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Angel Tree applications now available locally

MURFREESBORO -- Angel Tree applications are now available for families that need some extra help this holiday season.

The applications are available at Murfreesboro City Hall, Murfreesboro Library and Murfreesboro Elementary School.

Applications must be returned by Monday, November 10.

Please call Kelsi at (870) 582-3882 or Angie at (870) 285-5269 for further information.

Dates for angel placements and gift drop off times will be announced soon.

SAC to host Senior Health Fair on Oct. 29

MURFREESBORO -- As part of the 32nd National Health and Fitness Day, the Murfreesboro Senior Activity Center will host their Senior Health Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The event, held in collaboration with the Area Agency of Aging of Weest Central Arkansas, will be held from 8:30-11 a.m. at the center, which is located at 120 East Court Street, Suite A in Murfreesboro.

The event is free at attend and will feature activities and screenings for attendees. All area seniors are invited to attend.

Chamber looks to purchase new holiday decorations

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce met on Tuesday, Oct. 14 to discuss the purchase of Christmas décor to feature on the light poles down Washington

The goal is to replace some of the older decorations the city has been using for a number of years.

"We made money specifically for this," chamber secretary/treasurer Jane Fugitt said, noting the group expected to make another \$10,000-\$15,000 from the haunted house effort this year.

The group approved the purchase of liability insurance for the haunted house from RPS Tulsa for \$1,794.00.

The haunted house at the former Pike County Hospital in Murfreesboro was held this past Friday and Saturday and will be open four more dates - Friday, Oct. 24, Saturday, Oct. 25, Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Child's hour with no actors starts at 6 p.m., with the full house opening at 7:30 p.m. and running to

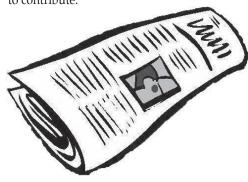
11 p.m. for all four dates. The group approved the running of advertisements on B99.5 radio out of Nashville to advertise the events to the area.

4-H Shop with a Cop

MURFREESBORO -- Pike County 4-H "Shop with a Cop" program is still seeking funds for

the holiday season. The purpose of the event is to foster positive relationships between youth and officers. K-6th grade students are selected each year during the holiday season to shop at local area stores with a Pike County officer.

An account has been established at First State Bank of Pike County if anyone would like to contribute.



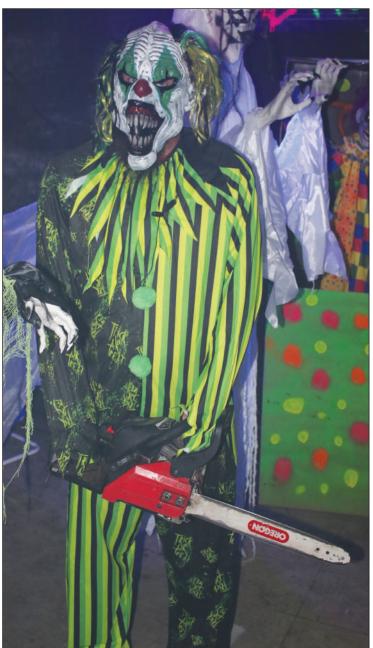
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HAUNTED HOUSE NOW OPEN ... The Chamber's third annual Haunted House at the old Pike County Hospital in Murfreesboro is now underway, with a new, longer route being utilized that differs from last year. This year the Haunted House will be held on two more weekends - Oct. 24-25 and Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Kid's hour will be 6-7 p.m. nightly with no actors, while the full house will be open from 7:30-11 p.m. Entry fees to the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (9 years old and younger).

Rattlers win last Friday night sets up big game versus Dragons

road over the Lafayette County Cougars (1-6, 0-4) by a 54-34 score last Friday night.

The Rattlers built a 24-0 lead by the second quarter and went to half with a 30-6 lead.

The Cougars outscored the Rattlers 28-24 in the second half, largely on the strength of a 22-

The Rattlers would amass 549 total yards, 396 through the air and 153 on the ground. MHS was 5-9 on third down opportunities and 1-4 on fourth down ties with 20 total first downs.

Murfreesboro would turn the ball over once with an interception and had nine penalties for 45 yards.

MHS quarterback Kooper Caldwell was 28/42 through the air for 396 yards and five touchdowns, along with 28 yards rushing on five attempts and another touchdown.

Alex Parker led the team in rushing with 61

yards on four attempts and a touchdown. Caldwell spread the ball around to the MHS receivers, with five players collecting over 50 yards. Liam Eoff had 90 yards on four receptions including a 50 yard TD catch in the fourth quarter. Isaac Kuykendall caught six passes for 85 yards and a TD, Kale Burns had six catches for 80 yards with a TD and Cayden Ballard had six receptions for 57 yards and led the team with three two-point conversion grabs.

Aiden "Bubba" Stinson was a dual threat with 33 yards rushing on five attempts and six catches for 83 yards and a pair of TDs.

The Rattlers did not attempt a punt on the

The Cougars had 393 total yards – 353 on the ground, and collected 16 first downs on 5/11 third downs and 0/4 fourth down tries.

Lafayette County had a pair of turnovers, a fumble and an interception, and was penalized three times for five yards.

Jordan Walters led the Cougars with 195 rushing yards on 25 attempts for four touchdowns, including a 57 yard rush in the second quarter for a score.

"We threw it well for the most part," said Rattler head coach Jay Turley. "We did what we needed to do ... but we kind of played down to their level a little bit. If you are up 30-6 at halftime you should put them away, and that's frustrating. They did a good job or trying to stop our running game - they are super talented and big up front. We had a problem of getting a couple of those guys blocked, so we

had to throw it a lot." He said the flow of the game seemed to affect the Rattlers' intensity, with the Cougars taking all the time they could between plays and dragging the high scoring affair into a three hour

"It was bad and we kind of played into it.

STAMPS – The Murfreesboro Rattlers (5-2, in between Dierks and Junction City – but we enough to make a win possible, Turley laughed. 3-1) earned a crucial conference victory on the came out really well, taking advantage of some "I guess we'll find out. I think we can – I think things and scoring quickly on them. We just had a couple drives stall with penalties and dropped balls."

VERSUS JUCTION CITY

This week the Rattlers will host the highly ranked Junction City Dragons (6-1. 4-0), whose only blemish on the record was a week three non-conference 37-28 loss to Smackover.

The Dragons have rolled through their conference games, outscoring their four opponents 178-19, including a 53-13 win over Dierks last

Turley said he should have no problem motivating the troops this week.

"It's for the conference championship, for [playoff seeding] and all that stuff. It's a big game. They are very good ... big time. I would hope we don't need much motivation. But if we can beat them by seven, we could win the conference, considering we take care of business the rest of the way. This is for a share of the conference championship. We're not looking ahead to anybody this week."

A win by the Rattlers Friday night at home would create a three way-tie atop of the conference with the Rattlers, Dragons and Gurdon. Gurdon has defeated Murfreesboro and lost to Junction City earlier this season.

Asked if the Rattlers could stop the Dragons

our kids will step up and play at a higher level of intensity."

"They are really good defensively, so we'll have to move the ball on them too."

Turley said he expected another game where the Rattlers were forced to throw the ball a lot.

"Junction will run the ball more – that's what they do – and are more disciplined defensively [than Lafayette County]. We will try to run the ball against them, but my guess is they will load the box and bring the heat. We have to make every catch Friday night – if it hits us in the hand we have to make the catch, and we

have to eliminate the mental mistakes.' Turley said the starting Junction City back was great - "he makes them go" - and the team would have to find a way to combat his pres-

"We have to keep him contained ... if we let

him out on the edge, he's gone. He can fly." Turley looks forward to a big crowd Friday

night at Rattler Stadium.

"It's a big game and I think both sides will be packed. It will be a great atmosphere for Friday night high school football. We'll let the chips fall where they fall. We have our destiny in our own hands, and that's a good place to be. We've put ourselves in this position, now we have to go perform."



SECURING THE BALL ... A Murfreesboro junior high Rattler secures an interception against Lafayette County in last week's game at home. The Rattlers would defeat the Cougars 46-16.

NOTES FROM CITY HALL

Time for patience

Due to the untimely loss of one of our employees and the illness of another, we are behind on large item and limb pick up. We will get back to normal as soon as possible. Thank you for

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (870) 285-3732. We want to hear from you.

Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O'Neal

Area resident sentenced for internet stalking

MURFREESBORO -- A Little River County man who took the bait of a Pike County undercover social media investigation and was charged with internet stalking of a child and possession of CSAM (child sexual abuse material) was sentenced to a total of 10 years in the state prison Monday in Pike County Circuit

Lonn McClinton, 40, of Winthrop, knowingly communicating on social media with someone he thought was a 14-year-old female, but the "female" was actually Pike Investigator Jason Mc-Donald working in an undercover account to investigate adults engaging in appropriate contact with minors.

In addition to his 10-year sentence, McClinton was also sentenced to supervised post-release supervision for seven years.

According to case information, McClinton initially was reluctant to continue communication that started in February because of the decoy's age and "potential legal ramifications," but he resumed contact and maintained "casual dialogue while seeking reassurance that the decoy would not report him."

The communication eventually turned inappropriate and Mc-Clinton reportedly sent an explicit photograph of himself and detail sexually-related memes. He also offered to bring alcohol and condoms to a proposed meeting.

McClinton set up multiple meetings with the decoy but cancelled them due to a lack of transportation. However, on March 10, he confirmed he had a vehicle and was headed to the meeting place. When he announced "I'm here," Pike County and Murfreesboro officers converged on hims and took him into custody without incident.

Also Monday, Nickolas Jeffrey Lockeby, 30, of Delight, plead guilty to two amended misdemeanor charges of domestic battery and criminal mischief. He was original charged with two felonies May 21.

Lockeby received a suspended sentence of one year and was fined \$2,000 plus \$500 court costs.

Charges filed

Ryan McKamie, 31, of Kirby, was charged Oct. 9 with failure to comply with registration and reporting requirements of being a sex offender.

McKamie plead innocent to the charge Monday and a Nov. 3 pretrial date was set.

Dustin Curry, 41, of Nashville, who arrested earlier this month for internet stalking of a child, was officially charged in Pike County on Oct. 16 and made his first court appearance Monday. He plead innocent to the charge and a Feb. 9, 2926 pretrial date



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CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS ... Pike County 4-H announced their chili cook-off winners from last Saturday at the City Service Station pavilion. First place was Dan Eoff (above left), second place went to Staci Henderson (Laci Hill Culpepper stood in for photo above right) and third place was a tie between Kenneth Jackson and Eva Langley. (pictured left with Junior Miss Pike County and 4-Her Carysn Ballard) "Thank you to everyone who came out & supported our 4-Hers ... stay tuned for next year's dates!" said program organizers.

City discusses AI, people sleeping at park

BY JOHN BALCH

Nashville News-Leader staff

MURFREESBORO -- The world of artificial intelligence (AI) and "automated decision tools" was addressed Monday by the Murfreesboro City Council after a state mandate for compliance.

The council approved a resolution Monday required by the state concerning public entities and use of AI in the workplace. The council then amended the city's policy manual to reflect the resolution.

The resolution, entitled "A resolution adopting an artificial intelligence policy for the City of Murfreesboro in compliance with Act 848 of 2025; and for other purposes," was approved by unanimous vote.

Act 848 "mandates that final decision involving AI must be made by a human employee" and prohibits the use of AI and automated decision tools by public employees.

The policy also includes prohibition on the use of AI for expressing a personal political opinion to an elected official or lobbying an elected official. Another prohibited use is "intentionally overriding or avoiding the cybersecurity or system integrity procedures of the City

In other business Monday night, the council approved a resolution keeping the city's millage rate at 3.0 mills.

The council voted to wait on the sale of a 2020 Ford hybrid patrol car until next year so it can possible be used as a trade-in when buying the city's next patrol unit.

The council also gave Mayor Jim O'Neal authorization to renegotiate the percentage of district court cost funds that is distributed to the county, Murfreesboro and Glenwood. A recent change on the state level has modified the way funds have been distributed in the past. Mayor O'Neal said a current formula would give the county 68 percent of the funds while Murfreesboro would receive 17 percent and Glenwood 15 percent with the rest going to the state.

The mayor said city's percentage is not fair and too low. He informed the council of his plan to meet and discuss the issue with Pike County Judge Eddie Howard and Glenwood Mayor Billy Plyler later this week.

Also Monday night, Mayor O'Neal said he had received reports of people sleeping in their cars overnight at the city park and making some park users uncomfortable, especially early in the morning. O'Neal said he would contact Sheriff Travis Hill about possibly providing a place to park overnight at the sheriff's department. No action was taken on the matter.

Nathan VFD to hold meal fundraiser this Saturday

NATHAN – The Nathan Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual barbecue fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Nathan Firehouse starting at 5 p.m.

The menu will consist of chicken, ribs, beans, potatoes and rolls along with homemade desserts and a drink.

The meal will cost \$10 each and additional donations will be

welcomed, dine in or carry out options available. The department will also raffle off a Savage Axis 350 Legend

and an Echo chainsaw/trimmer. Tickets for the raffle are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Contact any Nathan volunteer firefighter or call (870) 285-2246 for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEVERETT RAYMOND EPPERSON JR.

NOTICE OF PROBATE-INTESTATE

Last known address of decedent: 1801 Highway 19, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas. Date of death: December 9, 2024

Amber Epperson was appointed the Administratrix of the Estate of Leverett Raymond Epperson Jr., by order dated October 6, 2025. 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 estate.

This notice first published the 15th day of October, 2025.

Amber Epperson, Administratrix, by Aaron R. Brasel, ABN 2009138 Post Office Box 813 Nashville AR 71852 (870) 845-4100 – Telephone

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PIKE COUNTY

Adams, Sharonda Laketha, 50, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$150

Antunes, Geamerson Helen, 37, McKinney, Texas, \$140 BF, commercial driver's license required

Arrick, Kollin Taylor, 26, Glenwood, \$340 BF, driving with suspended license

Ayala, Miguel Marquez, 56, Antoine, \$140 BF, no driver's license Bailey, Charles M., 51, Clinton, Okla., guilty of failure to pay,

Benton, Clark, 66, Little Rock, speeding, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss, fined \$230

Boone, Ladonna L., 48, Prescott, \$125 BF, speeding

Burkett, John Edward, 56, Hot Springs Village, \$140 BF, unsafe

Campbell, William Patrick, 33, Amity, \$140 BF, careless prohibited driving; \$160 BF, use of cell phone in school zone Campos, Emely Damaris, 26, Bonnerdale, \$140 BF, no driver's

license; \$180 NBF, speeding

Cheek, Justin N., 45, Delight, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,105 owed; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340 Cherry, McKayla Shay, 22, Minden, La., \$140 BF, defective lights

Cox, Trenton C., 46, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$2,220

owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions Daniels, Draven Lee, 26, Hot Springs Village, \$125 BF, defective/ improper head lamps

Darguzas, Jeremy Adam, 38, Pearcy, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure

Drye, Matthew Edward, 18, Amity, \$610 BF, modified bumpers Duggan, Christian Scott, 26, Glenwood, guilty of speeding, fined

Ellis, Christy M., 48, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,105 owed, committed to jail-suspended conditions; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330

Esanu, Eugenia Daniela, 51, Amity, \$180 BF, speeding

Faulkner Jason Ray, 37, Dierks, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$140 BF, speeding Flud, Jessica Mae, 29, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay,

Fugitt, Jeremy S., 47, Murfreesboro, \$140 BF, speeding Gilbert, Larry Edward, 57, Kirby, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Glasspool, Asher Ray, 18, Amity, \$150 Bf, speeding

Golden, Andy Dalton, 20, Oklahoma City, Okla., guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited with time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of careless prohibited driving with accident, fined \$240

Gray, Logan Charles, 24, Houston, Texas, \$125 BF, no vehicle license; \$205 BF, failure to appear

Green, Jamonte C., 25, Âmity, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months; guilty of reckless driving, fined \$460

Holder, Brian, 54, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Hutcheson, Rodger Larry, 50, Fouke, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125

Johnson, Debbie Catherine, 49, Broken Bow, Okla., guilty of speeding, fined \$185

Johnson, Jerry Paul, 53, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, \$485 owed; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of theft of services, fined \$435; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330

Johnson, John Michael, 31, Charleston, \$140 BF, speeding

Lofton, Jimmy, 45, Malvern, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,555 owed Markham, Ashley N., 28, Paragould, guilty of failure to pay, \$765



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Q: How is sleep apnea diagnosed?

A: Sleep apnea is when breathing starts and stops during sleep, either from blockage of the airway or the brain improperly controlling breathing muscles. The breathing interruptions affect the quality of sleep. The American Medical Association estimates that 30 million Americans are affected by the condition.

The main types of sleep apnea are central sleep apnea and obstructive sleep apnea. With central sleep apnea, the brain doesn't send signals to breathing related muscles during sleep.

Obstructive sleep apnea is when throat muscles relax during sleep, causing surrounding tissue to press on the windpipe and block air movement. Symptoms of sleep apnea include

gasping for air during sleep,

fatigue, headache, snoring and waking repeatedly during sleep. high blood pressure, family history, obesity or having large tonsils. The condition affects men more than women A health care provider may

Sleep apnea risk factors include

perform an initial evaluation based on symptoms and sleep history. A sleep study during which air flow and breathing patterns, arm and leg movements, blood oxygen level, and heart rate are monitored overnight typically is used to determine the extent of the condition. The most common treatment recommendation for sleep apnea is the use of a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine.

Marquez, Alfonso, 58, Naples, Fla, \$340 BF, driving with sus-

Maxy, Samuel A., 25, Umpire, guilty of failure to pay, \$4,225 owed; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$140

McCann, Aaron Lee, 31, Amity, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

McCrary, William T., 33, Maud, Texas, passing on double yellow line, under advisement for 30 days to dismiss, fined \$140

Milner, Krista B., 31, Nashville, guilty of speeding, fined \$140 Parker, Jennifer Evlyn, 27, Ashdown, \$140 BF, speeding

Quebedeauz, Sydney J., 27, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$510 owed

Redfearn, Woodrow Thomas, 63, Kirby, \$140 BF, speeding Ruiz, Brenda Lee, 49, Murfreesboro, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of no proof of liability insurance,

Smith, Jeremy Robbie, 44, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220 Stone, Chris D., 40, Nashville, \$140 BF, careless prohibited driv-

Stuart, Mary E., 76, Roland, \$225 BF, failure to yield-accident Thomas, Anna Ruth, 26, Warren, \$205 BF, failure to pay, \$645

Torres, Maria Delia, 60, Glenwood, \$140 BF, no driver's license;

Vaught, Dillon Dewayne, 29, Nashville, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Watts, Regina D., 67, Amity, \$140 BF, speeding Wyrick, Walter Kelvin, 57, Hot Springs, \$180 BF, speeding

CITY OF MURFREESBORO

Alden, Ashley Clinton, 41, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360

Baker, Keagen Alysiniclai, 20, Murfreesboro, guilty of no driver's license, fined \$145

Breazeale, Ryder Drake, 20, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt Cassell, Ricky Daryl, 69, Murfreesboro, \$45 BF, no seat bet Darden, Melissa Gail, 57, Norphlet, \$160 BF, improper use of

signals Golden, Cassandra Austin, 31, Amity, \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Hetzel, Katelyn Mae, 31, Nashville, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125

Humphry, James D., 49, driving with suspended license, fined

Jones, April, 38, Murfreesboro, violation of city dog/cat ordinance, under advisement for six months to dismiss; violation of city dog/cat ordinance, under advisement for six months to dismiss; guilty of violation of city ordinance prohibiting pit bulls,

Long, Brenden Earl, 28, Jacksonville, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$225 BF, failure to appear Ortiz, Anna, 18, Nashville, \$160 BF, speeding

Perez, Ruiz, 28, Murfreesboro, \$335 BF, furnishing alcohol to a

Seara, Debra Catherine, 53, Murfreesboro, \$160 BF, no driver's license

Smith, Jennifer D., 47, guilty of no proof of liability insurance,

Sullins, William, 48, Delight, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125

Walker, Ashli Brooke, 44, Murfreesboro, \$345 BF, driving with suspended license; \$240 BF, failure to appear

Zacarias, Alejandro, 24, Murfreesboro, \$160 BF, improper muf-

CITY OF GLENWOOD

Castro, Abraham, 22, De Queen, \$170 BF, speeding Coleman, Eryk Vonhunter, 20, Glenwood, \$170 BF, speeding Dawson, James L., 38, Nashville, \$360 BF, driving with suspend-

Frachiseur, Leigh K., 41, Horatio, \$160 BF, speeding

Hamel, Ronald G., 57, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,020 owed, committed to jail; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220

Hamilton, Faith Marie, 27, Amity, \$145 BF, failure to register

tags/expired Hurst, Floyd Ray, 63, Hot Springs, \$160 Bf, speeding Jenks, Robin Danielle, 52, Strong, \$360 BF, driving with suspend-

Jester, Denny Jay, 62, Bonnerdale, guilty of failure to present in-

surance, fined \$25; guilty of defective lights, fined \$65 Kievett, Brandon Isaac, 19, Kirby, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Love, Johnny Ray, 66, Bismarck, \$160 BF, speeding

Mayo, Monica Montez, 42, Hot Springs, \$255 BF, disorderly con-McElwee, Tyler Blake, 33, Texarkana, Texas, \$160 BF, failure to

register tags/expired; \$240 Bf, failure to appear McGough, David Wayne, 66, Bonnerdale, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75; guilty of speeding, fined \$145

Oliver, Georgeanna Bell, 47, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125

Owens, Blakley Jade, 27, Glenwood, \$170 BF, speeding Plunkett, Clayton Wayne, 46, Amity, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired

Price, Susan Diane, 47, Glenwood, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license; \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance Smith, Cody Allen, 31, Langley, \$160 BF, speeding

Watson, Hunter David, 17, Bonnerdale, \$160 BF, failure to stop or vield Wekenborg, Timothy J., 47, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay,

Whisenhunt, Nancy, 34, Amity, guilty of failure to register tags/

expired, fined \$160; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined

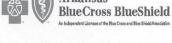
Womble, Whitney Lea, 39, Arkadelphia, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$75

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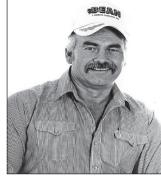
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Obituaries

Conrad J. Cox, 82, Nathan



Conrad J. Cox, age 82 of Nathan passed away on Friday, October 17, 2025 in Little Rock. He was a graduate of Delight High School, class of 1963. He was born to E.C. (Shorty) and Bessie York Cox on March 24, 1943. He was devoted to the Lord and a faithful member of Nathan Church of Christ.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Harsh, brothers, Charles (Charlie) Cox, Monty Cox and Jimmy Cox.

Conrad is survived by his wife of 59 years, Eva Jones Cox, two sons, Clint (Regina) of Murfreesboro; Trent (Laura) Cox of Murfreesboro; grandchildren, Allyson Cox Whitaker (Cody), Gavin Cox (fiancé, Shannon Rowan), Dani Oakes (Rick), Carley Cox; Greatgrandchildren, Riley, River and Rowan Oakes.

Conrad is also survived by three brothers, Ronnie (Susan) Cox of Delight, Ricky (Wanda) Cox of Nashville, Tony (Missy) Cox of Murfreesboro; sister, Kim Dixon (Paul Smith) of Pike City, Ar., sisters-in-law, Lorenda Cox of Pike City, Becky Avery of Delight, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

His love of the outdoors led him to fifty plus years in forestry management with Murfreesboro Lumber Company, Weyerhaeuser, Porter Lumber Company, and he retired from Bean Lumber Company after almost twenty-eight years of employment.

The family received friends on Monday, October 20, 2025 at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 in the Latimer Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at the Academy Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro.

You may send an online sympathy message at www. latimerfuneralhome.com



Asteroids, comets and Chessire Cats

Does it seem that there are more and more space news reports of asteroids and comets in Earth's area these days? An asteroid was discovered on October 10th and it zoomed past Earth on October 15 just 60,328 miles away. It was closer than the Moon which is on average 238,855 miles away.

This asteroid was discovered by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS), a four telescope, early warning system funded by NASA. This program is still on alert because of the importance of its work as other NASA programs are shut down. ATLAS and other telescopes have been so effective at finding the bits of rock and ice that Earth encounters that we now know several asteroids come near us every month. However, after several decades ATLAS has not had to issue an alarm about an imminent threat. So, Earth is not suddenly in a swarm of asteroids posing a catastrophic disaster to our planet. We are now just more aware of what goes on in the space around us.

There are two comets on view now. Both are certainly binocular sights, and as the month progresses will be better naked eye objects. In the north-west sky is comet C/2025 A6(Lemmon). Find the handle of the Big Dipper after dark and scan to the left.

The other comet, SWAN(R2), is in the southwest. Look for it about 90 minutes after sunset in the area of the constellation Sagittarius. Both comets will fade from view in early

November. The Farmer's Almanac recently suggested that we watch the sky for the smile of the Cheshire Cat (from Alice in Wonderland) when the Moon is in crescent phase on October 23rd and a few days afterward. The crescents in autumn and spring are turned upward in a big grin.



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Fall Fest set at MHS on Oct. 28

MURFREESBORO -- Murfreesboro High School's junior class will host their fundraising Fall Festival on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from

The event will be held in the Murfreesboro High School courtyard at 605 Third Avenue in Murfreesboro.

The event will have food, fun and games, as well as "touch-

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Pike County EHC members attend Ouachita District Rally

BENTON -- Pike County Extension Homemakers (EHC) members joined others from across the region for the Ouachita AEHC District Rally held Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in Benton. Representing Pike County were Avonne Petty, Jeanette Deaton, Susie O'Neal, Beth Steuart and Pike County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, Eva Langley.

The rally offered a full day of learning, fellowship, and inspiration under the guidance of Ouachita District President Judy Vann-Hamilton. Guest speaker Sgt. Matthew Foster of the Arkansas State Police presented an informative program on human trafficking in Arkansas. Members will have the opportunity to vote on adopting this as their next state service project, choosing from several other topics including Food Waste, Textile Waste, Water Resource, and Literacy.

A delicious lunch was served, followed by a silent auction that raised more than \$800 to support AEHC scholarships. Terrie Jacobs of Sevier County EHC delivered an uplifting message on "Making a Difference in Others' Lives," emphasizing the importance of positive thinking, kindness, and service. Pike County led the "Get Up and Move!" segment, inviting attendees to join in the classic "Chicken Dance," filling the room with laughter and energy.

The day concluded with door prizes, cheers, and the reading of the AEHC Creed, reaffirming members' commitment to learning, leadership, and community service. Here are the inspiring words of the AEHC Creed that members recite at each meeting and then strive to live out in each day:

Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council Creed

• I believe in the Extension Homemakers Club program and accept the responsibilities it offers to be helpful to others and to provide for continuous improvement in all levels of living.

• I believe that through working together in a group we can enlarge the opportunities, enrich the life of our people, and create a more contented family and community life. I believe in my own work as a homemaker.

• I believe that the greatest force that molds character comes from the home, and I pledge myself to create a home which is morally wholesome, spiritually satisfying, and physically healthful and convenient.

If you would like to join or start an EHC club in your community, please call the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161 for more information. Extension Homemakers Clubs offer endless opportunities for new friendships, service opportunities and personal growth.



AT DISTRICT RALLY ... (L to R) Pike County EHC members Beth Steuart, Elizabeth O'Neal, Jeanette Deaton, Avonne Petty and Eva Langley are pictured at the EHC Disrict Rally in Benton recently.

End of an era as Pike County's oldest business comes to an end this month

DEWAYNE HOLLOWAY Editor, Glenwood Herald

There are times when difficult decisions must be made.

Last Summer, my wife, Gail, and I found out that the owners of the Glenwood Herald were planning on making changes with the publication of the newspaper. Then editor Mike Wallace was retiring and the decision was made to consolidate the Glenwood

Herald with the Murfreesboro Diamond.

The owner reached out to us and asked if we would be interested in purchasing the Glenwood Herald. This was not one of those difficult decisions mentioned earlier. We had recently moved to Glenwood and it made sense to us. Besides, the Glenwood Herald had been a part of the Glenwood community for 98 years and we wanted to preserve that legacy.

So contracts were signed and we took ownership of the Glenwood Herald July 1, 2024. As owners of the Montgomery County News we felt the two papers complimented one another and I believed I would be able to carry on the legacy of accurate, honest reporting long found in the Glenwood

Throughout the past year and two months, it has be-

come painfully obvious to me that I am not able to provide the comprehensive coverage that the community deserves from their local newspaper. While we have made some changes to improve the newspaper, I don't feel we have been able to give it the attention it deserves.

Manning two newspapers by myself has been almost insurmountable at times. Trying to cover events in two communities while selling ads and running an office has been daunting.

Coupled with the fact that in the community as much as

the circulation for the Glenwood Herald has dropped with fewer than 150 subscribers at this time, we have made the difficult decision to cease publication of the Glenwood Herald at the end of this

This decision did not come easily and it breaks my heart to do so. However, it is the right decision at this time for myself and my family. I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the legacy of the Glenwood Herald and will continue to cover events

possible in the Montgomery County News.

To our subscribers and those who read our paper we thank you for your patronage and support. We are offering to transfer all current subscriptions to the Montgomery County News. All current subscribers will receive a full year of the Montgomery County News beginning in November.

Once again, thank you for your support. It has been my honor to serve the community over the last year.

SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Breakfast: Chocolate chip oatmeal bar or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Dutch waffle, sausage, 7-12 cheese stick, hashbrowns, baby carrots w/ranch, apple slices,, milk

7-12 line 2 option- No line 2 option

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Breakfast: Pancake on stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, seasoned carrots, steamed broccoli, applesauce, milk

7-12 line 2 option-Pizza sticks w/marinara

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Breakfast: Apple fritter donut or cereal, fruit,

juice, milk

Lunch: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes,

peas & carrots, roll, peaches, milk

Breakfast: Sausage egg biscuit or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Breakfast: French toast sticks or cereal, fruit,

Lunch: Frito pie w/cheese, chili beans, baby

7-12 line 2 option - Burrito w/salsa & cheese

7-12 line 2 option- Salisbury steak **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

carrots w/ranch, 7-12 cookie, pears, milk

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Lunch: Cheeseburger, sidewinder fries, lettuce, tomato, 7-12 sliced onion & pickles, mixed

7-12 line 2 option-Spicy chicken sandwich

*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

GOD'S GOODNESS

"Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" A Christian who does not appreciate the great patience of Jehovah is in dire danger. The problem with human nature is that we tend to think we are not as weak as those around us. If we are not careful, we attribute sinful things to others. The difficulty with this is that we cannot know why people act and talk as they do. Only God can judge the motivation of the individuals of our acquaintance. On occasion, we will think a family member is an-



on the face or in the tone of voice. The truth many times is a result of a family emergency or an upsetting situation. It is evident that we cannot know what is going on in the lives of our peers. God wants us to understand that He has a perfect grasp of what is happening in our heart. God blesses gry because of an expression us every day to show how

much He loves us. Satan will tempt us, and we will sin. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." I John 1:8. He goes further to tell us. "If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and the truth is not in us." I John 1:10. Paul says God's goodness is the motivation for us to repent and turn away from sin. God is always ready to forgive us if we will repent with all our heart. The inspired writer tells us, "Glory, honor and peace to everyone who works what is good; to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile. For there is no partiality with God." Romans 2:10,11.

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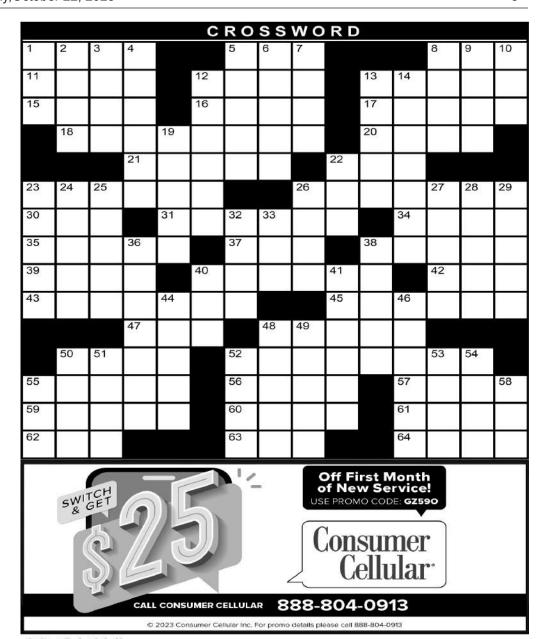
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Take Back Days saves lives, set for this Saturday

BY JOHN BOOZMAN U.S. Senator, Arkansas

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- This month, Arkansas will once again participate in Drug Take Back Day, a nationwide mission to safely collect and dispose of unused and expired prescription medications.

For 15 years, our state has been a leader and strong supporter of this important effort. Working together, responsible Americans and law enforcement partners have effectively removed nearly 10,000 tons of medication from households, neighborhoods and communities across the United States. Arkansas has performed admirably in this fight with contributions that are considered especially outsized given our smaller population.

From the inaugural efforts known as "Operation Medicine Cabinet," Arkansans have collected and safely disposed of more than 600,000 pounds of medication. The most recent Take Back Day in April was a resounding success, gathering over 28,000 pounds in unused or expired medicine, exceeding the amounts collected in the previous two and a half years.

This strong showing has secured our state's place among the top 10 nationwide for Take Back contributions by weight, as well as for law enforcement involvement and public participation. These statistics reflect our ongoing commitment to save lives

and reduce the presence of deadly drugs on Arkansas's streets. Drug Take Back events underline the dangers, both accidental and intentional, of unused prescription medication in our com-

munities and homes. Research has shown that loved ones and others who fall victim to opioid drug misuse and addiction access drugs from friends and family, often without their knowledge. Cleaning out medicine chests is especially important as data collected from Arkansas pharmacies in 2023 reveal the highest prescribing rate of opioids in the nation; enough for seven out of 10 residents to have a prescription in their name. Eliminating just one less chance for abuse is worth it, especially with the easy opportunity through Take Back. Addiction does not discriminate, so taking this precaution can truly make a difference.

Policymakers spanning from Little Rock to our congressional delegation in Washington are keenly aware of how pervasive this crisis is and are working together to confront it.

Last year, I was proud to help secure \$5 million in funding for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's Opioid Prevention Project to promote targeted, Arkansas-specific prevention and abuse education for at-risk populations. In previous years, I championed legislation to expand prevention, education, treatment and recovery efforts that were successfully signed into law, and have long advocated for different measures that increase access and training for life-saving naloxone, fund research and explore non-addictive pain treatment options.

When it comes to bettering our communities and fighting back against this epidemic, no effort is too small, and there is room for every Arkansan to play a part. I encourage communities across The Natural State to join this effort by keeping track of your prescribed medications, storing them in a secure and safe way before disposing of them at a Take Back event on Saturday, October 25, at a convenient collection or pop-up site near you.

Together, we can help tackle opioid abuse and addiction headon and prevent dangerous medications from falling into the wrong hands. Protecting our communities and state from this threat is an ongoing mission that I look forward to continuing.

NOTE: In Murfreesboro, leftover pills may be disposed of at the Pike County Sheriff's Office.

County 4-H holding rolls and cinnamon butter fundraiser

MURFREESBORO -- Pike County 4-H is bringing a delicious opportunity to the community this fall by partnering with Texas Roadhouse to sell their famous dinner rolls and cinnamon butter as part of their annual fundraising efforts.

Community members can place orders for fresh, frozen dozns of Texas Roadhouse Rolls, complete with the chain's signature honey cinnamon butter, to bake at home. Orders will be accepted until October 24, with pickup scheduled for November (exact date to be announced soon).

"Everyone loves Texas Roadhouse rolls, so we're thrilled to be able to offer them while supporting our local 4-H youth. This is a win-win for everyone, you get restaurant-quality rolls for your holiday table, and you're helping support kids right here in our

community." said 4-H program assistant Shannon Ballard. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help cover costs for educational programs, livestock projects, leadership events, and summer camps. The 4-H program continues to offer youth across the county opportunities to grow in areas like agriculture, science,

- civic engagement, and healthy living. Participants may purchase:
- One Dozen Frozen Rolls \$8 • Honey Cinnamon Butter Tub – \$4

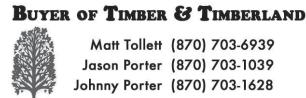
• Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards \$5-\$100 Quantities are limited, so the club encourages early orders

Pike County 4-H thanks the community in advance for its continued support. For more information or to place an order, contact any 4-H

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Murfreesboro Chamber Of Commerce

M'boro Chamber to host Fall Fest this weekend on square

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival will be held this Saturday, Oct. 25.

The festival will close down the Pike County Courthouse square around noon on Oct. 25 to traffic and will officially take

cheted goods and pottery, bread, jewelry, lemonade, ham radio information, coffee, barbecue, baked bread, rubber ducks and





Haunted House offers local thrills in Halloween season

MURFREESBORO -- The Chamber's third annual Haunted House at the old Pike County Hospital in Murfreesboro is now underway, with a new, longer route being utilized that differs from last year.

This year the Haunted House will be held on two more weekends - Oct. 24-25 and Oct. 31-Nov. 1.

Kid's hour will be 6-7 p.m. nightly with no actors, while the

full house will be open from 7:30-11 p.m.

Entry fees to the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (9 years old and younger).

place from 2-6 p.m. Times for the scheduled events include: • Pet Costume Contest – 3:45 p.m. • Weenie Dog Race – 4 p.m. • Kid's Costume Event (age divisions) – 4:15 p.m. • Trunk or Treat – 5 p.m. Scheduled vendors include (subject to arrival) vegetables, crowoodcrafts.

















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