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#### Ham radio club seeks new members

PIKE COUNTY -- The Pike County Ham Radio Club is looking for anyone interested in obtaining technician or general license classes this summer.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a ham radio operator, or advancing to the next license level, please message this page, send the group an email at pikecountyĥamradioclub@gmail.com.

#### **State Department of Transportation warns** against toll-road scam

LITTLE ROCK -- On February 27, 2025, the Attorney General of Arkansas office alerted Arkansans to a resurfacing scam targeting mobile phone users through fraudulent text messages. Those behind the text messages are posing as toll service providers to steal personal information and trick recipients into making fake pay-

According to the Attorney General of Arkansas office, this scam, first seen in Arkansas in 2024, is making a comeback. The messages claim the recipient owes unpaid toll fees and provides a link for payment. However, Arkansas does not have toll roads, making these messages fraudulent.

"If you get one of these texts, please fill out the robocall reporting form on my website, and do not send payment to any entity that only contacts you via text," Attorney General Tim Griffin said.

To report a scam text message, visit arkansasag.gov/divisions/public-protection/robocall-reporting-form.

To see the Attorney General of Arkansas office news release, visit arkansasag.gov/newsrelease/consumer-alert-toll-road-scam-resur-

#### Pike County waterway named as one of state's best floating rivers

BY DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY Glenwood Herald Editor

GLENWOOD - The Caddo River was recently featured as one of the best floating rivers in Arkansas in an article posted on www. arkansas.com.

Arkansas is known for its outstanding outdoor activities and floating a river is one of the best ways to enjoy the outdoors in Arkansas.

Arkansas.com recently highlighted seven rivers that offer some of the best floating experiences in the state. The Caddo River, which makes its way through Clark, Montgomery and Pike Counties, made the list of rivers to float.

The Caddo River originates in the Ouachita mountains in Montgomery County. It flows into Pike County and Clark County before emptying into DeGray Lake in Arkadelphia. It ends its journey at the Ouachita River north of Arkadelphia.

The Caddo River is known as a floating destination with several local businesses catering to the kayaking and canoeing enthusiast. The river is also known as a great spot for fishing with smallmouth and spotted bass, longear and green sunfish among the fish many look

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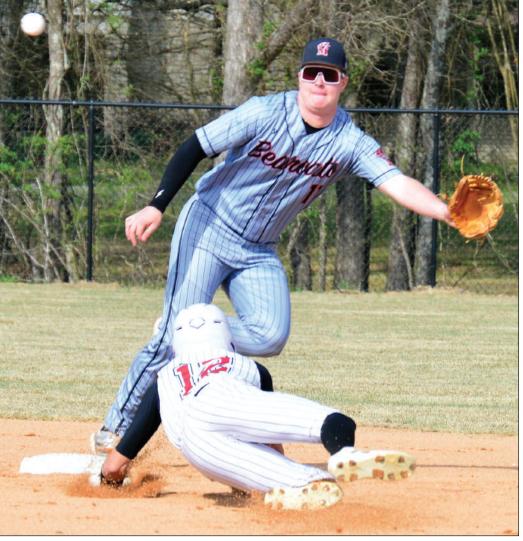
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PLAY BALL ... Over the spring break vacation last week, the Rattlers utilized the new baseball/ softball complex for the first time while in action at the Murfreesboro Classic that pitted the Rattlers versus Mena and Taylor on Thursday, March 27. The ceremonial first pitch was thrown out by longtime South Pike County School Board member Scott Maroon (above) and caught by his senior son, Brody, who hit the first home run on the new field. The official first game pitch came courtesy of Isaac Kuykendall (left). Carter Gilmer slides safely into second (below left) and Kade Caldwell watches a pitch pass after showing bunt during a plate appearance. The Rattlers dropped both games, 8-3 to Mena and 8-2 to Taylor.

Staff photos/John Balch





#### Local charged with child abuse material

ARKADELPHIA -- An Amity man has been charged in Clark County with 50 counts of possessing child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

James Virgil Parks, 38, who resides on Mountain Road in Amity, was charged March 27 in Clark County Circuit Court.

According to case information, an investigation was opened on Feb. 6 when a special agent with the Arkansas State Police was assigned a "cyber tip" associated with three CSAM incidents dated July 2024 and January 2025. The incidents were reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by Snapchat and Kik, both mobile messaging apps.

A subpoena was issued during the investigation for an IP address, which came back to a "Michael Parks" on Mountain Road in Amity.

On Feb. 11, agents with the ASP Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce executed a residential search warrant on Mountain Road. Agents found a cell phone in a spare room that had been destroyed and was collected as evidence.

Parks is still being held in the Clark County jail awaiting a trial date.

#### **Pike County Clerk alerts** voters that possible action is required to maintain or update voter registration

MURFREESBORO -- Randee Edwards, the Pike County Clerk and Voter Registrar announced that her office, in compliance with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993, will be mailing notifications to 1,343

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registered voters in the county. This number includes 851 yellow confirmation cards and 492 green cancellation cards.

As we approach the 2026 preferential primary and general elections, it is important that you update your voter registration with our office. Please fill out the detachable postcard and mail it back and we will update your registration information. This is a vital step to ensure that your voter registration stays current and avoid the possibility of being removed as a Pike County voter due to non-compliance with the law.

#### **NVRA BACKGROUND**

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 set up national guidelines and requirements for allowing voters to be given the opportunity to register to vote or change their voter registration information when seeking or receiving services such as a driver's license or public assistance.

Under the law (Amend 51, §10, (d)), the Pike County Clerk's Voter Registration Office is to conduct bi-annual confirmation mailings to those individuals with whom we didn't have contact during the past two general election cycles. These individuals didn't vote nor update their registration information during the cycle. The mailing asks the voter to either confirm their address or update their registration information. A postcard is built into the mailer, which enables the voter to mail back their response to the Voter Registration Office.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE LEE THOMAS, Deceased .... No. 55PR-25-15

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATRIX AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Estate of: Jimmie Lee Thomas, Deceased Last known address: 7406 Alto Caro Drive

Dallas, Texas 75248 Date of Death: October 6, 2020

The undersigned was appointed Ancillary Administratrix of the estate of the above mentioned decedent on the 25th day

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned 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

This notice first published 2nd day of April, 2025.

JOANN THOMAS,

Ancillary Administratrix Bv: ERIC T. BISHOP Attorney for the Estate 317 NW Front Street Ashdown, Arkansas 71822

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

OFFICIAL VOTER MAILOUTS ... Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards advises that any Pike County residents that are registered voters to not consider either of the below forms to be considered as junk mail. Returning the cards is vital to remaining a registered voter.

Randee Edwards Pike County Clerk P.O. Box 218 Murfreesboro, AR 71958

DETACH THIS CARD AT PERFORATION AND RETURN BY MAIL

Randee Edwards Pike County Clerk P.O. Box 218 Murfreesboro, AR 71958

#### OFFICIAL VOTER REGISTRATION MATERIAL

**Voter Address Confirmation Notice** 

DETACH THIS CARD AT PERFORATION AND RETURN BY MAIL

I still reside in Pike County. To confirm my current residence address, I have <u>printed all</u> of the requested information below, signed and returned this card within ten (10) days.

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**Voter Address Confirmation Notice** 

Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 Section 10(c)

I no longer reside in Pike County, Arkansas. I am requesting that my voter registration be cancelled. I have printed all requested information below, signed, and <u>returned this card within</u> ten (10) days.

Today's Date

According to our records you have not responded to our address confirmation notice and you have not voted in any election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second general election for federal office after the date of the first notice. This may indicate that you no longer live at the residence address printed on the postcard. If your permanent address is still the same as the printed address on this postcard, YOU MUST CONFIRM YOUR RESIDENCE ADDRESS in order to remain on the voter registration list. If you do not return the attached postcard within thirty (30) days after the date postmarked on this card YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE CANCELLED and you will have to re-register to vote.

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THIS NOTICE IS BEING SENT TO YOU AS REQUIRED BY THE ARKANSAS ACT REQUIRES THE PERMANENT REGISTRAR TO CONDUCT A UNIFORM ADDRESS CONFIRMATION PROGRAM DURING EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR TO ENSURE THAT VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS ARE ACCURATE AND

YOU MUST CONFIRM YOUR INFORMATION WITH THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS. PLEASE CONFIRM BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

> Mail: Complete and return the attached postage (For security, do not detach notice just fold it back and tape closed before mailing.) Phone: (870) 285-2743

YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION WILL BE CANCELLED IF YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS IS OUTSIDE OF PIKE COUNTY, YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE COUNTY/STATE IN WHICH YOU RESIDE.

> PLACE HERE

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND INTENTION TO SELL YOU MAY LOSE YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU DO NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD YOU WILL REMAIN LIABLE FOR ANY DEFICIENCY WHICH THEN EXISTS AND AN ACTION TO COLLECT IT MAY BE BROUGHT AGAINST YOU THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR **SUCH PURPOSE** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 14, 2025 at or about 11:00AM, the subject real property described herein below will be sold at the Main Entrance of the Pike County Courthouse, One Courthouse Square, Murfreesboro, AR 71958 to the highest bidder for cash. The sale will extinguish all interests, including those of existing lien holders or previous owners in the property. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH THE TIME OF SALE AND ALL TRANSFER TAXES WILL BE THE RE-SPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER.

WHEREAS, the property secured under the Mortgage is located in Pike County, Arkansas more particularly described as

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN PIKE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS:

A TRACT OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NE-4 NE-4 IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 25 WEST AND ALSO BEING PART OF THE SAME TRACT AS RECORDED IN BOOK 207, PAGE 748 IN PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" PIN W/CAP FOR THE NE CORNER OF SAID NE-4 NE-4, THENCE S01 DEGREES 29' 36"W, 866.68 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NE-4 NE-4 (ALSO BEING ALONG AND WITH MUTT TURNER ROAD) TO 1/2" PIN IN THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 70; THENCE S76 DEGREES 38' 17" W, 137.8 FEET ALONG WITH SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE S13 DEGREES 52' 43" E, 20.0 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE S75 DEGREES 36' 17" W, 35.24 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A 1/2" PIN; THENCE N35 DEGREES 29' 03" W, 561.02 FEET TO A 1/2" PIN (ALSO BEING THE SE COR-NER OF GARRETT'S TRACT & NE CORNER OF O'NEAL'S 5 ACRE TRACT); THENCE N01 DEGREES 24' 23" E, 488.27 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF EAST 500 FOOT OF SAID NE-4 NE-4 TO  $1/2^{\prime\prime}$  PIN IN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NE-4 NE-4 THENCE S87 DEGREES 52' 31" E, 500.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NE-4 NE-4 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 8.82 ACRES OF LAND, MORE

LESS AND EXCEPT: A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NE-4 NE-4 IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 25 WEST AND ALSO BEING PART OF THE SAME TRACT AS RECORDED IN BOOK 207, PAGE 748 IN PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" PIN WITH CAP FOR THE NE CORNER OF SAID NE-4 NE-4, THENCE S01 DE-GREES 29' 36" W-300 FEET ALONG AND WITH MUTT TURN-ER ROAD TO RR SPIKE; THENCE S70 DEGREES 00' W-396.24 FEET ALONG FLAGGED LINE TO 1/2" PIN; THENCE S01 DEGREES 24' 23" W - 211.39 FEET TO A 1/2" PIN IN THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF JAMES SCALLION'S 2.10 ACRE TRACT THENCE N35 DEGREES 29' 03" W - 217.56 FEET ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY LINE TO A 1/2" PIN AT THE NE CORNER OF JAMES SCALLION'S 5 ACRE TRACT (ALSO BEING THE NORTH CORNER OF SAID 2.10 ACRE TRACT); THENCE N01 DEGREES 24' 23" E - 488.27 FEET ALONG HACKED, PAINED & STAKED LINE TO 1/2" PIN (NORTH LINE OF SAID NE-4 NE-4); THENCE S87 DEGREES 52' 31" E - 500.00 FEET ALONG AND WITH DOWN FENCE (PARTLY HACKED/PAINTED LINE TO THE POINT OF BE-GINNING, CONTAINING 4.90 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. (SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING COUNTY ROAD RIGHT

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THE NE-4 NE-4 IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 25 WEST, AND ALSO BEING PART OF THE SOME TRACT AS RECORDED IN BOOK D207 AT PAGE 748, IN PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOWS: COMMENCE AT A 1/2" PIN W/CAP FOR THE NE CORNER OF SAID NE-4 NE-4, THENCE S01 DEGREES 29' 36" W, 861.26 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NE-4 NE-4 TO RR SPIKE (EAST LANE OF MUTT TURNER ROAD) FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S01 DEGREES 29' 36" W, 5.42 FEET TO A 1/2" PIN IN THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF US HIGHWAY 70; THENCE S76 DE-GREES 38' 17" W. 137.79 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO A POINT THENCE S13 DEGREES 52' 43" E, 20.00 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO A POINT; THENCE S75 DEGREES 36' 17" W, 35.24 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO 1/2" PIN; THENCE N35 DEGREES 29' 03" W, 131.82 FEET ALONG NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SCALLION'S 2.10 ACRE TRACT TO 1/2" PIN; THENCE N81 DEGREES 04' 35" E 170.87 FEET TO A RR SPIKE IN EXISTING DRIVE; THENCE S38 DEGREES 13' 49" E, 21.49 FEET ALONG WITH EXISTING DRIVE (JOINT DRIVE FOR SCALLION/O'NEAL-HOCKADAY); THENCE \$48 DEGREES 21'45"E, 77.54 FEET ALONG WITH SAID JOINT DRIVE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING,

CONTAINING 0.40 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. Street Address: 3243 Highway 70 W Kirby AR 71950

WHEREAS on March 24, 2023 Amanda Higgs, a single woman, Kenneth Higgs, a single man, and Tammy Tanner, a single woman with joint tenancy with right of survivorship, executed a Mortgage in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for FirstTrust Home Loans Inc. Said Mortgage was recorded on April 17, 2023 in Book M377, Page 593, in the real property records of Pike County, Arkansas. Said Mortgage was subsequently assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by virtue of an assignment dated December 19, 2024 and recorded on December 19, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024R-001911 in the real property records of Pike County, Arkansas. The party initiating foreclosure can be contacted at or in care of its servicer initiating foreclosure at: Planet Home Lending, LLC 321 Research Parkway, Suite 303 Meriden CT 06450-8301 at Telephone No. 855-884-2250; and

WHEREAS, there may be tenants that claim an interest in the real property herein based upon said tenancy; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the attorney for the mortgagee and is acting on and with the consent and authority of the mortgagee who is exercising its power of sale under Ark. Code Ann. §18-50-115 which implies a power of sale in every mortgage of real property situated in this state that is duly acknowledged and recorded; and default has occurred in the payment of said indebtedness, specifically the installment due August 1, 2024, and each subsequent payment to date are now due; and the holder of the debt has requested the undersigned to sell the property to satisfy said indebtedness. This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat or bill(s) of assurance; any restrictive covenants, easements, set back liens or encroachments; any unpaid and/or delinquent taxes or special assessments; any statutory redemption rights of any governmental entity; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a UCC or fixture filing; and, to any matter that an accurate survey of the property might disclose. This property is being sold "as is" with no representation as the condition of any structure(s) thereon or the accuracy of the above legal description. Transfer taxes and recording fees are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Home Lending, LLC, by its attorney-in-fact, Albertelli Law

WITNESS my hand this 4th day of February, 2025. Planet

Kevin Rogers, 2012031 1 Information Way Suite 201 Little Rock, AR 72202 501-406-0855 A LAW No. 25-001139

(p.n.a., 1351w., 37,38,39,40)

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for in the river.

For the floating enthusiast, the Caddo River offers something for everyone. Known as an easygoing float, the Caddo River is perfect for a summer afternoon of meandering on the water and enjoying the beautiful scenery along the way. Floating season isn't limited to the Summer with many floating the river throughout the year.

The Caddo River does offer Class I and II rapids along the way, offering enough of a challenge to attract even the most seasoned kayaker and canoer.

The Ouachita River, which runs through Montgomery County, winds it way approximately 177 miles through Arkansas. The river begins its journey near Mena, Arkansas and makes its way through Montgomery County before feeding into Lake Ouachita. The river continues southward through Arkansas and into Louisiana where it joins the Tensas River to form the Black River near Jonesville, Louisiana.

The Ouachita River is known as a river that can offer a challenge no matter where you put in. The upper portion of the river, which runs through Montgomery County, features clear water that tumble along shoals before emptying into tranquil pools. The scenery as it weaves its way through the Ouachita Mountains is breathtaking.

Other rivers featured in the article include the Cossatot River, the Spring River, Mulberry River, Kings River, and Buffalo National River.

You can read the original article at www.arkansas.com/articles/top-7-waters-floating-arkansas.

Original article published on www.arkansas.com written by Jill

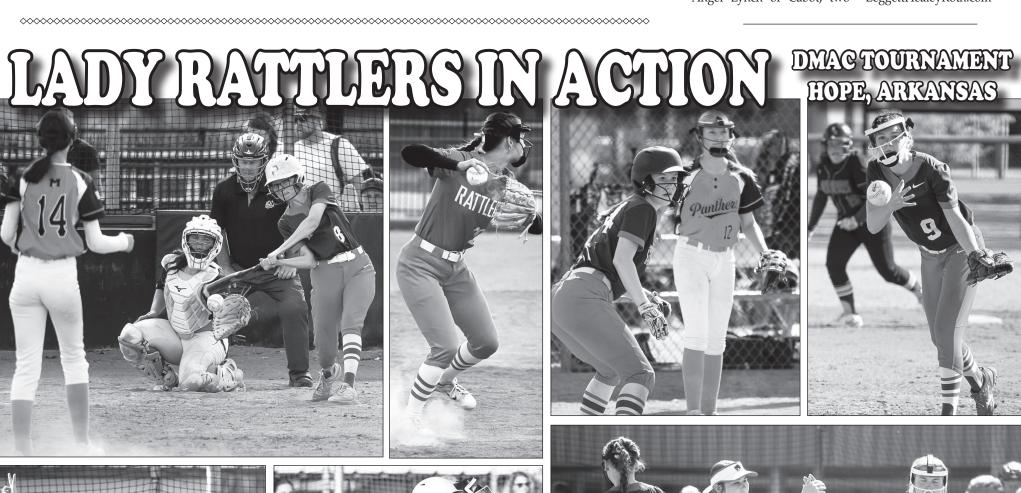
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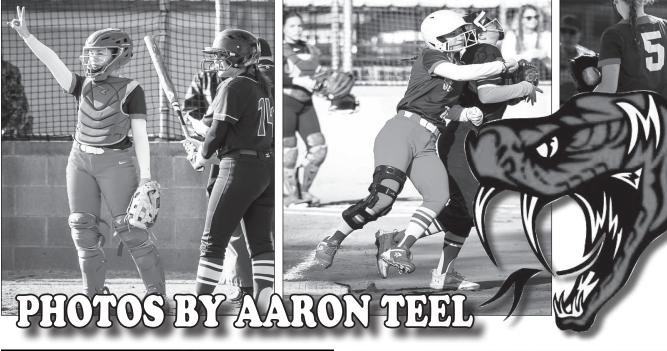
## John Michael Steuart, 77, Little Rock

John Michael Steuart, 76, of Little Rock, passed away on March 17, 2025. He was born on August 12, 1948, in Texarkana, Arkansas, to the late J.T. and Beryl Steuart. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Linda Steuart of Little Rock; his daughter, Angel Lynch of Cabot; two

granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; his sister, Janice Elkins of Little Rock; and extended family who will miss him dearly.

A private memorial luncheon will be held at a later date. The full obituary can be read at www.Griffin-LeggettHealeyRoth.com

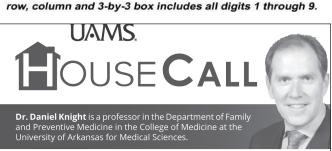








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#### Q: What is celiac disease?

A: Celiac disease is a chronic digestive system disorder caused by an abnormal reaction to foods containing gluten, a protein found in grains such as barley, rye or wheat. The gluten triggers an immune response that ultimately damages the small intestine. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases estimates that celiac disease affects about 2 million people in the U.S Those affected by celiac disease are more likely to have nutritional deficiencies because the mucosa, the lining in the small intestine, is unable to properly absorb nutrients. Those with autoimmune diseases such

as rheumatoid arthritis or Type 1 diabetes are more at risk for celiac disease. The condition

frequently presents itself during

early childhood or between the ages of 40 and 60.

Celiac disease symptoms are similar to other illnesses Bloating, constipation, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, and weight loss are common symptoms. Complications include anemia, loss of bone density, liver damage, delayed puberty and damage to tooth enamel.

A gluten-free diet is the primary treatment for celiac disease. This allows the small intestine to heal and resume normal function. Iron or vitamin supplements may be recommended to aid with nutritional deficiencies. See your health care provider if you have questions.

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## Where does the earth end and the sky begin?

What is the distance between the Earth and the sky? Basically, the answer is zero. The Earth's atmosphere is sky, where we find birds in flight, clouds at different levels, from fog to cirrus, and the ever-present aircraft. Those who think of the sky as the dome of stars, and where the Sun, the Moon and the planets reside are thinking of space.

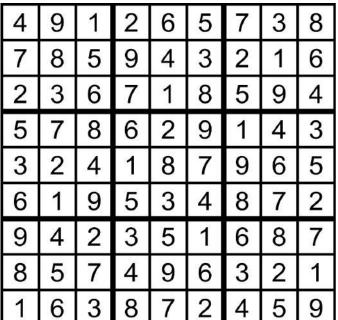
Not surprisingly, our modern age has an internationally agreed upon definition of where the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and space is. It is called the Von Karman Line, and to get there it would require a vertical trip of 62 miles. It sounds like an easy enough trip; in your car you could be there in less than an hour. However, your vehicle would have to be modified to produce enough energy to accelerate to about 17,500 miles per hour to counter the pull of Earth's gravity (if you wanted to go

into orbit). I recall a scene from the movie "The Right Stuff" when test pilot Chuck Yeager (of breaking the sound barrier fame) takes an experimental fighter jet straight up almost to the boundary. He could see the curvature of the Earth, the blue sky faded away, and the blackness of space appeared, full of stars, before the nose of

the jet tipped back toward Earth. Spring and summer are good times of the year to watch clouds. Spring offers a variety of clouds, from puffy cumulus to the lingering high-altitude cirrus, as well as the stormy ones. Summer is seemingly dominated by cumulus (cotton ball) clouds.

There is a human tendency, when looking at clouds, to see familiar shapes in them like faces, rabbits, dragons etc. Pareidolia is the name for the tendency to see such images in unrelated objects like rock formations, gnarly wood and, as mentioned, clouds. Famous ones are the face of the Virgin Mary on a piece of toast, the man or rabbit in the Moon, and the face of the Devil in the smoke from the Twin Towers on 9-11.

Astronomers also have exercised Pareidolia by giving nebulae names that describe what they look like. You can find a bat, a tarantula, a cat's eye, a horsehead and an eagle out there in deepspace, just to mention a few.



## PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET

March 4, 2025 BF=Bond Forfeited

#### **PIKE COUNTY**

Akard, James Ryan, 37, Nashville, \$135 BF,

Alden, Ashly Christina, 41, North Little Rock, guilty of failure to pay, \$9,740 owed, committed to jail for 30 days; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Ayala, Miguel Marquez, 55, Antoine, \$125

BF, no driver's license

Battiest, Bryan E., 37, Wright City, Okla., \$308 BF, overweight

Benedict, Zacharian T., 46, Glenwood, \$135 BF, speeding

Best, Janetta Lakeesha, 38, Glenwood, \$215

BF, speeding Boyd, John Wayne, 31, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF,

no seat belt Boyd, Johnnie, 67, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt Buttrum, Danny Brent, 43, Hot Springs,

guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$70; guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$125 Castillo, Gilberto Orona, 47, Laredo, Texas,

\$125 BF, no driver's license; \$135 BF, speeding Cogburn, Dakota D., 21, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, careless prohibited driving

Cogburn, Jacob Dempsey, 20, Glenwood, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$125 BF, no driver's license

Combs, Stephenie Gosnell, 45, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,090 owed, fined \$205 Contreras, Seth Franklin, 19, Glenwood, \$125

Cook, Terina M., 58, Amity, \$135 BF, speed-

Cox, Robin Keigh, 55, Murfreesboro, \$185 BF, speeding

Cruz, Mario, 45, Glenwood, guilty of failure to stop or yield, fined \$125; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325 BF, and sentenced to 10 days in jail-suspended conditions; guilty of violation of Ignition Interlock Device Act, fined \$170; guilty of drinking in public or on highway, fined \$225

Davis, Promise Kayleen, 43, Dayton, Texas, \$70 BF, failure to present insurance

Davis, Zachary Lee, 18, Glenwood, guilty of minor in possession of alcohol, fined \$260; guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220

Day, Andrea Sheriena, 42, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$550 owed, fined \$205

Echols, Christopher Aaron, 38, Mabelvale, guilty of speeding, fined \$135

Enkhbayar, Bayasgalan, 35, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding

Everts, Amy, 53, De Queen, \$125 BF, speed-

Golden, Mark R., 64, Amity, \$215 BF, speed-

Gomez, Victoria, 46, Blevins, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$225 BF, failure to maintain

control with accident

Guilliams, Wesley Robert, 40, De Queen, guilty of failure to pay, \$415 owed, fined \$205;

guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205 Harper, Ricky D., 54, Nashville, \$45 BF, no

Jacobs, Cathy L., 53, Garland City, guilty of public intoxication, fined \$220; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Keys, Harley Wayne, 21, Murfreesboro, \$225 BF, failure to yield to accident

King, Gage A., 22, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,035 owed, fined \$205

Little, Parker Benjamin, 32, Texarkana, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Lockwood, Joshua D., 36, Delight, \$125 BF, fictitious tags; \$125 BF, failure to register tags/ expired; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$125 BF, improper use of signals to stop or turn; 125 BF, improper muffler; \$205 BF, failure to appear; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license; \$325 BF, driving with suspended license

Mason, Scott James, 40, Nashville, \$70 BF, no proof of liability insurance

McIntosh, Patrick L., 33, Hixson, Tenn., \$125 BF, careless prohibited driving

McKinney, Barry D., 50, Broken Bow, Okla., \$235 BF, overweight

Moore, Melissa Ann, 46, Washington, \$125 BF, improper passing

Mooring, Crystal Dawn, 33, Murfreesboro, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$185 BF,

Murphy, Christna Lynn, 59, Mabelvale, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined

Parker, Beverly Renee, 58, Little Rock, \$135 BF, speeding

Pate, Julie M., 45, Delight, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Peters, Roland Otto, 34, Hot Springs Village, \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$135 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear

Romero, Jose Manuel, 20, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding

Rose, James Alexander, 34, Annona, Texas, driving left of center, under advisement for 30 days to dismiss, fined \$125

Scantling, Lacie N., 25, Caddo Gap, guilty of failure to pay, \$4,500 owed, fined \$205

Selby, McKayal Cortlynn, 19, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125

Self, Autumn N., 46, Delight, guilty of speeding, fined \$185

Serrano, Mariano, 38, Houston, Texas, \$125 BF, failure to maintain control

Sharp, James M., 25, Nashville, \$125 BF, speeding; \$325 BF, driving with suspended li-

Shirley, Tillman M., 57, Amity, \$125 BF,

Starr, Samuel L., 63, De Queen, \$409 BF, over-

weight

Stone, Tanner Wade, 26, Rosston, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Telles, Antonio, 41, Fouke, \$135 BF, speeding Vaught, Dillion Dewayne, 29, Nashville, \$45

BF, no seat belt Vik, Bradley Douglas, 21, Glenwood, \$125

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

White, Precious Monique, 39, Maumelle, guilty of failure to pay, \$525 owed, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Wilson, Michael Gene, 48, Vilonia, \$185 BF, speeding

#### **CITY OF MURFREESBORO**

Alden, Ashley Christina, 41, North Little Rock, guilty of failure to resister tags/expired, fined \$145; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$145; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345

Bailey, Peggy Ann, 64, Nashville, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,095 and license suspended for six months; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$620; guilty of failure to stop or yield, fined \$145

Bell, Raven, 32, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345

Cox, Cassondra D., 34, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$385 owed, fined \$205; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined

Guilliams, Wesley Robert, 40, De Queen, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,095 and license suspended for six

McCool, Amanda Mae, 31, Mount Ida, \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Newton, Dwayne, 48, Murfreesboro, gilt of failure to pay, \$865 owed, fined \$2-5; guilty of theft of services, fined \$405; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of motorcycle-standard equipment required, fined \$145; guilty of no motorcycle endorsement on license, fined \$145

Womack, Starla M., 55, Texarkana, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$75; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined

#### **CITY OF GLENWOOD**

Alden, Ashley C., 41, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,540 owed, committed to jail for 30 days; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205

Buck, Dustan Ray, 39, Glenwood, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$550; guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$240; guilty of public intoxication, fined \$240

Davis, Brandon Leon, 29, Little Rock, guilty of failure to pay, \$560 owed, fined \$205

Day, Andrea Sherlena, 42, Glenwood, guilty

of failure to pay, \$570 owed, fined \$205 Furr, Jackson Shaun, 20, Amity, \$335 BF, no

proof of liability insurance Grafner, Peter J., 26, Bonnerdale, guilty of

failure to present license, fined \$75 Griffith, Michael Ray, 37, Caddo Gap, guilty of passing stopped school bus, fined \$655

Kain, Jeffery Allen, 51, Bismarck, \$145 BF, speeding

Landreth, Jackson Dale, 21, Glenwood, guilty of failure to resister tags/expired, fined \$145; guilty of np proof of liability insurance,

Ortiz, Azucena, 31, Dierks, \$145 BF, speeding Reppo, Robert Brandon, 34, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$160 owed, fined \$205

Shuck, Thomas Dylan, 20, Glenwood, \$145 BF, failure to display registration; \$245 BF, following too close; \$225 BF, failure to appear

Tasses, Paula M., 42, Mount Ida, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,640 owed, fined \$205

#### **BENCH TRIAL CITY OF MURFREESBORO**

Taylor, Jared Alan, 22, Murfreesboro, furnishing alcohol to minor, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$350

## LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

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## 'Dear Preacher'

#### By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Psalms 127:3. It is hard to imagine a world without children. They are a source of constant joy. Their youthful anticipation of the world around them gives us a fresh vision of life itself. They love to play and experience the moment without holding back. They dare to rush out and live each moment to the fullest. They are not afraid of the future. They have not been conditioned as adults have by pain, failure and disappointment. What they do not know doesn't scare them at all. We often warn them about what we know by experience. They smile and go on in their youthful trusting way. We



envy their innocence and try to remember when we were like them. When was it that we did not have a care in the world? It would be a great blessing to experience that world of pure joy again. Surely this is the reason the Lord put children at the top of His gracious gifts to man. We may in our lifetime possess great wealth but nothing we own will surpass the heritage of

children. They lift us up and give us joy and hope. They remind us of God's generosity and love. Someone has said that children are God's way of showing that He has not given up on the human race. Loving and caring for children brings out the best in those who are the care givers. Parents stand amazed at the trust God has in us to give us such treasures. We know that we are imperfect and will pass on our imperfections to our children. However, it appears that the Lord sees the love we have for our children and knows that to the best of our limited ability we will try to say thank you to Him by striving to raise decent, God fearing children. copied

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Breakfast: Blueberry muffin or cereal, fruit,

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fries w/roll

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 Breakfast: Pancake on stick or cereal, juice,

fruit, milk Lunch: Hot ham & cheese sandwich, k-6 sweet potato fries, 7-12 fries, baked beans, peach cup, milk- 3-6 Pizza lunchable option, 7-12 line 2 option, Grilled chicken sandwich, salad cup

\*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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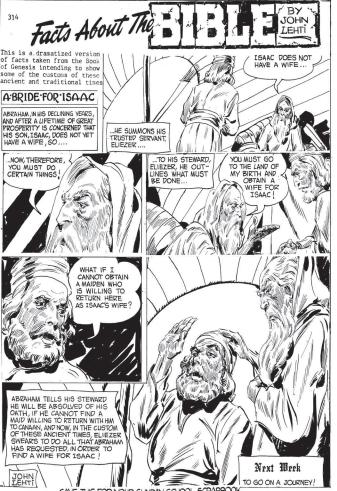
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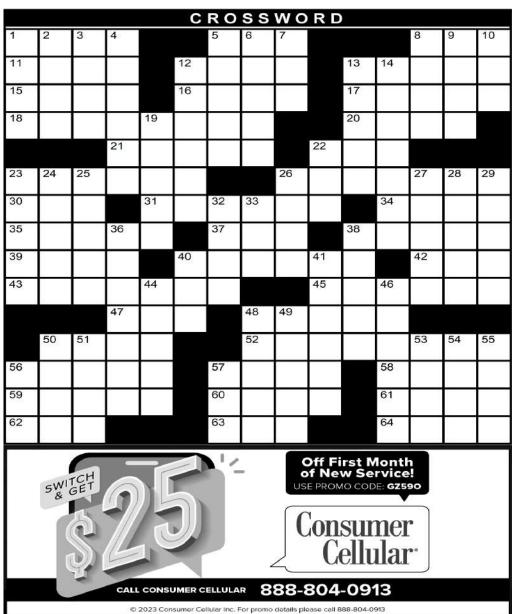
#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Like some champagnes
- 5. Undergarment
- 8. Dashboard acronym
- 11. Poison ivy woe
- 12. Took to court 13. Milan's La\_
- 15. Afresh
- 16. Globes and such
- 17. SNL's fortÈ
- 18. \*Ladyfingers+coffee liqueur
- 20. Grammy of sports
- 21. Jeweler's unit
- 22. \*Like walnuts on ice cream 23. \*Thin Mint or Carmel deLite
- 26. \*Apple dip 30. Nelson Mandela's org.

- 31. Profoundness, pl.
- 34. Frost-covered
- 35. Ticket leftovers
- 37. Pathet \_
- 38. Lazybones
- 39. Samoan money
- 40. A in AU, Alabama
- 42. Heidi Samuel \_\_\_ Klum
- 43. Contaminating punch 45. Flammable anesthetics
- 47. a.k.a. acid
- 48. Military group
- 50. Jezebel's deity 52. \*Espresso+gelato
- 56. Forgo
- 57. Palo .
- 58. Sacred image 59. Southern cuisine pods
- 60. Show the guns 61. Small stream
- 62. "The Star-Spangled Banner" author 63. Toni Morrison's "\_\_\_\_ Baby"
- 64. Adeline or Addison, for short

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Troublesome child 2. Jasmine of "Aladdin," e.g.
- 3. Olympic cast-out 4. Smack
- 5. Anatomical sac
- 6. Overthrow by argument 7. Marketing creations
- 8. Wild onion
- 9. Clever tactic 10. Spanish sea
- 12. Evening party
- 13. See-through
- 14. \*Eggs+milk+sugar
- 19. Old \_\_\_\_\_, or unpopped popcorn kernels
- 22. Be, singular past tense
- 23. Uses a fishing reel
- 24. Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
- 25. Round openings
- 26. Cabbage, in France
- 27. "The House at Pooh Corner" author
- 28. African chieftain
- 29. Ancient Greeks' harps 32. Socket counterpart
- 33. Bar bill
- 36. \*Filo dough+nuts+honey
- 38. Book opener
- 40. Uniting conjunction
- 41. Robin Hood in Disney's "Robin Hood"
- (2 words) 44. Keys
- 46. Mecca to Medina exodus
- 48. Type of lily
- 49. Happily ever when? 50. \*Make Alaska
- 51. Gossamer
- 53. Vinegar or lemon juice, to a chef 54. Communicated
- 55. James Bond's "For Your Eyes \_\_
- 56. Asian cuisine pan
- 57. Astern



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## Tags needed to bag a turkey this spring, nonresidents limited to single gobbler

LITTLE ROCK -- Arkansas turkey hunters will need to add one more item to their hunting vest this season: an Arkansas Turkey Hunting Tag. The tags and a valid hunting license are required to enable the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to more accurately judge the number of hunters taking to the field in the search of a gobbler.

The resident versions of the turkey tags, labelled RTT for adults and YTT for youth hunters, are free but must be acquired through the AGFC's licensing system before the hunter takes to the woods. Even residents who hold lifetime licenses and disability licenses are required to add this free permit to their licensing account before hunting. Checking out the tags will enable all resident hunters a total of two legal gobblers.

Nonresidents have a few more hoops than resident hunters to jump through if they wish to chase an Arkansas turkey. For nonresident hunters under 16, the Nonresident Youth Turkey Tag remains free and will be the only license they need. Adult hunters, on the other hand, will need to either purchase a Nonresident Turkey Tag (NRTT) for \$100 in addition to their Nonresident Annual Hunting License (NBG), which costs \$410, or they may opt for the newly created Nonresident Annual Turkey Hunting License (NRTL), which includes a tag, for \$325.

"Many hunters who chase turkeys in Arkansas may not have an annual license from last deer season, so we wanted to offer this \$325 license as a more affordable option for nonresidents wanting to pursue turkeys in Arkansas," Brad Carner, deputy director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, said. "If you already hunt deer here, you can just buy the \$100 tag to add to your annual license as well. Whichever way is more economical will work."

Nonresidents who hold a Non-expiring Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Permit from their time as residents in Arkansas will still need to get the Nonresident Turkey Tag in the license system, but will not be charged the \$100 fee when they check out of the

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Regardless of the license, all nonresidents will need to choose wisely this spring, as all nonresident options are limited to a single legal turkey per year.

The Commission has heard from many hunters through the regulations public comment process as well as during informal conversations about the idea of reducing bag limits for turkeys to one per year in order to preserve hunt quality and protect Arkansas's turkey flock," Carner said. "Although very few hunters actually harvest two birds, the Commission did decide to opt for a more conservative limit on nonresidents after many discussions."

According to Susan Porter, AGFC licensing manager, one additional turkey tag option may appear in Arkansas's license system for some hunters. The code NBLTP represents another free turkey tag, this one specifically for Mississippi residents who are hunting land that falls under the Arkansas/Mississippi reciprocal agreement.

"They will need to have all licenses required to hunt in Mississippi, but some of these lands are on the Arkansas side of the Mississippi River, so they will need to get this free turkey tag to transport their bird back across state lines to check it with Mississippi's license system," Porter said. "That is the only scenario where a hunter in Arkansas would need this particular tag on

Arkansas's turkey season opens April 21 statewide. In Turkey Zone 1, it closes April 29; it continues through May 11 in Turkey Zone 2. The Special Youth Turkey Hunt for hunters younger than 16 is April 12-13. A full list of turkey regulations is available in the 2024-25 Arkansas Hunting Guidebook.

All turkeys harvested in Arkansas must be checked via agfc. com, the AGFC mobile app or by phone within 12 hours of harvest. If they are checked immediately upon harvest, the turkey does not need a physical tag attached to it. If the hunter is unable

to immediately check the bird, then they must affix a possession tag indicating the hunter's name, CID number and the date and time of harvest that must remain with the bird until it is checked. Checking should also be more convenient this season, as the AGFC plans to roll out a new "express check" option on its website beginning with the Special Youth Turkey Hunt. Visit www.agfc.com/licenses to procure your turkey tag.

#### SAU to host free concert

MAGNOLIA -- Southern Arkansas University is excited to announce its highly anticipated Spring Concert, featuring breakout talent Ty Myers headlining with opening act deFrance, on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the SAU Alumni Center. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m., with deFrance kicking off the night at 7:00 p.m., followed by Ty Myers taking the stage at 8:00 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public, offering a fantastic opportunity for the SAU community and regional fans to enjoy a memorable night of live music. Please note that bags, purses, and backpacks are not allowed, and alcoholic beverages, bottles, or outside drinks are prohibited.

"Hosting events like this is a wonderful way to unite our students and community through the joy of live music," said Andrew Graydon, student engagement coordinator. "We are excited to see everyone come together for an incredible night of

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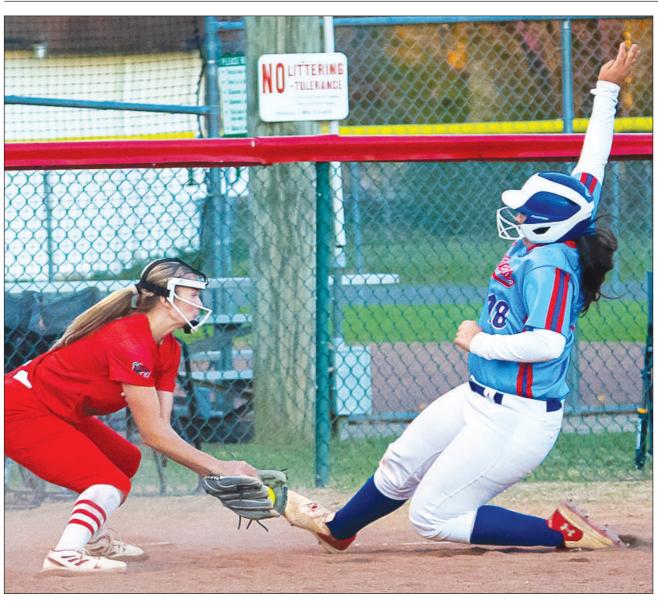
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TOURNAMENT ACTION ... The Murfreesboro Lady Rattlers recently participated in the 15th Debra McMaster Memorial Scholarship Tournament in Hope. Pictured (above left) is infielder Natalie Perrin applying a tag to an opposing baserunner, while (above right) senior Jenna May was one of the scholarship recipients at the annual event, receiving a \$500 award sponsored by Gator Graphics.

As part of Spring Break programming, Pike County 4-H'ers participated in a Sweet Treats Workshop last week in Murfreesboro. At the event the students learned how to decorate cookies and cupcakes, and then surprised local law enforcement officers with the tasty baked goods to show their appreciation for keeping the county safe.

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