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Pink shirts available

MURFREESBORO -- Orders are being taken on "Rattler Pink Out" t-shirts for \$12 each. Orders must be submitted by Wednesday, Oct. 9.

The shirt will be a light pink 50/50 cotton/ polyester blend.

Submit orders with name, size and phone number along with the \$12 fee to either the high school or elementary school offices.



MURFREESBORO -- The next Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce Christmas decor work day is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. at Branch Oil in Murfreesboro.

All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

Mini cheer camp set for Oct. 15-17

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro cheerleaders will hold their mini-cheerleader

The camp is open to South Pike County students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and students can be registered at https://forms.

gle/aMdo5kfEwDvBP2Hu9. Camp practices will be held after school until 4:30 p.m., culminating in a performance at halftime of the senior high football game against Lafayette County on Friday, Oct. 18.

Cost of the camp is \$35, which includes camp fees, t-shirt, cheer bow, and admission into the game the night of the grand performance. The admission is good for the camper only, any family members attending the game to see the cheerleaders must pay the regular \$5 gate ad-

Snacks will be available for campers to purchase at practices for \$1 per item.

To guarantee a t-shirt, registrations must be

completed by Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Rattler anglers seek to raise tourney funds

MURFREESBORO -- The Rattler Fishing team is raising money for the new tournament season.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, the group will draw a winner for the Savage Axis II CP 350 Legend w/Bushnell scope and box of ammunition from Peoples Pharmacy in Murfreeesboro.

Go by and check it out at 317 E 13th Street in Murfreesboro. These straight-wall cartridge rifles are now legal for use during the Arkansas muzzleloading season.

Tickets may be purchased at Peoples Pharmacy or from Rattler Fishing Team members at \$5 each or 5/\$20. Tickets are also available via Venmo (@RattlerFishing), Paypal (@Rattler-Fishing), CashApp (\$1RattlerFishing) or Chime (\$Rattler-Fishing). Checks can be made out to Rattler Fishing Booster Club.

Proceeds will go toward the team attending sanctioned events during the 2024-2025 season as they try to earn a spot at the Bassmaster High School National tournament.







BEST OFFENSE IS A GREAT DEFENSE ... The defensive effort by the Murfreesboro Rattlers led to a 22-7 victory at Gurdon last Friday night, including a takeaway (left) and a stout run defense (right) that features Kale Burns meeting a Go-Devil rusher head on.

Rattlers have winning streak after casting out Devils

Move record to .500, prep for homecoming clash with Gators

GURDON – The Murfreesboro Rattlers won their second consecutive game, a 22-7 win at Gurdon, last Friday night.

The victory puts the Rattlers at 2-2 on the season and 1-0 to open conference play.

Coach Brad Chesshir said the second half was a crucial turnaround for his squad after entering the mid-game break down 7-6.

"I'm absolutely happy with the solid win – but we were not great in the first half defensively. I was not pleased with that." Chesshir said the offense was moving the football, and they just didn't get enough op-

portunities in the opening two quarters. "Defensively we just couldn't get off the field ... so we just didn't have many offensive pos-

sessions in the first half and that killed us." Then the lightbulb came on collectively for

the Rattlers. "In the second half we were a completely different team, mentally and physically. After halftime our guys responded to what we were trying to do -- what we needed them to do. In the second half we came out and played better than we have all year."

Chesshir noted this was in contrast to the first three games of the season, where the third quarters have provided the team their greatest challenges.

'We haven't done a very good job of coming out and playing strong in the second half. We came out with a lot of energy and effort Friday night – playing hard and making big defensive stops. Our offense was able to drive and score."

After the Rattlers were forced to punt to open the second half, the defense forced a three and out deep in Go-Devil territory that would turn into a score following the ensuring change of possession and good field possession.

"For the first time this year, we started playing together as a team and as one unit. I could hear them motivating each other, encouraging each other and you didn't see any selfish football. Bubba Stinson and Lathan Compton, getting big numbers rushing per game [in the first three contests] and neither one of them got over 20 yards rushing Friday night. Brody Maroon rushed for 134 yards and 3 touchdowns. Lathan and Bubba were the first ones there to help [Maroon] get up and back to the huddle. We just played selfless football in the second half, and that was good to see - playing as a team, communicating with each other, getting each other up and going. That was really good

Now, it is incumbent that the Rattlers are able to maintain that attitude and focus going forward.

"I told them after the game that watching their performance in the second half, I think they got an idea about how good they could be. We still have a long way to go. Obviously a win over Gurdon doesn't make our season, but it was a good win."

Chesshir feels the Go-Devils are a better squad that could play a part in determining the ultimate conference champion.

"Gurdon is very much improved from last year, a very tough football team that in my opinion will give some teams in our conference

He added his Rattlers need to take the momentum of the victory and build upon it.

we need to take some of that swagger we had in the second half and take it into this week, and continue to improve in that area."

Chesshir was also complimentary of the local

"It doesn't surprise or shock me, but I can't say enough about the continued support of our community. Our people show up and support these kids and Rattler football, as well as Rattler athletics as a whole. We're at an away game, and you look around and there's more people in red than in purple. We just travel very well, and I just want to make sure I express my gratitude over their continued support."

In the game, Maroon would rush for 134 vards on 19 attempts with the three TD's, while Compton earned 20 yards on seven attempts. Cumulatively, the Rattlers would rush for 189 yards on 32 attempts.

Laytan Wilcher was 1/2 in the passing game for three yards. Cameron Stevens was the recipient of the completion.

Compton and Stinson, while not having as big of roles offensively, stepped up on the defensive side of the ball, leading the team with 14 tackles each. Maroon, Cash Lowery, Logan Burrus (forced fumble) and Kale Burns each had 13 tackles.

Kooper Caldwell had the fumble recovery along with eight tackles, while Wilcher had an interception return of eight yards to go along with his seven tackles.

VERSUS FOREMAN

This week in the annual homecoming game, the Rattlers will host the 0-4 Foreman Gators.

Foreman has been outscored 149-62 over the course of the season, with their lone competitive loss coming two weeks ago against Ĥoratio 26-22.

Chesshir said that despite the Gators being in a tailspin for the most part since their 2017, the team's fourth coach, Ed Baker, has them trending in the right direction.

"He's doing a good job, and although they still have low roster numbers at the senior high level, they are building with an undefeated junior high team."

The head Rattler said the Gators had good athletes, size and speed at the ready.

He added that RB D.J. Anderson (#9) was the team's biggest threat.

"They have talent, and by watching film you can see they are being coached up. They will do a good job and have some good ones com-

Taking his statement as gospel, improvement over time will be great for the Gators ... but that won't necessarily come to their aid this Friday night against the Rattlers at home in a festive mood.

"We just have to continue to get better and let our momentum carry over – we have to take care of business this week," Chesshir conclud-

HOMECOMING WEEK

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The homecoming pep rally will be held at the school at 2 p.m. on Friday, while the evening session prior to the football contest will start at 6:20 p.m. The homecoming parade will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The MJHS Rattlers, who collected at 6-0 win over Gurdon last week to move to 2-1-1 on the season will travel to Foreman to take on the undefeated junior Gators at 7 p.m. this Thursday. The seventh grade contest between the schools will start at 6 p.m.

Deputy cleared by prosecutor in fatal shooting incident

Bradford rules act justified after state police investigation

MURFREESBORO -- On Monday, Sept. 23, 9th West Judicial District Prosecutor Jana Bradford determined that the use of lethal force by a Pike County Sheriff's Deputy was justified in the officer-involved shooting on Aug. 29, which resulted in the death of a Pike County woman, according to a press release Tuesday morning.
The Pike County Sheriff's Depart-

ment asked the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) of the Arkansas State Police (ASP) to investigate the shoot-

On Thursday, Aug. 29, Pike County Deputy, identified as David Walker by Pike County Sheriff Travis Hill, responded to a location on Highway 84 West near Lodi following reports of a woman with a knife. An ambulance was notified and was on standby nearby when the deputy arrived on the

The woman, later identified as Jennifer Provence, 43, did not comply with a deputy's commands to drop the knife. Walker fired his service weapon, hitting Provence, who died from her injuries at the scene. Pike County Sheriff's Department

are required to wear body cameras and Walker's camera was activated during the incident, according to the sheriff. ASP CID prepared an investigative

file and submitted it to the prosecuting attorney, who determined the use of deadly force was consistent with Arkansas laws. Walker is one of two school resource

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School District and was called to the

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SPC school board approves annual budget

MURFREESBORO -- The South Pike County School Board approved the district's proposed 2024-2025 budget during its September meeting.

The district's operating fund ending balance for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was \$1,003,352 and is projected to end in 2025 with a balance of \$806,743. The building fund's ending balance for 2023-2024 was \$5,313.245 and is projected to end in 2025 with a balance of \$3,132,740.

The motion to approve the proposed budget was approved by a 6-0 vote.

The board also heard reports from Elementary Principal James Riley about the "High Intensity Tutoring Grant" update, the Dawson Foster Grandparent Program, the after-school tutoring and "Rooms Positive Behavior" update.

The high school report was presented by Cheyanna Burns. She updated the board about the new "HQIM" curriculum purchased for high school science, math and ELA. There are standards in social studies and the high school received new text-books and online resources to use.

Burns also reported a "Student of the Month" program is in place and she discussed the criteria for the honor and how is chosen

In other business, the board approved a resolution with the town of Delight concerning property on the old campus that is still in the district's name and used by the district for bus parking. The board then approved a motion to accept a quitclaim deed for the Delight land still in the school's name.

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TIS THE SEASON FOR FRIGHTS ... A new spooky decoration stands outside the former Pike County Hospital building as the second annual haunted house fundraiser by the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce will commence this Friday and Saturday nights from 7 to 10:30 p.m. The more kid-friendly version will operate beforehand at 6:30 p.m.

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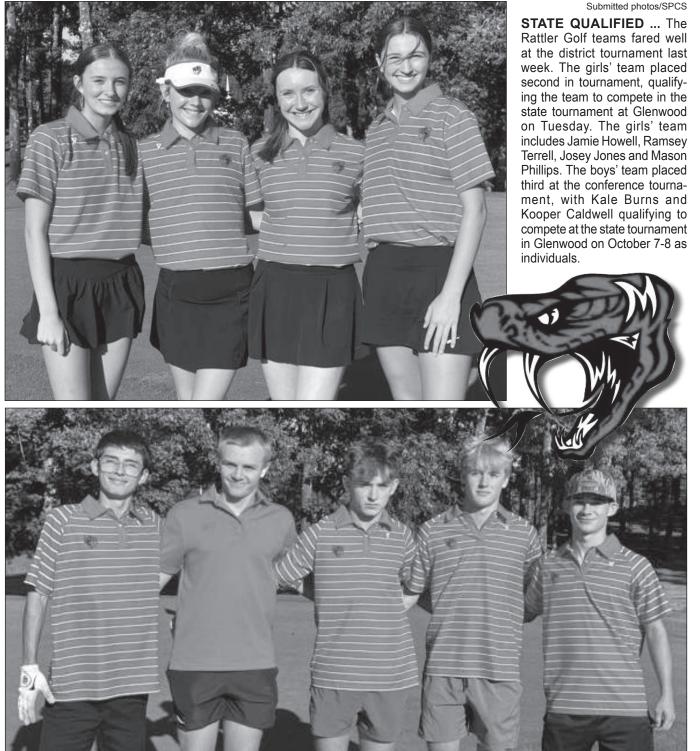
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Fire Departments to hold October fundraisers

Editor's Note: Please denote the correction in the price of meals at the Nathan VFD fundraiser versus last week's article.

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 chanc-

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Q: Are there any treatments for alopecia areata?

A: Alopecia areata is an autoimmune disorder that leads to scarring or non-scarring of the affected areas. The immune system attacks hair follicles, causing hair loss. It is a common condition — the National Alopecia Areata Foundation estimates nearly 7 million people in the U.S. have or have had the

Alopecia areata presents itself in three main ways. With patchy alopecia areata, the most common form, hair loss is in coin-sized patches. Those with alopecia totalis lose all or most of the hair on their scalp. Alopecia universalis is the loss of all or

most hair on the face, scalp and the rest of the body.

It is unknown what causes this condition. Alopecia areata affects

people of all ages, genders, and racial and ethnic groups. While it can occur at any time, many develop the condition before the age of 40 and signs often appear before the age of 20. It cannot be spread to others.

There is no cure for alopecia areata. Treatments depend upon the form and severity of hair loss. Corticosteroids and immunosuppressants may be prescribed to promote hair provider if you experience symptoms. A referral to a

growth. Contact your health care dermatologist may be required.

Obituaries

Carolyn Ann Jones, 79, Murfreesboro

79, of Murfreesboro, Arkansas passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024 in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. She was born July 13, 1945 in Dierks, Arkansas the daughter of the late Fred Parker Sr. and Patra Seymour Parker.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church near Dierks, Arkansas.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Eddmon Jones; one sister Joyce Sharp; and four brothers Houston Parker,

Carolyn Ann Jones, age Fred Parker Jr., Wayne Parker, and Donnie Parker.

Survivors include one sister Lavon Parker Reed; sisters in law Carolyn Parker, Bobbie Parker, and Mary Lingo; one brother in law J. Bo Jones. As well as several nieces, neph-

ews, and friends. Cremation services are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

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



Actual celestial newsmakers

Mars will be as big as the Moon in the coming weeks. Not true, but this internet headline shows up on a regular basis, and always sparks an interest among the gullible. Two current headlines, however, are not "fooled you" events. The asteroid that will orbit the Earth for a couple of months, and a comet are the news makers.

Comet Tsuchinshan-Atlas (choo-cheen-shahn) or C2023A3 was thought by some astronomers to be too fragile to survive its swing around the Sun, but it did, and it is now low in our pre-dawn eastern sky. By 13 October it will be low in the western sky at sunset, and by 24 October, if we are lucky, it will be a nice sight higher in the post-sunset west. Look for bright Venus, then move your sight up and to the right to see it. Binoculars will help.

The media should be a bit ashamed to play the hype game as they are doing with the asteroid 2024Pt5. Their headlines proclaim that Earth will briefly have a second moon. They do inform, if you read further, that the object is tiny, a mini-moon only about 33 feet across (the Moon is 2,159 miles in diameter). It is not a naked eye object, and only visible using professional

level telescopes, and predicted to fly away on 25 November. Just a note, the Earth captures these "satellites" a few times each decade. Our giant neighbor, Jupiter, captures many such objects, and has 95 officially recognized moons. Saturn has 146 such moons. There are approximately 4,000 comets in our Solar System, and NASA has 1,404,601 numbered and unnumbered asteroids tagged in our planetary system.

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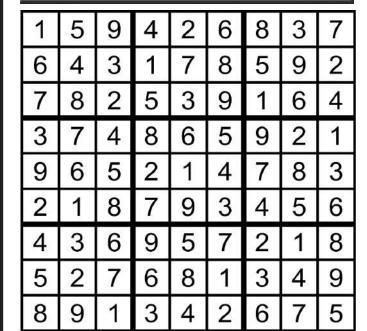


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NATHAN FUNDRAISER

more information.

The Nathan Volunteer Fire Department Annual BBQ Fundraiser 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 for \$10 per plate with donations welcomed. Dine in or carryout will

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

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Woman's death under investigation

NASHVILLE -- The unattended death of a Murfreesboro woman is being investigated in Howard County.

The body was Sonya Fugitt was discovered Sept. 21 in a camper trailer on Highway 278 near Centerpoint.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department received a call on Sept. 21 concerning a deceased female and arrived at the scene and located Fugitt on the floor of the camper.

Fugitt's body has been sent to the Arkansas State Crime Lab.

Homeless man sentenced to 18-year residency

MURFREESBORO -- A Glenwood man listed as homeless has been sentenced to prison concerning numerous Pike County charges involving drugs, theft and possessing a firearm.

Joseph Pumilia, Jr, 43, entered guilty pleas on Sept. 23 and was sentenced to a total of 18 years. Charges against Pumilia date back to 2023 with drug charges with theft and drug charges along with being a felon in possession

of a firearm were filed in 2024.

Also on Sept. 23 in Pike County court, Chauncey Charges, 44, of Malvern, was sentenced to 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with two years suspended. He plead guilty to the charges of criminal conspiracy and fleeing stemming from an incident in June involving agents with the 9th West Drug Task Force.

Robotics seeking funds with pizza

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro robotics team is conducting a fundraiser to help pay for tournament registration fees.

The group is partnering with Little Cesars to offer items such as pizza kits for at home and meal deal codes for use at a Little Cesars location. The fundraiser began on September 16 and will close on October 16.

As of Monday evening, nine kits had been

sold according to the website.

"We could use your help! Believe me, these kits are really convenient and soooo delicious. Perfect to have on hand for busy days," said robotics sponsor Melissa Cornish.

The link to participate in the fundraiser https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/ products?support=40748d6b-3ff7-487b-959b-94b41fae42d5.

Cemetery association announces meeting

DELIGHT --- A special meeting of the Delight Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, Oct. 7, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the cemetery pavilion.

There will be decisions made -- including, but not limited to -- the possible election of new officers and board members. Also, by-laws and rules of cemetery reports and upkeep may be amended.

All interested participants are invited to attend and show support at the meeting. Event organizers state that "input is very important as necessary changes must be made."

Lady Rattler basketball, track squads hold fundraiser, seek business sponsors

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Lady Rattler basketball 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

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

If any businesses want to be a sponsor for the fundraiser, Martin asks that they please let her

"No amount is too small to sponsor. We greatly appreciate our sponsors," Martin said. Sponsors pledged for 2024 event include:

Tyson Foods, Southern Dine, Terri's Place, Feed Bin Cafe, Diamond Bank, First State Bank, Pizza Inn, Ceba Gas, Rattler Legacy Foundation and Henderson Graphics

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Dear Preacher⁹

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

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"I Can Do All Things Through Christ" - Christ is the

central force through whom

all righteous things can be accomplished.

"Ī Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strenthens" It is Christ as our Savior, Redeemer, Mediator, High Priest, and King, who provides insurmountable strength to those who love Him!

"I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strenthens Me" - Last, but not least, the reader is not only encouraged by the strength that Christ provides, but by the strength He provides on an individual basis.

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line 2 option, Chicken tenders FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Breakfast: Super donut or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Sausage pizza, savory carrots, steamed broccoli, applesauce, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option Big Daddy pepperoni pizza

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Breakfast: Blueberry muffin or cereal, fruit,

Lunch: Chicken sandwich, french fries, lettuce & tomato, 7-12 pickle slices, peaches, milk-

3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Steak sandwich **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

Breakfast: Sausage croissant roll or cereal, juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Chicken fajita, pinto beans, lettuce

& tomato, salsa, pineapple, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option Chicken quesadilla

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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Lunch: Frito pie, chili beans, savory carrots, 7-12 whole grain cookie, peaches, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Hot dog w/chili

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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, were 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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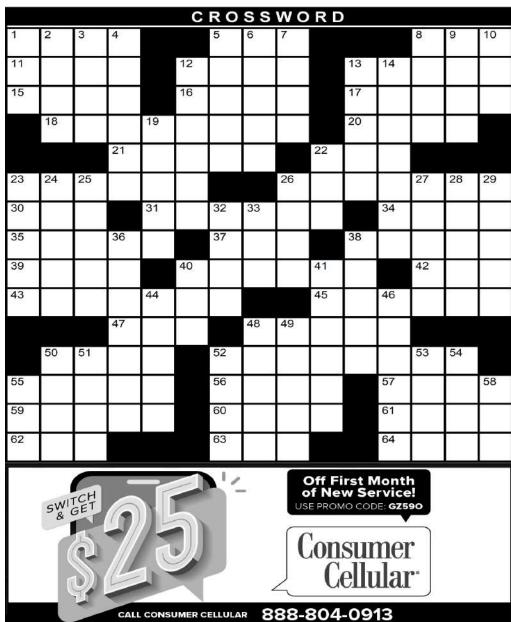
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- 26. "Midsommar" flower arrangements
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 - 54. E-commerce website 55. Sylvester, to Tweety
- 58. Broadway musical about wives of Henry





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State legislature to investigate district court funding

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The outcome will be important throughout the judicial system. It will influence how judges' salaries are paid. It will impact the budgets of city, county and state governments. The legislature's decisions will significantly affect people who are ordered to pay fines and restitution.

The blueprint for change was finalized last week by the Senate and House Committees on the Judiciary, which have been working on potential reforms of court finances since last year's legis-

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lative session. Act 38 of 2023 required the committees to study the issue and report its findings by October 1.

One proposal is to eliminate an existing agreement that has the state and local governments all share in paying judicial sala-

Another proposal would repeal the current \$10 a month fee

charged to people who pay off fines and court costs in install-

ments. The Judiciary Committees heard testimony that some people owe more because of accumulated \$10-a-month fees than they owe for their original traffic fine. County governments have a vested interest in this issue. According to the Association of Arkansas Counties, the 75 counties in Arkansas spend at least \$46 million a year on the operations

\$46 million figure was compiled 10 years ago. Now, cities and counties contribute \$58,650 toward the salary of each local district judge. That is half of the base cost of judges'

of local judicial systems. The amount is likely higher, because the

salaries. State government pays the other half. Beginning January 1, there will be 70 full-time district judges in Arkansas. If the state pays their entire salaries, the state will incur an additional \$4.1 million a year in costs, and local governments will save that amount.

The current system of collecting court costs and fees, although better than it was in the past, is a confusing patchwork. Fees and court costs go into a state Administration of Justice Fund, which last year provided \$39.3 million in funding for 21 separate programs.

Some of those programs are connected to the court system, such as the Arkansas Judicial Retirement Fund. Others are not directly connected to operations of the judicial system, such as programs for traffic safety and drug abuse prevention. As Act 38 says: "Many of the court costs, fees, and fines assessed by the court system have little or nothing to do with the operations of an individual court or the court system..."

Eliminating disparities has been a legislative priority since 1995, when the General Assembly passed Act 1256 to provide for uniform filing fees and court costs. Act 1256 was prompted by the fact that the system of fees and fines created inequity in the level of judicial services available to Arkansas citizens.

Furthermore, according to Act 1256, the judicial funding system had become so complex as to make administration impossible. This mattered to law enforcement agencies because unreliable reporting of criminal statistics made it impossible to compile accurate data on crime rates.

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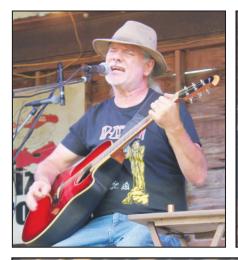
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AWARD PRESENTED ... City of Murfreesboro employees (pictured above right, L to R) Johnny Pruitt, Eric Rowe, Jeremy Hughes and Amber Nutt were awarded by Harvest Food Bank (pictured above left) for their efforts in aiding the food bank distribute commodities throughout the year.









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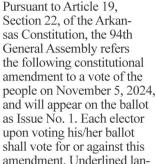
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amendment. Underlined language would be added to the language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2023 Session by Representative

ISSUE NO. 1 Popular Name

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

Ballot Title

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STITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT LOTTERY PRO-

CEEDS MAY BE USED TO FUND OR PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND **GRANTS TO ARKANSAS** CITIZENS ENROLLED IN VOCATIONAL-TECH-NICAL SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRE-SENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GEN-ERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 14(b), concerning the use of lottery proceeds, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Lottery proceeds shall be used solely to pay the operating expenses of lotteries,

including all prizes, and to

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

profit two-year or four-year college or university; (B) A public or private vocational-technical school; or (C) A public or private technical institute.

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

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after January 1, 2025.

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