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Rattler football sets preseason schedule

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Rattler football program has announced several upcoming for preseason events.

- July 25 -- Mandatory Parent Meeting 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.
- Join Head Coach Brad Chesshir for a mandatory meeting for parents/guardians of all Rattler football players entering grades 7th through 12 in the activity room
- August 5 -- First Day of Fall Camp 8 a.m.- 10 a.m., football practice for 7th, 8th, 9th grade and Senior High
- Senior High practice at 8 a.m.
- 7th, 8th, 9th practice at 10 a.m.
- August 10 -- Media Day 8 a.m.- 11 a.m.
- Rattler Stadium for media day pictures which involves Sr. High football, Jr. High football, Sr. High cheerleaders and Jr. High cheerleaders
- August 16 -- Rattler Rally 7 p.m.
- Held at Rattler Stadium as the team kicks off the new school year with performances by the Rattler football teams, cheerleaders and the Rattler band
- For more information, contact Chesshir at brad.chesshir@rattlers.org.



TASTE OF CHRISTMAS ... (above) Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce volunteers (including, L to R, Jean Floyd, Lisa Harvill, Benita Williamson, Wanda O'Neal, Gena Corson, Diane Carroll, Jane Fugitt, Rose Barbre and Jimi Scarlett) are pictured at the annual Taste of Christmas fundraiser held last Thursday at the CADC Senior Adult Center. The group raised over \$1,300 at the event, serving lunch to over 100 people. Proceeds from the event will go toward the chamber's Hometown Christmas event this December. (Below right) Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O'Neal and Pike County Treasurer Loletia Rather share a laugh while going through the potluck-style line.

Delight fire department announces fundraiser

Group raffling deer blind and grill as grand prize

DELIGHT -- The Delight Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Delight School cafeteria.

A live auction will begin at 5 p.m., and the meal will include soup and chili plates.

Proceeds of the event will go toward equipment for the fire department.

In conjunction with the event, the group is selling raffle chances on a Tidewe see-through ground deer blind and a 22-inch Blackstone gas grill (first prize) as well as five bags of deer corn (second prize). Tickets are priced at \$5 each or five for \$20.

To purchase tickets or donate items for the action, please contact a firefighter or Chief Ty Sherrod (870) 681-2139, Assistant Chief Barry Smith (870) 312-0319 or Secretary Krystal Kelley (870) 796-2038.



South Pike school board approves changes to dress code for Murfreesboro Elementary School

MURFREESBORO -- The South Pike County School Board approved changes to both high school and elementary student handbooks during its July meeting last Tuesday night.

The majority of changes in the elementary concerned absences, tardies and dress code, as presented by Principal James Riley.

Approved elementary changes included:

ELEMENTARY ABSENCES

- In order for an absence to be considered excused, the student must bring/provide official documentation (parent/guardian notes are not considered official).
- When a student exceeds 10 unexcused absences in a semester, the proper authority will be notified and the child's parents or legal guardian shall be subject to a civil penalty.
- Students will be counted as tardy after 7:55 a.m. Parents/guardian must go to the office to sign in the student and the student will be issued a tardy slip, which is required to be admitted to class. Five tardies will equal one unexcused absence.

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

- Clothing should be worn as designed. No hats, caps, hoods or other head coverings worn inside. Sleeves and tops which do not completely cover the back, stomachs and chest will not be allowed. All blouse straps must be at least three fingers in width. No sunglasses worn inside. No clothing depicting inappropriate, vulgar or suggestive language or suggestive themes. Shoes should be worn at all times - no cleats, house shoes or wheeled shoes.
- Shorts and shirts are acceptable provided

the length and split are not so short that it disrupts the educational process. Shorts/skirts should be visible (must be worn as designed/ no rolling of waistbands - length must be at fingertip length.) Full-body pajamas (onesies) are not allowed unless for a school theme.

- No face or hair paint that disrupts the educational process.
- Sagging pants or trousers are not allowed. No holes in pants /shorts above fingertip length unless the skin is covered beneath clothing.
- Leggings/yoga pants/tights may be worn but must have a shirt/top over them that reaches mid-thigh in front and back.

High school Principal Davey Jones presented changes that mainly reflect Arkansas School Board Association's recommendations.

Jones did note changes to honor graduate credits from 10 credits to five to allow college courses to be better used for credit. Jones said another change is that students now have seven days instead of 10 to make changes to their schedules after the start of school.

In other July business, the board accepted student accident coverage proposal from JTS

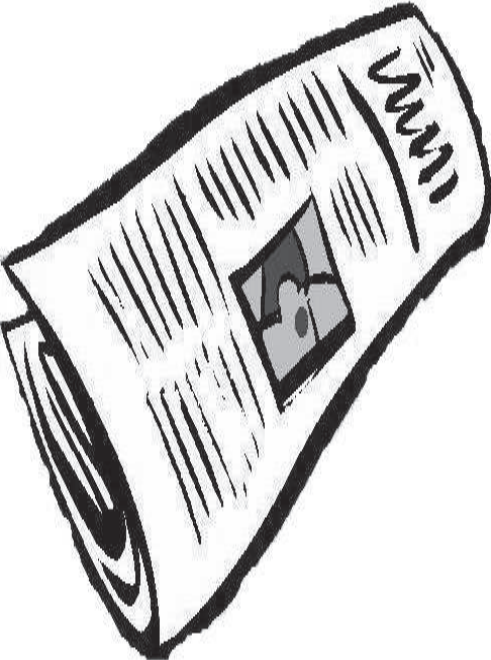
Financial/EBi Team; amended the classified salary schedule; and transferred \$649,000 from the district's general account to the building fund.

After a short executive session, the board accepted the resignation of Sarah Deal and hired Hanah Kennedy Smith as an elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Also, due to the Blevins School District declining to release Krista Milner from her teaching contract for next school year, the board voted to rescind the offer of employment, in accordance to state law.

Superintendent Tanya Wilcher also reported that work has finally begun at the district's new sports complex. "We finally have dirt coming in," she said about the project that has gotten off to a slow start due to the weather.

The July meeting also included a closed hearing concerning a transfer student from Nashville. The board accepted the School Choice transfer with the student to be enrolled for the first nine weeks in the Alternative Learning Environment program to finish out the discipline handed down at the Nashville School District.



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'Shop with a Cop' program announces account

An account has been set up for Shop With A Cop at First State Bank of Pike County. The public is invited to make a donation to this cause that will benefit local children in need this December. Local law enforcement officers will participate in the shopping for Christmas gifts.

Fall webworms present webs of trouble locally

BY CODIE MCALISTER
Pike County Extension Agent -- Agriculture

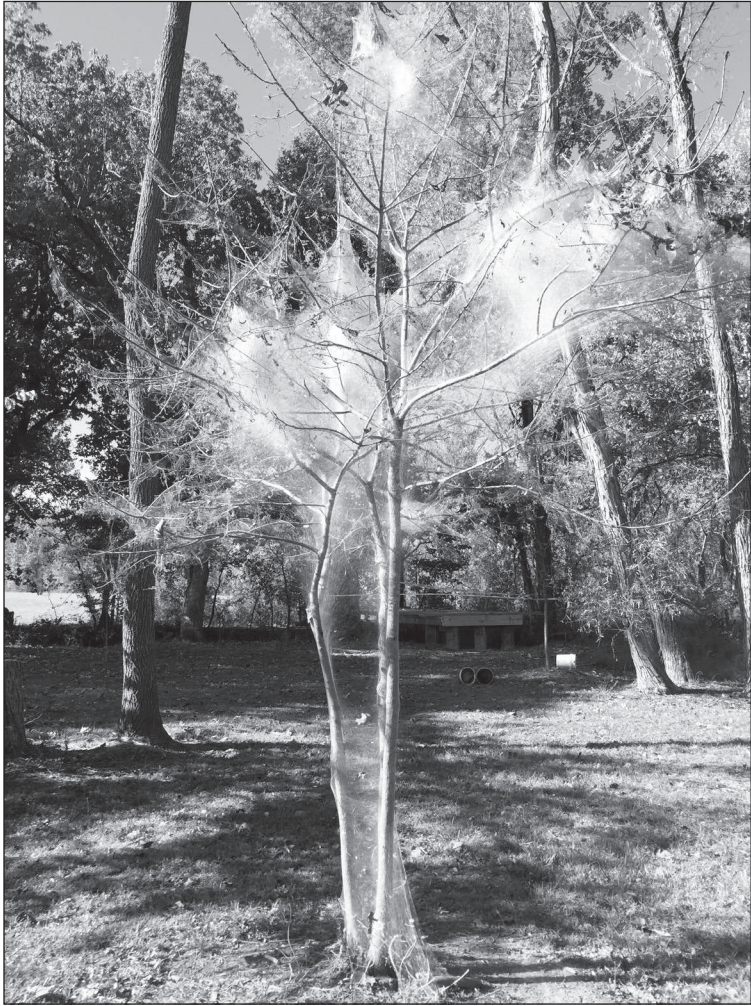
MURFREESBORO -- I’ve seen a couple of webs in a tree already this summer just in Murfreesboro!

Fall webworms are a native moth that occurs throughout all North America and now the world since being accidentally introduced to Europe in World War II. The noticeable stage of this ugly pest usually appears from June through August in Arkansas, but if a second generation is produced, can extend into October.

The range of trees attacked by this pesky caterpillar includes more than 600 kinds of deciduous trees worldwide. The caterpillar’s favorite trees in Arkansas include sweetgum, crabapples, persimmons, black walnut, pecan, hickory, cherry, river birch, and occasionally elms and willows.

The first visible signs of a webworm infestation occur when beige to brown webs begin to irregularly enclose the ends of upper branches. In the beginning stages the small, hairy yellow-brown worms feed only on the upper surface of the leaf. As the size of the caterpillar increases, the whole leaf will be eaten.

The size of the webby mass increases as the colony consumes the initial leaves in the vicinity of where the inch-wide white moth laid its hundreds of eggs. Frass left from the feedings of the caterpillars remains



in the web and can become an eyesore. During the first half of the 4-to-6-week period when the caterpillars feed, all feeding is in the confines of the web. As caterpillars near maturity at 1 ¼ inch long they leave the web at night to feed.

During the final stage of development, caterpillars leave the web and crawl to a convenient hiding place such as a thick patch of bark or lead litter at the base of the tree where they form a ¾ inch long brownish pupal case where they overwinter.

Two races of fall webworm are described: the two-generation-a-year, black-headed version and the single-generation-a-year, orange-headed form. Both races occur in the South, but the orange-headed form is perhaps a bit more common. The moth usually lays her eggs around mid-June, and about 60-70 days are required to go from egg to pupal stage. The black-headed form begins about four weeks earlier and can squeeze in a second generation.

Since the fall webworm does most of its significant damage during the hottest and driest season when most trees have stopped growing anyway, their damage is primarily considered a concern of looks and aesthetic. Infestations tend to be episodic in nature with back-to-back bad webworm years occurring about once a decade. However, some webworms will be seen almost every season.

To get rid of fall webworms there are a couple of pesticides to consider such as BT or Sevin. These sprays should be directed at the webs and the surrounding foliage as soon as they are noticed to provide effective control.

For more information or any other information, contact the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161. You can also visit the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service website at www.uaex.uada.edu.



Elementary school announces school supply list

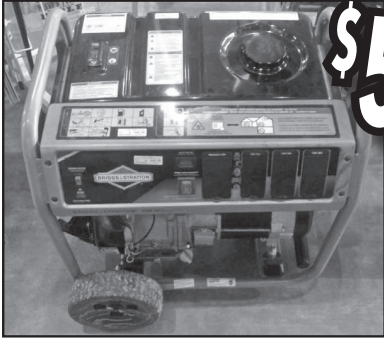
- MURFREESBORO -- South Pike County School District has announced the 2024-2025 elementary school supply list for students.
- KINDERGARTEN**
2 glue sticks (Elmer’s), water bottle, 1 box of Kleenex, 1 package of Clorox wipes
- FIRST GRADE**
6 glue sticks (Elmer’s), 124 pack of Crayons, 1 box of Kleenex, 1 box of disinfectant wipes, 1 water bottle with lid
- SECOND GRADE**
1 pack of 24 pencils, 6 glue sticks, 1 box of Kleenex
- THIRD GRADE**
1 pack of pencils, 1 wide ruled notebook, plastic water bottle with a spout (please no metal bottles/cup with straw or lid), Girls -- 1 box of Kleenex, Boys -- 1 box of wipes
- FOURTH GRADE**
1 roll of paper towel, 1 box of Kleenex, 1 package of Clorox wipes

- FIFTH/SIXTH GRADE**
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A second required public hearing concerning the implementation of an Arkansas Community and Economic and Development Program (ACEDP) grant for Economic Development Project/Murfreesboro Drainage will be held at City Hall, 805 N Washington Ave on August 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to inform citizens of the current scope and progress of the ACEDP project; discuss any changes or impacts involving financing sources, user fees or beneficiaries that have occurred since the first public hearing conducted on May 10, 2021; accept oral and written comments regarding the project; and, discuss any potential impacts upon citizens that may/will result during the course of the project.

All residents of Murfreesboro are encouraged to attend this hearing and participate in the community development process.

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Notice For Public Hearing

A public hearing concerning the zoning classification of land inside Murfreesboro will be held at City Hall, 805 N. Washington Ave on August 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to inform citizens of the reasons for classification changes; discuss any changes or impacts involving local citizens and any potential impacts upon citizens that may/will result during possible rezoning.

All residents of Murfreesboro are encouraged to attend this hearing and participate in the community development process.

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Date of death:

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On July 8, 2024, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Evangeline Reeves, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Pike County, Arkansas under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the Estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the distributee or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or same shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the Estate.

This notice first published the 24th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Marvin C. Reeves, IV

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Adams, Roy Allen, 63, Hot Springs Village, \$125 BF, improper passing
Alspaw, Duane Daniel, 53, De Queen, \$125 BF, speeding
Andrews, Lauren, 40, Newhope, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Armstrong, Sylvester Jr., 34, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Barrett, McHarla R., 49, Kirby, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/ expired
Bennett, John Nathan, 42, Amity, \$225 BF, failure to maintain control with accident
Burgess, Justin Dewayne, 17, Mount Ida, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Cain, Jeremy E., 48, Arkadelphia, \$463 BF, overweight
Chronister, Tyler R., 29, Benton, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/ expired
Cox, Ashtin Grace, 27, Amity, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325
Cruz, Daniel, 18, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325
Culpepper, Kason Paul, 18, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Davenport, Allen E., 32, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/ expired
Davidson, Cori Leeann, 32, Arkadelphia, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Davis, Andrew James, 17, Amity, \$185 BF, speeding
Fant, Jerry Wayne, 37, Glenwood, guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$780; guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$780
Flores, Rolando, 31, Greeneville, Tenn., \$185 BF, speeding; \$125 BF, careless prohibited driving
Ford, Cody Alan, 29, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Frady, Joshua Jeremiah, 41, De Queen, \$135 BF, speeding
Fraize, Christopher Ray, 40, Hackett, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of vehicle lights-use of parking lights, fined \$125; guilty of failure to yield to emergency vehicle, fined \$295
Gallett, Jeffery Paul, 39, Houma, La., \$185 BF, speeding
Gentry, Timothy W., 52, Langley, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Gonzales, Frank O., 30, Caddo Gap, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of speeding, fined \$125; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325
Greene, Adam Nikita, 25, Ankeny, Ind., \$185 BF, speeding
Hamilton, William A., 52, Malvern, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Haney, Britney R., 27, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$165
Haney, Torran L., 41, Arkadelphia, guilty of careless prohibited driving with accident, fined \$225; guilty of DWI #2, fined \$1,620, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Harington, Amber Lynn, 31, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Henderson, Holt Edgar, 32, Canton, Texas, \$155 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Henderson, Vincent E., 51, Delight, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325
Hernandez, Jose, 35, no address listed, \$125 BF, nit child restraint device
Hill, Rylan Jake, 19, Dierks, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hornaday, Kevin Clark, 45, Kingsland, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hughes, Michael C., 25, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Johnson, Raymond Allan, 52, Imperial, Mo., \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$135 BF, speeding
Kahnmalis, Gunars, 30, Seattle, Wash., \$125 BF, commercial

driver's license required; \$205 BF, failure to appear
King, Chase Allen, 23, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Knighten, Logan Lee, 22, Glenwood, \$155 BF, speeding
Kuhn, Martha Renee, 50, Glenwood, \$125 BF, speeding
Lee, Herman, 53, Killeen, Texas, \$125 BF, speeding
Lima, Alfredo A., 55, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to pay, \$765 owed
Lockridge, Preston Thomas, 19, Central City, \$135 BF, speeding
Marshall, Andrew, 39, Nashville, \$669.72 BF, violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law
McCord, Elijah A., 27, Glenwood, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license
McLelland, Kevin Dewayne, 64, Delight, \$125 BF, commercial license required
Meadows, Mark Andrew, 42, Texarkana, Texas, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/ expired; \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$125 Bf, speeding
Medina, Manuel, 29, Hot Springs, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$125 BF, failure to stop or yield
Millwood, Gail Marie, 19, Mount Ida, \$135 BF, speeding
Nolan, Jeremy W., 35, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$3,675 owed, committed to jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Nuthi, Naga Sandeep, 26, Irving, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding
Odell, Lacey Xan, 39, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$385 owed
Orr, Angela M., 43, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, speeding
Padilla, Eduardo, 29, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Park, Yangsuk, 57, Plano, Texas, \$125 BF, speeding
Parker, Summer M., 35, Kirby, guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$780; guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$780
Pavulri, Pavan Kumar, 32, Carrollton, Texas, \$125 BF, speeding
Rhodes, Robby Arlee, 22, Hot Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Robinson, Joshua Cade, 20, Hot Springs, \$125 BF, failure to stop or yield
Rodriguez, Adrian Hernandez, 52, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$125 BF, no child restraint device
Ryan, Aaron Maurice, 21, Taylor, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Salas, Cesar T., 19, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver's license
Sample, Richard L., 62, Glenwood, guilty of failure to register tags/ expired, fined \$125
Smith, Adam Greer, 25, Fairport, N.Y., \$135 BF, speeding
Smith, Dennis Ray, 73, Gladewater, Texas, \$185 BF, speeding
Stevens, Raylee Michelle, 28, Bivens, Texas, \$125 BF, speeding
Symonds, David Michael, 36, Amity, \$125 BF, improper passing
Teague, Martin Lanfred, 67, Hot Springs, \$125 BF, improper passing
Thomas, Princess Sadie, 22, Mineral Springs, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Towers, Lyn Marie, 35, Arkadelphia, \$155 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Vansickle, Taylor V., 38, Prescott, guilty of failure to pay, \$785 owed
Walters, Misty Flora, 37, Delight, guilty of DWI#2, fined \$1,620, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Welch, Everett D., 64, Royal, \$45 BF, no seat belt
West, Jonathan B., 41, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$195
Young, Macey Alexandra, 28, El Dorado, \$125 BF, speeding

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Alexander, Joel, 35, Texarkana, Texas, \$165 BF, failure to register tags/ expired; \$165 BF, no driver's license
Beck, Cole Anthony, 19, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Brumley, Jason Clyde, 45, Glenwood, guilty of wrong way/ one way street, fined \$145; guilty of violation of ignition interlock device, fined \$190; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$265
Clayton, Carl Dwight Jr., 34, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$770 owed
Cornish, Michael L., 40, Murfreesboro, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/ expired

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Obituaries

Wanda Schwieger, 68, Antoine

Wanda Schwieger, age 68, of Antoine passed away Friday, July 12, 2024. She was born September 27, 1955 in Antoine, Arkansas to the late Russell and Vera Barton. Wanda enjoyed sewing, needlepoint, quilting, crocheting, and painting. She was very generous in sharing the items that she made. Wanda was a member of Antoine Church of Christ. In addition to her parents, Wanda is preceded in death by brother, Ricky Barton of Antoine.

Left to cherish her memory, her husband of 42 years, Ronald Schwieger of Antoine; daughter, Janet Schwieger of Little Rock; and brother, Donnie Barton of Greenbrier.

No services are scheduled. Memorials may be made to Arkansas Children's Hospital. Arrangements are by Smith Family Funeral Home-Arkadelphia/Ruggles-Wilcox Chapel, 517 Clay Street, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923, www.smithfamilycares.com.

Sarah Jo Humphry Barrett, 88, Delight



Sarah Jo Humphry Barrett, age 88 of Delight, Arkansas died on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at Howard Memorial Hospital in Nashville, Arkansas. She was born in the Saline Community on August 15, 1935 to Erlice Cecil and Bertha Marie Humphry at the place they called Blue Heaven.

Sarah was the oldest of eight children and loved her siblings dearly. Sarah was married to Dale Barrett on March 26, 1967. They enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. She retired from First State Bank of California. Sarah was a talented artist and many of her family members enjoy paintings that she created. Sarah was a devout Christian with an unwavering faith in Jesus. She was a member of First Christian Church in Murfreesboro.

Sarah is survived by her step-daughter Andrea Eide and husband Kevin of Hawaii. A step-son Mark Barrett of California. A sister, Emma Lee. Five brothers Winston and

wife Kattie, Jimmy and wife Dale, Mike and wife Becky, Steve, and Ricky all of Delight. Four granddaughters Melissa Eide, Emily Fuentes, Katie Barrett, and Olivia Barrett. One grandson Daniel Barrett. Three great granddaughters Naiya, Sonya, and Jayda and many much-loved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Barrett. Her parents, Erlice and Bertha Bell Humphry, brother Wayne and wife Joann, brother in law JJ Lee, sister in law Theresa Humphry.

Sara left this message for her family; "My desire, my greatest desire is that everyone will come to Jesus for a cleansing. He is pleading. He cares so much and He doesn't care what your past is."

Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 23, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 24, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, with burial to follow in Delight Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Pallbearers will be River Kirkham, Byron Humphry, Matthew Humphry, Seth Kirkham, Jeremy Humphry, Shan Humphry, and Josh Humphry.

You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com

LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

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HOUSE CALL

Dr. Bala Simon is an associate professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Q: What are the health risks from long-term exposure to sunlight?

A: Summer, particularly in Arkansas, provides plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities. Sunlight is essential for the body to make Vitamin D, which is vital for bone function and overall health. However, it is important to be wary of how ultraviolet radiation, a form of energy produced by the sun, can affect you.

The most common effect that long-term exposure to sunlight has on the body is with the skin. Too much exposure damages skin cells and causes them to malfunction. This can result in cells dividing and replicating too quickly and forming tumors, which may be cancerous. Sunburn is another common condition in which the skin blisters and swells.

The eyes are also susceptible to too much sunlight, as ultraviolet radiation easily penetrates eye tissue. Proteins in the lens can be modified by sunlight and can lead to cataracts, which causes blurred or less colorful vision. Age-related macular degeneration, which affects sharp, straight-ahead vision, is another possible result of overexposure.

Avoiding direct exposure during peak times (normally between 10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and using sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 30 or more can reduce risk. Sunglasses can provide protection for the eyes. Contact your health care provider if you have questions.

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Quorum Court hears of lease terminations including head start

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Quorum Court officially received the letter of termination on the lease of the former Pike County Hospital building at its July 15 meeting.

The letter, from Erica Tidwell -- who had planned to open a drug treatment rehabilitation facility at the site, but has now reconsidered the attempt -- will terminate the lease effective July 31.

The court was also presented letters from the Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC) that terminates the lease agreement with the county for the senior citizens center and the head start facility effective July 31. The letters stated that the head start operations will be discontinued for their part at the end of the month.

The CADC lost their grant funding for head start operation, and any surviving operations will be under the direction of Arkansas Early Learning (AEL) in Bentonville, who is now the recipient of grant funding as designated by the state Office of Head Start.

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard said discussions with AEL there was a possibility of reopening the head start facility, but the entire operation in the five county radius was under review. Signage was removed from the location and items were seen being removed from the building this week. It was noted that the county's ownership of the building in Murfreesboro and the city's ownership in Glenwood and Delight could work in the communities' favor in the review process.

In the letter, the CADC said they "enjoyed the use of [the] facilities." The CADC had administered the head start program in Pike, Clark, Hot Spring, Montgomery and Saline counties for the past 59 years.

Head start program manager Barbie Baxter said in her letter that "while CADC will no longer operate the early head start/head start/Arkansas better chance program ... CADC remains committed to offering a variety of other programs and services within our 19-county service area." The letter states information about ongoing programs may be discovered at www.cadc.com.

"We are confident that [AEL] will continue to deliver high-quality services to children and families in your community. We extend our best wishes for their success in this endeavor," Baxter wrote.

AEL's Northwest Regional Office is located at 2308 SE 28th street in Bentonville, AR 72712 and may be reached at (479) 319-6333.

"Thank you for your cooperation and support during this transition period. It has been our honor to serve the Clark, Hot Spring, Montgomery, Pike and Saline Counties, and we deeply appreciate the participation and collaboration of our community partners," Baxter concluded in her letter.

Senior Center Director Vickie Hutson was present at the meeting and discussed new prospective funding numbers for both Pike County senior center locations in Murfreesboro and Glenwood. She said the hypothetical numbers would slash their current efforts in the county

on behalf of the seniors in both meals (on site and meals on wheels) and socialization efforts at the site.

Further details on the funding will be presented in a follow-up story as details emerge.

Hutson reiterated to the court and public the need to reach out to elected officials to see if the State of Arkansas could reconsider funding levels.

Pike County received \$4,041.52 via a 50/50 match rural community grant for upgrades in the road department radios from analog to digital.

A proposed ordinance met with opposition from quorum court members.

Ordinance 2024-5 entitled "an emergency ordinance for the protection of the traveling public, condition and maintenance of the county maintained public roads in Pike County and within its unincorporated limits" states that the county maintains over 800 miles of public roads, and that in order to protect the infrastructure the county road department needed further allowances to "maintain the right-of-way, public road easement, roadway, subgrade, culverts and signage" for the public roads.

The proposed ordinance stated that "public safety and interest is served by protecting the traveling public from the placement, creation or existence of physical and functional encroachments or obstructions to county maintained public roads."

The ordinance therefore called for road easements for right of way on county roads be "inviolate" and free of encroachments or obstructions, except where written permission is granted and issued by the county judge, and would include all roads maintained by the county in any form or fashion.

The ordinance went on to allow for allowance of the removal of "any item, items, fences, gates (closed, ticked or unlocked), obstacles, physical or functional encroachments within the roadway, road easement or right of way of a county maintained public road and shall be reimbursed for the cost of removal."

It would also allow for citizens, landowners with standing and the county judge to receive injunctions from "a court of competent jurisdiction" for the removal of obstructions and would also further criminalize obstructing a highway or other public passage to the point of impassability by pedestrian or vehicular traffic as stipulated in Arkansas code A.C.A. 5-71-214 (C), which is a Class A misdemeanor.

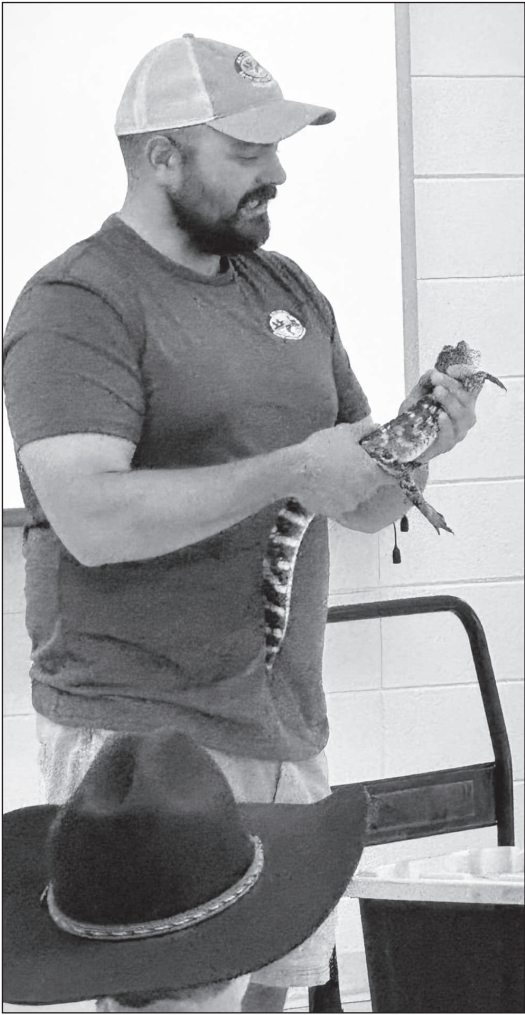
Several members of the court vocally made their disapproval of the ordinance known, stating that it was too broad and allowed for too much power by the county -- now or in the future depending on the persons in power -- over right of ways, especially in rural areas with farmers. The ordinance failed to receive a motion for passage from the justices of the peace.

County Treasurer Loletia Rather reported the opening and closing numbers for the following accounts through the month of June: County General -- \$1,322,679.98 / \$1,368,678.11 County Road -- \$918,330.76 / \$918,553.76 County Landfill -- \$1,208,017.51 / \$998,230.40



Staff photos

SPREADING DIRT ... (above) Work continues on the baseball/softball complex near Murfreesboro High School last week. South Pike County Schools Superintendent Tanya Wilcher said that meaningful progress has finally begun at the district's new sports complex. "We finally have dirt coming in," she said about the project that has gotten off to a slow start due to weather related issues.



Submitted photos

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT ... The Murfreesboro Library has wrapped up its July schedule of the 2024 summer reading program, hosting both a magic show and a presentation of area wildlife by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission recently.

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13. Old wound
14. Palate lobe
15. Reposed
16. Needle case
17. Katmandu’s land
18. *Natural electrical discharge
20. Fiber source
21. Madison Square Garden, e.g.
22. Anatomical pouch
23. *Like air from north of Canada
26. Same as boric
30. Slang for million dollars
31. Mother-of-pearl, pl.
34. Of a particular kind
35. Exclude or omit
37. Not safe
38. Parallel grooves
39. Campbell of “Scream” fame
40. Morally degraded
42. Lt.’s subordinate
43. Weed a.k.a. dyer’s woad
45. Nervous (2 words)
47. Rubber substitute, acr.
48. Broom of twigs
50. Wild plum
52. *Short-lived whirlwind (2 words)
56. Philip Roth’s “The Human ____”
57. Additional
58. Driver’s spare
59. Church songs
60. Biology lab supply
61. Pac Man’s blue ghost
62. *H in HI
63. Slightly insane
64. ____pool or ____pit

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1. Come together
2. Smoothie bowl flavor
3. Two-masted sailing vessel
4. Broad-brimmed beachwear
5. ____ a play
6. Flora’s partner
7. H.S. math class
8. *Not sunny
9. Between larva and adult
10. Enthusiasm
11. Split lentils dish
13. Roman statesman, Nero’s advisor
14. Open up
19. Three
22. “Send help!” acronym
23. Make change
24. “Inside Out 2” main character
25. Actor Owen
26. Between Phi and Kappa
27. Like some sausages
28. Cake cover
29. *What storm pursuers do
32. *” ____ as Ice” by Foreigner
33. Feel regret
36. *Condensation-starting point (2 words)
38. Church assembly
40. Stock regulator, acr.
41. Herpes ____, a.k.a. shingles
44. Not odds
46. Nauseant
48. Battle of the ____, 1944-1945 German offensive
49. Literary composition
50. Eyelid affliction
51. Tibetan monk
52. Like Beethoven
53. Climbing plant
54. Irritates
55. Grazing lands
56. “Zip it!”

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Green, Jamonte C., 24, Murfreesboro, guilty of defective lights, fined \$145; guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$800; guilty of fleeing, fined \$600; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,095 and license suspended for six months
Guidry, Haleigh Nicole, 30, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Pipkins, Andrew C., 35, Kirby, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,095 and license suspended for six months
Sharp, James M., 24, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345
Welch, Christopher D., 35, Murfreesboro, \$240 BF, livestock permit to run at large

ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION
Brooks, Donald Ray Jr., 64, Hope, \$220 BF, vessel operations and equipment requirements
Brown, Kolby N., 18, Hope, guilty of no safety lanyard cutoff switch
Byrd, Margaret C., 65, Nashville, \$220 BF, insufficient PFD
Clinton, Kade M., 21, Texarkana, Texas, \$220 BF, no running light
Dalton, Darren L., 27, Texarkana, \$220 BF, no safety lanyard cutoff switch
Giles, Sharon A., 58, Keithsville, La., \$320 BF, fishing without license
Greenwood, Mathew H., 39, Prescott, \$220 BF, over capacity on boat
Harrison, Caden, 21, McKinney, Texas, \$320 BF, fishing without license
Maroon, Abigail L., 21, Delight, \$220 BF, glass container on river
Morris, Victoria E., 25, Haughton, La., \$220 BF, glass container on river
Polestra, Jacob L., 20, Texarkana, Texas, \$320 BF, fishing without license
Ruiz, Roberto, 23, Glenwood, \$620 BF, non resident possessing resident license
Sally, Russell A., 46, Keatchie, La., \$220 BF, no running lights
Spencer, Matthew D., 33, Benton, \$220 BF, over capacity boat
Thomas, Robert S., 53, Benton, La., \$220 BF, glass container on river
Tigue Rodney C., 28, Glenwood, guilty of no running lights; guilty of DWI#2, fined \$1,630, sentenced to seven days in jail, license suspended and must compete DWI educational course
Torres, Zenon Galero, 31, Hope, \$220 BF, fishing without license
White, Bryan W., 40, Bossier City, La., \$220 BF, no safety lanyard cutoff switch

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DR-24-59 -- Michelle Ortiz, vs. Billie Hunter, custody, June 26
DR-24-60 -- Chassidy Newsom, s. Michael Newsom, order of protection, June 26
DR-24-61 -- Kristen Bonner, vs. Grayson Bonner, divorce, July 2
DR-24-62 -- Autumn Bromley, vs. Dakota Bromley, order of protection, July 8
DR-24-63 -- April Cooper Turner, vs. Jimmy Turner, divorce, July 10
DR-24-64 -- Misty Wilson, vs. Rachael Stewart, order of protection, July 12
DR-24-65 -- Megan Wheeler, vs. Christopher Wheeler, divorce, July 12
DR-24-66 -- Jason Morris, vs. Jana Morris, divorce, July 18

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CV-24-39 -- State of Arkansas, vs. Derek

Abernathy, property forfeiture, June 25
CV-24-40 -- CKS Prime Investments LLC., vs. Kevin R. Spurling, debt collection, July 3
CV-24-41 -- LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Timothy Stubbs, debt collection, July 5
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CV-24-43 -- John Deere Financial FSB, vs. Garrett Frachiseur, contract/other, July 10
CV-24-44 --Arvest Bank ET AL., vs Ryan Duggan ET AL., mortgage foreclosure, July 11
CV-24-45 -- DNF Associates LLC., vs. Linney Calderon, debt collection, July 15
CV-24-46 --LVNV Funding LLC., vs Cynthia Rateliff, debt collection, July 18
CV-24-47 -- Crown Asset Management LLC., vs. B Hunter and T Smith, civil/other, July 18

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Robert A. Brandon, 58, Glenwood, Kimberly A. Weeks, 51, Glenwood, June 14
Anthony Lloyd Brewer, 24, Glenwood, Amy Dawn Sorrells, 24, Glenwood, June 26
Austen Elliot Myrkle, 18, Murfreesboro, Lindsey Ashton Baugher, 26, Murfreesboro, June 27
Stephen Austin Vaught, 30, Nashville, Vanessa Ivonne Frances, 27, Nashville, June 28
Carlos Jose Ponce, 20, Amity, Josie Ann Marie Upton, 18, Amity, July 12
Donald Ray Marks, 54, Hooks, Texas, Theresa Catherine Marks, 50, Hooks, Texas, July 17
Bison Dre Reed, 20, Hamlin, Texas, Laura Danielle Cottrell, 25, Hamlin, Texas, July 17

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The parcels will be sold to the highest bidder, provided that such bid is equal to at least the total amount of taxes, penalty, interest, and costs due as certified to the Commissioner of State Lands. The full purchase price must be paid immediately following the sale. Payment can be made with a personal or business check, cashier's check, money order, or credit/debit card. No cash payments will be accepted. The owner of record has until 4:00 p.m. CT on the last business day prior to the auction to redeem the property. All sales are final. The purchaser will receive a Limited Warranty Deed for the property from the Commissioner of State Lands. The title conveyed by the Commissioner of State Lands is not clear title nor a fully warranted title. The Commissioner of State Lands does not guarantee or warrant clear or merchantable title to the property sold. The original owner, assigns, or heirs have a ninety (90) day period during which the validity of the sale may be contested in court.

The Commissioner of State Lands strongly suggests that potential bidders perform their own research on the property listed below to determine its suitability for their uses, the status of the title, the existence of liens, and other tax assessments that may be due, but not collected by the Commissioner of State Lands. The sale of the parcel does not extinguish any lien for delinquent improvement district assessments or relieve the purchaser of liability for delinquent improvement district assessments.

Copies of the complete rules and regulations for the sale of tax delinquent parcels are available from the Commissioner of State Lands Office, 500 Woodlane Street, Suite 109, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or www.cosl.org.

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3144. BARRETT, ANDREW PT NW1/4 SW1/4 BEGIN AT THE SE CORNER OF SAID NW1/4 SW1/4; THENCE N29°12'03" WEST ALONG A FENCE, A DISTANCE OF 629.62 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N83°29'00" WEST ALONG A FENCE, A DISTANCE OF 242.85 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF HOBBS ADAMS ROAD; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF HOBBS ADAMS ROAD A DISTANCE OF 174 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 346 FEET TO AN OLD FENCE LINE; THENCE NORTH ALONG OLD FENCE LINE A DISTANCE OF 174 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING 30 5S 23W 1.15 ACRES PARCEL #00100297001 CODE: 11 2019 TAX DUE \$1,377.01
3145. COFFMAN, JAY SHANE & CRYSTAL PT NE1/4 NE1/4 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID 40 ACRE TRACT AT A POINT WHERE SAID WEST LINE INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF ROCK CREEK SALEM PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 294 FEET; THENCE EAST 150 FEET; THENCE SOUTH TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID ROCK CREEK SALEM PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE WESTERLY WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID ROCK CREEK SALEM PUBLIC ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING 15 5S 24W 1.00 ACRE PARCEL #00101698000 CODE: 23 2019 TAX DUE \$2,409.63
3146. DOUGLASS, DAVID W. PT N1/2 NE1/4 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE 1026.69' SOUTH OF THE NE CORNER OF SAID N½ NE¼ FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 146.67'; THENCE WEST 2640' TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID N½ NE¼; NORTH 146.67'; THENCE EAST 2640' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING 20 8S 23W 8.89 ACRES PARCEL #00100673000 CODE: 12 2019 TAX DUE \$254.77
3147. KELLEY, MARK ALEN & MONICA SUE LOT 10 O A FEATHERSTON ADDITION MURFREESBORO 8 8S 25W 0.17 ACRES PARCEL #90000304000 CODE: 51 2019 TAX DUE \$1,476.21
3148. SHINKLE, JUANICE & GARY LYN PT N1/2 NE LYING SOUTH AND ADJACENT TO HWY 70 10 6S 25W 1.50 ACRES PARCEL #00103859000 CODE: 31 2019 TAX DUE \$532.25

Local 'Shop with a Cop' program announces account for donations

An account has been set up for Shop With A Cop at First State Bank of Pike County. The public is invited to make a donation to this cause that will benefit local children in need this December. Local law enforcement officers will participate in the shopping for Christmas gifts.