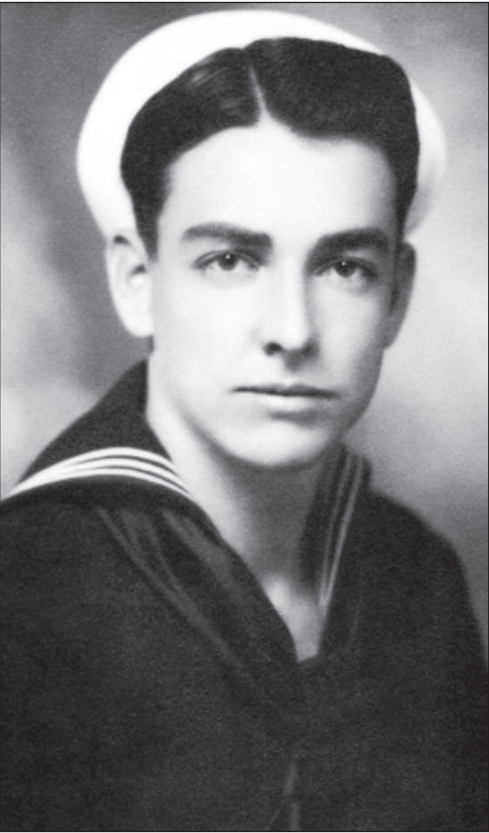


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CLARENCE M. LOCKWOOD

Footprints of a Pike County hero

BY GARY GRAVES
Pike County Archives and Historical Society

MURFREESBORO -- On December 7, 1941 a total of 2,403 people died from a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

That day 2,335 service members were killed, of those 2,335 service members 1,177 were killed on the USS Arizona, 429 on the USS Oklahoma, 106 on the USS West Virginia, and 105 on the USS California. Some 68 civilians were killed by enemy action and some by friendly fire.

This is a story of one of those service members from Pike County who died on the USS Oklahoma as a result of one of the deadliest attacks on the United States until September 11, 2001.

The Oklahoma was destroyed by multiple torpedoes. Some estimated as many as nine torpedoes, which tore a large opening on the left side of the ship causing the Oklahoma to roll almost completely over. The large opening caused the ship to capsized within 12 minutes. The sinking of the Oklahoma had the greatest loss of life after the USS Arizona.

Who was this Pike County Hero who was a member of the USS Oklahoma? Water Tender Second Class Clarence M. Lockwood and this is my attempt create his footsteps.

Our hero, Lockwood, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Lockwood and was born June 18, 1922 in Smithton, Arkansas which is near Gurdon, Arkansas.

According to the book *The Fighting Men Of Arkansas Of WW2*, Lockwood attended schools in Arkadelphia, Shreveport, LA and Delight, and enlisted in the US Navy on January 31, 1939 and graduated from high school in May 28, 1939.

He received his boot training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. and went to sea March 1940. WT2 Lockwood was killed December 7, 1941.

Following the attack by the Japanese his remains were recovered from the Oklahoma. There was a large effort to recover survivors and the remains of service members from the Arizona, Oklahoma, California and West Virginia.

At that time, following the attack, Lockwood remains, along with others, could not be individually identified. Lockwood was buried as an unknown at the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In 2015 the Deputy Secretary of Defense issued directing the disinterment of the unknowns from the USS Oklahoma and using forensic analysis DNA process to identified Lockwood's remains. U. S. Government merged two organizations and is known as the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, AKA DPAA. Their mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting of missing American service members to their families and the nation.

The Pike County Archives and History Society was asked to assist in locating any living relatives of WT2 Clarence M. Lockwood.

Lockwood was buried February 11, 2019, at Arlington National Cemetery. Also, Clarence M. Lockwood's name is inscribed on the Pike County War Memorial, which is located at the Pike County Courthouse in Murfreesboro.

An end note -- according to Google there are over 72,000 unidentified American remains from WW2.

The following day, December 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt makes his well-known speech: "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."



Staff photos

MAKING BREAD ... During the Thanksgiving holiday week from school, the Pike County 4-H program held a Thanksgiving Break Workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Two groups of student 4-H members made bread in a bag -- and while the bread rose -- a sugar scrub as a Christmas gift. Pictured above at the Extension offices in Murfreesboro is Codie McAlister leading the group in discussion of the wet ingredients.

Chamber readies for holiday celebrations

City may look to re-census after official findings eliminate them from grant contention

MURFREESBORO – The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce discussed their upcoming holiday events for December at their November monthly meeting last week.

Volunteers from the chamber finished renovating the Christmas decorations that go around town last weekend, Ricky Branch will be setting them up sometime this week.

The Pike County Courthouse will reportedly be doing their own decorating this year, save for placement of the Chamber's large Christmas Tree that traditional sits on the courthouse grounds, allowing the chamber to spread their efforts around town.

This Saturday, Dec. 7, at 8 a.m. the third annual Diamond Jingle Bell 5K Fun Run will be held. The race, that starts at 325 Main Street and goes toward Kadoha Indian Village and back, will start at 8 a.m. Proceeds from the race go toward local non-profit efforts, including the Angel Tree program. Participation in the race costs \$25 and may be registered at runsignup.com/Race/AR/Murfreesboro/Murfreesboro5K.

Additionally on the morning of Dec. 7, from 9-11 a.m., the Murfreesboro Band Boosters will host A Very Grinchmas Breakfast – with special guest The Grinch. The event will be held at the Murfreesboro Senior Adult Center and will cost \$5/plate. The price includes breakfast, crafts, a treat and a digital photo with the Grinch.

To conclude the activities on Dec. 7, Santa will be delivered to the Pike County Courthouse Square by the Murfreesboro Volunteer Fire Department at 2 p.m. Once there, he will hear the Christmas wishes of the children in attendance, pose for photographs and hand out fruit and candy bags provided to him by the City of Murfreesboro.

Fast forward to Thursday, Dec. 12 and the Chamber will host their ever popular "Taste of Christmas" meal fundraiser at the Murfreesboro Senior Adult Center from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The meal features ham, dressing and a variety of sides and desserts prepared by local churchgoers. The cost of meal, which may be eaten there or in a to-go format, will cost \$10 or greater donation to the Chamber.

At 5 p.m. later that evening on Dec. 7, the Chamber will conduct the annual Christmas Parade under the theme of "Light up Murfreesboro." Lineup for the parade will be in front of the former Pike County Hospital at 5 p.m. and begin traversing toward the other end of town at 6 p.m.

Local businesses will be encouraged by the Chamber to hold extended hours that night following the parade. In addition, registration will be available at participating businesses starting December 7 through the night of the parade, with the Chamber drawing for prizes and chamber bucks.

More information for any of the above listed events may be obtained by calling the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce at (870) 285-3131.

Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O'Neal was on hand at the meeting to explain a problem the

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Join us

Thursday, December 12

and let's "Light up Murfreesboro"

Contact Chamber @ 870-285-3131 for parade registration.
Lineup @ Pike Co Hospital 5 pm, parade @ 6.

city currently has – the most recent national census found the town to be too wealthy, negating Murfreesboro's ability to qualify for many grant programs until the next census in 2030.

O'Neal said the city had slipped below the 51% Low to Moderate Income (LMI) designation according to the 2020 census figures. He said the numerical growth of vocational rental homes in Murfreesboro contributed to the issue, as they formerly housed low to moderate income residents and families.

He added that to contest the status, the city would have to essentially resurvey the city for census numbers – by mailouts, phone or in person, and the difficulties of the former two choices should people not take the time to return a mailout or answer the phone.

O'Neal said that much of Pike County and surrounding communities were facing the same issue, including Norman in Montgomery County with a population of around 400, who was working through the logistics of challenging the findings themselves.

The Murfreesboro Mayor said he would look further into the issue and formulate a plan that may or may not include a town hall meeting.

A letter was shared with those in attendance stating that the Arkansas Department of Transportation was going to hold a pre-recorded virtual public meeting on their website concerning the Wolf Creek Bridge on Highway 29 near Antoine.

The project materials can be accessed at www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings, and the meeting will be active from Monday, Dec. 9 through Monday, Dec. 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Once at the site, interested persons will be

able to select the meeting of their choice. Additionally, as the point of the meeting is to "gain public input," comments can be left regarding the project – either in favor or against.

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Tourism Commission agrees to lease property to business

MURFREESBORO – The Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission voted to accept a plan that will tie them to their rental property for the next five years.

The commission was approached about renting the house they own at 123 South Washington – located across the street from the former City Service Station on Court Street – by Arkansas Counseling and Psychodiagnostics (ACP).

The property, which was formerly rented by a pair of individuals and most recently former Murfreesboro High School basketball coach Kevin Alexander, had come open following Alexander’s departure to Marmaduke High School.

ACP is a mental health counseling service that has been serving the South Pike County School District since 2014 and to the local community since 2017. They also have offices located in Arkadelphia, and are currently located in Murfreesboro between Sonic Drive-In and the Pike County Jail facility.

“Current trends are showing and increased need for mental health services for community members in the area and [ACP] requires additional square footage and community visibility than our current location allows,” said the request from ACP to the commission.

ACP will look to transform the residence into an office type building with a projected overhaul of \$60,000. As such, they asked for a reduction in rent over the span of the next half-decade that totals \$18,000, which is 30% of the expected renovation costs. Upgrades to the building will include ADA compliant entrances, access to facilities by accrediting agencies as well as updating and cleaning of the building’s exterior.

Commission chairman Jamie Terrell that having the lo-

cation housing a business was better for the community than the residence being inhabited by a family in its now very visible location – the property used to be blocked from the highway by the Glynda’s Fashions building prior to its demolition.

The plan is to start rent at \$300/month and the rate will increase by \$100/year over the course of the rental period, with a cap of \$800/month thereafter for further lease agreements.

The agreement also will likely include ACP being first in line for future lease agreements, as well as first right of refusal for purchase of the property should the commission decide to sell the property.

By agreeing to lock down the property for the next five years, the commission’s original plan of obtaining a festival space near the square will be kicked well down the road. A lease agreement will be produced and approved by both sides prior to any official deal being completed.

Santa to visit Delight Saturday

DELIGHT -- Holiday festivities will abound in Delight this Saturday, Dec. 7.

A pancake Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Delight Cafeteria starting at 8 a.m. This is a totally free event for the community, including photos and food.

Attendees can look to the skies as Santa will arrive by helicopter at 9 a.m. to the event.

Businesses across Delight will be holding open houses, with the parade starting at 2 p.m.

Angel Tree again to help underprivileged

MURFREESBORO -- Having collected forms from families, it has been announced that the Murfreesboro Angel Tree program will serve approximately 32 families and 81 children this holiday season.

The effort has provided presents for almost 700 underprivileged Murfreesboro area children in the past nine years.

Angels are available for collection by participating individuals at Branch Oil, Terri’s Place First State Bank and Southern Dine.

Any gifts purchased for the program must be turned in by Dec. 12, in a non-wrapped state. Contact Angie Strawn at the number below to schedule a drop-off time.

Pickup of the gifts by families will be held on Dec. 21 at Murfreesboro Municipal Building from 3-6 p.m.

Strawn, who has overseen the program for the past three years along with daughter Kelsi Frachiseur, said individual donations of money would be accepted as an option for those who didn’t wish or have the means to fulfill a complete list.



Second half of pair sentenced for child abuse

MURFREESBORO -- The other half of the Glenwood couple charged earlier this year with seriously injuring two small children plead guilty to two counts of permitting the abuse of minors Monday in Pike County Circuit Court.

Michael Earl Shepherd, 27, was sentenced to 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with five years suspended.

Cheyenne Hildbrand, who is Shepherd’s girlfriend and mother of the children involved, was sentenced in July to a total of 40 years in the ADC with a consecutive sentence of 40 years on each charge. Hilbrand, who was reportedly pregnant at the time of her trial, underwent and was cleared by a mental evaluation before proceeding with a plea entry.

The charges against the couple are connected to an investigation that began in January when health officials received a hotline report concerning neglect of juvenile twins with concerns of malnourishment and “that the parents are not capable for caring for the children.”

On Jan. 18, the twins were taken to a pediatrician in Hot Springs who determined the girl needed to be sent by ambulance to Arkansas Children’s Hospital after being found to have “bilateral subdural hemorrhages and torn frenulum in the mouth.” The boy was also transported by Shepherd in his personal vehicle to ACH where doctors determined he also needed to be admitted for a “possible skull fracture and brain bleeds.”

A preliminary report indicated that both children had “healing” fractures that were determined to be two-to-seven-weeks-old and were described as “non-accidental trauma” with child abuse suspected.

Hildbrand reportedly admitted in an interview that, due to anger issues for which she fails to take her prescribed medication for, she had handled the babies in a manner that caused their injuries.

Shepherd admitted in an interview that he had witnessed Hildbrand abusing the children but he never reported it because he as trying to cover for her. Shepherd also said in the interview that once he and his girlfriend found out about the injuries they concocted a story “to tell authorities to eliminate any possible guilt on their behalf.”

Also Monday in Pike County court, Joshua Allen Scott, 40, who has a Mineral Springs address in court records, plead “true” to violating the terms of his probation and guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. Scott was sentenced to four years in the ADC with three years suspended. Scott will be officially sentenced on Jan. 6.

Jessica Smallwood, 35, of Gurdon, plead guilty Monday to drug-delivery charges involving three separate cases. Smallwood was sentenced to a total of 15 years in the ADC.

Clifton Lee Nash, 57, of Delight, plead guilty to possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Nash will return to court Dec. 9 for formal sentencing, which was determined in court Monday to be five years in the ADC with three years suspended.

Jason Lavar Stewart, 47, of Murfreesboro, plead guilty Monday to charges of theft of property and “true” to violating the terms of his probation. Stewart was sentenced to four years with two years suspended on the drug charge and four years on the probation charge.

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WHAT:

Online Virtual Public Meeting via a pre-recorded presentation, to gather public input, on the proposed replacement of the Wolf Creek Bridge on Hwy. 29 near Antoine, AR (Pike County).

WHEN:

Monday December 9, 2024, through Tuesday, December 23, 2024

Visit anytime during the scheduled hours.

Link to project Information:

www.ardot.gov/publicmeetings

Website availability begins

December 9, 2024, and ends at 4:30 p.m. on December 23, 2024

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Senate announces committee assignments

STATE CAPITOL WEEK IN REVIEW
Senator Steve Crowell

LITTLE ROCK – The state Senate held its traditional organizational meeting to name its leaders and choose committee assignments.

Senator Bart Hester of Cave Springs (Benton County) had previously been elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the 95th General Assembly. On January 13, the first day of the 2025 legislative session, he will be officially installed. It will be his second term, and he will be the third senator in the modern era to serve two terms as the leader of the Senate.

Senator Jonathan Dismang of Searcy will be Senate co-chair of the Joint Budget Committee. During legislative sessions, Joint Budget and its subcommittees will review in detail all state government spending requests. All appropriations that authorize state government expenditures must be approved by Joint Budget.

Senator Dismang was elected President Pro Tempore during the 89th General Assembly, after the resignation of the incumbent President. He was then elected President Pro Tempore for the 90th and 91st General Assemblies.

Besides Senators Hester and Dismang, Senator William Norrell of Monticello was the only other senator in the modern era to be elected twice as President Pro Tem. He served from 1933 through 1936.

Senator Ben Gilmore of Crossett will be Senate co-chair of the Legislative Council. Senator Jim Petty of Van Buren will be Senate co-chair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

Council and Audit are two of the most important committees that meet in the interim between legislative sessions, monitoring the operations of state agencies and making sure appropriations are properly spent.

Senator Terry Rice of Waldron will be Senate co-chair of the Joint Performance Review Committee. Commonly referred to as JPR, it reviews the performance of programs and agencies. JPR can hold hearings on government operations initiated by citizens and has authority to investigate violations of election law, with authority to subpoena documents and records.

Senator Blake Johnson of Corning will be Majority Leader and Senator Breanne Davis of Russellville will be Majority Whip. Senator Greg Leding of Fayetteville will be Minority Leader and Senator Fred Love of Little Rock will be Minority Whip.

The Senate has nine standing committees that will review all proposed legislation filed during the session, depending on its subject matter. Senator Missy Irvin of Mountain View will chair the Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee. Senator Jimmy Hickey, Jr., of Texarkana will chair the Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Senator Jane English of North Little Rock will chair the Education Committee and Senator Alan Clark of Lonsdale will chair the Judiciary Committee. Senator Ronald Caldwell of Wynne will chair the Agriculture, Forestry and

Economic Development Committee.

In addition to his duties as Majority Leader, Senator Blake Johnson will chair the Insurance and Commerce Committee. Senator Gary Stubblefield of Branch (Logan County) will chair the City, County and Local Affairs Committee and Senator Scott Flippo of Bull Shoals will chair the State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee. Senator Ricky Hill of Cabot will chair the Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs Committee.

Senator Jim Dotson of Bentonville will be Senate co-chair of the Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs. Senator Gilmore, the senate co-chair of Council, also will chair the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth. Senator Mark Johnson of Ferndale will be Senate co-chair of the Joint Energy Committee.

Senator Kim Hammer of Benton will chair the Efficiency Committee and Senator Davis, the Majority Whip, will chair the Senate Rules Committee.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION

The governor proposed a balanced budget for legislators to consider during the 2025 session when they set spending levels for state government agencies.

Arkansas operates under a balanced budget, but the governor’s proposal is important because it outlines her spending priorities for Fiscal Year 2026. We are now in the middle of Fiscal Year 2025, which ends on June 30, 2025.

Under the governor’s proposal, state government would grow 2.89 percent next fiscal year. The governor listed her priorities as education, maternal health, public safety and government efficiency.

Next year all Arkansas students will be eligible for Education Freedom Accounts, which were created by the legislature in 2023 when it approved the LEARNS Act. The EFA program helps families pay tuition at private schools.

Because of high interest in the EFA program, the governor said, her budget proposal includes \$90 million in additional funding to accommodate new students. Another \$90 million in one time “set aside” money would be available in case demand exceeds expectations.

The Public School Fund would be almost \$2.5 billion. Institutions of higher education would receive \$777 million in state aid.

About \$50 million would be added to the budget of state prisons, bringing the total to about \$483 million.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) would receive almost \$1.9 billion in state funds. Its total budget is much larger because it receives federal matching funds. The agency’s total budget is more than \$11 billion.

The Division of Youth Services would receive an increase in state funding of \$4.3 million, raising its budget to \$53.4 million.

Legislators questioned whether the Division

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Winter Weather Awareness Week

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Little Rock, AR

December 1 – 7, 2024

Daily Topics

Monday:

Winter Outlook

Tuesday:

Winter Precipitation Types

Wednesday:

Winter Weather Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Thursday:

Winter Weather Safety

Friday:

The Cold of Winter

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To help Arkansans prepare for these conditions, a special week has been set to review winter weather safety tips and to better understand the hazards of winter. This year, the National Weather Service (NWS) in Little Rock will highlight the science and dangers associated with winter weather in their Winter Weather Awareness Week, which runs from December 1-7.

For this year’s Winter Weather Awareness Week, the following safety topics will be highlighted:

- Monday: Outlook for the Upcoming Winter -- Provides a general outlook for the temperature and precipitation expectations expected from December - February across Arkansas this winter season.
- Tuesday: Winter Precipitation Types -- Highlights the different types of wintry precipitation that are possible across the state and what weather conditions typically cause these

different types of wintry weather.

- Wednesday: Winter Weather Watches, Warnings and Advisories -- Description of what the National Weather Service means when we issue winter weather watches, warnings, and advisories this winter. The NWS has adjusted their messaging for extreme cold. Extreme cold weather warnings and advisories will replace legacy wind chill products.

- Thursday: Winter Weather Safety Rules -- Discussion about what you can do to prepare for winter storms, and offer tips & strategies to help keep you and your family safe at home, or while you’re travelling across Arkansas this winter.

- Friday: The Cold of Winter -- More about winter weather safety ... but focusing strictly on cold weather versus staying safe in times of frozen precipitation. Even without snow and ice, cold air temperatures can lead to exposure dangers for you and your home if you’re not properly prepared.

Each day the NWS will be releasing information via social media, their web page, and NOAA Weather Radio highlighting the content listed above.

During winter weather week, for more information, please visit: www.weather.gov/LZK/win1a.htm

\$1K reward being offered for info on stolen deer stand

MURFREESBORO -- A local resident is offering a \$1,000 reward for information regarding a stolen deer stand.

Facts are being sought that would go toward the locating of the person that allegedly stole a Buck Palace deer stand belonging to Wes-

ley Trister from the Parker Creek area of Lake Greeson.

Persons with information may call the Pike County Sheriff’s Department at (870) 285-3315.

The reward will be given upon the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible.

SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Breakfast: Goody bun or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, whole grain roll, mixed fruit, milk

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Breakfast: Dutch waffle or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, steamed broccoli, seasoned corn, pears, milk

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Breakfast: Chocolate muffin or cereal, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch: Ham & cheese flatbread, french fries, baked beans, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Breakfast: Pancakes or cereal, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch: Crispito, pinto beans, savory carrots, salsa, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Breakfast: Cinnamon bun or cereal, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, peach cup, milk

**Due to food item shortages menus are subject to change without notice. Any changes to the menu will be posted on the website at www.rattlers.org*

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A YOUNG PROPHET

FROM THE TIME THAT KING JOASH IS PLACED UPON THE THRONE OF JUDAH, AS A YOUNG BOY, HE RELIES ON THE HIGH PRIEST, JEHIOIAHA, TO GUIDE HIM--BUT, WITH THE DEATH OF JEHIOIAHA, THINGS CHANGE....

...AND IDOLATRY IS PUT INTO PRACTICE, WITH ALL OF ITS HETHEAN RITUALS...

...THESE PRINCES ARE ONLY CONCERNED WITH THEIR OWN COMFORT AND SAFETY...

...BUT THERE IS STILL ONE MAN IN JERUSALEM WHO IS ADAMANT IN HIS BELIEF THAT JUDAH MUST NOT TURN AWAY FROM THE LORD, MUST LOOK TO GOD, ONLY, FOR SAFETY AND NOT TO POLITICAL ALLIANCES! THIS IS ZECHARIAH, SON OF JEHIOIAHA, AND COUSIN TO KING JOASH--AND NOW HE WAITS AT THE KING'S DOOR TO SPEAK IN SORROWFUL ANGER!

JOASH

JOASH HAS DONE MANY WORTHY THINGS ON THE ADVICE OF THE PRIEST, INCLUDING THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM....

...HOWEVER, THE POLITICALLY WINDED PRINCES OF JUDAH NOW GAIN HIS CONFIDENCE....

...WHEN WE HONOR THE GODS OF NEIGHBORING KINGDOMS, WE SHALL HAVE THEM AS FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN TIME OF WAR!

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* -- Theme Related Clue

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- 1. F, unit of electrical capacity
- 6. *Buche de Noël, e.g.
- 9. What influencers do?
- 13. Yemen's neighbor
- 14. Another word for Tokyo
- 15. Singer Ross of "Where Did Our Love Go" fame
- 16. Laundry room fire hazard, pl.
- 17. Much of it about nothing?
- 18. Furnish with a fund
- 19. *"A Bad Moms Christmas" actress Bell
- 21. *Tiny Tim creator
- 23. Tibetan ox
- 24. Khrushchev's domain
- 25. *Goo on real Christmas tree
- 28. Sketch
- 30. *Poinsettia's motherland
- 35. " _____ Good Men", movie
- 37. Brussels' org.
- 39. Plant fungus
- 40. Reluctant
- 41. Klutzy
- 43. *"It's beginning to look _____ like..."
- 44. Domains
- 46. Bog down
- 47. Oxen connector
- 48. Under epidermis
- 50. Mums' mums
- 52. Over, poetically
- 53. Alleviate
- 55. _____ Mahal
- 57. *Tanne in "O Tannenbaum" (2 words)
- 61. *It is feliz to Feliciano
- 65. Radioshow host: "Hello, you're _____"
- 66. Knot-tying vow (2 words)
- 68. Dispatch boat
- 69. Carthage's ancient neighbor
- 70. *Egg _____
- 71. Oil lamp dweller
- 72. Fishing poles
- 73. Bigheadedness

74. Painter Degas

DOWN

- 1. Lore people
- 2. Mideast ruler
- 3. Hindu princess
- 4. Jittery
- 5. Farthest from point of origin
- 6. Ground beef description
- 7. Like Lemmon and Matthau together
- 8. Merchandise
- 9. Swim's alternative
- 10. Dwyane, once of Miami Heat
- 11. Any day now, to Shakespeare
- 12. Swerves
- 15. King's order
- 20. Increasing
- 22. Philosophy ending
- 24. Undo, as in strings
- 25. Green side
- 26. Before, in the olden days
- 27. J.M. Barrie's Pan
- 29. "Howdy, _____!"
- 31. Internal picture
- 32. Meltable home
- 33. Singer Sam of "Twistin' the Night Away" fame
- 34. Weasel's aquatic cousin
- 36. *"Last Christmas" band, with !
- 38. Edible pod
- 42. Busybody, in Yiddish
- 45. Mountain range
- 49. Certain fraternity house letters
- 51. Cruel
- 54. Ele de la Cité river
- 56. Tripped the light fantastic
- 57. *Number of ghosts in "A Christmas Carol"
- 58. *"He's Just Not That _____ You", movie
- 59. Police's surprise
- 60. Habitual twitches
- 61. Not happening (2 words)
- 62. Minor bumper damage
- 63. "Heat of the Moment" band
- 64. Opposite of talker?
- 67. *The Grinch's Max

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of Developmental Disabilities Services would get a budget increase. Administration officials said that employees within the division would qualify for raises under the governor's proposed pay plan.

The governor has announced a proposed pay plan for state employees that would pay for salary increases for frontline workers.

The governor's proposal includes \$13 million in new Medicaid funding to pay for improvements in maternal health care recommended by the Strategic Committee on Maternal Health. The division that administers Medicaid is slated to receive about \$1.4 billion in state funding. Federal funding accounts for about 71 percent of Medicaid spending in Arkansas, which totaled more than \$9 billion last fiscal year.

Under the state Constitution the legislature has ultimate authority to approve budgets for state government. Arkansas operates under a balanced budget law known as the Revenue Stabilization Act, which prioritizes state agency spending requests.

The state's general revenue budget comes mostly from sales taxes, individual income taxes and corporate income taxes. Under the governor's proposal, next year's general revenue budget will be an estimated \$6.8 billion, with a surplus of almost \$300 million.

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS

DR-24-95 -- OCSE, vs. Timothy Watkins, support/ OCSE, Nov. 6
DR-24-96 -- Theresa Church, vs. Robert Church, separate maintenance, Nov. 14
DR-24-97 -- Lindsey Brooks, vs. Jeffery Kiefer, order of protection, Nov. 15
DR-24-98 -- Luis Molina, vs. Courtney Dawn Richards, divorce, Nov. 20

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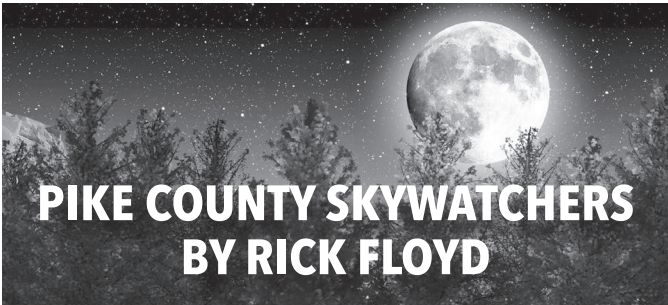
CV-24-78 -- Citibank, vs. Charles Avery, debt collection, Nov. 4
CV-24-79 -- John Plyler Home Center, vs. Chance Johnson, debt collection, Nov. 7
CV-24-80 -- LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Sarah Fox, debt collection, Nov. 8
CV-24-81 -- Discover Bank, vs. Stacy Collins, debt collection, Nov. 8
CV-24-82 -- Rocket Mortgage LLC., vs. Jo Needham, mortgage foreclosure, Nov. 12
CV-24-83 -- Kayla Nutt, name change, Nov. 15
CV-24-84 -- Fallyn Nutt, name change, Nov. 15
CV-24-85 -- Colton Nutt, name change, Nov. 15
CV-24-86 -- Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC., vs. Brian Echols, debt collection, Nov. 16
CV-24-87 -- Ben Stone, civil/ other, Nov. 18
CV-24-88 -- Crown Asset Management LLC. vs. Joseph Lopez, debt collection, Nov. 19
CV-24-89 -- Christopher Teeter, vs. Kyla Clark, automobile tort, Nov. 19
CV-24-90 -- Troy Capital LLC., vs Pamela & Crista Hamilton, debt collection, Nov. 19
CV-24-91- Rachel Griffin, name change, Nov. 20
CV-24-92 -- Stephen Nauss Jr., vs. Wesley Prouse, foreign judgment/civil, Nov. 21
CV-24-93 -- Velocity Investments LLC., vs. Amanda Manlove, debt collection, Nov. 21
CV-24-94 -- LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Henry Pruett, debt collection, Nov. 25
CV-24-95 -- Chambers Bank, vs. Murfreesboro Nursing Center ET AL, contract / other, Nov. 25
CV-24-96 --Discover Bank, vs. Cecilia Dixon, debt collection, Nov. 26

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Frank Martinez, 40, Pharr, Texas; Chariss Rose Adams, 39,

Pharr, Texas, Nov. 8

Aiden Carter Evans, 19, Nashville; Shyanne Renee Christian, 20, Nashville, Nov. 8
Warner Paul Wilder, 24, Jessieville; Clarissa Allison Jolene Goin, 23, Jessieville, Nov. 12
Cody Lynn Smith, 30, Amity; Michelle Ashley Wisener, 30, Amity, Nov. 21
Jared Alan Taylor, 21, Murfreesboro; Mary Hannah McKnight, 21, Nashville, Nov. 22



The "real" night sky

During an evening event at a conference a few years ago in Fort Davis, Texas, an attendee was looking up at the stars and said "so this is what the Milky Way looks like". It was a stunning comment, but I realized that there are probably many people in the world who live under urban light domes and have never seen the "real" night sky

Fort Davis, like other towns in that area, has been dark sky compliant for decades because of the proximity of the University of Texas' McDonald Observatory.

The Milky Way, discussed last week, is a beautiful sight, but much of its glory is dimmed if you are observing under the lights of a town or city. There are, however, places to go in Arkansas to get away from the lights. The Ouachita and Ozark National Forests, Cossatot River State Park, and the Buffalo River National Reserve offer good star gazing near us. Look up The Arkansas Natural Sky Association (ANSA) for information about all of the dark sky places in the state. If you want information about dark sky national and state parks, towns, and other sites in the U.S, or for international locations, go to the International Dark Sky's (IDA) web-site.

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PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET

November 5, 2024
BF=Bond Forfeited

PIKE COUNTY

Aguilar, Irinea M., 40, Chicago, Ill., \$45 BF, no seat belt
Balak, Randall Lee, 64, Princeton, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding
Ballew, Lisa Helm, 63, Dallas, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding
Barba, Luz Maria, 35, Dierks, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125
Barnes, Daria, 61, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding
Beasley, Michile, 47, Danville, \$215 BF, speeding
John, Ethan Wayne, 21, Doddridge, \$125 BF, overheight-overload
Bill, Parker Kyle, 23, Royse City, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding
Brown, Clinton Edward, 55, Horatio, \$135 BF, speeding
Burnett, Kiowa C., 25, Kirby, \$135 BF, speeding
Bush, Jonathan W., 35, Caddo Gap, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,545 owed
Casales, Maria, 49, Kirby, \$125 BF, speeding
Clark, Kyla Paige, 25, Antoine, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,170, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of reckless driving, fined \$445; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45
Clowers, Beau Darin, 43, De Queen, \$135 BF, speeding
Coffman, Algje W., 57, Glenwood, guilty of speeding, fined \$165
Coffman, Crystal, 50, Glenwood, \$165 BF, speeding
Cogburn, Cherokee Landen, 22, Hampton, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Collins, Corey Reed, 32, Nashville, \$135 BF, speeding
Cox, Ashtin Grace, 27, Amity, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Crabtree, Jared W., 18, Murfreesboro, guilty of careless prohibited driving with accident, fined \$225
Daves, Odie Fflyd, 33, Amity, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license
Deaton, Jesse James, 32, Amity, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Dinger, Dustin G., 30, Delight, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Dowdy, Emma Jane, 18, Hot Springs, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Drye, Matthew Edward, 17, Amity, \$125 BF, improper muffler
Durham, Levi M., 35, Lockesburg, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Fahrney, William Michael, 64, Langley, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Fatherree, Brennan Paul, 17, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Ferguson, Paityn Jolie, 22, Gurdon, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$135 BF, speeding
Freeman, Olivia Claire, 29, Amity, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance
Freeman, Scotty Ray, 51, Glenwood, \$135 BF, speeding
Garner, Wendell, 50, Dierks, \$135 BF, speeding
Golden, Austin Dakota, 28, Ratcliff, \$185 BF, speeding
Goodman, Kimberly Kaye, 54, Hot Springs, speeding, under advisement to dismiss, fined \$125
Griffith, Michael Ray, 37, Caddo Gap, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of expired vehicle license/tags, fined \$125; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to stop or yield, fined \$125; guilty of fleeing, fined \$580; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325
Hamilton, William A., 53, Malvern, guilty of speeding, fined \$135
Hampton, Brittany Lynn, 28, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hembey, Thomas Dillin, 26, Delight, \$125 BF, no driver's license
Henegar, Justin Cody, 28, Umpire, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Hernandez, Maria Elena, 60, Hot Springs, \$165 BF, speeding
Herron, James Marvin Jr., 68, Benton, \$251 BF, overweight
Hollenbach, Seth A., 45, Hot Springs, \$185 BF, speeding
Jackson, Jesse, 26, Murfreesboro, \$185 BF, speeding
Johns, Jayden Lane, 17, Saucier, Miss., \$125 BF, failure to present license
Jones, Dedric Tyron, 47, Nashville, \$391 BF, overweight
Kirby, Kory Adam, 29, Hot Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Kitchens, Wesley W., 34, Amity, \$185 BF, speeding
Lambert, Muriel Rane, 40, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45
Lingo, Shawn Michael, 24, Hot Springs, \$215 BF, speeding
Lockwood, Joshua D., 36, Delight, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license
Lomashewich, Matthew A., 37, Nashville, \$125 BF, passing on double yellow line
Machala, Brian David, 45, Norman, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Mauldin, Bradyn Tyree, 22, Nashville, \$45

BF, no seat belt
Mayberry, James Franklin, \$135 BF, speeding
McWilliams, Toby J., 51, Fairfield, Ill., \$185 BF, speeding
Miller, Debbie R., 58, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Molinas, Luis Fernando, 40, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$125 BF, no child restraint device
Nava, Antonio, 34, Hope, \$185 BF, speeding; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Neighbors, Raymond C., 49, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Nichols, Tyler Wayne, 21, Kirby, \$70 BF, failure to present insurance
Null, Kandace Brooke, 28, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Parish, Jamie Tyler, 23, Caddo Gap, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$45 BF, no seat belt
Provence, Ricky R., 44, Amity, guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of drinking in public or on highway, fined \$220
Purcell, Jessica Leigh, 37, Hot Springs, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Ratton, Michael Shaun, 41, Amity, \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Reynolds, Jeffery Brice, 62, Dubberly, La., \$135 BF, speeding
Richard, Robert A. III, 41, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125; guilty of speeding, fined \$165; guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325
Ringer, Tammy Sue, 55, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Rinkle, Sarah May, 24, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325
Ruiz, Luis, 65, Dierks, guilty of speeding, fined \$185; guilty of careless prohibited driving, fined \$125
Runnels, Madison Lynn, 21, England, \$125 BF, speeding
Salgadoescutia, Maria Isabel, 44, Costa Mesa, Calif., \$125 BF, no child restraint device; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Sharp, James M., 24, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45
Smith, Warren Kody, 29, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$535 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Smith, William His, 50, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding
Stafford, Mark D., 44, Perrysburg, N.Y., \$135

BF, speeding
Stanton, Georgette Elizabeth, 46, Vidor, Texas, \$125 BF, no driver's license
Stone, Justin B., 31, Delight, guilty of fleeing, fined \$680
Story, Shelby, 38, Fulton, \$531 BF, overweight
Sutton, Phillip A., 85, Amity, \$165 BF, speeding
Thomas, Amie Leann, 35, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$185
Tim, Leon Perry Jr., 51, Valiant, Okla., \$135 BF, speeding
Turley, Jay N., 53, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, speeding
Vazquez, Roberto Mata, 21, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat belt
Webb, David Ray, 51, El Dorado, \$125 BF, speeding
Wilson, Ashton Colleen, 29, Arkadelphia, \$165 BF, speeding
Younger, Zachary C., 32, Glenwood, \$215 BF, overweight

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Aaron, William Cody, 33, Hope, \$145 BF, speeding
Cornish, Mandy Diane, 37, Nashville, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired
Crocker, Alexander Chase, 23, Delight, guilty of failure to pay, \$510 owed
Merchant, Selina Rena, 49, Lockesburg, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$620
Nance, Michael Allen, 40, Delight, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired
Pineda, Nelson, 41, Nashville, \$145 BF, no driver's license; \$90 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Valsez, Francisco Ruiz, 26, Mabelvale, \$145 BF, no driver's license; \$145 BF, following too close
Wakeman, Cody Ray, 30, Hot Springs, guilty of violation of cat/dog city ordinance, fined \$165; guilty of violation of cat/dog city ordinance, fined \$265; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,095 and license suspended for six months

BENCH TRIALS

PIKE COUNTY

Leave, Daniel D., 32, Hot Springs, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,050 and license suspended for six months

CITY OF MURFREESBORO

Fugitt, David, 45, Murfreesboro, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,095 and license suspended for six months; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$265



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