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## Flu clinics Sept. 24-25

MURFREESBORO -- Local residents will have two opportunities to receive a flu shot from two local health unit offices.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, the Pike County Health Unit will hold drive-through flu shots from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Pike County Health Unit is located at 15 Caddo Drive in Murfreesboro.

For more information, please call (870) 285-3154.

The Howard County Health Unit will hold their drive-through community flu clinic on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Howard County Health Unit is located at 201 East Hempstead Street in Nashville.

For more information, please call (870) 845-2208.

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# FALL FESTIVAL

October 26, 2024

VENDORS - 12:00 P.M.  
BOUNCE HOUSE  
MUSIC  
PET COSTUME CONTEST - 3:00 P.M.  
DOG RACE - 3:30 P.M.  
KID COSTUME CONTEST - 4:00 P.M.  
TRUNK OR TREAT - 5:00 P.M.

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## Join Pike County Steppers to walk across Arkansas

MURFREESBORO -- The Cooperative Extension Service's biannual health initiative, Walk Across Arkansas, officially began this week.

Individual Arkansans are encouraged to form teams in their respective workplaces, neighborhoods or other communities and join the effort.

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 ended Sept. 8. The eight-week session begins Sept. 9.

**BE A STEPPER**

However, for those that would like to participate and haven't yet registered, Pike County's Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Eva Langley has made the process as easy as possible.

Any local resident can be a part of the "Pike County Steppers" for the next eight weeks. Simply stop by the Pike County Extension office in Murfreesboro, any of the three Pike County Library Branches in Murfreesboro, Delight or Glenwood, or at either of the senior center locations in Murfreesboro or Glenwood and pick up an exercise log.

After completing the eight-week individual exercise log on November 3, simply return the form to the collection location and the results will be entered for you.

## Place holiday pecan orders now

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Conservation District is now taking their annual holiday pecan orders.

The pecans will arrive in one-pound tamper proof bags. A variety of fudges are also available.

Orders must be paid for when placed. To place order, stop by the Conservation office at 131 N. Kelley Street in Murfreesboro on Monday thru Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Participants may also mail their order with checks made out to Pike County Conservation District to P.O. Box 178, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

The last day to order will be October 24, with arrival being mid November.

Please call (870) 285-2424 for more information.

## Chamber gears up for events

MURFREESBORO – The Chamber of Commerce is ready to assist Kadoha Indian Village and the seventh edition of Treasure Fest this October 11-13.

Chamber representatives said at their September meeting that the event was nearing a sellout of tickets and would be represented by residents far and near of up to 26 states.

It was said the chamber would be accepting volunteers to help bury tokens and treasure the week before the event and then act as greeters during the event.

Treasure Fest is a two-day metal detecting event on seeded hunt field over the weekend, with a meet and greet event on Friday prior to the event. Tickets are \$300 and may be obtained by calling (870) 285-3736 while they last.

The Chamber has been actively restoring their Christmas decorations and replacing lights. It was noted that they needed to purchase green, blue and red replacement LED lights as well as 2'x2' stars that adorn the tree at the courthouse.

The next workday for Christmas lights will be Saturday, September 28. Interested members of the public who would like to volunteer their time can call (870) 285-3131 for more details.

The decorations will be installed around town the weekend following Thanksgiving.

The Chamber will sponsor a "Make Murfreesboro Shine" event for clean up efforts around town this Saturday, Oct. 5. Volunteers will meet at Harvill Insurance, 325 West Main, at 9 a.m. before dispersing for various efforts.

The Diamonds in the Fall event is slated for Saturday, Oct. 26, and will feature vendors, a bounce house and pre-recorded music starting at noon. Prospective vendors are asked to note the time and not arrive hours early.

A pet costume contest will be held at 3 p.m., followed by a dachshund race at 3:30 p.m. Those interested in having their weenie dog participate in the race are asked to contact (870) 925-1874.

Kids' costume contests (by age divisions) will begin at 4 p.m. and will continue up to the trunk-or-treat at 5 p.m.

The Chamber's Haunted House fundraiser, held at the former Pike County Hospital, began decorating this past weekend. The house will be open on October 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 and Halloween night October 31.

## Woman charged for alleged relations with underage male

MURFREESBORO -- A Pike County woman has been arrested and charged for suspicion of the rape of a young boy.

Aireal Christina Spears, 21, of Glenwood, was charged Sept. 9 in Pike County Circuit. She remains in custody in the Pike County Jail this week and was formally arraigned Monday. She plead not guilty to the charge and her bond was set at \$25,000 by Judge Bryan Chesshir. A no-contact order was also issued for her alleged victim.

According to case information, in April the Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children Division received a call about possible child sexual assault. The case involved a 12-year-old boy in foster care who was reportedly sexually assaulted by his cousin, later identified as Spears, while residing in Glenwood. The child was reportedly 11 at the time of the assault and Spears was 20.

Spears was interviewed by authorities in August and she admitted to at least one instance of having sex with the child and stated she had a "crush on him."

**ESCAPE CHARGE ADDED**  
An Amity man in court for charged with ag-

# MAKE MURFREESBORO SHINE CLEAN UP DAY

## LET'S WORK TOGETHER IN CLEANING UP OUR TOWN!

OCTOBER 5  
9 A.M. - NOON  
MEET AT 325 WEST MAIN  
\*\*WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHING\*\*

The group noted that with the use of more rooms at the former hospital facility will require more decorations, including animatronics. The plan is to now make the walk through the augmented event to take between eight to nine minutes.

The City of Murfreesboro, in conjunction with the chamber, has also set the schedule for Christmas events this December.

The Jingle Bell Run 5K will be held the morning of Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 a.m., followed by Santa on the Square at 2 p.m. for youngsters to meet with Santa to inform him of Christmas present wishes and photo opportunities.

The Christmas parade will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12 with lineup at the former Pike County Hospital at 5 p.m. The parade will commence at 5:30 p.m., and any floats who wish to throw candy will have to have attendants walking alongside the float for safety purposes. The parade will conclude at the large parking lot in front of Harvill Insurance. The parade's theme

will be "Light Up Murfreesboro." Judges will be selected to choose winners in yet to be determined divisions for parade entrants.

Additionally, the chamber will encourage businesses on the square and throughout Murfreesboro to hold extended "open house" hours that night following the parade. The Chamber will be sponsoring a drawing with participating businesses for prizes.

Breakfast with Santa will be held on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 14.

The Chamber is in discussion with the local University of Arkansas Extension office with ways to improve the farmer's market held behind the tennis courts at the old city park for next year. Ideas discussed include beautification, improved signage and the implementation of raised vegetable beds to grow produce on site.

Chamber President Lisa Harvill said the farmer's market has "never gotten off the ground" in a meaningful manner.

gravated assault on a household member and probation revocation has had an additional charge of third-degree escape filed after he recently bailed from the courtroom.

John F. Graves, 26, was charged Sept. 5 in connection to his escape attempt on Aug. 19 when he bulled his way out of the courtroom and into the parking lot, where he was apprehended and returned to the jail.

Graves has plead not guilty to the charges and a Dec. 2 pretrial date was set for the escape charges.

Jason Lavar Stewart, 47, of Murfreesboro, was charged Sept. 5 with breaking or entering a motor vehicle and theft of property. Stewart was arrested in late August for the alleged theft of two phones and a battery charger. He has plead not guilty to the charges and his bond was set at \$10,000. He will return to court Dec. 2 for a pretrial hearing.

Jeffery Wilkerson, 62, of Caddo Gap, was charged Sept. 5 with possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance. He was arrested Aug. 7 during a traffic stop where he was found to be in possession of suspected methamphetamine and paraphernalia. Wilkerson has plead not guilty to then charges and an

Oct. 28 pretrial date has been set.

Bobby Allen Spears, Jr., 41, of Norman, was charged Sept. 5 with possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance. He was arrested Aug. 8 due to outstanding warrants and a search of his vehicle allegedly uncovered methamphetamine and paraphernalia. Spears has plead not guilty to the charges and a Dec. 2 pretrial date has been set.

Johnathan Billylee West, 41, of Glenwood, was charged Sept. 5 with possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia. West, who has a search waiver on file, was arrested Aug. 14 during a traffic stop where officers found meth and paraphernalia. He has plead not guilty to the charges and an Oct. 28 pretrial date was set.

Rex Darrin Campbell, 59, of Delight, was charged Sept. 5 with misdemeanor traffic violations and marijuana possession and felony counts of possession of meth and drug paraphernalia. Campbell was arrested Aug. 5 during a traffic stop in Glenwood and was allegedly found to be in possession of meth and paraphernalia. He has plead not guilty to all the charges and his bond was set at \$10,000. A Dec. 2 pretrial date was also set.



# Rattlers make most of open week, prep to slay Dragons

## ‘We just need to go get our swagger back,’ says Chesshir

MURFREESBORO – The Murfreesboro Rattlers (0-2) were productive during their open week, according to head coach Brad Chesshir.

As opposed to a normal game week schedule, Chesshir said the team mixed it up a bit with practice planning, focusing more on problem areas from the first two games of the season.

“We put the emphasis on us, getting better at being us, focusing on the little things ... fundamentals, techniques, position drills, film study and of course the weight room. It was good for us -- the open week came at the right time. We had really high energy for an off week. “

After a pair of losses to start the season, the team was able to focus on issues before their next game – at Genoa Central this Friday night.

The Dragons are 0-2 on the season themselves, losing to Spring Hill 34-6 in Week 0 and then to Fouke 46-7 last Friday after their open week.

Murfreesboro dropped their game to Fouke 39-22 the week previous.

Genoa Central, who is coming off an eight-man team last season, will be competing in a tough 7-4A conference that features the likes of Ashdown, Malvern, Fountain Lake, Arkadelphia and Nashville.

Chesshir said the Dragons’ roster had good numbers and decent size/skill players, but the team was still trying to find their identity on both offense and defense early in the season.

“They seem to be still trying to put the puzzle together with the right pieces in the right places.”

He admits both teams will be “itching for a win” this week and is preparing the Rattlers for a difficult game.

“By no means will this be an easy game for us ... they may see this as their last good chance for a win this season in their difficult conference with a 2-A school coming in.”

Offensively, Chesshir said the Dragons are still trying to figure a scheme that fits them best and have been trying different things in the first two games of the season. While that can mean a bit of indecisiveness that can be taken advantage of, it also poses an element of unpredictability for the Rattler defense.

“We don’t know how they will come out, so we will just have to be sound defensively and be on our toes ... the coaching staff will have to be able to adjust as the game goes on. We have to stop the run, create negative plays, tackle well and not allow explosive plays.”

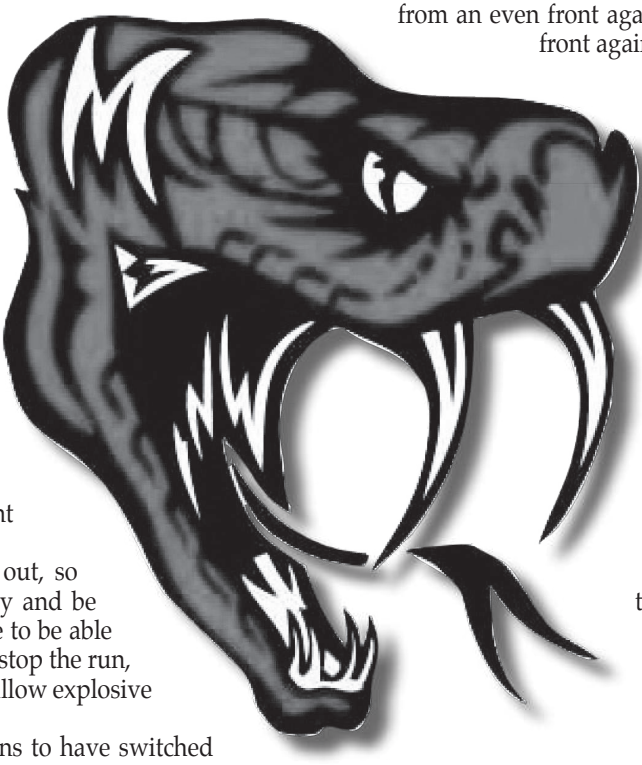
Defensively, film has shown the Dragons to have switched

from an even front against Spring Hill to an odd front against Fouke.

“We will have to be good with our roles versus either front ... we don’t know what we will see, but we do know what we have to do. We have to sustain drives offensively and stay on blocks throughout the play.”

However, Chesshir feels the Rattlers will “come play their best” and be “well prepared” for the contest.

“We need to go get a win ... I knew the first two games this season would allow us to face adversity and I think we have responded well. We just need to go get our swagger back.”



# Oct. 1 tour to showcase progress of Pike County

PIKE COUNTY -- The Glenwood and Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerces are hosting a Pike County VIP Tour, and the public is invited.

The effort is excited to show off many of the family friendly attractions that our county has to offer to both locals and tourists as well as the progress being made to restore many of our historic properties.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

- 9:30-10 a.m. - Crater of Diamonds State Park, 209 State Park Rd, Murfreesboro

- 10:25-11 a.m. - SWAHA Lodge & Marina, 205 Dynamite Hill Rd, Murfreesboro
- 11:35 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Tour Tranquil Lane then catered lunch at the Caddo Cabana cabin, 138 Serenity Lp, Glenwood Cabin where lunch will be hosted: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/832165664114929143?viralityEntryPoint=1&s=76>
- 12:35-12:55 p.m. - Downtown Glenwood Tour, 200 E Broadway, Glenwood
- 1 p.m. - Quick stop by the Train Depot Museum before heading home


Please RSVP by next Friday, Sept. 20, to let the chambers know if you'll be attending so that they can get a solid head count for lunch.

Direct RSVPs and any questions to Kayla Hartsfield at (479) 276-9030 or [glenwoodarchamber@gmail.com](mailto:glenwoodarchamber@gmail.com).



## Pike County VIP TOUR

Tuesday, October 1st



## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS  
PROBATE – FIRST DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
DAVID WAYNE ALLEN, DECEASED NO. 55PR-24-56  
  
NOTICE

Last known address: 101 Church Street, Belcher, LA 71004  
Date of death: June 18, 2024

The undersigned was appointed ancillary administrator of the estate of the above decedent on 19th day of August, 2024.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published on September 11, 2024.

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## WILL BE CLOSED OCT. 14 FOR COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

WE WILL BE OPEN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15  
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A tract of land being a part of the E-2 SE -4 SW -4 in Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 24 West, Pike County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a 1/2" pin for the SE corner of the SE-4 SW -4; thence N 02 degrees 09' 11" E 466.7 feet along the East Line of said SE-4 SW -4 to a 1/2" pin for the point of beginning; thence N 87 degrees 36' 34" W 466.70 feet along the North line of a 5 acre tract to a 1/2" pin; thence N 02 degrees 08' 55" E 184.11 feet to a 1/2" pin; thence S 87 degrees 37' 16" E 150.58 feet to a 1/2" pin; thence 78 degrees 59' 53" E 213.02 feet to a point in a County Road; thence S 06 degrees 48' 19" E 66.41 feet along said County Road to a point; thence 03 degrees 25' 07" E 56.27 feet along said County Road to a spike nail; thence S 87 degrees 39' 09" E 89.85 feet to a 1/2" pin in the East line of said SE -4 SW -4; thence S 02 degrees 09' 11" W 30.77 feet along said East line of the SE -4 SW -4 to the point of beginning, Containing 1.55 acres, more or less.

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August 6, 2024

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(p.n.a. 707w., 11,12,13,14)



# Updated flu, covid, RSV vaccines now available

BY REBEKAH HALL  
*U of A System Division of Agriculture*

LITTLE ROCK — As children return to school and families resume busy fall schedules, it’s important to stay safe and healthy by getting updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines. Adults aged 75 years and older are also recommended for RSV vaccines.

Bryan Mader, extension health specialist and assistant professor for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said vaccines are critical to personal and community health. “Vaccines, especially those used to help prevent flu and COVID, are vitally important for your personal health, but also for the health of those around you,” Mader said. “Most basically, flu vaccines can help to prevent people from getting sick with influenza. Additionally, people who were vaccinated and did become ill had reduced severity of symptoms and overall time of illness.”

Mader said vaccines.gov, available in English and Spanish, is the best source of information for where to find nearby vaccines. “It’s a very easy process and can be used on mobile devices,”



## Autumnal equinox

*First day of fall set for September 22*

Meteorological equinox started on September 1, and is simply the time weather scientist use to mark the transition period between the warm and cold months. Astronomical equinox this year is officially on September 22, at 7:43 a.m. CDT This is the first day of fall.

The changing of the earth’s seasons has to do with its orbit around the Sun and its tilted axis. Autumnal of fall equinox happen when the earth is sideways to, and not tilted toward the Sun. Many ancient cultures marked the due east sunrise of the equinox as a signal for harvest time, and the celebrational ceremonies that were to come. Hundreds of years ago, at sunrise, Caddo priest likely stood on the large mound at Kadoha to announce the beginning of this special event to the tribe gathered on the plaza below.

The Pike County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, which is almost due east and a few miles from the Kadoha mound complex, is aligned to the cardinal directions, with the main entrance facing north. The equinox sun rises at the visual end of east main street, and shines through the windows of the Pike County Tax Assessor’s office. For we more urbanized modern citizens it is not a sign that it is time to prepare for harvest, but rather one that tells us a tax deadline is looming.

The word equinox is derived from a Latin word meaning equal night. In our part of the world day and night at equinox are not exactly equal, but close enough.

he said. “All you need to do is input your zip code, and the results provide a list and map of the closest resource for vaccines. Vaccines are also available through your healthcare provider or your local health department unit.”

Many vaccines are available free of charge with insurance. There are also programs available that help to reduce or eliminate the cost of preventive vaccines, such as flu and COVID.

**FIGHTING THE FLU**

Flu season in the U.S. generally spans from October to May, with peak season during the colder months from December to February. Mader said that because the influenza virus changes from season to season, it is recommended that everyone six months of age and older get a flu vaccine each year.

“Receiving a flu shot at any time during the flu season in the U.S. is highly recommended, however, aiming to receive a flu shot between September and October is typically recommended for the highest effectiveness throughout the season,” Mader said. “CDC recommends a flu vaccine by the end of October, before flu begins spreading in your community.”

Mader said that children aged 6 months through 8 years who are getting the flu vaccine for the first time, and those who have previously only received one dose of flu vaccine, should get two doses of vaccine.

“The first dose should be given as soon as the vaccine becomes available,” he said. “If your child previously got two doses of flu vaccine, at any time, they only need one dose of flu vaccine this season.”

Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine during each pregnancy, as they can help protect both the mother and baby from the flu.

**KEEPING UP WITH COVID**

As of Aug. 30, the FDA has authorized the new 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Novavax. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that all people ages 6 months and older receive COVID-19 vaccine doses. Vaccination is especially important for those at high risk of severe COVID-19, including people ages 65 years and older, people with underlying medical conditions, including those with compromised immune systems, people living in long-term care facilities and pregnant people.

Mader said the most reliable data for COVID test positivity rates across the United States comes from the CDC’s COVID Data Tracker. After a spike in test positivity rates in early August, the test positivity rate for the week ending Aug. 31 is 16.3 percent, down from 16.7 percent the previous week.

As the United States prepares for the upcoming respiratory illness season, COVIDTests.gov will re-open for orders at the end

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of September. U.S. households will be eligible to receive four free COVID-19 tests, which can help detect current COVID-19 variants and can be used through the end of the year.

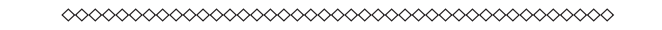
**WHO IS AT RISK FOR RSV?**

Mader said all adults aged 75 and older are recommended to get an RSV vaccine.

“Adults aged 60-74 who are at an increased risk of RSV – including those who have a chronic heart or lung disease, have a weakened immune system, have severe obesity and /or diabetes and those who may live in a nursing home or other long-term care facility – should receive a single dose of an RSV vaccine,” Mader said.

*Mention of brand names does not imply endorsement by the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.*

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



## Pike County 4-H pairs with restaurant on fundraiser

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County 4-H is partnering with a culinary legend to raise money for our local kids’ efforts.

Local residents can get Texas Roadhouse rolls, honey cinnamon butter or gift cards. The cards can be used at any of the restaurant’s over 500 locations nationwide.

Gift cards are available in five to one hundred dollar amounts, and Pike County 4-H will receive 10% of the purchases of the gift cards.

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The delivery date will arrive in time for Thanksgiving this November. Order forms are due with the money on October 25.

If you have any questions, or need an order form, please contact the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161.



**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**

at  
**Ireland Hotel in Murfreesboro**  
**Saturday, September 28**

**\$5 entry fee**  
Registration at 10:00 a.m.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF  
MARLEE MAE GRAVES  
NO. 55PR-24-45 A MINOR CHILD

**WARNING ORDER**

Respondent, LONNA COGBURN, is hereby warned to appear in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this Order and answer the Petition for Adoption of Child and Termination of Parental Rights filed against her by the Petitioners.

Failure to file a written answer within 30 days may result in an entry of judgement by default against you or otherwise bar you from answering or asserting any defense you have.

WITNESS my hand and seal as the County Clerk of Pike County, Arkansas.

Electronic Signature to Follow Pike County Clerk

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**UAMS 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 cardiomyopathy?**  
A: Cardiomyopathy is a collection of conditions affecting the heart muscle. It causes the muscle to enlarge, become rigid, thicken or thin out. In some instances, muscle tissue is replaced with scar tissue. Cardiomyopathy can either be acquired because of another health condition or inherited.  
The main types of cardiomyopathy include arrhythmogenic, dilated, hypertrophic and restrictive. Arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy causes irregular heartbeats, is often inherited and is more common in males. Dilated cardiomyopathy means one of the heart ventricles is enlarged. This type is more common in males and is the most common form of cardiomyopathy found in children. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is when the muscle is thickened and often occurs in childhood or early adulthood. Restrictive cardiomyopathy occurs when the muscle is stiff or scarred and is mostly seen in older adults.  
Symptoms of cardiomyopathy include chest pain, dizziness, fatigue even after resting, heart palpitations or shortness of breath. Risk factors include connective tissue disorders, long-term alcohol or drug use, uncontrolled blood pressure, infections of the heart muscle or obesity.  
Cardiomyopathy is a serious condition that cannot be cured, but symptoms can be managed, and its progression may be slowed. Contact your health care provider if you have questions, particularly if you have a family history of heart disease.

Email your health questions to [housecall@uams.edu](mailto:housecall@uams.edu).



# PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET



Sept. 3, 2024  
BF=Bond Forfeited  
**PIKE COUNTY**  
Adams, Jeremy Steven, 49, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Ashcraft, Anders Kody, 34, Vandervoort, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Ballard, Brady Keith, 53, Percy, \$135 BF, speeding  
Barragan, Ramon, 26, Nashville, \$125 BF, fictitious tags; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Boyer, Samantha Beth, 33, Murfreesboro, \$185 BF, speeding  
Burgess, Marsha Renee, 36, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Chambers, Jeremy, 43, Hope, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Clift, Jessica Reann, 37, Glenwood, \$165 BF, speeding  
Coalson, Jennifer G., 43, Murfreesboro, guilty of careless prohibited driving, fined \$125  
Corzo, Alejandro, 36, Conway, \$125 BF, no driver's license  
Cox, Dalton Wayne, 27, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of speeding, fined \$135  
Davis, Samantha Suzanne, 35, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325  
Downs, Robert Rhee, 16, Murfreesboro, guilty of speeding, fined \$135  
Elwood, William Allan, 60, Lebanon, Mo., \$170 BF, driving while disqualified  
Estes, Broc Jeffery, 20, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Fatheree, Danny R., 38, Little Rock, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$125; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$600; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$125; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325  
Featherston, Roger Lee, 62, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, speeding  
Frachiseur, Laura, 34, Horatio, \$135 BF,

speeding  
Frank, Jeffrey E., 34, Texarkana, Texas, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Funderburk, Gregory Dean, 62, Delight, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$600; guilty of failure to register tags/ expired, fined \$125  
Gonzalez, Claber R., 32, Tahlequah, Okla., \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$125 BF, speeding  
Greenwood, Justin Lane, 23, Newhope, \$135 BF, speeding  
Gwynne, Jeremy Clement, 43, Murfreesboro, \$185 BF, speeding  
Heinley, Jackson Cash, 17, Malvern, guilty of speeding, fined \$185  
Hickman, Charles, 60, Hot Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Holder, Alyssa Jane, 26, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$764 owed  
Howard, Andrew Weston, 18, Delight, \$125 BF, speeding  
Jenkins, Steven Paul, 59, McCaskill, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Johnson, Richard Duane, 64, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,995 owed, committed to jail for 30 days/ community service; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
King, Kimberly Santana, 20, Glenwood, \$135 BF, allowing unauthorized person to drive; \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$70 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Kirk, Billy Mann Jr., 49, Hobbs, N.M., \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Lamb, Taylor K., 32, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Landreth, Jackson Dale, 20, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Maroon, Abigail L., 21, Delight, \$125 BF, speeding  
Marrufo, Amada, 38, De Queen, \$135 BF, speeding  
Martinez, Jesus A., 32, Columbia, Tenn., \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$135 BF, speeding  
McGrew, Colton Lane, 28, Amity, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to pay, \$1,760 owed; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no

proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Medrano, Jose Manuel, 38, Hot Springs, guilty of speeding, fined \$135  
Monk, Robert Craig, 71, De Queen, \$135 BF, speeding  
Moore, Chera K., 37, Bryant, \$125 BF, speeding  
Morphew, Jeffery N., 50, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Neighbors, Michael C., 27, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Olivar, Edgar Roberto, 64, McCaskill, guilty of speeding, fined \$135  
Osborn, Hunter Kaleb, 32, Bradfield, \$135 BF, speeding  
Osorio, Javier, 22, Lockesburg, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Otwell, Talan Gaille, 24, Amity, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Parker, Polly Kay, 41, Dierks, \$125 BF, no child restraint device; \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Ramirez, Leonel, 20, Haines City, Fla., \$135 BF, speeding  
Reid, William D., 38, Little Rock, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,190 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205  
Richardson, Will Bryan, 24, Memphis, Tenn., \$125 BF, speeding  
Self, Autumn, 27, Murfreesboro, \$205 BF, failure to appear  
Shankles, Julia, 38, Dierks, guilty of speeding, fined \$125; guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$780; guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$780; guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI education-

al course  
Shaw, Justin T., 37, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Stenerodden, Regina D., 49, Amity, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
Stienke, Jordan M., 23, Bryant, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired  
Stone, Nicholas, 38, Okolona, \$125 BF, speeding  
Townes, James Grayson, 17, Nashville, \$185 BF, speeding  
Walker, Robert Doss, 47, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Watts, Brandon L., 44, Delight, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$295  
Watts, Timothy Dawson, 23, Okolona, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
Weller, William Gordon, 72, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, speeding  
Wilder, Tina Maggie, 54, Glenwood, \$125 BF, speeding  
Wilkerson, Heath A., 50, Ozan, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,560 owed, committed to jail  
Womack, Grace Elizabeth, 19, Fort Smith, \$135 BF, speeding

**CITY OF MURFREESBORO**  
Dees, Gavin D., 36, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,865 owed  
Hooks, Kelee Jean, 52, Murfreesboro, \$145 BF, no driver's license  
Hudson, Ryan James, 24, Ozark, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$145; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335  
Jarriet, Jessie J., 40, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,305 owed  
Jones, Christopher, 31, Murfreesboro, \$345 BF, driving with suspended license

## DISTRICT COURT Continued on Page 5

### SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
Breakfast: Goody bun or cereal, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, whole grain roll, applesauce, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, beef fingers  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
Breakfast: Pancake on stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, seasoned corn, seasoned carrots, pears, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option big daddy cheese pizza  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
Breakfast: French toast sticks or cereal, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch: Chicken sandwich, potato smiles, lettuce, tomato, 7-12 pickle spears, pears, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 op-

tion, cheeseburger  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon swirl cinnamon roll or cereal, juice, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Crunchy beef tacos w/cheese, re-fried beans, lettuce, tomato, salsa, pineapple, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option chicken fajitas w/cheese  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or cereal, juice, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Beef vegetable soup, celery sticks w/ ranch, grilled cheese sandwich, peaches, milk- 3-6 Crustable lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, hot ham & cheese sandwich w/chips, baked beans  
*\*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*

### MURFREESBORO CADC SENIOR LUNCH MENU

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
BBQ chicken, seasoned yellow squash, garden salad, roll, fruit  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
Sliced ham, American fried potatoes, turnip greens, cornbread, cookie  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Glazed meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, pineapple upside down cake  
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## ‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

**GROWING IN THE LORD**  
Hebrews 5:12-14  
This requires loving diligence from God's family. The overseers of the church are expected to lead in this very important endeavor. There is no shame in not being skilled in the word if sufficient time has not passed for growth. However, when the maturity rate does not keep pace with the passage of time; we need to be taught to help us get back to the level of service God expects. The real possibility of falling away is present with all of us. This is especially true for those who are only superficially involved in the work of the church. Daily service to the Lord is largely a matter of personal dedication on our part. No one is able to keep tabs on the fervor of our faith;



therefore, we must take heed to the things we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip. Hebrews 2:1-3. Such matters will remain personal and private. No person is able to know the thoughts and intent of our heart. Our spiritual health like our personal health is overseen by the heart that an understanding God has given to each of us. We, therefore, need to guard our hearts with all diligence, for out of it come

the issues of life. We should be aware of the progress our soul is making. We need to make sure we are trying each moment to make our calling and election sure. The inward man must grow until we die. It takes time for babes in Christ to come to maturity. They just do not have the knowledge they need to live the Christian life. They need the milk of the word until they are able to digest the meat or solid spiritual food of the Gospel. It takes years of study, direction and service. They need more mature disciples to provide example and encouragement. Support is needed when the winds of trial and discouragement blow. Many times the immature Christian does not know how badly they need that support.

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  - Bangladeshi currency
  - Chopin’s creation, e.g.
  - Like thick smoke
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  - \*Mars, to the Greeks
  - Ooze out
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  - \*Poet of “Aeneid” fame
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  - Workbench holding device
  - \*Plato’s famous teacher
  - Ripped
  - Black tropical cuckoo
  - \*Not black-figure, but \_\_\_\_-figure
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  - W.E.B Du Bois’s org.
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  - Boston time
  - \*Demosthenes of Cicero
  - Land parcels
  - Conifer’s leaf
  - New York Jets’ quarterback
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McGuire, Trent Alexander, 18, Hope, \$145 BF, speeding  
Miller, Wesley P., 40, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$225 BF, failure to appear  
Pickrell, William E. Jr., 60, Murfreesboro, \$165 BF, violation of city ordinance-dogs  
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission  
Bellot, Jaci N., 28, Ashdown, \$220 BF, glass container on river  
Butler, Coda M., 21, Duback, La., \$220 BF, glass container on river; \$205 BF, failure to ap-

pear  
Hardee, Micah Jmaes, 17, Hope, \$220 BF, public intoxication  
Kitchens, Wesley W., 33, Amity, \$220 BF, insufficient PFD  
Lusby, Larenda A., 56, Shreveport, La., \$220 BF, insufficient PFD  
Morgan, Arturo F., 23, Glenwood, \$220 BF, littering public waters-banks  
Weaver, John L., 44, Prescott, guilty of insuf-ficient PFD, fined \$220

Woman sentenced to ADC for theft

MURFREESBORO -- An Amity woman was sentenced to the Arkansas prison system during Pike County Circuit on Sept. 6 for theft and residential burglary.  
Alisha Marilyn Kersey, 46, was sentenced to 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Correction. Kersey was involved in a break-in and theft in Glenwood in October 2021.  
Also on Sept. 6, Cheyenna L. Hughes, 29, of Glenwood, plead “true” to violating the terms of her probation and her probation was extended for another three years.

Jessica Mae Flud, 28, of Murfreesboro, also had her probation extended on Sept. 6. Her probation was extended to six years with conditions that she must complete drug treatment.  
During the Sept. 9 session of Pike County Circuit Court, Teresa Kay Wilkerson, 52, of Murfreesboro, plead “true” to violating the terms of her probation. Her probation was extended for one year.  
On Sept. 16, Joshua W. Hill, 44, of Delight, plead “true” to violating the terms of his probation. He was sentenced

to a total of four years in the ADC for the violation and four more years on his original charges of possession of a firearm by certain person, aggravated assault on family or household members and aggravated assault.

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Having missed work recently, Flud is facing the reality of providing for the family on a single income.  
A spokesperson for the effort stated that “your support will be a lifeline for Wendy as she begins the overwhelming task of rebuilding her life and provide for her granddaughters during this heartbreaking time.”  
A biblical quote was also referenced -- “Pure

and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” -- James 1:27  
A benefit account has been established at First State Bank of Pike County under the “Flud-Jones Family Benefit.” Donations may be made at the bank in Murfreesboro at 322 East 13th Street.  
The family is also selling peanut brittle and accepting donations. The brittle will be sold in patty form at \$5 each and can be ordered via cashapp at \$baileyj1025.

Applications set for youth hunt

ASHDOWN -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Millwood Tri-Lakes Project Office, is accepting applications for a youth deer hunt at Millwood Lake on Nov. 2-3, 2024.  
Eight permits will be issued to hunters ages 6-15. Applicants must submit a completed form by Oct. 8, available at the Millwood Tri-Lakes Project Office, 1528 Highway 32 E, Ashdown, AR, or by calling 870-898-3343.  
A random drawing and hunter notification will occur on Oct. 10. Participants must have guardian consent and be accompanied by an

unarmed adult over 21.  
Hunters must provide their own firearms and be skilled in their use. Access and hunting blinds will be provided to ensure a safe and successful experience.  
This event promotes conservation, outdoor interest, and ethical hunting while improving the local deer herd.  
Recreation information can be found on the Internet at www.swl.usace.army.mil, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/littlerockusace and on X at www.x.com/usacelittlerock.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DYANN MCMASTER, DECEASED

NO. 60PR-23-592

Name of Decedent: Dyann McMaster

Last Known Address: 1201 Carolyn St. Jacksonville, AR 72076

Date of Death: August 5, 2022

NOTICE

On March 20, 2023, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Dyann McMaster, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 24-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the affidavit is as follows: 1701 Carolyn St. Jacksonville, AR 72076, Lot 8 Block 4 Sub-Keaton WW Addn. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate. The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or distributee's attorney is: Hollie McMaster, 42 Byrd Ln Cabot, AR 72023. This notice first published the 28TH day of March, 2023. DR21-3/28,4/23

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# Legislators seek improve maternal health

STATE CAPITOL WEEK IN REVIEW  
*Senator Steve Crowell*

LITTLE ROCK – Legislators and state officials continue to work on methods of improving maternal health care in Arkansas.

A special committee created by the governor last week issued its recommendations in a report called “Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies.” It calls for making access to health care more clear and convenient for expectant mothers.

It also listed ways for medical providers to recognize when pregnant women are at risk of losing their health coverage. It recommends steps to make sure that women have some type of health insurance and are aware of the services available.

The lack of obstetricians in rural Arkansas is a challenge, so the committee recommended creating a loan forgiveness program for maternal care providers. One method is to increase the number of residencies in obstetrics and gynecology. Another would be to establish a school of midwifery.

Another recommendation was to create a process by which doulas and community health workers can get certified and receive Medicaid reimbursements. A doula is a woman who provides guidance and help during labor, and after delivery. Doulas provide physical and emotional support, with expertise in breathing techniques and breastfeeding.

Medicaid, a government health program for low-income families, pays for more than half the deliveries in Arkansas. Adding doulas and community health workers to the list of approved Medicaid providers could significantly increase the availability of maternal care in isolated parts of the state.

The report also recommends evaluating reimbursement rates for all aspects of maternal care, including family planning and contraception.

The state Health Department operates local clinics throughout Arkansas, and the department is assessing whether each one needs to enhance maternal health care.

A report by the March of Dimes points to the urgency of expanding maternal care options. According to the organization, 38 of the 75 counties in Arkansas lack a hospital or birthing clinic with obstetric care providers.

Nationwide, about a third of all counties lack obstetrics services, according to the March of Dimes report.

Last December another special committee created by the legislature in 2019 issued a lengthy report that identified specific illnesses that are most prevalent in pregnant women in Arkansas, and recommended strategies for improving treatment.

The leading cause of death among those 38 was cardiomyopathy, a disease of the heart muscles. The second leading cause was cardiovascular conditions caused by high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, obesity and age.

In last year’s legislative session lawmakers approved Act 562 requiring Medicaid to reimburse providers when they screen pregnant women for depression. An early diagnosis can dramatically help prevent the negative effects of postpartum depression.

Legislators also approved Act 553 to mandate that the state Medical Examiner conduct a postmortem examination of any woman who dies within 365 days of being pregnant, if the death is possibly related to the pregnancy. By identifying the serious medical conditions that harm a pregnant woman’s health, physicians can better treat and prevent them.

Act 581 of 2023 requires Medicaid to reimburse physicians and clinics for providing reversible contraception immediately and during postpartum.

**WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

In 1993 the legislature approved Act 796 to change the law governing workers’ compensation insurance. At that time, rates were increasing and the availability of insurance was decreasing. A provision in the act requires the Insurance Commissioner to present a report each year to legislators about the market for workers’ compensation insurance in Arkansas.

The commissioner told legislators that the market is strong and profitable, and that rates in Arkansas were among the lowest in the country. In a nutshell, “that is good news for businesses buying coverage for employees,” he said.

Before passage of Act 796 there had never been a prosecution for workers’ comp fraud. Since then there have been 174 cases referred for prosecution by Department’s investigators, resulting in 123 convictions.

## Latvian speaker to share Operation Christmas Child experience

NASHVILLE -- The public is invited to attend an Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Project Leader Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m.–Noon.

The event will be held at the Family Activities Building (FAB) of the First Baptist Church, 417 N 2nd Street, Nashville.

There will be light refreshments served.

Our guest speaker, Elizabeth Costner, received a shoebox as a child in Latvia.

She will share her story of how she was blessed by a shoebox and what it meant to her.

The workshop will be a fun time learning more about Operation Christmas Child and meeting new people.

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**HANGING WITH CALIPARI ...** Prescott Curley Wolf basketball coaches -- including Murfreesboro alums Jordan Shanks and Chuck Lowery -- recently attended the Arkansas Basketball Coaches Association conference in Hot Springs and are pictured with one of the presenters -- Arkansas Razorback Basketball Head Coach John Calipari. Shanks said via facebook that she was “so blessed to hear Coach Calipari, Coach Hodgson, and Coach McAdams speak at the ArBCA Coaching Clinic! Also, blessed to be a Prescott Curley Wolf with these fantastic coaches!”

## State farmers urged to burn debris safely

LITTLE ROCK -- The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas are urging farmers to exercise caution and follow all safety measures before burning harvest field debris, brush piles, fence rows or other fires of similar nature.

Failure to follow burning safety practices can result in inconvenience for consumers and added expenses for farmers. Poles and power line infrastructure damage can cause power outages for consumers and farmers will be charged for the damage.

Burning stubble is a quick and efficient way of prepping the land for planting, and most farmers do take precautions to avoid igniting power poles. Unfortunately, a recent incident in northeast Arkansas resulted in damaging a wooden utility structure. The integrity of the structure

## Chicken house electricity audit provides clues to curbing ‘peak demand’

**BY JOHN LOVETT**  
*University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, Agricultural Experiment Station*

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Today’s meat chickens were bred to grow faster with higher feed conversion ratios, but that also makes chicken house climate control even more important.

Demand for better climate control, especially ventilation, has increased over the past decade as poultry companies have moved to require fully enclosed chicken houses that support those genetic abilities of the nation’s largest meat protein sector.

Following an 11-month study of a modern broiler chicken house’s electric load pattern, researchers with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture showed the most significant room for energy cost savings for poultry producers lies in avoiding “peak demand” charges associated with ventilation fans.

“We really need to look at the energy efficiency of fans because that’s the biggest energy user,” said Yi Liang, associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering for the Division of Agriculture. “There are also many other components. Lights, for example. However, in the last 10 to 15 years, they have passed from incandescent to fluorescent to LEDs. Now, lights are just a small percentage of electricity usage. Energy efficiency can have a lot of benefits.”

The study, “Measurement of dynamic electric consumption trend in a broiler house in Arkansas,” was published earlier this year by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers and was co-authored by Thomas Costello, associate professor. Costello retired from the biological and agricultural engineering department in January.

Liang conducts research and outreach through the Division of Agriculture’s Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service. Her work is also part of the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science.

The chicken house equipment that was monitored included sidewall fans, end-wall fans, circulation fans, compact fluorescent lamps, dimmable LED lamps, feed-bin cross-auger motors, feed-line motors, blowers on radiant-tube heaters, and well-water pump motors for an entire farm. The sump pumps used to deliver water to the cooling cells were not monitored since their electricity consumption is small, Liang said. End-wall fans create high air speed through the house, typically referred to as the “tunnelling effect,” to help cool the chickens.

Due to the difficulty in obtaining real-time measurements, the researchers did not measure fuel usage to heat the production houses.

**COSTS OF PEAK DEMAND**

Their yearlong investigation sought deeper insights into chicken houses’ daily and seasonal energy load, which can be used to assess if incorporating solar arrays on site is feasible to offset peak demand.

Many farm electric accounts, Liang explained, are charged not only for total energy usage but also extra for power used during periods of peak demand. The study used 15 minutes as its peak demand period — the amount of time which utility companies use to compute the most power within a billing cycle.

Liang’s previous published research showed that peak demand charges can account for close to 50 percent of the monthly electricity bill for some farms.

Having investigated chicken house energy consumption for many years, Liang expected ventilation fans to be the biggest user. But even she was a little surprised at just how much. Throughout four



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