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Delight preacher arrested, to be charged with of possession of kiddie porn

BY JOHN BALCH
Nashville News-Leader Staff

MURFREESBORO -- A former Pike County preacher and foster parent who was arrested last week on 100 charges of child pornography made his first court Monday with a Nov. 4 return date set for formal arraignment.

As of Tuesday morning, no charges have been filed against James Vincent Henry, 43, a former preacher at Crossroads Assembly of God Church in Delight. No plea was entered Monday and Henry remains in custody at the Pike County jail where he is being held on \$50,000 bond.

Henry was arrested and booked in the county jail the night of Oct. 15 on suspicion of 100 counts of distributing, possessing or viewing matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child.

According to an affidavit prepared by Special Agent Christopher Harper with the Arkansas State Police, an investigation involving Henry began in August when Harper was assigned two "cyber tip" reports from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The reports involved the uploading of CSAM (child sexual abuse material) using Kik and Snapchat messaging applications.

The material was allegedly uploaded from an account belonging to Henry and his official church email address was used.

The state police investigator was able to determine that the one IP addresses involved in the CSAM was assigned to Henry at his Cherry Street home in Delight and that another address was assigned to Crossroads Assembly of God Church.

A residential search warrant was executed at the Henry home on Sept. 25 and numerous electronic devices were seized. Henry was then escorted to the church where more electronic devices were seized.

An extraction of one of Henry's phone showed his phone number was allegedly associated with the CSAM and several photos were recovered. Another phone, owned by Henry's wife, Brittney, was also extracted and showed she made numerous calls and sent numerous messages to and from the phone number at the center of the investigation. Henry's phone number was labeled "vacation phone" in his wife's phone contacts.

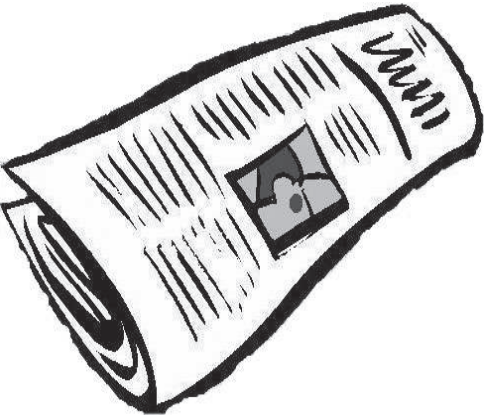
Brittney Henry has not been arrested or charged in connection with this case.

According to the Delight church's website, Henry is original from Dumas and he has served as youth pastor at Assembly of God churches in Lacey, McGehee and Mountain Pine, as well as Newsong Church in Centerton, where served on the "media team."

The website also states the Henrys served as foster parents for New Beginnings Children's Home in Centerton and they were foster parents to 76 children in four years before they moved to the "transitional living program for young ladies 18-25" for two years.



JAMES VINCENT HENRY



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Staff photos

TAMING THE COUGARS ... Murfreesboro handily defeated Lafayette County 54-8 last Friday night to extend their winning streak to five games. Pictured above is Logan Burris (65) applying pressure to the Lafayette County quarterback on a pass play, while Lathan Compton seeks the edge on a rushing play in the first half.

Rattlers strike down Cougars 54-8

Travel to Junction City this Friday for crucial conference game

MURFREESBORO – The Murfreesboro Rattlers (5-2, 4-0) are now the possessors of a five-game winning streak following their 54-8 demolition of Lafayette County (3-4, 1-3) at home last Friday night.

Head coach Brad Chesshir said that his team "played an almost complete game" minus a few defensive mistakes that saw Lafayette County drive the ball for more than nine minutes on the game's initial possession.

Chesshir said the Cougars used a few formations previously unseen that had the Rattlers on their heels initially before adjustments allowed Murfreesboro to regain control.

"The defense was lights-out after that – two defensive touchdowns are huge. The scoops and scores [defensive fumble recoveries for touchdowns] by Brody [Maroon, 40 yards] and Logan [Burris, 8 yards] really shifted the momentum."

Murfreesboro cruised to victory, holding a four score lead at halftime and capped off the game with a score and conversion on the game's final plays under the actively ticking mercy-rule clock.

Compton would lead the team in rushing with 61 yards on 14 attempts, while Maroon had 46 yards and a touchdown on 10 attempts.

Kale Burns broke his lone rushing attempt for 44 yards, Cameron Stevens accrued 43 yards and a pair of touchdowns on three rushes, and Bubba Stinson had 39 yards and a score on six rushing attempts.

Not forced to throw often, the Rattlers were highly efficient when they chose to do so. Senior quarterback Laytan Wilcher was 2/4 for 22 yards and a touchdown pass to Maroon.

After Wilcher exited the game, backup Kooper Caldwell was 3/3 for 37 yards.

Wide receiver Issaac Kuykendall had a pair of receptions for 34 yards.

The Rattlers would accrue 244 total rushing yards and 59 passing yards, scoring on all of their offensive possessions in the game.

Compton led the defensive effort with 10 tackles, Burris and Stevens (forced fumble) with eight stops each, Wilcher with six, Maroon and Caldwell (forced fumble) with five each.

"We had to come into this game and take care of business ... I challenged the kids to get on them early and set the tone. It was good to see us not have to punt by executing on third and fourth downs. I stand by the fact that Lafayette County is a pretty good team."

This week will provide a quality matchup for Rattlers fans when Murfreesboro travels to Junction City (5-2, 4-0) to face off against the Dragons for the top spot in the 3-2A conference with two games remaining after this week's action.

"This is a big conference game," Chesshir agreed. "We are both undefeated in conference play, and they are a program that is rich with tradition. They always have good players."

He said he wasn't worried about the multi-hour trip to Junction City, which is located south of El Dorado on the Louisiana state line.

"We handle travel well," he said of the Rattlers. "We will just have to focus on us and what we can do. On offense we can't turn the ball over and have to sustain drives. On defense we will have to limit a team with explosive players from having explosive plays by swarm tackling."

Based on recent experience, Chesshir feels his team is ready at this point in the season for a game that could go either way.

"We've been here before -- we've been in big games. I expect us to handle it the right way."

He said the Rattlers will have to have a good week of preparation by focusing on attention to detail and the "play hard and see what happens."

Support will be a key element, so Chesshir has issued a call for fans to make the trip if at all possible.

"Our fans always show up, but we need a lot of red in Junction [City]. The kids need all the support they can get in this big task."

He also feels good about his team in the underdog role, with Hootens.com ranking the Dragons as the third best 2A squad (to Murfreesboro's 11 ranking). Maxpreps.com ranks the Rattlers as the 139 best team in all of Arkansas football, with Junction City at 114. On3.com ranks Junction City at 112 in Arkansas and 6,990 nationally, while they place the Rattlers at 138 in the state and 9,009 nationally.

"No one outside Pike County in the state of Arkansas is picking us to win this one," Chesshir stated definitively.

JUNIOR HIGH EARLY START

This week there will be no seventh grade game against Junction City. The final home game for the junior high Rattlers will start at 6 p.m. in order to help get the junior Dragons home at a more respectable hour on a school night.

Local hatchery set to close this week

BY JOHN BALCH
Nashville News-Leader staff

MURFREESBORO -- Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O'Neal announced Monday night that Friday, Oct. 25 will be the last day of operations at the Tyson Foods hatchery in Murfreesboro.

O'Neal said the local hatchery operation, which employs an estimated 20-25 people, will be moved to Hope with employees given the option to go to work at hatcheries in Nashville or Hope.

Tyson Foods invested \$70 million in a new hatchery in Hope that replaces an existing one and the new one is apparently now ready. According to news reports, the new hatchery triples the old one's capacity and will help the company nearby poultry processing plans in Hope and Nashville run more efficiently and attract new area contracts.

The mayor told council members Monday that he has been in contact with a Tyson official about possible donating the hatchery building to the city once it's vacated. O'Neal said that under city control the building would be put to good use and would not be allowed to sit and deteriorate and become an eyesore.

O'Neal said he person he talked to about donating the building was receptive and advised he would relay the request up the Tyson's chain of command.

Mayor O'Neal added that the business is the second largest water user behind the Crater of Diamonds State Park.

In other council business Monday night, the

council went into executive session to discuss the employment of Jeremy Hughes. Once back in open session, Hughes was voted in as the city's new position of Public Works Director with a salary to be determined and adjusted by Mayor O'Neal before budget time.

The council also voted to include 4.5 percent employee pay raise to be included in next year's budget, which will be prepared and then presented at the council's November meeting.

The council also approved a resolution keeping the city's millage rate at 3 mills.

The city's Low to Middle Income index,

which is higher than it has been in the past, was discussed with the city deciding to challenge the data by conducting a community survey. The city will couple with the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce to contact every person in the city limits with a water meter about filling out the survey and providing help to those in need.

Mayor O'Neal also gave an update on the drainage project on Maple Avenue. He said a few items need to be fixed but the project is basically complete. "Now, we just need it to rain to see if this all works," O'Neal said.

Pike County Quorum Court hears of potential pickleball court additions at old city park

MURFREESBORO – The Pike County Quorum Court met Monday night in Murfreesboro. Pike County Judge Eddie Howard told the justices that the replacement wheelchair lift had been installed and was awaiting for approval by the state before official use can be authorized.

The Quorum Court's budget committee will meet on November 1 to set up the 2025 Pike County budget and is comprised of court members Johnny Plyler, Jerry Fendley, Robbie Crocker and Richard Mohlenhoff.

The handbook committee, comprised of

Plyler, Fendley, Crocker, Mohlenhoff and Seth Kirkham, will set a date to be announced for their meeting.

Crocker said he had talked with Murfreesboro High School tennis coach Mark Wiley about the need to resurface and seal the tennis courts at the former city park now owned by the county, located next door to the former Pike County Hospital.

Last month, while no vote was taken, several court members indicated they would be retiring.

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Election process began in Pike County this week as early voting kicks off

MURFREESBORO – Early voting in the 2024 presidential election cycle opened on Monday of this week.

Those wishing to early vote can go to either the County Clerk’s office in Murfreesboro or to the Bainum Library and Learning Center in Glenwood during the following dates:

- Oct. 23rd-Oct. 25th -- 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Oct. 26th -- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Oct. 28th-Nov. 1st -- 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Nov. 2nd -- 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- Nov. 4th -- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Full election day voting will be held on Tuesday, November 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at one of the following vote centers (Pike County registered voters may choose any of the four):

- Bainum Learning Center, 128 E Broadway, Glenwood
- Bethlehem Baptist Center, 2589 Hwy 27 N, Kirby
- Delight Cafeteria, 623 Webb St, Delight (Delight Cafeteria poll previously located at Carmen Hendrix Building, 621 E

Three sentenced Monday

MURFREESBORO -- Three defendants were sentenced Monday in Pike County Circuit Court after entering guilty or “true” pleas.

Kenneth Allen West, 41, of Glenwood, plead guilty to the charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a firearm by certain persons. He was sentenced to six years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) on each charge for a total of 12 years.

John Graves, 26, of Amity, plead guilty to third-degree escape and “true” to violating the terms of his probation. He was sentenced to a total of five years in the ADC.

Kaleb Bryant Smith, 25, of Maud, Texas, plead guilty to possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to six years of probation and fined \$2,500 plus court costs.

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cent to help pay for the restoration efforts as it would open the door to other county communities to expect help.

Crocker asked the court if they would be against “pitching in” a sum of \$1,500 or thereabouts, but it was noted that Howard will find out of the school is willing to aid the effort financially before the topic is broached again next month. Crocker added that Wiley said he would take care of the cost himself if he had to.

Crocker also asked the court if they would be against the installation of a couple of pickleball courts at the former city park, stating that there is plenty of room for expansion.

Justice Paul Baker said that “It would be great if you could get a grant -- even a matching one -- and I’m for anything that will help improve the community.”

Howard said he felt that providing land was perhaps enough contribution by the county.

“Remember, they have to be maintained they’re not just going to take care of themselves. We don’t need broken down pickleball courts in a couple of years,” said Crocker.

- No action was taken on the issue.
- Pike County Treasurer Loretia Rather provided the following opening and closing figures for county accounts through September:
- County General -- \$1,362,108.93 / \$1,371,059.35
 - County Road -- \$1,012,254.45 / \$1,005,437.22
 - County Landfill -- \$1,003,608.47 / \$1,054,666.13
 - All County Accounts -- \$7,542,631.38 / \$7,646,909.13

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- Murfreesboro Municipal Building, 204 E Main, Murfreesboro

Voters interested in absentee voting may request an absentee ballot by contacting the County Clerk’s office at 112 N Washington, Suite A, Murfreesboro, (870) 285-2743 on Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

A list of election officials appointed to conduct early voting, election day voting, and all other required duties will be posted for public viewing in the Pike County Clerk’s Office.

In addition to the national presidential election, local voters will help decide other contested races. See the below public notice for a complete list of balloted races and issues.

Any voter may look up their sample ballot on the Secretary of State’s website www.voterview.ar-nova.org/voter-view. Sample ballots will also be available at the polling site.

Early voting was amply utilized by voters on the first day of early voting on Monday, with 3% of the 6,444 registered voters in the county casting a vote -- 154 in Murfreesboro and 128 in Glenwood.

Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards said she expected the voting totals to be high for this election. In the 2020 election Pike County had the second highest percentage of registered voters to cast a ballot at 75.27%, trailing only Montgomery County’s 77.21%.

ELECTION IRREGULARITIES HOTLINE

Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement regarding his office’s Election Integrity Unit as early voting starts in Arkansas for the 2024 general election:

“Throughout my time in public service, election integrity has been a top priority for me. I established the Election Integrity Unit last year to complement the existing Election Law Hotline, where citizens can submit complaints. This Unit investigates election-integrity complaints and has the authority to bring a

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:

EARLY VOTING DATES & TIMES:
M-F: Oct. 21st-Oct. 25th • 8:00 am-6:00 pm
Sat: Oct. 26th • 10:00 am-4:00 pm
M-F: Oct. 28th-Nov. 1st • 8:00 am-6:00pm
Sat: Nov. 2nd • 10:00 am- 4:00 pm
Mon: Nov. 4th • 8:00 am-5:00 pm

LOCATION OF POLL, ADDRESS, BALLOTS ASSIGNED TO POLL
Pike County Clerk’s Office
112 N Washington, Suite A Murfreesboro, AR
Vote Center / All Ballots

Bainum Learning Center
128 E Broadway
Glenwood, AR
Vote Center / All Ballots

ELECTION DAY VOTING:
Election Date: Nov. 5th, 2024
Hours: 7:30 am-7:30 pm

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Vote Center / All Ballots

Delight Cafeteria
623 Webb St, Delight, AR
Vote Center / All Ballots
(Delight Cafeteria poll previously located at Carmen Hendrix Building, 621 E Cherry St, Delight, AR)

Murfreesboro Municipal Building
204 E Main, Murfreesboro, AR
Vote Center / All Ballots

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Office Hours M-F 8 am-4:30 pm

BALLOT CANVASSING AND COUNTING:
All processes listed below will be conducted at the Pike County Clerk’s Office located at 112 N Washington, Suite A, Murfreesboro, AR. The dates and times are provided below:
Activity, Date, Time
Canvassing and Counting of Absentee Ballots, Nov. 5th, 5:00 pm to Completion
Compiling & Publishing Unofficial Election Results, Nov. 5th, 7:30 pm to Completion
Review of Provisional Ballots, Nov. 7th, 10:00 am to Completion
Provisional Ballot Hearings, Nov. 12th, 12 pm
Final Review and Counting of Provisional Ballots, Nov. 12th, 1:00 pm to Completion
Canvassing and Counting of UOCAVA Absentee Ballots (IF NEEDED), Nov. 15th, 1:00 pm to Completion
Certification of the Election, Nov. 15th, 1:00 pm to Completion

ELECTION OFFICIALS:
Election Officials appointed to conduct early voting, election day voting, and all other required duties will be posted for public viewing in the Pike County Clerk’s Office, on October 14th and remain posted for not less than 10 days. An objection must be filed with the County Clerk in writing prior to the following deadlines. An objection that an official is a spouse of a county election commissioner, a county party chair, or a spouse of a county party chair must be filed within 7 days of October 14th. An objection that an official is married to a candidate or related to a candidate within two degrees of blood relations must be filed within 10 days of October 14th.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:
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Peter Sonski / Lauren Onak – American Solidarity

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lawsuit against those who violate our laws.”

Griffin reminds Arkansans who may wish to file a complaint concerning potential election law violations to contact his office’s Election Law Hotline at (833) 995-8683.

In March 2023, Griffin established the Election Integrity Unit (EIU) under his office’s Special Investigations Division. with Chief Wayne Bewley serving as its director. In April 2023, Act 544 of 2023 became law, codifying the EIU and granting the Office of the Attorney General the power to file civil suits for election-related offenses.

VOTER ISSUE GUIDE AVAILABLE

The 2024 Arkansas Ballot Issue Voter Guide is now available. It offers non-biased, research-based information about three proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot in the state’s upcoming general election.

The Voter Guide was released Sept. 27 and is available at uaex.uada.edu/ballot. Printed copies are available at the Pike County Extension Office in Murfreesboro.

The Public Policy Center has provided a voter guide on all statewide ballot issues since 2004. Kristin Higgins, extension program associate for the Public Policy Center, said it’s critical for Arkansans to access non-biased information about the issues that impact them.

“People need information to make a decision, and it can be difficult to find neutral sources of information about statewide ballot issues,” Higgins said. “You’re being asked as a voter to create or change state policy for years to come. The Arkansas Ballot Issue Voter Guide is that source of neutral information, and it also gives people the ability to read the ballot titles when they’re not under a time crunch to make a decision.”

The information contained in the guide goes through a thor-

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U.S. CONGRESS DISTRICT # 4
Risie Howard - Democratic
Congressman Bruce Westerman - Republican

STATE TREASURER
Secretary of State John Thurston - Republican
Michael Pakko – Libertarian
John Pagan – Democratic

STATE SENATE DISTRICT # 3
Senator Steve Crowell - Republican

STATE SENATE DISTRICT # 5
Senator Terry Rice - Republican

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT # 89
State Rep. Justin Gonzales - Republican

NONPARTISAN / JUDICIAL CANDIDATES:
State Supreme Court Chief Justice Position 1
Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Karen Baker
Supreme Court Justice Rhonda Wood

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES:
DELIGHT ALDERMAN POSITION 2
Ty Sherrod - Independent
Jenimy (Jimmy) Williams – Independent

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

VIEWING YOUR BALLOT PRIOR TO VOTING:
Any voter may look up his or her sample ballot on the Secretary of State’s website at: <https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/voter-view>. Ballots will be available no later than 20 days prior to the election. Sample ballots will also be available at the polling site.

Burn ban ongoing for Pike County

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard issued a burn ban for all of Pike County until further notice

Craft fair to be held November 16

MURFREESBORO – The Murfreesboro Holiday Craft Fair will encompass two buildings this year.

Slated for Saturday, November 16, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., the effort will spread from the Murfreesboro Municipal Building’s community room at 204 East Main Street to the Senior Center across the street at 120 Court Street. This will allow for the effort to showcase 30 vendors.

Parking for the event will be in the senior center parking lot located between the two venues and allowing for easy access to both.

Vendors will be offering for sale such wares as Christmas and home décor, ornaments, yard decorations, wood products, jewelry, clothing, toys, body products and candles.

Additionally, food items such as homemade bread, fried pies, cakes/ cupcakes, cookies, macarons, jams/ jellies, honey, pickles, freeze dried candy, pecan and more will be available at the event.

A concession stand by Cathy’s Sweet Treats from Umpire will be serving breakfast, lunch and snacks – pumpkin rolls, cakes/ cupcakes, cookies, cake pops and fried pies -- to both the vendors and attendees to the event.

“Cathy Pugh used to own the Athens Store, so locals know the quality of her food,” said event organizer Robin Cox.

Two door prizes will be given out following the event -- \$25 gift cards to Texas Roadhouse. Attendees to the event may register at both the municipal building and the senior center by filling out a slip. Participants need not be present at the time of the drawing to win.

Cox asks that those interested “mark their calendars” for “double the shopping fun.”

“All items are handmade, baked or grown locally,” Cox said of the vendors attending the event. “Please help make Murfreesboro’s craft sale a huge success for our vendors.”

More information can be obtained by contacting cox by email at darrenandrobin3@gmail.com or by phone/text at (501) 912-0803.

Delight Fire fundraiser to be held this Saturday at cafeteria

DELIGHT -- The Delight Volunteer Fire Department will hold a 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.

“Y’all come on out for some good chili/soup and a great auction. We got a lot of great items that have been graciously donated to us by all of our local and surrounding businesses and individuals. Thank you all for your support we couldn’t do it without you all,” the department said on a social media post.

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HOUSE CALL

Dr. Daniel Knight is a professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



Q: What is a concussion?

A: A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury that happens when the brain bounces around or twists inside the skull. Concussions are often the result of a blow to the head or a hit to the body that causes the head to move violently back and forth. A concussion is considered a mild traumatic brain injury, and the World Health Organization reports about 56 million of them occur each year.

Concussions are often associated with contact sports such as boxing, football or soccer. Automobile accidents and falls are also common causes of concussions. They are not normally considered life-threatening, and one concussion usually does not result in permanent brain damage. However, multiple concussions can adversely affect brain function and may lead to serious health complications.

Symptoms of a concussion include headache, nausea, neck pain, ringing in the ears, or blurred or double vision. The injury may also have effects on the body such as confusion, a dazed appearance, trouble concentrating, sensitivity to light and noise, or changes in smell and taste.

Contact a health care provider for an examination if you experience a head injury. Seek immediate care if you have a head injury and concussion symptoms present themselves.

Email your health questions to housecall@uams.edu.

Authorities warn of burning in dry conditions

BY MARY HIGHTOWER
U of A System Division of Agriculture

LITTLE ROCK — With most of Arkansas at high risk of wildfires, state officials are asking the public to avoid outdoor burning.

On Thursday, the Arkansas wildfire map showed 64 counties at high risk, with 11 counties, all in northeastern Arkansas, at moderate risk. County judges have imposed burn bans in most of the high-risk counties.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor’s Oct 17 map, almost two-thirds of the state’s 75 counties are experiencing moderate to extreme drought. The most intense drought is in five north-west Arkansas counties.

“This weekend kicks off the traditional gun deer season across Arkansas and many people will be traveling to deer camp,” Jaret Rushing, extension forestry instructor for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said Wednesday. “Deer camp usually consists of campfires, so it’s important that people keep in mind the danger.”

- Avoid Outdoor Burning -- Arkansans should avoid outdoor burning, even in areas that are not under a burn ban. Avoid activities that involve an open flame including fireworks, campfires, trash burning, open flame grilling, and prescribed or controlled burns.
- Exercise Caution -- Arkansans should exercise caution when driving or operating machinery. Avoid vehicle operation in dry grass, make sure trailer safety chains are off the ground, and avoid driving on a flat tire.
- Be Prepared -- As the season changes, Arkansans should be prepared when participating in outdoor activities such as hunting and camping. Be aware of local conditions and always carry water to extinguish any sparks from muzzleloader guns or machinery.

Harvest Food Bank to distribute locally on November 6

MURFREESBORO -- Harvest Regional Food Bank will distribute TEFAP USDA Commodities food boxes directly from their truck on Wednesday, Nov. 6,, from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. or until all boxes have been distributed.

Recipients must come inside the Municipal Building located at 204 E. Main St. to check in.

Once checked in, recipients will go back to their vehicle and proceed to line up along Second Avenue and Owens Street towards First United Methodist Church.

Antoine Baptist to host fall festival this Saturday

ANTOINE -- The Antoine Baptist Church will be hosting their Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend this family friendly festival and

Friday is final day to participate in 4-H fundraiser

MURFREESBORO -- Local residents can get Texas Roadhouse rolls, honey cinnamon butter or gift cards as part of a local 4-H fundraiser.

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- Report Fires -- The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is asking those who see fires to report them by calling 1-800-468-8834. Avoid flying drones in the area as these disrupt firefighting efforts.
- Stay Informed -- Keep up to date on conditions across the state by viewing the county-by-county map and following the Department on social media.

Sparks from lawn mower blades, trailer safety chains, hot exhaust pipes and driving on a flat tire can also start a wildfire.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture, which oversees protection of more than 15 million acres of forestland in Arkansas, said that since Oct. 1, it has suppressed more than 100 wildfires on 1,116 acres. Since the beginning of the year, more than 700 wildfires have burned 15,000 acres in Arkansas.

The department urged anyone involved in outdoor activities to carry water and extinguish sparks from muzzleloader guns or machinery.

Jacob Hackman, extension forestry specialist for the Division of Agriculture, said starting a fire could be expensive.

“You may be liable for damages caused by an escaped forest fire,” he said. See Arkansas fire laws at www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Arkansas_Fire_Laws.pdf.

The state Department of Agriculture is responsible for the protection of more than 15 million acres of non-federal forestland in Arkansas. Since October 1, 2024, the Department has suppressed more than 100 wildfires on 1,116 acres across the state. This year, more than 700 wildfires have burned 15,000 acres in Arkansas. Department foresters and rangers engage daily in wildfire protection activities, including prevention, detection, and suppression efforts.

Food boxes will be loaded directly into vehicles from the back of the Municipal Building.

The next mobile Pantry is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025.

Recipients must bring photo identification or proof of address to verify they are a resident of Pike County. Distribution is limited to one box per household and two households per vehicle. Vehicles start lining up early, so it is recommend to get in line early.

enjoy the fellowship, games, face painting, candy, a taco salad bar and a photo booth will be available.

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MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual Fall Festival this Saturday, Oct. 26.

Residents are invited to come out and enjoy all the festivities around the Courthouse Square.

Vendors scheduled to attend the festivities include:


- Local artist Karen Richardson
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Vendors, kids bounce house, and music will be on the square from noon until 5 p.m. Motorists are asked to remember the Courthouse Square will be closed to traffic during the event.
- Pet costume contest at 3 p.m. -- any and all pets welcome but must be kept on leash
- Weenie dog race at 3:30 p.m.
- Kids costume contest (various division) starting at 4 p.m.
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5K registration remains open for Saturday

MURFREESBORO -- Interested participants may still register for the Pike County 4-H 5K Color Run/Walk for suicide awareness and prevention.

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The race will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 in Murfreesboro

starting at 9 a.m. at 325 West Main in the Harvill and Associates Insurance Agency parking lot.

Registration is \$35 for ages 9 and up and \$15 for the one mile race for 5-8 years.

If you are interested in learning more about this event call the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161.




SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Beef fingers, mashed potatoes, seasoned broccoli, whole grain roll, applesauce, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Popcorn chicken	tion, Chicken sandwich
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 Breakfast: Blueberry muffin or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, savory carrots, mixed fruit, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option Big daddy cheese pizza	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 Breakfast: Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Taco soup, carrot & celery sticks, corn chips, 7-12 rice krispie treat, mixed fruit, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Snack taco
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 Breakfast: Cinnamon toast crunch mini french toast or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Cheeseburger, potato smiles, lettuce, & tomato, baked beans, peaches, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or cereal, juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, seasoned carrots, garlic bread sticks, pears, milk- 3-6 Grilled cheese sack lunch option, 7-12 line 2 option, Orange chicken w/ fried rice

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By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ



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- 1) THAT THE LORD’S

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- 1) PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER – James 5:16
- 2) PRAY FOR LABORERS IN GOD’S HARVEST – Matthew 9:37-38
- 3) WISDOM – James 1:5-8

Matthew 7:7 tells us to ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.

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In order for this garage sale to be successful, we need your donations of no longer wanted but still usable furniture, tools, dishes, lamps, decorations, art, collectables, electronics, toys, jewelry, books, clothing, etc.

OCC volunteers will accept your donations at the FAB, Monday–Thursday, November 4-7.

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BY JOHN LEHTI

THE PRINCE WHO WOULDN'T LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE!

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 - ***Jump the ____,” what Fonzie did
 - 100 cents in Ethiopia
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 - Previously an Oiler
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ough vetting process to ensure its accuracy and neutrality, which includes reviews by legal and subject matter experts, as well as both supporters and opponents of each issue. The guide breaks down what a “for” or “against” vote means for each of the three issues. It also spells out what each issue proposes, helping to parse the language of the ballot titles.

The guide includes reasons why people may support or oppose each of the proposals, and it provides a helpful worksheet for people to record their voting plans and bring with them to the polls.

Higgins said it’s important for Arkansans to use their voting privileges in the statewide election, especially as one of 15 states where citizens can put a constitutional amendment, state law or veto referendum on the statewide ballot for voters to decide.

“Voters have a direct involvement in deciding whether to change state law,” Higgins said. “These state laws affect all Arkansans, so voting in these elections shapes your state and your experiences for decades into the future.”

Organizations can request ballot issue education presentations from extension agents. The Public Policy Center also offers year-round ballot issue education, including a monthly newsletter with updates on upcoming issues.

WHAT’S ON THE BALLOT?

Issue 1: 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 2: 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 3: The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2024.

As of this publishing, the lawsuit regarding Issue 2 continues before the Arkansas Supreme Court. Justices also have a lawsuit about Issue 3 to review.

On Sept. 30, Secretary of State John Thurston notified the sponsor of Issue 3, Arkansans for Patient Access, or APA, that their proposed constitutional amendment to expand the state’s medical marijuana program did not have enough valid voter signatures to qualify for a spot on the ballot. State officials contend that signatures should be invalidated because a canvassing company acting on behalf of the sponsor handled campaign paperwork instead of the sponsors themselves.

APA filed a lawsuit Oct. 1 asking the Arkansas Supreme Court to ensure Issue 3 will be on the General Election ballot. Justices told Thurston to count the signatures. On Oct. 4, the Secretary of State’s Office reported that enough voter signatures had been counted to qualify the measure for the ballot, but state officials still contend that the proposal shouldn’t be on the ballot.


For more information about the 2024 Arkansas Ballot Issue Voter Guide, visit uaex.uada.edu/ballot.

Staff/submitted photos

LET THE GAMES BEGIN ... Early voting in the 2024 presidential election began in Murfreesboro on Monday, with (above) Tommye Hinds cast the very first ballot -- pictured with poll worker Laci Harris, while (below) Robin Dildy reviews her voting options on the machine at the Pike County Clerk’s office.

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The dawning of a new day is maybe more anticipated in the colder months because it means the warming sun is at the horizon.

Technically, however, dawn is not sunrise, but the twilight time between night and sunrise. Our science found it necessary to divide that twilight time into three parts. Astronomical dawn is that time when night ends and twilight begins. It starts, to be technical, when the geometric center of the sun is 18 degrees below the horizon. To a dawn observer it is still by all appearances night. To the ancients, this was when the night demons began to depart. When the sun is 12 degrees below the horizon comes nautical dawn. At this time there is just enough light to allow sailors to see the horizon but also stars with which to make navigational computations. When the sun reaches six degrees below the horizon, an hour before sunrise, civil dawn brings enough light for farmers to begin work. This time has also been called rooster dawn.

One more technicality, the sun does not actually rise, but it is the earth’s tilted face that rolls around from west to east that makes it seem to rise.

The twilight sequence happens in reverse after the sun sets, speaking non-technically.

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Halloweens were more sinister a century ago

BY TOM EMERY

Today, Halloween is a mixture of revelry, as both trick-or-treaters and adults are in costume with happy pumpkins and ghoulish skeletons for décor. A century ago, the holiday was more sinister – and violent.

Halloweens of the late 1800s and early 1900s were dominated by “pranks” that were closer to felonies and misdemeanors. Vandalism ruled the night as property was damaged and people were beaten.

The Halloween parades of today were unheard of then, as the first was held in Allentown, Pa. In 1921, Anoka, Minn. sponsored the first citywide Halloween party. By then, Halloween celebrations were tamer, and more inclusive.

Early Halloweens in the U.S. were often marked by Irish immigrants as an evolution of All Saints Day. Lively social parties were common, as were pumpkin carvings, bobbing for apples, and trick-or-treating. But there also was a dark side, as ghosts and goblins came out at night, usually with bad intentions.

In some areas, the situation was so dire that law enforcement published notices in local papers, warning of the consequences of bad behavior.

A 1908 notice in Alton, Ill. advised that “all persons caught or known to have committed any depredations will be prosecuted...special officers [will] be sworn in...to watch boys and others disposed to injure private property.”

In one part of Alton in 1905, “a number of gates were torn off and wagons carted away from their owners.” Those pranks were tepid compared to others in town. At one home that year, a fire hydrant was “turned on in the front yard for several minutes, causing the entire place to be flooded.”

At one public school in Alton in 1901, the janitor

“stayed in the school building to look after things,” but the situation turned violent when one male student “struck (him) on the side of the head with a slung shot,” a weight on a flexible handle. Assault and battery charges were later filed against the student.

In the Macoupin County town of Gillespie, Ill. in 1926, the local paper reported that four boys were arrested and taken to the police magistrate “for shooting Halloween stunts out of season.”

Sometimes, the pranks turned costly. In Belton, Texas in 1908, a prank by “Halloween roysterers” was blamed for a fire that destroyed the town’s cotton compress and 10,000 bales. Damage was estimated at \$250,000 – around \$6.5 million in today’s dollars.

It was still better than elsewhere at Halloween. On the holiday in 1904, a New Jersey man, “angered by his own children and a party of their friends...drew a revolver and fired three shots,” killing a fourteen-year-old boy.

That night, a 27-year-old man in Michigan was killed and seven were wounded after “shot wounds...received during a Halloween lark.”

Also in 1904, a sixteen-year-old Ohio youth was “accidentally shot through the head...while engaged in Halloween pranks,” while a fight led to a young man’s death by gunfire “during the Halloween celebration” in Greensburg, Pa.

The violence led some cities to abolish Halloween celebrations, which eventually made their way back into national customs with the kinder, gentler revelry we know today.

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