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## County cop kills woman allegedly brandishing knife

LODI -- A Pike County deputy is on administrative leave with pay following an incident where he shot to death a Pike County woman who was reportedly wielding a knife, according to Sheriff Travis Hill.

Hill identified Deputy David Walker as the officer involved in the shooting on Aug. 29. Walker will remain on administrative leave for a yet to be determined time. Walker is one of two school resource officers employed by the Centerpoint School District and was called to the scene due to his proximity, said the sheriff.

The shooting killed 40-year-old Jennifer Provence.

The incident first began as a 911 call concerning a woman with a knife. An ambulance was notified was on standby nearby when the deputy arrived on the scene.

Sheriff Hill said the incident is being investigated by special agents with the Criminal Division of the Arkansas State Police and referred all questions to that agency. Hill did tell the newspaper that deputies with the Pike County Sheriff's Department are required to wear body cameras and that Walker's camera was activated during the incident.

According to the ASP, Provence allegedly did not respond to the deputy's commands to drop the knife and he fired his service weapon, striking Provence, who succumbed to her injuries on scene.



Staff photos

**TILTING WITH KNIGHTS ...** The senior high Murfreesboro Rattlers opened the 2024 with a loss to Centerpoint 28-14 at home last Friday night. Pictured above (left) is Bubba Stinson on a rush in the first half while (right) senior QB Laytan Wilcher looks to avoid a oncoming Knight rusher.

## Rattlers drop first game, prepare for Fouke

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Rattlers opened the 2024 season with a 28-14 loss to their in-county foe, the Centerpoint Knights.

It was, however, not without positives for the Rattlers, who moved the ball well in the first half – including a 66-yard touchdown pass from Laytan Wilcher to Kale Burns on their first possession of the game.

Brody Maroon also scored a touchdown on a one yard rush later in the game.

It marks the first regular season loss for the Rattlers since a 46-0 loss to Mineral Springs in November 2022.

“That’s what I told the kids after the game ... this is something that hasn’t happened in a while. I knew going into this season that the first two weeks that we would face a lot of adversity. It’s an opportunity for us to grow,” said Rattler head coach Brad Chesshir.

Having said that, it doesn’t mean he is completely placid about the outcome.

“I thought we had an opportunity to win this football game – not taking anything away from Centerpoint – they did a really good job. The standards and expectations that coach [Cary] Rogers has had there for many, many years – you see that on Friday nights. Those kids play hard and are coached well. The better team won Friday night.”

Chesshir said MHS “played well” offensively in the first half, racking up 160 yards – but were then held to only 60 yards of offense in the second half. “We slowed down a little bit.”

He also thought the defense spent way too much time on the field, as Centerpoint dominated the time of possession in the contest.

“We have to find ways to get off the field quicker ... I wasn’t really pleased with our physicality. That’s something I’m going to have to get creative in order to figure out what we have to do to fix those issues – that are both mental and physical. We just gave up too many first downs and gave up some explosive plays that we shouldn’t have, and it came down to mental errors in coverage.”

Chesshir hopes the Rattlers will take positives from the 2024 season start.

“This is a chance for us to grow as a team, hopefully we can use this to help us get better as we get better for another tough competitor. Obviously, you can find some positives on the film [of the game]. Defensively, in the second half, we played harder than in the first half. However, we have to go put four quarters together and eliminate a lot of the errors.”

Wilcher finished the game with 80 passing yards and the TD, and the Rattlers would accumulate 141 yards rushing in the game for 221 total yards.

**AT FOUKE THIS WEEK**

This week the Rattlers will travel to face the Fouke Panthers, who won their matchup last week with Dierks 21-0.

Chesshir said Fouke has a “very good” run based attack on offense, with good size on the line.

“They have a running back that is a returning starter – he can beat you single handedly. He’s a dude that runs the ball very hard, can

hit the hole and when he finds space he can go. We’re going to have to do a very good job of stopping the run this week. However, they have a couple weapons on the edge to throw the ball to as well.”

Fouke defensively runs an even front with good size as well.

“We’re going to have to get better with our stance and our start up front,” Chesshir said of the MHS offensive line. “We will have to get better with staying on and finishing blocks to move the football. We can move the football – I saw that Friday night – we just have to eliminate the mental mistakes. Fouke is a tough football team, and obviously going over there [isn’t great] ... it’s a tougher place to play.”

As per his usually mantra, it will be incumbent for the Rattlers to focus on what they can control in practice this week.

“We need to go get better this week and have a better approach than we did against Centerpoint.”

Chesshir said it will also be important for the coaching staff to continue putting the student athletes in the best position to succeed.

“I think we have to continue to get the right pieces of the puzzle in the right spot. I have to do a better job this week of practice planning and organizational practice to get the most out of our guys. That is something that’s been on my mind since the clock hit zeroes on Friday night – trying to figure out how to get the most out of our guys.”

## Accident leaves several injured

MURFREESBORO -- Two Pike County drivers were reportedly hugging the centerline when they hit head-on in a crash on Monday, Wednesday, Aug. 26 in Howard County, according to the Arkansas State Police.

The crash injured Jack Stuard and Jared Lingo, both of Murfreesboro.

Stuard remains hospitalized in Little Rock with multiple severe face fractures, a leg fracture and two breaks to the lower arm, according to family posts on social media.

Lingo suffered cuts to his chin, a fractured nose, possibly a concussion as well as muscle sprains, bruises, cuts and scrapes, according to his family's posts.

The accident was reported around 4:30 p.m. near Center Point. Lingo was driving westbound on Highway 26 in a 2007 Chevrolet Colorado and Stuard was eastbound in a 2012 Honda Accord. As the vehicles were meeting, both “were leaving their respective traffic lanes” at the centerline, resulting in the head-on collision, according to Nick Gentry of the ASP Public Information Office.

Lingo's vehicle overturned after impact and came to a rest upright. Gentry said Lingo was able to exit the vehicle on his own before being transporting by ground ambulance to Texarkana.

Stuard was trapped inside the Accord and had to be extricated by members of the Center Point and Nashville volunteer fire departments. He was then transported by ambulance to a nearby established helicopter landing zone and air-lifted to Little Rock.

Gentry said no citations were issued by Trooper Kyle Jones due to both vehicles being at fault.

**BENEFIT ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED**

A benefit account has been set up for Stuard at Murfreesboro's First State Bank of Pike County.

All donations are greatly appreciated said the notice, and ask that all checks deposited into the account be made payable to Jack Stuard.

**BENEFIT SEPTEMBER 15**

A benefit for the Stuard family has been set for Sunday, Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. in the CADC Senior Center in Murfreesboro.

Meals with be provided by donation, and will feature a variety of soups including potato, broccoli, taco, cheddar, veggie and chili. Cornbread, corn chips, desserts and drink will also be available.

At 12:30 p.m. a live auction will be headed up by auctioneer Steve Hill.

All proceeds from the event will go towards medical expenses for Stuard.

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## Regional broadband meeting explains upcoming funding

**BY DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY**  
*Glenwood Herald*

MURFREESBORO – State Broadband Director Glen E. Howie addressed the upcoming BEAD Grant Program and the possible impact it could have on residents of Pike, Montgomery, and Howard Counties.

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, or BEAD Program, is the fourth broadband infrastructure grant program in Arkansas. It is expected to launch in October.

The BEAD Program will fund broadband infrastructure grants to internet service providers (ISPs) to build and upgrade high-speed internet to unconnected and under-connected homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions. Unlike prior grant programs, the BEAD program will award grants for the entire State of Arkansas.

The town hall style meeting was held at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building Saturday, August 31. Howie opened the meeting with a brief explanation of the who the state broadband office is and what services they provide.

The Arkansas Broadband Office is a branch of the Arkansas Department of Commerce and currently has seven members serving the state. They have overseen three phases of the ARC Grant Program. Grant programs from the FCC and USDA have also provided funds to improve internet access in the state of Arkansas. There are currently two ARC Grant Funded projects active in Montgomery County. Approximately 350,000 locations have been impacted statewide with an estimated 875,000 Arkansans impacted.

The BEAD Program is the largest funded project to date with \$1.024 billion allocated to

the state by the U.S. Department of Commerce to provide broadband internet access to unserved and underserved residents in the state.

Arkansas is one of only 19 states to be allocated more than \$1 billion, ranking ninth in the country, per capita. Unlike prior grant programs, the BEAD program will award grants for the entire state.

Howie explained that the application process for the BEAD Program is complex and restrictive. The grant application process will include a tranche 1 and tranche 2 phase, as well as a negotiation phase. All three will be completed in a 40-week period. The entire program must be completed in one year.

Unlike previous grant processes, the BEAD Program will review all ISP applications and approve grants at the same time. The grants are 75/25 grants.

BEAD Program Grant estimates for Pike County are \$2.4 million to provide broadband services to 75 locations. ISPs are expected to receive \$2.4 million to provide broadband services to 33 locations in Montgomery County. \$3.5 million is expected to be awarded to ISPs serving Howard County to provide access to 30 locations.

The BEAD Program includes three action items. Engage with ISPs, letters of support, and non-deployment.

The state will provide a list of all ISPs serving communities in the state to local officials. County and city officials can submit letters of support for any number of ISPs seeking a grant to provide broadband service in their area. Howie explained that the letters of support are an important part of the process and go a long way in helping ISPs receive grants.

Letters of support are limited to county and

city officials such as a county judge or justices of the peace, mayors, city council members, and school board members. A template letter must be used. Officials may write letters of support for as many ISPs as they like with one letter of support per ISP accepted.

The most intriguing aspect of the BEAD Program is the non-deployment action item.

Howie explained that non-deployment funds are essentially grant funds left over after the projects have been completed. Arkansas is one of a handful of states expected to complete the program with non-deployment funds available.

The non-deployment funds can be used to fund broadband related projects in the state to provide services for education, small businesses, agriculture, and healthcare. Possibilities that could affect Pike and Montgomery County residents include resources for telehealth, cell towers in remote locations to provide access on trails and campgrounds.

After a brief question and answer period the meeting was adjourned.

During the Q&A period Howard County Judge Brent Pinkerton expressed frustration with the limitations of the grant process. He explained that ISPs are unable to apply for grants to provide 1 gigabyte service to the city of Nashville because Summitt Cable provides internet access to their customers with speeds up to 400 megabytes, which is over the 100-megabyte limit set by the state. He added that their service is outdated, and they refuse to update it to provide improved service.

For information on broadband access, or grant information visit the Arkansas Broadband Office's website at broadband.arkansas.gov.





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**PREGAME PRAYER ...** Four Rattlers including Bubba Stinson (25), Lathan Compton (2), Isaac Kuykendall (24) and Cameron Stevens (1) come together prior to kickoff against the Centerpoint Knights last Friday night at Rattler Stadium.



Staff photo

**PTO FUNDING ...** The reformed Parent-Teacher Organization held a bake sale in front of Rattler Stadium prior to the football game last Friday night versus Centerpoint. Pictured (L to R) is Tonda White, Ashley Woods, Alahna O’Connell, Anna Futtz, Raini Hill and Sara Lamb.

# MusicFest announced for Delight on 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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# Newly formed board will investigate process of hiring economic development director for Pike County

**MURFREESBORO --** An exploratory economic development committee has been established with the task of potentially installing an economic development director position for Pike County.

At the group’s first meeting in Murfreesboro, Pike County Judge Eddie Howard explained the task to the group that is comprised of nominees from across the county as well as two at-large positions installed by Howard himself.

“With the other counties around us doing the same thing, I think it’s definitely needed to boost our growth in the future,” said Howard.

At the recent meeting to set up this idea, Howard said that Steve Cole, Chancellor of University of Arkansas Cosatot Community College (CCC-UA), was in attendance and was an “absolute wealth of knowledge” on the topic. “He’s helped Sevier and Howard County set their [economic development board] up.”

While Cole was unable to attend the first meeting, Howard said he was “here to help us do whatever we needed to do.”

Howard added that working with CCC-UA was “the way we need to go ... it would be crazy if we didn’t use their assets.”

Members of the board include:

- **Antonie – Darwin Hendrix**, appointed by mayor David Hendrix,
- **Daisy – Becky Frazier**, appointed by mayor Lisa Cogburn
- **Delight – Scott Howard**, appointed by mayor Lee Gatliff
- **Glenwood – Clayton Sorrells**, appointed by mayor Billy Plyler
- **Murfreesboro – Phil Terrell**, appointed by mayor Jim O’Neal
- **At Large – Karen Barlow**, a grant writer from Lodi, and Johnny Plyler, 38-year-member of the Pike County Quorum Court member and business owner from Glenwood

Howard said he would be an ex-officio non-voting member of the board.

“I plan on being a part of this as much as possible with my position [as County Judge]. I just don’t have time to head this up. My day is completely full every day -- not that I don’t want to be involved closely with this, I just can’t take the leadership position in it.”

Murfreesboro Mayor O’Neal said that he felt it was a “fine board that would represent Pike County well.”

Members of the board were provided with the by-laws utilized by their Howard and Sevier County counterparts for inspection prior to the board’s next meeting on Monday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building if possible, with the alternate site at Murfreesboro City Hall.

The provided information is simply a suggestion and can be modified however the Pike County group sees fit.

“It’s a pretty good start – at least it gives us guidance to where we need to go,” Howard explained to the group.

A suggested salary for the economic director was \$53,000, however, if the group works in partnership with CCC-UA, the college would pay for fringe benefits such as health/dental insurance (\$5,400), retirement investment (\$7,000), FICA (\$4,100) and unemployment insurance (\$1,500) for a total of \$18,000.

“By working with CCC-UA, they would technically be an employee of the college, and they will supply the additional salary, so that’s the reason I think it would be crazy to turn them down and not work through them, because this will ultimately save a lot of money,” said Howard.

Howard said to come up with the whatever salary figure is decided by the board, banks, businesses and private donors of the county will be approached. Howard said Pike County will pay a yet to be determined percentage, as would the cities – with Murfreesboro and Glenwood tentatively on board. He added that he knew budgets were currently “tight.”

“We’ll try to come up with a figure [the cities] can live with and then try to come up with the balance through do-

nors and businesses to come up with the salary. I think the businesses will recoup overall if you get the right person in place. We might not see immediate benefits, but this is for the future of the county.”

Along with the salary requirement, it is also suggested for the board to obtain another \$10,000 for miscellaneous expenses, all totaling up to \$81,000. Grants will also be sought as applicable.

Qualities of a possible hire were stated to be “smart, outgoing, detail oriented, hard working and possessing marketing skills.” It was stated that while computer skills were important, they could be taught to the right person.

It is also advised the board set up as a non-profit foundation entity, and there is no official timeline for any action by the board.

It was asked if we could share a position with Montgomery County, who is also early in the setup process for a similar position, however it was felt by some that would be stretching the position too thin as far as overall duties for two counties.

Boardmember Hendrix stated that he didn’t want to “pour cold water” on the process, but noted that Prescott had invested lots of money into economic development and economic directors, with ultimately little to show for it. “I honestly don’t know if it’s been worth it.”

Other members suggested that retaining current workforce numbers were just as important as seeking additional ones – that keeping/retaining business was becoming tough. Also, several board members discussed the fact that the lack of land readily available in the county could prohibit the process.

It was also noted that the biggest revenue draw in Pike County was tourism, and that should be considered in the process, as opposed to trying to bring in a hypothetical manufacturing company with workforce needs larger than Pike County could ultimately provide.

“We have to start somewhere – every place takes the first step at some point,” said Howard, who noted that the fear of losing Husqvarana kicked Howard County into creating a economic board and director. He also said most surrounding counties to Pike County as well as Arkansas counties overall has some sort of similar position/board, and that without one Pike County would ultimately fall behind.

“We’re not looking to omit any ideas ... if anyone is not on the board, their input will still be valuable,” Howard stated in concluding.

**NOTICE FOR AMENDMENT REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE 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.

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AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION 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.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-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:  
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(B) A public or private vocational-technical school; or  
(C) A public or private technical institute.  
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## Two county women perish in accident

GLENWOOD -- Two elderly Glenwood women were killed Friday, Aug. 30 in a one-vehicle accident in Montgomery County, according to the Arkansas State Police.

Lequeta Goodner, 78, and Evelyen M. Ward, 97, both of Glenwood, died in the wreck.

The accident was reported to have happened around 6:52 p.m. on Highway 8 east of Glenwood.

Goodner was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Trail-

blazer with Ward as a passenger eastbound when the vehicle exited the roadway. Goodner overcorrected across both traffic lanes before leaving the roadway and colliding with an embankment and overturning. The two women were pronounced deceased at the scene by Montgomery County Coroner Jeff Blansett.

ASP Cpl. Zechariah Whitney reported that conditions were dry and clear at the time of the accident.

## Mens’, Womens’ events set for local churches

MURFREESBORO -- First Christian Church of Murfreesboro is hosting a Men’s Conference on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided at the event.

David Dusek of Rough Cut Men ministries is the conference speaker.

All men in the surrounding area are invited to attend this free event.

Pre-registration is on the events page of fccmboro.org.

**LADIES’ DAY**

The Murfreesboro church of Christ will host a Ladies’ Day on Saturday, Sept. 21.

The “Thankful for Christian Friends” event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with registration from 10-10:15 a.m.

Julie Monholland will be the featured speaker, and lunch will be provided.

It is asked that congregation groups that plan to attend RSVP by September 8 to allow for accurate planning of the event.

Text Shelly Cason at (870) 557-8106 for reservations or for more information.

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HOUSE CALL



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

Q: What is pulmonary fibrosis?

A: Pulmonary fibrosis is a disease in which the tissues surrounding the air sacs in the lungs become stiff and thick. This causes a buildup of scar tissue and makes it harder to breathe. The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute estimates that 100,000 Americans have the condition.

Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is the most common form of the condition and is when the specific cause of the problem cannot be determined.

Pulmonary fibrosis is a progressive disease, although the rate of progression varies by individual. No cure exists, and the damage to the lungs cannot be reversed.

Risk factors for pulmonary fibrosis include cigarette smoking, being between the ages of 50 and 70, working around dust or fumes, or having

radiation treatments to your chest. The condition affects men more than women. Symptoms include dry cough, extreme fatigue, shortness of breath or unexplained weight loss.

Treatment generally centers on easing symptoms. Certain medicines may be prescribed to preserve lung function. Oxygen therapy can make breathing easier and lessen complications from low blood oxygen levels. A lung transplant could be recommended if the patient is a candidate. Contact your health care provider for an examination if you experience symptoms.

Email your health questions to housecall@uams.edu.

## Suicide prevention meetings announced

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Hometown Health Coalition will hold a pair of meetings on suicide awareness and prevention in Pike County.

The first meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 9 at the Pike County Extension Office in Murfreesboro from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Extension Office is located at 100 Court Street.

The second meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 16 at the Bainum Library and Learning Center in Glenwood from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The library is located at 128 East Broadway in Glenwood.

The meetings are designed to “ignite change, erase stigma, make a difference and equip yourself with knowledge.”

Speakers at the events will share information about the suicide crisis hotline, facts and myths, warning signs and how to help make the difference.

The community is invited to attend, including parents, grandparents, family/friends, educators, youth service providers, health care providers, nonprofit organizations and faith based organizations.

Classes for students will be held separately during the adult sessions. The classes will be held for free and dinner will be provided.

Interested members of the public are asked to call (870) 285-2161 to register or for further information.

## County Republicans to host shindig

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Republican Committee will present a “Stars, Stripes and Diamond Shindig” on October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

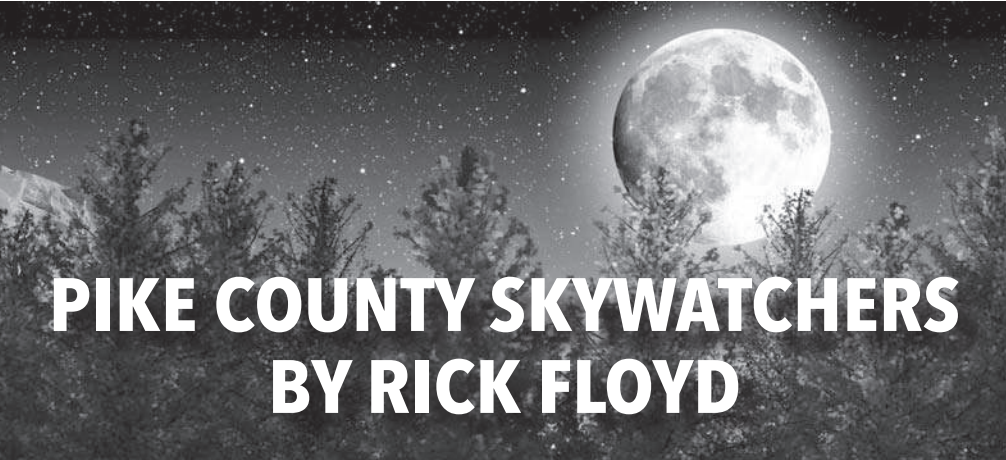
The event will be held at the Murfreesboro Senior Citizens Center at 120 East Court Street in Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

A meal will be served by Pike County Republican officials, and two guest speakers – state

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# PIKE COUNTY SKYWATCHERS BY RICK FLOYD

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your way around the night sky.

To see the Summer Triangle go outside at 9 or 10 p.m. and look eastward, then look straight up. Hopefully, you will see three very bright stars that make this astronomical geometry.

The star Vega (in the constellation Lyra), and Deneb (in Cygnus the swan or the northern cross) are at the base, and Altair (in Auriga the eagle) is at the tip. Also, adding to the view, the Milky Way crosses through the triangle. It is an interesting part of the night sky.

While you are out, turn around and look west. You will see the Big Dipper to your right tipping downward. Follow the “arc” of the dipper’s handle across the sky to a bright star call Arcturus in the

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# State has new marketing of Medicaid services

STATE CAPITOL WEEK IN REVIEW  
Senator Steve Crowell

LITTLE ROCK – The state has begun a new campaign to make people aware of the variety of Medicaid services for which they may be eligible, especially if someone in their family has a disability.

The intent is to help people with disabilities live more independently by getting services in their own home or in their local community, rather than in an institutional setting such as a long-term care facility or a hospital.

Medicaid is a public health insurance program administered by the state Department of Human Services. It’s funded by the state and federal governments. On any given day, almost a third of the people in Arkansas qualify for some type of services.

Medicaid covers payments for half of the births in Arkansas and 75 percent of nursing home services. It pays for 80 percent of behavioral health services provided in Arkansas and for 83 percent of services for people with development and intellectual disabilities.

A central feature of the promotional campaign is a new website at this Internet address: ar.gov/HCBS.

The site has information about specific programs and about who is eligible for them. It has instructions on how to fill out applications.

The legislature increased funding to shorten the waiting list for Medicaid waivers that allow recipients to get home and community-based services rather than institutional care. In the past three years the waiting list for waivers has decreased from 3,204 to 1,613 people.

One waiver benefits children with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, providing them services such as one-on-one intervention treatment.

Parents and guardians learn how to participate and help develop their child’s skills and improve their communication, socialization and appropriate behavior.

Other waivers help people who depend on ventilators, people who need intravenous medication and people who need help being fed. It’s the Private Duty Nursing option for people with developmental disabilities. A registered nurse visits their home to provide ventilator

care, oxygen support, intravenous drugs, feeding tube care and tracheostomy care.

People with a physical disability and people 65 and older may be eligible for ARChoices, for help with bathing, dressing, shopping, laundry and meal planning. They have one meal a day delivered to their home. A respite care option sends a worker to provide temporary care to people who cannot care for themselves. That gives some rest to their primary caregivers.

People enrolled in Medicaid may qualify for visits from home health aides who help with bathing, dressing and food preparation. Also, Medicaid beneficiaries may qualify for visits from nurses and therapists.

Assisted living waivers allow beneficiaries to live independently in apartment-style units while receiving help with everyday tasks and personal hygiene. They get help managing their prescription drugs.

Counseling is available for people with mental illness, people who abuse drugs and people with behavioral issues caused by a lack of coping skills. To qualify, beneficiaries must have a mental health diagnosis, a psychiatric assessment or a substance abuse assessment.

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option, 7-12 line 2 option, spicy chicken sandwich  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
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Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, fruit, milk  
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## ‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

WHY DO YOU TALK SO MUCH ABOUT JESUS?  
An old Indian chief constantly spoke of the Lord Jesus and what He meant to him.  
“Why do you talk so much about Jesus?” asked a friend. The old chief did not reply, but slowly and deliberately he gathered some sticks and bits of grass. He made a circle of them. In the circle he placed a caterpillar. Still silent, he struck a match and lit the sticks and grass. They watched the caterpillar. As the fire caught around the circle, the trapped caterpillar began to crawl around rapidly, seeking a way to escape.



As the fire advanced, the helpless caterpillar raised its head as high as it could. If the creature could have spoken, it would have said, “My help can only come from above.”

Then the old chief stooped down and extended his finger to the caterpillar, which crawled up his finger to safety. “That”, said the chief, glowing, “was what the Lord Jesus did for me! I was lost in sin. My condition was hopeless. I was trapped. Then the Lord Jesus stooped down. In love and mercy, He drew me out of the horrible pit of sin and shame. How can I help but love Him and speak of His wondrous love and care?”  
Author Unknown

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Delarosa, Deja Marie, 28, Wichita, Kan., guilty of improper lane change, fined \$125; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
Hoover, Nathan Lee, 23, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
McCann, Tony R., 45, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$835 owed  
Murphy, Bobby J., 45, Hope, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325  
Ruis, Molly Raylene, 31, Norman, guilty of obstructing government operations, fined \$230; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$600  
Smith, Jack Dennis, 40, Murfreesboro, \$185 BF, speeding  
Spears, Bobby A. Jr., 41, Norman, guilty of failure to register tags/expired; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fiend \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Wade, Travious Kebrendon, 26, Maumelle, \$125 BF, speeding  
**ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**  
Bush, Dalton L., 26, Avon, Ill., \$220 BF, prohibited activities  
Cowling, Tyler Walt, 38, Ashdown, \$220 BF, no ski area  
Currie, Barrett Wylie, 19, Hope, \$220 BF, public intoxication  
Fall, Corenna Louise, 44, Mena, \$220 BF, glass container on river  
Grassie, Dakoda Layne, 38, Delight, \$220 BF, over capacity of boat  
Lepore, Derek I., 32, Windsor, Colo., \$220 BF, vessel operations and equipment requirements  
McIntire, Dennis, 17, Benton, \$220 BF, litter-

ing public waters-banks  
Patrick, Krishanna D., 51, Downsville, La., \$220BF, glass container on water  
Pylar, Bruce Tyler, 34, Louann, \$220 BF, insufficient PFD  
Sarasin, Garrett A., 33, Red Oak, Texas, \$320 BF, fishing without license  
Short, Kayden, 21, De Queen, \$370 BF, reckless operation of PWC  
Stanage, Olivia, 28, Benton, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months; \$220 BF, glass container on river  
Story, Gracanne S., 44, Houghton, La., \$220 BF, glass container on river  
Turner, Nicholas Ahren II., 24, Murfreesboro, \$220 BF, fishing without license  
Wilson, Kuri Brooke, 24, Grapevine, \$220 BF, insufficient PFD

**BENCH TRIALS PIKE COUNTY**  
Ford, Caleb Anthony, 23, Hot Spring, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$70

**CITY OF MURFREESBORO**  
Gourley, Jacob W., 29, Prescott, guilty of shoplifting, fined \$380; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245

**ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**  
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# 2024 MHS Rattlers Football Preview



## Rattlers looking to build off momentum of 2023 season

MURFREESBORO – The 2024 edition of the Murfreesboro Rattlers senior high football team will look to build off the momentum of the 2023 season that saw them go undefeated in the regular season.

The offensive line sees three returners from last year’s squad, with sophomore Garrett Lamb at LG and Albert Quiroz RT.

Head coach and offensive line coach Brad Chesshir said he had tried to create a competition for the two new slots in the preseason to see who would step up and fill the positions.

“Lamb has done a good job and will continue to grow with experience in high school games – it’s a lot different than high school games. He needs experience, but I think he will be better every week.”

Tight end will feature Cameron Stevens, who gained experience in the spot last year. Kooper Caldwell will also see time at the position, as well as Brody Maroon as needed – when not spending time at the fullback position.

“Depending on personnel, that’s when Brody’s position will change ... he may be at either position based on need.”

The running back position will see the experienced senior Lathan Compton returning in 2024.

“Lathan has secured the starting role at running back, as he should, have led us in touchdowns last year. He had a decent junior year and will be the guy toting the rock early.”

Sophomore Bubba Stinson will also see time in the offensive backfield.

“If we have a fullback in the game and Brody isn’t at that position, Cash Lowery has gotten some repetitions there. He’s done a good job at learning the position and will fill in as needed.”

Chesshir said the team was a bit more prepared than last season to be “multiple” without the fullback position versus last season.

The Rattlers are “heavy” with skill position members on the roster – including the wide receiver corps.

“We have a little speed on the field, with Lowery, Cale Burns, Caden Dixon, Cameron Stevens who can all go out there and play.

Overall, Chesshir feels that the overall continuity on the offensive side of the ball will bode well for the Rattlers in 2024.

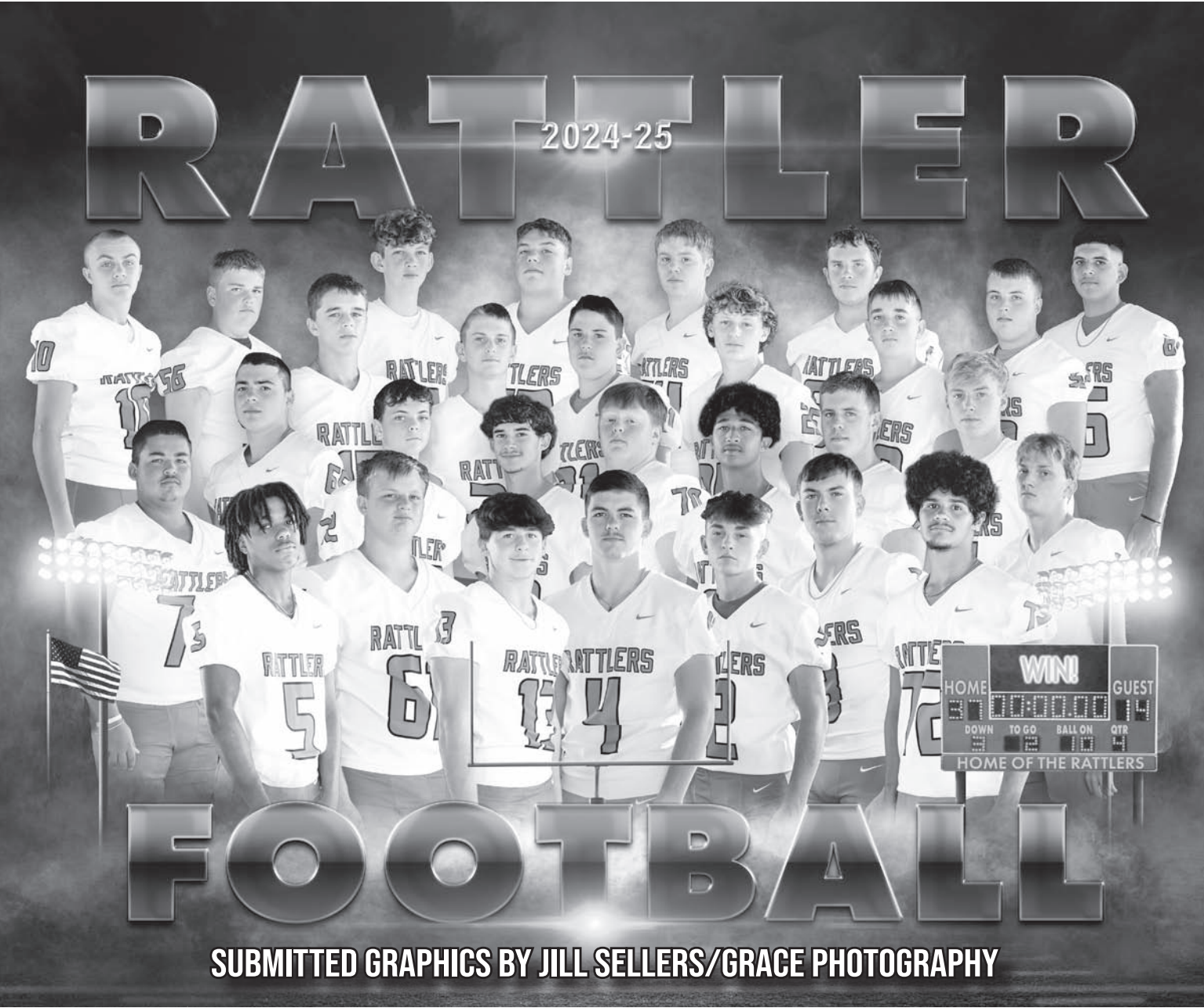
“We have a few new faces, but not a lot ... when you break it down.”

Additionally, having a third-year starter in Laytan Wilcher return at quarterback doesn’t hurt either.

“He’s our best leader on the team in the most important position. That makes you feel good as a coach, walking out of the locker room every Friday night. His work ethic, his effort, his attitude is unmatched, and the others guys feed off his energy. The one thing you can say about him is that he has seen the good, the bad and the ugly over the last two season. That experience you can’t match as a high school football player, and it’s nice to know he’s on our team.”

Defensively, however, the group will look to replace three all-conference performers at linebacker.

“Linebacker was a big hit, obviously ... we



really rotated four, so we return one almost starter in Compton at inside linebacker. He’s our bellcow. But when you lose Malachi [Sanders], Noah [Cox] and Brandt [Stevens], you lose a lot of tackles from last year’s team.”

Stinson has gotten the majority of reps in the preseason at the other inside linebacker position, while Cameron Stevens will take over the outside linebacker position, but also rotate in to an inside linebacker position.

“He does a really good job at both ... we will continue to evaluate them as the season opens.”

Maroon will move from an interior defensive lineman to defensive end.

“He’s done a good job of anchoring the edge for us, and he’s a very, very good run stopper, which obviously in our league you have to do. However, at the same time, you also have to be disciplined in the back end and not allow the deep-ball explosive play there.”

Logan Burris will start at the other defensive end position.

“Those two are very athletic, can play sideline to sideline, and we feel pretty good about

those two defensively.”

Daelyn Henderson will reprise his role on the defensive line, with Albert Quiroz at the other interior defensive line position.

Chesshir feels good about the defensive secondary, where the team loses only one starter.

“You’ve got Wilcher at safety, Lowery at safety, Caldwell has been working the other safety position ... he’s a smart kid that knows the game. He’s done a good job but has a long way to go just in terms of development at that position. I’m curious to see how he responds in a high school game in terms of physicality.”

Moving Cameron Stevens from the defensive back to linebacker has created an opportunity for Burns and Dixon to stake a claim to a cornerback position.

“Those two have been competing for the spot, it will be interesting to see who takes over there, but that’s a good problem to have.”

Chesshir also added that nothing is absolute-

ly set in stone as the season moves along.

“We have a lot of kids at other positions that can step up, maybe surprise us – we’re waiting on that to happen. I’m just overall looking forward to see what happens when we go up against a different colored jersey.”

Chesshir also believes that, going into his third year as head coach, that the continuity is helping the team to reach higher standards.

“The one thing I love about this team is that they know the standard, they know what is expected, and obviously we have raised that level of expectations after a successful year. One thing we have got to be careful of as a team is that we have to be consistent with our practice habits – and not become complacent because we thing we’re pretty good. Every coach has been here with these guys [outside new coach Gene Strode], so they know what we expect. I think the stability we have is a good thing, and they know the beliefs and expectations, making

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them easier to coach.”

The team made strides over the summer, after a successful baseball season to end last year greatly shortened spring practice. As the school year ended, the attention became more geared to football, and the team gathered to lift three days a week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In July the team participated in a 7-on-7 league that allowed them to focus in on the skill positions.

“The month of July was really geared towards heavier conditioning,” Chesshir said. “I thought our guys responded the right way.”

Chesshir addressed the million dollar question – can the team have as good a season as they did last year?

First admitting he didn’t know, he would further discuss the issue.

“Here’s what’s gotta happen – the schedule will be more difficult than it was a year ago – so hopefully that helps us improve as a football team. We are a different football team than we were a year ago, but every opponent we face is a different team versus a year ago. We have to focus on what we can control – we did a good job of that as a team last year, taking it one game at a time. Obviously, this is coach talk, and every coach is going to say ‘one game at a time’ or ‘we need to go 1-0.’ We are opening up with a really good Centerpoint football team that is a difficult matchup for us. It’s nothing like our first game versus Bearden last year – we’re probably not going to walk out there and roll over them. We’re going to have to prove ourselves the first three games – the non-conference games – which will help us grow as a team. We are going to face a lot of adversity early – but will also do a lot of good things early. But we have to learn and grow before going into conference play. We will have to be our absolute best versus Centerpoint in week zero, and make corrections as needed, and then get ready for the next opponent. I’m not going to sit here and say we are going 10-0, but I wouldn’t have done that last pre-season either.”

Chesshir said several opponents on the schedule – including Gurdon, Dierks, Lafayette County, Junction City and Mineral Springs presented difficulties that they perhaps didn’t a season ago.

“Gurdon’s gotten better, Dierks has changed their offense – finding ways to improve, Lafayette County is full of speed – and it wasn’t just a blowout last year, then you add Junction City, and Mineral will be just as competitive as last year. There is a lot of games on this schedule, if you look, they are not easy opponents, and so we have to focus on one game at a time and controlling what we can control, focusing on us ... and then see what happens at the end of it. We want to be as good as we were a year ago, everybody in this locker room, everybody in this coaching office, everybody in the community wants to do what we did a year ago. We are working toward that. But if we don’t take care of our business, it won’t happen. We just have to keep getting better.”

Breaking down the 2024 schedule with Chesshir:

- Centerpoint – When I put Centerpoint back on the schedule, there were people questioning that. We have a good football team, and will play anybody. We’re gonna line up, no matter who it is, go do what we do, and get better as a football team. The Centerpoint game is good for both communities, just trying to bring that rivalry back, and I know it will be a packed house here.
- Fouke – They have been in a tough conference (3-A), and their recent record is not indicative of how good they actually are. Don’t look at their record and think they’re not very good. Coach Littleton has always done a good job with the kids he has, and they play hard and physical. They return a really good running back, and I’ve heard they have some good linemen back. Defensively we will have to be good to stop their run game. Fouke is always a tough place to play, especially with the sasquatches and stuff over there.
- Genoa Central – I’m not sure what to think, and don’t know what they will look like. They’ve been an 8-man football team recently.
- Gurdon – Proved to me at their team camp that they are a whole lot better [than last year]. Coach Jackson had them flying around and playing physical, and we have to go to their place. I expect it to be a dogfight ... I think you will see a better Gurdon team, and they will have a different energy in their program, just by getting out of the 3A conference. Coming back to 2-A, they probably feel like they can win the conference title, and they very well may.

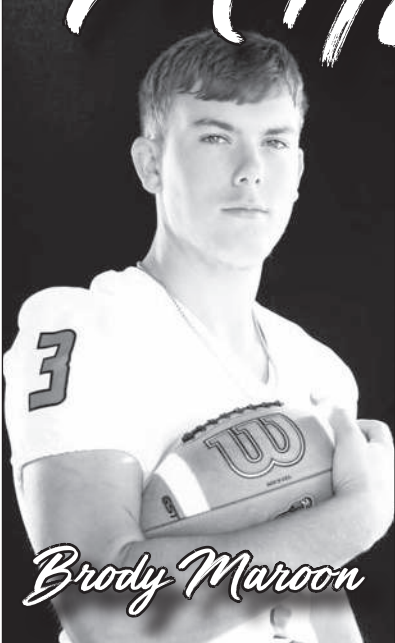
- Foreman – They have a new football coach, Ed Baker, from what I have heard they are doing a good job, going back to what makes them better with the flexbone offense. That’s going to make them better and I hope that Baker can help them.
- Dierks – Coach Ernest has went to a wing-t under center offense, it has proven to be pretty good there ... they have the dudes to do that. We saw their scrimmage and saw that they were very productive. We have to go there, and it’s always a big rivalry game. When you go to ‘The Holler’ you better be ready to play.
- Lafayette County – Last year we won 28-14, a very close game ... they are full of athletes, full of speed, a game you can’t take lightly.
- Junction City – Moving back to class 2A, everybody in the state of Arkansas will tell you that Junction City will blow through 2A football. That it’s Junction City and everybody else. The good thing is we don’t have them until week 8, so we’ll be able to improve and get better, obviously they will as well, but will give us an opportunity to get ready for that game.
- Spring Hill – 8-man state runner up last year, expect them to be under center in some sort of flexbone, not sure what they will exactly look like in 11-man, but I think they have a good group of young kids. I expect them to be competitive.
- Mineral Springs – We’ve had a lot of questions about why Mineral is at Murfreesboro again. Back in December, when the re-classification numbers came out, the conferences changed, and when the new conference has their coaches meeting, we had to draw for opponents. It just came out that we got Mineral at home on the last game of the season again. You know that game will be important ... they have a lot of returning talent, despite losing RB K.T. Thomas and Jace Amerson. I’m interested to see how they play over the course of the year. Obviously I’d be lying if I said I didn’t care where we were or they were at the end of the year – it would be awesome to have the same environment in that game as we did last year, that same situation where both of us were playing for a conference championship. We’ll see when we get to that point.

“Overall, we have a tough schedule – I see teams I think we match up with and beat, and I see teams I think we’re going to have to play perfect in order to win. It will be good for us.”

# 2024 MHS Rattler Seniors



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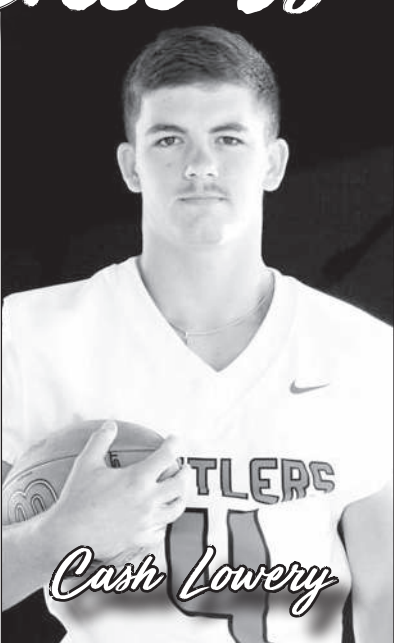
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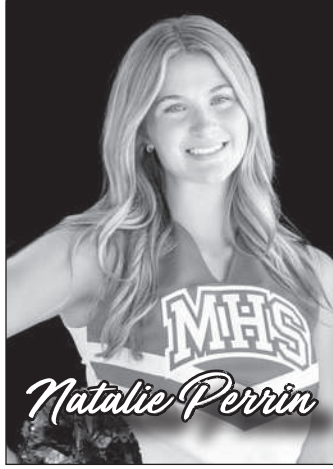
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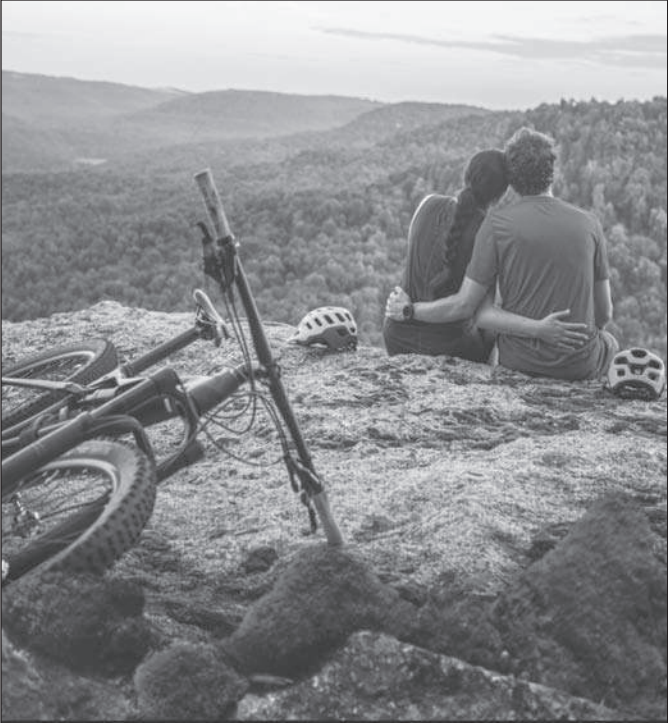




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14. Distinctive period in history  
15. Munchausen’s title  
16. Likewise  
17. Campfire leftover  
18. Jason Bateman/Laura Linney TV drama  
19. \*Traditionally clipped  
21. \*OS in POS at the supermarket  
23. Bro’s sibling  
24. “ \_\_\_\_ there, done that”  
25. T in Greek  
28. FBI’s cold one  
30. Windshield \_\_\_\_, pl.  
35. “The \_\_\_\_ for Red October”  
37. Coach of Dallas Mavericks  
39. Bow’s partner  
40. Black and white killer  
41. Be in accord  
43. First word in fairy tale  
44. Formerly known as Pleasant Island  
46. Long-lasting Steelers coach  
47. TV’s “man named Brady”  
48. \*GO in BOGO  
50. French “place”  
52. 6th sense  
53. Adored one  
55. What cruelty and crush have in common  
57. \*Dairy aisle package  
60. \*S&H Green \_\_\_\_  
63. Non motorized vessel  
64. I have  
66. Nev.’s neighbor  
68. Offspring, collectively  
69. Rank above maj.  
70. Visual  
71. QBR in football, e.g.  
72. Will Ferrell’s Christmas classic

73. Like a gymnast

DOWN

1. \*What registers do  
2. Nonclerical  
3. Football legend Graham  
4. Unborn vertebrate  
5. \_\_\_\_ of Cancer  
6. \*Like freezer aisle “Cuisine”  
7. “ \_\_\_\_ Robinson” by Simon & Garfunkel  
8. California/ Nevada lake  
9. Mediterranean Strip  
10. Not written  
11. Dull one  
12. Pen juice  
15. Home to Sarajevo  
20. Port city in Japan  
22. Like marines in slogan  
24. Cowboy’s bedding  
25. Flip-flop  
26. Plural of aura  
27. Adam Sandler’s “ \_\_\_\_ Gems”  
29. Manual communication gesture  
31. High school ball  
32. Bert’s TV buddy  
33. Ice in a cocktail  
34. \*TV’s “Supermarket \_\_\_\_”  
36. Tropical tuber  
38. \*Sliced items section  
42. Choose a president  
45. “ \_\_\_\_ we stand, divided we fall”  
49. Tokyo, once  
51. Adenine’s partner in RNA  
54. Chilled (2 words)  
56. Savory taste sensation  
57. \*Rolling supermarket carrier  
58. Dwarf buffalo  
59. Type of canal, in dentistry  
60. Ego’s main concern  
61. Surveyor’s map  
62. Accompanies relief  
63. “Big Three” TV network  
65. Radio knob, abbr.  
67. ATM extra

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- Bison Dre Reed, 20, Hamlin, Texas; Laura Danielle Cottrell, 25, Hamlin, Texas, July 17  
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Charles Ray Huffman, 53, Murfreesboro; Me-lissa La’Vonne Speers, 51, Murfreesboro, Aug. 16

Harvest Food Bank to distribute commodities in Murfreesboro Sept. 25

TEXARKANA -- Harvest Regional Food Bank will distribute TEFAP USDA Commodities food boxes directly from their truck in Murfreesboro on Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. or until all boxes have been distributed.

Recipients must come inside the Municipal Building located at 204 E. Main Street to check in. Once checked in, recipients will go back to their vehicle and proceed to line up along Sec-

ond Avenue and Owens Street towards First United Methodist Church.

Food boxes will be loaded directly into ve-hicles from the back of the Municipal Building. The next Mobile Pantry is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

Recipients must bring photo identification or proof of address to verify they are a resident of Pike County. Distribution is limited to one box per household and two households per vehicle.

Time-honored Arkansas pastime

BY BRUCE WESTERMAN  
United States Representative (AR-04)

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- August is National Shooting Sports Month! Many Arkansans, including myself, have grown up lov-

ing and appreciating shooting sports, one of the most time-honored pastimes in the Nat-ural State. Yet, one year ago, flawed policies from the Biden Administration threatened sportsmen and women’s abil-ity to recreate as they please.

Through wrongful misin-terpretation of the language in the Bipartisan Safer Commu-nities Act of 2022 (BSCA), the Biden-Harris Administration threatened to halt funding for archery, hunting, target shoot-ing, and other school outdoor classes and programs.

Shooting sports activities provide young people with the unique opportunity to learn responsibility, be a part of a team, improve mental health, develop a passion for a sport, and understand the safe and legal handling of shooting sports equipment. I couldn’t sit idle while poor interpre-tation of policies threatened those positive benefits for

American students.

As Co-Chair of the Con-gressional Sportsmen’s Cau-cus, I worked with fellow sportsmen in Congress to ad-vance the Protecting Hunting Heritage and Education Act, which recognizes the value of shooting sports and outdoor recreation and ensures these programs are never put on the back burner. Fortunately, the House quickly took up this legislation for a vote, and it passed by an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 424-1. The Senate followed suit, pass-ing by Unanimous Consent, prompting the President to sign it into law shortly there-after.

This National Shooting Sports Month, I’m celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Protecting Hunting Heri-tage and Education Act and the ability for Arkansans to safely enjoy shooting sports with generations to come!

LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE

Issue No. 2

(Popular Name)

An amendment requiring local voter approval in a countywide special election for certain new casino licenses and repealing authority to issue a casino license in Pope County, Arkansas.

(Ballot Title)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 100, § 4, SUBSECTION (I), TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CASINO LICENSES THAT THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION IS REQUIRED TO ISSUE FROM FOUR TO THREE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100, § 4, SUBSECTIONS (K) THROUGH (N), TO REPEAL AUTHORIZATION FOR A CASINO IN POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION TO ISSUE A CASINO LICENSE FOR POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (S), PROVIDING THAT IF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION, OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY, ISSUES A CASINO LICENSE FOR A CASINO IN POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT, THEN SAID LICENSE IS REVOKED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T), PROVIDING THAT IF A FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF A CASINO LICENSE IN ANY COUNTY OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED NOW OR HEREAFTER FOR CRITTENDEN COUNTY (TO SOUTHLAND RACING CORPORATION), GARLAND COUNTY (TO OAKLAWN JOCKEY CLUB, INC.) AND JEFFERSON COUNTY (TO DOWNSTREAM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO SARACEN DEVELOPMENT, LLC), THEN THE QUORUM COURT OF EACH COUNTY WHERE A CASINO IS TO BE LOCATED SHALL CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION BY ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO APPROVE OF A CASINO IN THE COUNTY; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T)(1)-(3), SETTING THE DATE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION AND REQUIRING THE ORDINANCE CALLING THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO STATE THE ELECTION DATE AND TO SPECIFY THE FORMAT OF THE

QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AS “FOR A CASINO IN [ ] COUNTY” AND “AGAINST A CASINO IN [ ] COUNTY,” AND, “THE QUESTION PRESENTED TO VOTERS MUST INCLUDE WHETHER OR NOT A CASINO MAY BE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY” – “A CASINO IS DEFINED AS A FACILITY WHERE CASINO GAMING IS CONDUCTED”; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T)(4), REQUIRING THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO PUBLISH THE ORDINANCE CALLING THE SPECIAL ELECTION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SPECIAL ELECTION IS HELD; AMENDING AMENDMENT 100 § 4, TO ADD SUBSECTION (T)(5), REQUIRING A MAJORITY OF THOSE IN THE COUNTY WHO VOTE AT THE ELECTION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES WHERE A FUTURE CASINO IS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED TO APPROVE OF THE CASINO AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION BEFORE THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION, OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY, MAY ACCEPT ANY APPLICATIONS FOR A CASINO LICENSE IN THAT COUNTY; MAKING THIS AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE ON AND AFTER NOVEMBER 13, 2024; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AMENDMENT ARE SEVERABLE IN THAT IF ANY PROVISION OR SECTION OF THIS AMENDMENT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, SUCH INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT ANY OTHER PROVISION OR APPLICATION THAT CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OF APPLICATION; AND REPEALING ALL LAWS OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT.

- ☐ FOR ISSUE NO. 2  
☐ AGAINST ISSUE NO. 2

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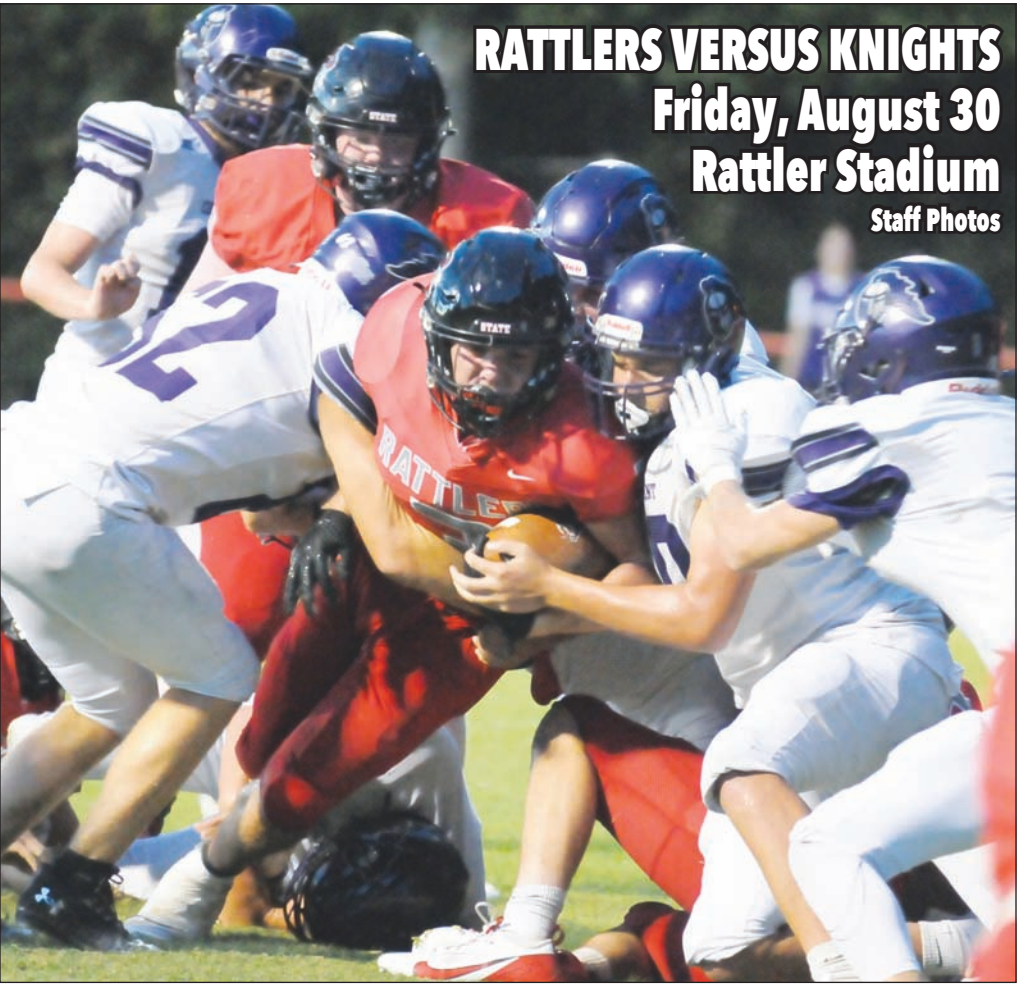
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# Grandson of local residents to represent USA in basketball tournament abroad

BISMARCK -- Jackson Hinds, a local basketball student-athlete and incoming sophomore from Bismarck High School has been selected by Student Athlete World to represent the United States in the United World Games, an international, Olympic-style sporting competition to be held in Germany, Austria, and Italy in June 2025.

Jackson is the grandson of current Murfreesboro resident Ted Hinds and the great-grandson of Tommye Hinds. His maternal grandmother is former Murfreesboro resident Rosemary (Rosey) Harris Clemmons, and the late Shirley Harris Lamb was his maternal great-grandmother.

Student-athletes are chosen for the team

based on a combination of their athletic ability as well as their academics, leadership ability, and character. Hinds currently maintains above a 4.0 GPA as an honor student and aspires to be an anesthesiologist.

The trip includes not only the international sport competition but opportunities for personal growth and leadership development through international travel.

The family is asking for your support of Jackson during this once in a lifetime opportunity by visiting his donations page at GoGet-Funding.com; search Support Jackson Hinds, or by donating directly to a family member. All proceeds will go to airfare, hotels, meals, and tournament entry fees.



**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY  
PETITION OF THE PEOPLE**

**Issue No. 3**  
**(Popular Name)**  
Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2024

**(Ballot Title)**  
THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION EXPANDS ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA BY QUALIFIED PATIENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016, AMENDMENT 98 AND RATIFIES AND AFFIRMS THAT AMENDMENT AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED AND AS AMENDED BY ANY LEGISLATIVE ACT, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(4)(B) TO DEFINE “CULTIVATION FACILITY” AS INCLUDING SALE AND DELIVERY OF USABLE MARIJUANA TO A PROCESSOR; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(12) TO REPLACE THE DEFINITION OF “PHYSICIAN” WITH “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER,” WHICH INCLUDES MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC DOCTORS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIANS’ ASSISTANTS, AND PHARMACISTS AND TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL CONTROLLED-SUBSTANCES REGISTRATION; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 4(F), 5(A)(1), 5(F)(1), 5(H), AND 15 TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIANS WITH REFERENCES TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(13)(C) TO ADD LANGUAGE TO THE DEFINITION OF “QUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITION” TO INCLUDE ANY CONDITION NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN AMENDMENT 98 THAT A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER CONSIDERS DEBILITATING TO A PATIENT THAT MIGHT BE ALLEVIATED BY THE USE OF USABLE MARIJUANA; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2 (14)(A) TO ALLOW NON-ARKANSAS RESIDENTS TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS IN THE SAME WAY AS ARKANSAS RESIDENTS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(17) TO DEFINE “USABLE MARIJUANA” AS CANNABIS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES INCLUDING ALL PARTS OF THE PLANT CANNABIS SATIVA, WHETHER GROWING OR NOT, INCLUDING ANY SEEDS, RESIN, COMPOUND, MANUFACTURE, SALT, DERIVATIVE, MIXTURE, ISOMER OR PREPARATION OF THE PLANT, INCLUDING TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL AND ALL OTHER CANNABINOL DERIVATIVES, AND TO EXCLUDE HEMP WITH A DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION OF NOT MORE THAN 0.3 PERCENT ON A DRY WEIGHT BASIS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 2(19) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE REQUIRING A PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP FROM THE DEFINITION OF “WRITTEN CERTIFICATION” AND

TO ALLOW ASSESSMENTS IN PERSON OR BY TELEMEDICINE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 3(E) TO ALLOW LICENSED DISPENSARIES TO RECEIVE, TRANSFER, OR SELL MARIJUANA SEEDLINGS, PLANTS, OR USABLE MARIJUANA TO AND FROM ARKANSAS-LICENSED CULTIVATION FACILITIES, PROCESSORS, OR OTHER DISPENSARIES, TO ACCEPT MARIJUANA SEEDS, SEEDLINGS, OR CLONES FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO POSSESS THEM, AND TO SELL USABLE MARIJUANA, MARIJUANA SEEDLINGS, PLANTS OR SEEDS TO QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 3(H) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE ALLOWING PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS TO SANCTION A PHYSICIAN FOR IMPROPER EVALUATION OF A PATIENT’S MEDICAL CONDITION OR FOR VIOLATING THE STANDARD OF CARE; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, §3(1) TO REMOVE AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RULES CONCERNING VISITING QUALIFYING PATIENTS OBTAINING MARIJUANA FROM A DISPENSARY; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 4(A)(4)(A) TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL APPLICANTS SEEKING TO SERVE AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF MINORS WHO ARE QUALIFYING PATIENTS APPLYING TO SERVE AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS FOR THOSE MINORS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 5(A)(2) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE REQUIRING REASONABLE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION FEES OR RENEWAL FEES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 5(D) TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS AND TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF EXISTING CARDS; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(E)(8) TO REMOVE AND REPLACE ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS WITH RESTRICTIONS FOR DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES NARROWLY TAILORED TO PREVENT ADVERTISING AND PACKAGING FROM APPEALING TO CHILDREN AND TO REQUIRE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL TO MAKE RULES THAT REQUIRE PACKAGING THAT CANNOT BE OPENED BY A CHILD OR THAT PREVENTS READY ACCESS TO TOXIC OR HARMFUL AMOUNTS OF THE PRODUCT; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(1)(A) TO REMOVE PROHIBITIONS ON DISPENSARY-PROVIDED PARAPHERNALIA REQUIRING COMBUSTION OF MARIJUANA; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 8(M)(4)(A)(II) TO ALLOW CULTIVATION FACILITIES TO SELL MARIJUANA IN ANY FORM TO DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, OR OTHER CULTIVATION

FACILITIES; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 16 TO REPLACE ITS CURRENT LANGUAGE WITH A WAIVER OF STATE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY SO THAT A LICENSED PERSON OR ENTITY MAY SEEK INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IN THE EVENT THAT STATE FAILS TO FOLLOW AMENDMENT 98; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98, § 21 TO REMOVE A PROHIBITION ON THE GROWING OF MARIJUANA BY QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS AND TO ALLOW SUCH GROWING UNDER AMENDMENT 98; REPEALING AMENDMENT 98, §§ 23 AND 26 IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98 TO ALLOW QUALIFYING PATIENTS OR CAREGIVERS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AND IN POSSESSION OF A VALID REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD TO POSSESS, PLANT, DRY, AND PROCESS MARIJUANA PLANTS IN LIMITED QUANTITIES AND SIZES AT THEIR DOMICILE SOLELY FOR THE PERSONAL USE OF THE QUALIFYING PATIENT, TO PROHIBIT SALE, BARTERING, AND TRADE OF SUCH MARIJUANA PLANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BY THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION; AMENDING AMENDMENT 98 TO ALLOW POSSESSION BY ADULTS OF UP TO ONE OUNCE OF USABLE MARIJUANA, TO ALLOW SALE OF MARIJUANA BY LICENSED CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES FOR ADULT USE IF CURRENT FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING SUCH ACTIVITIES CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL OF MARIJUANA BY LICENSED CULTIVATION FACILITIES AND DISPENSARIES BY THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION; AMENDING ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1, TO PROVIDE THAT UNLESS PROVIDED IN SUCH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, NO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SHALL BE AMENDED OR REPEALED UNLESS APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE UNDER THE CONSTITUTION; PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT’S PROVISIONS ARE SEVERABLE, NULLIFYING ANY PROVISION OF STATE LAW IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THE AMENDMENT IS SELF-EXECUTING.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 30TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024.



JOHN THURSTON  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS

