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Pardoned Jan. 6 Capitol rioter arrested

Ryan Nichols involved in dispute outside church

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Ryan Nichols, a Longview native pardoned for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol, is in jail following a dispute in which police said he brandished a firearm.

Nichols, 35, was arrested

Sunday by deputies with the Harrison County Sheriff's Office on a charge of deadly conduct.

Nichols, who is listed with a Diana address in jail records, also was held Monday in the Harrison County Jail on a Panola County warrant for harassment. Bond on that charge was set at \$3,000, while bond had not yet been set on the Harrison County charge.

Deputies responded Sunday to Oak Grove Baptist Church in Harleton after

receiving a phone call that a person reached for a firearm during a dispute outside the church, officials with the sheriff's office said in a statement.

Deputies met Nichols, who said he confronted a man regarding an issue he believed the man had with him, according to a probable cause affidavit.

The man told police that he turned his back toward Nichols to deescalate the situation. The man ushered his family into his car, and

he told Nichols to leave and return to his own car.

Nichols "kept pressing the issue attempting to confront" the man, police said. Nichols then started to say things in front of the man's wife that the man did not approve of.

At that point, the man turned around to face Nichols, who pulled up his shirt, displayed a firearm and placed his hand on the grip, police wrote.



Ryan Nichols

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Shady Grove MBC celebrates Armed Services Day, May 16



From Staff Reports

The Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church will honor veterans and active-duty military personnel during a special Armed Services Day program set for Saturday, May 16, at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 6132 State Highway 315 in Long Branch.

According to the announcement, the pastor and congregation are inviting the community to join them in recognizing the "courageous men and women who have served, and continue to serve, this country with bravery, dedication and self-sacrifice."

The program will pay tribute to all branches of the United States Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Space Force.

The event's guest speaker will be Dr. Gillian Jo-an Calloway, a retired Air Force flight nurse whose career in healthcare and military service spans decades.

Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Calloway graduated from Haverford High School in Haverford, Pennsylvania, before earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from West Chester University. She later completed a Master of Science degree in Quality Systems Management with a focus on Six Sigma and earned a Doctor of Healthcare Administration degree, emphasizing leadership and education, from Virginia University of Lynchburg.

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Henderson's annual Freedom Festival expected to be a full blown 250th Independence Day extravaganza

From Staff Reports

The City of Henderson is inviting the community to celebrate Independence Day with an evening of live entertainment, family activities and fireworks during its annual Freedom Festival celebration at Lake Forest Park.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, as the nation marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Festivities will kick off at 5 p.m., with the always spectacular fireworks scheduled to begin at approximately 9:30 p.m.

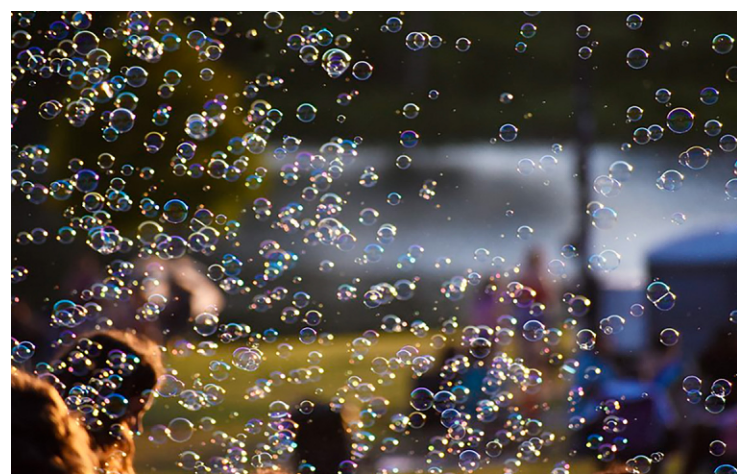
City officials announced

that admission to the event is free, and attendees will also have access to complimentary round-trip shuttle service from Henderson Independent School District facilities, with transportation running from Henderson High School to the Henderson Civic Center.

Entertainment for the evening

will include live music by the David Whiteman Band from 6 to 8 p.m. Organizers also plan to offer a variety of family-friendly activities, including bounce houses, carnival-style games and food vendors throughout the park.

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Juneteenth celebration set to pack Yates Park June 20

From Staff Reports

The Henderson community will gather on Saturday, June 20, for a formal Juneteenth celebration at Yates Park, honoring freedom, heritage, and the enduring spirit of commu-

nity. The event will feature a full day of family-friendly activities, cultural celebration, and community fellowship.

The Juneteenth parade will take place downtown Henderson, beginning at 10:30 a.m. parade lineup



will begin at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Organizers are inviting community members, businesses, churches, civic organizations, and families to participate and help make the

parade a memorable part of the celebration.

Following the parade, festivities at Yates Park will continue throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees can enjoy

food vendors, music from a DJ, games, face painting, a bounce house, snow cones, and other activities designed for guests of all ages.

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SPORTS

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SCRIPTURE

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:19-20**

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