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## Area man faces prison in alcohol-related death

By LEWIS DELAVAN  
Staff writer

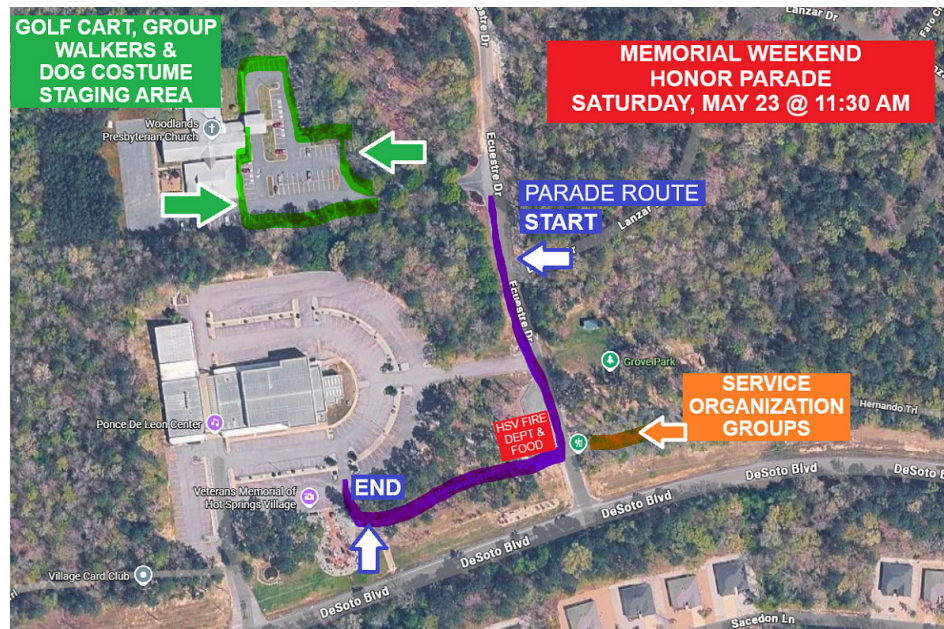
A Jes-sieville-area man faces up to 20 years in prison for allegedly causing a crash while intoxicated, killing a Hot Springs woman last Sept. 18.



Garrett Iram Burks

Garrett Iram Burks, 32, Oakhaven Road, was booked into Garland County jail on Tuesday, May 5 for negligent homicide, a Class B felony, as well as misdemeanor counts of driving on a suspended license and careless-and-prohibited driving.

He was released less than an hour later on a \$25,000 bond. Courthouse records show that at the time of the wreck, Burks' license was suspended



This map shows the staging areas for parade participants and the locations of the several activities that are part of the Memorial Day weekend observance in the Village. The parade route begins on the street between the Woodlands parking area and Grove Park and ends adjacent to the Veterans Memorial.

## Memorial Day weekend events discussed by Engagement Committee

By ADRIENNE COHEN  
Voice correspondent

At its May meeting, the Hot Springs Village POA reorganized communications committee met for the second time under its new name – Community Engagement Committee. Chaired by Clara Nicolosi. Present were Jim Rice, Alyssa Nead and a prospective new member, Jane Browning, whose appointment

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## Lakes Committee hears DeSoto residents' concerns

By MARY ELIADES  
Voice correspondent

The Lakes Committee of the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association met May 5 to discuss ongoing algae problems on Lake DeSoto, testing and electrofishing, and fishing events.

Emotions ran high as residents ex-

pressed their displeasure with the lack of progress on the algae situation on Lake DeSoto. Grievances ran from inability to swim or move boats, to health concerns, to decreasing property values.

Lakes supervisor Sam Scott told the gathering the lake was tested by the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on April 20, and "there

was no sign of toxins," with only "normal vegetation" observed. Another treatment was planned for May 7 or 8. Scott said testing was also conducted on Lake Cortez.

A recent investigation by DEQ indicated the problem is with businesses on Highway 7 outside the Village

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Tuesday	Sunny	80°/57°
Wednesday	Sunny	88°/60°
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	84°/62°
Friday	Partly Cloudy	86°/66°
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	86°/68°
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy	87°/68°
Monday	Scattered Thunderstorms	85°/67°

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## The Green Market: New season opens at Grove Park

By ADRIENNE COHEN  
Voice correspondent



Radishes from Fat Rabbit Farms looked almost too good to eat and they were hard to resist at the Green Market opening day on May 7 at Grove Park. Green Market will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon each Thursday from now through the end of September. (Adrienne Cohen photo)

It was a chilly morning, but at least the sun was shining, and there was an air of expectation as vendors arrived and set out their wares for opening day of the HSV Green Market Thursday, May 7, at Grove Park. Even though some growers said it was a bit early in the season to have a full complement of fresh vegetables, they promised that plants are in the ground and that future harvests will yield all the favorites – squash, carrots, a wide variety of greens and seasonal favorites.

Many of the regular vendors were in their familiar places, and marketgoers also engaged a host of newcomers in conversation about their wares, welcoming them to HSV and wishing them well. Some of the vendors had committed for opening day on a trial basis to "see how it goes," but said that they hoped to return if space is available, noting that vendor space for the full season now has a waiting list.

Traffic was lighter than usual for the first couple of hours, but that gave vendors – especially those new to this market -- more opportunity to visit with buyers and to explain their products.

New to the market this season is Anastasia Alexander, a Village resident and artisan baker who noted that she believes she is the only seller this season to offer home-baked sourdough loaves. The Silverware Lady, Jan Holland, is back with her unique custom jewelry crafted from antique silverware, and Randy Lewis is back with his striking array of pens and wood products, as is Lee Latiolais with his beautiful wood-

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## Voice Travel Club to host meeting May 18

The Hot Springs Village Voice Travel Club will host an informational meeting on Monday, May 18 at 2 p.m. in Ouachita Room A at the Ponce de Leon Center (Woodlands Auditorium), 1101 DeSoto Blvd.

Residents are invited to learn more about the club's upcoming 2026 travel lineup and get a preview of new trips planned for 2027, such as Fantastic Florida & the Keys, Ecuador & Galapagos Islands Cruise, Colors of Majestic Morocco, and more! The Travel Club, in partnership with Premier World

Discovery, offers a variety of group travel experiences designed to make exploring new destinations easy and enjoyable.

The meeting will include an overview of itineraries, travel details, and an opportunity to ask questions. It's open to both experienced travelers and those new to group travel. Sign up discounts will be offered.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP by emailing jallen@hsvvoice.com or calling 501-623-6397. For more info, see ad on Page 11B.

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