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IN THIS EDITION 2025 MHS Seniors Bios and Photos

City presents new findings for grants

MURFREESBORO – After being declared ineligible for many grants due to low to moderate income households in Murfreesboro found by the 2020 census, the city did a census of its own – and the results appear to again qualify the municipality for those seemingly lost opportunities.

Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O’Neal, who said it had been a “journey through the system,” presented a spreadsheet of the recent findings to the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District (WCAPDD) in Hot Springs. “We are now back line to get grants,” O’Neal said noting the city had found residents not counted in the previous census that was conducted during the covid pandemic.

O’Neal said getting reinstated for grants was important for the town.

“The water department is in need of a generator – they are expensive – an 80/20 matching grant would help out a lot.”

However, it was also discovered during the process that Murfreesboro was shrinking as far as population – perhaps as many as 120 people – from the 1,495 residents proclaimed by the census two years prior. Some 165 housing units across Murfreesboro were now uninhabited, for various reasons including vacation rentals, no inhabitant or simply and uninhabitable dwelling.

As for the latter of those reasons, O’Neal said he plans to soon meet with the zoning board in an effort to further combat blight and houses that simply needed to be removed.

“We need to follow up and get serious,” O’Neal said.

He also wished to thank the people of Murfreesboro and all the many volunteers that help conducted the recent local census.

“Everyone was so cooperative, and I genuinely appreciate helping verify the numbers and all their efforts.”

He said it went so well that the process that he expected to take three months to complete was finished in two.

While two residents refused to cooperate with the process, he said that most residents and landlords were very helpful in gaining the information required.

“I believe the new numbers are highly accurate,” O’Neal stated, stating that creating jobs and opportunities locally were incumbent toward turning around the loss of population. He added that he planned to continue working with the county’s community development group that is still in its organizational infancy.

PIKE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

It was announced Monday that the afore mentioned Pike County Economic Development Commission (EDC), made up of members from across Pike County, will share their vision and mission for Pike County’s future growth.

“This is your opportunity to learn firsthand about exciting new initiatives that could benefit your business and community,” said the social media post.

The presentation will follow the Pike County Quorum Court meeting, which beings at 7 p.m. at the Pike County Courthouse in Murfreesboro on Monday, May 19.

The meeting is open to all business owners and residents of the county.

Also announced was the EDC’s starting of their county comprehensive economic development strategy meeting on Tuesday, July 2 at 6 p.m. in the Kirby School Cafeteria.

Everyone is invited to attend that meeting as well to “participate in this crucial planning process that will serve as our roadmap to economic prosperity ... don’t miss these chances to be part of shaping our county’s economic future.”

For more information on the group or questions, email edcpikeco@gmail.com.

Campbell fundraiser set for Saturday

DELIGHT -- A benefit for Amy Campbell will be held this Saturday, May 17 in Delight.

At 9 a.m., carwashes by C.J. White and company will be offered at the Bank of Delight parking lot.

At noon, smoked chicken dinners will be available at the Delight Cafeteria, followed by a live auction at 1 p.m.

For more information about the event, contact Katrina at (832) 315-7915.



Submitted photos/Jillian Caldwell

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ACTION ... Murfreesboro High School first baseman Brody Maroon looks to catch a pickoff attempt in the Rattlers’ game against Parkers Chapel last week. The Rattlers would lose the game 2-1, but still secured a spot in this week’s Class 2A state tournament.

Rattlers go 1-2 at regionals, secure state tournament berth

WOODLAWN – The Murfreesboro Rattlers punched their ticket to the Class 2A state tournament last week with a win at the regional tournament.

In the first round, the Rattlers defeated Junction City by a 5-4 score.

The Dragons would lead 2-0 after the top half of the second inning. In the bottom of the second, the Rattlers would explode for five runs.

Junction City would add two runs in the fifth inning, but were unable to add another run in the game’s final two innings to complete the comeback.

Kooper Caldwell had a pair of hits and an RBI for MHS, while Laytan Wilcher added a stolen base and an RBI.

Carter Gilmer had an RBI and a run scored for MHS, and Kale Burns added an RBI and a run scored.

Isaac Kuykendall, Alex Bonner and Lathan Compton scored a run each.

Brody Maroon started the game for the Rattlers, going four innings while allowing a pair of earned runs and a walk. He would strike out four batters.

After Wilcher got into trouble in the fifth (two earned runs, three walks and a strikeout), Kuykendall would come in to shut the door on

the Dragons, going 2.33 innings while allowing no hits or walks and striking out five.

Jaxon Temple was the starting pitcher for the Dragons, going one out short of the distance while allowing three earned runs, two walks and striking out six.

Graden Hanry would drive in three runs for Junction City, while teammate Reid Cates scored twice with two hits and a stolen base.

VERSUS PARKERS CHAPEL

In the second round of regionals, the Rattlers would drop a 2-1 game to Parkers Chapel.

Murfreesboro would hold a 1-0 lead after the third inning, an advantage that would hold until the fifth inning when Parkers Chapel scored both their runs.

Wilcher would score the Rattlers’ lone run. Isaac Kuykendall had the game’s only extra base hit with a double as part of his 2-for-3 day.

Kuykendall went the complete seven innings on the mound for the Rattlers, allowing five hits, two earned runs and three walks with eight strikeouts.

Parkers Chapel’s Cameron Mayo would match Kuykendall’s effort, pitching seven innings himself while allowing five hits, an earned run and five walks while striking out seven Rattlers.

Mayo and Dyson Dougan each had RBIs for the Trojans.

Parkers Chapel would drop the championship game the next day to Woodlawn by a 24-3 score.

VERSUS SPRING HILL

In the regional consolation game, Murfreesboro would drop the game to conference for Spring Hill by an 8-3 score.

The Bears found themselves in the game following a 9-5 loss to Woodlawn the day previous.

Spring Hill Jumped out to a 2-0 lead in their top half of the second inning, which the Rattlers matched in the bottom half of the second.

The Bears would extend the lead to 6-2 when Murfreesboro added their final run un the bottom of the sixth.

Brody Maroon (two innings) and Carter Gilmer (five innings) would pitch for the Rattlers, collectively allowing six earned runs, eight walks and nine hits while striking out three.

Mason Moore went the complete game for the Bears, allowing seven hits, three earned runs and two walks. He would strike out five

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City approves plan for water retirement backpay

BY JOHN BALCH

Nashville News-Leader Staff

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro City Council voted Monday night to help pay back more than \$72,000 in retroactive retirement coverage for the waterworks department employees.

Mayor Jim O’Neal explained that the waterworks department, which is separate from city operations, had recently switched to retirement benefits offered through Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System (APERS) for its employees.

The city had made the move to APERS in 2022 for its employees.

O’Neal said that APERS, despite the city and waterworks being separate, has concluded the department actually “falls under the umbrella” of the city and that \$72,567.77 in retroactive must be paid before additional coverage can be provided.

The mayor said the water commission has requested that the city pay \$20,000 of the bill with the waterworks paying the remaining amount.

“That’s money that’s owed,” said Mayor O’Neal, who added that he sees no other op-

tion and that the funds can be paid out over a 24-month period.

Council member Mark Barnes questioned whether it was city or water officials in charge of the waterworks and asked, “Who’s making the decisions?”

With that, Mayor O’Neal said since the waterworks department is considered under the city’s umbrella, he called for a motion to go into an executive session to talk about Water Superintendent Randy Miller. Barnes made the mo-

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Memorial Day ceremony readies for May 26

MURFREESBORO – Pike County Veterans Service Officer, Bob Williams, reports that a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the War Memorial located on the Pike County Courthouse square Monday, May 26, starting at 10 a.m.

The event will last approximately an hour.

He encourages all veterans, residents, and visitors of Pike County to take this opportunity by gathering as Americans to honor and remember the men and women throughout the history of this great nation who “Gave Their All” to purchase and preserve our nation’s freedoms.

The event will honor the 78 Pike County residents who lost their lives in combat from WW-I, WW-II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Attendees will unite in spirit on this day with others not only across our nation, but on battlefields and cemeteries in other countries where American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines lost their lives and their remains were never returned home.

“I don’t believe this is asking too much,” said Williams. “This solemn day was established specifically for this purpose, and as an American, we should feel a sense of deep gratitude for those who purchased our freedoms,

and contrary to what you may think, freedom isn’t free ... it was purchased with the precious blood of someone’s son, daughter, husband, father and mother!”

The event will be highlighting one of Pike County’s WW-II veteran who became a POW and never returned home to Pike County. The

Honorary Wreath will be placed by his relative.

Pike County 4H will be providing lunch following the ceremony.

“Set aside an hour out of your day to join with millions of Americans in a spirit of remembrance; I look forward to seeing you there,” said Williams.



May named EHC month in Pike County, state of Arkansas

MURFREESBORO – May has been declared Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council (EHC) month by Pike County Judge Eddie Howard in a proclamation released earlier this month.

In its 113th year of existence, the group started homemaker and home demonstration work in Arkansas in 1912. Their purpose is to “empower individuals and families to improve their quality of living through continuing education, leadership development and community service.”

The volunteer organization, associated with the University of Arkansas System Division Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, offers the latest research-based information in the areas of family and consumer science, agriculture and community development.

EHC has local councils in 70 Arkansas counties and supports 4-H club work as a vital part of the county Extension program.

Across the state EHC local clubs give assistance to a variety of worthy causes, including hospitals and other health facilities, food pantries, day care centers, charitable organizations and families in crisis along with offering opportunities to residents statewide to learn heirloom arts and crafts.

Howard proclaimed the month of May to recognize Pike County EHC programs and asked that fellow citizens across Arkansas join their fellow state residents in recognizing and participating in the program.

EHC STATEWIDE

By Rebekah Hall • U of A System Division of Agriculture

As the largest volunteer organization in the state, the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council and its nearly 3,000 members are dedicated to improving their communities and their quality of life. To recognize the organization’s achievements and contributions to the state, celebrate May as Extension Homemakers Month in Arkansas.

The Arkansas Extension Homemakers program was started in 1912 by the Cooperative Extension Service, the outreach and teaching arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, to expand the reach of extension programming. The organization has a three-part mission: lifelong learning, community service and leadership development.

“The purpose of the three-part mission of EHC is to empower people to improve quality of life,” said Laura Hendrix, extension associate professor of personal finance and consumer economics for the Division of Agriculture and advisor to EHC. “While EHC has been around for decades, recent years have seen increased use of new technology and methods to stay connected. Members meet via Zoom and Facebook Live, and webpages and materials are updated for accessibility.”

Hendrix said that in 2023, 5,491 volunteers with EHC contributed more than 200,000 hours of community service, valued at \$6.7 million.

“The Cooperative Extension Service and Arkansas Extension Homemakers have partnered on EHC programs for more than 100 years,” Hendrix said. “EHC clubs and councils collaborate with business, community and public service organizations and leaders in their local communities. Arkansas EHC also partners with a variety of organizations at the state level, including the Arkansas Food Bank, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Arkansas Children’s Hospital.”

From 2019-2022, Arkansas EHC focused on food insecurity as its state project. Members raised more than 4.5 million meals through food drives and monetary donations to local food pantries and the state’s six regional food banks.

In 2023, the organization kicked off its next state project, EHC Cares, focusing on mental health awareness. Dot Hart, a member of the New Horizons EHC Club in Jefferson County, said she brought this topic to the state EHC board.

“Mental health awareness is close to my heart,” Hart said. “I pitched that to our board, it’s personal to me. We’ve offered mental health first aid training to our EHC members and community members, and a couple of counties have done crafting for mental health awareness or mental health walks.”

Hart said the project aims to destigmatize mental health and educate members — and by extension, their communities — about available mental health resources.

“It’s just about being that advocate,” Hart said. “I always say, Extension Homemakers are boots on the ground. That’s how I look at us.”

LEADING AND LEARNING WITH EHC

As part of the continuing education mission, Hendrix said extension specialists and agents develop non-formal educa-



Staff photo

MAY IS EHC MONTH ... Pictured above is: (L to R) Eva Langley, Pike County U-A Extension Service Staff Chair; Avonne Petty, Pisgah Club representative; Jeanette Deaton, Pike County Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council President; Eddie Howard, Pike County Judge; Ginny Evans, East Delight Club representative and Betty Epperson, Glenwood Club representative. The group recently gathered at the Pike County Courthouse to mark the announcement of May being declared EHC month in Pike County.

tional programs and train volunteers to teach others the latest research-based information about money management, health, nutrition and personal development.

EHC also offers training and opportunities for members to serve in leadership roles, such as in their club, county and state offices. Deb Teague, a member of The Scrappers EHC Club in Lawrence County, said EHC has helped her become a leader in her day-to-day life.

“The leadership development portion of our organization has benefitted me more than any other part,” Teague said. “It’s helped me with other roles I hold in my life.”

Teague has served as president of her county Extension Homemakers Council, the creative skills chair, and district director of the Delta District for the EHC state office. She currently serves as the organization’s president-elect and will take office as president in July.

“When I talk to people about EHC, the most common thing they say is, ‘I have a job, I’m not a homemaker,’” Teague said. “I always tell people that if you have a place where you live, where you cook and clean, you are a homemaker. Our organization has valuable information that can help you on a wide variety of subjects, to help you do what you’re already doing in a better way.

“Our leadership focus can give you tools to do your job better,” Teague said. “Our community service can help get your name out there, and it can go on your resume and look good to employers. Our organization can assist you with what you’re already doing.”

Hart said EHC has helped her become more vocal as a leader and an individual.

“I have grown so much as a person, as a leader,” Hart said. “I’m originally from Kentucky, and people don’t believe me when I say that I’m shy, I’m quiet. But if there’s a passion, I’m an advocate. If I feel that there’s a need, I want to be that voice. I want to make that difference. And extension has allowed me to do that.”

Hart has served as associate and district director of the Delta District. She has also served as vice president of the National Volunteer Outreach Network, a collection of service organizations from ten states, with which Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council is affiliated. Arkansas EHC is also affiliated of Associated Country Women of the World, a global organization with members from 82 countries.

POWER OF SOCIAL CONNECTION

EHC also provides an important opportunity for members to socialize with each other, which has emotional and physical benefits.

“Social connection provides value in increased physical health, improved mental health and lower risk of hospitalization, emergency department visits and death,” Hendrix said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Daisy Fire Department is accepting bids for Mowing at the Daisy Fire Department. Sealed bids need to be received by June 09, 2025. Daisy Fire Department PO Box 39 Kirby AR, 71950.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARA JEANETTE HARVEY, Deceased Case No.: 55PR-23-38

To: Damon Vaught & Cameron Vaught C/O Dora Whitaker 329 Grant 561 Sheridan, AR. 72150

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CLARA JEANETTE HARVEY, Deceased : Please take notice, that on May 30, 2025, at 9:00 am, Petitioners, Mike and Mary Dycus, by and through counsel, Tisha L. Martin, Attorney at Law, Nashville, Arkansas, will bring on to be heard the attached Petition for Probate of Will, Clara Jeanette Harvey, deceased. The hearing will be held in the Pike County Circuit Court, located at 305 Industrial Park Dr., Murfreesboro, Arkansas, 71958, with the Honorable Bryan L. Chesshir presiding. Failure to appear in court on the above matter may affect any rights you may have in this cause.

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Hendrix said a recent survey of EHC members shows that 83 percent have increased social connections because of the program.

“This is especially important because social connection is a critical component of well-being, healthy aging, longevity and prevention of neurodegeneration,” Hendrix said.

Teague, who owns a 1,000-acre rice and soybean farm with her husband, said EHC has helped her connect with women in her community, which is especially welcome in her male-dominated field of agriculture.

“I am around men all the time, there are very few females in the farming world,” Teague said. “Whether I’m picking up parts or paying bills, it’s all men. So, Extension Homemakers Council gives me an outlet that’s mostly women to socialize with. When you get a bunch of women together, we can commiserate and build each other up.”

Hart said her favorite part of being in EHC has been the fellowship with fellow members.

“I love community,” she said. “I am a community volunteer, and I just like the programs that extension offers. I really like sharing and taking part in that. It’s one big family, and it gives us a chance to have fellowship and enjoy each other.”

To learn more about Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council or join a local club, visit the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council webpage at www.uaex.uada.edu/life-skills-wellness/extension-homemakers/ or contact Eva Langley at the Pike County Cooperative Extension Service, (870) 285-2161.

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2025 PROPOSED BUDGET: FIRE DEPARTMENT

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REVENUE:

FIRE DUES:	\$8,000.00
CHAMBERS INTEREST	\$10.00
ACT 833	\$2,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$10,010.00

EXPENSES:

WATER	\$500.00
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC	\$1,800.00
DAISY GENERAL FUND (p/r)	\$1,200.00
PLYLERS HOME CENTER	\$100.00
FUEL	\$300.00
ADVERTISEMENT	\$100.00
MOWING	\$500.00
MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT	\$ --
TRUCK REPAIRS	\$1,000.00
POSTAGE	\$50.00
MOWING /EUGENE W.	\$500.00
REYNOLDS RADIO	\$300.00
FIREMAN CALLS	\$500.00
PIKE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF	\$362.00
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LARRY PUMP SERVICE	\$200.00

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Church to help provide meals for children this summer

MURFREESBORO -- In partnership with Harvest Food Bank of Texarkana, Murfreesboro's First United Methodist Church (FUMC) will be offering summer meals for children 18 years and younger during the summer while school is out of session. The program is free and will provide meals for every day of the week to participants. The meals will be distributed on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from May 19-August 3. Parents and guardians may pick up the meals for their children without the children present.

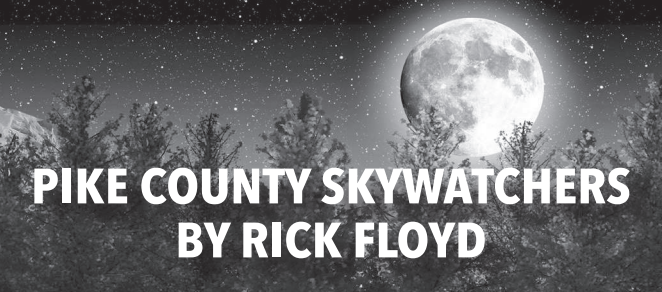
Monday distributions will include three meals, while Thursday pickups will have four meals. The press release said the USDA Summer Feeding Program provides "nutritious meals." Meals may be picked up at the Methodist Church's Blessed Beginnings building, located at 403 Second Avenue in Murfreesboro. Participants are asked to enter from the FUMC Family Life Center on Third Street. For more information on the program, call the church at (870) 285-2579.

Nashville man sentenced to jail after fifth DWI charge

MURFREESBORO -- A Nashville man was sentenced Monday in Pike County Circuit Court for a fifth offense of driving while intoxicated. Freddie L. Robinson, 57, pled guilty to the felony charge and was sentenced to a total of five years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections with three years suspended. He was also fined \$1,000 plus court costs.

CHARGE FILED
Carl Glen Self, 52, of Murfreesboro, was charged April 29 in Pike County Circuit Court with felony possession of metham-

phetamine and drug paraphernalia. Self pled innocent on May 5 and his bond was set at \$10,000 with a June 2 pretrial date. Self was arrested on April 25 by Murfreesboro Officer Brandon Copeland, with an assist from Pike County K9 deputy Bret Reid, following a traffic stop for expired vehicle tags. A search of his vehicle produced evidence for the charges.



Who's afraid of the heavens?

They do have a name for it!

Recently I was told of a man here in the county who fears the dark so much that he has flooded the outside of the house and yard with light, and sleeps with the house lights on. I began to wonder about fears that are somehow related to the sky. There is a scene in the animated classic A Charlie Brown Christmas where Charlie, feeling low, consults Lucy at her Therapy Booth, and after paying the nickel fee she began translating possible fears of his into phobias. Phobias are numerous and the sky, and things in the sky, take their share. Excessive fear of the dark is Nyctophobia from the Greek word for night. Fear of the starry sky is Astrophobia, of the Moon Selenophobia and of clouds Nephophobia. There are those who fear looking up at the sky, especially the night sky. This fear is often accompanied by the fear that they will fall toward the void and disappear, and is called Casadastraphobia. Several fears have unofficial phobia names. Fear of the Sun (or of the Sun exploding) is Heliophobia, and fear of the dawn is Eosophobia. Fear of sunsets is simply called sunset anxiety, and clearly relates to the coming of darkness when Nyctophobia becomes a factor. On the bright side, those who love sunsets are Opacarophiles, and lovers of the Moon are Selenophiles. Those who think having only one phobia is a waste of energy can join Charlie Brown and have a fear of everything or Phantophobia.

Obituaries

Robert Thomas Shefelton, 63, Norman



Robert Thomas Shefelton, Jr., age 63, of Norman, passed away on May 3, 2025, at home with his wife at his side. He was born on October 8, 1961, to Robert Thomas Shefelton, Sr., and Judith Claire Bebout, in Columbus, Ohio. Robert married the love of his life, Sherry, on December 30, 1990, in the middle of Operation Desert Storm. He was a member of Glenwood First Baptist Church. Robert received his MBA from Upper Iowa University in 2015. He had served 23 years in the military and retired as a MSGT. He was an active volunteer in the community. He was the interim minister of Norman Methodist Church and preached two Sundays a month, and he was a part of the prison ministry to share the word of the Lord with the prisoners. Robert was a part of the Murfreesboro Athletic Department, as a coach to many, keeping stats for football, and announcing baseball and softball, and volunteering for t-ball and high school sports. He coached

football and wrestling at Fort Riley Middle School in Fort Riley, Kansas. In his spare time, he volunteered at food banks and with senior citizens. He was a talented carpenter, loved bird watching, and gardening. He loved spending time with his two granddaughters, who were the sunshine of his life. His love for animals, especially horses, ran deep, and his passion for their care was evident in every thoughtful gesture. Robert is preceded in death by his father, Robert Thomas Shefelton, Sr., and his brother, Guy Mitchell Shefelton. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Thompson Shefelton of Norman, his mother, Judith Bebout Shefelton of Waynesville, NC, and his son, Robert Thomas Shefelton III (AnnaLisa Larradale) of San Antonio, Texas. His daughters, Kalley Michelle Cline (Justin) of Norman, and Samantha Nicole Shefelton (Nicholas Wayne Baker) of DeQueen. Grandchildren, Laney Michelle Cline and Ada Grace Cline. His brothers, Christopher Alan Shefelton, Sr. (Debbie), of Waynesville, NC, and Charles Emerson Shefelton (Barbara) of Charlottesville, VA, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and a host of wonderful friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Wounded Warrior Project in his honor at thewoundedwarriorproject.com.

Billy Ray Lee, 86, Murfreesboro



With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Billy Ray Lee on May 7, 2025, at the age of 86. Bill was born to James and Martha Lee on November 19, 1938. He was a devoted family man with a larger-than-life personality who never met a stranger. His smile could light up a room the moment he walked in. On September 23, 1961, Bill married the love of his life, Sue. Together, they had four children: Billy, Felicia, Jeremy, and Heath. Bill attended the University of Arkansas and Southern Arkansas University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education. He taught agriculture for 17 years in Plummerville, AR, and concluded his teaching career in Delight after 13 years. Over his 30-year teaching journey, he was affectionately known as "Mr. Lee" to thousands of students. FFA was a way of life in the Lee household—so much so that all three of his sons followed in his footsteps to become agriculture teachers, carrying forward a legacy of blue and gold for generations. After retiring from teaching, Bill worked as an insurance agent for Farm Bureau for 21 years. He loved people, conversation, and storytelling, and selling insurance gave him the chance to visit with folks for hours and he and Sue were able to travel the world during this time. In his later years, after retiring from Farm Bureau, Bill spent his days on

his farm, riding his tractor and tending to his cattle. Bill loved to tell a story, and some of his favorite topics included all things Chevy, Black Angus cattle, the Dallas Cowboys, and Dale Earnhardt. However, more than any of those subjects, his eyes would light up when he got to share his love for his Lord and Savior. Bill was a deacon at his church and loved sharing about the Lord. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, James and Martha Lee; his daughter, Felicia Ann Summers; his son-in-law, Robert Summers; and his siblings, Clara Fae McKinnon, Sally White, and Jack Lee. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sue, and his sons: Billy Lee Jr. (Cindy), Jeremy Lee (Jeanie), and Heath Lee (Bobbie Jo). He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Taylor and Summer Lee, Tabitha Öller (Daniel), Tiffany Couch (Caden), Samantha Stone (Trey), Shane Aleshire (Dala), Chris Aleshire (Shannon), Brandi Squires (Will), Madison Lee, and Rhett Lee. Great-grandchildren include Braylin Summers, Cade Robert and Cruz Couch, Rowlan and Fisher Stone, Mackenzie, Katie, and Brody Aleshire, Elaina and Eliza Aleshire, and Ziva, Emmeline, and Solomon Squires. Great-great-grandchild, Wyatt. His sister Susie "Blossie" Jester and a multitude of nieces and nephews and cousins. The family received friends on Friday, May 9, 2025 at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro. Funeral services for Mr. Lee were held on Saturday May 10, 2025 at Delight First Baptist Church with Bro. John David Watson and Bro. Bill Williams officiating. Interment followed in the Delight Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro. You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com

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Dr. Bala Simon is an associate professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Q: What is Cushing's syndrome?

A: Cushing's syndrome is a condition resulting from excessive amounts of cortisol, a hormone in the body that helps the body respond to stress. It also assists with regulating glucose, reducing inflammation and converting food into energy. Cushing's syndrome is a rare condition — the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) estimates there are 40 to 70 cases per million people in the United States. According to NIDDK, adults age 30-50 are most likely to experience the syndrome; however, it can occur in children. Women are about three times as likely to be affected by the condition as men. Those who take glucocorticoids for illnesses such as asthma or lupus are also at risk.

Complications of Cushing's syndrome include blood clots, bone loss, elevated cholesterol levels, Type 2 diabetes and frequent infections. Common symptoms of Cushing's syndrome include increased fat around the neck or a hump between the shoulders, a round face, fatigue, skin that bruises easily or wounds that are slow to heal. Women with the condition may have irregular periods and thick, dark hair on the face and body. Reducing cortisol medications is an option for treating Cushing's syndrome. If the condition is caused by a pituitary tumor, radiation therapy or surgery to remove the tumor may be recommended. Contact your health care provider if you have questions.

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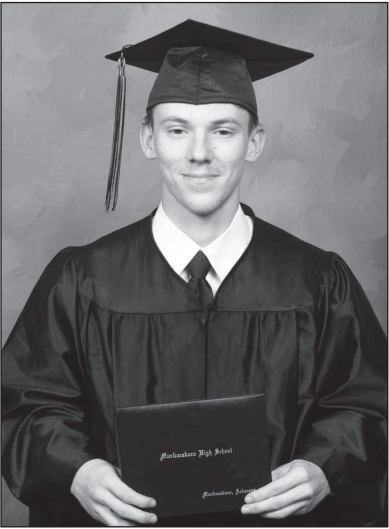
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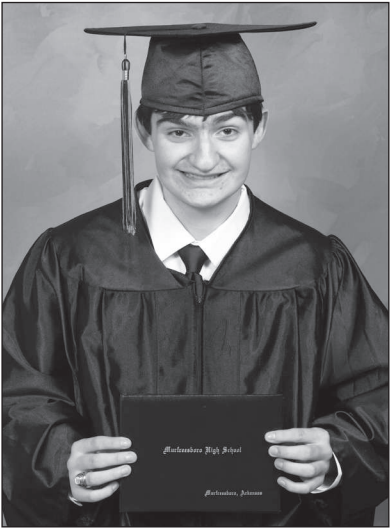
D.J. BARNES

Parents/Guardians: Mark Barnes and Alma Barnes
9-12 Honors & Activities: A/B honor roll
Plans After Graduation: Firefighter



CHLOIE BECK

Parents/Guardians: Linda and Derek Whisenhunt and Cody and Jennifer Beck
9-12 Honors & Activities: Softball, FFA, Band (Drum Major), Archery
Plans After Graduation: University of Central Arkansas -- Agri Business
Scholarship Amount: \$1,000



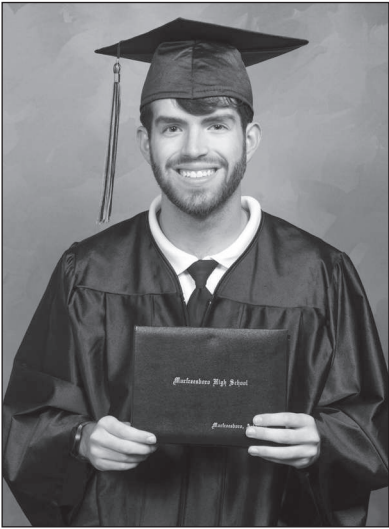
ISAAC BUSH

Parents/Guardians: Melissa Bush and Brad Bush
9-12 Honors & Activities: FACS Completer
Plans After Graduation: Work



CAMERON CAMPBELL

Parents/Guardians: Melissa Campbell
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS EAST Livestream Team
Plans After Graduation: College



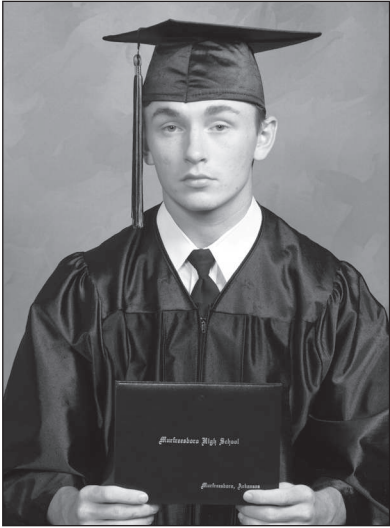
JAMES CHANEY

Parents/Guardians: Jill and Dennis Chaney
9-12 Honors & Activities: 2024- Environmental Science, East community partner collaboration award. 2022- Spanish 1, Civics and Economics award. 9th-12th Beta club, Esports, Archery. Football Manager 2022-2024. Microsoft and East Completer. (Sophomore and Senior class vice president)
Plans After Graduation: Henderson State University - Undecided
Scholarship Amount: \$3,000



ETHAN COLEMAN

Parents/Guardians: Amanda Woodley and Adam Coleman
9-12 Honors & Activities: Esports, Quiz Bowl
Plans After Graduation: Henderson State University, Marketing Management
Scholarship Amount: \$28,000



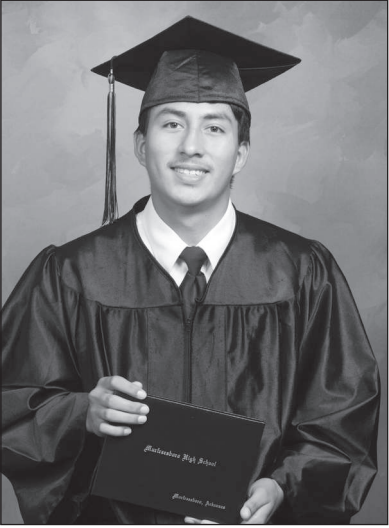
LATHAN COMPTON

Parents/Guardians: Heidi Scott and Justin Compton
9-12 Honors & Activities: Golf, Football and Baseball
Plans After Graduation: CCCUA -- Business Degree



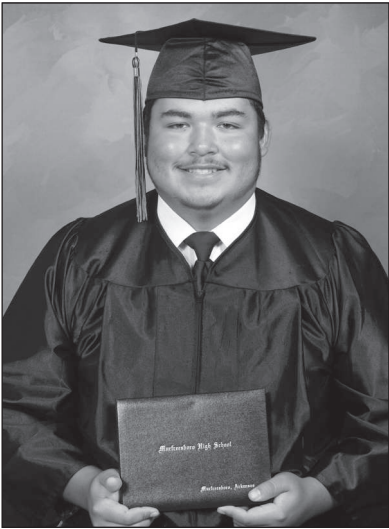
LAYNE COX

Parents/Guardians: Mom: Courtney Rather Dad: Trent Cox Grandmother: Selina Russell
9-12 Honors & Activities: Golf, Beta Club
Plans After Graduation: CCCUA and Workforce
Scholarship Amount: \$8,000



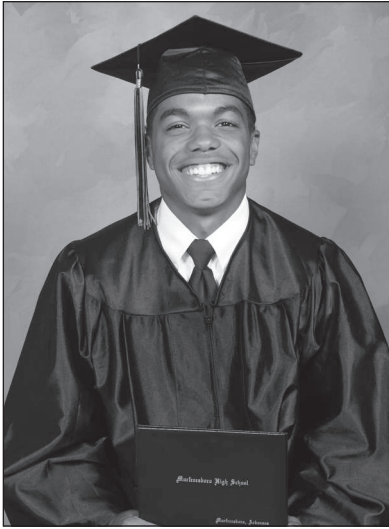
CESAR REYES

Parents/Guardians: Rudy Alexander Cruz Linares and Dignora Beatriz Reyes Paredes
9-12 Honors & Activities: Basketball, Track
Plans After Graduation: Workforce
Scholarship Amount: \$1,000



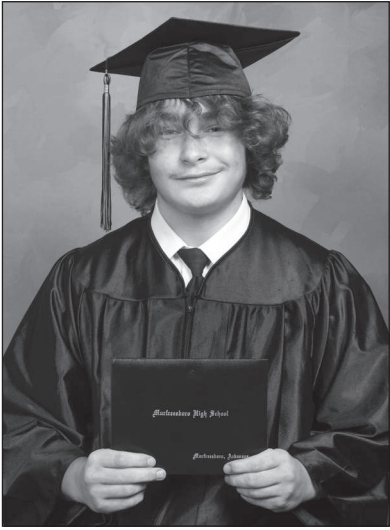
KALEB DELAROSA

Parents/Guardians: Nicky Sigman and Coy Sigman
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS Football, MHS Track
Plans After Graduation: Tradeschool -- Plumbing & HVAC



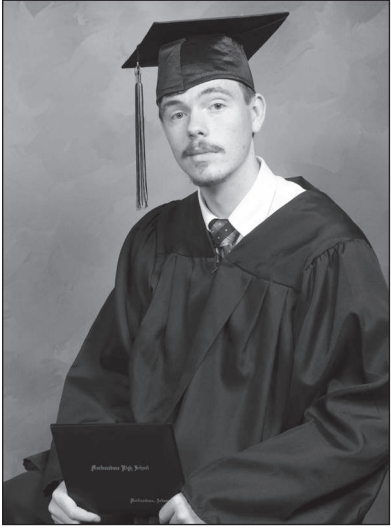
CAYDEN DIXON

Parents/Guardians: Michelle Russey Desmon Dixon/Markie Dixon
9-12 Honors & Activities: 10th-11th-12th grade beta, Award of Excellence, basketball, football, 11th grade FBLA, basketball, football, student of the month, King Fox
Plans After Graduation: Henderson State University, Aviation Degree
Scholarship Amount: \$12,500



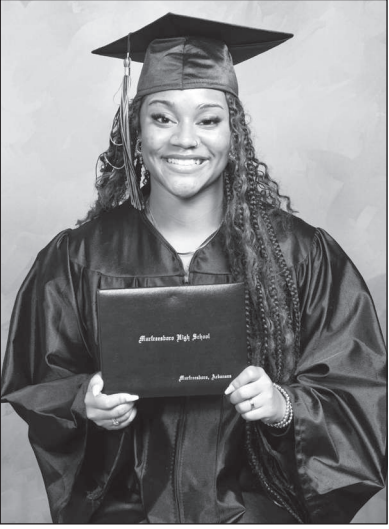
TYLER ELLIS

Parents/Guardians: Brandon and Brenda Ellis
9-12 Honors & Activities: Art
Plans After Graduation: Workforce at York Gary AutoPlex



TAIDEN FANNIN

Parents/Guardians: Nathan Fannin, Rebeckah Fannin
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS EAST, MHS Livestream Team, eSports
Plans After Graduation: Computer Hardware Engineer



ANIYAH HARRIS

Parents/Guardians: Donald & Kizzie Harris
9-12 Honors & Activities: Beta Club Member
Plans After Graduation: Henderson State University, Aviation
Scholarship Amount: \$12,895



JANIYAH HARRIS

Parents/Guardians: Donald & Kizzie Harris
9-12 Honors & Activities: Beta and science club member, tourism completer
Plans After Graduation: Henderson State University, Registered Nursing
Scholarship Amount: \$12,895

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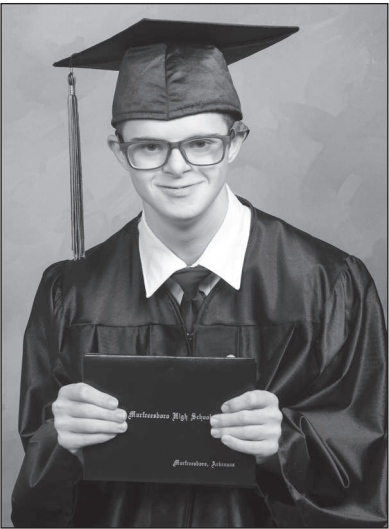
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Parents/Guardians: Tabby Henderson, Mark Henderson
9-12 Honors & Activities: Art, Football, Archery
Plans After Graduation: Lyons College -- Psychology



NATHAN HILL
Parents/Guardians: Cassie and Byron Tolliver, Shaun and Kellie Hill
9-12 Honors & Activities: Certificate of Participation - Special Olympics
Plans After Graduation: Howard County Children's Center Day Service Program



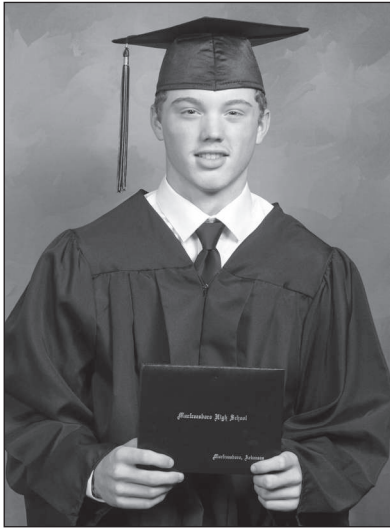
JOECE HOLT
Parents/Guardians: Lacy Womack, Wesley Womack, and Joesph Holt
9-12 Honors & Activities: 1. Honors: All A honorable, 2024 Homecoming Queen 2. Clubs: BETA, FBIA, FCA, Student Council, science club. 3. Awards: FBIA:3x District and State finalists, and National qualifier. BETA: State Finalist and Nationals Qualifier. Science Club: V, Student Council: Class Representative. Sports: MHS Lady Rattler Basketball and Cheer.
Plans After Graduation: Southern Arkansas University and University Arkansas Little Rock -- Event Planning Lawyer
Scholarship Amount: \$8,500



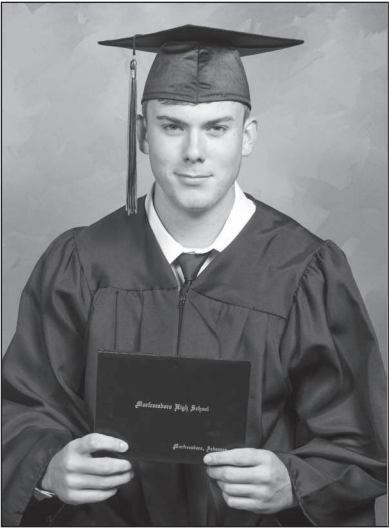
TRISTA HOWARD
Parents/Guardians: Amanda Self
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS Band
Plans After Graduation: Workforce



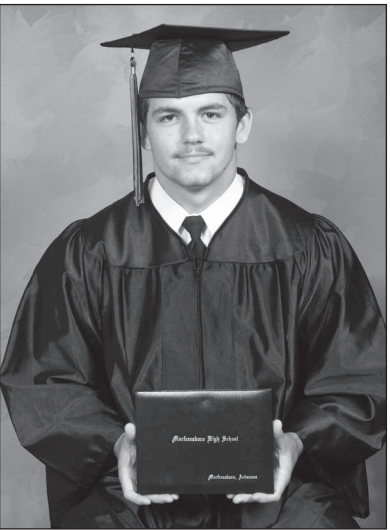
JAMIE HOWELL
Parents/Guardians: Shana and Caleb Howell
9-12 Honors & Activities: FBIA chapter vice president 11th-12th, EAST completor, Beta member 9th-11th, Science Club Graphic Designer, yearbook in 9th grade, Basketball, Golf 11th-12th, FCA leader, all A honor roll 9-12th, student council vice president 11th-12th, student council class officer vice president 9th and 11th
Plans After Graduation: Arkansas State University - Biology/Pre-Med, Pediatrician
Scholarship Amount: \$37,000



WESTON LAMB
Parents/Guardians: Shannon and Amanda Lamb
9-12 Honors & Activities: Beta club, gt, basketball, all a honor roll, honor graduate, golf, ag completor
Plans After Graduation: University of Arkansas at Monticello -- Land Surveying
Scholarship Amount: \$39,000



BRODY MAROON
Parents/Guardians: Scott and Carie Maroon
9-12 Honors & Activities: Football (9-12), Baseball (9-12), BETA, FBIA, FCA, Honor Roll (9-12), Agriculture CTE Completer
Plans After Graduation: UA-Rich Mountain -- Baseball Scholarship -- Agriculture Degree
Scholarship Amount: \$15,000



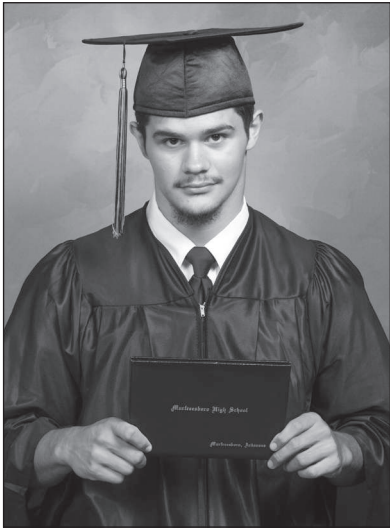
CASH LOWERY
Parents/Guardians: Jarrod Lowery and Genia Cox
9-12 Honors & Activities: Football, basketball, baseball, and ag completor
Plans After Graduation: Lineman School



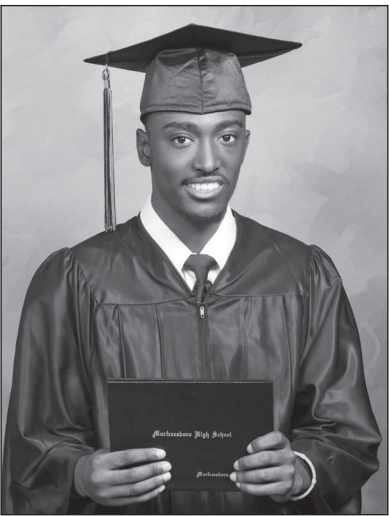
JADA MATTHEWS
Parents/Guardians: Candice Hughes and Jackie Matthews
9-12 Honors & Activities: EAST, Agri, and FACS completor. FCCLA and Science Club President. A/B honor roll
Plans After Graduation: Henderson State University, Criminal Justice
Scholarship Amount: \$39,580



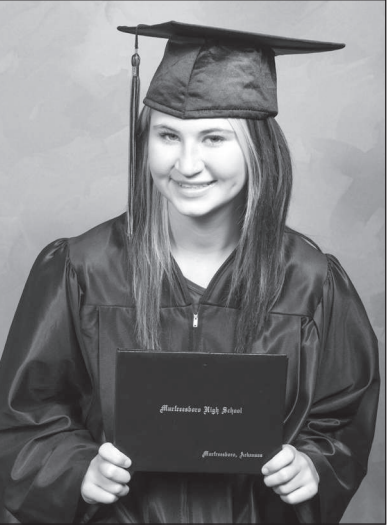
SANTANA MCMILLIAN
Parents/Guardians: Brandon and Autumn McMillian
9-12 Honors & Activities: Beta, Basketball, track, softball FCA club
Plans After Graduation: CCCUA, Occupational Therapy Assistant
Scholarship Amount: \$39,580



ALBERT QUIROZ
Parents/Guardians: Angelo & Mary Quiroz
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS Football
Plans After Graduation: Workforce, Weyerhaeuser



JAMES KELLY WILLIAMS
Parents/Guardians: Sharon Walton
9-12 Honors & Activities: Certificate of Participation -- Special Olympics
Plans After Graduation: Carpenter and Youtuber



KYLIE RAY
Parents/Guardians: Tandie Ray -- mother, Hans Ray -- father, Summer Ray -- step mother
9-12 Honors & Activities: Science Club, Rattler Softball
Plans After Graduation: CCCUA, Physical Therapy Assistant
Scholarship Amount: \$13,000



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Plans After Graduation: Ouachita Baptist University -- Political Science, Lawyer
Scholarship Amount: \$108,000



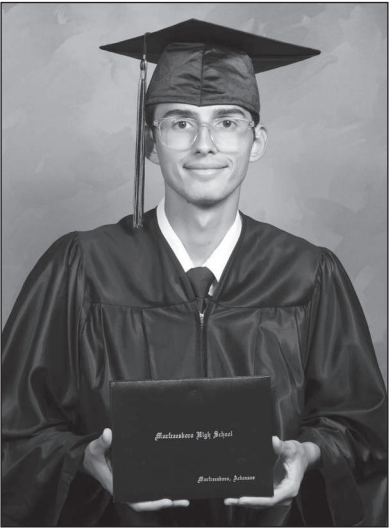
BRIANNA CLARISSA ROSILIER

Parents/Guardians: Brisneyda Flores
9-12 Honors & Activities: FACS Completer
Plans After Graduation: Workforce and Cosmetology School.
Scholarship Amount: \$1,000



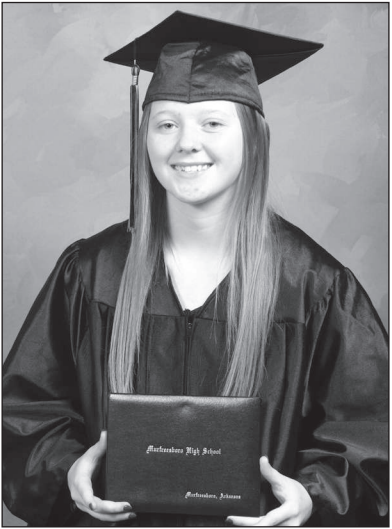
ALYSSA RUIZ

Parents/Guardians: Brenda Ruiz and the late Daniel Ruiz
9-12 Honors & Activities: all american cheerleader, science club, 9-12 softball player, 10-12 yearbook staff member.
Plans After Graduation: Henderson State University -- Psychology
Scholarship Amount: \$15,000



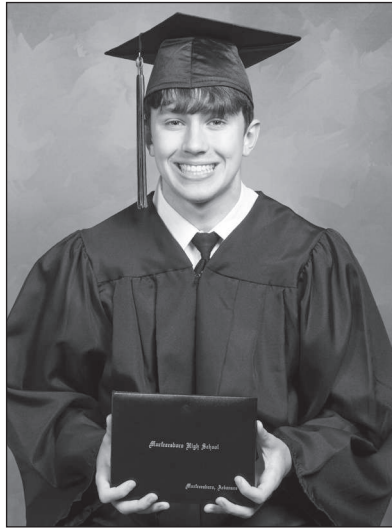
MASON SANDERS

Parents/Guardians: Susan King and Randy King
9-12 Honors & Activities: FBLA, Golf, Tennis, Basketball manager
Plans After Graduation: Arkansas State University
Scholarship Amount: \$12,200



CHLOE SCOGGIN

Parents/Guardians: Kyla Combs and Tracy Scoggin
9-12 Honors & Activities: AB honor roll, FBLA, BETA, FCA, completer in ag, 9-12 lady rattler basketball, GT,
Plans After Graduation: University of Central Arkansas - Radiology
Scholarship Amount: \$24,000



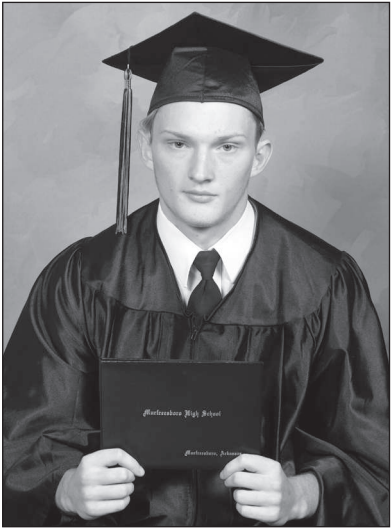
JAMES SILVA

Parents/Guardians: Robert and Candace Silva
9-12 Honors & Activities: 4.0 GPA, Honor Graduate, Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Influencing My Peers As Christian Teens, MHS Golf, MHS Basketball, MHS Baseball Manager.
Plans After Graduation: Hendeson State University -- Undecided
Scholarship Amount: \$38,000



BRODY SMITH

Parents/Guardians: Brittany Smith and Shaun Smith
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS eSports
Plans After Graduation: Arkansas Tech University
Scholarship Amount: \$7,395



CAMERON STEVENS

Parents/Guardians: Ben and Breanna Stevens
9-12 Honors & Activities: football and baseball
Plans After Graduation: Workforce



LAYKEN STONE

Parents/Guardians: Channing and LeAnn McDaniel and Ben Stone and Ashley Webb
9-12 Honors & Activities: Art Club, BETA Club
Plans After Graduation: Plant to attend Cossatot for a semester and then transfer to an out of state college to major in Marine Conservation
Scholarship Amount: \$9,000



KINLEIGH SULLIVAN

Parents/Guardians: Hannah Sullivan and Josh and Autumn Sullivan
9-12 Honors & Activities: 9-12 A B honor roll, Beta club
Plans After Graduation: Harding University -- Speech Pathology
Scholarship Amount: \$155,000



ALLI SYNCO

Parents/Guardians: Nancy Synco
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS Band, MHS Honor Roll, Spanish Completer
Plans After Graduation: University of Arkansas Little Rock and UAMS -- Radiology
Scholarship Amount: \$13,000



MAKENNA TAYLOR

Parents/Guardians: Monica and Jerry White
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS Honor Roll
Plans After Graduation: National Park College -- Radiologic Technology
Scholarship Amount: \$75,000



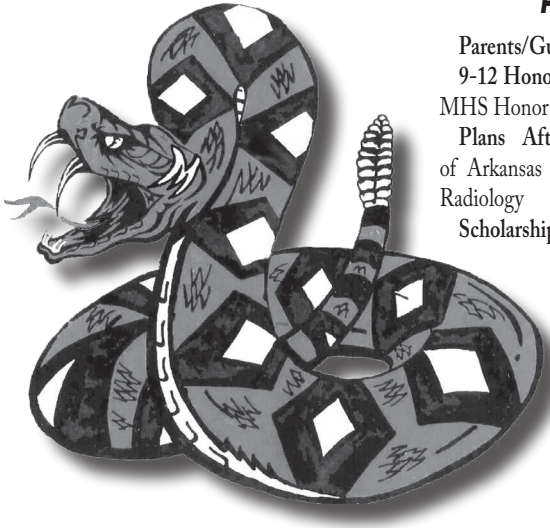
ANNA TERRELL

Parents/Guardians: Phil Terrell and Bridgette Gray
9-12 Honors & Activities: Beta, fccla, band, and science club
Plans After Graduation: Henderson State University -- Elementary Education
Scholarship Amount: \$5,500



ALLIE WICKER

Parents/Guardians: Erin Wicker
9-12 Honors & Activities: 2nd, 1st, 1st in an RCA Essay and Visual Art contest. 5th place Junior Year for digital art in beta. Play clarinet in band, am in beta, art, esports, quizbowl, gt, and archery. Band honor graduate.
Plans After Graduation: CCCUA
Scholarship Amount: \$155,000



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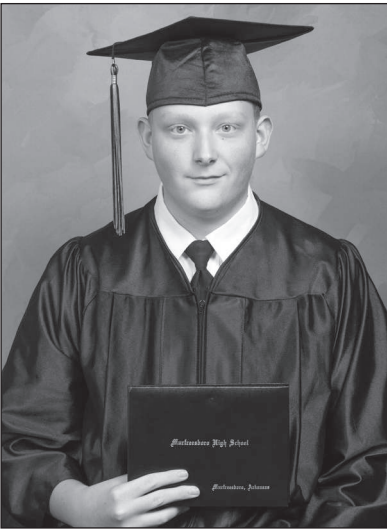


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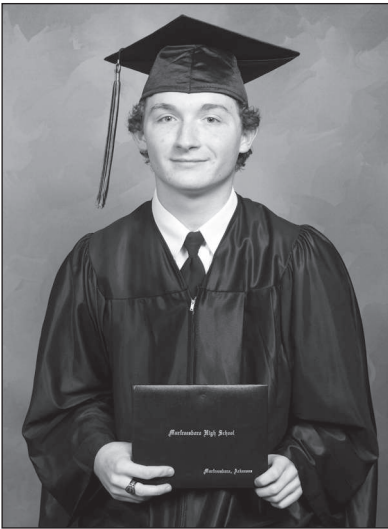
LAYTAN WALTER WILCHER

Parents/Guardians: Billy and Tanya Wilcher
9-12 Honors & Activities: Beta, GT, FCA, Football, Golf, Basketball, Baseball
Plans After Graduation: UA Cossatot -- Lockesburg Industrial Maintenance
Scholarship Amount: \$9,532



BRADEN WRIGHT

Parents/Guardians: Ashley and Wesley Wright
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS EAST, MHS Livestream Team
Plans After Graduation: Arkansas Tech -- Computer Engineering



ELIJAH STRAWN

Parents/Guardians: Larry and Linda Strawn
9-12 Honors & Activities: MHS EAST
Plans After Graduation: Workforce



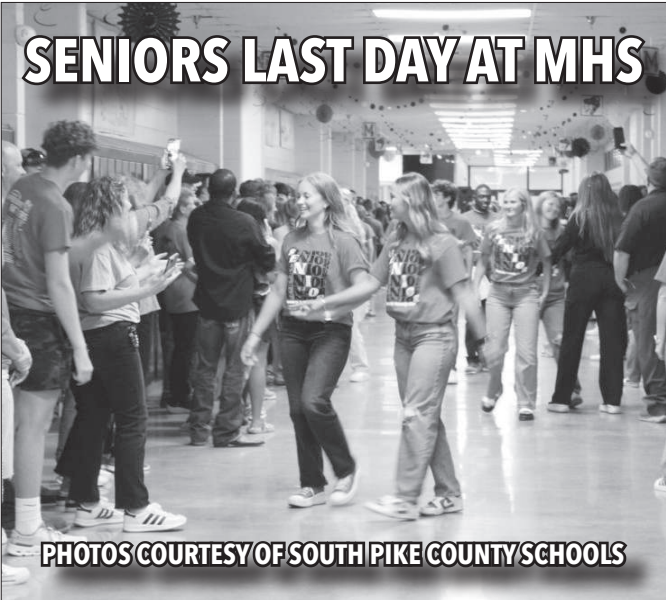
REID SPRADLIN

Parents/Guardians: Jeff and Sabrina Spradlin
9-12 Honors & Activities: All-A Honor Roll- Grades 9-12, Varsity cheer, Varsity softball, Varsity basketball, National Beta Club, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Yearbook, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Science Club, Education Accelerated by Service and Technology (EAST), MHS Office Aide, Gifted and Talented Program (GT), Delight First Missionary Baptist Church Youth
Plans After Graduation: Southern Arkansas University, Register Nurse
Scholarship Amount: \$28,000



JENNA MAY

Parents/Guardians: Christopher and Celeste May
9-12 Honors & Activities: Basketball, Softball, Cheer, FBLA- District President/ District VP, Student Council- Reporter, Science Club- Reporter, G/T, BETA, Class Office- President
Plans After Graduation: Ouachita Baptist University, Pre Professional-Kinesiology for Physical Therapy
Scholarship Amount: \$69,900



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batters in his effort.

Burns had three RBIs for the Rattlers on his 3/3 day with a pair of doubles and a stolen base.

Kuykendall doubled and scored a run for the Rattlers.

Karson Hamilton and Andrew Carrillo each had two RBIs and a run scored for Spring Hill.

STATE TOURNAMENT

The Rattlers (21-9) will next see action in Thursday's game versus Conway Christian (19-4) in the Class 2A state tournament hosted at Palestine-Wheatley. The game is set to be played in Forrest City at 10 a.m..

Conway Christian is the number one seed from Region 3-2A.

Should the Rattlers win the game, they would play the winner of the Izard County and Westside-Johnson County contest on Friday.

LADY RATTTLERS

The Murfreesboro Lady Rattlers softball team ended their season with a first round loss at regionals to Woodlawn by a 10-0 score.

The Lady Rattlers finish with a 6-15 record on the season.

Postseason awards were named for the Lady Rattlers on Tuesday, including Reid Spradlin being named to the all-state list.

District 7-2A outstanding outfielder went to Jenna May.

Lady Rattlers named to the all-district list included Spradlin, Gianna Draper and Faith Teel.

All-district honorable mentions included Natalie Perrin, Alyssa Ruiz, Kylie Ray and May.



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‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

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vinely connected and when one of our fellow Christians is wounded, we all suffer. Nothing we do or say is without immediate and eternal consequences. Sincerity and truthfulness binds us together as surely as the great truth that Jesus is the head of the body. Each individual member supplies the life's blood for those whose lives are touched by our own. Fools mock the idea that sin exists. They choose not to believe that our actions,

thoughts and intents can and will save or destroy our eternal soul. Sin is not a joke! It is not now, nor has it ever been a joke in God's sight. Jehovah holds us responsible for what we do or fail to do. We are the servants of God, who is always faithful to His own will. He promises that our wellbeing is important to Him. He always keeps His word to us. None of His promises have ever failed. Whatever we have promised to this true and faithful Father we must resolve that it will be done. It is not a joke that God takes us at our word. He expects that we will make good on the commitment that we have made to be faithful and true to Him. Our salvation depends on it and so may the salvation of those we love. It is not a joke!

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MAY 15 - 12:30 PM Game 2 2nd 2 Izard County 3rd 1 Westside - Johnson County F2-Forrest City Sports Complex	MAY 16 - 12:30 PM Game 10 F1-Palestine-Wheatley High School	MAY 17 - 2:30 PM Game 14 F1-Palestine-Wheatley High School	
MAY 15 - 3:00 PM Game 3 1st 4 Woodlawn 4th 3 Baptist Prep F2-Forrest City Sports Complex	MAY 16 - 3:00 PM Game 11 F1-Palestine-Wheatley High School		
MAY 15 - 5:30 PM Game 4 2nd 1 Hackett 3rd 2 Riverside F2-Forrest City Sports Complex	MAY 16 - 5:30 PM Game 12 F1-Palestine-Wheatley High School		
MAY 15 - 10:00 AM Game 5 1st 2 Cedar Ridge 4th 1 Danville F1-Palestine-Wheatley			
MAY 15 - 12:30 PM Game 6 2nd 4 Parkers Chapel 3rd 3 Des Arc F1-Palestine-Wheatley			
MAY 15 - 3:00 PM Game 7 1st 1 Life Way Christian 4th 2 Corning F1-Palestine-Wheatley			
MAY 15 - 5:30 PM Game 8 2nd 3 McCrory 3rd 4 Spring Hill F1-Palestine-Wheatley			

① F1: Palestine-Wheatley High School. F2: Forrest City Sports Complex. The higher seed shall have the choice of selecting whether to be the home or away team. If two teams have the same seed, a coin toss shall determine the team which gets the choice whether to be the home or away team.

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HE GIVES THE MAIDEN HIS GIFT FOR THE WATER...

WHOSE DAUGHTER ART THOU? IS THERE ROOM FOR ME IN THY FATHER'S HOUSE?

I AM REBEKAH, DAUGHTER OF BETHUEL, AND THERE IS ROOM FOR THESE IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE, ALSO PROVIDER FOR THY CAMELS!

NOW REBEKAH RUNS AHEAD TO HER HOUSE - SHE IS EXCITED, FOR ALTHOUGH IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR ANY STRANGER TO OFFER A GIFT FOR THE WATER HE HAS RECEIVED, STILL A GOLDEN EARRING AND TWO BRACELETS ARE QUITE UNEXPECTED!

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 - 5. Large edible mushroom
 - 8. Food safety agency, acr.
 - 11. Auditioner's hope
 - 12. Closing act
 - 13. *Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, supposedly
 - 15. Corset rod
 - 16. Therefore
 - 17. *"Lord of the Flies" shell
 - 18. *Ed of TV
 - 20. Sty sound
 - 21. Pillow filler
 - 22. Gastrointestinal tract
 - 23. *Pooch on a 1950s skirt
 - 26. Most cautious
 - 30. Go wrong
 - 31. Camels' relatives
 - 34. Lake north of Cleveland
 - 35. Wide open
 - 37. Kind of conifer
 - 38. Spectrum maker
 - 39. Better than never
 - 40. Portable stairs
 - 42. Headdress
 - 43. Tennis shoe
 - 45. Triage nurse's measurements
 - 47. Old horse
 - 48. Film director Sergio
 - 50. Band's work-related trip
 - 52. *Slicked men's hairstyle
 - 55. Does like a hot dog
 - 56. Rod for a hot rod
 - 57. Winter forecast
 - 59. Be
 - 60. Measurement, abbr.
 - 61. U2 guitarist
 - 62. *Clearasil target
 - 63. Ballpark fig.
 - 64. Wine choice

- DOWN**
- 1. Roman goddess of fertility
 - 2. *Domino's nickname
 - 3. German Mrs.
 - 4. Coiffed
 - 5. Turn pumpkin into Jack-o-Lantern
 - 6. "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
 - 7. Low-ranking worker
 - 8. Certain Scandinavian
 - 9. 52 cards
 - 10. Fireplace mess
 - 12. Beer mug
 - 13. Use elbow grease
 - 14. *First Black nominee of Oscar for Best Actor
 - 19. City in Northern France
 - 22. Neon or radon, e.g.
 - 23. Church bell sounds
 - 24. Liturgy instrument
 - 25. Speak like Pericles
 - 26. *June Cleaver's husband
 - 27. "Fear of Flying" author Jong
 - 28. Type of rug
 - 29. Christmas help, pl.
 - 32. Way, way off
 - 33. *____-Century Modern
 - 36. *Charles Schulz creation
 - 38. Newspapers and such
 - 40. Chicken order
 - 41. Calls forth
 - 44. Eroded limestone landscape
 - 46. Movie trailer, e.g.
 - 48. Lumen per square meter, pl.
 - 49. "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g.
 - 50. Yellow ride
 - 51. The Fonz: "Sit _____!"
 - 52. Female equivalent of sir
 - 53. ____-European language
 - 54. Fireplace fodder
 - 55. *Candy in dispenser
 - 58. Itsy-bitsy

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tion and the closed session convened at 6:15 and was voted back into open session at 6:43. O'Neal announced that there would be "no action taken on Mr. Miller" following the executive session. The meeting was not attended by Miller or any waterworks commissioners. The council then turned its attention back to the retroactive funds and eventually voted 4-0 to pay the amount out over a 24-month period.

With council members Betty O'Neal and Kirk Stone absent from the May meeting, those in attendance included Barnes, Jane Fugitt, Lewis Gills and Cody Bachmann. In other business Monday night, the council voted to immediately give the Murfreesboro Senior Adult Center \$3,000, which is budgeted annually by the city, to continue its Meals on Wheels program as the center's budget is currently running short. The council also approved Recorder/Trea-

surer Penny Lamb's financial report, which included the following beginning and ending balances for April:

- General Fund -- \$63,475/\$85,719
- General Operating -- \$297,437/\$233,262
- Street Fund -- \$16,527/\$24,200
- Street Operating -- \$298,166/\$289,497
- Park Fund -- \$14,723/\$8,439
- Waterworks Department -- \$508,001/\$507,471
- Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism

Commission -- \$84,049/\$75,966

Also Monday, the following event reminders were issued:

- Murfreesboro Farmers' Market grand opening, May 22, 18 Park Street
- Juneteenth Freedom Day, June 14, Murfreesboro City Park. Contact Mrs. Burton at (870) 925-0458 for more information.
- 4th Annual Keith Stone Memorial Car Show, Sept. 12-13, on the square in Murfreesboro

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