At the end of the first period, the Bears trailed, 9-6. Life Way led, 20-19, at halftime.

Ozark Mountain scored 17 points to move ahead of Life Way heading into the final period.

Leading the Bears in scoring was Bentley Middleton with 12 points. Donnie Flud added 10, Riddell seven, Tate Dixon six, Sisco five and Jake Zemlik four.

## Senior Girls

The Ozark Mountain senior girls mercy-ruled Life Way, 75-52.

Ozark Mountain had already built a double digit lead at halftime, but the Lady Bears had five players coming to score 29 points in the third to set the team up for a mercy-rule fourth period.

The Lady Bears led 69-37, with a period left to play.

Leading Ozark Mountain in scoring was Ma-Haley Gilmore with 19 points. Maci Brumley added 18, Kierra Kleintert 13, Brilee Keymer seven, Brooklynn Tennis six, Kelsey Tennis five, Blair Eppes three and Brooklynn Cunningham and Hannah Wheeler two each.

Lead Hill scored 20 points in the last frame while holding the Eagles to 11 points. That allowed them to finish with the 13-point win.

Lead Hill pulled out to a 19-10 lead in the first period, but the Eagles hit a 3-pointer in the final seconds of the frame to make it 19-13, after a period was completed and in the books.

Omaha continued to pressure the Tigers and won the second frame, 18-16, to get within four points.

In the third period, teams scored 16 points to stay within four points of each other.

Leading Lead Hill in scoring was Dawson Lively with 19 points. Noah Royce added 18, Coda Lemon 15, Hunter Rogers nine, Brett Arnold five, Tucker Middleton three and Hagen Hayes two.

Omaha was led by Ryder Larson with 17

# Monday night proved no cupcakes in 1A

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**OMAHA** — The Lead Hill Tigers are in the hunt for a conference title. The Omaha Eagles are in the hunt for position for the upcoming district tournament.

Monday night in a makeup game from the weather, the two teams battled for a win. Lead Hill finally pulled away from the Eagles and claimed a 71-58 contest.

In other action, the Lead Hill senior girls downed Omaha, 63-26, while the Omaha junior boys were victorious over Lead Hill, 35-26.

## Senior Boys

The Lead Hill Tigers could not shake Omaha as the Tigers finally pulled away in the fourth period for a 71-58 win.

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points. Tyler Liggett added 14, Winchester Edwards 10, Tucker Greenwood nine and Benjamin Badgett eight.

## Senior Girls

Lead Hill took control of the game in the first period and never looked back in a 63-26 win.

The Lady Tigers led, 15-4, at the first break and then pushed that lead to 36-10 at halftime.

It was a 55-21 contest after three periods.

Leading Lead Hill in scoring was Kennedy Hudson with 18 points. Tesli Johnson and Carley Austin added 15 each, Hattie Hughes 11 and Corban Solis four.

Kaiden Gilbert and Maddi Pyshny led Omaha with nine each. Booklyn Stone added four, Riley Hopson three and Hannah Lane two.

## Junior Boys

The Omaha boys held Lead Hill to three points in the fourth period to put the Junior Tigers away and claim a 35-26 win.

Heading into the final period, Omaha led, 27-23.

The Junior Eagles claimed the fourth period, 8-3.

Lead Hill started the game with a 7-6 lead. The Junior Eagles moved ahead, 18-14, at halftime.

Leading Omaha in scoring was Thompson Edwards with 12 points. Zane Gass pumped in eight, Johnny Muncy and Kyran Shaw six each and Cooper Liggett three.

Hoden Rogers led Lead Hill with 11 points. Easton Hardman had 10, Huckleberry Hughes three and Eric Guptil and Grayden Collins one apiece.

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# Harrison JHS girls split with Alma

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Harrison and Alma met in junior girls basketball action.

The Junior Lady Gobblins lost the ninth-grade contest, 33-15, while winning the eighth-grade event, 23-21.

## Ninth-grade

Harrison fell to Alma, 33-15.

The Junior Lady Gobblins kept the game close in the first half. Alma had moved to a 15-9 half-time lead.

Harrison managed only six points in the last two

quarters of play.

Leading Harrison in scoring was Greta Jones with six points. Colby Ricketts added five and Leighann Cope and Remi Watson two apiece.

## Eighth-grade

Harrison managed to

close out the game with a 23-21 win over Alma.

Ricketts led the team with seven points. Avery Pratt added five, Reagan Oleson four, Hailey Cowles two and Blakeleigh Horton, Angela Hunt and Bella Burns one apiece.



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3	Boomers & Blasters	54.7	35	29	23201	36695
4	Dolls with Balls	53.9	34.5	29.5	24156	36744
5	Harness Roofing	51.6	33	31	23351	36611
6	Cake Shop	48.4	31	33	22511	36560
7	Oasis	40.6	26	38	20562	35579
8	Sunrise Groomers	39.1	25	39	18343	33907

# Alpena girls roll Eureka Springs

## Staff Report

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Every conference game counts at this stage of the season.

On Friday night, the Alpena Lady Leopards made sure that their contest with Eureka Springs

had a positive result. Alpena had an easy time as they defeated Eureka Springs, 39-10.

At the end of the first period, there was no doubt as to the eventual outcome of the game.

The Lady Leopards scored 21 points and

grabbed a 21-2 advantage.

Eureka Springs offense showed life in the second period by scoring eight points.

However, Alpena moved their lead to 39-10 with a half left to play.

Alpena's third quarter production doubled Eu-

reka Springs' as the Lady Leopards led, 51-16, with a quarter left to play.

Leading Alpena in scoring was Addi Bryant with 22 points. Candice Moore added 18, Emmie Wray 15, Talia Hilton and Kiley Epperly four each and Bryanna McNair two.

# Kingston falls to Lead Hill in two boy games

## Staff Report

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LEAD HILL — The Kingston boys basketball teams traveled to Lead Hill on Friday.

They returned home with two losses.

The Senior Yellow Jackets fell 66-37 while the Junior Yellow Jackets were on the short end of a 45-16 contest.

## Senior Boys

The Lead Hill boys used

a solid third period to pull away from Kingston, 66-37.

Lead Hill held a nine-point lead after the first period, 15-6, before moving ahead, 31-20, at halftime.

Kingston put 20 points on the board in the third period, but Lead Hill scored 27 to increase its lead to 28 points with a quarter left to play.

The Tigers won the fourth frame, 8-7.

Leading Lead Hill in scoring was Dawson Live-

ly with 19 points. Hunter Rogers added 14, Tucker Middleton 13, Noah Royce and Coda Lemon seven each, Logan Henson five and Brett Arnold one.

Royce had 13 rebounds and Rogers had a double double with 11 rebounds.

## Junior Boys

Lead Hill held Kingston two points in the second period to open on the contest on the way to posting a 45-16 win.

Kingston played the Junior Tigers to a 7-5 first period. The Junior Yellow Jackets managed their lone basket allowing Lead Hill to move ahead, 15-7.

At the end of the third period, the Junior Tigers led, 32-11.

Leading Lead Hill in scoring was Easton with 24 points. Haden Rogers added eight, Gabe Sale six, Grayden Collins three and Andrew Shekels and Wyatt Connery two apiece.

# VS girls push Melbourne before falling

## Staff Report

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The Valley Springs Lady Tigers took on one of the leaders in the 3A-2 on Friday night.

Playing against Melbourne, the Lady Tigers fell to the No. 2 team in the conference race.

Valley Springs lost

the contest, 60-46.

Leading the Lady Tigers in scoring was Laramie Watkins with 18 points. Violet Gamez added 16, Olivia Keeter five, Ava Johnson four and Blair Kindall two.

The loss dropped the Lady Tigers to 6-6 in conference play. The team is 17-13.

# HOGS

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“We didn’t play particularly well probably because of them,” Calipari said.

For the second game in a row, Arkansas shot miserably from behind the 3-point line finishing 3 of 14 for 21%. Kentucky made 6 of 13 from deep. Both teams weren’t good at the free throw line.

Kentucky was 19 of 30 while the Razorbacks were 16 of 26. For the game, Arkansas shot 49% (29-59) from the field while Kentucky was at 54% (30-56).

“We were trying to get the ball moving and when we did we were getting what we wanted,” Calipari said. “But we were holding the ball again.”

Calipari also pointed to another area where Kentucky

was better than his Razorbacks. Kentucky won the rebounds 35-26.

“They rebounded by [nine] rebounds,” Calipari said. “That was where we said the game would be won or lost.”

It appeared early on that Kentucky might run Arkansas out of the arena. They led by 13, 26-13, with 12:03 remaining in the opening half. Acuff, who finished with 23 points, was only 2 of 10 in the first

half. But Arkansas fought to within 42-35 at intermission.

Trevon Brazile had 16 points and eight rebounds before fouling out late. Billy Richmond, who had a thunderous dunk giving Arkansas its first lead of the second half, 52-51, with 14:07 remaining, finished with 14 points and five boards. Ewin added 11 points and five rebounds. Meleek Thomas had 10 points, but missed his only 3-point shot. Karter Knox and

Nick Pringle failed to score while D.J. Wagner had four points.

Kentucky (15-7, 6-3) was led by Otega Oweh with 24 points and eight rebounds. Collin Chandler had 13 points, Malachi Moore 11 and Denzel Aberdeen 10.

Arkansas (16-6, 6-3) won’t play again until Saturday when they travel to face Mississippi State at 11 a.m. on ESPN2.

# ACUFF

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Thanks in part to receiving the SEC Freshman of the Week honors a record-tying six times this so far season, Acuff has garnered several mid-season honors, including:

- Wooden Award (National Player of the Year) Watch List (1 of 25)
- Oscar Robertson (National Player of the Year) Award Watch List (1 of 25)
- Wayman Tisdale (National Freshman of the Year) Award Watch

- List (1 of 15)
- Bob Cousy (National Point Guard of the Year) Award Watch List (1 of 10)
- College Hoops Today Midseason All-American (3rd Team)
- The Sporting News Midseason All-American (3rd Team)

# SWATTER’S

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The season will start Friday, Feb. 13, with the Shriners Children’s College Showdown at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. The Razorbacks will open with Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. that Friday. They will also face TCU on Saturday at 7 p.m. then finish up on Sunday taking on Texas Tech at 2:30 p.m. Then on Monday they will take on Tarleton State at 2 p.m. in the Amegy Bank College Baseball Series also at Globe Life Field.

Gone from the starting rotation are Gage Wood, Zach Root and Landon Beidelschies. With the need to find some new starters Van Horn spoke about how he feels about the group.

“Yeah, I think so,” Van Horn said. “Let the guys go again. But right now I’d say you’re probably looking at two lefts and a right. That’s kind of what we’re thinking, but we’ll see how it goes this weekend. Unless

something crazy happens that’s what we’ll probably do.”

Last season Gabe Gaeckle struggled as a starter and then was moved to the bullpen where he became a very important part of the team. Assuming he is one of the projected starters this season what is different?

“I think last year he was a little just wound up and you know high expectations and he had a little trouble throwing that heater for a strike,” Van Horn said. “That breaking ball’s always been pretty good. He just seems to command his pitches better. You know, he was unbelievable out of the pen again last year. Even in the first game in Omaha, we brought him in and we’re down, and they really didn’t do much after that. Then his last outing he was amazing. We just didn’t want to hurt him, obviously. He was running out of pitches. So it’s his year to start and get us into the game and get us to that next guy, hopefully after the fifth inning.”

Gaeckle finished with a 4-2 record in 19 games, including nine starts with an ERA of 4.42. In 71.1 innings, he fanned 92. Is there a chance the rotation for the season could be set the first weekend?

“Well, you have older guys for sure,” Van Horn said. “A lot of times, it might change one or two, but we’ve moved them all around the last year or so. This year, I don’t see that quite as much. I think that’s their role, they’ve earned it. You hope as a coach they go out and they do that and you kind of go, ‘Okay, alright,’ and go to the next week and get them ready for the next week. But if they don’t, we’ll make adjustments. And they get it, they understand.”

The home opener will be Friday, Feb. 20, when the Razorbacks host Xavier for a three-game series beginning at 3 p.m.. Saturday’s game will start at 2 p.m. and then noon on Sunday. Arkansas State will come in for two games Feb. 24-25. Both have 3 p.m. starts.

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## Arkansas hunters surpass \$1M in donations to fight hunger

**BY Randy Zellers**  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

LITTLE ROCK — Donations to Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry from hunting and fishing license buyers officially topped the \$1 million mark, thanks to more than \$18,800 dollars collected in December.

Donations, often gathered just a dollar or two at a time, are collected at checkout as an option when anyone purchases a license, magazine subscription or other product through the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's online license system.

"We worked with the AGFC and state legislators back in 2012 to make this great donation opportunity possible," Ronnie Ritter, AHFH president, said. "It started with a simple \$1 donation option, but has bloomed into an option to donate \$5, \$10 or more. The Arkansas hunting and fishing community has responded with amazing generosity."

AHFH receives 100 percent of the donations submitted through the AGFC's licensing system, providing about one-third of the non-profit organization's annual budget. The money pays for the gas and time needed to deliver ground venison to food banks statewide and to reimburse processors for labor and packaging costs to process donated deer.

"We really need two things to provide this much-needed food to needy Arkansans: deer and the money to process them," Ritter said. "As we grow in donated deer, our need to pay the processors increases. Participating processors really do everything they can to keep the cost low, but they are businesses, and they have to pay their employees. I'm sure many of them are taking a loss to help out."

Fresh meat is the most requested, yet rarest, item at



food banks nationwide. While canned goods are staples of most food drives, the high cost and refrigeration needs of protein often leave a gap in a family's diet.

Through AHFH, hunters in Arkansas step up to fill that need. The organization provides close to 100,000 pounds of venison annually, which equals 400,000 servings of meat to needy Arkansans.

"It's really amazing to see the generosity of the hunting community, not just in donated money, but in donated deer," Ritter said. "Hunters can tell our participating processors that they want so many pounds to go to AHFH, and many will donate their entire deer."

Jeremy Brown, Deer Management Assistance Program coordinator for the AGFC,

says the donations offer hunters the opportunity to properly manage the deer herd in their area as well.

"Some hunters want to keep hunting after they have a deer or two in the freezer, but they don't want the meat to go to waste," Brown said. "At the same time, many hunting clubs need to harvest so many deer per acre to balance their herd with the available habitat. By donating those deer, hunters get to keep hunting, help their local habitat and herd, and they help fight food insecurity in Arkansas."

Learn more about Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry and which processors collect deer for the organization at [www.arkansashunters.org](http://www.arkansashunters.org).

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## AGFF Kids Zone returns to 2026 Big Buck Classic

**BY Randy Zellers**  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

LITTLE ROCK — Gather up the young hunters in your family and head to the 36th annual Arkansas Big Buck Classic, rescheduled for Feb. 6-8 in anticipation of this weekend's severe winter weather, at the

Arkansas State Fairgrounds.

In addition to all the festivities surrounding success stories from the 2025-26 deer hunting season, families will once again be greeted by the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation's Kids Zone, sponsored by Thacha, at the Arts and Crafts Building.

This area remains free for children after general admission and provides hands-on excitement for the next generation of hunters and anglers. Highlights include an indoor trout pond where children can catch live rainbow trout,

an inflatable BB gun range, and a hover ball archery shoot, where young archers try to hit a pingpong ball suspended by a column of air. Expert instruction will be provided by the Bowfishers of Arkansas and the Arkansas Bowhunters Association. The Kids Zone is also the home of Bwana Jim's Wildlife Show.

"We are deeply dedicated to supporting the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts across Arkansas, and there truly is no better place to do that than the Arkansas Big Buck Classic," Deke Whitbeck, Arkansas

Game and Fish Foundation president, said. "You don't have to be an experienced deer hunter to enjoy this event; it is an incredible environment for newcomers to learn about our state's traditions. For many children, this is the very spot where they will catch their first fish! This event has become a cornerstone of Arkansas's outdoor culture, and we are honored to support the tireless work of Tommy and Catherine Murchison, who started this event 36 years ago."

In addition to the Foundation's Kids Zone, you'll find Ar-

kansas Game and Fish Commission biologists at the Greenway Equipment booth to promote conservation efforts on private land and the recently expanded Deer Management Assistance Program, where deer clubs can receive professional guidance on managing the deer herd and improving wildlife habitat on the club. Greenway is a cultivating partner of the AGFC's Private Lands Habitat Division and works hand-in-hand with Commission staff to help increase the quality of wildlife habitat throughout The Natural State.

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EARLY VOTING Dates & Times: T-F: Feb. 17th – Feb. 20th, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sat: Feb. 21st, 2026, 10:00 am – 4 pm
M-F: Feb. 23rd – Feb 27th, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sat: Feb 28th, 2026, 10:00 am – 4 pm
Mon: March 2nd, 2026, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location of Poll: Boone County Election Center
Address: 414 West Central, Suite B, Harrison, AR 72601

Ballots Assigned: Vote Center / All Ballots

ELECTION DAY VOTING: Election Date: March 3rd, 2026 Hours: 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

Table with 3 columns: Location of Poll, Address, Ballots Assigned to Poll. Lists various locations like Alpena Community Center, Bellefonte City Hall, etc.

POSSIBLE RUN-OFF EARLY VOTING Dates and Times: T-F: March 24th – March 27th, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Mon: March 30th, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Location of Poll: Boone County Election Center
Address: 414 West Central, Suite B, Harrison, AR 72601
Ballots Assigned: Vote Center / Run-Off

POSSIBLE RUN-OFF ELECTION DAY: Election Date: March 31st, 2026 Hours: 7:30 am – 7:30 pm

-Run-Off Poll sites are selected depending on the district in which the race is located, and will be updated closer to the time of the election.

ABSENTEE VOTING: To request an absentee ballot, or to see if you are qualified to vote absentee, contact the County Clerk's office using the information below: Boone County Election Center: Office Hours M-F 8 am to 4:30 pm Phone (870) 714-1654 414 West Central, Suite B, Harrison, AR, 72601

BALLOT CANVASSING AND COUNTING: Processing, Canvassing, and Counting of absentee ballots will begin on February 24th, 2026, at 1 pm at the Election Center, and continue as needed.

VIEWING YOUR BALLOT PRIOR TO VOTING: Any voter may look up his or her sample ballot on the Secretary of State's website at: www.voterview.ar-nova.org/voterview. Ballots will be available no later than 20 days prior to the election. Sample ballots will also be available at the polling sites.

ELECTION OFFICIALS: Election Officials appointed to conduct early voting, election day voting, and all other required duties will be posted for public viewing at the Boone County Election Center and the County's Clerk's Office on February 9th, 2026, and remain posted till the end of Election Day on March 3rd, 2026. The County Clerk's office is located at 220 Arbor Dr, Harrison, AR 72601.

Candidates for Office

Table listing candidates for various offices including U.S. Senate, Commissioner of State Lands, Sheriff, Justice of the Peace Districts, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, County Treasurer, County Assessor, County Collector, County Coroner, and Justice of the Peace District 10-11.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CANDIDATES

Table listing Democratic candidates for U.S. Congress District 01, Secretary of State, and Governor.

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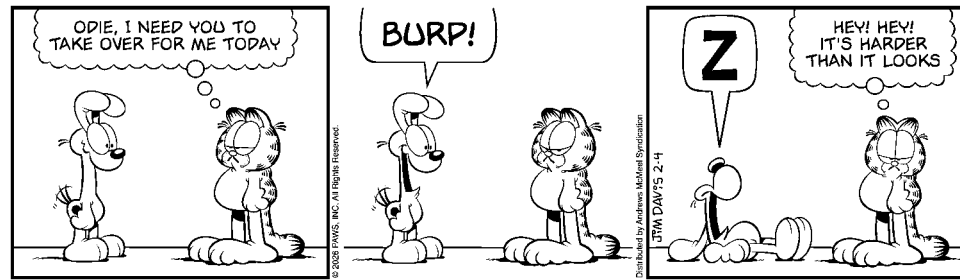
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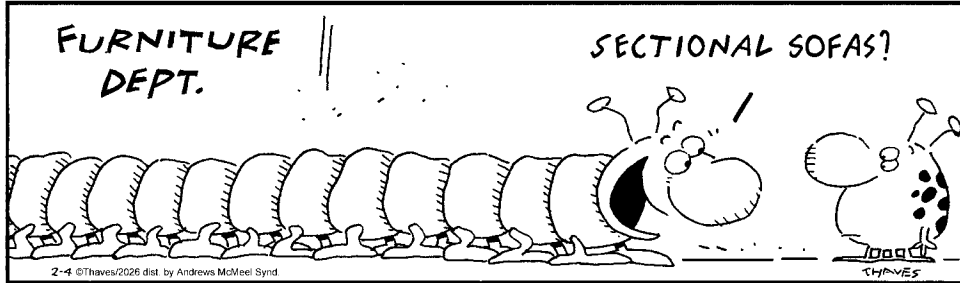
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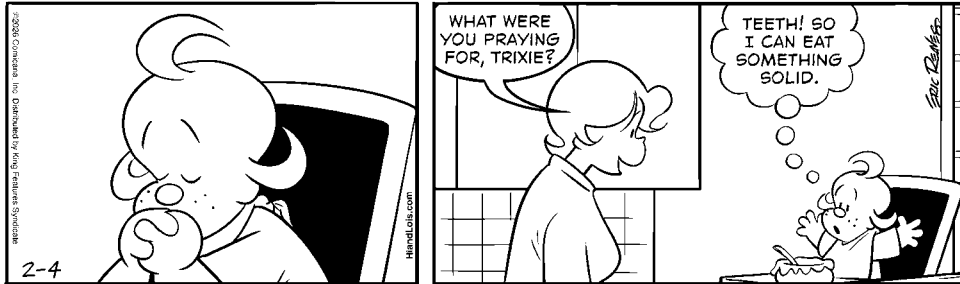
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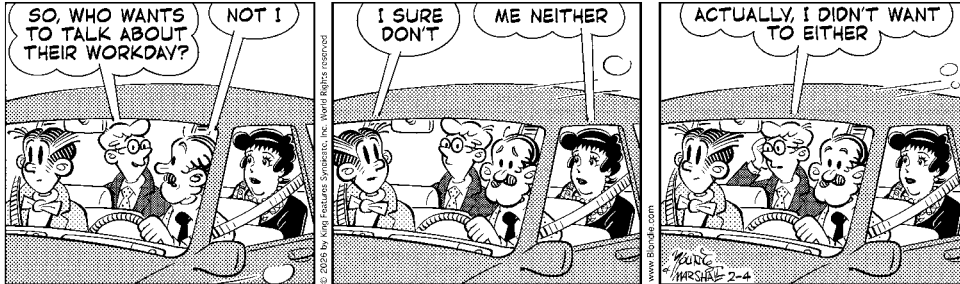
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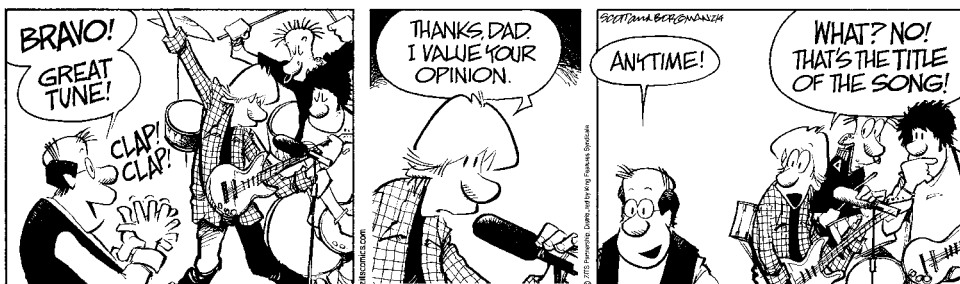
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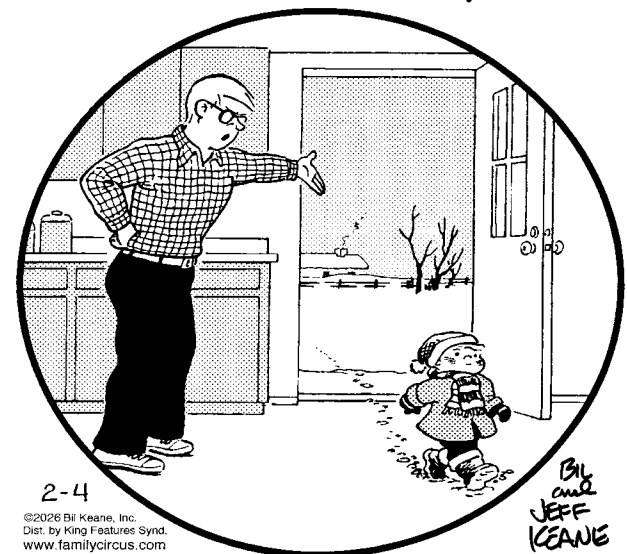


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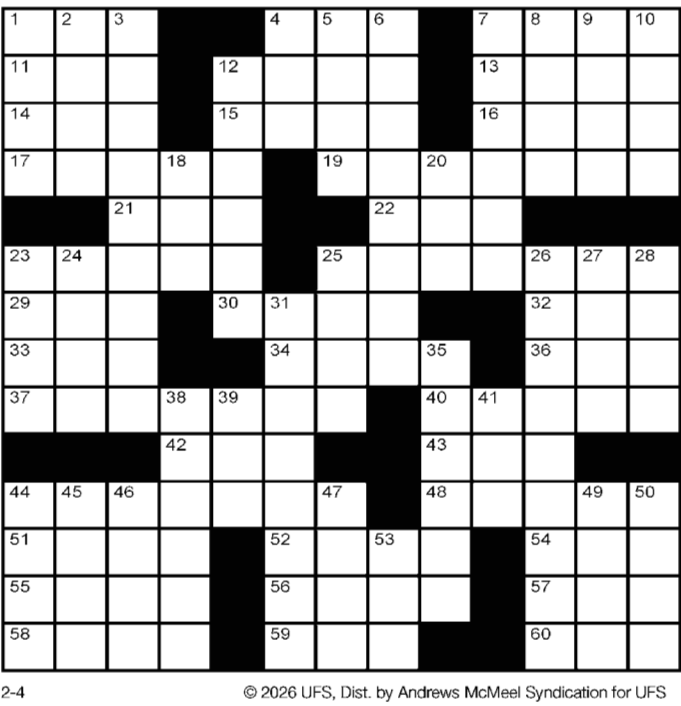
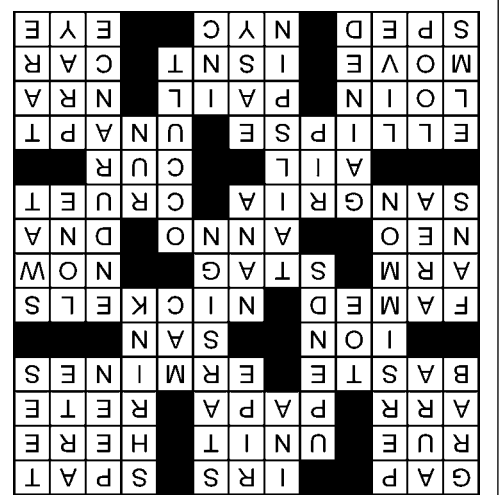
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by Luis Campos

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TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1789, George Washington was unanimously elected the first president of the United States by the Electoral College.
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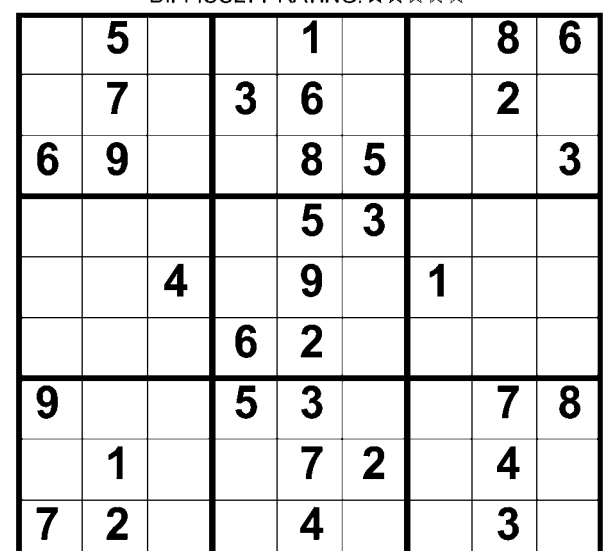
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In 2004, Harvard sophomore Mark Zuckerberg launched thefacebook.com, the site that would eventually become Facebook.
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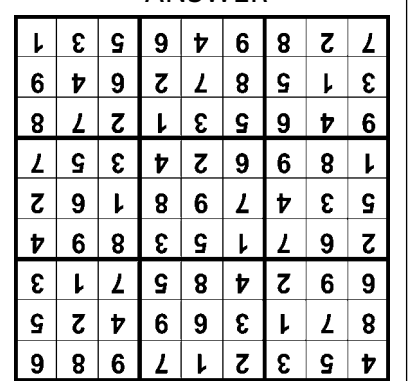
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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Education**



**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-MOUNTAIN HOME** seeks applicants for Dean of Technology and Health Sciences.

The Dean of Technology and Health Sciences provides strategic, academic, and operational leadership for the College's comprehensive portfolio of credit and non-credit workforce, technical, and health science programs. This role requires a collaborative, transparent leader who supports faculty and staff and ensures teams feel heard. The Dean aligns diverse programs under a unified direction while responding to workforce needs and enrollment realities.

In this leadership model, the Dean also serves as Director of Nursing, providing direct oversight of all nursing programs and ensuring compliance with state, regional, and programmatic accreditation and licensure requirements. The Dean will work in close collaboration with an additional administrative leader who supports non-healthcare technical programs and the College's Secondary Technical Center to ensure consistent communication and responsiveness.

The Dean reports to the Provost/Chief Academic Officer and serves as a key member of the College's senior leadership team, with a strong emphasis on employer relations, partnership development, and workforce alignment across all programs to promote student excellence which leads to enrollment growth.

This position requires a master's degree in nursing, healthcare, education or related field. Must have active or eligible Registered Nurse (RN) license, along with experience as a practicing clinician or healthcare educator, and leadership experience in higher education or workforce education.

The preferred candidate will have a Doctorate in a related field, experience as a Director of Nursing, experience with credit and non-credit workforce programs, grant, industry partnership, or rural workforce experience, experience leading programs with accreditation, licensure, and compliance requirements, and experience working with healthcare systems and industry employers.

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**Education**



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The Special Events Worker operates under the direct supervision of the Technical Director & Media Specialist. A Special Events Worker is responsible for the set-up of facilities and the operation of multi-media equipment for special events. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency/institution policy.

This position requires a high school diploma. One year of experience in event set-up is preferred.

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**Maintenance**

**CITY OF BRIARCLIFF** - Part-Time Maintenance Help

The City of Briarcliff is seeking a dependable individual for part-time maintenance work. Duties may include:

- General maintenance and repair work
- Mowing, weed eating, and grounds upkeep
- Assisting with street, park, and facility maintenance
- Other related duties as assigned

Requirements:

- Valid driver's license
- Ability to perform physical labor in outdoor conditions
- Basic maintenance or equipment experience preferred
- Reliable and able to work independently

Schedule:  
Part-time, hours vary as needed. Pay: Based on experience. Interested applicants may contact City Hall at 870-491-5762 or submit inquiries to: [cityofbriarcliffarkansas@gmail.com](mailto:cityofbriarcliffarkansas@gmail.com)

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**AUCTIONS & ESTATE SALES**

**Boone County**

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**Boone County**

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**LEGALS**

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Call 870-577-1499  
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**NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE DAVEY'S AUTO BODY & SALES**  
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870-743-1172  
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MAKE: CHEVROLET  
MODEL: MALIBU  
Vin # 1G1ZT51F56F200613  
If not claimed within 45 days will be dismantled, destroyed or sold to the highest bidder.  
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Accepting Bids  
Davey's Auto Body & Sales will be accepting bids on the following vehicle at the above address:  
YEAR: 2006  
MAKE CHEVROLET  
MODEL: MALIBU  
Vin #1G1ZT51F56F200613  
Date of sale: 02/13/2026  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION**

**Legal Notice**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN K. TATUM, DECEASED NO. 05PR-26-11**

**NOTICE OF OPENING ESTATE AND FILING OF CLAIMS**  
Last known address of decedent: 913 W. Newman Harrison, AR 72601  
Date of Death: 8-20-2025  
Kay Armstrong was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent on January 21, 2026. 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 28th day of January, 2026.

The name and address of the Representative and her attorney are stated below:  
Kay Armstrong, Representative of the Estate of Karen K Tatum, Deceased

The Elder Law Practice of James J Burrus  
324 W Ridge, Ave.  
Harrison, Arkansas 72601  
(870) 517-5444

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SMALL ESTATE OF RALPH EDGAR LEACH, DECEASED**  
No. 05PR-26-20  
**NOTICE OF PROBATE**  
Name of Decedent: Ralph Edgar Leach  
Last Known Address: 1006 Shorecrest Ave., Harrison, Arkansas 72601  
Date of Death: September 9, 2025  
On January 29, 2026, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of

**Legal Notice**

Ralph Edgar Leach, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the Circuit Court of Boone County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate. The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or distributee's attorney is:  
CHRISTINA PLYMESSER  
C/o RAGLAND LAW FIRM  
324 West Ridge Avenue  
Harrison, Arkansas 72601  
870-741-4490  
Email: raglandlawfirm@gmail.com  
THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED THE 4th DAY OF February, 2026.

**MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: February 9th , 2026  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
PLACE: Boone County Election Center  
AGENDA: The Boone County Election Commission is hereby giving notice of the Logistic and Accuracy testing for the voting machines in compliance with §7-5-515 (c)(1): §7-5-611(a)(2). The Logistic and Accuracy testing being conducted is for the upcoming Primary Election.

The total cost of this publication is \$18.50 for appearing one time in circulation. Paid from the Election Commission Budget.

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- Sinister
- Secluded valley
- Trinket
- Writing surface
- Stared at

**DOWN**

- Probes

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- Not shallow
- Doe
- Edit film together
- Memorable time
- Young fellow
- Chauffeured car
- Hurl
- Fore's partner
- Itty-bitty
- Guided
- Binge
- Clothing
- Moderate
- Hurry
- Filter
- \_\_\_\_\_ over (study)
- Finish
- Actor LeBlanc
- Unit of land
- Mineral deposit
- Realize
- Trickle
- Further
- Moe or Curly
- Paddled
- Swoop
- Homely
- Poplar, e.g.
- Cause to go
- Easter edible
- In \_\_\_\_\_ course
- Phys ed classroom
- Sib
- Broad-antlered beast

**PUZZLE**



**SUDOKU**

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