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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. 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.



### 2024 holiday craft fair taking applications

MURFREESBORO -- Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Murfreesboro Holidav 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 or by visiting the event's page at www.facebook.com/ profile.php?id=100093543717628&mibextid=L

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

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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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.

# 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

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 Second-

ary 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 Al-

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exander, while Mark Wiley has reported that he has his largest tennis team in years.

Wilcher is investigating the possibility of obboro 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.

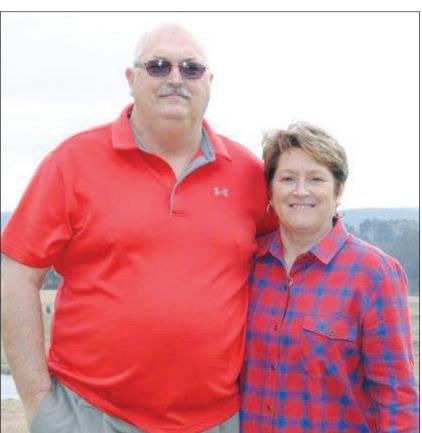
An effort to restore a parent-teacher organization (PTO) is also ongoing for the upcoming school year.

"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

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

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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 Sat-

urday, 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 pro-

ceeds 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

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.

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program. There just isn't the funding out there to hire the extra people, and we'll have to work through all the red tape to get there.'

An application can be found on the school website for parents interested in the ABC program at at drive.google.com/file/d/1bpC-CyonzWzSGVMUmQDlNuPM8x\_1H6J3/ view?usp=sharing.

The Murfreesboro Rattler football team was recently represented by four athletes -- Brody Maroon, Cash Lowery, Lathan Compton and Laytan Wilcher -- along with coach Brad Chesshir on the Arkansas Sports Network's inaugural Big Miller Football Media Days in Little Rock. The video can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7UZBjyWeZw, with MHS' portion beginning at 40:30.

"They did a really good job," Wilcher said of the boys being interviewed at the three day event. Conference members Mineral Springs and Junction City were also part of the event. "It was really neat."

Wilcher said one new rule at the elementary school concerning parents was the 10 unexcused absence rule that would result in submission to the authorities for truancy.

"People are thinking and freaking out what if my kid is throwing up that morning ... there will be some common sense. It will be ten days of unexcused absences. You don't have to go to the doctor for that to be excused. There will still be excused absences, you're just not going to get 15 [days] excused."

Elementary Principal James Riley added that should your child be sick for three days consecutive, it probably would be a good idea to go to the doctor and get an excuse.

However, both Riley and Wilcher agreed that only a handful of students ever approach the line, something less than 5% of the student population at MES.

## Two plead guilty to charges in court Monday

MURFREESBORO -- A Glenwood woman was sentenced to probation Monday in Pike County Circuit Court after she plead guilty to one of her original five charges.

Autumn Sample, 32, was sentenced to six years of probation, fined \$2,500 and must complete an outpatient program for one count of theft of property.

Sample had three separate felony cases filed against her in May which included three counts of theft of property, one count of residential burglary and one count of breaking or entering. The other charges were "nolle prosequi" which means the prosecution no longer wants to pursue the charges against the defendant.

The charges stem from thefts from her family in September

Also on Monday, Zachary Collins, 38, of Murfreesboro, plead not guilty to the charge of second-degree sexual assault and an Oct. 28 pretrial date was set.

Collins was charged and arrested the last week of July on suspicion of rape of a minor child from 2000 to 2005.

A 30-year-old Murfreesboro is expected to be official charged this week with three counts of distributing, possessing or viewing of matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a 13-year-old girl, according to Investigator Jason McDonald.

Brandon Kyle Parks is currently in custody in Pike County after making his first court appearance Monday. He is set to hire an attorney and return to court Aug. 12 for formal arraignment.

Parks' case involves a juvenile girl who sends nude pictures of herself to men. Parks was apparently one of many men the girl shared pictures with in 2023. Parks admitted the juvenile sent pictures to his phone but that he deleted them when he received them. The pictures were sent in December 20023 and were reportedly found on his phone in March 2024.

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# State education department provides grants to limit cell phone use in classrooms

STATE CAPITOL WEEK IN REVIEW Senator Steve Crowell

LITTLE ROCK - As the 2024-2025 school year begins, the state Education Department is making grants available to Arkansas school districts to help implement cell phone restrictions in the class-

Prohibiting or restricting cell phone use by students is complex, because they can be necessary for learning and doing

However, recent studies clearly indicate that the mental health of some young people can be adversely affected by the amount of time they spend every day watching a screen. Rather than socializing face-to-face with fellow students and teachers, they are immersed in social media. They can be more vulnerable to bullying, and their self-confidence can be fragile.

In early July the governor and the Education Secretary announced that the state would make grants available to local schools to alleviate the unfolding crisis "youth depression, anxiety and isolation" caused by excessive cell phone use among juveniles.

The grants can be used to pay for mental health services, via telehealth technology. It also is being used for secure pouches in which students lock away their cell phones during the day. Each pouch costs about \$30. Teachers and other school personnel will have special magnets that un-

According to a spokesman for the Education Department, more than 200 Arkansas school districts are interested in taking advantage of the grant program. Many schools already had policies limiting students' use of cell phones for nonacademic activities.

The enrollment in Arkansas schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade is about 475,000. In the upcoming school year an estimated 200,000 students will be in pilot programs that limit cell phone access during the day.

Accurately measuring results will be a key component of the policy to restrict cell phone, and that takes time. There are studies, and plenty of anecdotal evidence, indicating that students improve their academics if they're more engaged with their teacher and fellow students.

However, in order to fully measure any benefits from restricting cell phones, it will take at least one full school year and probably more to compile changes in test scores. The effect on students' mental health is even more difficult to accurately

Therefore, the pilot program includes

an ongoing survey by the Office of Education Policy at the University of Arkansas to examine how restrictions on cell phones affect the mental health of students. The theory is that limiting young people's exposure to social media will improve their mental health.

School districts that have already limited cell phones in classrooms report positive results, not just in academics but also in student behavior. Some school districts will begin by limiting cell phones in middle schools because that is when many students get their first devices, and begin forming online habits.

#### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

School districts implement a policy every year for collecting money from students for lunches and snacks. It is not as simple as it may appear at first glance because some students get behind in their payments, and schools must continue to provide them with the same meals that all students get.

Schools may not stigmatize students who are behind in payments, such as by making them wear wrist bands. School nutrition policies must comply with Act 428 of 2019, the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act.



CONSUMED BY FIRE ... A home on Highway 19 outside Murfreesboro was destroyed by a fire on Sunday. Murfreesboro, Delight and Nathan Fire departments attended the scene.

### Local man dies in single vehicle accident in Hempstead County

HEMPSTEAD COUNTY -- A Pike County man was killed in an early morning wreck on Highway 355 in Hempstead County on Wednesday, July 31.

Kenneth Ross Davis, 70, of Murfreesboro died in the crash. According to the preliminary report from the Arkansas State Police, Davis was driving a 2017 Peterbilt loaded with logs southbound on Highway 355 between Saratoga and McNab when he left the roadway and overturned. He was pronounced at the scene by Hempstead County Coroner David Peters.

The wreck occurred at 3:30 a.m. and State Trooper Akari Alexander reported conditions were clear and dry at the time.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Taking sealed bids starting July 31st till August 9th at 430 pm. Items include 2 black bar height barstools, double sided oak bookcase, oak U-shaped desk with hutch, oak reception desk (2 person). Can be seen at Pike County Assessor's Office or pictures on request till August 9th Bids may be turned in to the Judges office or the Assessor's office. Right to refusal of any bids reserved.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM HAROLD PIPKINS 55 PR-23-49

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Date of death: January 2, 2022

Eugene Pipkins was appointed the Administrator of the Estate of William Harold Pipkins, by order dated November 7, 2023 . All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit This notice first published the 31st. day of July, 2024

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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.

# 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 fiancee 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, Ĵuly 31, 2024. He was born in on November 23, 1953 in Hot Springs, to the late Edmond Davis and Ethel Cogburn Da-

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 1:30p.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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# 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.

At each meeting, the broadband office will present the latest BEAD updates and conduct a comprehensive Q&A session. Office staff will also be on hand to assist residents with understanding and using the new Arkansas State Broadband Map, which can be viewed at register.broadband.arkansas.gov/ register/bead/map?\_ga=2.103071432.979169879.1722795534-832721824.1664313904

Interested participants are asked to register to attend one (or more) of the town hall meetings using the Google Form at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaBvpuXRcMIUMgi144bm2ElAiyuYpxqp6k2k91\_gu4KJAQQ/viewform. Address locations for each meeting will be emailed to registrants once finalized.

As a note, stakeholders from around the state will also receive targeted invitations based upon county groupings, as we'll cover county-specific data in each meeting. For your reference, the full list of county groupings is linked at www.arkansasedc.com/ docs/default-source/miscellaneous/town-hall-meetings\_county-groupings.pdf?sfvrsn=39ff58c9\_1/Town-Hall-Meetings\_ County-Groupings.pdf.

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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.

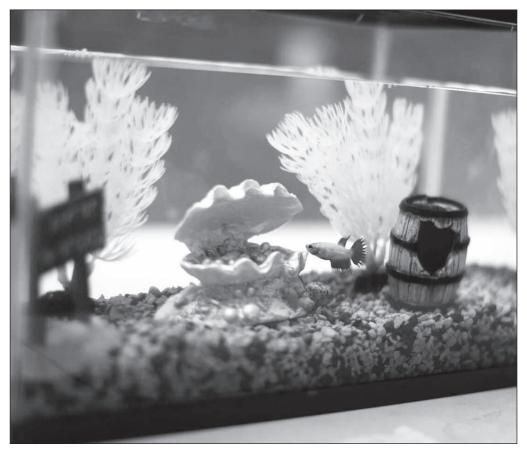
Rules for the Fish Show can be found on Pike County 4-H Facebook Page or by calling the office at (870) 285-2161.

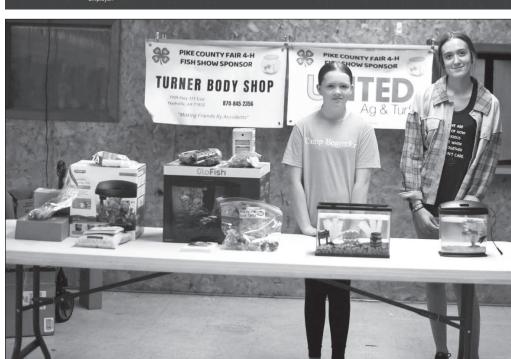
For more on the Pike County Fair and Rodeo, see their website at www.pikecountyfairandrodeo.com.

Sign up for the Fish Show using by visiting this website: https://forms.office.com/r/rgn-jdpSmDe.

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.







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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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By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

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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.

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-Jason Hart, Via Bulletin Gold

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Soothing concoction
- 5. \*The Magic School ride
- 8. Mama's husband 12. Dwarf buffalo
- 13. Moneyed one
- 14. "M\*A\*S\*H" extra
- 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
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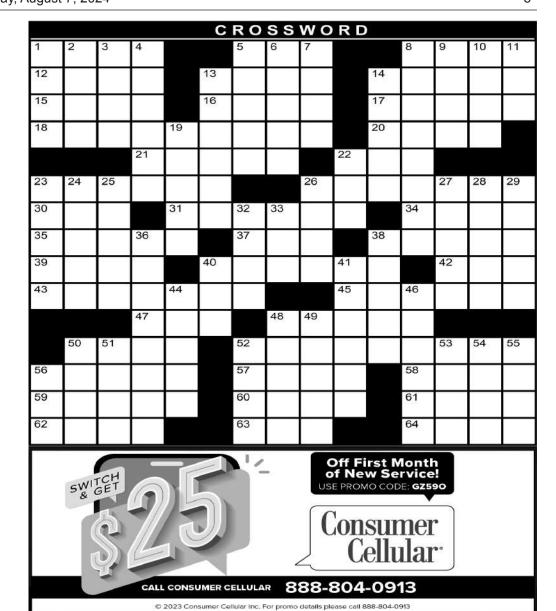
- 39. \*Don't forget to cross them
- 40. Plural of flora
- 42. Rolodex abbr.
- 43. Sultry or carnal 45. \*Rydell High School movie
- 47. Defensive one on the gridiron
- 48. Oodles
- 50. \*Some PTA members? 52. \*It involves elements
- 56. Cuban dance
- 57. Burkina Faso neighbor 58. Opera solo
- 59. Boot-shaped European country
- 60. Oil org. 61. Review a service
- 62. Say "No!"
- 63. Animal's nose

64. Perceives with an eye

#### **DOWN**

- 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
- \_\_ 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
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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

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**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

#### BF, driving left of center **CITY OF MURFREESBORO**

Fugutt, David, 45, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$810 owed; guilty of refusing to

Williams, Samantha Lynn, 57, Madison, \$125

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, thirddegree 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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HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT ... "Everyone On the Lawn" at the Ireland Hotel for the second round of their horseshoe 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 Motel Facebook page for more information.

# Program helps 'Our Kids' Donations accepted at FSB in M'boro

Our Kids is a project that helps the kids and teachers of our community. An account has been opened at First State Bank in Murfreesboro. A committee of local citizens oversees the use of the funds. Since its creation, this fund has assisted in providing shoes and clothing to students, assistance in purchasing a letterman jacket, paying fees for two girls to participate in mini cheer camp, and provided Christmas for four children on the Angel Tree. Anyone needing to reach the Our Kids committee may do so by e-mailing ourkids@rattlers.org.

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