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## Motorcyclist killed in crash in rural Faulkner County

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A Jacksonville motorcyclist was killed in a crash in rural Faulkner County on Saturday. Michael W. Lucas, 57, was stopped at the intersection of U.S. Highway 64 and Rooster Road before 4 p.m. on Saturday when a 2019 Chevrolet struck his 2010 Harley Davidson “in the rear,” a fatal crash summary issued by the Arkansas Department of Public Safety read.

No one else was injured in the collision. Weather and road conditions were “clear” and “dry” at the time of the crash, the summary read.

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## Conway Regional, United reach verbal agreement

By LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT

Conway Regional will remain in network with UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plans. A verbal agreement has been reached on a new contract that will take effect Oct. 1, 2025.

As part of this verbal agreement, an extension has been agreed to through Oct. 1, 2025, ensuring uninterrupted care for patients with UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plans.

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## Northwestern Mutual welcomes new representatives

By LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT

Northwestern Mutual Conway District Office on Tuesday announced the addition of seven new representatives to the firm over the summer months.

The new representatives include:

- Micah Barnett.
- James Cheek.
- James Davis.
- Jaden Harris.
- Elizabeth Ogle.
- Cory Tessman.
- Tristan Seibert.

The Northwestern Mutual Conway District Office now has 20 advisors and representatives.

# Sheriff’s Office arrests former detention center lieutenant

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A former Faulkner County Detention Center lieutenant is in custody following an investigation by the Faulkner County Sheriff’s Office.

Robert Doyal is in jail in Cleburne County on one



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count of felony third-degree sexual assault and two counts of felony furnishing prohibited articles. In a statement released to social media Monday, the FCSO

said it arrested Doyal on Friday after it “was made aware of allegations surrounding a relationship between a female inmate” and Doyal on Aug. 21.

Doyal resigned from the detention center on Aug. 4. As of press time Tuesday, additional details regarding Doyal’s arrest and the

charges against him were not available. The FCSO said the “investigation remains ongoing at this time.”

“We are angry and disappointed that one of our own chose to break the oath they swore to uphold,” the FCSO said. “We are entrusted with great responsibility, and, when that trust is betrayed, it dishonors the badge, the Faulkner County Sheriff’s Office and the community we serve. No one is above the law. Accountability will be enforced.”

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Submitted photos  
Frank Mitchell Intermediate School sixth graders read books in their literacy classes as part of the annual “Starbooks” event. The students drank hot chocolate, ate snacks and sampled a variety of different genres of books.

## Vilonia students participate in ‘Starbooks’

By LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT

Sixth graders at Frank Mitchell Intermediate School in Vilonia participated in the annual “Starbooks” event last week.

The sixth grade students drank hot chocolate, ate snacks and sampled a variety of different genres of books during their literacy classes.

The students also shared their reviews about the books with their fellow classmates after reading.

“It was a fun and cozy way to explore new genres, discover fresh favorites and celebrate the joy of reading all in a ‘cool cafe’ atmosphere,” the school said via social media. “We’re so proud of our students for diving into reading with such excitement.”

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