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**ENTERTAINMENT** ... A pair of singers will grace the Pike County 4-H 'Not So Newlywed Game' this Saturday at the Murfreesboro Senior Adult Center. Pictured above is Jaycee Heaston and below is Carlee Garrett. For more information, please see the story below.



#### 'Not So Newlywed' game set for Saturday

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County 4-H will be hosting a Not So Newlywed Game on Feb. 8, starting at 6 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Senior Center, located at 120 Court St.

The evening's dinner will consist of a pasta bar and dessert.

The second annual game participants will include Tim and Melanie Trout, John and Sandra Garrett, Keith and Sherry Craig, Richard and

The evening's entertainment will be provided by singers Carlee Garrett and Jaycee Heaston.

Tickets for the event will be \$10, or a table of 6 for \$60. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Pike County Extension office, located at 100 Court St. Murfreesboro. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the event as long as they are available.

The event will also hold a silent auction and door prizes will be given away. A partial list of the silent auction items will include freeze dried candies, a gift basket from Farm and Ranch feed, a gift basket from Diamond Lakes Adventures, a wax warmer from Simply Silks, tax service for 2025 from McKinney Tax Service, ammunition from Howard Building and Supply, a gift certificate from Terri's Place and

4-H will also offer the remaining brittle for sale from the group's fundraiser.

For more information, call (870) 285-2161.

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### Local man killed in shooting incident last Friday

Official details still scant in ongoing investigation, no arrests have been made

MURFREESBORO -- An apparent argument among neighbors turned deadly Friday, Jan. 31 at a Murfreesboro home.

The argument reportedly resulted in the fatal shooting of Mark Corson Sr., 64, according to the Arkansas State Police, the agency investigating the incident.

The ASP did not release any details of the incident or the name of the suspected shooter. A county official said Monday, that to their knowledge, there was no suspect arrested or processed at the county jail the day of the

The Pike County Sheriff's Department requested ASP's Criminal Investigation Division to investigate the shooting, which occurred outside a home on Highway 27 North in Murfreesboro, after responding to a call from a woman who said her husband and a neighbor were arguing.

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When officers arrived, they found Corson suffering from a gunshot wound. Pike County Coroner Jason McDonald pronounced Corson dead at the scene.

The deceased was transported to the Arkansas State Crime Lab to determine the manner and cause of death. The investigation is ongo-

### Former PCSO deputy pleads innocent to charges of selling county-issued weapons

MURFREESBORO -- A former Pike County deputy accused of hocking two county-issued weapons is now facing felony charges following an Arkansas State Police investigation.

Brandon M. Vines, 40, of Glenwood, was charged Jan. 31 in Pike County Circuit Court with two counts of theft of property.

Vines was employed with the county from May 2024 to December 2024. He was terminated by Sheriff Travis Hill after Vines failed to show up for two scheduled dates to attend the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

On Jan. 2, Vines returned some his assigned equipment to the county but did not return a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun and a Colt M-16 .223 rifle. He advised he was soaking the weapons to clean them and would bring them in the

But on Jan. 2, Glenwood Police Chief Greg Harmon was at McGrew Pawn Shop when he



**BRANDON VINES** 

recognized the shotgun that was up for sale. A serial number check determined the weapon belonged to the county and the weapon was recovered the next day.

The shop owner told the ASP that several attempts to contact Vines were ignored but because of lack of payment the shotgun was

The M-16 was recovered from an individual, Donald Parker of Glenwood, on Jan. 3. Parker told investigators that he was unaware the rifle was county property and that it was in his possession as collateral on a \$500 loan to Vines that he had not paid. The weapon was recovered

Vines plead innocent to the charges Monday and he was ordered to return to court March 3 with an attorney. He was released from county custody Monday on \$10,000 bond.

### Fly fishing aficionados hold Little Missouri festival last weekend in Murfreesboro

MURFREESBORO -- The ArkLaTexOma fly tyers held their Homewaters 2025 Celebration of Little Missouri River Fly Fishing Festival last weekend in Murfreesboro.

The event was conducted at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building's community room, and the ArkLaTexOma (ALTO) Fly Tyers included a "weekend of tying, fishing, fellowship and fun ... with expert tyers, casting instructors, vendors, and seminars."

Group spokesman Mike Hawkins said the group -- now in its second year of hosting the festival after formerly being conducted by Jeff Guerin -- didn't expect to fill the room at the Municipal Building, but was pleased to note that longest traveled attendees came from as far away as Joplin, Missouri and Lake Charles,

Louisiana.

Hawkins added that with the lack of generation from the dam, it provided some great fishing and that due to the Arkansas Game and Fish's stocking program, action on the river should be prime through April.

The group went live with their new website, https://arklatexomaflytyers.com/, on Friday night, and said information can be found also on their facebook page for anyone interested.

The group also lauded the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce and president Lisa Harvill for going out of their way to make the weekend great for all involved, including paying the cost of the venue and feeding the group lunch on Friday.

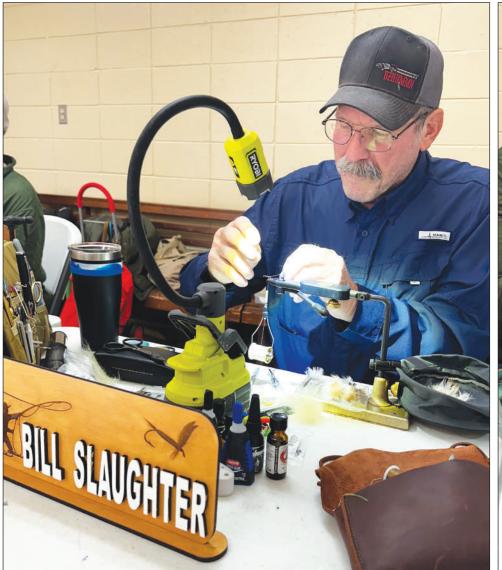
"I just can't say enough about Lisa and the

Chamber," said Hawkins, adding that the Murfreesboro Volunteer Fire Department brought over extra tables for use. "Everyone has just made us feel very welcome."

As part of the activities, members and attendees were told of the "State of the Little Missouri River" on Friday night.

The group said the trout waters of the Little Missouri were the closest in the area for a large part of the four state membership, and that it was important to them to help develop the local tourism for it and grow the sport for the normal November-April trout season.

For further information, visit the group's website or contact Mike Hawkins at (903) 353-





TYING FLIES FOR TROUT FISHING ... (above, left) Bill Slaughter and (above, right) Sue Spangler show off their skills at the ArkLaTexOma Fly Fishing conference held last weekend in Murfreesboro.





INFORMATION FOR THE PEOPLE ... Monday night at the Pike County Municipal building, elected officials including (left) Pike County Judge Eddie Howard, (right, L to R) Pike County Assessor Staci Stewart, Pike County Treasurer Loletia Rather, Pike County Circuit Clerk Sabrina Williams, Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards and Pike County Sheriff/Collector Travis Hill conducted a town hall style meeting in which the county's budget was explained and the realities of such fiscal constraints were told candidly in real-world examples. Those in attendance were then allowed to ask questions of the officials, which ranged from road maintenance, recent equipment expenditures and other various topics. If any interested resident missed the meeting Monday, they can still attend a similar meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Centerpoint School Cafeteria or on Monday, Feb. 10 at the former Delight School Cafeteria.

# Lady Rattlers enter final week of conference play

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Lady Rattlers won one of three games in last week's action.

The girls opened with a win at home over Caddo Hills 49-46 on Monday, Jan. 27.

Jenna May had a hot hand in the game, scoring 24 points and hitting seven three-pointers.

Sydney Braden added 10 points and Natalie Perrin scored

The game was tight through the first three quarters, with Caddo Hills holding leads of 17-16 after the first quarter, 28-23 at

halftime and 39-38 after three quarters. The Lady Rattlers outscored the Lady Indians 11-7 in the final period to claim the victory.

Emma Pittman and Maecyee Sliger each scored 12 to lead the



#### LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

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All letters to the editor must be signed, along with a phone number (that will not be published) provided for confirmation purposes. The Murfreesboro Diamond reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. Letters must not be libelous or contain any profanities.

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Any erroneous statement published in the newspaper will be gladly and promptly corrected if called to the attention of the management.

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

The next night at Mountain Pine, the Lady Rattlers fell 58-25. Mountain Pine was in charge of the game early, setting Murfreesboro to a 21-4 deficit after the first period.

Braden would score 10 points to lead the Lady Rattler offensive effort, while Jenna May had nine.

Neither team made a three-pointer in the game.

Shy Anne Cardenas scored 20 to lead the Lady Red Devils, followed by teammate Makayllyn McIntosh with 19.

Last Friday, the Lady Rattlers traveled to Cutter Morning Star

The Lady Rattlers held tough in the first quarter with a 12-6 score, but found the deficit increased to 28-13 by halftime.

Braden again led MHS in scoring with nine points, while Perrin added seven and the duo of Faith Teel and Jamie Howell had five points each.

Katelynn Geurin had 17 points, and a trio of three-pointers, to lead the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Rattlers currently sit in sixth place for conference with a record of 4-8. Caddo Hills (2-8) and Foreman (0-12) are the seventh and eighth place teams, while Spring Hill (4-7) and Horatio (6-5) sit atop MHS in fifth and fourth place, respectively, in conference play.

The Lady Rattlers will face their final two conference games this week, traveling to Caddo Hills on Tuesday and hosting Dierks on Friday.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, **ARKANSAS** CIVIL DIVISION

**Michael McCratic** 

**PLAINTIFF** 

Vickie Owens

55CV-24-104

ANY UNKNOWN PERSON **CLAIMING AN INTEREST** IN THE PROPERTY AT ISSUE

**DEFENDANT** 

#### **NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION**

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Pike County, Arkansas to quiet and confirm title in and to the following described property in Pike County,

A tract of land being situated in the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 25 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, being located in Pike County, Arkansas, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a Rebar w/Cap (PS 902) for the NE Corner of Said SE1/4 SW1/4, Thence S 03°22'38" W, 309.94 Feet to a Rebar w/Cap (PS 902) on the East Line of Said SE1/4 SW1/4; Thence S 03°22'38" W, 242.06 Feet to a Point on the East Line of Said SE1/4 SW1/4 and the Point of Beginning; Thence S 03°22'38" W, 146.04 Feet to a Rebar w/Cap (PS 1491) on the East Line of Said SE1/4 SW1/4; Thence N 87°34'37" W, 550.25 Feet to the Centerline of a Road; Thence N 02°51'11" E, 155.21 Feet along Said Road Centerline; Thence S 86°37'22" E, 551.59 Feet to the Point of Beginning, Containing ±1.91 Acres more or less and being subject to any and all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record.

Any person claiming any title or interest of any kind to such property is hereby notified to appear herein on or before February 10, 2025 to assert his title or interest in such property and to demonstrate why title to this property should not be quieted and

confirmed in Michael McCratic and Vickie Owens, Plaintiff herein. WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 6th day of

January, 2025. SABRINA WILLIAMS,

Pike County Circuit Clerk

(d.b. 337w, 28,29,30,31)

The junior Lady Rattlers faced action three times last week. They opened the week against Caddo Hills, notching a 36-24

MJHS seemed destined to cruise in the game after a 14-2 lead after one quarter, but the team would only score three points in the second quarter to go into half with a 17-13 lead.

Kendall Henderson would score all nine MJHS points in the third quarter to give the team a 26-19 lead.

Henderson would score 27 in the game for the Lady Rattlers. The team had a much easier game against Ashdown at home

last Thursday, suffocating the Lady Panthers with their defense in a 39-11 win.

The first quarter started slowly, with MJHS holding a 7-3 lead at the end of the opening stanza. Before halftime, however, the team would create some distance by shutting out Ashdown in the quarter and holding a 26-3 lead.

Henderson would again do the heavy lifting with 21 points in the contest, while teammate Macy Gills tallied six.

Last Friday against Cutter Morning Star, MJHS would fall short on the road by a 43-27 score.

The Lady Rattlers held a 6-4 lead after one quarter and trailed 17-14 at half. A three point offensive output in the third quarter greatly diminished the Lady Rattlers' chances in the game.

Henderson led the team with 14 points.

The junior Lady Rattlers will compete in next week's junior district tournament at Horatio, with the tournament set for January 10-15.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT T. SWIFT, deceased

Case No. 55PR-23-63

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Last known address of the decedent: 226 Cantrell Rd., Amity, Pike County, Arkansas 71921

Date of Death: October 21, 2020

An instrument, dated, January 31, 2025, lawfully appointed Vernon Wehunt as Executor of the above estate.

That all persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice first published on the 5th day of February, 2025.

Petitioner, Vernon Wehunt

BY: /s/ Dustin Bissell **DUSTIN BISSELL** Attorney for Petitioner 306 E. Broadway Glenwood, AR 71943 (870) 356-2589 Arkansas Bar #2022047

(d.b. 183w., 31,32)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)

USDA - Farm Service Agency **Notice of Availability** Construction of a Large CAFO, Arkansas **Draft Environmental Assessment** 

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for the construction of a large CAFO located in Section 27, Township 8 south, Range 26 west in Pike County in Arkansas. The primary objective of the activity is to

construct (2) broiler houses. FSA is accepting written comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through 03/03/2025. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the following USDA Service Center: FSA, 101 South Washington Street Nashville,

Arkansas 71852. Comments should be submitted in writing to Adam Kaufman at FSA, 419 West Gaines Street, Monticello, All written comments will be carefully considered, and no action concerning the project shall be taken until the agency

has completed an environmental review and issued a final decision. The Final Environmental Assessment will be made available and underlying documentation may be examined upon request.

(f.s.b., 180w., 30,31)

#### Rattlers suffer first adversity with pair of OT losses

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Rattlers senior high basketball team suffered their first losing week of the season in dropping a pair of conference games for the first time this season last week.

The team opened the week with a 55-50 loss to Caddo Hills in overtime on Mon-

MHS would hold leads of 13-6 after one quarter, 24-19 at halftime and 35-29 after three quarters before Caddo Hills staged their comeback.

Caden Dixon scored 22 points to lead the Rattlers, while James Silva added 12 and Laytan Wilcher eight.

Silva led the team with eight rebounds, and Dixon had seven steals.

As a team, the Rattlers were 15/31 (48%) from two-point range, 3/15 (20%) from three-point range and 11/19 (58%) from the free-throw line.

The team would bounce back the next night at Mountain Pine with a 68-38 win.

After opening with a slim 19-15 lead after the first period, the Rattlers took over the game in the second quarter to hold a 44-23 lead at halftime.

Dixon scored 23 and had 10 rebounds with four steals to lead MHS, with Kooper Caldwell adding 16 points and Silva 15 points.

Last Friday, the Rattlers again fell in overtime at Cutter Morning Star by a 64-

The game was tight throughout, with Cutter holding a 20-19 lead after one and a 36-36 tie at halftime.

Dixon again led the team with 26

Silva would add 14 points and 10 rebounds, with Caldwell scoring 12 points. Wilcher had a team leading eight assists and four points.

The team's performance from threepoint range (32%) and the free-throw line (46%) again hurt the team's chances for victory. The Rattlers currently sit in first place

for conference with a record of 9-2. Caddo

Hills (8-2) and Cutter Morning Star (8-3) sit right behind them going into this week. The Rattlers will face their final two

conference games this week, traveling to Caddo Hills on Tuesday and hosting Dierks on Friday.

The junior high Rattlers played twice last week, collecting losses to Mountain Pine and Ashdown in addition to several team members battling illnesses and

Against the Red Devils, the team would fall behind decisively in the first half, with a 8-3 score after one and 29-7 by half in a 44-13 loss.

Hunter Sweat scored seven points for MJHS to lead the team.

Against Ashdown, the team scored 7 points in the first half en route to a 34-17

The team is set to play Caddo Hills and Dierks this week before competing in next week's junior district tournament at Horatio, with the tournament set for January 10-15.

### **Obituaries**

### Danny Ray Happy, 76, Delight

Danny Ray Happy, 76, of Delight, Ar. passed away December 9, 2024 at the VA hospital in Little Rock, AR. He was born on June 28, 1948 in Delight, Ar. to Ernest and Martha Happy.

Danny was a Navy veteran and served in the Viet Nam war. He was a member of the church of Christ. He is predeceased by his

parents and his brother, Tommy Happy.

Survivors include, two sis-

ters, Judy Fisher and husband, Buddy, of Royal, Pam Campbell and husband, Tommy, of Billstown, sister-in-law, Nancy Happy of Hot Springs, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his long time friend, Diane and all of her

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at the Pisgah Community Building, 1565 Highway 195, Delight, AR 71940.

## Out-of-state resident charged with fleeing after high speed chase

MURFREESBORO -- An Alabama man is facing a felony charge of fleeing and several driving offenses after he allegedly took Murfreesboro officers on a highspeed motorcycle chase.

Michale Andrew Kinder, 36, of Lineville, Ala., was arrested the night of Jan. 23 by officers Brandon Copeland and Todd Lautterbach. He was charged Jan. 29 in Pike County with felony fleeing and misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, speeding, careless prohibited driving, driving on a suspended license, defective tail lamps and no motorcycle endorse-

Copeland had attempted to stop Kinder on North Washington when he allegedly sped off down South Washington and reached speeds up to 75 mph. Officer Lauterbach joined the pursuit that reached top speeds of 90 and 104 mph, according to case information.

After 3.5 miles, Kinder gave up the chase and was taken into custody.

Kinder has made bond and was ordered Monday to return on April 7 with an attorney for pretrial.

On Jan. 29, Michael T. Cates, 36, of Kirby, was charged with theft of property after he allegedly borrowed a wood splitter from a Delight man and then sold it to his cousin in Amity.

Cates remains in county custody this week and was ordered Monday to return to court on April 7 for pretrial.

### **BY RICK FLOYD** Wave as astronauts go by

PIKE COUNTY SKYWATCHERS

Whether you are scanning the night sky with binoculars, a telescope, or just relaxing under the stars, it does not take long before you have noted the passage of several satellites.

The brightest of these human-made objects in Earth's orbit is the International Space Station, the ISS. Its orbit brings it over our area periodically on a very predictable schedule.

The station's construction was a global effort that started in the 1980's, and it became continuously occupied in 2000. Currently, it is in a low earth orbit at 250 miles above the Earth's surface, travelling at about 17,500 miles per hour with a crew of 7. It completes an orbit every 90 minutes, and in 24 hours it logs enough miles to have gone to the moon and back.

The basic mission of ISS is to be an orbiting laboratory, and its ongoing research has benefitted human understanding of living and working in space.

There are several free websites that can be used to track the ISS. The first place to check out is NASA's ISS official site which provides good information about the station including its history and specifications. NASA also has a website called Spot the Station where you can enter your location on a map, press the location icon and select "view sighting opportunities". This will give you a list of dates when ISS can be seen over your area. Each date of a flyover gives very precise information, for example, like the one that just occurred on Friday 31 January: that it would appear in the N.E at 6:42 p.m. at 10 degrees above the horizon; would be visible for 7 minutes rising to 89 degrees (almost overhead); and go back into Earth's shadow 10 degrees above the S.E. horizon. Passages that do not rise above 40 degrees are often difficult to observe.

Arguably, a site called Heavens-Above is the most popular one for tracking ISS and also satellites, rocket launches, comets etc.

Watching the ISS go over is interesting and exciting because it is not just a machine in orbit, but a spaceship with people on board. There is also a fascination with the precise timing. When the chart says it will appear at 6:42 in the N.E. you had better be looking at

Beam me up Scotty.

### Homesteading conference set for Feb. 15 in Nashville

NASHVILLE - The Howard and Pike County branches of the University of Arkansas Extension Service will host the Southwest Arkansas Homesteading Conference on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the conference will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The event will be held at the UA Cossatot campus, located at 1558 US Highway 371 in Nashville.

the event, and a meal will be included.

There is a \$25 registration fee to attend

Those who RSVP by Feb. 10 get a guaranteed meal of their choice. Youth meals may be added on for \$10 each.

Interested participants may register at uada.formstack.com/forms/southwest\_ homsteading.

Topics to be discussed at the conference include food fermentation, flour milling, rain barrels, garden prep, soap making, quilting, barn quilts, bread making, introduction to poultry, buying protein, dehydration, NRCS programs, soil fertility, canning, basics of forage and feral hogs.





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#### Q: What is Bell's palsy? one side of the face, headache,

A: Bell's palsy is a neurological disorder that results in weakened or paralyzed facial muscles. This occurs when the seventh cranial nerve - the nerve that controls facial muscles – is damaged and does not work properly. The National Institutes of Health estimates Bell's palsy affects around 40,000 people in the U.S. every year.

Although the seventh cranial nerve is thought to be the source of Bell's palsy, the exact reason of inflammation and swelling of the nerve is unknown. Bell's palsy normally affects one side of the face but can affect both sides in rare instances. The condition is mostly seen in people ages 15 to

Symptoms of Bell's palsy tend to come about suddenly and reach their peak within 48 to 72 hours. Symptoms include drooping of

loss of taste, pain around the jaw on the affected side and difficulty speaking. Bell's palsy is not considered to be serious, and most cases resolve themselves. Treatment

options include drops for dry and irritated eyes, oral corticosteroids and antiviral drugs in combination with corticosteroids. Contact your health care provider if you have symptoms, particularly facial drooping, which can indicate a more serious condition.

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### PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET

January 7, 2025 BF=Bond Forfeited

#### **PIKE COUNTY**

Archer, Charles R., 64, Nashville, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of speeding, fined \$135 Battiest, Bryan E., 37, Wright City, Okla., \$367

BF, overweight

Blake, Maurice Demond, 38, Jonesboro, \$125 BF, speeding

Bolanos, Jennifer, 26, Bismarck, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$125; guilty of failure to

appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205 Bruce, Zayne Franklin, 40, Glenwood, guilty

of failure to pay, \$480 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Byrd, Susan W., 70, Redfield, \$135 BF, speed-

Campos, Emely Damaris, 25, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no driver's license

Castillo, Julissa, 22, Paradise, Texas, \$135 BF,

Contreras, Emmanuel Kevin, 17, Glenwood, \$225 BF, speed too fast for conditions-accident Cook, Chad Lee, 51, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$125 BF, speeding

Cruz, Carlos Hernandez, 30, Fort Smith, \$125 BF, speeding; \$125 BF, no child restraint device Cruz, Daniel, 19, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,505 owed

Doughty, Chelsea Reigh, 35, Hot Springs, \$165 BF, speeding

Dukes, Hayden Allen, 24, Pearcy, \$125 BF, failure to stop or yield; \$220 BF, drinking in public

English, Dakota Caleb, 32, Glenwood, \$225 BF, failure to yield-accident

Fletcher, Michael Todd, 54, Pierce City, Mo., \$125 BF, spilling load on highway

Flud, Jessica Mae, 28, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$3,558 owed

Gentry, Magon Dawn, 49, West Columbia,

Texas, \$185 BF, speeding Gilbert, Larry Edward, 56, Amity, \$70 BF,

failure to present insurance Gregg, Rance Aaron, 49, Rogers, \$125 BF, speeding

Halcomb, Kayci Chance, 35, Dierks, \$125 BFm speeding Hamilton, Matthew A., 37, Glenwood, \$135

BF, speeding

Hart, Judd Jean, 57, Benton, \$125 BF, careless

Henegar, Justin Cody, 28, Umpire, \$45 BF, no

Hernandez, Ernesto, 30, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding

Hernandez, Lucia, 50, Nashville, \$125 BF, no child restraint device; \$135 BF, speeding

Hill, Amanda M., 48, Amity, guilty of driving

with suspended license, fined \$325 Hup, Cung Lian, 33, Midland, Texas, \$185 BF,

speeding

Jester, Hannah Marie, 25, Malvern, \$155 BF,

Jester, Shayla Diane, 28, Glenwood, \$125 BF,

WHAT DO YOU WANT

It is a popular saying, "We

TO BE?

are what we eat." It is more

certainly true, however, "As

a man thinks in his heart,

so is he." There is disagree-

ment among translators as to

whether Proverbs 23:7 says

that, but in any case, it is true.

Jesus says, "For out of the abundance of the heart, the

mouth speaks. The good per-

son out of his good treasure

brings forth good, and the evil

person out of his evil treasure

brings forth evil." (Matthew

Whatever is in a bucket

is what spills out when the

12:34-35).

speeding

Johnson, Chance T., 40, Kirby, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,090 owed

Kersey, Caleb Trey, 19, Caddo Gap, guilty of failure to pay, \$435 owed

Kight, Daniel Lawrence, 45, Amity, \$125 BF, careless prohibited driving

Lambert, Drake Wayne, 21, Amity, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325

Lewis, Arron Wayne, 31, Glenwood, guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$125; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of drinking in public or in highway, fined \$220 Lewis, Mona Lynn, 57, Nashville, \$125 BF,

Lopez, Alexander, 27, Hot Springs, \$125 BF, no driver's license

Loredo, Alvaroa Evan, 34, Henderson, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear Maynard, Bradley Earl, 61, Glenwood, guilty

of failure to pay, \$960 owed McKinnon, Savanna Clayton, 24, Prescott,

guilty of failure to pay, \$725 owed

Minton, Thomas R., 53, Hot Springs, \$45 BF,

no seat belt Monreal, Francisco Manuel, 28, Trenton,

Tenn., \$185 BF, speeding Moody, Lacy Brooke, 38, Pearcy, \$135 BF,

speeding Moore, Kara Baylea, 25, Norman, \$215 BF,

Mosich, Zachary Michael, 30, Denison, Tex-

as, \$135 BF, speeding Myrick, Jordan Pual, 20, McCaskill, \$325 BF,

driving with suspended license Nagaraj, Surendran, 38, Allen, Texas, \$135

O'Neal, Lillian Marie, 22, Newhope, \$135 Bf,

speeding Pennington, Ricky, 46, Amity, \$315 BF, no

proof of liability insurance Petrey, Travis Aaron, 35, Caddo Gap, \$325

BF, driving with suspended license

Pratt, Shirley Jane, 79, Mineral Springs, \$125 BF, speeding

Ransom, Leah, 24, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,080 owed; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Seaton, Matthew James, 33, Hot Springs Village, guilty of failure to pay, \$575 owed

See, Daisy E., 80, Amity, \$125 BF, careless prohibited driving

Skinner, Wade Allen, 21, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, no child restraint device

Snowden, Michael S., 31, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325 Staples, Tiffany Michelle, 34, Murfreesboro,

\$125 BF, speeding Strasner, Vincent G., 44, Dierks, \$45 BF, no

Taylor, J. Mark, 51, Jessieville, \$135 BF, speed-

Tu, Khoa Chau, 49, Houston, Texas, \$135 BF,

speeding; \$125 BF, no child restraint device Uzzle, Nicholas Walter, 19, Prescott, guilty of failure to pay, \$860 owed

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theft, false witness, slander'

Vines, Brooklyn Haylee, 29, Caddo Gap, \$215 BF, speeding

Vissering, Anna Edwyna, 50, Naples, Texas, \$125 BF, no child restraint device

Wahrmund, Matthew J., 23, Springfield, \$135 BF, speeding

Ward, Mignon Jean, 51, Dierks, \$45 BF, no

Ward, Terri Lynnn, no age listed, Spring, Tex-

as, \$135 BF, speeding Weeks, Jeremy, 45, Nashville, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315

Wesley, Annaliese Alexis, 27, Glenwood, \$125 BF, no child restraint device

Wilhite, Sierra Michelle, 21, Lockesburg, \$135 BF, speeding

Wilkerson, Heath, 50, Ozan, \$205 BF, failure

Wooten, Curtis W., 50, Amity, \$135 BF, speed-

Wright, Tiffany Marie, 37, Fayetteville, \$125

York, Eric Wayne, 45, Hatfield, \$767 BF, overweight

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Cornish, Mandy Diane, 37, Nashville, \$145 Bf, failure to register tags/expired

Floyd, Timothy S., 34, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt Furr, Brenda Ann, 54, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat

Gonzalez, Jannice Yisel, 18, Murfreesboro,

guilty of careless prohibited driving Holliday, Edward C., 58, Murfreesboro, \$45

BF, no seat belt Holmes, Morgan Ansley, 29, Murfreesboro,

\$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Howard, Stephanie Nicole, 32, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Martin, Brandon L., 33, Murfreesboro, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$575; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$265; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$265

Miller, Michael Ormand, 35, Richardson, Texas, \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$145 BF, wrong way/one way street

Najar, Hassan Samuel, 19, Brooklyn, N.Y., \$155 BF, speeding

Welch, Thomas Francis, 30, Austin, Texas, \$205 BF, speeding; \$145 BF, careless prohibited driving; \$145 BF, improper passing

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Canaday, Quinten W., 38, MacClenny, Fla., \$620 BF, night hunting; \$370 BF, hunting/fishing/trapping on property without permission; \$220 BF, transport of illegally taken wildlife prohibited; \$370 BF, failure to tag game; \$370 BF, big game checking requirements; \$220 BF, antler requirements

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Canaday, Quentin Whalen, 18, \$620 BF, night hunting; \$370 BF, hunting/fishing/trapping on property without permission; \$220 BF, transport of illegally taken wildlife prohibited; \$370 BF, failure to tag game; \$370 Bf, big game checking requirements

Crossland, Ashley, 44, Glen Saint Mary, Fla., \$370 BF, hunting/fishing/trapping on property without permission; \$620 BF, night hunting

Freeman, Ronall E., 35, Andrews, S.C., \$620 BF, hunting from road Henderson, Gary, 60, Wauchula, Fla., \$370

BF, permit requirement on certain WMAs

Henderson, Jacob, 22, Wauchula, Loa., \$370 BF, remit requirements on certain WMAs; \$370 BF, big game checking requirements

Martin, Dalton J., 27, Bismarck, \$220 BF, hurting/fishing/trapping on property without per-

Thurlow, Brandon, 19, Huger, S.C., \$620 BF, hunting from road

Thurlow, Daryl K., 54, Huger, S.C., \$620 BF, hunting from road

West, Zachary S., 26, Andres, S.C., \$620 BF, night hunting

#### **CITY OF GLENWOOD**

Anderson, Joshua C., 43, Kirby, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335

Brown, Colby Lee, 41, Texarkana, guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$145; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345

Campbell, Zachary Allen, 31, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$209 owed

Clarke, Kelesha Ranae, 32, Amity, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$145; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$335; guilty of defective/improper headlights, fined \$145

Cruz, Daniel, 19, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$585 owed

Fagan, John Joseph, 21, Mena, \$150 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear,

Forney, Stephanie Leann, 38, Caddo Gap, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$150; guilty of criminal trespass-occupied, fined \$365; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Garza, Delia E., 33, Hot Spring, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$350; guilty of vehicle lights-defective/improper head lamps, fined \$150; guilty of speeding,

Hammock, Cole L., 47, Umpire, \$145 BF, careless prohibited driving; \$145 BF, failure to

**DOCKET** Continued on Page 5

#### **SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU**

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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fruit, milk Lunch: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, 7-12 whole grain roll, applesauce,

7-12 Line 2 option- Beef fingers

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 Breakfast: Cinnamon bun or cereal, juice,

Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, steamed broccoli,

seasoned corn, pkg. cranberries, milk

7-12 Line 2 option- Pizza sticks

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

fruit, milk Lunch: BBQ pork sandwich, potato smiles,

Breakfast: French toast sticks or cereal, juice,

7-12 Line 2 option-BBQ rib sandwich TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Breakfast: Sausage croissant or cereal, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch: Taco salad w/cheese, lettuce, tomato,

fire roasted corn, salsa, pineapple, milk

7-12 Line 2 option- Burrito

WEDNESDÂY, FEBRUARY 12 Breakfast: Super donut or cereal, juice, fruit,

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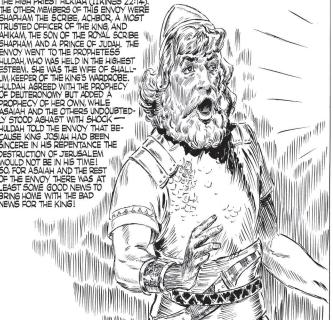
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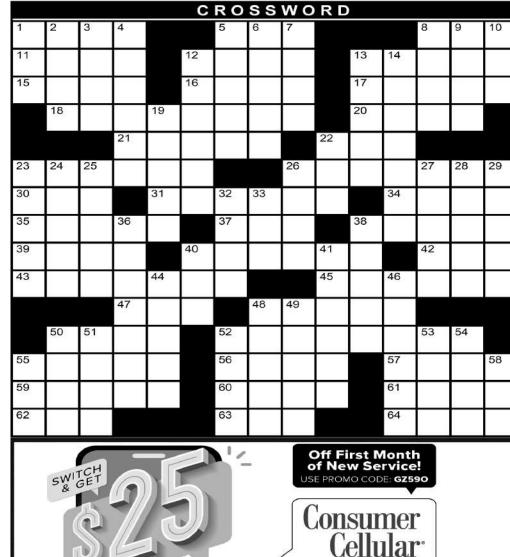
#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Actor Driver
- 5. By way of 8. Bambino
- 11. Oscar De La
- 12. \*Do this backwards to try hard to please
- 13. Range
- 15. Petri dish gel
- 16. Celestial bear
- 17. K-pop home
- 18. \*Cold one is offensive
- 20. Sportscaster Andrews
- 21. Outer space path 22. Hold title to
- 23. \*Take this to commit to marriage
- 26. Bullet factory
- 30. Even, poetically
- 31. Trim
- 34. Sitar music
- 35. Kon-Tiki and such
- 37. Be in a cast
- 38. Very, in music
- 39. Actress Barrymore 40. "Long Day's Journey into Night" play-
- 42. Between Mar. and May
  - 43. Annulling
  - 45. Loads
- 47. Compass point between NE and E
- 48. Dugout river ride 50. Check-in via text
- 52. \*Sign of nervousness (2 words)
- 55. One up
- 56. Lowest female voice
- 57. One quark plus one antiquark
- 59. Toothpaste brand
- 60. Riddle without solution
- 61. Cogito\_ \_ sum
- 62. \*Leg's partner, price-wise
- 63. Make a mistake

64. Robin's house

#### **DOWN**

- 1. "Eureka!"
- 2. \*They cause no problems when they sleep
- 3. Nursemaid, in India
- 5, band
- 5. "Il Trovatore" composer 6. Garment insert
- 7. Month before Nisan
- 8. Torus, pl.
- 9. Word before sesame
- 10. \*Cupful that's not for everyone 12. Adjective derived from bulb
- 14. \*Cutting these leads to poor results
- 19. Prods
- 22. Dot follower
- 23. Lost, in Provence
- 24. Live's partner
- 25. Hungry
- 26. Voting no
- 27. Like Fran Drescher's voice
- 28. Wide open
- 29. Bear digs 32. Group of buffaloes
- 33. \*Breaking it relieves tension 36. \*When these meet, one can afford what they want (2 words)
  - 38. Remote in manner
  - 40. Football's extra point
  - 41. "The Call of the Wild" author 44. Gold bar
  - 46. Dig further
  - 48. One on artist's wheel
  - 49. Communion table 50. Feline vibration
  - 51. Unit on a list
  - 52. \*Easy piece 53. Ireland's other name
  - 54. Duds 55. Edible tuber
  - 58. 1990s negation





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stop or yield

Jones, Natasha Eve, 42, Amity, \$150 BF, expired vehicle tags/license; \$350 BF, driving with suspended license; \$340 BF, failure to show proof of insurance; \$205 BF, failure to ap-

Lewis, Mary Lynn, 17, Murfreesboro, passessing stopped school bus, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$655

Maynard, Bradley Earl, 61, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of violation of Ignition Interlock Device Act, fined 190

Newland, Ryan Tyler, 29, Glenwood, guilty of open container in motor vehicle, fined \$240

Sheffield, Timothy Brian, 34, Hot Springs, \$150 BF, expired vehicle tags/license; \$150 BF, fictitious license sticker; \$340 BF, failure to show proof of insurance; \$205 BF, failure to ap-

Smith, Cody Austin, 30, Royal, \$150 BF, speeding

Whisenhunt, Nancy Jean, 33, Amity, guilty of expired vehicle tags/license, fined \$150; guilty of failure to show proof of insurance, fined \$340

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#### **DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

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DR-24-104 -- Ashline Harr, vs. Raymond Harr, order of protection, Dec. 27

DR-25-1 -- Vivian Reynolds, vs. Dutch Forga, order of protection, Jan. 2

DR-25-2 -- OCSE, vs. Nickolas Oliveira, support/OCSE, Jan. 3

DR-25-3 -- Doug Craven, OBO, Brilyn Young, vs. Betty Craven, order of protection, Jan. 7 DR-25-4 -- OCSE, vs. Matt Delmar, support/

OCSE, Jan 17 DR-25-5 -- Callie Busby, vs. Michael Cates, order of protection, Jan. 21

DR-25-6 -- Justin Horton, vs. Lauren Brewer, paternity, Jan. 30

CV-24-104 -- Michael McCratic & Vickie Owens, vs. unknown person, real property/other,

CV-24-105 -- LVNV Funding, vs. Myranda Hartwick, debt collection, Dec. 31 CV-25-1 -- Troy Capital LLC., vs. Matthew

Montgomery, debt collection, Jan. 7 CV-25-2 -- Arkansas Federal Credit Union,

vs. Stephanie Holt, civil/other, Jan. 8

CV-25-3 -- Diamond Bank, vs. Martha and Mickey McCauley, mortgage foreclosure, Jan. CV-25-4 -- Arivo Acceptance, vs. Jackie

Thomas, contract/other, Jan. 24 CV-25-5 -- Capital One, vs. Kandice Laney, debt collection, Jan. 28

CV-25-6 -- Crown Assest Management, vs. Timothy English, debt collection, Jan 29 CV-25-7 -- Crown Asset Management LLC.,

vs. Karen White, debt collection, Jan 29 CV-25-8 -- Discover Bank vs. Ryan Nolen, debt collection, Jan. 30

#### **MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Matthew C. Legate, 33, Glenwood; Whitney R. Bulfone, 35, Glenwood, Dec. 10 Ethan Jeffrey Dixon, 22, Kirby; Kendall Bre-

ann Muse, 19, Kirby, Dec. 20 Joshua Cody Cantrell, 44, Amity; Pamela Deann Barnes, 39, Amity, Dec. 26

Jonathan Andrew Long, 35, Kirby; Emily Lauren Otts, 33, Kirby, Jan. 15

Kyle Douglas Sweeney, 27, Amity; Sasha Danielle Franklin, 36, Amity, Jan. 24

### Legislature works on bills, including no student cell phones in school

LITTLE ROCK – The Senate passed legislation to prohibit discrimination and preferential treatment in state government, public schools and state-supported institutions of higher education.

The written intent of Senate Bill 3 is "to prohibit discrimination by public entities on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin."

The bill allows people to sue for injunctive relief, court costs and attorneys' fees if they believe their rights have been impacted. Anyone who knowingly violates the act would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

In 2023 the Senate approved a similar bill, SB 71. The House defeated it, but this year's version passed by a greater margin. The Senate approved SB 3 by a vote of 24-to-7 and two years ago SB 71 was approved by a vote of 18-to-12.

Students' access to cell phones during the school day

would be restricted under SB 142, which was filed and referred to the Senate Education Committee. It's called the "Bell to Bell, No Cell Act" and it has 15 Senate sponsors.

One purpose is to improve academic performance by removing distractions from the classroom. Another goal is to improve the emotional and mental health of teenagers who spend too much time on social media.

Arkansas schools and the legislature have already begun work on the issue. Last year lawmakers approved using \$7 million to help schools pay for pouches and storage lockers to keep students' cell

phones during the day. Some parents have said they want their children to

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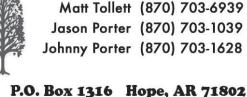
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### Narrows Dam announces schedule for repairs, areas to be closed

VICKSBURG -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Vicksburg District plans to begin work on the trash rack repairs at Narrows Dam at Lake Greeson in Arkansas in mid-February.

Approximately one year ago, USACE identified a need for repairs to the metal structure supporting the trash racks at Narrows Dam at Lake Greeson. Trash racks are metal grates preventing large debris from entering and damaging turbans used for creating hydropower, and do not affect the integrity or effectiveness of Narrows Dam.

As a precautionary measure, Narrows Dam halted hydropower generation until repairs are completed. These repairs are essential to ensuring safe production of hydropower in the fu-

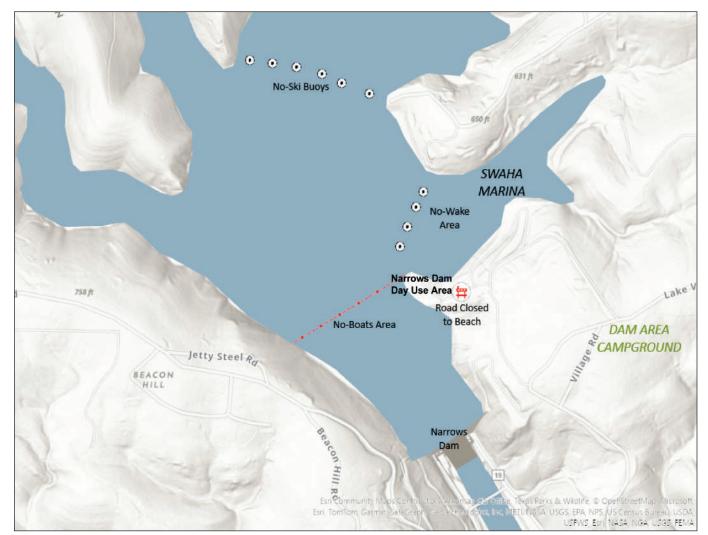
Starting in mid-February, work will begin with mobilization of equipment and materials. Prep work onsite will include assembly of floating work platforms, diving operations to remove the old structure, and partial fabrication of the new support structure. The removal of the existing support structure will take an estimated four to six weeks. Materials and equipment will continue to be delivered throughout this period. Once the existing structure is removed, construction of the new support structure will begin and is estimated to be complete in approximately four to six months.

The Narrows Dam Day Use area will be used as a staging area for equipment and materials. Heavy traffic with large equipment can be expected in this area, especially during periods of mobilization and demobilization.

Beginning February 16, 2025, the Narrows Dam Day Use Area pavilion and swim beaches will be closed to the public. Access to this area will be restricted until repairs are completed.

The 'No Boats' area in front of Narrows Dam will be extended to include the entire work area for both worker and visitor safety. Visiting public will not be allowed to boat inside this area at any time during the repair period. Also, a 'No Ski' area will be established to help reduce wave action within the area for

These repairs will not impact the ability to carry out flood risk management or other missions of the Narrows Dam/Lake Greeson Project. Water releases are regularly executed through the flood control structure to maintain adequate flood risk management. A significant drawdown of Lake Greeson is not anticipated to perform the repairs.



All efforts will be made to minimize the disruption of the use of Lake Greeson and the Little Missouri River downstream for our visitors, partners, and stakeholders.

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#### Egg prices: What goes up usually comes down BILLS Continued from Page 5

#### 'Our food supply is healthy, our egg supply is healthy'

#### BY MARY HIGHTOWER

University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — That omelet is costing more again thanks to highly pathogenic avian influenza, but Jada Thompson says the egg price rollercoaster has a downhill

According to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, since February 2022, HPAI has been detected in more than 1,400 flocks affecting 149.96 million birds. From Jan. 1-30 of this year, more than 19.63 million birds have been affected including 71 commercial flocks and 43 backyard flocks. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, or APHIS, is part of the U.S. Department of Agri-

culture. "The same similar thing happened at the end of 2022 and into 2023," said Thompson, associate professor and poultry economist with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

"What you have is very tight supply," she said. "We were down about 3 percent in egg layer supply at the time and we're down about 3 percent in supply right now."

The number of egg crates in the grocery stores is also affected by a tiny bit of "just-in-

case" buying by consumers.
"We see the egg prices, and then consumers are responding," Thompson said. "There's a bit of people buying all the eggs because they're con-

cerned about the availability"

#### **FLU CYCLES**

While the season for bird flu cycles with spring and fall wildfowl migrations, the rhythm of the egg cycle has its own complexities. Thompson said the retail cycle moves with the holidays when consumers tend to buy more eggs. And then there's the biology.

"The high demand tends to coincide with periods of the year where egg laying kind of drops off a little, due to it being colder and the amount of light changes. There are hormonal effects to egg laying," she said. "Then in summer, the bird flu starts ebbing and then it picks up in the fall."

When bird flu is detected, the flocks need to be depopulated because the current strain of the disease has such a high mortality rate. Whether it's turkeys, broilers or egg layers, it takes time to replace the birds — "there's also kind of a bit of a biological lag in that price recovery system and

for the supply chain." Looking back at 2023, as spring moved on, "we didn't

have as many cases of bird flu. We didn't have as many birds out of the system, and so prices kind of recovered, and those stories fall away, and we don't think about it," Thomp-

However, 2024 is reminding consumers of what was forgotten in the summer of 2023.

"We started seeing a bit more of an uptick. We saw a little bit more shocks to the market," she said.

For comparison:

- In 2022, 43 million table egg layers were affected by
- In 2023 12 million layers were affected
- In 2024, 38 million layers were affected.

Right now? We're already at 13 million in 2025," Thomp-

However, Thompson expects the supply will recover.

"Our food supply is healthy, our egg supply is healthy," Thompson said. "I can tell you that the eggs are coming back on the market."

#### **DAIRY AND POULTRY** Another part of the avian

influenza story is the dairy in-

"There's a linkage between the dairy industry and the poultry industry, and it's probably the closest linkage we're ever going to see right now," Thompson said. "And

it's that dairy cows are susceptible to bird flu, and it reduces production.

"You can see milk prices starting to go up a little bit," she said. "When the cows are sick, they producers have to dump the milk and that's reducing some production lev-

Affected dairy cows are isolated or segregated from the herd and owners are advised to contact their herd veterinarian for additional procedures, sampling, and confirmatory testing. It has been reported that on average, animals have been reported to recover with-

in 30-45 days. According to APHIS, 16 states reported dairy cow infections in January. The Food and Drug Administration says on its site that "pasteurization and diversion or destruction of abnormal milk are two important measures that are part of the federal-state milk safety system.

"Even if the virus is detected in raw milk, the current pasteurization process, HTST or high temperature, short time, will inactivate the virus," according to the FDA's site.

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have cell phones handy in case of an incident like a school shooting. However, some school

safety experts say that cell phones distract students even during shootings, because they focus on texting loved ones instead of following directions and moving to safe locations.

### Beef and forage production meeting

GLENWOOD -- The Pike and Montgomery County U-A Cooperative Extension Service branches will soon collaborate to host a beef and forage production meeting.

The event will be held on Feb. 11 starting at 6 p.m., with registration starting at 5:30 p.m. The location will be at McGrew Livestock Auction at 56 Highway 70 East in Glenwood.

Meals will be provided to attendees. To RSVP or for more information, contact the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161 or the Montgomery County Extension Office at (870) 867-2311.

Topics to be covered at the event include employees of the U-A Division of Agriculture

Research and Extension:

- The impact of nutrition on cattle production by Dr. Maggie Justice, assistant animal science professor and beef cattle specialist CES
- Cool-season next steps in your forage production by Dr. Jonathan Kubesch, animal science assistant professor and forages CES
- Importance of weighing cattle by Codie McAlister, Pike County CES agent, agriculture
- Vaccination protocol by Gerald Hewitt, Montgomery County CES agent, agriculture

The event is being sponsored by McGrew Livestock Auction and Farm Bureau of Pike and Montgomery Counties.

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Lots Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Four (4), Parker and Johnson Addition to the City of Murfreesboro, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Book 62, Page 400A, same being a part of and located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter

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