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Pair of county men sentenced in court

MURFREESBORO -- Two Glenwood men were sentenced in separate cases during the April 28 session of Pike County Circuit Court. Daniel Cruz, 19, plead guilty to the charge of possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to five years of probation and fined \$2,500 plus related court costs. Jonathan Billy West, 42, plead guilty to an amended charge of possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to three years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with three years suspended. West was also credited with time served in the county jail.

Ice chest to be raffled for 2025 fair

PIKE COUNTY -- The Pike County Livestock group is raffling off an RTIC ice chest with proceeds going toward the youth livestock awards at the 2025 Pike County Fair. The drawing will be conducted at the fair this September. Raffle chances cost \$5 each or 5 chances for \$20. The ice chest is a 32 quart ultra-light that stays cold for up to five days. It also features a rapid drain and a built-in bottle opener. To purchase chances, see any Pike County Livestock exhibitor, which includes FFA and 4-H members from all three Pike County area school districts. For more information, contact one of the following representatives:

- Amanda Minton – Kirby FFA/4-H, (870) 223-2714
- Julie Atchley – Centerpoint FFA, (479) 549-7405
- Blake Simmons – South Pike County FFA, (870) 703-9522
- Codie McAlister/Shannon Ballard – Pike County Extension Service (870) 285-2161

Pike County 4-H rabies clinic set for Saturday across three county locations

Kirby, Delight and M’boro

PIKE COUNTY -- The Pike County 4-H Rabies Clinic is set for Saturday, May 3 at various locations across Pike County. The drive through event is being held in conjunction with Nashville Animal Hospital. Further questions may be directed to the hospital at (870) 845-1122.

LOCATIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- Kirby, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church parking lot, 10-11 a.m.
- Delight, Bank of Delight parking lot, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Murfreesboro, Farmer’s Market Pavilion parking lot, 1-2 p.m.

No walkups will be accepted, only drive through participants. Payments can only be made by cash or check. Rabies shots will be \$10, with an additional charge for dog DA2PLP shots (\$20) and cat RCPC/LK shots (\$35).

Junior Lady Rattlers win conference meet

CADDO HILLS – The Murfreesboro Rattler junior high track squads completed their season with the 7-2A track meet at Caddo Hills on April 21. The boy’s squad finished in fourth place with 84 points, with Dierks winning the meet with 185 points. The junior Lady Rattlers won the meet with 164 points, besting the Dierks junior Lady Outlaws’ 145.50 points for second place. Athletes scoring in the top eight places and earning points included:

MJHS BOYS

4x100 meter relay team – seventh place, 57.46
4x200 meter relay team – third place, 1:48.85
4x400 meter relay team – fourth place, 4:31.46
4x800 meter relay team – third place, 12:38.19
Josh Fox – seventh place 100 meter dash, 12.58; fifth place 200 meter dash, 26.47; second place 400 meter dash, 58.35
Cooper Lowery – seventh place 800 meter run, 2:36.33; first place pole vault, 9’6”
Jayden Luster – first place 1600 meter run,

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Submitted photos/(above) Scott Kreykes

DIAMOND FINDS ... David DeCook (above) of Minnesota registered this 3.81-carat brown octahedral diamond he found on the surface at the Crater of Diamonds State Park last week. He reportedly saw it on the ground while waiting on his brother, Derek, who was just starting to fill some buckets. DeCook’s diamond, which he named “The Duke”, is the largest find at the Crater so far this year. The diamond find was first reported via information taken from Diamonds in Arkansas Facebook page. Also last week, visitors Connie (below) and Rusty Gray found several diamonds, including a 1-carat yellow diamond, also reported on social media.



School board bids farewell to decade long member

MURFREESBORO -- The South Pike County School Board mainly took care of personnel matters during its April meeting, which was the last one for Scott Maroon after more than 10 years on the board. Superintendent Tanya Wilcher recognized Maroon, who has served as board president for the past several years, and said his time on the board was very productive and appreciated. Maroon will participate in graduation next month, as will his replacement Brian Caldwell. Concerning personnel matters, the board went into a short closed executive session at 6:48 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 7:00. The board voted to hire Lexie (Baxter) Bahloul as a speech pathologists for the 2025-2026 school. The vote to hire Bahloul was 6-0 with Bahloul’s mother and board member, Barbie Baxter, abstaining from the voting and the part of executive session concerning her daughter. Bahloul is a 2026 graduate of Murfreesboro High School. The board also voted 7-0 to rehire the district’s classified staff and added 30 extra days to Buddy Ray’s retired teacher contract. The board also voted 6-1 to hire Hannah Taylor as an inclusion/ELA special education teacher and Jordan Shanks as science/PE teachers. Those voting for the hiring included Andrea McRae, Cory Ballard, Robert Silva, Maroon, Baxter and Wes Campbell while Alyssa Duggan voted against the hires. Wilcher announced during the meeting that kindergarten and sixth grade graduation will be held on May 7 with May 13 set as the date for the high school’s graduation. Wilcher also reported May 15 is the last day of school and the Springs Sports Banquet will be held on May 20. Wilcher also presented a short building re-

port for Principal Davey Jones and Elementary Principal James Riley updated the board about various news on campus, including ongoing testing and the elementary getting set to be highlighted on a podcast hosted by the Dawson Education Service Cooperative. The podcast will focus on the elementary’s recent designation as a Certified Kindness School, the only one in Arkansas. Riley also discussed the elementary’s projected letter grade of a “C” that was recently issued by the state Department of Education. Riley said he takes the letter grade personally and outlined plans to improve on the assessment. Riley also reported the elementary is now up to 382 students in K-6 from last year’s enrollment of 360. The board also heard from Wilcher that the district had a “clean” legislative audit with “no major findings” and approved the classified salary schedule for the upcoming school years.



Submitted photo

ART WINNERS ... A pair of Murfreesboro High School students were named to the 2025 Congressional Art Competition. Pictured (third from left) is Nicole Beaty and (fourth from left) Layken Stone of MHS with other winners and United States Congressman Bruce Westerman. See page two for more on the honor.



CONGRESSIONALLY HONORED ... Pictured (above left) is Nicole Beaty and (above right) Layken Stone of Murfreesboro High School with United States Congressman Bruce Westerman. The pair were honored at an event after their paintings were named to the winner list of this year's Congressional Art Competition.

Pair of South Pike County students named in Congressional art competition

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Bruce Westerman (AR-04) recently announced the Fourth District’s winners of the 2025 Congressional Art Competition. First place winner Olivia Busby’s piece, titled “County Fair” will be displayed in the main hallway between the Cannon House Office Building and the U.S. Capitol for the upcoming year.

“I’m grateful to each student who participated in this year’s Congressional Art Competition. This annual contest is an opportunity for AR-04 high school students to showcase their artistic talent and for their work to be featured in my offices in the Fourth District and Washington DC. Their dedication to creativity and art were clear through each entry my office received, and each student should be immensely proud of their work. I am always immensely proud of each student who takes the time to work hard on their entry and applaud them for their diligence

and creativity. I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to first place and fourth place winner, Olivia Busby, on her exceptional winning artwork, and to each student who worked tirelessly to create a piece of art for this competition. I am proud to represent a district teeming with great potential and talent among our youth and look forward to having a little piece of the Fourth District for staff and visitors alike to look upon as they travel to and from the U.S. Capitol.”

Each spring, a nationwide high school art competition is sponsored by members of the U.S. House of Representatives. This highly anticipated contest is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent of our nation’s youth, including those in the Fourth Congressional District.

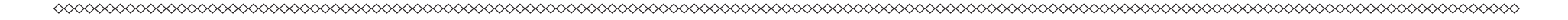
Winners were chosen by a panel of three judges from the following categories: design/composition, skill/technique, and

overall execution.

The 2025 winners are:

- 1st Place: “County Fair” by Olivia Busby of Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.
- 2nd Place: “Hysteria” by Nicole Beaty of South Pike County High School
- 3rd Place: “Honey and Grumps” by Layken Stone of South Pike County High School
- 4th Place: “Lined Bricks” by Olivia Busby of South Pike County High School
- 5th Place: “Down the Rabbit Hole” by Adeline Robertson of Jessierville High School

“Congratulations to our two talented artists. South Pike [School District] is very proud of you,” said MHS art teacher Gail Wood



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Charles Morrow – eighth place discus, 95’1”; fifth place shot put, 34’8”

Jacob Shaw – fifth place 110 meter hurdles, 20.64; seventh place 300 meter hurdles, 52.13; eighth place pole vault, 7’6”

Isaac Smith – seventh place discus, 98’6.5”; first place shot put, 39’7”

Blayze Stone – sixth place 110 meter hurdles, 20.87; eighth place 300 meter hurdles, 52.22

Colton Tidwell – fifth place long jump, 16’7”

Keith Wilkinson – seventh place 400 meter dash, 1:04.17

MJHS GIRLS

4x100 meter relay team -- fifth place, 1:05.88

4x200 meter relay team – first place, 2:03.05

4x400 meter relay team – first place, 5:04.59

4x800 meter relay team – second place, 12:38.94

Carsyn Ballard – seventh place 800 meter run, 3:10.96; fourth place pole vault, 5’6”

Lilly Cross – sixth place shot put, 26’6”

Blakelee Dixon – third place shot put, 27’9”

Leah Eoff – seventh place 100 meter hurdles, 21.27; fifth place 300 meter hurdles, 1:01.57

Macy Gills – first place 100 meter dash, 13.12; first place 200 meter dash, 27.45; first place 400 meter dash, 1:03.19; third place long jump, 14’9.5”

Yoanna Gonzalez – third place 1600 meter run, 6:27.36

Ava Harr – fourth place 400 meter dash, 1:11.97; fifth place triple jump, 24’3”

Abigail Howard – eighth place 800 meter hurdles, 1:18.47

Adyson James – eighth place shot put, 26’2”

Kaydence McAnelly – eighth place 1600 meter run, 7:55.73

Hannah McMillian – second place discus, 61’3”

Ma’Shaylia Morris – second place 100 meter dash, 13.27; second place 200 meter dash, 27.74; fifth place discus, 54’10.25”; first place high jump, 4’10”; first place long jump, 15’7.5”

Maci Price – sixth place 100 meter dash, 14.41; third place 400 meter dash, 1:10.21; fifth place long jump, 13’1.5”

Adalyn Silva – seventh place 1600 meter run, 6:55.55; fourth place 800 meter run, 2:59.16; seventh place high jump, 3’10”; second place triple jump 27’0”

McKinlee White – first place pole vault, 6’6”

MHS AT NASHVILLE MEET

The Murfreesboro senior high track teams competed in Nashville’s Coca-Cola Relays on April 22.

The Rattlers would finish in eleventh place with 9 points, while the Lady Rattlers tallied 34 points, good for eight place at the event.

Idabel, Okla. Won the boys’ meet with 142.5 points, while Arkansas High won the girls’ division with 138 points.

Athletes finishing in points placements (top eight of an event) included:

MHS BOYS

4x400 meter relay (Cesar Reyes, Caleb Terrell, Josh Fox, Lucas Carey) – sixth place, 3:58.53

4x800 meter relay (Josh Fox, Caleb Terrell, Ethan Jones, Lucas

Carey) – sixth place, 9:58.77

Cooper Lowery – sixth place pole vault, 9’0”

MHS GIRLS

4x100 meter relay team (Isabella Frazier, Arianna Jones, Payton Niles, Ma’Shaylia Morris) – seventh place, 54.00

4x200 meter relay team (Arianna Jones, Isabella Frazier, unlisted member, Ma’Shaylia Morris) – fourth place, 1:52.04

Ava Cox – seventh place 1600 meter run, 6:43.86; fifth place 3200 meter run, 15:14.93

Macy Gills – eighth place 100 meter dash, 13.33; fifth place 400 meter dash, 1:02.51

Ma’Shaylia Morris – fourth place high jump, 4’8”

Kinleigh Mounts – third place 800 meter run, 2:48.09

Charleigh Wheeler – fourth place 300 meter hurdles, 51.90

The Murfreesboro squads are set to compete in the 7-2A district track meet at Caddo Hills on Tuesday.

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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FRIDAYS AT 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELECTION PROCLAMATION

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

MAY 13, 2025

PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

CENTERPOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

KIRBY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

This annual school election will be conducted according to Arkansas Code Annotated section of 6-14-102 pertaining by declaring the “election by candidate” format. This format allows the school the authority in odd year election years where there are no contested school board races and asking for no change in the school millage. This allows the uncontested candidate to cast a ballot for himself or herself and vote for or against the millage at a designated time and location on election day or during the period that would otherwise be designated for early voting.

Notice provided by the Pike County Election Commission

Paid for by Pike County Clerk’s Office \$ 53.20

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BID NOTICE

Pike County will be accepting sealed bids on the following: All labor, equipment, materials, supplies and supervision necessary for Demolition and replacement of the Wolf Creek Bridge on Strawberry Road north of Delight, Arkansas 71940. Please call the County Judge for details and specifications. Bids may be mailed to PO Box 239, Murfreesboro, AR 71958 or delivered to the Pike County Judge, 1 Courthouse Square, Murfreesboro, AR 71958. Bids will be opened May 5, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. in the Pike County Judge’s Office, Pike County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Eddie Howard

Pike County Judge

This publication was paid for by the Pike County Judge’s Office. The amount paid for this publication is \$ 49.60.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SHELBY JEAN NEAL 55 PR-25-21

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 411 Webb St Delight, Arkansas 71940

On April 22, 2025, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Shelby Jean Neal , deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pike County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows: Lot “A” in Block 15 of the C.R. Burnham Subdivision of Baird’s Addition to the Town of Delight, Arkansas per plats thereof recorded in Book 42 page 244 and Book “0” page 528 of the Deed Records of Pike County, Arkansas.

All persons having claims against the Estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the Distributee or her attorney within three months from the date of first publication of this Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the Estate. Provided, claims for injury or death caused by negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.

This notice first published on April 30, 2025

The name and address of the Distributee or attorney is:

Peggy Stone, by

Brasel Law Firm, PLLC

Aaron R Brasel

Post Office Box 813

Nashville, AR 71852

(a.b. 259w., 43,44)

Funeral arrangements announced for Terrell

MURFREESBORO -- Sarah Louella (Brock) Terrell, age 101 of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, passed April 28 at her home. She was born on September 3, 1923.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, May 2 at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Funeral services for Terrell will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at the First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. Interment will follow in Brocktown Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.

You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimer-funeralhome.com

County chambers win state award for tourism promotion

BY DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY
Editor, Glenwood Herald

CONWAY - Ki and Kayla Hartsfield accepted the Innovative Community Development Award on behalf of both the Glenwood and Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce organizations.

The award was presented by the Arkansas Community Development Society during their annual conference last week. The two Chamber of Commerces received the award for their efforts in promoting regional tourism in Pike County.

The Arkansas Community Development Society is an educational nonprofit organization whose purpose is to advance community development and the community development profession by:

- Providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and the development of common interest among the members of the Society
- Providing for the publication and dissemination of community development information to members of the public
- Advocating excellence in community development scholarship research and practice for the good of mankind
- Promoting citizen participation as essential to effective community development

For more information about the Glenwood Chamber of Commerce visit their Facebook page.

For more information about the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce visit www.digmurfreesboro.com.



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EXCELLENCE IN TOURISM PROMOTION ... Kayla and Ki Hartsfield (center) accept the 2025 Innovative Community Award recently on behalf of the Glenwood and Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerces.

Local residents recognized at DAR convention

SUBMITTED RELEASE
Mine Creek – Paraclifta Chapter DAR

LITTLE ROCK -- Two local citizens honored at the 117th annual state convention of the Arkansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution on March 27-28 in Little Rock.

NSDAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright was a special guest at this year's state conference and she honored a new member to the Mine Creek – Paraclifta Chapter from Murfreesboro, Tracy Hile, at the Friday luncheon banquet. The President General personally administered the oath of membership and formally installed Tracy as a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. This was a special honor for Tracy and her family who accompanied her. The Arkansas Daughters and guests in attendance gave a standing ovation as Tracy was recognized.

LaTonya McElroy, a financial advisor with the Edward Jones office in DeQueen was invited to speak by Arkansas State Regent Gale Markley, on Thursday evening to a large audience of Arkansas Daughters and student award recipients and their families. LaTonya gave an eloquent retelling of her Aunt Aretha Huff's experience receiving state recognition for her DAR Good Citizen's essay from Texas High, shortly after integration began, and explained how it impacted her aunt's success in life.

Aretha Huff was the first student from Texas High to ever receive state recognition and she was also the first student of color to be recognized as a DAR Good Citizen during the Civil Rights era in Texas. LaTonya shared about how her grandfather drove her father and aunt to school each day with a shotgun in the car for protection. She enraptured the audience about the tumultuous circumstances that surrounded her family during that time and how the recognition as a DAR Good Citizen helped encourage Aretha throughout her life. She went on to become a successful, high-level executive in the oil industry because of her integrity, intelligence, resilience, and hard work. LaTonya

received a standing ovation by the audience and some were even brought to tears.

Afterwards, LaTonya shared the following:

"I had a wonderful time at the 117th Arkansas State Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference! It was such a pleasure to meet so many incredible women from the great "State of Arkansas" and to connect with NSDAR dignitaries from Texas, Ohio, and other states. The energy in the room was inspiring, and the number of attendees was truly a testament to the strength and dedication of this organization. One of the highlights of this experience was learning more about DAR's ongoing initiatives—efforts that continue to unite us through a shared commitment to history, patriotism, and the values that hold us together as a nation.

It is heartening to see such a passionate group of women working to preserve the past while paving the way for the future. A special congratulations to the scholarship recipients whose hard work and achievements were recognized at this conference. To the students out there who are striving toward their own success, know that your journey is part of a greater legacy. The efforts you make today will not only shape your future but also create a foundation for the generations that come after you. Keep striving, keep believing, and never underestimate the impact you can have!

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to the local Mine Creek - Paraclifta Chapter, Carrie McGaha, and Regent Elizabeth Overton for their warmth, friendship, and genuine hospitality throughout my trip. Their kindness and dedication made this experience even more special, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a meaningful gathering. It was an honor to sit at the



Submitted photo

STATE COVENTION ... (L to R) Tracy Hile, NSDAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright, Judy Hile (seated) and Winston Hile are pictured at the recent Daughters of the American Revolution state convention in Little Rock.

table and talk with President General Pamela Wright, who travels the nation making a tremendous impact for the most forgotten Patriots of the nation. She is truly incredible, as is Arkansas State Regent Gale Markley who has a remarkable family connection to this mission. This event was a powerful reminder that when we come together to honor the past and invest in the future, we strengthen the very fabric of our nation. Thank you all for such an unforgettable experience!"

Four other members of the Mine Creek – Paraclifta Chapter DAR were also in attendance at the state conference, Chapter Regent Elizabeth Overton, Chapter Treasurer Carrie L McGaha, Chapter

Registrar Fran Strawn, and Chapter Secretary Judy Hile. The Chapter is currently working to promote the upcoming 250th semi-quincentennial of the nation. In Sevier County, an Americ250! Patriot Marker is planned for the trail head at the DeQueen Lake Trail being built. Howard County school system is planning Patriotic celebrations throughout all grade levels as they get ready for the 2026 celebrations of 1776. The Mine Creek – Paraclifta chapter hopes that all the counties in this region will get involved and celebrate the freedoms and liberties that we all inherited from our founders and preserved by the veterans who have served ever since the nation was established.

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MURFREESBORO SENIOR ADULT CENTER LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, MAY 5 Chicken pot pie, seasoned green beans, salad, dinner roll, peach crisp	WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 Cajun chicken & pasta, sauteed zucchini & tomatoes, glazed carrots, fruit, brownie
TUESDAY, MAY 6 Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, dinner roll, gelatin	<i>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</i>

SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

THURSDAY, MAY 1 Breakfast: Cinni mini or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Mexican chicken, refried beans, steamed broccoli, 7-12 tortilla chips & salsa, mixed berry cup, milk	TUESDAY, MAY 6 Breakfast: Blueberry muffin or cereal, juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Turkey & cheese sub sandwich, lettuce, tomato, baked beans, potato smiles, peaches, milk
FRIDAY, MAY 2 Breakfast: French toast sticks or cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Mini corndogs, salad, pickle spears, mixed fruit, milk	WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or cereal, juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Beef fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, 7-12 whole grain roll, (Elm- strawberry cup), (HS- side kick fruit slush), milk.

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

‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

A “CAN-DO” ATTITUDE

“I” – Because of the first-person pronoun “I”, the reader automatically becomes a part of the verse.

“I Can” – Saying “I can” leaves out any “I think”, “I might”, “I could”, or “I should.”

“I Can Do” – When we say, “I can do”, what we mean to suggest is that we can put our lives into action with confidence. It is not just a passing thought.

“I Can Do All Things” – Everything within righteous reason is possible with the right attitude.

“I Can Do All Things

whom all righteous things can be accomplished.

“I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens” It is Christ as our Savior, Redeemer, Mediator, High Priest, and King, who provides insurmountable strength to those who love Him!

“I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me” – Last, but not least, the reader is not only encouraged by the strength that Christ provides, but by the strength He provides on an individual basis.

-Jason Hart, Via Bulletin Gold

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A-BRIDE FOR ISAAC

ELIEZER, ABRAHAM'S STEWARD HAVING REACHED THE LAND OF HIS MASTER'S BIRTH, THE LAND OF THE CHALDEES, IS NOW READY TO SEEK A WIFE FOR ISAAC, ABRAHAM'S SON....

YONDER IS THE TOWN WELL!

...THE CARAVAN HALTS AT THE WELL OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NAHOR....

...LORD, I AWAIT AT THE WELL... SOON, MAIDENS OF THE CITY WILL COME TO DRAW WATER... LET IT BE A SIGN THAT THE DAMSEL WHO GIVES ME WATER AND MY CAMELS, ALSO, BE THE ONE THOU HAST ALREADY APPOINTED AS ISAAC'S WIFE!

ELIEZER AND HIS PARTY WAIT WITH PATIENCE FOR THE WOMEN TO COME AND DRAW THE EVENING WATER, FOR IT IS STRICT ETIQUETTE OF THESE ANCIENT DAYS THAT A STRANGER NEVER TAKES WATER FROM A WELL THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM, BUT WAITS UNTIL IT IS OFFERED TO HIM AND HIS ANIMALS!

Next Week REBECCA!

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

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Bro. Buddy Ray

Attend Church This Sunday!

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MOTHER'S DAY
* -- Theme Related Clue

- ACROSS
- 1. T. Rockwell's "How to Eat Fried ____"
 - 6. Pro football org.
 - 9. Tea servings
 - 13. Relating to axis
 - 14. Gershwin or Levin
 - 15. Break of day
 - 16. Repeat, in music
 - 17. Red Cross bed
 - 18. Arm bones
 - 19. *Mother ____, personification of physical world
 - 21. *Mother ____, fictional dog owner
 - 23. Opposite of hence
 - 24. Sleeveless garment
 - 25. Money source
 - 28. Golfer's destination
 - 30. Pass, as time
 - 35. "Metamorphoses" poet
 - 37. *The Beatles: "Mother ____ comes to me"
 - 39. "The Goldbergs" sibling
 - 40. Unacceptable, to a baby
 - 41. Alpine singing
 - 43. Resembling wings
 - 44. Fill with optimism
 - 46. Fill to satisfaction
 - 47. Orion's ____
 - 48. Like funeral atmosphere
 - 50. Lice eggs
 - 52. Morse code dash
 - 53. Remainder of a cigarette
 - 55. Before skip and a jump
 - 57. *Mother of ____, a.k.a. Daenerys Targary-en
 - 61. *Mother ____, Missionaries of Charity founder
 - 64. PassÈ
 - 65. Stir or fuss
 - 67. Add together
 - 69. Anomie, alt. sp.
 - 70. Decompose
 - 71. Very angry
 - 72. Puppy sounds
 - 73. " ____ no evil, hear no evil"

- 74. Tennis-affected joint
- DOWN
- 1. Took place
 - 2. Yoked team
 - 3. Capital of Latvia
 - 4. Kind of ray
 - 5. Cast-off skin
 - 6. French Riviera city
 - 7. "To" follower
 - 8. Wood turning device
 - 9. Tulip starter
 - 10. Leo's Karenina
 - 11. ____ gum, food additive
 - 12. Put metal to the pedal, p.t.
 - 15. Difficult to detect
 - 20. With ample space
 - 22. Employ
 - 24. Green and lush, as in trees
 - 25. *Mother ____, investigative journalism nonprofit
 - 26. Convex molding
 - 27. Twofold
 - 29. Cambodia's neighbor
 - 31. A in UAE
 - 32. Heaped
 - 33. Famous Teatro alla ____
 - 34. *Mother ____, personification of planet
 - 36. Shower with affection
 - 38. Abominable snowman
 - 42. River in Hades
 - 45. Personify
 - 49. *Mother Superior is the head one at the convent
 - 51. Foray
 - 54. Former Russian leaders
 - 56. *Mother of ____, a.k.a. nacre
 - 57. June 6, 1944
 - 58. Raja's wife
 - 59. On the surface
 - 60. Emeralds and rubies
 - 61. Carrying bag
 - 62. Hunk of something
 - 63. Lowest female singing voice
 - 66. Female forest ruminant
 - 68. Archery bow wood

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MARRIAGE LICENSE
Kanen James O'Neal, 24, Murfreesboro; Emma Marivell Hall, 21, Murfreesboro, March 13
Gregory Mitchell Culp, 57, Nashville; Jessie Joanna Jarrett 40, Nashville, March 21
Dane Gerard Morrissette, 20, Glenwood; Amma Claire Ramey,

18 Glenwood, March 26
Mickey Alexander Bevins, 30, Murfreesboro; Sarah Jane Reap, 28, Murfreesboro, March 31
Bryle Aaron Fatheree, 25, Delight; McKenzie Leanne May, 21, Delight, May 11
Riley Bonds, 32, Murfreesboro; Lyndsie Smith, 28, Murfreesboro, May 23

Pisgah to hold potluck cemetery dinner on May 3

PISGAH -- The Pisgah Cemetery Dinner will be held on Saturday morning on May 3, at the Pisgah Community Center. A potluck meal will be held at noon with visiting to follow. The public is invited to attend the event.

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Rd. to auction - watch for signs.
Shop related: 10 stainless steel shelve units - 2 Yamaha
Sea-Doo's on trailer - 20' flatbed trailer w/3 axles - older
international tractor with front end loader - 5' / 6' bush hogs
- spring tooth harrow - 2 large spools 14/2 wire - large
hand winch - radial arm saw - metal cutting band saw -
Ariens riding mower - table saw - cases of oil - scaffolding
- scrap iron - commercial box blade - cast iron heater -
garden dump cart - scrap aluminum - pipe vise - windows -
numerous ladders - loading ramps - upright air compressor
- flooring - 10 sheets thermasheath - lots of misc. lumber
- new elect ceiling hoist - trailer accessories - new air-less
paint sprayer - nuts/bolts/screws - power tools - stainless
top work table - deer horns - sheet metal - 100# propane
bottles - hog panels - 20' metal troughs - we have 15 tables
of misc. shop items - copper - large pile of lead - this shop
is packed and no way to see it all.
Furniture and household: AMF slate top pool table -
country style dining and coffee table - wicker items - new
washstand /bowl/pitcher - china hutch - tin side pie safe -
bookshelves - queen size pillow top matt /springs - Windsor
style chairs - love seat - 6 drawer chest - ice machine -
double oven set - dorm refrigerator - other furniture and
household.
Patio furniture: 2 large glass top table w/ 6 chairs each
- 4 outside aluminum chairs - deck boxes - 2 park benches
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