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Treasure Fest bringing hundreds of tourists to area this weekend

MURFREESBORO -- Murfreesboro is set to again be the epicenter of the area’s metal detecting world with the seventh edition of Treasure Fest this weekend.

The event, to be held this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Kadoha Indian Village, will feature thousands in cash and gold prizes that can be discovered by participants.

Available for discovery will be gold and silver coins, while two \$2,500, 20 \$500 and 20 \$100 cash prizes will be handed out.

Participants will also be able to discover American Civil War relics and Native American artifacts.

There will also be a “children’s area” with treasures for discovery.

Tickets to the event are \$300 each, which provides admission for both days, a meal ticket for Saturday’s lunch, and a raffle chance. Children 12 years and younger get free admission. Treasure Fest 7 is the first official sell out of the event.

The most important factor is that the event will bring a several hundred people to Murfreesboro, including representatives from 26 states, to help boost the local economy.

“I’m expecting a big weekend, and it’s gonna help the local economy,” said Kadoha Indian Village owner Sam Johnson. He added he was always seeking ways of generating more interest in the event to better help attendance and help the Murfreesboro area out even further.

Johnson invites the local public is invited to the “meet and greet” portion of the weekend on Friday, Oct. 11 starting at 5 p.m., where dinner will be available for purchase from food trucks and karaoke entertainment can be had.

The forecast appears to be cooperative for the event, calling for sun and highs of plus-90 degrees for both days of the weekend event that is set for rain or shine, but always more hopeful of the latter.

“We are an event that is definitely weather sensitive,” said Johnson, saying his event has almost always gotten positive results from mother nature. “It’s maybe more than we deserve, but it’s usually pretty.”

The event is co-sponsored by Arkansas History Unearthed along with Kadoha Indian Village. Kadoha is located at 281 Kadoha Road in Murfreesboro.

See more about Arkansas History Unearthed and join their Facebook page, visit www.facebook.com/groups/833972216728210, or visit the Kadoha Treasure Fest page at www.facebook.com/groups/562819731706256.

For more information, please call Kadoha Indian Village at (870) 285-3736.

Mini cheer camp set for Oct. 15-17

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro cheerleaders will hold their mini-cheerleader camp Oct. 15-17.

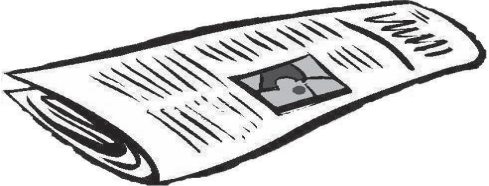
The camp is open to South Pike County students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and students can be registered at <https://forms.gle/aMdo5kfEwDvBP2Hu9>.

Camp practices will be held after school until 4:30 p.m., culminating in a performance at half-time 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 admission fee.

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.



2.3 carat diamond found at Crater

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www.arkansas.com

MURFREESBORO -- On Friday, September 27, a guest visiting Arkansas’ Crater of Diamonds State Park found a 2.30-carat white diamond in the park’s 37.5-acre diamond search area. This is the third diamond over two carats registered this year and the second-largest diamond registered in 2024.

Eager for the day, the finder arrived at the park when the doors opened at 8 a.m. They rented a basic kit from the park’s Diamond Discovery Center and started out wet sifting, a searching method that involves washing dirt from diamond-bearing gravel through screens of graduated sizes in water. After a few hours of no luck, the guest decided to try surface searching, stating, “If I find a diamond today, it will probably be right here on the surface.”

Many of the park’s largest diamonds are found on the surface. “We periodically plow the search area to loosen the diamond-bearing soil and promote natural erosion,” Assistant Park Superintendent Waymon Cox said. “As rain falls on the field, it washes away the dirt and uncovers heavy rocks, minerals and diamonds near the surface.”

The conditions for surface searching on September 27 were ideal. Not only was it a beautiful sunny day, allowing the sunlight to hit a diamond just right, but the search area had recently been plowed and had received rainfall just two days before.

While walking just west of the covered North Wash pavilion, the guest spotted something sparkling on top of the ground. “From far



Submitted photos/Crater of Diamonds State Park

DIAMOND FIND ... This 2.3 carat white diamond was discovered recently at the Crater of Diamonds State Park.

away it shined so clearly,” they said. “I thought it might be a piece of trash or a bug; it was so much shinier than anything else out there.”

Once the guest walked over and picked it up, they quickly realized it was not a bug or a piece of trash, but a glimmering stone. They stuck the gem in their pocket and had it checked by park staff at the Diamond Discovery Center before leaving for lunch.

Park Interpreter Sarah Reap was at the rock and mineral identification counter when the finder brought their stone up and calmly laid it on the desk. “Even after a few years of working here, I am still surprised when a finder pulls a large diamond out of their pocket so non-

chalantly.” Reap said. Moments later, she confirmed it to be a diamond weighing over two carats.

The silvery-white gem has a round, pitted surface and is about the size of a pencil eraser. At first glance, the diamond appears brown, but closer inspection reveals numerous inclusions. These tiny imperfections affect how light passes through the diamond. While the center looks dark brown, the outside of the diamond is clear white.

White diamonds are closest to a pure carbon crystal, while brown diamonds at the Crater of

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Rattlers handily defeat Gators at homecoming

Set to face Dierks Outlaws in important conference tussle this week

MURFREESBORO – The Murfreesboro Rattlers capped off their 2024 homecoming celebration by dominating the Foreman Gators 52-0.

Winners of three consecutive games, the Rattlers now stand at 3-2 on the season and 2-2 in conference play.

While the results were not surprising based on Foreman’s winless record, Chesshir still has good thoughts for the Gators going forward.

“We knew they would still down, but I have nothing but respect for coach Ed Baker and what he’s trying to do with that program. He has a junior high team with good numbers and pretty good athletes. If he will stick with it and the kids will stick with him, he’ll get them back to where they used to be – competitive.”

However, that time is not now, as the Rattlers built a 46-0 first half lead in the effort to make it all look too easy.

“Ultimately we knew we just had to take care of business and get out injury free – and we did that.”

Perhaps the one upside to such an effort is the opportunity for the non-regular players to get playing time and earn valuable experience.

“Let them get experience, learn, gives us an opportunity to coach them a little bit in a game.”

Chesshir said he expects his starters to stay engaged, but admits it is tough in such a scenario.

“I expected them to stay locked in and a find a way to help the others replacing them at their position ... these types of games are hard to stay focused, and honestly everyone just gets bored. We were focused early and did what we were supposed to do. Bottom line is that it is a good opportunity for the student athletes that don’t get to play much and see what they can do on a Friday night. It’s valuable experience moving forward.”

Stating that he saw good things, he used Alex Parker as an example. Parker would finish with seven rushes for 65 yards and a touchdown, along with six tackles and a fumble recovery on defense.

“Kid busts his tail during practice, finally got his opportunity to shine a little bit Friday – he did some good things both offensively and defensively. It was the first week he’s actually touched the football in a game, so it was good to see him get out there and run around a little bit. He’s a kid with some speed on him, and in open space he’s going to get good positive yardage.”

Chesshir also complemented some of the backup offensive linemen with their “pretty good blocks,” naming specifically Mason Wilkins, Corbin Hoover, Kaden Epperly, Conley Crayne, Cameron Braden and John Parker Jackson.

“We had some guys step up and get in there.”

Statistically speaking, Bubba Stinson led them team with 75 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns. Cash Lowery would add 44 yards and a score on five attempts, while Lathan Compton had a touchdown and 33 yards rushing on five attempts.

The Rattlers would rush cumulatively for 302 yards on 31 attempts.

Laytan Wilcher was 2/2 passing for 38 yards and two touchdowns, adding 43 rushing yards on three attempts.

Kooper Caldwell (23 yards) and Isaac Kuykendall (15 yards) had the touchdown receptions for the Rattlers.

Albert Quiroz led the defense with seven tackles and a forced fumble. Brody Maroon, Logan Burris, Daelyn Henderson, Garrett Downs (forced fumble) and Kaleb Delarosa (fumble recovery) had five tackles each.

Kuykendall had an interception that he re-

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Staff Photos

CHOMPING THE GATORS ... The Murfreesboro Rattler defense dominated their phase of the game last Friday night against Foreman, shutting out the Gators in the 52-0 homecoming victory. Pictured (above) DE Brody Maroon gets Foreman QB Rylan Johnson in his clutches, while (below) the defense celebrates a sack, complete with a happy dance by Logan Burris (65).



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Diamonds State Park are caused by plastic deformation, a structural defect that causes them to appear brown throughout. Almost all natural diamonds have inclusions or blemishes that affect their appearance.

As of this writing, 548 diamonds have been registered by park guests in 2024, weighing more than 82 carats. An average of one to two diamonds are found each day.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT CRATER OF DIAMONDS STATE PARK

Diamonds come in all colors of the rainbow. The three most

common colors found at Crater of Diamonds State Park are white, brown and yellow, in that order.

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

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

Another well-known diamond from the park is the Strawn-

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

CRATER OF DIAMONDS STATE PARK

Located on Arkansas Highway 301 in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, Crater of Diamonds State Park is one of the only places in the world where the public can search for real diamonds in their original volcanic source. The park is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except New Year’s Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve afternoon and Christmas Day).

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turned 34 yards and a fumble recovery.

Caden Ballard would force a fumble and Crayne recovered a fumble for the Rattler defense.

THIS WEEK AT DIERKS

This week the Rattlers will travel to face their long-time nemesis, the Dierks Outlaws (4-1, 2-0).

The Outlaws’ lone loss was to Fouke 21-0 week one. Since then they have accrued easy victories over Mountain Pine (46-28), Parkers Chapel (58-8) and Spring Hill (42-14). Their win at Lafayette County, 32-22, was perhaps their most competitive game of the season.

“They are coming into this with a lot of confidence, they have a lot of momentum and hype surrounding them – I expect them to come out firing on all cylinders.”

Chesshir said it was ultimately fair to throw out the records in this game.

“It probably doesn’t matter what the records are – it wouldn’t matter if both of us were 0-5. Both teams are going to come out with a lot of energy, it will be an exciting game and an electric atmosphere. We always travel really well [in attendance] and there will be a lot of red, especially there. I expect there will be a lot of blue on their side of the stands.”

He said Dierks had switched up their offensive plan from last year, when Murfreesboro prevailed by a 30-6 score.

“They are a completely different team right now than they were a year ago, when they based out of the shotgun and a lot of two back stuff. This year they are in a Wing-T based offense, something those [Dierks] kids are really good at, so Coach [Paul] Ernest is doing a really good job.”


Chesshir said Outlaw backs Jordan Hill and Juan Salazar were the ones to watch for Dierks.

“Hill is a very explosive back, and if you give him the smallest crease or lane he will hit it and is liable to go 50 yards. We have to be good tacklers this week. Salazar, who is a wing back, is another one they can give it to on misdirection type stuff. He ran wild last week versus Spring Hill. They have proven this offensive to be explosive this season, so we have to be sound defensively.”

Chesshir said that Ernest was also excellent at “attacking

“This Thursday will be a big one, and it’s here at our place,” said Chesshir.

The seventh grade game will kick off at 6 p.m., followed by the junior high clash at 7 p.m.



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County resident sentenced to 10 years in ADC for theft, burglary charges

MURFREESBORO -- A Glenwood woman has been sentenced in Pike County to the state prison system involving theft and burglary charges.

Alisha Marilyn Kersey, 44, plead guilty Monday to the charges of theft and residential burglary. She was sentenced to a total of 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with seven

years suspended.

Kersey was charged for her involvement in a home break-in in October of 2021 along with Jace Allen Golden, 31, of Glenwood. Golden was sentenced to 10 years of probation in October of 2022 onto same charges. The two were also ordered to pay \$5,000 restitution to the homeowner.

Murfreesboro city cemetery announces recent donation list

MURFREESBORO -- The following donations have been given to the Murfreesboro Cemetery Fund from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024.

Dick & Diane Carroll in memory of Buddy Cox
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The upkeep of the cemetery is made possible by your donations. Donations may be given to Gary Don Turner, Marc Jackson, Margaret Byrd, Kayla Kuykendall, Mary Jean Barbre or Joyce Woodruff. Donations may also be mailed to Murfreesboro Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 185, Murfreesboro, AR. 71958.

Burn bans announced for Pike, Hempstead Counties

MURFREESBORO/HOPE -- As of 2 p.m. on October 7, Pike County Judge Eddie Howard issued a burn ban for all of Pike County until further notice,

Hempstead County Judge Jerry Crane has also issued a burn ban for all of Hempstead County.



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Chamber calls for volunteers to help prep Christmas decor

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

All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

Obituaries

Gerald Winston Campbell, 94, Billstown



Gerald Winston “Punkin” Campbell, age 94, of Billstown, Arkansas passed away on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at his home. He was born January 4, 1930 in Billstown the son of the late John Wesley Campbell and Carrie Dell Stone Campbell.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife “Bo” Campbell.

Mr. Campbell was a proud United States Army veteran, serving during the Korean

War. He was a proud member of the Heat and Frost Insulators/Insulation and Allied Workers Local 22. His faith was church of Christ and he was baptized in Saline Creek. Gerald loved to sing and entertain and as most people know he was famous for his signature song Hattie Call Boogie with his band “Billstown”. But most important to his family was that he was a great man and was a loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Mr. Campbell is survived by too many loving family members to mention.

Graveside services were held on Monday, October 7, at Campbell Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Campbell Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 89, Delight, AR. 71940.

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

Sonya Diane Fugitt, 48, Murfreesboro

Sonya Diane Fugitt, 48, of Murfreesboro died Saturday, Sept 21, 2024.

She was born March 14, 1976, at Murfreesboro, the daughter of Steven Fugitt and the late Denise Godwin.

She was preceded in death by her mother; a daughter, Brooklynn Paige Fugitt, and a brother, Casey Fugitt, all of

Murfreesboro.

Survivors include: her father, Steve Fugitt and wife, Paula, of Dierks; four sons, Jon Mason, Steven Ashcroft, Chris French and Aaron French; two daughters, Maddie French and Faith Ashcroft; a brother, David Fugitt and two sisters, Kimberly Baugher and Hanna Rochelle.

Norene Elizabeth Alford, 95, Delight

Norene Elizabeth Alford, age 95 of Delight, Arkansas, passed away on Saturday, October 5, 2024 in Dierks. She was born on July 14, 1929 near Delight, the daughter of the late Milo Conatser and Nora Carr Conatser.

In addition to parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of almost fifty-five years, J.W. Alford; a son, Larry Alford Sr., as well as several siblings.

Survivors include her daughter, Deborah Alford; three grandsons, Larry J. Alford Jr. of Delight, Ryan Alford

and his wife, Tina, of Huntington, Indiana, Jason Richardson of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Special nieces, Tammy and Darlin White of Murfreesboro, several great-grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

To honor Mrs. Alford’s memory, a graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2024 in Delight Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION

This notice is prepared by the Pike County Election Commission to inform the public that the 2024 General Election will be held on November 5, 2024. The notice also provides the public information regarding this election as required by law:

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DELIGHT ALDERMAN POSITION 3
Chris Goodson - Independent
Brandi “Rowton” Martin -Independent

GLENWOOD ALDERMAN
North Ward Position 1
Rickey Lee Driggers - Independent
Jimmy Clark - Independent

MURFREESBORO ALDERMAN
South Ward Position 1
Lewis Gills – Independent
Danny Eckert - Independent

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES:
(NOT LISTED ON BALLOT)
Justice of the Peace Dist. 1: Randy Lamb – Republican
Justice of the Peace Dist. 2: Robbie Crocker – Republican
Justice of the Peace Dist. 3: Seth Henry Kirkham – Republican
Justice of the Peace Dist. 4: Leotis Snowden - Democratic
Justice of the Peace Dist. 5: Jerry Fendley - Democratic
Justice of the Peace Dist. 6: Kip Holbrook – Republican
Justice of the Peace Dist. 7: Richard Mohlenhoff – Republican
Justice of the Peace Dist. 8: John J. Plyler Jr. – Republican
Justice of the Peace Dist. 9: Paul Baker - Democratic
Missouri Township Constable: Ricky Branch - Democratic
Delight Alderman Position 1: Rhonda Abbott – Independent
Delight Alderman Position 4: Ronnie Cox – Independent
Delight Alderman Position 5: Keith Woods – Independent
Glenwood Recorder/Treasurer: Jason Lenderman – Independent
Murfreesboro Recorder/Treasurer: Penny Lamb - Independent
Murfreesboro Alderman North Ward Position 1: Mark Barnes – Independent
Murfreesboro Alderman North Ward Position 2: Kirk j. Stone – Independent
Murfreesboro Alderman South Ward Position 2: Jane Fugitt – Independent
Murfreesboro Alderman West Ward Position 1: Betty Jane O’Neal – Independent
Murfreesboro Alderman West Ward Position 2: James “Cody” Bachmann – Independent

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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.

Issue No. 2
(Popular Name)
An amendment requiring local voter approval in a countywide special election for certain new casino licenses and repealing authority to issue a casino license in Pope County, Arkansas.

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

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PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET

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PIKE COUNTY
Godwin, Kadence Emily, 18, Hot Spring, \$135 BF, allowing unauthorized person to drive
Graves, John F., 26, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,240 owed
Lorenzo, Fernando, 45, De Queen, \$125 BF, no driver's license
Smith, Kassen, 20, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver's license
Tum, Van Cung, 20, Indianapolis, Ind., guilty of terroristic threatening, fined \$500; guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$220
Vasquez, Dilia Teresa, 34, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt

CITY OF MURFREESBORO
Bufkin, Charles Joseph, Jr., 54, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Chaney, Cara Michelle, 33, Murfreesboro, guilty of no child restraint device
Francis, BillyJoe, 32, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Stewart, Jackson Robert, 16, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Tum Van Cung, 20, Indianapolis, Ind., guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225
Wakeman, Cody Ray, 30, Hot Spring, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345

ARKANSAS GAME

AND FISH COMMISSION
Gilbert, Jonathon T., 26, Murfreesboro, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited with time served, license suspended and must complete DWI education course
Hatton, Brysen James, 19, Arkadelphia, guilty of driving under the influence, fined \$1,070, credited with time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of minor in possession alcohol, fined \$260
McGraw, Joseph Mathew, 20, Glenwood, guilty of insufficient PFD, fined \$220

BENCH TRIALS
PIKE COUNTY
Brannon, Joey Darren, 61, Hot Springs Village, guilty of no motorcycle endorsement on license, fined \$125
Peterson, Larry, 40, Newhope, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$220; guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220
Vanauken, Brianna S., 42, Glenwood, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$600

CITY OF MURFREESBORO
Mooring, Crystal Dawn, 32, Murfreesboro, endangering welfare of minor, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$280

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
Martin, Jerry D., 58, Hope, \$220 BF, reckless operations of PWC

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 Breakfast: Pancake or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, steamed broccoli, seasoned corn, applesauce, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option Piza za stick w/ marinara sauce	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 Breakfast: Sausage biscuit or cereal, juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, 7-12 chips, mixed fruit, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Turkey & cheese sandwich
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 -- NO SCHOOL	
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 Breakfast: Poptart w/ yogurt or cereal, juice,	

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By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

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Romans 2:17-29

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our lives. How good it is to be in covenant relationship with the God of mercy and grace. You and I will spend all of our Christian lives expanding our knowledge, hunger, and earnest desire to please the Father of all mercy and forgiveness. The teacher, therefore, remains the student. We can never reach that place where we can be satisfied with where we are on the road to spiritual maturity. Our appetite for the truth will grow as we progress. The

more we learn the more we become aware of how much there is that we have not learned. Our prayer will be for more time and opportunity to study to show ourselves approved in God’s eyes. Therefore, let us pray that God will give us the time to come to know Him intimately and personally. We must desire to know the truth so that truth can set us free from the power of sin. God’s people will always be the most fervent, diligent learners of His word. Our God will fill our hearts and lives with the joy of our salvation for ourselves and a lost world. We must know the word before we can effectively teach it! Hunger and thirst after God’s righteousness and fill up on HIS WORD!! Do YOU teach yourself?

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BY JOHN LEHTI

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AMOS- "THE SHEPHERD TURNED PROPHET"

DELIVERING THE LORD'S WARNING TO SINFUL ISRAEL IN THE TEMPLE AT BETHEL, AMOS HAS NOW BEEN CONFRONTED BY THE HIGH PRIEST PHARAZIAH AND TOLD TO LEAVE, BUT AMOS CONTINUES HIS SPEECH...

...AND THE LORD HATH SAID ISRAEL WILL BECOME CAPTIVE TO HER ENEMIES AND ALL THE MIGHTY SHALL FALL!

WOE UNTO ISRAEL... SAITH THE LORD... I WILL SMITE THEM, FROM THE GREATEST TO THE VERY LEAST!

BUT IN VAIN! AMOS' WORDS FALL ON DEAF EARS...

GO! PROPHECY IN THINE OWN LAND - BUT NOT HERE IN BETHEL!

AND SO, WITH HOOTS, CATCALLS, AND JEERS, FOLLOWING HIM, AMOS LEAVES THE TEMPLE! HE HAS DONE HIS JOB! ALL ISRAEL HAS BEEN WARNED, AND IF THEY WILL NOT LISTEN, THEN LET THEIR BLOOD BE UPON THEIR OWN HEADS - BUT AMOS KNOWS THAT HE REALLY HAS DELIVERED THE LORD GOD'S WARNINGS!

Next Week

27 JOHN LEHTI

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Delight graduate named chief of staff for state House

BY JOHN BALCH
Nashville News-Leader staff

LITTLE ROCK -- Gina Lockwood, a 1990 graduate of Delight High School, was recently hired as chief of staff for the Arkansas House of Representatives.

Lockwood started her new job Sept. 30 after resigning as governmental affairs director at Arkansas Tech University. Prior to her ATU job, Lockwood worked for the state Department of Education, first as chief of staff and later as chief operating officer. She has also worked as language arts teacher and high school guidance counselor.

"My first jobs were waitressing at Prescott Pizza Hut and babysitting for many of the Bank of Delight employees," Lockwood said.

She added that all her past jobs, including the babysitting, helped prepare her for her new role with the House of Representatives.

"Those positions all focused on service and connecting people to the right information, services and opportunities," Lockwood said. "While my background is primarily in education, I have been fortunate to learn about state and federal government operations, including budgeting and legislation. As well as experience in public service, leadership, patience and tenacity."

Lockwood holds a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Henderson State University and a Masters of Science in Education and educational specialist degrees from ATU. She is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in educational leadership from ATU.

Lockwood said a day in the life of HR chief of staff is "usually far from boring," which she loves, and involves overseeing the daily operations of the House and "act to ensure compliance with all associated rules and regulations."

She also coordinates preparation of the House sessions and works closely with government officials, related staff and a variety of other stakeholders.

Lockwood, 52, now lives in Little Rock but was raised in Delight and lived there until she left for college. She said she gets back home as often as she can. Her family, including parents Ruth and CE Lockwood, still reside in Delight.

"I try to come home as often as a I can to see family and friends," she said. "Delight will always be home. It is a special part of our state and home to some of the best people I've been blessed to know."



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GINA LOCKWOOD

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Four-Yard Dirt Pan	Priefert Round Pen	(2) Work Saver Bale Unroller - New
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Oswald Horizontal Feed Mixer (needs bearings in one of augers)	4 Bale Hay Truck (new)	3 Bale Hay Trailer
Miller Bobcat Welding Machine	New Chains and Binder	Farm Wagon
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32'x7' Gooseneck Brand Stock Trailer	20 Free Standing Cattle Panels	New Black Ornamental Gates
1996 Model Ext. Cab Toyota	20 Ft. Container	Hyd Post Privel
Tacoma w/Flatbed & 800lb. Bar 6 Feed Box (needs valve work)	10 Ft. Container	Hyd. Hay Bed
Lincoln SAE 200 Welding Machine	8 Ft. Gates	Cattle Alley Way w/Gate
2004 Jeep Patriot (needs valve work)	4 Ft. Bull Walk Through Gates	Metal Feed Troughs
2WD JD 5103 w/canopy, front end loader, hay spear and bucket	Scaffolding	Wire Panels
7 Ft. Kuhn Hay Mower	New Panels and Gates (all sizes)	(2) 5 Ft. Bush hogs
(2) 2017 Yamaha Vikings - one running, one not	New Feed Troughs (Metal & Plastic)	6 Ft. 3 - Point Disc
6 Ft. House Cutter	Skid Steer Chipper Shredder	3 Point Arena Drag
2007 MF 533 Rops/w Canopy, 880 Hrs	3 Pt. Marliss No Till Drill	(100) 4'x5' Rolls of Hay, Sprayed & Fertilized
601 Ford Tractor (nice)	Stainless Steel Hay Feeder	Plus Many, Many, More Items
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1980 Toyota Pickup	(65) 2 7/8 Pipe	
2002 Lincoln Towncar, 94,000 miles	2 3/8 Pipe	
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 - 9. Cake with rum
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 - 14. Invoice qty.
 - 15. Fox crime drama, 2005-2017
 - 16. *Baseball player's representative
 - 17. Pastrami's partner
 - 18. With irregular edge
 - 19. *Last year's World Series winners
 - 21. *Brave contender
 - 23. Certain tray content
 - 24. Fail to mention
 - 25. Nocturnal flyer
 - 28. Team homophone
 - 30. *Last year's MVP Corey ____
 - 35. Iranian monarch
 - 37. Proactiv target
 - 39. "Superman" star
 - 40. Head of family
 - 41. Button-up or button-down
 - 43. Singles
 - 44. Graduates
 - 46. Symphony member
 - 47. *Number in a baseball lineup
 - 48. Say again
 - 50. Brezhnev's country
 - 52. PST plus three
 - 53. Mouth off
 - 55. Brewed beverage
 - 57. *Fall ____
 - 61. *Two-time World Series MVP winner in 1970s
 - 65. Two under on one hole in golf
 - 66. Brewed alcoholic beverage
 - 68. Grind down
 - 69. #72 Across, in the olden days
 - 70. *2003 World Series winner or Marvel leader, Stan
 - 71. Plural of #62 Down
 - 72. Eject
 - 73. ____ excellence

- 74. Noise of contempt
- DOWN
- 1. 1984, e.g.
 - 2. Pond plant
 - 3. Right to a property
 - 4. Polynesian kingdom
 - 5. Affirm to be true
 - 6. TV's "Storage ____"
 - 7. Comedian Schumer
 - 8. Iron setting
 - 9. Bora ____
 - 10. Any day now, formerly
 - 11. Superlative of better
 - 12. Not in port
 - 15. Loud singer
 - 20. Actress ____ Perlman, pl.
 - 22. ____ the season!
 - 24. Double-decker
 - 25. Wilde of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" fame
 - 26. Blue or gray swimmer
 - 27. Drink like a cat (2 words)
 - 29. Reply from a tunnel
 - 31. Eon, alt. sp.
 - 32. Robin Williams in "Aladdin"
 - 33. 0 and 2, e.g.
 - 34. Set to zero
 - 36. *Touch to score
 - 38. Son of Aphrodite
 - 42. T in Ferrari TR
 - 45. Uses #53 Across
 - 49. ____ Chi
 - 51. Break for Congress
 - 54. Dandruff manufacturer
 - 56. Ohio city
 - 57. ____ pit
 - 58. Nordic native
 - 59. Malaria symptom
 - 60. A whole bunch
 - 61. Crowd's derision
 - 62. Performer's time to shine
 - 63. Aroma
 - 64. Egg holder
 - 67. Grazing field

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PIKE COUNTY SKYWATCHERS
BY RICK FLOYD

Second moon resides until November

The Earth's newest satellite, asteroid 2024-Pt5, was supposedly captured into orbit on Sunday, Sept. 29, and will remain in orbit before moving away in late November.

This asteroid is a natural celestial object traveling within the Solar System, and is a satellite as long as it orbits this planet.

The Moon is our number one satellite, but we humans have now added manufactured satellites by the thousands to circle Earth, and sent others to orbit other celestial bodies in our Solar System.

When you watch the night sky observing stars, it does not take long to notice that there are numerous dots of light, other than stars, moving quickly across your field of vision. As of September 2024, NASA estimates that there are approximately 6,500 active artificial satellites in various orbital positions around Earth. Adding to this number are the inactive ones, and undoubtedly those cloaked in secrecy. Just a decade ago there were about 1,000 operational artificial orbiters. A big part of the satellite count belongs to Elon Musk and his Starlink Constellation that currently totals about 5,000. Plans are to increase that number to 12,000 soon, and ultimately have 42,000 orbiting at any given time.

Researchers estimate that are about 100 trillion pieces of untracked space junk also in Earth's orbit. Most of it is small, a half inch or smaller. One of those researchers said that it is soon going to be like an interstate highway in a rush hour, in a snow-storm with everyone driving much too fast. According to NASA a piece of low Earth orbit junk travels at a speed of 18,000 miles per hour.

The Moon will be full on Sept. 17. It is still in perigee so yet another super-sized one. The first full Moon after the Harvest Moon is called the Hunter's Moon (it is sometimes in November).

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Junior Maid
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