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## Rattler football sets preseason schedule

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

- August 10 -- Media Day 8 a.m.- 11 a.m.
- August 16 -- Rattler Rally 7 p.m.

Rattler Stadium for media day pictures which involves Sr. High football, Jr. High football, Sr. High cheerleaders and Jr. High cheerleaders

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](mailto:brad.chesshir@rattlers.org).



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**PIKE COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD ...** The Pike County Equalization Board has opened their 2024 session. If you need to make an appointment, please contact the County Clerk's office at (870) 285-2743. The last day to make an appointment is August 19th. Board members include (L to R): Lisa Harvill, Ronnie Whisenhunt, Jason Robbins and Gary Wofford. Not pictured is Heather Vaughn.

## 2024 holiday craft fair taking applications

MURFREESBORO -- Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Murfreesboro Holiday Craft Sale.

The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building Community Room.

Participants will be utilize 10 x 10 spaces and applications can be obtained by contacting organizer Robin Cox on facebook at [www.facebook.com/robin.princecallahan](http://www.facebook.com/robin.princecallahan) or by visiting the event's page at [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093543717628&mibextid=LQQJ4d](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093543717628&mibextid=LQQJ4d).

Cox said there was a limited number of spaces so no holding of booths without approved application and that no multi-level marketing businesses will accepted, such as Mary Kay, Tupperware, Scentsy, etc. and that all items for sale must be made, baked, cooked, canned, preserved or harvested by the individuals renting the booths.

Cox added there was an outside chance that more space could be available for vendors if the effort is able to utilize additional space nearby, but that was still undermined at this point in time.

Concessions are planned to be available for purchase at the event.

## MusicFest lineup announced for Delight Sept. 28

DELIGHT -- The Delight Music Fest has announced its entertainment schedule for the upcoming event set for Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Delight City Park.

The gates will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the park for the event. In addition to the live music offerings, vendors, food, bounce houses, train rides and raffle drawings will also be offered.

Admission will be \$5 for all attendees 12 years and older, \$2 for ages 5-11 and free for ages four and under.

Vendors interested in being a part of the festivities can get more information by calling Vincent Henry at (870) 723-5447.

The bands participating will be:

- 10-10:45 a.m. -- Open Mic to public
- 11-11:45 a.m. -- Marlin Taylor
- 12:15-1 p.m. -- Third Channel
- 1:30-2:15 p.m. -- Clark Campbell
- 3:15-4:30 p.m. -- Bear Creek Boys
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. -- David Garcia
- 6:15-7:30 p.m. -- Pike 6
- 8:00-9:30 p.m. -- Billstown

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## South Pike County Schools prep for return of students

MURFREESBORO -- As the calendar flips to August, the South Pike County School District is prepared to welcome students back from the summer break.

Students will return to campus on Thursday, Aug. 15, with open houses at the schools set for Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 5-7 p.m.

In the meantime, teachers are making final preparations for the 2024-2025 school year starting this Thursday, Aug. 8 with inservice options, then with all employees on campus beginning Monday, Aug. 12.

School Superintendent Tanya Wilcher said the district was "excited to get back" after a summer that was "quick ... but productive and busy, which kinda made it go faster."

Wilcher denoted the progress of the baseball and softball fields near campus, as well as improvements to the track facilities that included the eradication of the "snake pit" low area behind the pole vault pit. Extra dirt was added to the area as well as improved culvert system and rerouting water in coordination with Pike County and Judge Eddie Howard.

While noting there won't be a "new" track, the current track area will be graded for improvement before the spring semester along with the addition of a storage building to house the mats that were purchased last school year.

Teachers have been on staff training and prepping for new curriculum offerings including English Language Arts that began for a few grades last school year but will now encompass grades K-8. Additionally, the sciences will see new curriculum.

"The teachers are really excited, because they've not had new textbooks and things in like 10-12 years in some cases," Wilcher stated.

The remainder of the floor tiles have also been removed, leaving the polished concrete in its stead, paid for with Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds.

"It will save us down the road, but its also a huge mess to get where we needed to get," Wilcher said with a laugh.

The robotics program, which was previously offered to younger students, will now be expanded to the high school level and classes in game design will also be offered, now allowing students to earn completer status in the computer sciences during the course of their school careers at Murfreesboro.

Traci Jones was named the new cross country coach to replace the departing coach Kevin Alexander, while Mark Wiley has reported that he has his largest tennis team in years.

Wilcher is investigating the possibility of obtaining grants funds to resurface the Murfreesboro tennis courts later this fall at the old city park. The courts have not been worked on in the past nine and a half years.

An effort to restore a parent-teacher organization (PTO) is also ongoing for the upcoming school year.

"It's been years since we've had [a PTO]," Wilcher stated, noting that an interest table would be set up for parents at the upcoming open house.

The school is also working with Dawson Co-Op to reestablish the ABC program. Wilcher confirmed that the Pre-K Head Start programs in both Delight and Murfreesboro that were under CADC control will not be reopened.

"I would love for both communities to have the ABC program, which has traditionally just been on an existing school campus. It is the long range goal [of Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders] for all children to attend pre-K schooling and for all public schools to have a

**SCHOOL Continued on Page 2**



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**BENEFIT ANNOUNCED ...** Kirby resident Carl Harmon, pictured above with wife Rhonda, will be the beneficiary of funds raised during an August 17 benefit at Kirby Schools. Harmon was recently diagnosed with liver cancer.

## Benefit set for Pike County resident diagnosed with cancer

*Editor's Note: The date of the benefit was incorrectly reported in last week's Diamond. Please note the correct date for this important event.*

KIRBY -- A benefit for Carl Harmon of Kirby will be held Saturday, August 17, at the Kirby School cafeteria and pavilion.

Harmon, along with his wife, Rhonda, are the owners of Kirby Quick Stop and Diamond Lakes Adventures.

Harmon was recently diagnosed with liver cancer, and all proceeds of the benefit will go toward treatments and doctor visits.

"This family is so generous and selflessly gives back to the community all the time. It is time we give back to them," said event organizers.

The benefit will have live music starting at 3:30 p.m., the meal will be served at 5 p.m., followed by a live auction that starts at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Shanna Mack-Coleman, Karen Baker, B.J. Donaldson or Lisa Miller at (870) 356-8746.

### '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.





Staff photos



**FLOOD CONTROL ...** The City of Murfreesboro's drainage project saw progress recently on Maple Street as the attempt to reroute ground water is ongoing.

### City to hold meeting on park expansion ideas

MURFREESBORO -- The City of Murfreesboro has scheduled a public meeting Monday, August 12 at 6:15 p.m. in City Hall to discuss plans to apply for a Fun Park grant for the City Park. The city is discussing an expansion of the park and what is offered.

## Murfreesboro to host broadband meeting August 31

LITTLE ROCK -- The Arkansas State Broadband Office has announced they will host broadband town hall meetings throughout the state from August 20 through August 31. The meeting for Pike County is set for 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 31 in Murfreesboro, which will also include attendees from Howard and Montgomery Counties. The office will present the latest updates regarding the next round of broadband infrastructure grants (funded through the BEAD Program), with a focus on information for grassroots stakeholders (such as timelines and processes), including immediate action items for local officials (letters of support and how they work). The office will also distribute a contact list of internet service providers (ISPs) operating in and around each county, with the intent of having local officials contact ISPs to build relationships, gauge interest in BEAD, etc. State, county, and local officials, as well as county broadband committee members, ISPs, business owners, nonprofits, and interested residents are encouraged to attend.

# Obituaries

## Bobby Wayne Flaherty, 70, Nathan

Bobby Wayne Flaherty, age 70, of Nathan, passed away on Friday, July 5, 2024 at his home. He was born July 31, 1953 to the late Bob and Mary Flaherty in Nashville. Bobby is survived by his fiancée Christy O'Neal; son, Travis Bostic of Murfreesboro and Christian Pate; one step daughter, Lynda Brown (Jesse), one brother, Michael Flaherty of Nathan, one nephew, Shaun Flaherty (Marcie) of Hot Springs and many friends and relatives. A celebration of life was held on August 3, at the Community Center in Murfreesboro.

## Kenneth Ross Davis, 70, Murfreesboro

Kenneth Ross Davis, age 70 of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024. He was born in on November 23, 1953 in Hot Springs, to the late Edmond Davis and Ethel Cogburn Davis. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Debbie Davis and one brother, Mac Davis. Survivors include two children, Sheldon Bostic and Michelle Travis; four sisters, Edwina Davis, Patsy Webb, Susie Davis and Kathy Harmon; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2024 at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro. Graveside services were held on Friday, August 2 in Pleasant Home Cemetery near Murfreesboro.

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**HOUSE CALL**

**Dr. Daniel Knight** is a professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

**Q: I see these commercials about tardive dyskinesia. What is it?**

**A:** Tardive dyskinesia (TD) is one of a group of nervous system conditions that result in involuntary muscle movements. "Tardive" means late or delayed, while "dyskinesia" is the reference to involuntary movements. Mental Health America estimates that 500,000 people in the U.S. are affected by the condition. TD is a side effect of taking certain medications that treat issues such as mental illness, neurological disorders or stomach problems. These medicines block dopamine, a brain chemical that helps muscle movement. However, the condition may not present itself immediately. In some instances, symptoms of TD may not appear until after a year or more of taking the medications.

Symptoms of TD include rapid eye blinking, wiggling of fingers, frowning, lip smacking or tapping of feet. Less common issues related to TD are problems breathing, difficulty swallowing or irreversible facial changes such as drooping eyelids. TD is more common in women or older adults, although anyone taking these medications could develop the condition. Lowering medication dosage or changing the medication for the specific issue is one method of treating TD. Medications also may be prescribed to help relieve TD symptoms. Physical or speech therapy may be another option. Contact your health care provider to develop a treatment plan.

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# Fishing for a good time at the Pike County Fair

BY CODIE MCALISTER  
*Pike County Extension Agent-Agriculture*

MURFREESBORO -- County fairs are a large part of rural areas in the United States, and it's no different here in Pike County.

Youth enrolled in 4-H or an FFA chapter can exhibit their best livestock. You can also enter in fruits and vegetables, canned goods, paintings, quilts, art, and so many other things.

However, for some youth, they want to participate in the showing of livestock ... but they just don't have a way.

Last year during the 2023 Pike County fair, the first Pike County Fair Fish Show was held by Pike County Extension and Pike County 4-H. The idea came from Sevier County Fair in DeQueen where youth are allowed to bring fish in an aquarium or fishbowl to exhibit in its own unique division. This gives opportunities for those who may not be able to show one of the larger animals.

The show is open to youth ages 5-19 enrolled in either Pike County 4-H (free to join) or a Pike County FFA Chapter. After registering ahead of time, the youth will bring their fish in, set it down on a table according to its species (goldfish, beta, etc.) and will then stand away from

the fish. A judge will come in and place the fish based on its appearance just like a judge would do for livestock. There will also be a separate fun class where the judge chooses the most creative decorated tank/bowl.

After the show, the youth will then take their fish home. As we say in the livestock show world, it's a show and go!

Youth can expect to win ribbons and prizes that will help them continue caring for their fish. The show is just for fun and no fair points or money will be awarded. Prizes will be purchased with funds donated by sponsors for the show. Last year's sponsors were United Ag and Turf-DeQueen and Turner Body Shop.

Rules for the Fish Show can be found on Pike County 4-H Facebook Page or by calling the office at (870) 285-2161.

For more on the Pike County Fair and Rodeo, see their website at [www.pikecountyfairandrodeo.com](http://www.pikecountyfairandrodeo.com).

Sign up for the Fish Show using by visiting this website: <https://forms.office.com/r/rgnjdpSmDe>.

If interested in participating, joining Pike County 4-H or sponsoring this year's prizes, contact the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161.

## Pike County Fair Fish Show

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**FISH SHOW ...** Pictured (left) is one example of the fish show entrants at the 2023 Pike County Fair, while (above) some of the contestants at last year's contest are pictured.

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## ‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

A “CAN-DO” ATTITUDE


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“I Can Do All Things” – Everything within righteous reason is possible with the right attitude.

“I Can Do All Things



Through” – There is a powerful source through which we can accomplish much. It is not beside of, over, or under – it is THROUGH.

“I Can Do All Things Through Christ” – Christ is the central force through whom all righteous things can be accomplished.

“I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens” It is Christ as our Savior, Redeemer, Mediator, High Priest, and King, who provides insurmountable strength to those who love Him!

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- 15. Soon, to Shakespeare
- 16. Sheltered, nautically
- 17. \*Abacus user, e.g.
- 18. \*School jacket-wearer
- 20. TV classic “Happy \_\_\_\_”
- 21. What hoarders do
- 22. Speech-preventing measure
- 23. \*Pencil end
- 26. Deep regret
- 30. Indian restaurant staple
- 31. What cobblers often do
- 34. Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
- 35. Embedded design
- 37. \_\_\_\_ Khan
- 38. Contending
- 39. \*Don’t forget to cross them
- 40. Plural of flora
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- 45. \*Rydell High School movie
- 47. Defensive one on the gridiron
- 48. Oodles
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- 52. \*It involves elements
- 56. Cuban dance
- 57. Burkina Faso neighbor
- 58. Opera solo
- 59. Boot-shaped European country
- 60. Oil org.
- 61. Review a service
- 62. Say “No!”
- 63. Animal’s nose

64. Perceives with an eye

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- 1. Jezebel’s idol
- 2. Beheaded Boleyn
- 3. Plunder
- 4. Certain rays
- 5. Plural of #1 Across
- 6. Part of an eye, pl.
- 7. Witnessed
- 8. \*Field of education
- 9. \_\_\_\_ Walker, American Girl doll
- 10. \*Inspiration for circular charts, pl.
- 11. Acronym, abbr.
- 13. Zimbabwe’s capital
- 14. Address to a woman
- 19. Nail salon file
- 22. Toothpaste type
- 23. \*Marks in English
- 24. Hindu queen
- 25. “Hannah and Her Sisters” director
- 26. End of line
- 27. Yogurt-based dip
- 28. \*Opposite side over hypotenuse, pl.
- 29. Bald symbol
- 32. \* \_\_\_\_ monitor
- 33. Bigheadedness
- 36. \*All-school get-together
- 38. Giuseppe \_\_\_\_ of opera fame
- 40. Temporary craze
- 41. Parthenogenetic
- 44. Recant or retract
- 46. \*English homework, pl.
- 48. \*Circle, e.g.
- 49. Paparazzi’s target
- 50. Remote control option
- 51. Middle Eastern sultanate
- 52. “Follow me!”
- 53. Genealogy plant
- 54. Agitate
- 55. Puppy barks
- 56. Antonym of keep

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Extension offers tax school at Hope, online

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In-person training will be offered in four cities, including:

Hope — Nov. 18-19, Hempstead Hall, 2500 S. Main St. *(Building opens and sign-in begins at 8:15 a.m. Class begins at 8:30 a.m.)*

• Virtual — Dec. 5-6 (online via Zoom)

*Books will be mailed; Zoom link emailed*

The cost of the two-day course is \$270 before Aug. 23, or \$310 after the priority registration deadline. Registration is available at <https://uaex.uada.edu/tax-school>.

William “Bill” Laird, a retired Internal Revenue Service agent, and Curtis Davis, a licensed, self-employed CPA with more than two decades of tax experience, will be the instructors. Both are experienced in preparing federal and Arkansas state income tax returns and in teaching others how to do so.

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PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

July 23, 2024  
BF=Bond Forfeited

**PIKE COUNTY**  
Azemas, Tyrone A., 41, Garland, Texas, \$367 BF, overweight  
Cogburn, Anthony Lloyd, 30, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,505 owed  
Cogburn, Jarrod N., 21, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$590 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
French, Pantera Josephine, 18, Hot Springs, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined 220; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Heady, Jerry W., 49, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325  
Williams, Samantha Lynn, 57, Madison, \$125 BF, driving left of center

**CITY OF MURFREESBORO**  
Fugutt, David, 45, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$810 owed; guilty of refusing to submit to chemical test, fined \$145; guilty of open container in vehicle, fined \$240; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225

**ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**  
Arismendez, Edward N., 42, Beeville, Texas, \$320 BF, fishing without license non-residential  
Berry, William J., 36, Haughton, La., \$220 BF, insufficient PFD

**BENCH TRIALS PIKE COUNTY**  
Golden, Lillie J., 58, Lockesburg, \$500 BF, abuse of athletic contest official  
Pendergast, Tommy, 29, Nashville, third-degree battery, under advisement to dismiss, fined \$480; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission  
Sulsbury, Brandi L., 29, Texarkana, no ski area, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss, fined \$220  
Ward, Douglas G., 59, Newhope, possession of controlled substance, under advisement for one year to dismiss, fined \$1,075

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MURFREESBORO'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS 'BACK TO SCHOOL BASH' ON AUGUST 4



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**GRADUATED ...** Brandon Copeland, who was hired as a police officer for the City of Murfreesboro last January, has completed his police academy training and was part of the graduation ceremony in Camden held last week on August 2.

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**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT ...** "Everyone On the Lawn" at the Ireland Hotel for the second round of their horse-shoe tournament series in Murfreesboro was held on July 27. James Burton is the two-time winner for the \$250 prize and a tourist newcomer claimed the \$150 second place prize (both pictured with hotel owner Gordon Hines). The community is invited to join the third and final round on Saturday, September 28 on the lawn at the Ireland Hotel. Check out the Little Shamrock Hotel Facebook page for more information.

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