

County Calendar

Madison County

Colbaugh Cemetery Decoration Day and Memorial Service

Decoration Day for Colbaugh Cemetery will be June 1. A memorial service will begin at 10 a.m. There will be a lunch at 12 p.m., and a singing after.

Decorating Day at Buckeye Cemetery

The Decorating Day for Buckeye Cemetery will be June 1. Everyone is welcome! Donations may be made at any Arvest Bank.

Decoration Day for Ogden Cemetery

The Ogden Cemetery Decoration Day is Sunday, June 1. Donations can be mailed to Teresa Morgan, P.O. Box 76, Greenland AR 72737.

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Upcoming Father’s Day Lunch

The Forum/Alabam Fire Department Auxiliary is hosting a Father’s Day lunch on Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be food from Milner’s BBQ, \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Located at Presley Chapel United Methodist Church, 3091 Madison 1335, Huntsville.

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Fritts Cemetery Decoration Day

The decoration day for Fritts Cemetery will be June 8 at 2 p.m. Bring your chair and check book. Donations can be sent to Virginia Threet, PO Box 78, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

Decoration Day at Riverside Cemetery

Decoration will be held at Riverside Cemetery at St. Paul on Sunday, June 8. Bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Donations for upkeep may be sent to Janice Smith, 103 Northview Ave., Huntsville, AR 72740.

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Boys State aims to instill civic leadership

By MARK HUMPHREY
RECORD EDITOR

This week, four Huntsville boys are attending Boys State, a week-long leadership and civic engagement experience for male students entering their senior year of high school.

The annual event on the campus of the University of Central Arkansas at Conway hosts 610 students, referred to as delegates, from 207 high schools throughout the state. Boys State began Sunday and runs through Friday.

Huntsville will be represented by Gunnar Bartlett, Colton Edwards, Evan Moore and Dane Spurlock.

“Arkansas Boys State has become an institution for youth leadership and civic development in Arkansas,” said Dr. Lloyd Jackson, the program’s executive director. “We continue to be a premier youth leadership experience for students, as we have for more than 60,000 delegates since 1940.”

High Enrollment

The 2025 event sponsored by the American Legion, marks its 84th session and according to Kaleb Turner, Director of Engagement, boasts the program’s largest enrollment in 10 years. The program and student attendees are led by 80 volunteer staff members who converge at UCA for the week.

“This impressive enrollment means that students, educators, and communities are excited about the transformative leadership and civic engagement work we continue to provide for the state’s next generation of leaders,” Jackson said.

The Huntsville delegates heard from an array of guest speakers, including former Gov. Asa Hutchinson, Arkansas Secretary of State Cole Jester, UA System President Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria, and Arkansas state legislators.

Immersive Program

Arkansas Boys State is an immersive program in civics education designed for high school juniors. Since 1940, the week-long program has aimed to transform the next generation of leaders throughout the state and beyond.

Distinguished alumni include former President Bill Clinton, U.S. Ambassador to Israel and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Senators John Boozman and Tom Cotton, former White House Chiefs of Staff Mack McLarty and Jack Watson Jr., and former Arkansas Chief Justice John Dan Kemp.

Kelvin Orduna of Huntsville recently walked through graduation ceremonies with the Huntsville Class of 2025 and graduated from the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts (ASMSA), in Hot Springs on May 19. State law allows ASMSA students to walk through graduation ceremonies at their hometown and Orduna said he was welcomed by his hometown faculty and students.

Orduna attended Boys State as a delegate prior to his senior year.

“It really shows that students in Arkansas, especially, that they have an interest in politics. They’re wanting to go out, show their views and debate it in a formal way with other peers,” Orduna said.

Civic Boot Camp

This year’s program included the usual slate of Arkansas Boys State activities. Delegates administered a mock government from the ground up, engaged with peers on social and political issues, heard from prominent keynote speakers and participated in the program’s marquis Schools of Instruction program.

“Boys State for me showed a lot of discipline within the students. There’s a routine every day. You wake up at 8 a.m.

and have breakfast with all of the students. It’s not a kind of free-for-all where you can go if you want to. Everyone goes [to breakfast],” Orduna said.

Jackson noted many delegates had fathers and grandfathers who attended Arkansas Boys State.

“We have alumni who are paying it forward by sponsoring students’ attendance. We have educators sending students from their school for the first time ever. This is truly going to be an excellent, transformative, and inspiring 84th session of Arkansas Boys State,” Jackson said.

Mock Elections

One difference between Boys State and the real world is that to streamline the process each delegate is assigned to a political party, rather than choosing an affiliation, and assigned a party platform instead of determining their own political perspective.

“There’s two parties and they’re both fictional and you’re also assigned a county. There’s a lot of pride within your own county with the different colors. Mine was Cotton County, the red one,” Orduna said.

Delegates were also assigned a city. Throughout the week, delegates administered a mock government as if it were real. They ran for office, drafted and passed legislation, solved municipal challenges, and engaged constituents.

“It’s all fictional, but you’re assigned one [party] and then you get assigned views as well. Whether you agree with that or don’t agree you just kind of go with it. It’s not really supposed to be polarizing like it is now, but more to just kind of show off your debate skills,” Orduna said.

The idea is to expose the delegates to a political environment to teach them how to function in that world.

Orduna ran for various offices and mounted a campaign for governor during his Boys

State and counts that as a beneficial experience.

“Being able to have this platform and having to debate with another peer in front of hundreds of other kids was really beneficial for anyone to improve their public speaking skills or to just be confident in front of a microphone,” Orduna said. “[Being] in front of people you don’t know who have opposing views from you I think is beneficial to anyone.”

Shaping A Future

By the week’s end, the delegates have experienced civic responsibility and engagement firsthand. Turner anticipated delegates would make life-long memories and friends while operating with the Boys State guiding principle that “Democracy Depends on Me.”

“Each of these 610 young men will embark on a week that shapes a lifetime, and they have communities of support who are standing alongside them,” Jackson said.

International Project

Boys State helped Orduna develop and polish his skills in the art of making a presentation, something he mastered well enough to facilitate an international philanthropy project of creating local Internet service for his parents’ hometown in southern Mexico.


“That was a passion project for me last summer. It was to install almost 300,000 square feet of Internet coverage in a rural town in Oaxaca, Mexico,” Orduna said.

To accomplish the project, Orduna had to have a lot of conversations with engineers and people who did networking and in his words, “to really do it most efficiently put out this network in a town that has never had Internet coverage before.”

Boys State helped prepare him to make that quantum leap into international philanthropy.

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North Arkansas Livestock, GreenForest, AR			
Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/21/2025 - Final			
	This Week	Last Reported 5/14/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,082	1,423	784
Feeder Cattle:	949(87.7%)	1,264(88.8%)	653(83.3%)
Slaughter Cattle:	108(10.0%)	124(8.7%)	126(16.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	25(2.3%)	35(2.5%)	5(0.6%)
Compared to last week: Feeder steers 300-400 lb 2.00-10.00 higher 400-650 lbs steady to 10.00 lower no trend on weights over 650 lbs. Had a group of 60 head weighing 903 lbs at 284.50. Feeder heifers under 600lbs 1.00-9.00 lower. Supply was moderate with good demand. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls 3.00- 15.00 higher on a light comparison with full advance on high dressing bulls. Supply included: 88% Feeder Cattle (56% Steers, 37% Heifers, 7% Bulls); 10% Slaughter Cattle (88% Cows, 12% Bulls); 2% Replacement Cattle (5% Stock Cows, 80% Bred Cows, 10% Bred Heifers, 5% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 27%.			
FEEDER CATTLE			
STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
12	304-342	322	487.00-495.00 491.71
17	351-390	378	440.00-487.00 454.75
40	400-445	426	400.00-427.00 420.38
11	451-480	459	389.00-405.00 396.71
28	500-545	525	373.00-393.00 383.77
15	510	510	418.00 Value Added
15	564-578	568	361.00-381.00 369.99
29	618-625	619	325.00-340.00 338.71
6	630	630	327.00 Unweaned
31	614	614	374.00 Value Added
21	661-691	685	321.00-328.00 326.71
8	679	679	300.00 Unweaned
4	700-722	717	301.00-319.00 305.40
3	860-878	872	265.00-275.00 271.71
60	903	903	284.50
3	1015	1015	254.00
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
9	379	379	429.00
28	423-443	428	395.00-423.00 412.79
26	451-498	471	375.00-383.00 378.51
45	509-534	526	361.00-375.00 369.51
16	573-585	581	346.00-352.00 349.78
STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
1	350	350	420.00
2	442	442	379.00
11	454-490	465	367.00-380.00 374.61
6	507-545	521	325.00-351.00 343.63
24	560-576	569	325.00-355.00 334.99
9	608-640	623	315.00-325.00 317.45
10	655-691	687	300.00-316.00 302.02
1	715	715	284.00
2	820	820	270.00
STEERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
1	530	530	309.00
1	590	590	323.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
5	329-345	332	423.00
25	360-390	370	397.00-425.00 410.58
38	400-442	414	371.00-419.00 397.90
25	450-498	470	350.00-375.00 360.48
18	500-545	511	322.00-341.00 336.06
15	542	542	340.00
46	550-585	562	233.00-335.00 319.90
3	605-625	613	301.00-304.00 303.01
4	707-710	708	255.00-262.00 256.76
6	838	838	255.00 Guaranteed Open
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
5	345	345	390.00
9	425-449	436	355.00-357.00 356.08
15	497	497	341.00
16	499	499	356.00
7	528	528	332.00
13	587-588	587	300.00-301.00 300.46
10	618-643	631	273.00-293.00 282.80
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
5	372-390	379	342.00-350.00 345.29
2	410-445	428	355.00-373.00 364.37
19	455-495	481	310.00-347.00 327.99
13	511-541	525	275.00-307.00 292.53
4	560-590	578	292.00-297.00 294.77
5	600-635	613	250.00-280.00 272.35
3	665-685	678	250.00-267.00 260.60
4	700-745	718	220.00-250.00 233.78
2	880-890	885	199.00-200.00 199.50
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
5	409-430	413	220.00-300.00 236.65
10	482	482	230.00
1	525	525	245.00
1	600	600	241.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
1	320	320	445.00
1	365	365	470.00
3	408-445	420	389.00-429.00 414.88
3	468-480	472	355.00-375.00 368.22
11	512-540	529	344.00-371.00 349.77
17	550-599	578	330.00-357.00 339.56
3	600	600	323.00
3	660-668	665	313.00-315.00 314.34
7	700-725	716	290.00-293.00 290.85
3	763	763	269.00
1	840	840	240.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
1	335	335	395.00
4	502-522	512	330.00-350.00 340.20
1	550	550	330.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
1	320	320	320.00
1	480	480	305.00
SLAUGHTER CATTLE			
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
9	1085-1730	1437	139.00-150.00 143.69
7	1175-1630	1382	150.00-159.00 154.64
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
10	1040-1415	1172	139.00-148.00 144.58
34	920-1545	1217	148.00-161.00 154.46
2	1045-1110	1078	133.00-137.00 135.06
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
10	805-1130	1012	127.00-137.00 133.01
9	935-1325	1073	139.00-152.00 144.57
3	830-1230	1033	120.00-122.00 121.21
BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range Avg Price
2	1375-1735	1555	175.00-186.00 179.86
6	1660-2115	1908	195.00-208.00 201.84
3	1460-1655	1555	165.00-174.00 168.51
REPLACEMENT CATTLE			
STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2-8	O	1	1325 1325 153.00
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
>8	T2-3	5	795-1180 1015 139.00-163.00 152.80
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2-8	O	1	990-1670 1148 1675.00-2525.00 2192.40
BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
<2	T2-3	2	770-845 808 1800.00-1875.00 1839.24
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
>8	O	1	1845 3250.00 3250.00
Please Note: The above USDA LPMGN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted. Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News AR Dept of Ag Market News Little Rock, AR (501) 823-1711 www.ams.usda.gov/lpgmn https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/ https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/2050			

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