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## Delight Cemetery Association to meet

DELIGHT -- A meeting of the Delight Cemetery Association will be held at the Pickett Building in Delight on Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. Suggestions, questions and support are greatly appreciated and needed.

## Commodities to be distributed in Glenwood

GLENWOOD -- Central Arkansas Development Council will distribute USDA Commodities County Wednesday, Feb. 26, and Thursday, Feb. 27 in Glenwood. Distribution will begin at 8:30 am. The previous distributions due to take place February 19-20 have been rescheduled to the dates listed above. Commodities will be distributed at the Glenwood Senior Activity Center, 229 Betty Street in Glenwood. Food Items May Include: UHT milk, grape juice, whole corn, green beans, tomato soup, canned pinto beans, peanut butter, spaghetti, beef stew, canned pork and canned chicken. All residents receiving commodities must present identification, with a photo ID preferred and must meet income guidelines.

## Narrows Dam area to experience closures for scheduled repairs

MURFREESBORO -- The Narrows Dam Day Use Area pavilion and swim beaches at Lake Greeson closed to the public on Feb. 16 with access to the area to be restricted until work is complete on the dam's trash racks. The "No Boats" area in front of the dam has also been extended to include the entire work area and a "No Ski" area will be established to help reduce wave action within the work area. After more than a year since halting hydropower production, work on Narrows Dam's trash rack system is starts this month and will take approximately seven months to complete, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Vicksburg District. More than one year ago, during maintenance activities on the trash racks at Narrows Dam at Lake Greeson, USACE identified a need for repairs to the metal structure supporting the trash racks. Trash racks are metal grates preventing large debris from entering and damaging the 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 the uninterrupted and safe production of hydropower in the future, said an USACE press release. This cessation has not impacted the ability to carry out flood risk management or other missions of the Narrows Dam/Lake Greeson Project. Water releases like these are executed through the structure to maintain adequate flood control capability. A significant draw-down of Lake Greeson is not anticipated to perform the repairs.



Submitted photos

**NOW OPEN ...** Connections Coffee Shop and Market opened recently in Murfreesboro on the Pike County Square in the former Ceba Gas building. The business, operated by Ande Terrell-Eckert and Zach Eckert (pictured above left), will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Wifi connectivity will be offered to customers, who can select from a large selection of coffees and lattes as well as soups, sandwiches and pastries. Additionally, the business will also host Fringe Salon, which will open soon. A grand opening with the Chamber is pending at a future date. Pictured with Terrell-Eckert is (above right) Rose Icenhower, (below left) Hailey Oglesby and John Vaught, and (below right) Shawn Hicks.

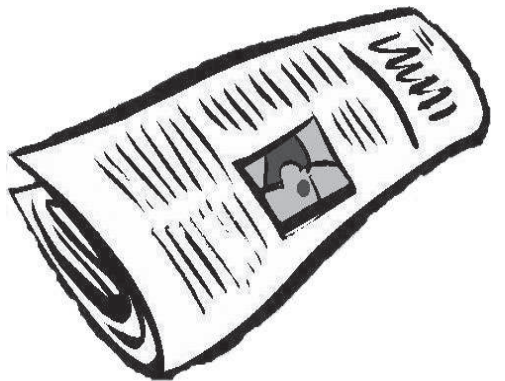


## Former Blevins school counselor arrested

HOPE -- The Hempstead County Sheriff's Office has arrested former Blevins School District counselor and intern principal, Justin James Mishler, 33 of Nashville, following a three-month investigation into multiple criminal offenses. Mishler was arrested on suspicion of the following:  
• Promoting obscene materials  
• Unlawful computerized communications  
• Possession, sale, or distribution of obscene materials  
• Producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child  
• Pandering or possessing visual or print medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child  
• Engaging children in sexually explicit conduct for use in visual or print medium  
• Endangering the welfare of a minor in the second degree  
• Harassment

• Tampering with physical evidence  
The investigation was initiated following reports of inappropriate conduct involving minors. In November of 2024, Mishler, who served as a counselor and interim principal at Blevins High School, resigned in November. At the time of the resignation, Blevins Superintendent Stephanie Dixon said Mishler had submitted his resignation and it was accepted Nov. 11 by the school board. The allegations regarded "potentially inappropriate conduct by an employee, specifically concerning images sent to students," according to a message sent to parents and guardians. The Hempstead County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Arkansas State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force conducted an extensive inquiry into the allegations, which resulted in the issuance of 15 search warrants for social media platforms and electronic devices used by Mishler. As a result of the investigation an arrest

warrant was issued. Mishler with his attorney surrendered himself to Hempstead County Investigator Sgt. Jeremy Mc Bride on Feb. 12. Mishler appeared before Circuit Judge Joe Short, who set Mishler's bond at \$100,000.00. Mishler was released after posting bond with pending a court date of March 24. "This case underscores our unwavering commitment to protecting the safety and well-being of our children," said Hempstead County Sheriff James Singleton. "We appreciate the diligence of Sgt. Jeremy McBride and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in ensuring that justice is served." The Hempstead County Sheriff's Office encourages anyone with additional information regarding this case to come forward. Individuals can contact Investigator McBride at 870-777-6727. As of Tuesday morning, official charges against Mishler had not been filed.



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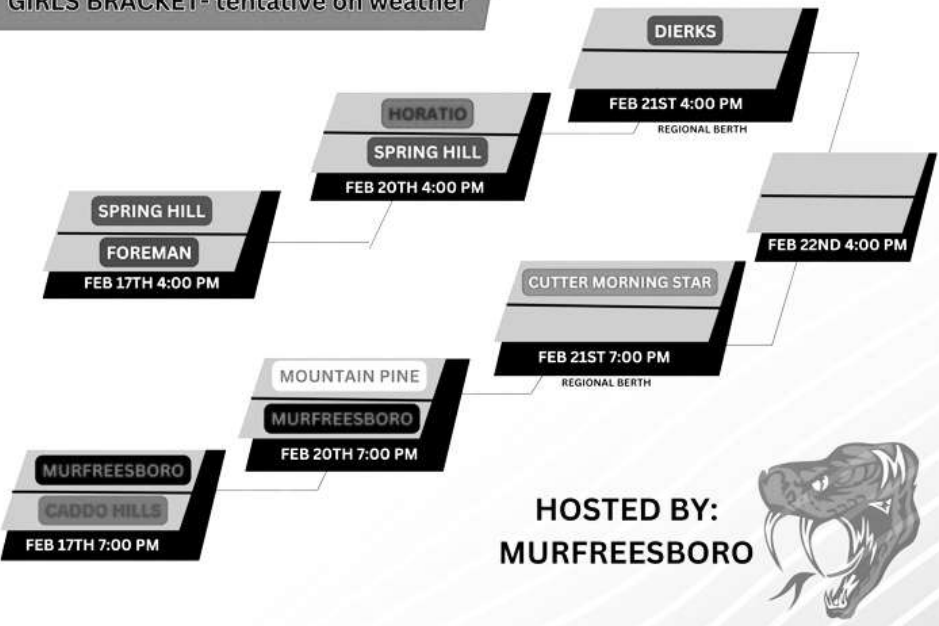
Staff photos

**CLOSING OUT THE SEASON RIGHT ...** The Murfreesboro Lady Rattlers finished the season last week with a pair of wins over Mt. Ida at home 37-30 and at Kirby by a 52-50 score. The ladies also won their first round of the district tournament over Caddo Hills by a 52-23 score on Monday. Pictured above (left) is Jenna May celebrating toward the end of the Mount Ida game, while (right) Chloe Scoggin looks for a steal while on defense. May would score 22 points and grab five rebounds in the tournament win over Caddo Hills.



2A-7 SENIOR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

GIRLS BRACKET- tentative on weather



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2A-7 SENIOR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

BOYS BRACKET- tentative on weather



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UPDATED BRACKETS ... The 2A-7 conference tournament brackets, hosted by Murfreesboro High School, have been updated following the postponement of Tuesday's slate of games due to inclement weather.



Submitted photos

HELPING THE COMMUNITIES ... In their recent drive, Pike County 4-H collected 22 blankets, 76 pairs of socks, 10 pairs of gloves and seven toboggans.



Academy Cemetery announces 2024 donations

NATHAN -- The following contributions were made to the Academy Cemetery Fund in 2024:

\$20.00-\$50.00 Mary Lynn Cornish, Shirley Westfall, Deb and Price Kreul, Floyd and Deniece McCullough, Ray Fendley, Conrad and Eva Cox, Frand and Betty Hughes, Shirley Lauterbach, Janet Oneal, Sandra Couch, Wesley and Beverly Stone, Sheila Toliver, Charlie and Sara Daniel, Shelly Smith, Kerry Welch, Norma Jones, Randy and Lisa Miller, Max and Sandy Campbell, James and Hazel White, Ronnie and Linda King, Dennis and Shirley Smithson, Danna Wilkerson, Thelma Simon, Trent and Laura Cox, David Wilkerson, Betty Young, Dallas and Gail Sweeden, Linda Nevins, Wilkerson Family, Kay Haynie, Nancy Bevell, Steve and Jo Lee Westfall, Paulette Strasner, John L. Bradford

\$60.00-\$150.00 Jimmy Goodwin, Betty Whorley, Wilton Westfall, Dena Tollett, Jerry and Johnnie Couch, Charles and Dana Jones, Patsy Lawless, Doris Oliver, Venetia Sweeden, Ricky and Ann Westfall, Vickie Hutson, Twyla Couch, Johnny and Tamy Lamb, Al McCallister, Junioe Studebaker, Louise Tolliver, Wesley and Martha Foster, Nina Cox, Couch and Wilkerson family, Joy Toliver, Robert McFarland

\$200.00-\$500.00 John Cothorn, Jim McMillen, Jerry Davis, Lyn and Bonnie Graves, Barnes and Tidwell family, Relda Aylett, Ross and Susan Lamb, Basel Cox

Mowing and the upkeep of the cemetery is made possible by your donations. Donations may be given to Basel Cox or Gary L. Cox

Donations may be mailed to Gary L. Cox, 27 Bacon Creek Farm Road, Nashville AR. 71852.

LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

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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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

DEBRA COX and TOMMY TILLEY PETITIONERS

VS. CASE NO. 55CV-25-10

IN REGARD TO: PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS, TO WIT:

Beginning at a point 762 links North of the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, in Township 8 South, Range 24 West, thence North 1738 links; thence East 2000 links; thence South 1738 links; thence West 2000 links to the Point of Beginning, containing 34.75 acres, more or less.

NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of Pike County, Arkansas, a Petition to Quiet Title to lands in Pike County, Arkansas, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 762 links North of the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, in Township 8 South, Range 24 West, thence North 1738 links; thence East 2000 links; thence South 1738 links; thence West 2000 links to the Point of Beginning, containing 34.75 acres, more or less.

Any and all person/s claiming said lands or any interest thereon are hereby warned to appear in this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice and answer said Petition and show cause why the title to said lands should not be quieted and confirmed in said Plaintiff or be forever barred from answering or asserting his interest.

WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pike County, Arkansas, this 12th day of February, 2025.

Sabrina Williams Pike County Circuit Clerk

(v.m. 269w., 33,34,35,36)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PIKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS REQUESTING BIDS TO UPFIT TWO (2) 2025 DODGE DURANGOS

Notice is hereby given that the Pike County Sheriff will be accepting sealed bids for the upfit of two (2) 2025 Dodge Durangos with lights, sirens, cages and other police equipment.

Bid specifications may be requested by emailing pike.secretary@yahoo.com or calling Angie Strawn at (870) 285-2009. The last day to request a bid package is Monday, February 24, 2025.

Sealed bids must be received by the Pike County Sheriff's Department before 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2025 at the following address:

Pike County Sheriff's Office RE: UPFIT EQUIPMENT BID P.O. BOX 177 305 INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE MURFREESBORO, AR 71958

Bid opening will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025, at the Pike County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center, 305 Industrial Park Drive, Murfreesboro, Ar 71958.

Pike County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Pike County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Pike County Sheriff Travis Hill

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(p.c.s. 190w. 33)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: JAYDEN ALEXANDER ROWTON, a minor child 55PR-21-68

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: QUALYN LUSTER

On Monday, March 17, 2025, commencing at 9 a.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, a hearing will be held on the Petition for Adoption in the above-styled matter.

This Petition is filed by DALTON WAYNE ROWTON and BRANDI DAWN MARTIN, and is a formal request for legal action to seek the adoption of the above-listed child and thus termination of your rights. This hearing will take place at the Pike County Judicial Center, Courtroom, located at 305 Industrial Park Dr., Murfreesboro, AR. 71958.

If you object to the Petition, you should file a written response with the Clerk of Pike County, Arkansas.

If you fail to appear at the hearing, a Judge may enter orders or decrees which terminate your rights to the children referenced above.

TISHA MARTIN, ABN 2018105 Post Office Box 1066 Nashville, AR 71852 (870) 686-0074 - Telephone (870) 455-0045 -Facsimile

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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.





Staff photos

**TAMING THE LIONS ...** To close out the regular season last week, the senior boys beat Mount Ida at home by a 74-55 score and lost at Kirby 62-47. Weather permitting, the team is next scheduled to play at home in the conference tournament semifinals on Friday against the winner of the Dierks-Spring Hill matchup. Pictured above is Weston Lamb (left) blocking the shot of a Mount Ida shooter, while (right) Kale Burns looks to create a turnover while guarding a Lion on the baseline.

## PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET

January 21, 2025  
BF=Bond Forfeited

### PIKE COUNTY

Becerra, Jose Juan, 53, Dallas, Texas, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Bryant, Derrill D., 51, Naples, Texas, improper passing, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$125

Cogburn, Larissa Raelynn, 21, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$250

Harrison, Shane E., 20, Hallsville, Texas, \$125 BF, passing on double yellow line; \$205 BF, failure to appear

Hearnsberger, Ronnie, 69, Prescott, improper passing, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$125

Hembey, Tomas Dillin, 27, Delight, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Hooks, Kelley Jean, 53, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, no driver's li-

cense

Poor, April Gibson, 45, Mena, harassing communications, under advisement for one year to dismiss, fined \$450

Spears, Dewayne A., 55, Amity, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125

Stewart, Craig W., 54, Glenwood, \$469.98 BF, violation of Arkansas Hot Check Law

Watts, Brandon L., 45, Delight, guilty of careless or prohibited driving, fined \$125

### CITY OF MURFREESBORO

Roberts, Laurie Ann, 61, Nashville, guilty of failure to pay, \$575 owed

Teel, Vicki, 57, Murfreesboro, guilty of furnishing alcohol to minor, fined \$200; guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined \$800

Tum Van Cung, 21, Indianapolis, Ind., \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$145 BF, following too close

### CITY OF GLENWOOD

Atkinson, Frederick C., 50, Glenwood, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,090, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Cogburn, Laryssa Raelynn, 21, Glenwood, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,020 and license suspended for six months

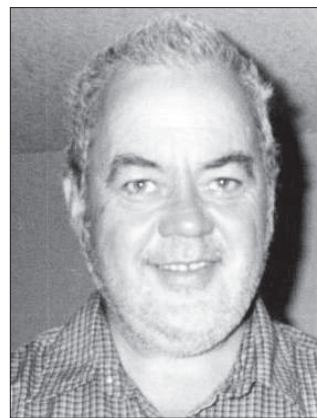
Driggers, Rickey Lee, 75, Glenwood, driving ATV on public highway, under advisement for three months to dismiss, fined \$150

Rose, Kendra Dee, 34, Mount Ida, endangering welfare of minor, under advisement to dismiss, fined \$785; contributing to delinquency of minor, under advisement to dismiss, fined \$415; public intoxication, under advisement to dismiss, fined \$245; drinking in public or on highway, under advisement to dismiss, fined \$245

Williams, Brian Lee Daniel, 26, Nocoma, Texas, failure to show proof of insurance, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$340

# Obituaries

## David Lynn Turner, 70, Murfreesboro



David Lynn Turner, age 70, of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 13, 2025 in Murfreesboro.

He was born on October 9, 1954, in Huntington, Indiana, to the late Leonard Doyce and Donna Mae Turner. He was a member of the Murfreesboro First Baptist Church and had a love for fishing, camping, horseback riding, the outdoors, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his sisters, Linda (Nicky) Ballard of Murfreesboro, and Tina (Stoy) Holland of O'Fallon, Missouri; four nieces Kelly (Jerry) Hile, Lori Ross, Sara (Justin) Mitch-

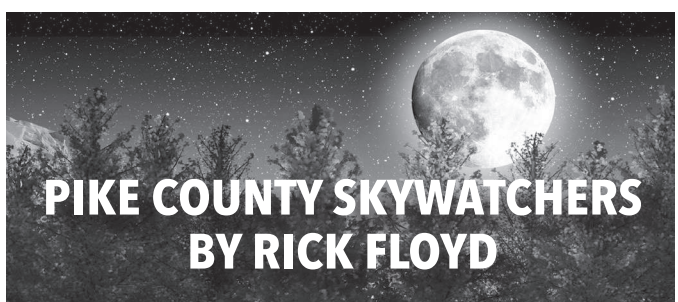
ell, and Caley Holland; three nephews, Mark (Hailey) Holland, Cody (Nikki) Holland, and Luke Holland; and six great nephews, Brennan (fiancé Sarah) and Hampton Hile, Turner and Garrett Ross, Maddox and Nicholas Mitchell.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother Mark Alan Turner, paternal grandparents Preston and Minnie Turner, and maternal grandparents Ralph and Lesta Kelly.

Visitation was held on Monday, February 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., preceding the 2:00 p.m. funeral services at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, with Bro. Brian Doyle officiating. Interment followed in the Murfreesboro Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

We really appreciate and thank the nurses and staff of the Murfreesboro Rehab and Nursing Center for their love and care of our brother and uncle.

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com)



## Location a question of degrees

References to things and events in the day or night sky often mention distances in degrees.

If you are waiting for the International Space Station to pass over, for example, the NASA schedule would have told you that it appears at a precise time a certain number of degrees above a specific area of the horizon, and move across the sky rising to a certain number of degrees at its peak.

Learning a simple system to measure degrees by using your outstretched hand will help you find your way around the sky. Just hold your hand up, fully extended, toward the area you want to measure, and use various parts of it to do the work. The tip of the little finger is about one degree. To determine larger sky angles, use the width of a fist which is ten degrees, fifteen degrees is the span between the little and the index fingers (the hook 'em horns sign), three fingers together (Boy Scout salute) is five degrees, and outstretched thumb and little finger measures twenty-five degrees. So, if you start with the bottom of your fist (pinkie down, thumb up) at the horizon and stack your way up nine times your arm should be pointing straight up at ninety degrees.

The Big Dipper is a good star group to use to calibrate your hand as a measuring device. The top two stars of the bowl are ten degrees apart, and from the end of the handle to the front of the bowl is twenty-five degrees. The distance between the two stars at the front of the bowl is five degrees, the three finger Boy Scout salute. Those two stars, by the way, are the ones that point in the direction of the North Star (Polaris).

The Big Dipper is high in the sky by ten o'clock now, to the right of the North Star with handle down, bowl up. By mid-April it will be above Polaris, bowl turned downward as if giving us April showers. Like a big counter-clockwise clock (to continue the dipper reference), in summer it moves to the left of Polaris, bowl downward and dry, then with bowl up in fall underneath Polaris, it fills up and continues its rotation. That is a bit of a stretch, but a good way to remember where the Big Dipper is at a given time of year.

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**HOUSE CALL**

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

**Q: How do steroids work?**

**A:** Steroids are medicines frequently prescribed to treat a variety of conditions. Also known as corticosteroids, they are synthetic drugs similar to cortisol, a hormone naturally produced by the body. Corticosteroids are not the same as anabolic steroids, which are often taken to increase testosterone and muscle mass. Suppressing the immune system and relieving pain and inflammation are the main uses of corticosteroids. These are strong and fast-acting medicines, so the effects are normally felt soon after taking them. Corticosteroids are given in different ways depending upon the condition being treated, such as by mouth, in eye drops, an injection into a joint or muscle, by inhaler, or topical creams and ointments.

Allergies, asthma, eczema, inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis and lupus are some conditions for which corticosteroids may be prescribed. They are used with transplant recipients to prevent organ rejection. Corticosteroids may be injected into a joint or muscle to reduce pain and promote healing. Common side effects of corticosteroids include increased appetite, insomnia, mood swings, skin irritation and unexpected weight gain. The risk of side effects is reduced if the medications are taken as prescribed. Talk to your health care provider if you have questions regarding a condition that requires corticosteroids.

Email your health questions to [housecall@uams.edu](mailto:housecall@uams.edu).

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## PIKE COUNTY EXTENSION

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### Training for area childcare providers

MURFREESBORO -- Don't miss out on all the early childhood development training opportunities and resources available to childcare professionals in Arkansas! All childcare training programs are offered free of charge by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in partnership with the Division of Childcare and Early Childhood Education and the Professional Development Registry (PDR).

The Howard/Pike/Sevier County in-person 2025 Best Care professional development training has been scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Howard County Extension Homemakers Educational Center at 425 Second Street (behind the courthouse) in Nashville, AR. All childcare providers are encouraged and welcome to attend. It is a great way to get fresh ideas for your childcare program and to connect with others in the community in this much needed and important field of work.

The 2025 course topics equals 10 Best Care PDR hours. Lessons include: Farm to ECE, Al-

lergy Attack!, Sensory Play for all Ages, Outdoor Learning and Physical Activity, Sound Solutions: Music in Early Childhood, Arkansas History and Culture, Problem Solving Pathways, Social and Emotional Development Part 1 and Social and Emotional Development Part 2.

To register for the February 22 class, contact Pike County Extension FCS Agent Eva Langley, at 870-285-2161, or Sevier County Extension FCS Agent Janet Cantrell at 870-584-3013. This is an all-day event and participants are asked to bring their own lunch. Light snacks will be provided during the day.

In addition to this local, in-person class, the University of Arkansas Extension Services continues to offer two online classes: Best Care Connected, which is five hours of training, and Guiding Children Successfully, which is 30 hours of self-guided study. Self-guided hard copies of Guiding Children Successfully are available at your local county Extension office if you do not want the online version.

### MURFREESBORO SENIOR ADULT CENTER LUNCH MENU

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
 Vegetable soup, grill cheese sandwich, chunky fruit medley  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
 Baked chicken, sliced beets, peas & carrots, dinner roll, three layer dessert  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Meatballs & pasta, salad, roll, pumpkin spice blondie

Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. For more information (870) 285-2312. Open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 a.m. Carry out is now available for \$6.00

### SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
 Breakfast: Apple fritter donut or cereal, juice, fruit, milk  
 Lunch: Sliced ham, mac & cheese, black eyed peas, mashed potatoes, cornbread muffin, peaches milk  
 7-12 Line 2 option- Salisbury steak

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, fruit, milk  
 Lunch: Pizza sticks, steamed broccoli, savory carrots, mixed fruit, milk  
 7-12 Line 2 option- Big daddy pepperoni pizza

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
 Breakfast: Biscuit & egg round or cereal, juice, fruit, milk  
 Lunch: Meatball sub w/cheese, fries, baked beans, pears, milk

7-12 Line 2 option- Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
 Breakfast: Chocolate donut or cereal, juice, fruit, milk  
 Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, seasoned corn, pinto beans, 7-12 salsa, pineapple, milk  
 7-12 Line 2 option- Chicken fajitas w/cheese, lettuce, tomato

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
 Breakfast: French toast sticks or cereal, juice, fruit, milk  
 Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, seasoned carrots, garlic breadsticks, peaches, milk  
 7-12 Line 2 option- Orange chicken fried rice

\* 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](http://www.rattlers.org)

## 'Dear Preacher'

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ



THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF OUR LIVES

Today is the most important day of my life. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come. Matthew 6:34 tells me not to worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own troubles. According to James 4:14, I do not know what will happen tomorrow. My life is simply a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Because of the brevity of life and the uncertainty of tomorrow, I should live each day as if it were my last day on earth.

Each day I have an opportunity to enjoy life and to show everyone around me what Jesus Christ has done and is doing for me.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ told me just how to do this. Matthew 5:16 -

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in Heaven.

The world today needs some good news. That news is the Gospel and what God can do for your life and how he can change everything for you. I need to uncover my light and let it fully shine for Jesus so that the world may see Christ living in me.

The more a light shines, the warmer it becomes. The more I do for the cause of Christ, the

more I want to do! Christ tells us in Revelation 3 not to be lukewarm, but to become hot in my work for the Lord.

Scripture gives us good advice for daily living in the following verses:

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14 - Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

JAMES 4:15 - Instead we ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that.

As we begin a new week, let us live for today, pray for the Lord's will to be done, and let our light shine before men.

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15. Relating to wine, arch.
16. Tabletop mountains
17. H+, e.g.
18. Large key on the right
19. \* "\_\_\_ Boys"
21. \* "Emilia Pérez" leading actress
23. H in HMS, sometimes
24. Kids' get-away
25. Like certain Four
28. Queen of Carthage
30. Razzed
35. Scary fairytale creature
37. Soft drink
39. Like certain egg order
40. Sir Mix-\_\_\_-\_\_\_
41. \*Sean Baker's original screenplay
43. Loyal, arch.
44. Caldecott award
46. Ascus, pl.
47. AI's learning material
48. Harry \_\_\_\_, once of One Direction
50. Wearing footwear
52. \* At 2024 Oscars, Ryan Gosling sang "I'm Just \_\_\_"
53. Sushi restaurant libation
55. Unit of length of yarn
57. \* This year's Academy Awards host
60. \* Elphaba and Galinda story
63. Antique shop item
64. Metal-bearing rock
66. Mountain nymph
68. Southeast Asian org.
69. Lavatory, abbr.
70. \* \_\_\_ Theatre
71. Whimper
72. Sodium hydroxide

73. Follow

**DOWN**

1. Scottish cap
2. Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"
3. Not yet final, at law
4. Mold a mind
5. Like ear of corn that is ready to cook
6. Bride's cover
7. Opposite of hence
8. Polynesian kingdom
9. Zn
10. "I'm \_\_\_ you"
11. Property right
12. Acronym, abbr.
15. Evening worship
20. "All My Children" vixen
22. Invoice qty.
24. Colossus, pl.
25. Fizzes
26. End of a shoelace
27. \* "The Brutalist" leading actor
29. Spanish lady
31. Old, in Scottish
32. Go stealthily
33. Related on mother's side
34. \*Chalmet's role
36. Et alibi, abbr.
38. St. Louis' Gateway
42. Garlicky mayonnaise
45. Acne, technically
49. Famous frat house
51. Crack
54. Grassy mound
56. Ohio metropolis
57. Yorkshire river
58. Tea or beer
59. Iranian money
60. We have
61. Mature elvers
62. Dabu-\_\_\_, chili pepper condiment
63. Operator's equip.
65. \* Jamie Foxx won Best Actor in 2005 for this biopic
67. Yellow #5, e.g.

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# Tax Time -- Extension offers tips for filing, saving

BY TRACY COURAGE

*U of A System Division of Agriculture*

LITTLE ROCK — With Tax Day just a few weeks away, the countdown is on to prepare and submit tax returns for 2024.

Tax filing season officially began Jan. 27 when the IRS began accepting paper and electronic tax returns. The agency said it expects more than 140 million individual tax returns to be filed by April 15.

Laura Hendrix, associate professor and extension personal finance expert for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, offers some tips and resources for filers looking to save money and make good use of their tax refunds.

**GET ORGANIZED**

Tax filers need several documents, such as reports of income received in 2024, and information for tax credits, deductions and itemization.

"Keep the documents and tax forms you need to file your taxes in one place," Hendrix said. "This way, you can prepare an accurate return, claim deductions or credits, and avoid errors that could delay your refund."

Lists of items and forms required can be found on the IRS website: <https://www.irs.gov>

File electronically to get a faster refund.

Use direct deposit — Have your refund deposited directly into your bank account by using IRS Form 8888.

File for free -- The IRS expects more than half of tax returns be filed this year with the help of tax professionals, but many people may save money by using one of several free tax preparation options:

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tion companies for Free File. It's available to anyone with an adjustable gross income of \$84,000 or less. Adjusted gross income (AGI) is total income minus deductions. To learn more and see the list of tax prep companies, visit the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly sites do free tax preparation for people who qualify. For locations, visit <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>

AARP Tax Aid provides free assistance at several in-person locations in Arkansas and online for filers with adjusted gross income of \$84,000 or less. <https://secure.aarp.org/applications/VMSLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action>

MilTAX — Service members and their families, including retired and National Guard can file for free with MilTAX. <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/taxes/miltax-military-tax-services>

**GET TAX CREDITS**

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) — This is a refundable credit (money sent to you after taxes). If you worked or were self-employed and earned less than \$66,819, you can receive the Earned Income Tax Credit by filing a tax return.

Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) — These tax credits are for filers with qualifying dependents. The Child Tax Credit is applied to the tax bill; the Additional Child Tax Credit is refundable. Children must be under age 17 and must have lived with you for more than half the year. The Child Tax Credit is worth a maximum of \$2,000 per qualifying child. Up to \$1,700 is refundable.

If you have income below the standard deduction threshold, which is \$14,600 for single filers and \$29,200 for those married filing jointly, you may not be required to file a return. However, you may want to file anyway so you can receive refundable tax credits.

IRS Tax Assistant is an online tool and calculator that can help filers determine qualifications and estimate amounts. <https://www.irs.gov/help/ita>

**TAKE DEDUCTIONS**

A deduction is an amount you subtract from your income when you file so you don't pay tax on it. Tax filers either take the standard deduction or they itemize deductions.

"Most people take the standard deduction, which lets you subtract a set amount from your income based on your filing status," Hendrix said. "If your deductible expenses and losses are more than the standard deduction, you can save money by itemizing, or deducting them one-by-one from your income. Tax software can walk you through your expenses and losses to show the option that gives you the lowest tax."

The standard deductions for 2024 are \$14,600 for single or married filing separately; \$29,200 for married couples filing jointly or qualifying surviving spouse; and \$21,900 for head of household.

"If you're married filing separately, you can't take the standard deduction if your spouse itemizes," Hendrix said. "You must both choose the same method."

**SAVE MONEY**

After taxes are filed, Hendrix urges people to think ahead of how they can best use tax refund money.

"This windfall money comes around only once a year, so take time to think about how you can make the most of your tax refund," Hendrix said. She recommends putting at least part of the refund into savings because "it's easier to save money you've never seen or had in your hands."

She recommends these options:

- Build an emergency fund. "You should aim to have at least \$1,000 in an emergency fund, and a tax refund is a great way to start."
- Pay off debt — "Paying off debt is as important as saving," Hendrix said. "Use your refund to pay off some or all credit card debt, or use the extra to pay down a car, home, or other loan. Paying additional to the principal of a loan can take months off your loan and save money in interest."
- Boost your retirement funds.
- Save for a child's education.
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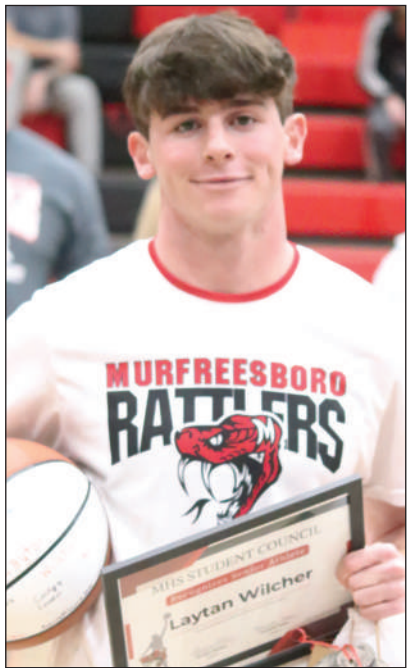
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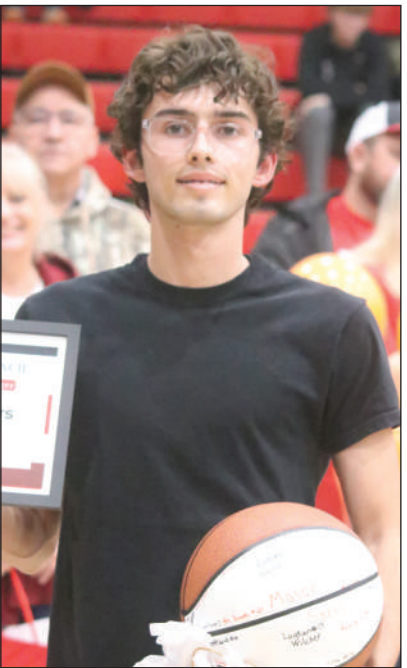
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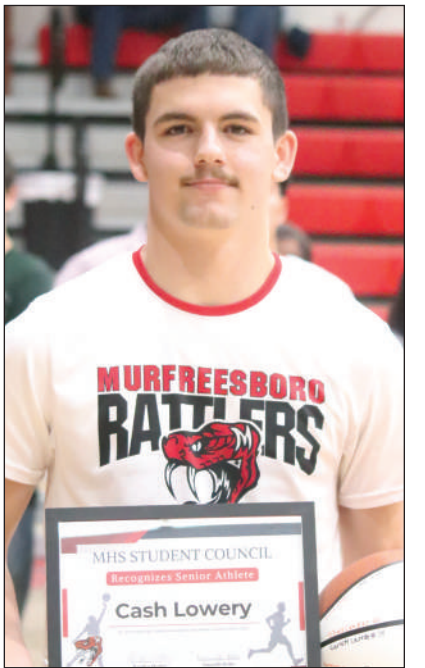
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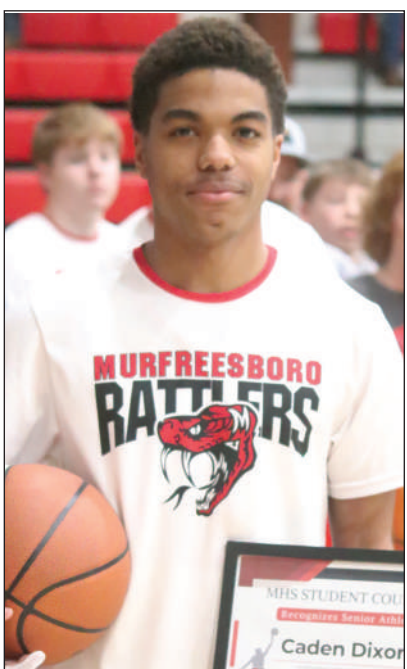
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