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Flu clinics Sept. 25-26

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.



Submitted photos/Jillian Caldwell

**ENTERING ONE IN THE WIN COLUMN ...** The Murfreesboro Rattlers defeated Genoa Central 40-6 on the road last Friday night to earn their first victory of the season. Pictured above (left) is junior wide receiver Kale Burns, who had a pair of touchdown receptions in the game, while (right) Logan Burris pressures the Dragon quarterback on a pass play.

# Chalk one up for the good guys

## Rattlers get first win in blowout fashion, face Gurdon next

GENOA CENTRAL – The Murfreesboro Rattlers (1-2) easily dispatched the Genoa Central Dragons (0-3) 40-6 last Friday night to earn their first win of the 2024 season.

Brody Maroon would lead the Rattlers in rushing with 119 yards on 12 carries and a touchdown.

Bubba Stinson scored two TDs and accrued 96 yards on nine carries, while Lathan Compton had 79 yards on 17 carries.

Senior QB Laytan Wilcher was 2/4 on the night for 82 yards and a TD. Kooper Caldwell was 2/8 during his time under center for 67 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

Kale Burns would snag two receptions for a pair of scores, totaling 123 yards.

Compton would lead the defensive effort with 14 tackles, while Stinson had 11. Caldwell would record 10 tackles with an interception, Cameron Stevens accrued 10 tackles, while Maroon had nine tackles and a fumble recovery.

Cash Lowery and Logan Burrus each had eight tackles apiece.

Prior to the game, Chesshir had said his team needed to “get its swagger back.” While based on the final score it seemed like a definitive mission accomplished, Chesshir still feels there are areas of improvement for his team to focus upon.

“For the most part [mission accomplished], but we still did some things we obviously have to get better at. We played pretty well defensively in the first half, forcing a pair of turnovers.”

He said the offense stalled a couple times in the first half, “but we were able to move the football.”

Moving the football hasn’t been his squad’s issue this season, however. “We haven’t had a big issue with that this year.”

Chesshir said his address to the team was to come out of the break and continue to dominate, which has been a bugaboo for his squad early this season.

“We still haven’t proven ourselves to come out and play hard and fast in the third quarter ... I wanted to come out and have that flawless third quarter, and I didn’t think we did that. We did go down and score on the first possession to go up 32-0, which was good, but then we became a little complacent with where we were. I wasn’t happy with our effort defensively in the second half ... we just started taking it on the chin. There was a drive that Genoa scored on in the third quarter in which they just lined up and ran it right at us. We didn’t do a very good job in the box of taking on the run. There’s just some things we’ve gotta fix that we can get better at moving forward.”

However, a win is a win, something Chesshir couldn’t help but confess, especially against a significantly larger school in terms of student population.

“It was good to get a win ... always good. We had some explosive plays offensively and we limited them defensively. You can say whatever you want to about Genoa, how they’ve struggled so far this season, but anytime you can beat a [class] 4-A football program, we are happy to do it.”

THIS WEEK AT GURDON

The Rattlers will travel to face off against Gurdon in their first conference game of the season.

The Go-Devils sit at 1-2 on the season, featuring a win over Parkers Chapel 41-18 sandwiched between losses to Magnet Cove 24-14 and Marked Tree 42-14.

Chesshir said Gurdon was “very much improved” over last year’s team.

“Last year offensively they ran a Gun-T [offensive formation] and I didn’t think they were as productive out of that as what they used to be. They’ve gotten back to what they are good at – under center in the wishbone and just run-



ning straight at you. That’s something those kids thrive in and are good at. They have simplified the game and are just playing smash-mouth football.”

Defensively, he said Gurdon comes in two varieties – 4-3 cover three and 4-3 cover two – and “that’s about it.”

“They are very simple but play hard and get after you. It’s a very much improved football team. They are going to be a problem for a lot of teams in our conference, in my opinion.”

In effect restarting the season over at 0-0 with the entry into conference play this week, Chesshir feels his team should be prepared.

“Absolutely excited. We’ve learned a lot the last three weeks – we have to continue to respond the right way, coming off the win versus Genoa. You have to build off of that, plus take the things we didn’t do well and make sure they are corrected or eliminated. There is no doubt that intensity picks up just a little bit in conference play.”

In order to start out on the right foot with a win at Gurdon, Chesshir said it will all come down to “making big stops on first and second down defensively.”

“You have to be good on first and second down, create negative plays, get them behind the sticks, be more aggressive defensively. It is critical ... can’t give them third and short. Their, and our, style of offense is not a third-and-ten offense. We have to get them out of what they are good at.”

Offensively, he said his Rattlers will have to sustain drives and “do what we are really good at” with ball control.

“Obviously, I’d love some explosive plays, and score like we did last week, but we’ll have to drive the ball. Be physical.”

MURFREESBORO JUNIOR HIGH

The Junior Rattlers will play at home against Gurdon this Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Now at 1-1-1 on the season after their 38-18 win over Mineral Springs at Nashville last week, Chesshir said he really appreciate MJHS’ work ethic.

“What I love about our junior high football team is that they play extremely hard, especially defensively, the fly around. I’ve been very pleased with just the physicality.”

Offensively, he said while Jarren Burgess, Joel Whisenhunt and Cale Humphry have powered the offense this season thus far and “done a good job with the football,” he said he is happy with the growth that the team is making ... “with a lot of room to improve,” he added quickly thereafter.

# Tourism Commission considers electric car chargers near square

MURFREESBORO – The Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission will consider the implementation of an electric car charger at the former City Service Station location in Murfreesboro.

The group heard from a XOVA Charging representative – a group that has chargers located in seven states – about the addition. He said that the prices of charging units had come down drastically in the past year or two.

The commission was told that they could sell local businesses advertisements that would appear on screen and that they could set the charging fee to whatever they wished via a QR code that the user would access via phone prior to use.

It was said the cheapest functional unit would be an 60-kilowatt option, with a full charge time of approximately two hours, costing \$7,500.

The group said that would fulfil the mission of keeping the individuals on the square with enough time to shop during the charge.

Not only would faster charging options not accomplish that mission (a 240-kilowatt option with a charging time of 20-30 minutes, costing \$32,000), but would also require a greater electrical connection than was readily available at the City Service Station currently. The systems

were capable of operating off either a cellular or wifi connection – and the location is already set with the latter.

The cost of a quick charge (at average cost) would be approximately \$18, should the commission charge the average price of .35-.45-cents per minute. It was also stated that government rebates could net up to 40% off and that XOVA would fill out the necessary paperwork.

XOVA collects 4% of the charging costs to maintain their network and offers a standard two-year warranty on their units that can be extended to five years if required.

Boardmember Caleb Howell said the Crater of Diamonds State Park probably received an average of two requests per week for charging capabilities, and that the site would likely look into their own charging sites long term.

It was stated that while there was a dearth of charging possibilities between Arkadelphia and Hope, but the questioned whether people would likely “go out of their way” if they were only needing a charge. However, if they were here on vacation, they would likely take advantage of the ability to charge their vehicle.

The topic will see further consideration at the group’s October meeting.

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# CHARGERS Continued from Page 1

The commission’s board members were told to make especial note – now and in the near future -- of the digmurfreesboro.com website summary included in their package of information. Board Chairman Jamie Terrell told the group that they would have to have the discussion of continuing the service or diverting the money elsewhere shortly after the turn of the year. The commission voted to allot the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce up to \$5,000 discretionary funds for both Halloween decorations for the haunted house at the former Pike County Hospital and Christmas decorations this holiday season. Terrell commented that the haunted house effort last year was a success and “brought a lot of people to town.”

# 5K to raise funds for suicide prevention efforts

MURFREESBORO -- Interested participants may now register for the Pike County 4-H 5K Color Run/Walk for suicide awareness and prevention. The registration link is [https://uada.formstack.com/forms/5k\\_color\\_run](https://uada.formstack.com/forms/5k_color_run) or use the QR code to the right. The race will be held on Saturday, October 26 in Murfreesboro starting at 9 a.m. Everyone that registers by October 18 is guaranteed a t-shirt. Registration is \$35 for ages 9 and up and \$15 for the one mile race for 5-8 years. You can also purchase extra shirts or “In Remembrance/In

Celebration Of” signs or pin-wheels for the race route. If you are interested in learning more about this event, or becoming a sponsor, you can call the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE FROM THE PIKE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION PUBLIC VOTE MACHINE TESTING

Pike County Clerk Randee Reid has announced that logic and accuracy testing of all media to be used in the voting equipment for the 2024 General Election will take place in the Clerk’s office at 112 N. Washington, Suite A, Murfreesboro, on Thursday, October 3rd, at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend. *This publication was paid for by Pike County Clerks office. The amount paid for this publication is \$ 34.00 (p.c.c. 85w., 12)*

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### 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 *(f,l,o, 123w.,11,12)*

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## SUBMISSION DEADLINE FRIDAYS AT 3:00 P.M.



Submitted photos/Jim O’Neal

**COUNTY BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS ...** The Pike County Economic Development Board elected officers at their meeting Monday night at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building. Johnny Plyler (not pictured) was selected as board president, Clayton Sorrels (third from left) is the board’s vice president, while Phil Terrell (far left) will serve as the group’s secretary/treasurer. Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O’Neal, who attended the meeting, lauded the selection of Plyler as president, citing his more than three decades of experience on the quorum court and as a longtime business owner. The group, who meets on the fourth Monday of the month, will next gather on October 28 at 6:30 p.m. to begin the discussion of hiring a director and adjustment of the group’s governing by-laws.

# Quorum Court discusses fate of former museum

MURFREESBORO – Revisiting an item of old business from August, the Pike County Quorum Court was told by County Judge Eddie Howard that by all apparent evidence the dilapidating log cabin structure located at the old city park adjacent to the tennis courts did indeed belong to the county. He said the structure was formerly a museum for county artifacts that was established by a 1976 grant that was obtained and reported in a feature article in a local newspaper in 1978. Howard described the structure as “shot from about 4 foot down” due to termite damage and told the court that Amity resident Joe May had requested timber from the site should the county decide to remove the structure. Howard said he told May he could have the entirety of the structure if he would tear it down, but that May had indicated he “didn’t have that kind of manpower.” However, Howard said at least if they stacked useable lumber on a trailer for May, the county wouldn’t have to dispose of it. “I’ve heard of no one wanting to restore it,” said Howard when asked by the court if any group was interested in preserving the site. He also admitted there was probably grants available to do so, though he did not know of any specifically. “Even if we got a grant – if renovation was even possible -- who would want to use it?” “With how it looks, there’s probably no other options [than removal] ... don’t throw away any historical items, but the building is shot,” said justice Johnny Ply-

ler, noting he had zero recollection of any discussion on the building in his 38 years on the court. Further discussion on the issue made the case that the structure was probably a liability issue waiting to happen, especially in light of the tennis courts being used by local high school students. Howard said that items could go to either the Archives and Historical Society in Murfreesboro or to the Depot in Glenwood, but all he had ascertained was in the building one early morning was a filing cabinet that had fallen through the floor. “Any museum pieces are largely cleaned out of the structure, if not all.” said Howard, noting the museum formerly contained curated guns and was also used a location for Farm Bureau dinners. He did acknowledge that a complete covered wagon could be held in the building behind the cabin. To complete previous discussions about the site, Howard said that he had a bid for the cost of resurfacing the tennis courts located on county property, but that it was “high” and he would get another by next month. He added that some of the cost should go to South Pike County Schools, whose athletes utilized the courts for high school tennis. Justice Paul Baker took an alternate position – that none of the cost of refurbishing the tennis courts should be borne by

the court. “If the county fixes tennis courts for Murfreesboro, we’d have to do it for every community in the county. I can see the writing on the wall ... when you are spending taxpayer dollars, you don’t open a big can worms.” The issue was tabled until next month, when the second bid will be obtained for comparison and an investigation of grant availability will be completed. In other county matters, Howard asked the court for approval of a new tractor and boom mowing attachment. He said the county was in possession of a pair – a 2012 and 2015 John Deere 6110m – with the former spending more time in the shop than in use. Howard had a bid from Little Rock Equipment Sales for \$188,000 – minus \$28,000 trade in for the 2012 tractor if the county wanted to part with it. He said the cost of the 2015 tractor was \$85,000. “That’s just how much they have gone up recently,” he said of the 6110m tractor with four-wheel drive and cabin air conditioning. He was asked if a two-wheel drive was available to save money, and replied they had stopped carrying such because they didn’t sell well. Baker also inquired if simply the attachment could be purchased for use on the old tractor, noting the tractor “is the big expense.” Howard said the tractor was not trou-

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**TAX DEADLINE APPROACHING**

**OCTOBER 15, 2024**

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**PIKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

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**WE WILL BE OPEN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 17, 2024, at or about 01:30 PM, the following real property will be sold at the Main Entrance of the Pike County Courthouse, One Courthouse Square, Murfreesboro, AR 71958, to the highest bidder for cash:

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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On January 31, 2020, KIRKLIN MAIN and PAIGE MAIN executed a Mortgage in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as mortgagee, as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, which was recorded January 31, 2020, in Book M356, at Page 197 in the real estate records of

Pike County, Arkansas. Default has occurred in the payment of said indebtedness, and is now wholly due. The loan is now in default.

Tenants of the property may claim an interest in the real property herein.

The terms of the call are certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale or wiring of funds within twenty-four hours of the sale. All transfer taxes will be the responsibility of the purchaser. The party initiating this action is LoanCare, LLC, 3637 Sentara Way, Suite 303, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, 757-893-1300.

August 6, 2024

Scot P. Goldsholl  
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## MURFREESBORO CADC SENIOR LUNCH MENU

<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</b> Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green beans, french bread, fruit	Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, fruit
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1</b> Chicken spaghetti, peas, french bread, lemon pudding	Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. For more information (870) 285-2312
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2</b>	Open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 a.m. Transportation available



## SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26</b> Breakfast: Chocolate muffin or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, 7-12 whole grain roll, mixed fruit, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Salisbury steak	big daddy cheese pizza
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27</b> Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Pizza sticks w/ pizza sauce, seasoned carrots, steamed broccoli, applesauce, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option	<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</b> Breakfast: Glazed donut or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Meatball sub w/ cheese, french fries, baked beans, pears, milk- 3-6 Crustable sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 Steak sandwich, lettuce & tomato

*\*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](http://www.rattlers.org)*

## ‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

### THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF MY LIFE

Today is the most important day of my life. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come. Matthew 6:34 tells me not to worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own troubles. According to James 4:14, I do not know what will happen tomorrow. My life is simply a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Because of the brevity of life and the uncertainty of tomorrow, I should live each day as if it were my last day on earth.

Each day I have an opportunity to enjoy life and to show everyone around me what Jesus Christ has done and is doing for me.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ told me just how to do this. Matthew 5:16 –



Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in Heaven.

The world today needs some good news. That news is the Gospel and what God can do for your life and how he can change everything for you. I need to uncover my light and let it fully shine for Jesus so that the world may see Christ living in me.

The more a light shines, the warmer it becomes. The more I do for the cause of Christ, the more I want to do! Christ tells

us in Revelation 3 not to be lukewarm, but to become hot in my work for the Lord.

Scripture gives us good advice for daily living in the following verses:

**PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14** - Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**JAMES 4:15** – Instead we ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that.

As we begin a new week, let us live for today, pray for the Lord’s will to be done, and let our light shine before men.

Enjoy this week serving our Lord!

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**Come Hear  
Dr. David Uth  
October 6, 2024-11 a.m.  
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church  
2163 Hwy 19 North Murfreesboro**

Dr. David Uth, now senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla., previously pastored at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Murfreesboro. David grew up in Arkansas, is the son of a pastor, at the of 19 was ordained and began pastoring his first church.

He graduated with a B.A. in Religion in 1979 from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, where he met his wife Rachel. David then received his Masters of Divinity and Ph.D. from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas where he also taught New Testament as an adjunct professor.

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**ACROSS**

  - Port city in Japan
  - \*Team ride
  - Nordic native
  - Equipped with feathers
  - Cigarette deposit
  - \*Arena, e.g.
  - Not odds
  - Hawaiian welcome wreath
  - Bone hollows
  - \*NBA headquarters location
  - \*Bill \_\_\_\_ NBA Finals Most Valuable

Player award

  - “Roses \_\_\_\_ red ...”
  - \*NBA centers typically have long ones
  - Tarzan the \_\_\_\_ Man
  - Cry like a baby
  - 3.26 light-years
  - “Off The Wall” shoe
  - Living quarters
  - Shop \_\_\_\_ slogan
  - “I’m \_\_\_\_ you!”
  - Got some shuteye
  - Comme ci, comme Ça
  - Brandish
  - Ski hill ride
  - Contractor’s work order
  - \*Basketball blocking move
  - Swedish shag rugs
  - Member of a “benevolent and protective order”
  - Kind of cola
  - Thrice-repeated dance step
  - \*Power \_\_\_\_ position
  - \*NBA team with most championships
  - Deprive of armor
  - Genetic acronym
  - Plural of ostium
  - Junk yard stuff
  - Geisha’s sash
  - \*Nickname for 61 Across
  - Ooze
  - \*NBA Sixth \_\_\_\_ of the Year Award
74. Type of leaf cabbage, pl.

**DOWN**

  - Bun baker
  - “ \_\_\_\_ me a seat”
  - From square one
  - Tanzania’s northern neighbor
  - Not absorb, nor repel
  - Refuse to comply
  - Wear and tear
  - Bake an egg
  - Sunglasses “glass”
  - Cassino chip
  - Not knit
  - Church sound
  - Lord’s subordinate
  - Good \_\_\_\_, book lovers’ app
  - Strike caller
  - High school math class
  - Declares to be true
  - Sweat-inducing attack
  - Come in!
  - \*The Stilt’s first name
  - David Schwimmer on “Friends”
  - Breadth
  - Art support
  - \*Shot \_\_\_\_, NBA countdown timer
  - Cobbler’s concern
  - Fix a dog
  - Vanish without this?
  - Abscond
  - Conjunction that joins alternatives and negatives
  - Inferior goods
  - Read-only disc
  - Away from port
  - Much ado
  - One time
  - Like pink steak
  - Sandwich alternative
  - Abel’s big brother
  - It will
  - Give a ticket
  - Fresh talk
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ble free – had 45,000 hours on it and was not reliable enough for that plan of attack. “We’re just not getting enough done.”

It was also noted by the court that they had a policy of purchasing in-county if the cost was within 10% of an out-of-county purchase.

Howard admitted he had not investigated the three in-county options, but certainly would. He had the one bid from Little Rock because it was where the purchase was made before and was a pre-approved bidding outlet by the government.

The matter will be further discussed in the October meeting.

A citizen – Danny Dougan – was on the agenda to make an official complaint about the Pike County Assessor’s phoner answering system, but he was not present at the meeting.

Assessor Staci Sewart said that Dougan had made several complaints – which Plyler and Howard both confirmed – and referenced a post made by Dougan on social media that stated “how ridiculous is it when you call a county office to just take care of business and you know they’re there and you get an answering service that tells you the hours that they’re open!!!”

Stewart said during the time of that call, she was out of town at a class and one of her deputy assessors was at lunch. The in-office deputy was helping a citizen with a matter.

As for not returning a message left by Dougan, Stewart said his complaints were inconsistent at best, because her office phone system does not allow the leaving of leaving messages – as backed up by phone provider South Central Connect.

Stewart said her office was providing Dougan with information regularly, noting that Dougan’s retirement home business required information often for residents.

Plyler said a bit further with the complaint and an answering system.

“Can we micromanage elected official’s offices? We only exist to appropriate money eliminating the need to go find several file folders. ... I don’t know that we even have that power.”

Stewart then asked the court for funds to continue employing a person to complete her office’s scanning project to digitize old paper files that date back over a hundred years.

She had been paying the employee with discretionary funds derived from the state, but those had been extinguished with “lots of scanning yet to do” including surveys for each parcel in

Pike County. She said the scanned papers were extremely helpful in searches, eliminating the need to locate and go through several file folders.

Plyler asked if the project could obtain grants, to which Stewart replied not that she knew of, and definitely not via the state assessors’ association, unlike the state circuit clerks’ association, who does give financial grants for the scanning of older documents.

No motion was made, so no action was taken on the issue.

Judge Howard announced that the 2025 budget committee would be comprised of Johnny Plyler, Robbie Crocker, Richard Mohlenhoff and Jerry Fendley.

The county handbook committee is open to all members of the court.

Barbara Flowers, director of the regional West Central Area Agency on Aging (AAA), was at the meeting and asked to make a statement before adjournment.

Pike County’s two senior citizen centers in Murfreesboro and Glenwood will soon be under the direction of the state agency, after being officially relinquished by the Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC) at the end of October.

Flowers said the federal Older Americans Act gave the AAA responsibility over the state’s senior centers from inception.

“They did not want us to have to operate them directly, but ...” said Flowers. “As things have gotten more expensive, all over the state of Arkansas, the eight [AAA’s] have had to assume these responsibilities and operations as the contractors continue to pull out.”

Flowers said the West Central AAA has been “very blessed” in their ten county area with the contractor relationship for over 30 years.

“This was quite a shock to us, when CADC made their announcement in May, and now we have CHI pulling out, so it’s a double whammy.”

Flowers said of the six centers formerly under CADC control that they have been preparing for operations and ensuring staff.

“Here [Murfreesboro] you’ll have the same staff – these [senior] participants should not notice anything different when they come into the center. It’s not happening like that everywhere. In Pike County the majority of the staff will be the same staff that is there now.”

Flowers said they were making the transition as “smooth as possible.”

“It’s not that we don’t know what senior centers do, because we have sponsored 13 of them for many years, but it just the operation part and the way it happened – the contract ending – where we will have nine months (through June 2025) to deal with the percentage of funding that’s left. So you’ll probably see us out and about in the community because we are going to need all the support we can get. We appreciate all the support we have gotten.”

Flowers told Howard they would need a new lease for use of the building – the previous lease was issued in 1986.

Plyler asked Flowers about federal funding, and said “it doesn’t matter any more unless you are an illegal [alien].”

“Believe me, it’s important to us, but the federal government has redirected it’s priorities – and it’s no longer to our citizens, it’s only important to the illegals that they are bringing in and feeding. That’s a fact ... we don’t need to hide that, but everywhere we go, we want to hide what the federal government is doing to our taxpayers and the citizens of the United States. It’s wrong what is happening at the federal level when they are cutting the funding to our people, and we are less important than the illegals that are in our country than our people that pay our taxes to get to be old. Some of these people don’t have any money left, but the federal government is the one neglecting the seniors and us. And then they put it back to us and act like we are the ones that are bad. We’re not the bad guys, it’s the federal government redirecting our money. If somebody doesn’t start talking about this, we’re going to get run over and the only people that will be punished are the people in our society – our elderly – that has no money and needs help. They paid their taxes growing up, now they’re old and need help. But, our government doesn’t care about those people any more. We do – the taxpayers – the local people do, but the ones reappropriating the money don’t, and that needs to be talked about, seriously,” said Plyler.

Flowers said the issue had reached federal levels – with the AAA being contacted by Rep. Bruce Westerman’s and Senator Tom Cotton’s offices.

“That doesn’t usually happen,” said Flowers.

“[Arkansas] elected officials care, but you can’t control it when above them they don’t reappropriate it the right way. It’s the President’s way as they see fit, which is a different way than I think he needs to.”

Flowers assured the court the AAA would “do the best with what they’ve got and try to raise money as we go along to match with whatever funding we receive. We appreciate all your help and you know Mrs. Vickie [Hutson] – she’s awesome and knows everybody. We are very excited she is staying with us.”

Plyler thanked Flowers for their efforts, and she replied “You are welcome ... we are very excited about it now. It was kind of scary at first, but we are going to take care of our seniors – that’s what we do.”

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NO. 60PR-23-592

Name of Decedent: Dyann McMaster

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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. § 28-41-101. 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-Katon 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. DR2T-3/28,4/23



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# Tour fills available slots

Chambers offer other options for volunteers

PIKE COUNTY -- Announced in last week’s papers was the Glenwood and Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerces’ Pike County VIP Tour.

The event, set for Tuesday, Oct. 1, has filled all available slots and is no longer accepting RSVPs and/or attendees for the event.

If you would like to find out about other chamber activities or volunteer your time, please contact:

- Glenwood -- Kayla Hartsfield, (479) 276-9030, glenwoodar-chamber@gmail.com
- Murfreesboro -- Lisa Harvill, (870) 285-3131, murfrees-boroar.chamber@gmail.com

# Local VFDs hold fundraisers

DELIGHT/NATHAN -- The Delight Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Delight School cafeteria.

A live auction will begin at 5 p.m., and the meal will include soup and chili plates. Proceeds of the event will go toward equipment for the fire department.

In conjunction with the event, the group is selling raffle chances on a Tidwee see-through ground deer blind and a 22-inch Blackstone gas grill (first prize) as well as five bags of deer corn (second prize). Tickets are priced at \$5 each or five for \$20.

To purchase tickets or donate items for the action, please contact a firefighter or Chief Ty Sherrod (870) 681-2139, Assistant Chief Barry Smith (870) 312-0319 or Secretary Krystal Kelley (870) 796-2038.

NATHAN FUNDRAISER

The Nathan Volunteer Fire Department Annual BBQ Fund-raiser will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Nathan Firehouse.

Serving will begin at 5 p.m. The menu will include chicken, ribs, beans, potatoes, rolls, homemade desserts and a drink \$5 per plate, donations are welcomed. Dine in or carryout will be available.

Members will be selling tickets for a chance to win a Brown-ing Bolt 7mm-08 or a pallet of corn. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tick-ets for \$20.

Contact any Nathan VFD member or call (870) 285-2246 for more information.

# Lady Rattler basketball, track squads announce benefit meal

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Lady Rattler basket-ball and MJHS/MHS track teams will be hosting the annual smoked chicken meal this year.

The meal is set for Friday, October 18 as a lunch only option this year with plates costing \$10 each.

Meals will consist of smoked chicken thigh, potato salad, beans, roll, dessert and bottled water. Take out utensils will be provided.

Participants may pick up your order or delivery to businesses in Nashville, Delight, or Murfreesboro is available.

See a Lady Rattler basketball or track athlete for a ticket, or email nicole.martin@rattlers.org for more information.

# 4-H ‘rolling’ with 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 cinna-mon 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.

Each dozen of rolls ordered will come with a card for a free appetizer with the purchase of an adult entree at Texas Road-house. The rolls are priced at \$8 per dozen, while honey cinna-mon butter is priced at \$4 per package. 4-H will receive 50% of the final total from roll and butter orders.

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 con-tact the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161.

# Gregory family reunion set

MURFREESBORO -- The annual Gregory Family reunion will be held on Saturday, October 5, starting at 10 a.m. with a potluck lunch being served at 12 noon.

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**PEP RALLY FUN ...** The Murfreesboro Rattler cheer squad led the student body in a “S’lei the Dragons” rally prior to the game last Friday.



# Benefit ongoing for local woman, grandchildren

MURFREESBORO -- Funds are being raised to help support a local woman.

Wendy Flud, who recently lost her ail-ing husband, is also raising three grand-daughters.

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 heart-breaking 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 unsustained 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.” Dona-tions may be made at the bank in Mur-freesboro 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.

# Senior Center to hold vendor fair

GLENWOOD -- The Glenwood Senior Center will host a vendor fair on Satur-day, Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will have over 20 vendors selling “a little bit of everything.”

Local residents are invited to come find:

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