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Senior center taking holiday orders

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Senior Adult Center will be offering their annual fall fundraiser of homemade dressing and

The fundraiser will run from November 3 to December 19.

"This is the perfect way to add something special to your holiday table while supporting your local senior activity center," said center director Vickie Hutson.

The dressing will be offered in 5 pound pan for \$15 and 10 pounds for \$30, while rolls will be by the dozen for \$6.

4-H seeks warm items throughout November

MURFREESBORO -- Pike County 4-H will be conducting a "Hats, Hands and Heart" drive.

The effort will seeks to collect warm items such as coats, gloves, hats, blankets and socks throughout the month of November.

The items collected will be disbursed to county schools and blessing boxes.

- Drop off locations include:
- Pike County Extension Office in Murfrees-
- Murfreesboro Elementary and High School

- Centerpoint Schools
- Kirby Schools

Save time with 4-H pie dough fundraiser

MURFREESBORO -- Pike County 4-H will hold a pie dough fundrasier through this Friday, Nov. 21.

Dough for two pies may be purchased for \$4. To place an order, call (870) 285-2161.

Dough pickup will take place November 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Extension office in Murfreesboro.

Rattler basketball shirt orders being accepted

MURFREESBORO -- Murfreesboro Cheerleaders are currently selling Rattler basketball roster shirts for the 2025-2026 season.

The shirts will be white and available in tshirts, long sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts and

Orders and money are due to Melissa Jones at Murfreesboro High School by Monday, Dec.

Prices for the shirts are (add \$2 for 2XL, \$3 for 3XL and \$4 for 4XL sizes):

- T-Shirts \$15
- Long Sleeve T-Shirts \$18
- Sweatshirts \$22
- Hoodies \$25

All orders must be prepaid and there will only be one order.

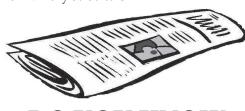
Pecan orders have arrived locally

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Conservation Pecan orders have arrived.

Participants can pick orders up Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

For more information Monday thru Wednesday at (870) 285-2424 or drop by the office at





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CRAFT FAIR FUN ... Many locals attended the 2025 Holiday Craft Fair in Murfreesboro this past Saturday in Murfreesboro. The event was held at both the Murfreesboro Municipal Building and the Senior Adult Center.

Ballots set for primary elections in March

MURFREESBORO -- Filings for the preferential party election on March 3, 2026 closed last Wednesday in Pike County.

There will be several contested races on the ballots, including three challengers for Pike County Judge Eddie Howard's position.

Howard will face Robert Shelby, Wade Stewart and Keith Couch on the Republican ticket.

Current Pike County Sheriff / Collector Travis Hill will face off against Murfreesboro Police Chief Randy Lamb on the Republican ticket. The Republican ticket will also feature three

Justice of the Peace races. Roger Floyd and Payton Eckert will each seek the Justice of the Peace District One seat

vacated by Lamb. Incumbent Kip Holbrook and Ron Parker will vie for the District Six seat, while incumbent Richard Mohlenhoff and Robert Irvin will

seek the District Seven position. A race between Billy Hill (R) and incumbent Leotis Snowden (D) will take place next November for the District Four position on the Quorum Court.

Should he finish his qualifying process as an independent candidate, the Hill-Lamb winner would face off against Obie Laurent next No-

Candidates seeking to run under an independent status must file for their position during the filing period, but have until May 1, 2026

to turn in their petitions to the office. Unopposed candidates filing for county offices on the Republican ballot included:

County Clerk -- Randee Edwards County Circuit Clerk -- Sabrina Williams County Treasurer -- Loletia Rather

County Assessor -- Staci Stewart Mountain Constable -- Chance Reid Justice of the Peace Dist. 2 -- Robbie Crocker Justice of the Peace Dist. 3 -- Seth Henry

Justice of the Peace Dist. 4 -- Billy Hill Justice of the Peace Dist. 8 -- John Plyler

Unopposed candidates filing for county offices on the Democratic ballot included:

Missouri Constable -- Ricky Branch Justice of the Peace Dist. 4 -- Leotis Snowden Justice of the Peace Dist. 5 -- Jerry Fendley Justice of the Peace Dist. 9 -- Paul Baker

A list of county positions that will be up for election in 2026 are as follows:

County Judge, Sheriff/Collector, Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Coroner, Missouri Constable, Mountain Constable, JP District 1, JP District 2, JP District 3, JP District 4, JP District 5, JP District 6, JP District 7, JP District 8, JP District 9

On the school board side of things, both South Pike County and Centerpoint School

Districts will see contested races. Incumbent Alyssa Duggan will face off against Carrie Tidwell for the Zone Seven seat

for South Pike County. For Zone Four in the Centerpoint School District, incumbent Larry Harvey will face challenger Pake Sutton.

Unopposed registrants for school board positions include:

South Pike County School Zone 5 -- Robert

Kirby School Zone 1 -- Blake Harmon Kirby School At Large -- Trent Ott Centerpoint School Zone 3 -- LeeAllen Sut-

Centerpoint School At Large -- Kerry Horn Blake Forga, who had registered for the Zone 5 seat in the Centerpoint School District, was disqualified after he failed to have enough qualified signatures on his petition, according

to Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards. School Board Positions that will be on the 2026 Primary Ballots in March include:

Centerpoint Zone 3, Centerpoint Zone 4, Centerpoint Zone 5, Centerpoint At Large, Kirby Zone 1, Kirby At Large, South Pike County Zone 5, South Pike County Zone 7

For any further election questions, including registration deadlines, please contact the Pike

County Clerk's office at (870) 285-2743. A voter registration form can be obtained at https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/uploads/ elections/Voter_Reg_App._8-2023_.pdf. Voters may use it to update any information, including your party preference, or to register to vote in Pike County for the first time. You must print and mail to the Clerk or hand deliver to the office. The Clerk's mailing address is P.O. Box 218, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

Council approves Campbell Memorial Highway

BY JOHN BALCH

Nashville News-Leader staff

MURFREESBORO -- The City of Murfreesboro has joined the local and state efforts to establish a Glen Campbell Memorial Highway with the passage of a special resolution for parts of highways 26 and 301.

City Council members approved the resolution during its November meeting and the subject is currently gaining ground in the form of legislation. The memorial concept was originally started by former Murfreesboro Tourism and Advertising Commission member Jonathan Lance and will require similar resolutions to be approved by the Pike County Quorum Court and the the City of Delight.

Resolution No, 2025-9 notes that Campbell was born in Billstown in 1936 and grew up in Pike County and "always considered it his home." Campbell is buried in Campbell Cemetery in Billstown.

"It's only fitting that the highways leading to his home and final resting place be appropriately honored."

The resolution supports designating certain sections of state highway 26 and 301 which lie within the city limits and was approved by unanimous council vote. In other business, Mayor Jim O'Neal report-

ed that the appeal of the city's low to moderate income (LMI) status, which made the city "too rich" to apply for big grants due to a lack of housing and lots of rental property, was successful. He said the city is "back in business" with pursuing grants and thanked former city employee Carolyn Cox and current administrative assistant Penny Lamb for their involved

Also during the November meeting, the council approved Jack Bennett for reappointment to the city's waterworks commission. His term will be for three years.

Mayor O'Neal also informed the council that Nashville Animal Control is "back at work"

and a new animal control officer has been hired. As the council was preparing to discuss the proposed 2026 budget, Mayor O'Neal called for a motion to go in to closed executive session to discuss "his administrative assistant" Lamb, who also holds the elected position of city re-

After the closed session reconvened in public, the mayor said the issue of administrative assistant would be addressed in the budget talks, which included discussion for employee pay raises. No action or votes were taken by the council following the closed session.

The council then began discussing employee raises and was prepared to approve 4.5 percent raises when council member Betty O'Neal questioned if the raises would cover everyone.

Council member Jane Fugitt responded that "we" (the council) had decided to adjust the

salary of the recorder/treasurer position from \$11,427 to \$15,000 in lieu of giving the administrative assistant position the 4.5 percent pay

increase like the other employees. Fugitt later made a motion to reflect the council's decision about the pay increase and it passed with council member Mark Barnes ab-

staining from the vote due to family relations. (Editor's Note: It is the opinion of this newspaper, based on the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, that the closed executive session was questionable at the very least. The stated intent for the closed session concerned the city's administrative assistant but when council members reconvened they were prepared to offer the elected position of recorder/treasurer a pay raise. This decision made following the closed session indicates that in the closed session the council discussed pay raises and the elected position of recorder/treasurer, both of which this newspaper contends are exempt from executive sessions.)

Rolls and honey butter still available

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County 4-H Extension Office in Murfreesboro to make a program still has Texas Roadhouse rolls and honey butter on hand from their recent fundraiser. Interested participants can come to the

purchase.

For further questions, call the (870) 285-2161.

City announces trash collection schedule

MURFREESBORO -- The City of Murfreesboro has announced their sanitation schedule for November 24-28.

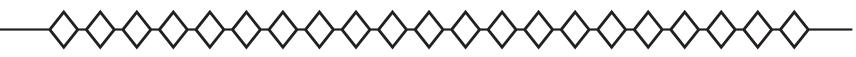
trash pickup

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Thursday and Friday trash pickup

The city dumpster will be closed Thursday

Monday, Nov. 24: Regular trash pickup Tuesday, Nov. 25: Tuesday and Wednesday and Friday, Nov. 27-28.

PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET



November 4, 2025 BF=Bond Forfeited

PIKE COUNTY

Allen, Ricky Andrew 71, Glenwood, guilty of failure to present insurance, fined \$85

Anderson, Jacob Allen, 37, Gurdon, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220

Bailey, Ronnie D., 75, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt Baro, Jacky, 26, De Queen, \$140 BF, speeding

Bolanos, Jonatan, 19, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330

Brown, Bailey Anne, 19, Amity, \$125 BF, no driver's license; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$205

Carter, Markheyvian, 30, Spiro, Okla., \$150 BF, speeding Chodor, Vincent Rocco, 43, Cadiz, Ky., \$125 BF, improper

passing; \$205 BF, failure to appear

Christ, Lakesha Ann, 41, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350

Cogburn, Derrick C., 36, Amity, \$205 BF, failure to pay Conway, Matthew, 62, Spring, Texas, \$140 BF, driving vehicle with object in dangerous fashion

Cox, Hannah Michaela, 27, Glenwood, \$140 BF, failure to reg-

ister tags/expired Dinger, Dustin G., 31, Delight, guilty of failure to pay, \$590

Edin, Mancilla Veliz, 41, Hot Springs, \$140 BF, failure to fix or display license plates; \$140 Bf, no driver's license

Flowers, Robert A III, 31, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of prohibited driving with accident, fined \$225; guilt of leaving scene of accident, find \$195 Hamilton, Kylie Paige, 18, Amity, no vehicle license, under

advisement for three months to dismiss Henderson, Damien Damon, 33, Bucker, \$140 BF, speeding Holcomb, Donald Jason, 55, Centerton, \$230 BF, speeding

Homan, Natasha Lunn, 39, Amity, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course

Jamison, Emily Anne, 26, Little Rock, \$14 BF, failure to register tags/expired Kiser, Zachary Jonathan, 35, Wright City, Okla., \$45 BF, no seat

McMillian, Branson, 17, Nashville, \$150 BF, speeding Morris, Jacob Mark, 34, Bryant, \$125 BF, speeding; \$220 BF,

failure to appear Morris, Robert A., 48, Umpire, guilty of no proof of liability

Morse, Johnny Lee, 55, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay,

\$465 balance; \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined

Norwood, Christina M., 34, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,646 balance

Owens, Richard Robert, 20, Kirby, \$150 BF, speeding Phipps, Kimberly Elaine, 50, Little Rock, guilty of driving

with suspended license, fined \$325 Preas, Jaxon Cody, 18, Petty, Texas, \$150 BF, speeding

Pullie, Michael Lee, 60, Little Rock, \$170 BF, speeding

Seale, Devyn Makayla, 20, Batesville, \$140 BF, speeding Sheets, Marlee Madison, 19, Amity, guilty of no proof of li-

ability insurance, fined \$125 Spears, Michael Ray, 64, Ashdown, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must

complete DWI educational course Stone, Deana M., 43, Glenwood, guilty of driving with sus-

pended license, fined \$340

Teel, Brent H., 37, Delight, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insur-

Thermidor, Markandy, 44, Kennesaw, Ga., \$330 BF, no proof of

liability insurance; \$180 BF, speeding
Wasson, Korey Michal, 26, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding;

\$205 BF, failure to appear Woodruff, Joyce M., 87, Murfreesboro, \$140 BF, driving left

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Clayton, Charles H., 32, Dierks, \$160 BF, speeding

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FRIDAYS AT 3:00 P.M.

Combs, Stephenie Gosnell, 45, Murfreesboro, guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$160; guilty of failure to present liability insurance, fined \$85; guilty of no seat belt,

Dean, James Charles, 51, Murfreesboro, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360 Edwards, Roger, 53, Sanger, Texas, \$160 BF, no child restraint

Goolsby, James H., 69, Murfreesboro, \$160 BF, no child restraint device Jordon, Rosie, 47, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to transfer at

Arkansas license, fined \$160

Jordan, Shaunte Quashaun, 32, Nashville, guilty of theft of property, fined \$405

McMorris, Brinda R., 32, Hope, \$160 BF, speeding

Newton, Dwayne, 49, Murfreesboro, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license Patillo, David Andrew, 25, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of failure

to present insurance, fined \$85; guilty of speeding, fined \$115; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240

Pounds, Kayla Marie, 32, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay, \$525 balance Rauch, Casey L., 38, Murfreesboro, \$360 BF, driving with sus-

pended license Rowton, Johnny Dewayne, 34, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt Stone, Nicholas, 39, Okolona, \$45 BF, no seat belt; \$240 BF,

Walters, Timothy R., 63, Murfreesboro, guilty of theft of property, fined \$470 plus \$32.69 restitution

Wilson, Caiden Andrew, 22, Murfreesboro, \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance

ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION

Allison, Garrett Shane, 30, Alexander, guilty of big game checking requirements, fined \$385

CITY OF GLENWOOD

Bellamy, Dustin Dakota, 21, Marshall, Mo., \$45 BF, no seat belt

Bobo, Casey W., 38, Norman, \$170 BF, speeding

Clark, Audesie L., 18, Wood River, Neb., \$245 BF, failure to yield accident; \$240 BF, failure to appear

Clifton, Justin Anthony, 51, Bauxite, \$170 BF, speeding

Cogburn, Jacob Dempsey, 21, Glenwood, \$160 BF, expired vehicle license/tags; \$160 BF, no driver's license; \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance Cook, Jeremy Scott, 37, Glenwood, \$220 BF, speeding

Cox, Jesse, 41, Amity, \$230 BF, leaving scene of accident Duran, Christopher Rosas, 20, De Queen, \$170 BF, speeding Emory, Peyton Eugene, 26, Glenwood, \$160 BF, failure to stop

or yield Éstes, James Naiver, 24, Glenwood, \$160 BF, failure to register within 30 days

Johnson, Chance T., 41, Amity, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350; guilty of violation of Ignition Interlock Device Act, fined \$205; guilty of open container in motor ve-

Norwood, Christina M., 34, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,259 balance

Ross, Landen Cole, 18, Glenwood, \$165 BF, ordinance regulating noise emission within city limits

Ruis, Molly Raylene, 32, Norman, guilty of criminality trespass, fined \$210

Smith, Sheri L., 45, Kirby, failure to register tags/expired, under advisement for three months to dismiss; failure to appear, under advisement for three months to dismiss

Tedder, Maisy Addison, 22, Hot Springs, \$350 BF, no proof of

Tubbs, John, 47, Batesville, \$260 BF, failure to yield-accident Williams, Emily Suzanne, 46, Foreman, \$160 BF, speeding Williams, Nicole Dianne, 38, Glenwood, guilty of endangering welfare of minor, fined

\$785; guilty of second-degree criminal mischief, fined \$510 Williamson, Jeremy Laray, 45, Glenwood, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$550

Young, Clayton J., 47, Bismarck, \$160 BF, failure to register tags/expired

'Merry Grinchmas' breakfast set for December 6

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FOR 2025?

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Cox Shields, deceased:

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MAXINE COX SHIELDS,

MURFREESBORO -- For more than 10 years the Murfreesboro High School Band Boosters has been hosting Breakfast with Santa to help raise funds for the Band.

The funds raised are used to support the band program, any instrument needs, or meals on Band trips. Several years ago, the Rattler Band Boosters, saw a need and made the choice to not only help raise funds for the band but provide a fun and family-

As Kira Staten, the Murfreesboro High School Band director states, "The kids always love helping with it, and the community looks forward to it every year."

Last year the Boosters changed things up a little by inviting the Grinch to Breakfast, and with the enthusiastic response, He will be back again this year!

Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at 9 a.m., at

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Courthouse located at #1 Court House Square, Murfrees-

boro, Arkansas 71958, or as soon thereafter as the matter can

be heard, on the Petition of Kelly Shields, Personal Repre-

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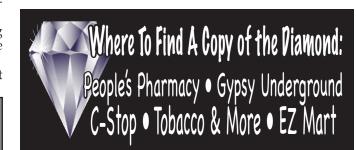
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the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 716 N Washington in Murfreesboro. Cost of the attendance will be \$5, and this includes breakfast,

crafts, a treat, and a digital photo with the Grinch.

The Rattler Band Booster Officers work hard to make this event happen, and their reward is the smiles on the faces of everyone who comes! Many Band members lend a hand that day to help serve and to give back to their community, and they look forward to serving Breakfast, Grinchmas style, so Don't be a Grinch and join us for Breakfast! Have a very "Merry Grinchmas!"



PUBLIC NOTICE

Per The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, The Pike County Landfill will no longer be able to take Class 1 Garbage, Class 1 materials include household trash, cardboard, paper, plastic, hazardous waste (NO NON-PUTRESCIBLE WASTE), etc.

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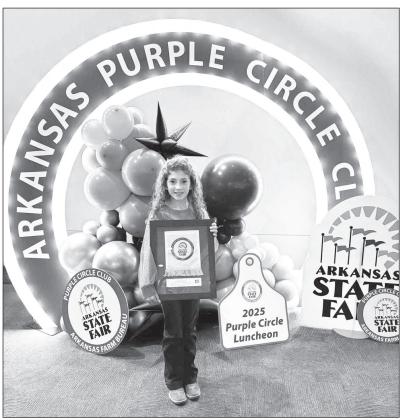
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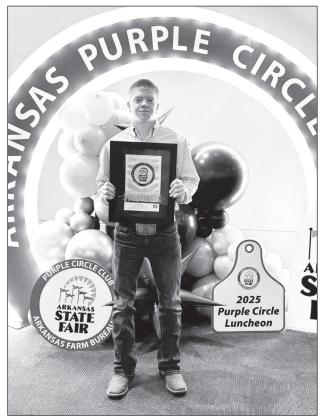
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A NEW CLASS OF CHAMPIONS: INSIDE THE 2025 PURPLE CIRCLE CLUB ... Three outstanding Pike County 4-H exhibitors -- (pictured above, L to R) -- Adeline Haney Alex Bonner and Dally Minton have earned one of the highest honors awarded at the Arkansas State Fair with an induction into the Purple Circle Club. The Arkansas Farm Bureau Purple Circle Club was created in 1953 as a venue to further recognize youth exhibitors at the Arkansas State Fair. Since 1953, over 8,500 exhibitors have been inducted onto the Purple Circle Club. The recognition highlights their dedication, skill, and commitment to excellence in livestock showing, a tradition that celebrates hard work both in and out of the show ring. Each inductee demonstrated exceptional leadership and mastery in their respective categories, standing out among competitors from across the state. Being inducted into the Purple Circle Club is seen as a sign of "excellence"; it's not just about winning. Their achievements reflect hours of preparation, perseverance, and passion for agriculture, qualities at the heart of the Purple Circle's long-standing legacy. As new members of this prestigious group, Haney, Bonner and Minton join a select circle of youth exhibitors whose accomplishments set a standard for future showmen. Their success not only honors their efforts but also inspires others in the livestock community to strive for excellence.

Area couple facing felony drug charges following bust

HOPE -- A Nashville couple is facing felony drug charges in Hempstead County following a search by area drug task force

April Pittman, 46, and William Chambers, Jr., 62, were charged Nov. 10 with maintaining a drug premise and possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

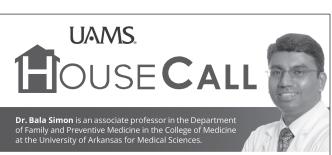
The charges are the result of a search warrant executed at 1667 Highway 27 South in September by agents from the 8th North Drug Task Force and 9th West Drug Task Force.

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Q: Are there screenings for

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A: The pancreas is a large gland located behind the stomach and in front of the spine. It produces enzymes that aid in digestion as well as hormones that control levels of sugar in the bloodstream. The National Cancer Institute

estimates that pancreatic cancer will be 3.3% of all new cancer cases diagnosed in 2025. The condition is most frequently found in people aged 65 to 74. The disease is slightly more common in men than in women. Risk factors for pancreatic cancer include excessive alcohol use, obesity, chronic pancreatitis, a family history of pancreatic cancer, and smoking

Unfortunately, specific screenings do not exist for pancreatic cancer. The pancreas cannot be felt during exams, and early-stage tumors in the pancreas do not appear on imaging tests, which means pancreatic cancer is rarely discovered before it spreads

Pancreatic cancer symptoms include loss of appetite, middle back pain, jaundice (yellowing of the skin), dark-colored urine and weight loss. Symptoms often do not present themselves until the disease has spread beyond the pancreas.

A biopsy, blood tests, CT scans and MRIs are methods of diagnosing pancreatic cancer. Treatments depend upon how far the disease has advanced and include chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or surgery to remove tumors. See your health care provider if you experience symptoms.



To date only two interstellar objects are known to have come into the Solar System. First Oumuamua came in 2017, and now 3I/Atlas has rounded the Sun and speeds away. Both have been in the news frequently and even speculated to be alien spacecrafts. They most certainly will be studied by scientists for years.

It is known that there are billions of objects moving about the Solar System, and now we know non-Solar System objects also passes through. Alien spacecraft aside, the interesting aspect to these two interstellar travelers is the fact that they were seen when millions of miles away, and tracked accurately. This is an indication of yet another advancement made by science, and the technology is getting better.

Just focusing on what is now available to backyard skywatchers and to arm-chair astronomers these days is astonishing. There are web-sites providing precise up to the minute data about the movements of the Sun, the Moon and the planets. There are apps that allow a person to hold a phone or I-pad up to the night sky and see a real-time map of what stars, planets and satellites are above. Someone interested in Jupiter can find current images of its surface and where the red spot is, and see a chart that shows where each of its most visible moons will be on a given night.

Astrophysicist Michio Kaku wondered when he was a child about what kind of theories Koi had about the universe as they swam in the pond at a local park. Beyond their world interesting things happened, and what if an explorer, scientist or philosopher Koi managed to rise above the water, how would the new discovery change things for them? The human quest for knowledge continues and sometimes it takes things flying in from outer space to take us to new directions. Recall also that Earth sent two spacecraft, launched in 1977, to explore the outer planets. Now they have both left the heliosphere (the Sun's realm) and are in interstellar space, perhaps to excite some distant planetary system's inhabitants many years from now.



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Four defendants to be sentenced in court

MURFREESBORO -- Four defendants were sentenced Monday during Pike County Circuit Court.

Bobby Spears, 42, of Norman, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to eight years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) with four years suspended. Spears was also credited with time served.

Carl Self, 52, of Murfreesboro, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia, amended from a felony to a misdemeanor, and received a one-year suspended jail sentence. Self was also fined \$250 plus court costs.

Stan Funderburk, 65, of Delight, pleaded guilty to possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to 10 years in the ADC with five years suspended. Funderburk was also credited with time served.

Hunter, Freed, 24, of Tulsa, Okla., pleaded guilty to first-degree terroristic threatening and was sentenced to four years of probation and was fined \$2,500 plus court costs.

Shelby announces candidacy for Pike County Judge in 2026

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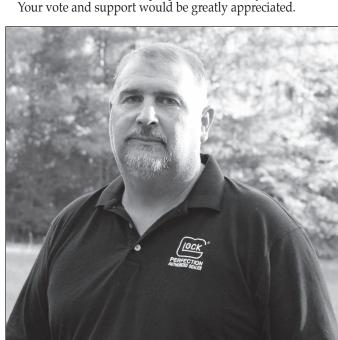
To the citizens of Pike County, my name is Robert Shelby and I am proud to announce my candidacy for county judge in the upcoming 2026 election.

To tell you a little about myself, I have been happily married to my wife Teresa Jackson Shelby for almost 33 years. Together we have three children and two grandchildren. I have resided in Pike County for most of my life and consider it the best place to live and raise a family.

From an early age, I have been working in construction, whether it be roofing, framing homes, building roads or working on equipment. I'm a jack of all trades I was also a certified part-time two deputy for Pike County sheriff's department as well as for Murfreesboro and Glenwood City Police.

In my free time, you can find me spending time with my family, hunting, fishing or gunsmithing. If elected, my utmost goal is to work with and for the people of this County.

Your vote and support would be greatly appreciated.



ROBERT SHELBY

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Stay safe this Thanksgiving: keep foodborne illness off the menu

Thanksgiving is a special time for families to come together, share delicious meals, and reflect on what they're thankful for. However, as the holiday approaches, it's important to keep food safety at the forefront of your celebration. Nothing can spoil a Thanksgiving gathering faster than a case of foodborne illness, and following a few key safety tips can help ensure your day is filled with joy instead of stomach

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends thawing your turkey safely in the refrigerator. It takes about 24 hours for every five pounds of turkey to thaw completely, not including the day you plan to cook it. This means that a 20–24-pound turkey may need up to six days in the refrigerator to thaw properly, so plan accordingly. When it's time to cook, set your oven no lower than 325°F and always use a food thermometer to ensure the thickest part of the turkey reaches an internal temperature of 165°F. A 20–24-pound bird typically takes about five hours to cook thoroughly at this temperature. The USDA also advises against stuffing your turkey. Instead, prepare your stuffing in a separate casserole dish to ensure it cooks evenly and safely.

Preventing cross-contamination is another key part of safe food preparation. Always use separate cutting boards, plates, and utensils when handling raw turkey or other meats, and wash these items thoroughly with warm, soapy water—or run them through the dishwasher after each use. Once dinner is over, refrigerate leftovers within two hours to prevent bacteria from growing. Keep your refrigerator temperature at 40°F or below and avoid overloading it,



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as that can reduce airflow and make it harder to keep food cold. Leftovers can safely be eaten within three to four days, or frozen if you want to enjoy them later.

There are also a few general practices that can help keep your holiday meal both safe and stress-free. Wash your hands often with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds, especially after handling raw ingredients. Use a calibrated food thermometer to check cooking temperatures accurately. Clean out your refrigerator the week before Thanksgiving to make room for thawing and storing leftovers. When storing cooked foods, place them in shallow containers to help them cool quickly and safely. Avoid preparing food if you are ill, and consider simplifying your holiday prep by making some dishes ahead of time. If guests will be traveling more than two hours home, pack their leftovers in a cooler with ice or frozen gel packs to keep food safe during the trip.

Thanksgiving is meant for gratitude, laughter, and good food-not food poisoning. By following these simple safety guidelines, you can focus on what really matters: celebrating the holiday with your loved ones and creating lasting memories around the table.

To give you more time to enjoy your family, here is a make-ahead recipe. This classic side dish is a Thanksgiving favorite and it's perfect for making ahead of time. The creamy sweet potatoes and crunchy pecan topping make a comforting, crowd-pleasing addition to your holiday spread. This dish not only saves you time on Thanksgiving Day, but it also fills your home with that irresistible holiday aroma as it bakes. Plus, it travels well if you're bringing it

RECIPE OF THE WEEK **SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE** WITH PECAN TOPPING

INGREDIENTS:

to a family gathering.

- 4 large sweet potatoes (about 3 pounds), peeled and cubed
 - ½ cup brown sugar
 - ¼ cup butter, melted
 - ¼ cup milk 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt Topping:
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted ½ cup chopped pecans

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Boil the sweet potatoes in a large pot of water until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and mash until smooth.

In a large bowl, combine the mashed sweet potatoes with brown sugar, butter, milk, eggs, vanilla, cinnamon, and salt. Mix well, then spread evenly into a greased 9x13-inch baking

In a separate bowl, mix together the topping ingredients—brown sugar, flour, melted butter, and pecans—until crumbly. Sprinkle evenly over the sweet potato mixture.

At this point, you can cover and refrigerate the casserole for up to two days before baking. When ready to serve, bake uncovered at 350°F for 30-35 minutes, or until the topping is golden brown and the filling is heated through.

Power up your morning: why protein matters

BY EVA LANGLEY,

Pike County FCS Agent

According to the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, researchers at the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station have found that starting the morning with protein can help decrease obesity in children. This is significant because, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in five children in the U.S. has obesity, a condition linked to increased risk of type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and other health complications.

Skipping breakfast or choosing low-nutrient options has been associated with overeating later in the day, weight gain, and obesity. Studies show that both normal-weight and overweight children who consumed a proteinbased breakfast felt less hungry after eating compared to those who had a carbohydrateheavy meal. Even more impressive, children who ate protein burned more calories in the hours following breakfast.

The benefits aren't just for kids. In another study, overweight women who ate a proteinbased breakfast five times a week for eight weeks lost 65% more weight and reduced their waist circumference by 83% more than those who ate a carbohydrate-based breakfast. Adults who start the day with eggs also report feeling fuller throughout the day, which can help curb snacking and overeating.

Protein is a powerful nutrient. It plays a major role in your body - from building body tissues to making important hormones and is an important macro – nutrient used by the body for building, repairing and maintaining tissues. Proteins are part of every cell, tissue and organ in our bodies. They are made up of amino acids, the building blocks of protein.

There are 20 different amino acids needed by the body. These amino acids join together to make different types of protein. Nine amino acids are considered essential amino acids, since they are not made by the body and, therefore, must be obtained from food. The other amino acids are made by the body and are considered nonessential amino acids. The proteins in our bodies are constantly being broken down and replaced. The body does not store amino acids like it does carbohydrates and fats, so the body needs a daily supply of amino acids to make new proteins. The protein in the foods we eat is digested into amino acids that can be used to replace the proteins in our bodies.

Here is a simple, low-calorie egg recipe that's packed with protein. Eggs are a powerhouse choice for a protein-rich start. One egg contains about 6.3 grams of protein, 6% of your daily Vitamin A needs, and only 75 calories, making it an excellent option for those looking to maintain or lose weight. Enjoy!
BAKED EGG CUPS

- **INGREDIENTS:** • Cooking spray
- 6 slices of thin-cut deli-style turkey or ham

- ½ cup finely shredded 2% cheddar cheese • ½ cup diced red and green bell pepper (or
- vegetables of choice)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat a muffin tin with cooking spray.
- 2. Line each muffin cup with a slice of turkey
- 3. Crack one egg into each cup. Sprinkle with
- pepper.
 4. Top with shredded cheese and diced pep-
- 5. Bake for 20–25 minutes or until eggs are
- 6. Cool slightly and enjoy a protein-packed



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listening to God's will, no

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agrees with our own convictions. The hearing of faith is completely in agreement with what God commands us to do to be saved. We are to obey God rather than men. (Acts Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands ing that will save is the heart you sinners; and purify your hearts you double-minded.

James 4:7,8 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up. James 4:10 Therefore, to him that knows to do good, and does not do it, to him it is sin. James 4:17 Paul and James insist by inspiration that the hearing of faith involves paying clear attention to God's revealed will and being faithfully obedient to it. To do less is sin. To do more is also rebellious. If you are a child of God, continue to grow in God's grace and truth. If you are not a child of God, be born again of water and the Spirit. Repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins and God will cleanse you and add you to His Church. (Acts 2:38-47).

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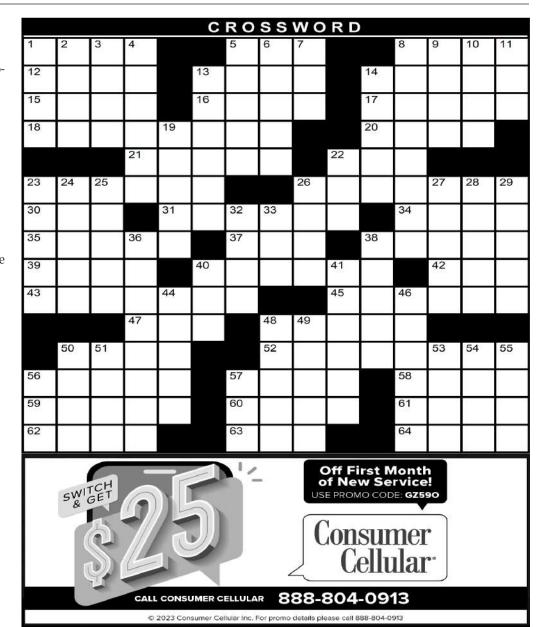
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Board approves bonuses for SPC employees ing from the former school was in "full force" from the campus in Delight will proschool with various efforts.

MURFREESBORO -- The South Pike County School Board unanimously approved a \$500 Christmas bonus for all employees in the school district at their November meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Šuperintendent District Tanya Wilcher said she had watched the budget closely in the hopes of being able to give the bonuses. "I'm very proud of our

teachers and staff, and they all deserve it. I'd like to do more ... maybe at the end of the [school] year." She said by passing the measure in November, the

bonuses could be in the De-

cember checks and they could 'plan on" the extra money for

tĥe holidays. Wilcher also told board members that customers can purchase basketball passes at hudl.com for all home games this season. The passes are priced at \$70 each, saving \$14 off full gate admission prices.

The school will investigate energy upgrades the week after Thanksgiving to see if any money on can be saved.

"[The partner] has seen all the bills and they make no promises ... but it is money we could spend elsewhere if something can be done," said

Wilcher said upgrades on the school track facilities were being planned. In addition to the long awaited grading of the practice running surface,

the addition of storage build-

vide room to hold track equipment. Wilcher said track coach Chuck Lowery was "excited" and that some of the disciplines like the pole vault pit and the long jump pit could be "concreted in" providing for a more permanent location. In his high school report,

MHS principal Davey Jones said that practice tests for the ATLAS assessment was going well with a "good effort by the students." He also said attendance by both teachers and students

was improving - a point of emphasis going into this school year. "We've been going at it since August – the teachers are tired, the students are tired and I'm tired," he said with a

ing hard." tell instructors that they are appreciated when they see them. "Tell them thank you ... it

laugh. "But they are still teach-

would mean a lot from [the board] to recognize their efforts.

He also said fundraising

do it – if you can't, don't. But it's something we have to do." MES Principal James Riley said that he was "humble bragging" after the school's "grow groups" had all showed prog-

"You will be hit up [with re-

quests] ... if you can [afford] it,

ress in interim ATLAS testing. The fifth and sixth grade group under instructor Tana Horn all moved to level two in recent testing. He said that all growth re-

ceived rewards such as "free days" and that in the spring any growth at all will be given a "free day" in order to help morale. The board passed a resolution to place a radio antenna

on the old water tower in De-

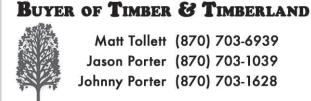
light (near the Baptist Church) for signal reach to Antoine. All costs of the project will He suggested that the board be bourn by the school and the

antenna will be solar powered. Wilcher said the biggest part of the expense was to pay someone to climb the tower to

install the antenna. The next school board meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m.

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THANK YOU VETERANS ... A local celebration was held at the Murfreesboro Senior Adult Center on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11. Local dignitaries and school children participated in the event to celebrate those locals and all who had served, protecting America's freedoms. Local Daughters of the American Revolution representative Judy Hile provided the following compliment for the event: "Thank you Murfreesboro schools -- I am so proud of our school, community and chamber of commerce! Today's celebration was the best one ever .. brought tears to my eyes and: others said same. It is so inspiring to see hope for Americas future. Standing ovation for you all!"

Representative recognizes veterans who paid for 'the price of freedom'

BY BRUCE WESTERMAN U.S. Representative (AR-04)

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Nearly 250 years ago, our great nation was born. The decades that came before it were measured by a people whose spirit yearned for freedom from tyranny and the right to self-determination. We were founded by a people whose grit was equally matched by their hope for a new, free nation. But we all know how the story goes, and our freedom wasn't easily won. It was fought for, and has since been, maintained by men and women who have taken on the duty of preserving our liberty. This week, we reflect on their service and thank them for their sacrifice.

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defense of our country, in defense of us, in wars far away. The imagination plays a trick. We see these soldiers in our mind as old and wise. We see them as something like the Founding Fathers, grave and gray haired. But most of them were boys when they died, and they gave up two lives -- the one they were living and the one they would have lived. When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for our country, for us. And all we can do is remember."

This is the price of freedom: lives, goals, dreams forfeited by men and women who chose to fight for something greater than themselves. The moment we forget the price of freespeeches was given by President Ronald Rea- dom is a grave day for our country. And it's gan in his Veterans Day address from Arlington never something we should settle quietly into. National Cemetery in 1985. He said, "It is, in a We should always remember that each one of way, an odd thing to honor those who died in us today and tomorrow must choose to preserve liberty, support our service members, and recognize the sacrifices they make.

This past weekend -- and every day -- my hope is that you join me in taking a moment to reflect on the remarkable men and women who chose to sacrifice everything so we may live in a free and prosperous nation. I am immensely grateful and proud of every Arkansan who has served in the line of duty and I will continue to fight for them in Congress to ensure they receive the benefits they have earned.

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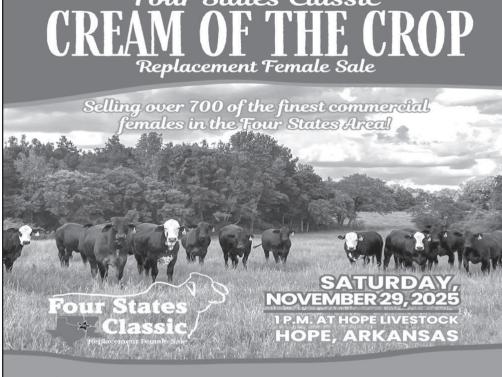
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Jay Lor 5275 Mixer 12 Ft. Sheep & Goat Gates 10, 12, 14 16 Cattle Gates (2) Large Heavy Duty Firepit/Grill (nice) 500 Gallon Propane Tank

Misc. Antiques New 8'x15' Cattle Guard w/Wings Wrought Iron Vintage Patio Furniture 60 Volt Golf Cart w/Rear Seat (like new) 15 Ft. Land Pride Batwing Cutter Herd Boss 4815 Bulk Feeder - like new Mounted on Tandem Trailer 1 in. Square Tubing Woods Finish Mower

6 1/2' x 10' Utility Trailer (new floor) EZ Go Gas Golf Cart 2014 Ford Escape All Wheel Drive 102,000 miles

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