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Rattler Rally set for Friday at stadium

MURFREESBORO -- As school is immanently beginning this Thursday, the Murfreesboro Rattlers are preparing to kick off the 2024 sea-

This Friday, Aug. 16 the Rattler Rally will be held ay 7 p.m. in Rattler Stadium. The football team will start the new school year in style with performances by the Rattler football teams, cheerleaders and the Rattler band.



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

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

Benefit set for Kirby resident with cancer

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

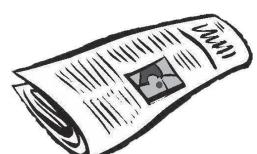
Harmon, along with his wife, Rhonda, are the owners of Kirby Quick Stop and Diamond Lakes Adventures.

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 orga-

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.



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FATHER/SON DIAMOND FIND ... Will and Marshall Bennett of Buckeye, Arizona put the cherry on top of a father-son trip to Murfreesboro by finding the two-carat "Minor Find" diamond at the Crater of Diamonds State Park on July 27.

Arizona man finds two-carat diamond at Crater

Discovery ranks as largest diamond find of 2024

MURFREESBORO -- There is nothing better than memories made while spending quality time with family.

For Will and Marshall Barnett, of Buckeye, Arizona, a recent father-and-son trip to Arkansas' famous Crater of Diamonds State Park resulted in the story of a lifetime and the secondlargest diamond registered so far this year.

The Barnetts set out on a "boys' week" road trip from their home in late July, their main goal to visit family and have fun along the way. After learning about the Crater of Diamonds State Park from his uncle, who worked as a park interpreter at another Arkansas State Park, Will decided to stop by Arkansas' diamond site to

try their luck at finding a genuine diamond. Will and Marshall arrived at the park on the morning of July 27, buckets and shovels inhand. After renting screens at the park's Diamond Discovery Center, the two entered the park's 37.5-acre diamond search area, a plowed field atop the eroded surface of an ancient, diamond-bearing volcano, to start digging. After filling a few buckets with diamond-bearing soil, they headed to the park's south wash pavilion to wet sift their dirt.

"Wet sifting is one of the most effective methods to search for diamonds," said Park Interpreter Ashlyn Keys. "The search area has two wash pavilions, with water troughs and tables, for visitors to wet sift. Using screens to separate dirt from the gravel allows you to go through more material in less time, giving a better chance of finding a diamond."

While sifting, Will spotted a promising,

glimmering gem at the bottom of his screen. He quickly called over his son, saying, "Hey Marshall, you should take a look at this!" Marshall excitedly picked out the large stone before asking an experienced miner nearby if they had iust found a diamond.

Early that afternoon, the Barnetts brought their find to the park's Diamond Discovery Center, where staff confirmed that it was a large diamond. Park Superintendent Caleb Howell said, "While examining the diamond, I looked out the office window and asked Mrs. Keys who the finders were, then said, 'Wait, let me guess: they're the ones shaking with excite-

"You could tell they knew they had found something special from the smiles on their faces," said Keys

The beautiful two-carat diamond is rectangular in shape, about the size of a pencil eraser, with a light brown color resembling iced tea. "The first thing I noticed was two large facets that really shined when the light hit them just right," Howell said.

Many visitors choose to name the diamonds they find at Crater of Diamonds State Park. As frequent gold panners, Will and Marshall came up with the name "Minor Find," as Will often calls his son a "minor-miner." Will says of their visit, "It's worth looking, even if you don't find

The "Minor Find" is the 412th diamond registered at the park this year and the 36,500th diamond registered since Crater of Diamonds became an Arkansas State Park in 1972. On average, park visitors find one or two diamonds each day.

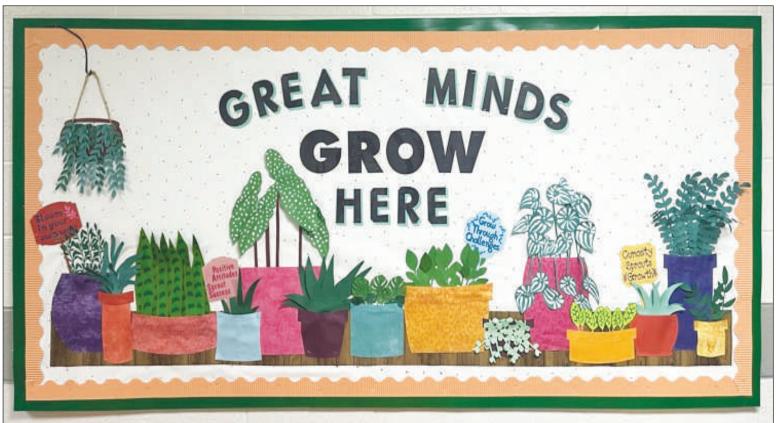
QUICK FACTS ABOUT CRATER OF DIAMONDS STATE PARK

Diamonds come in all colors of the rainbow. The three most common colors found at Crater of Diamonds State Park are white, brown and yellow, in that order.

In total, over 75,000 diamonds have been unearthed at the Crater of Diamonds since the first diamonds were discovered in 1906 by John Huddleston, a farmer who owned the land long before it became an Arkansas State Park in 1972.

The largest diamond ever discovered in the United States was unearthed in 1924 during an early mining operation on the land that later became Crater of Diamonds State Park. Named the Uncle Sam, this white diamond with a pink cast weighed 40.23 carats. It was later cut into a 12.42-carat emerald shape. The Uncle Sam is now part of the Smithsonian's mineral and gem collection and can be seen at the National Museum of Natural History.

Another well-known diamond from the park is the Strawn-Wagner. Found in 1990 by Murfreesboro resident Shirley Strawn, this 3.03-carat white gem was cut into a round brilliant shape weighing 1.09 carats. It graded as ideal cut, D-colorless and flawless and was set in a platinum and 24-carat gold ring. In 1998, the state of Arkansas purchased this diamond for \$34,700 in donations and placed it on permanent display at the park visitor center.



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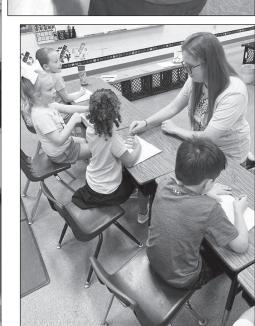
WELCOME BACK ... With students set to return to campus on Thursday, South Pike County Schools have been prepping for their arrival, including new bulletin boards, like the one pictured above, at Murfreesboro High School designed by Tarah Gentry.

Call (870) 285-2723 For More Information



KINDERGARIEN ROUND-UP Incoming Kindergartners at Murfreesboro Elementary School were recently treated to an exploration of a school day. including visiting the playground, classroom time and a snack in the cafeteria to help them be ready







FIRST WALK ... Continuing the tradition of the Kindergarten First Walk at Murfreesboro Elementary School, the public is invited to join the cheering of the school's new Kindergarteners as they take their first steps into the elementary in 2024. A live stream of the event will also be available on the school's social media pages.

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Woman dies following accident in Kirby

KIRBY -- An Athens, Ala., woman has died from injuries suffered during a crash Thursday, Aug. 8 in Kirby.

Julie Faye Keith, 61, succumbed to her injuries two days after the wreck that happened at the Highway 70 and Highway 27

According to the Arkansas State Police, Keith was traveling east in a Toyota Corolla on Highway 70 and failed to yield the right of way, drove into the intersection and into the path of a Kenworth commercial truck that was traveling north on High-

The accident was reported around 1:40 p.m.

ASP Cpl. David Hamilton reported conditions were clear and

dry at the time of the accident. MONTGOMERY COUNTY CRASH

A Hot Springs man was killed Aug. 10 in a one-vehicle accident on Cedar Creek Road off Union Hill Road in rural Montgomery County.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Draw For Ballot Positions

The Pike County Election Commission will meet Friday, August 23rd, at 1:00 p.m. to draw for ballot positions for the November 5th, 2024 General Election. This meeting will be held in the Pike County Clerk's Office at 112 N. Washington, Suite A in Murfreesboro. All candidates are invited to attend

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Jade Michael Davis, 20, died in the wreck.

Davis was reportedly traveling north on Cedar Creek Road, which is a dirt road, when he lost control os his Honda CRV and left the roadway and rolled over.

ASP Trooper Tate Ledbetter reported conditions were dry at the time of the accident.

PUBLIC NOTICE JOB OPENING

The Murfreesboro Water Department will accepting application for a secretary / bookkeeper for the next 30 days through Sept. 14, 2024. Call Randy at (870) 285-1855 for applications.

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he Home Liquidation as a "storage unit".. Lots of good stuff in this one!!! **Below is a partial list.** In addition to the home liquidation, 59 Mini Storage will have a couple of Storage Unit's that will be auctioned. These units will be sold as a unit, the entire content of the unit will be sold as one item. This will be in addition to the

Home Liauidation auction.

Horne Liquidation auction.

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Second defendant sentenced in pharmacy robbery

MURFREESBORO -- The second of three defendants involved in the 2018 break-in at Phil's Pharmacy in Glenwood was sentenced Monday in Pike County Circuit Court.

Christopher Ray Ballard, 40, of Dallas, Texas, plead guilty to the charges of commercial burglary, theft of property and first-degree criminal mischief. Ballard also initially faced charges of possession of a Schedule I or II controlled substance and misdemeanor possessing an instrument of crime but those charges were dismissed Monday.

Ballard was sentenced to a total of 35 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with his sentence to run concurrently with a recent Texas conviction.

The break-in at Phil's took place on Oct. 30, 2018 and was foiled by a tracking device placed in one of the medication bottles stolen from the business. Another defendant, Christopher O'Brian Sanders, has already been sentenced for his role in the break-in while Tony Undra Solomon's case has yet to go to court.

Also Monday, Michael Simpson, 42, of Pearcy, plead guilty to conspiracy to deliver methamphetamine while a count of delivery of a controlled substance was dismissed. Simpson was sentenced 20 years in the ADC with eight years suspended. He was

credited for time served

James Richard Granger, 36, of Mineral Springs, plead "no contest" to the charge of internet stalking of a child under 14. He was sentenced to 20 years in the ADC with five yers suspended.

Brian Keith Smith, 32, of Murfreesboro, plead "true" to the charge of violating the terms of his probation. He was sentenced to six years in the ADC with three years suspended.

CHARGES FILED

Christopher L. Wright, 39, of Murfreesboro, was charged Aug. 8 with possession of a firearm by a certain person and theft by receiving. He plead not guilty to the charges Monday and his bond was set at \$20,000. A Dec. 2 pretrial was set.

Wright was arrested on Aug. 5 and found to be in possession of a gun reported stolen out of Hot Springs.

Three counts of distributing, possessing or viewing of matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child were officially filed Monday against Brandon Parks, 30, of Murfreesboro. Parks' bond was set at \$50,000 and he will return to court Sept. 9 with an attorney to enter a plea. A Dec. 2 pretrial date was set for the case.

Delinquent tax land to be auctioned in Mena

LITTLE ROCK -- Commissioner of State Lands Tommy Land announced that his office will auction tax-delinquent parcels located in Howard, Montgomery, Pike, Polk and Sevier Counties on August 20

The regional auction begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Avalon Keep Botanical Gardens, 4671 AR-8 in Mena. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

"Regional auctions proved popular among our buyers last year, and we are continuing that process this year," Commissioner of State Lands Tommy Land said. "This allows bidders to attend the auction for multiple counties with the convenience of a single event.

Auctions are conducted alphabetically by county. Prospective bidders can find the Public Auction Catalog on the Commissioner's website at www.cosl.org. The catalog includes auction date, time and locations and a complete listing of parcels offered. Bidders should review the buyer's guide and statutes governing sales before coming to auctions.

The website also includes an instructional video demonstrating how to research information about each parcel available for sale.

"We are reminding owners of tax-delinquent parcels that the redemption period changed in 2023," Land said. "Parcels must be redeemed by 4 p.m. on the last business day before the sale date. We must receive the petition to redeem and the payment by that time."

Auction sales are final, he emphasized. "Parcels sold at auction cannot be redeemed."

Bidders must register for the auction before placing a bid. Purchases may be paid for with a business or personal check, or a credit or debit card. Cash is not accepted for purchase of tax-delinquent parcels.

"Property taxes help fund schools, roads, libraries and public services including ambulances," Land said. "Everyone benefits from paying those taxes — and the property owner benefits from paying on time, by avoiding interest and penalties on delinquent taxes."

Properties that do not sell at auction will appear on the CO-SL's post-auction sales list 30 days after the auction date. From there, they can be purchased through an online auction system. Another instructional video on the COSL website demonstrates that process to bidders.

Delinquent parcel owners may redeem those delinquent taxes online at www.cosl.org using a credit or debit card. Those who prefer to pay by check or money order can print a Petition to Redeem from the website or call the office at 501-324-9422 to request the petition, which must accompany their payment.

Owners seeking to redeem within 30 days before an auction must use certified funds or may redeem with cash in our office at 1020 W. 4th Street in Little Rock. Cash is only accepted for redemption, and only for in-person payments at 1020 W. 4th Street

Obituaries

Jimmy Wayne Cox, Sr. 57, Pike City

Jimmy Wayne Cox Sr., age 57, of Pike City, passed away Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at his home. He was born June 13, 1967 in Harrisburg, Arkansas the son of the late E.C. "Shorty" and Bessie York Cox.

Jimmy was a true outdoorsman he loved hunting and fishing. But most importantly he loved being with his kids and was all about his grand-kids.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one sister Brenda Harsh; and two brothers Charles Cox and Monty Cox.

Survivors include two sons Jimmy Cox Jr. and wife Sarah of Delight, Hunter Cox and wife Brittney of Pike City; one daughter Morgan Cox of Magnolia; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brothers Conrad Cox and wife Eva of Nathan, Ronnie Cox and wife Susan of Delight, Ricky Don Cox and wife Wanda of Nashville, Tony Cox and wife Missy of Murfreesboro, Lee Gatliff and wife Colleen of Delight; sisters Kim Dixon and Paul Smith of Pike City, Jewel McIntosh and husband Sonny of Harrisburg, and Bonnie Osburn of Harrisburg, as well as a number of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation was held on Friday, August 9, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, August 10, at Pike City Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

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

2024 Murfreesboro 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 or by visiting the event's page at www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093543 717628&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

Walk Across Arkansas registration begins Aug. 26

BY RYAN MCGEENEY

U of A System Division of Agriculture

LITTLE ROCK — The registration date for the Cooperative Extension Service's biannual health initiative, Walk Across Arkansas, is fast approaching. Individual Arkansans are encour-



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Q: How is atrial fibrillation treated?

A: Atrial fibrillation (AFib) is a type of heart arrythmia. An arrythmia occurs when the heart beats too fast, too slowly or in an irregular manner. AFib is when the upper chambers of the heart are not in sync with the lower chambers, which causes chaotic heart rhythm and affects the movement of blood between the chambers.

AFib is the most common type of heart arrythmia. The three main types of AFib are paroxysmal (lasts less than a week), persistent (lasts more than a week) and long-standing (lasts more than a year). In some instances, AFib is permanent. Structural issues in the heart are the most common cause of AFib. However, the risk of AFib increases with age, and those

with high blood pressure, diabetes and who are obese also

are more at risk.

Symptoms of AFib include chest pain, dizziness, fatigue, palpitations and shortness of breath. Many who have the condition have no symptoms and are unaware they have AFib.

Blood clots, which can lead to a stroke, are a complication of AFib. Treatments include beta blockers to slow the heart rate and blood clots. If you experience persistent symptoms, contact your health care provider for an examination.

aged to form teams in their respective workplaces, neighborhoods or other communities and join the effort on Aug. 26.

Heather Wingo, family and consumer sciences program associate for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said the Cooperative Extension Service has been using Walk Across Arkansas to promote health and active lifestyle changes in the state for about 20 years.

"The program's main goal is to increase physical activity," Wingo said. "We're working to help Arkansans overcome the state's high obesity rates and combat chronic disease throughout individuals' lifespans."

During the eight-week session, individuals will log their daily total number of minutes of physical activity — which isn't limited to walking. Running, gardening, playing or coaching a team sport — it all counts.

"A lot of Arkansans live close to parks or trails," Wingo said. "It's great when we see those being put to good use."

During the spring 2024 Walk Across Arkansas, 65 teams — 346 participants — logged more than 986,000 minutes of activity over eight weeks.

The registration window for the fall session is Aug. 26 – Sept. 8. The eight-week session begins Sept. 9 and will conclude Nov. 3. To register, visit https://walk.uada.edu/walk/.

To learn about extension programs in Arkansas, contact your the Pike County Cooperative Extension Service at (870) 285-2161 or visit www.uaex.uada.edu.





DAR to host Declaration reading, marker unveiling

DE QUEEN -- The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Mine Creek Paraclifta chapter will host an event that will include the reading of the Declaration of Independence by

The event will be held on Friday, October 18 at 11 a.m. in the Micah 6:8 Coffee Shop at 304 De Queen Avenue in De Queen.

Following the reading, the DAR group will host an America 250 reception at the Mercy Meeting and Event Center, located next door to the coffee shop.

At that time, the America 250 Patriot Marker will be unveiled in celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary.

The marker will be placed at the trailhead of the De Queen

Lake Trail in the spring of 2025.

To RSVP for the event, e-mail arky4me@gmail.com or overton24@gmail.com; or call (870) 784-0607 or (870) 845-8419.



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MHS EAST named to program of influence list

LITTLE ROCK -- Twenty-eight EAST Initiative programs from across Arkansas earned the Program of Influence Level 1 distinction for work during the 2023-2024 school year.

EAST Program of Influence is a recognition for programs that acknowledges engagement and best practices that can be shared with school officials and partners in their communities, said Troy DeBill, Program Coordinator for Facilitator Services. DeBill said that 54 percent of programs received the POI distinction at one of two levels during the 23-24 school year. Only 24 percent of programs qualified for POI during the previous school year.

Some 54 percent of programs received the "Program of Influence" distinction at one of two levels during the 23-24 school year, up 24 percent from the previous school year. 105 schools achieved Level Two while 28 schools achieved Level One.

More than 100 programs achieved Program of Influence Level 2 honors, including Murfreeesboro High School.

"Program of Influence is all about celebrating the amazing work done by these standout programs," DeBill said. "It highlights their great engagement with community partners throughout the year, and the best practices they follow in their classrooms. Beyond that, it gives these educators another avenue where they can share their best ideas and strategies with their school community and beyond. This recognition not only shines a light on their successes but also helps them share their winning ideas and strategies with their school community and beyond. It's a great way to spread the word about what works and inspire others."

EAST programs that achieved Level 1 distinction this year are listed below. For a comprehensive list of Level 1 and Level 2 program honors, go to https://eastlink.me/POI.

"Our EAST program is doing great things! Our kids showed out and made the Program of Influence list. What an honor to be recognized as one of the top influential EAST programs across the state," said a post on the school's website at rattlers.org.

EAST is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Little Rock that focuses on the future of education with a pronounced emphasis on community and career readiness. EAST now has programs in more than 250 schools across three states. Through EAST, students are encouraged to think critically and innovate to create positive change in their communities with the technology EAST provides for their classrooms. To learn more about EAST, visit www.eastinitiative.org.

Keeping children healthy at back to school time

LITTLE ROCK -- Many Arkansas students will be returning to school next week, and many parents are busy preparing their children for the new academic year. While shopping for supplies and organizing schedules are important, ensuring your child stays healthy is equally

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides guidelines to help parents address key health-related concerns before school starts. Here are five items to focus on to prepare your child for a safe and successful school year.

1. UPDATED IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH SCREENINGS

According to the CDC, keeping your child's immunizations up to date is one of the most effective ways to protect them and their classmates from vaccine-preventable diseases. Schools often require proof of vaccination before attendance, including shots for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), polio and chickenpox. In addition to immunizations, it is important to schedule routine health screenings, such as vision, hearing and dental checks. Detecting issues early can prevent them from interfering with your child's

2. PROMOTING HEALTHY SLEEP

The CDC emphasizes that adequate

sleep is crucial for children's physical health, emotional well-being and academic performance. However, many children do not get enough sleep, which can lead to difficulties with attention, behavior and learning. School-aged children typically need 9-12 hours of sleep per night, depending on their age. As the school year approaches, it is important to establish a consistent bedtime routine to help your child transition back to a school-friendly sleep schedule.

3. FOCUSING ON NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

A balanced diet and regular physical activity are key components of a healthy lifestyle. The CDC recommends that children eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins to support their growth and development. Breakfast is particularly important as it provides the energy needed for learning and concentration throughout the school day. Additionally, regular physical activity is essential for maintaining a healthy weight, building strong bones and muscles and reducing the risk of chronic diseases.

4. MANAGING STRESS AND MEN-TAL HEALTH

The CDC acknowledges the growing importance of mental health in children's overall well-being. The start of a new school year can be stressful, particularly if your child is facing challenges such as adapting to a new school or dealing with academic pressures. It's important to monitor your child for signs of stress or anxiety, which can manifest as changes in behavior, sleep disturbances or physical complaints like headaches or stomach

5. REINFORCING HYGIENE PRAC-TICES TO PREVENT ILLNESS

The CDC emphasizes the importance of teaching children proper hygiene practices to prevent the spread of illness, particularly in school settings where germs can spread quickly. Encourage regular handwashing with soap and water, especially before eating and after using the bathroom. If soap and water are not available, using hand sanitizer is a good alternative. Additionally, teach your child to avoid touching their face, particularly their eyes, nose and mouth, and to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing.

From keeping immunizations current to reinforcing healthy sleep and hygiene habits, these proactive steps will set the stage for a successful school year. Taking care of your child's health now will not only benefit them but also contribute to the well-being of their classmates and school community. Learn more at cdc. gov/healthyschools.

CADC announces commodity distribution

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PIKE COUNTY - Central Arkansas Development Council will distribute USDA Commodities County Wednesday, August 21, and Thursday, August 22, 2024. Distribution will begin at 9 a.m.

In Pike County, commodities will be distributed at the following locations:

Glenwood Senior Activity Center 229 Betty Street, Glenwood

Phone: (870) 356-4212

Murfreesboro Senior Activity Center 120 E. Court Street, Murfreesboro Phone: (870) 285-2312

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Butter, Farina Wheat, Beef Stew, Can Pork, Can Chicken, Can Beef, Can Salmon, Macaroni, Cheddar Cheese

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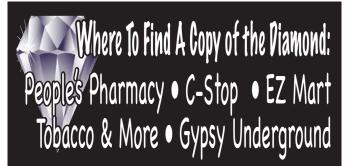
NOTES FROM MURFREESBORO CITY HALL

Due to the expansion of the new ballfields at the school, we have relocated the dumpster that is at the old chicken

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Jim O'Neal Mayor



'Dear Preacher'

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

BIBLE CLASS

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If you are not currently attending Bible classes, I would encourage you to begin doing that. It is essential that each one of you help not only yourself grow, but to edify and encourage others and to help us all become more spiritual. As we study together, we will become closer to each other, as well as closer to our God.



SONS TO ATTEND BIBLE CLASSES:

1. I Like to be With My Brothers and Sisters.

Romans 12:10 - Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another.

1 John 3:14 – We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

2. I Love the Truth.

Matthew 5:6 - Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

John 8:32 – You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

3. I Want to be a Good Example.

Hebrews 10:24 – And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good

1 Timothy 4:12 – Let no man despise thy youth, but be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

These are just 3 of many good reasons to attend Bible class. Can you think of one good reason one should not attend?

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

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juice, milk Lunch: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole grain roll, peaches, milk-3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option,

beef fingers FRIĎAY, AUGUST 16

Breakfast: Dutch waffles or cereal, fruit, juice,

Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, seasoned corn, pears, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, cheese

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Breakfast: Poptart w/yogurt or cereal, fruit,

juice, milk Lunch: Cheeseburger, potato smiles, lettuce, tomato, 7-12 onion, pickle slices, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, chicken sandwich TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice,

Lunch: Taco salad w/cheese, refried beans, lettuce, tomato, salsa, 7-12 Rice Krispie treat, pineapple, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option Chicken cheese crispito

w/cheese sauce WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Breakfast: Blueberry muffin or cereal, juice,

fruit, milk Lunch: Corn dog, carrot & celery sticks w/ ranch, pickle spears, pears, milk- 3-6 Crustable lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, hot ham and cheese croissant w/chips

*Due to food item shortages menus are subject to change without notice. Any changes to the menu

will be posted on the website at www.rattlers.org

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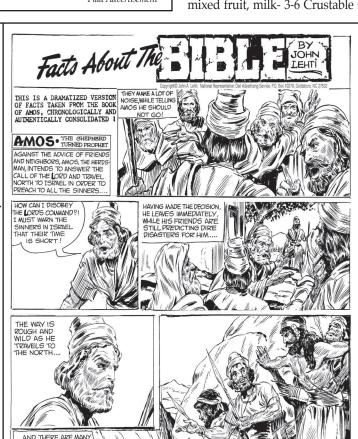
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- 6. Sheep not yet sheared 9. Cap and gown accessory
- 13. Blood line
- 14. Ancient Chinese dynasty 15. Ringworm
- 16. Driver's license notation
- 17. Not outs
- 18. Like Cheerios 19. *Piece of football equipment required since 1943
 - 21. *Peyton or Eli

 - 23. Napkin spot 24. Eminem's 2002 hit "____ Yourself"
 - 25. Embargo

 - 28. Feed storage cylinder
 - 30. Like house from a kit
 - 35. Greek god of love 37. Smokes
 - 39. *Super Bowl I M.V.P. Bart ____

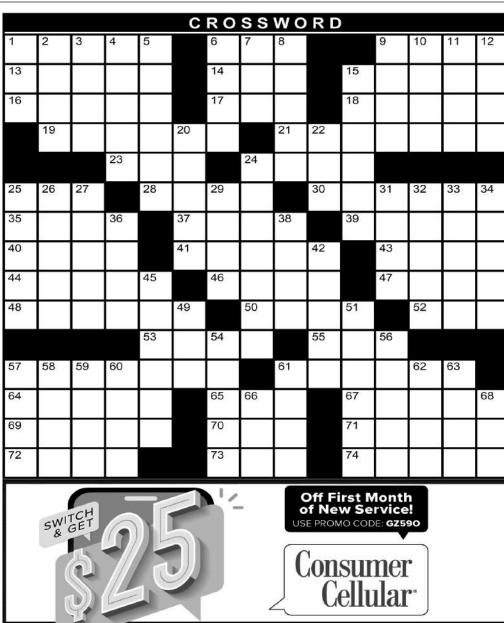
 - 40. Taj Mahal locale

 - 41. *Career rushing yards record holder
- 43. Equals s squared
- 44. Regretting
- 46. *Highest college football level: ____ Division I 47. Extend credit
- 48. *Seventeen games in NFL 50. Somewhat (2 words)
 - 52. "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" singer 53. Mare's baby
 - 55. Not a friend 57. *55 of them
- 61. *Home of the NFL Hall of Fame
- 64. Hole-borer
- 65. For every
- 67. Color red on coat of arms
- 69. Birds of ill omen 70. Outrage
- shopping cart
- 72. Party barrels 73. Sound from one of #69 Across

74. Homes for #69 Across

DOWN

- 1. Down in the dumps
- 2. Cry of contempt
- 3. Marine eagle
- 4. Wake Island, e.g.
- 5. Kizmet, pl.
- 6. Foolish one
- 7. Even, poetic
- 8. Useful contraption 9. Lamborghini model
- 10. Unfavorable prefix
- 11. "As ____ on TV" 12. Suspend
- 15. Astrigents
- 20. "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," e.g. 22. Venomous Egyptian snake
- 24. Deducible
- 25. *One of 2 NFL founding teams still in
- 26. Lock horns
- 27. Waterwheel
- 29. Outline
- 31. Et alii, abbr.
- 32. Got along
- 33. *Like indoor eight-men football
- 34. *Career NFL passing yards record holder 36. Without
- 38. Wild guess 42. Israelian port
- 45. Errand-runners
- 49. Neither's partner 51. Nuku'alofa language
- 54. Meat jelly dish
- 56. Musician's exercise 57. "*Go ____ Go!"
- 58. Fishing decoy
- 59. Awestruck 60. Archery wood
- 61. "Ship, Captain,
- 62. Cutlass or Delta 88, for short
- 63. Remaining after deductions 66. of Good Feelings
- 68. Lusitania's last call





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U-A Cossatot Collegiate and Alumni FFA attends conference in Alaska

DE QUEEN -- Students in the UA Cossatot agriculture program attended an FFA Alumni & Supporters Development conference in Alaska over the summer.

Agriculture instructor and FFA Advisor, Kelli Harris, along with program assistant, Hadley Philamlee, traveled to Palmer, Alaska from June 20 - 24 with three students: April Klitz, Gynder Benson, and Hannah Jackson.

The conference provided information on topics such as agriculture program development, student retention, and offered an opportunity to network with other FFA alumni members from





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The group learned about production agriculture in Alaska, which is widely known for gigantic cabbages that can easily grow up to 50 pounds during the long daylight hours of the Alaskan growing season. They also toured a musk ox farm where they were able to see how these animals are managed for their hair, which is called giviut, and how the fibers are used in textile production.

beyond our region of the United States. Attending these conferences helps us expand our knowledge about agriculture and bring new ideas back to our college," says Kelli Harris.

"This was an amazing experience for our students at UA Cossatot and we were all excited to learn more about agriculture

The agriculture program is looking forward to planning more educational travel experiences for students this fall.

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November ballot finalized with close of municipal office filings

MURFREESBORO - As the filing period for municipal elected positions closed last week, the ballot has been set with the candidates.

In the county seat of Murfreesboro, there will be one contested race in November between incumbent Lewis Gills and Danny Eckert for the South Ward Position 1 position on the city

For all other positions in Murfreesboro, only the incumbents registered for their positions,

- Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb
- North Ward Position 1 Mark Barnes
- North Ward Position 2 Kirk Stone
- South Ward Position 2 Jane Fugitt
- West Ward Position 1 Betty O'Neal
- West Ward Position 2 James "Cody"

In the county's northern reaches, the City of Glenwood will also feature one contested race between incumbent Jimmy Clark and Rick Driggers for the council position from North Ward Position 1.

Jason Lenderman filed for the position of City Recorder/Treasurer, where he has been filling in since July following the resignation of

No one filed for the position of South Ward Position 1 in Glenwood, currently held by Alan Moore, allowing the council to fill the position with any eligible candidate.

The Town of Delight is set for a pair of contested races, including Position 2 that was vacated by incumbent Valarie Wingfield. Jenimy "Jimmy" Williams will face off against current Delight Fire Chief Ty Sherrod for the position.

Position 3 incumbent Chris Goodson will vie for the position with Brandi Rowton Martin.

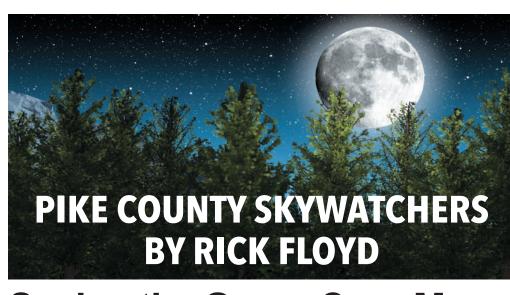
Delight council incumbents Rhonda Abbott

(Position 1), Ronnie Cox (Position 4) and Keith Woods (Position 5) will maintain their seats with no opposition filed.

In the towns of Antoine and Daisy no one officially filed for any of the five seats each.

Ballot draw for the positions will be held at the Pike County Clerk's office in Murfreesboro on Friday, August 23 at 1 p.m.

Registered Pike County voters will be able to see their complete ballots in mid-to-late October on voterview.com based on residence prior to going to the polls this November 5.



Seeing the Green Corn Moon

MURFREESBORO -- This inaugural edition will be late informing of the Perseid meteor shower peaking on August 12.

However, another early morning event will have you looking toward the east. The mighty and bright Jupiter will be visually very close to the planet Mars (they are, in actuality, millions of miles apart) on Aug. 14. You will see the two planets and the brightest star in the constellation Taurus, Aldeberan, forming a triangle.

While you are looking your might see one of the fiery steaks for which the Perseids are known to produce.

The moon will be full on Aug. 19. Native Americans called this one the Sturgeon Moon, or the Green Corn Moon. It is also called the Red Moon because of the reddish tint that it often takes on in the haze of summer.

More apply for Education Freedom Accounts

STATE CAPITOL WEEK IN REVIEW Senator Steve Crowell

LITTLE ROCK - More than 3,000 families applied for Education Freedom Accounts during the first week of August, bringing the total number of applicants statewide to 15,365.

The Internet portal for applications had been closed over the summer and re-opened on July 29, when about 12,000 applications had been

There is no scheduled deadline, as long as funding is available under the Arkansas LEARNS Act. The accounts expand school choice options by helping families pay tuition at private or parochial schools.

Last year the governor proposed and the legislature approved Act 237 of 2023, also known as the LEARNS Act. The 2024-2025 school year is the second year it has been in effect. It is being phased in over three years.

Last year students were eligible if they were first-time kindergarteners, or if they attended schools that got an "F" on school report cards or were enrolled in districts ranked at Level 5 for academic distress. Also eligible were children of active duty military members, as well as children with disabilities and children enrolled in kindergarten for the first time.

For the upcoming school year, eligibility is expanded to include students from a school that got a "D" on school report cards, children of military veterans and the children of emergency responders. Current or former foster children are eligible.

Also eligible are students from the Succeed Scholarship Program, which existed before the LEARNS Act was created.

Next year, the third year of the phase-in of the Education Freedom Accounts, all children

Another way the LEARNS Act expands school choice is by repealing previous limits on the number of charter schools in Arkansas.

The LEARNS Act also provides bonuses of up to \$10,000 for teachers as merit incentives. In June, the state announced that 3,000 teachers qualified for the bonuses because their students showed remarkable academic improvement or they acted as inspiring mentors to new teachers.

Also, they qualified if they taught in a part of the state, or in a subject matter, with a critical teacher shortage. The state Education Department has listed those subjects in which there is a critical shortage of teachers. They are computer science, foreign language, secondary math, secondary science and special education.

The act raised the minimum salary for teachers from \$36,000 to \$50,000, which benefited more than 15,240 teachers. Also benefitting were teachers who already earned \$50,000 or more, because they received raises of \$2,000.

Also, the LEARNS Act provides teachers 12 weeks of paid maternity leave.

Other provisions in the LEARNS Act expanded opportunities for high school students to enroll in college-level concurrent courses and receive college credits for passing them. Surveys indicate that students who take concurrent courses are more likely to obtain a col-

lege degree or certificate. Under the LEARNS Act, Arkansas schools will recruit an additional 120 literacy specialists. The act provides \$500 for families of students struggling to learn how to read in kindergarten through third grade, so they can hire

The LEARNS Act requires high schools to develop a career-ready pathway towards a diploma, to prepare students for well-paying jobs if they choose not to go to college.

Extension announces agri economic podcast

BY MARY HIGHTOWER

U of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas agricultural extension economists have launched a new weekly podcast aimed at giving farmers an earful — in a good way.

The "Morning Coffee and Ag Markets" podcast is the brainchild of Ryan Loy and Hunter Biram, both extension economists for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. Anchoring the podcast each week is Riley Smith, agricultural economics and agribusiness program associate.

"Everybody can listen, but our main target audience is our farmers," Loy said. Each episode will be 10-20 minutes, an easy listen in the combine or truck with a cup of coffee.

So far, their topics have included Farm Bill proposals and the spread between input and output prices.

Biram and Loy conceived the podcast as a way to stay in touch with Arkansas' ag professionals during the growing season, not just on the off-season.

"In the winter, Hunter and I get out in the counties making presentations and just having that every day rapport with farmers," Loy said. "The podcast is a way that we can still have that conversation with them."

The podcast launched July 24 and has four episodes. Biram and Loy will alternate weeks at the microphone.

"In addition to our regular episodes, we would like to have round table discussions," Loy said. "We want to bring in industry folks and farmers and talk about what they see going on in the industry."

Listeners can also sign up for a companion newsletter. They are also welcome submit topics for coverage by emailing Loy at rloy@uada.

Hooten's announces 2024 magazine release

BENTON — The cover story for the 32nd annual Hooten's Arkansas Football bookazine goes in-depth with the Arkansas Razorbacks, new offensive coordinator Bobby Petrino and how he landed quarterback Taylen Green.

The book retails for \$19.99 and is on sale now at Wal-Mart, Kroger, Walgreens, Harps Food Stores, Hays Food, Brookshire's, Edwards Food Giant and Doublebee's.

The 544-page book, which is our largest ever and takes more than six months to compile, offers the most comprehensive preseason football coverage in Arkansas.

In addition to providing extensive coverage of every high school team in the state, the book features an in-depth preview on the Razorbacks, Arkansas State and every state college.

The national award-winning Hooten's Arkansas Football features coaches' polls for each high school conference, top 20 rankings for each classification, returning statistically leaders in each conference, super teams for each classification, the state's Top 50 recruits, a national college poll and complete high school results from last year and this year's schedules. In addition, it offers 6 unique feature high school feature stories.

Georgia is picked to win the new-look SEC, Texas is second, Alabama is picked third, Ole Miss is tabbed fourth and LSU is fifth. Hooten's picks the Razorbacks to finish 13th.

Harding is picked to win the Great American Conference, followed by Southern Arkansas, Ouachita Baptist, Henderson State, Arkansas Tech and Arkansas-Monticello.

Hooten's high school favorites to win it all in 2024 are Fayetteville in Class 7A, Greenwood in Class 6A, Little Rock Parkview in Class 5A, Warren in Class 4A, Prescott in Class 3A and Junction City in Class 2A.

Representative suggests USPS 'Pony Up'

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BY BRUCE WESTERMAN

U.S. Representative, AR-04

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is vital, especially in many of the rural communities I represent. Hardworking families, seniors, small businesses, local municipalities, and others rely on the USPS in their daily lives for medication, bills, products, and

correspondence. Unfortunately, my office has received countless complaints from Arkansans who have been victims of recent failures by the USPS. Prescriptions are arriving late, packages are missing, and bills are being delivered well past their due date. It's entirely unacceptable that someone may not receive their critical medication or face a late fee for a bill because the Postal Service

didn't deliver it in a timely manner. Despite numerous meetings I've had with USPS officials to address these issues, they

have consistently failed to acknowledge or rec tify them. Instead, they shift the blame to local mail carriers. It's clear that these widespread, nationwide issues are a result of systemic failures at the top and require comprehensive so-

If the Postal Service makes a mistake that negatively impacts you, whether it be a late bill or lost prescription delivery, they should have to own up to it. I'm proud to cosponsor the Pony Up Act, bipartisan legislation that would protect Arkansans by putting the USPS on the hook for late delivery of bills. It would require the USPS to reimburse any fees charged for the late payment of bills that were delayed in the

The bipartisan support for this bill should serve as a wake-up call for the USPS that it's time to refocus and adequately serve the American people.

LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

All letters to the editor must be signed, along with a phone number (that will not be published) provided for confirmation purposes. The Murfreesboro Diamond reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. Letters must not be libelous or contain any profanities.

Send Letters to P.O. Box 550, Murfreesboro, AR 71958 or e-mail to mdiamond.editor@windstream.net

Benefit accounts announced

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. Anyone needing to reach the Our Kids committee may do so by e-mailing ourkids@rattlers.org.

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.

NOTICE FOR AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEO-PLE BY THE ARKANSAS **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC Pursuant to Article 19, Section

22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 94th General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 5, 2024, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 1. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2023 Session by Representative Lundstrum and filed as HJR 1006

ISSUE NO. 1 Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment to Provide that Lottery Proceeds May Be Used to Fund or Provide Scholarships and Grants to Arkansas Citizens Enrolled in Vocational-Technical Schools and Technical Institutes.

Ballot Title AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION

TO PROVIDE THAT LOTTERY

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESEN-TATIVES OF THE NINE-TY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 14(b), concerning the use of lottery proceeds, is amended to read as follows (b)(1) Lottery proceeds shall be used solely to pay the operating expenses of lotteries, including all prizes, and to fund or provide

for scholarships and grants to

citizens of this State enrolled in public and private non-profit twoyear and four-year colleges and universities the following higher education institutions located within the State that are certified according to criteria established by the General Assembly: (A) A public or private nonprofit

two-year or four-year college or university; (B) A public or private vocation-

al-technical school; or (C) A public or private technical institute.

(2) The General Assembly shall establish criteria to determine who is eligible to receive the scholarships and grants pursuant to this Amendment.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after January 1,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OF-FICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY 2024.



JOHN THURSTON SECRETARY OF STATE STATE OF ARKANSAS