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BAKE SALE SUCCESS ... Pike County 4-H'er and reigning Junior Miss Pike County Carsyn Ballard aided in the efforts for the 4-H Shop With A Cop bake sale at KMB Nanny's Kitchen last Sunday. The sale raised \$130 to go toward the 2025 program that allows local youth in need to shop for Christmas gifts with local officers.

Senior center taking holiday orders

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

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.

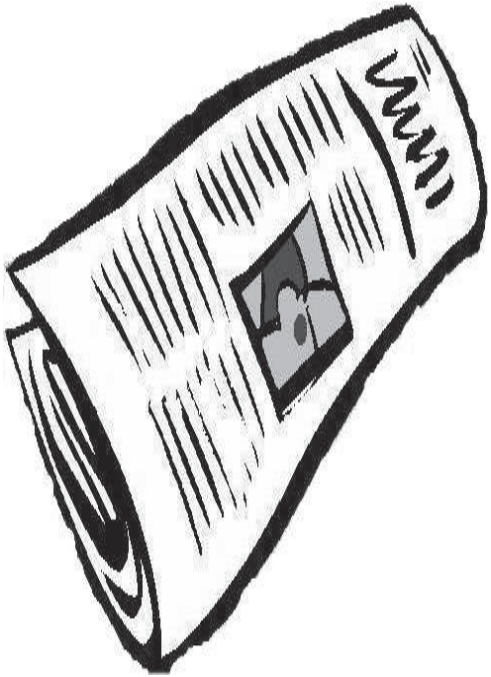
The dressing will be offered in 5 pound pan for \$15 and 10 pounds for \$30, while rolls will be by the dozen for \$6.

Changes made to materials taken at landfill

PIKE COUNTY -- 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.

Upon entering the landfill, residents will need to stop at the gate and speak to the operator before dumping from this point on.

"We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause, but ADEQ requires that we follow state law to provide this service to our community," said Pike County Judge Eddie Howard.



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Missing child search ends with success, now under investigation

BY JOHN BALCH
Nashville News-Leader

MURFREESBORO -- The case of a child reported missing last week in Murfreesboro and found just steps from her home is now under investigation, according to Murfreesboro Police Chief Randy Lamb.

The child, an eight-year-old girl who was described as "small for her age" at 3'2" tall and 38 pounds, was reported missing from her home on Third Avenue by one of her parents on Thursday, Dec. 4 at approximately 7:30-7:40 a.m. Initial reports indicated the child was possible unclothed on the cold, rainy morning.

The incident touched off a massive search that involved multiple local and state law enforcement agencies and departments and a very large number of volunteers made up of county firefighters, concerned citizens and business owners. Two thermal drones were also deployed in the search, one belonging to Pike County Office of Emergency Services and another belonging to a local resident. The

Arkansas State Police helicopter was also requested at the scene, but due to the weather the copter could not fly, according to Chief Lamb.

Chief Lamb said the child was reportedly found in the pump shed connected to the home's swimming pool around 12 noon by one of her parents. He estimated the distance from the home to the pump shed to be less than 100 feet. Lamb also said the child's home, pump shed and the surrounding area had been searched multiple times.

Murfreesboro Fire Chief Ricky Branch said the search was preparing to expand when the parent approached with the child wrapped in a blanket. The child, who appeared uninjured in the incident, was rushed to an ambulance already on site and then on to the Nashville hospital where she was further evaluated.

Lamb noted that this was not the first time the child had walked away from the home.

Chief Branch said he was "thoroughly impressed" with the search effort organization and the many people who showed up to help.

"The support was overwhelming and we

couldn't be more thankful," Branch said.

"It was impressive," added Chief Lamb in offering more gratitude for the community support.

CITY OFFERS THANKS IN EFFORT

The Murfreesboro Fire and Rescue, Murfreesboro Police Department and the City of Murfreesboro would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who came out to support our community in the search for a lost child on December 4.

"Your response to community members in need was greatly appreciated and overwhelming. We cannot thank you enough," said Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O'Neal.

Specific thanks in the effort by Lamb, Branch and O'Neal included the Pike County Sheriff's Department, Pike County OEM, Pike County Road Department, Arkansas State Police, Antoine Fire Department, Delight Fire Department, Kirby Fire Department, Murfreesboro Methodist Church, and the Citizens who volunteered during the search.



Submitted photos/Jane Fugitt

BIKE WINNERS ... In Murfreesboro last Saturday, some 80 children made a stop to see Santa Claus on the Pike County Square. All attending youth received bags of fruit and candy that had been donated by Diamond Bank and First State Bank after being sacked/prepared by City of Murfreesboro employees and elected officials. After visiting with Santa, the kids were treated to getting their pictures made on the big red City of Murfreesboro firetruck. Bicycles were given away at the end of the event were donated by Harvill and Associates, Branch Construction, Creekside Vacation Rentals, Mayor Jim O'Neal and the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce. Winners of the bicycles included (ages 0-5) Walker Turner and Altheina Rickman, (ages 6-8) Nora Kosters and Monte Mason, and (ages 9-12) Jameson Motley and Gracie Hill.



Ballot draw sets placements for upcoming election

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Election Commission held their ballot draw on Tuesday, Dec. 2 for placement on the preferential primary ballots this upcoming March 3, 2026.

New to the process this year is a semi-closed primary by the state Republican party. This means that those that have declared themselves as Democrats on their voter registration form cannot choose a Republican ballot, which will hold several key county races.

However, the less than 100 Pike County registered Democrats may, according to County Clerk Randee Edwards, change their party registration to "optional" at her office prior to the election or at any of the Pike County voting centers on election day. This would allow for voting in the Republican primary. That status may be changed back after the primary elections should a voter desire.

The county's voting centers will be located in Kirby, Delight, Glenwood and Murfreesboro.

Additionally, the only way a voter can participate in a runoff election is limited to either their previous choice of Republican or Democratic tickets on March 3. A runoff election would be conducted on March 31.

The deadline for residents who are not currently registered to vote is February 2.

Those who are registered in-state -- but not Pike County -- may switch their registration at the polls this year. That is a change from previous elections in which it had to be done a week in advance of the election.

LNA testing of the voting machines will begin on January 28 at the Pike County Clerk's office.

Sample ballots for Pike County residents may be viewed on voterview.com after they are uploaded to the Secretary of State's website on February 13.

Residents desiring an absentee ballot must fill out an application at Edward's office by January 26.

Early voting will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 17 following the President's Day holiday on Monday, with early voting in any races requiring a runoff beginning March 24.

For any further election questions, please contact the Pike County Clerk's office at (870) 285-2743.

The following candidates in contested races were assigned ballot placement during the draw on December 2.

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

U.S. Senate -- 1. Mayor Ethan N. Dunbar, 2. Hallie Shoffner

U.S. Congress District 4 -- 1. James "Rus" Russell III, 2. Steven Layne O'Donnell

Governor -- 1. State Senator Fred Love, 2. Su-

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REPUBLICAN BALLOT
U.S Senate -- 1. Micah Ashby, 2. Senator Tom Cotton, 3. Jeb Little
Commissioner of State Lands -- 1. Secretary of State Cole Jester, 2. Christian Olson
Pike County Judge -- 1. Eddie Howard Pike County Judge, 2. Wade Stewart, 3. Keith Couch, 4. Robert Shelby
Pike County Sheriff/Collector -- 1. Sheriff Travis Hill, 2. Randy H. Lamb
Justice of the Peace, District 1 -- 1. Roger D. Floyd, 2. Payton Eckert
Justice of the Peace, District 6 -- 1. Ron Park-

er, 2. Kip Holbrook
Justice of the Peace, District 7 -- 1. Robert Mac Irvin, 2. Richard Mohlenhoff
NONPARTISAN
State Supreme Court Associate Judge Position 3 -- 1. John Adams, Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Nick Bronni
Prosecuting Attorney, District 9-West -- 1. Clayton Tinkes, 2. Prosecuting Attorney Jana Bradford, 3. City Attorney Erin Hunter
SCHOOL BOARD
South Pike County School District, Zone 7 -- 1. Alyssa Duggan, 2. Carrie Tidwell
Centerpoint School District, Zone 4 -- 1. Pake Sutton, 2. Larry Harvey

Murfreesboro Christmas parade set for Thursday, still time to enter drawing

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Chamber will then host the annual Christmas parade this Thursday, Dec. 11 under the theme “Winter Wonderland.” This allows for the decorating of floats in such things as icicles, snowflakes and winter animals.
Lineup for the parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the former Pike County Hospital with the procession beginning at 6:30 p.m.
The Chamber is requesting pre-registration to participate in the parade, so all interested persons – be it cars, floats, walkers, or ATVs -- can call (870) 285-3131 or email lisa@harvillandassociates.com to get qualified.
Horses will not be allowed in this year’s procession due to the ongoing quarantine for equine herpes.
The Murfreesboro High School marching band is scheduled to be a part of the parade.
CHAMBER BUCKS
The Murfreesboro Cham-

ber is conducting a Chamber Bucks Giveaway campaign in the weeks leading up to the Christmas parade on Thursday, Dec. 11.
The event is be ongoing and the Chamber reminds all residents to support Murfreesboro businesses by shopping locally.
All purchases at a participating chamber member business, starting on Friday, Nov. 28 through the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 11, will allow for an entry in the drawing the night of the parade for three prizes -- \$500, \$250 and \$100 in Chamber Bucks that can be spent with any Chamber of Commerce member.
The drawing will be conducted after the parade. Participants must not be present at the drawing to win.
Businesses that will be participating in the entry process with a purchase include:
• Foshee Equipment
• J&S Auto
• CEBA Gas
• Harvill Insurance
• Chicken N More
• Ace of Diamonds
• Town Square Gallery
• The Old Store
• Murfreesboro Hardware
• Caddo Antiques
• Hawkins Variety
• Diamond State Insurance
• Telinga’s Restaurant
• Pawn Kings
• Branch Oil
• C-Stop
• People’s Pharmacy
• Gypsy Underground
Following the drawing, winning participants can spend their Chamber Bucks at any of the above businesses, as well as the following other Chamber business members including:
• Swaha Lodge and Marina
• The Feed Bin Cafe
• Doz Bros Arcade
• Ceramics by Telinga’s
• Sonic
• Tannergy
• Dino Dig
• Murfreesboro Mini Mall
• Flowers Done Wright
• Kadoha Indian Village
• Diamond City Fitness
• Lovejoy’s Diamond Screens



Staff photo

AIDING THE CAUSE ... Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Harvill (left) presented local Angel Tree Director Angie Strawn a \$1,500 check for use in the 2025 program. As of Tuesday morning only a few of the more than 100 angels were left uncollected for the annual drive to help local children have a merrier Christmas. Strawn reiterated that all gifts must be returned to the Pike County Sheriff’s Office by Tuesday, Dec. 16.

PIKE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORD

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
DR-25-59 -- Cole Hammock, vs. Deborah Hammock, divorce, Oct. 1
DR-25-60 -- Amanda Bailey, vs. Brian Bailey, divorce, Oct. 7
DR-25-61-- OCSE, vs. Adam Harding, support-OCSE, Oct. 21
DR-25-62 -- Emma Manning, vs. William Coleman, order of protection, Nov. 14
CIVIL
CV-25- 84 -- Credit Acceptance Corp., vs. Jason Jarrell, contract-other, Oct. 7
CV-25-85 -- Velocity Investments LLC., vs. Catrina Flemons, debt collection, Oct. 10
CV-25-86 -- Capital One, vs. Linda Wisner, debt collection, Oct. 22
CV-25-87 -- Capital One, vs. Tony Pipkins, debt collection,

Oct. 22
CV-25-88 -- Capital One, vs. **PUBLIC RECORD**
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ARDOT starts traveling anti-litter displays

LITTLE ROCK -- The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is installing new anti-litter displays in two locations along Arkansas highways beginning the week of December 8.
The displays will be in place for approximately one month, then rotate to new locations around the state.
Travelers along Arkansas highways will see a series of blue highway signs with anti-litter messaging. The first sign will read, “ARDOT spends over \$8 million per year combatting litter.”
A second one will say, “Are you part of the problem or the solution?” The third sign will read, “Please help us keep Arkansas natural.” At the end of the three signs, the public will see five-foot-tall wire mesh letters spelling out “NATURAL?”
The wire letters are hollow and will be filled with litter that has been picked up by crews in the area.
“The average taxpayer may not know how much ARDOT spends each year picking up litter from our highways. Our goal is to raise awareness for all Arkansans and travelers in our state,” said Steve Frisbee, ARDOT Assistant Chief Engineer for Maintenance.

“Arkansas is ‘The Natural State,’ and we, as the Arkansas Department of Transportation, have a unique responsibility to help preserve the beauty that surrounds our infrastructure,” said ARDOT Director Jared Wiley. “In addition to the money we spend on litter pickup each year, we are always exploring new ways to combat the litter problem. We hope these litter letters resonate with the traveling public and spur positive change.”
The signage and litter letters were made in-house by ARDOT employees.
They will first be installed along Interstate 555 (Exit 42) in Jonesboro and Interstate 49 (Exit 91) in Bentonville.

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MARIA G. ZAMORANO PLAINTIFF
VS. NO. 55 DR-25-57
JOHNNY ZAMORANO DEFENDANT

WARNING ORDER

TO: ALL CONCERNED
You are hereby notified that MARIA ZAMORANO, Plaintiff, whose Attorney is DUSTIN BISSELL, whose address is 306 E Broadway Glenwood, AR 71943, has filed a COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE against you, a copy of which Petition and Summons shall be delivered to you, or to your attorney upon request. You are also notified that you must appear and defend by filing your answer or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this Warning Order; in the event of your failure to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition as circumscribed by the laws of this State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as Clerk of the Court on this 1st. day of December, 2025.

Sabrina Williams
CIRCUIT CLERK Pike County

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DELIGHT BRIDGE COMPLETED ... Arkansas Division of Emergency Management Public Assistance staff and Southwest Area Coordinator Cecil McGee met with Pike County Judge Eddie Howard and Pike County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Lee Vincent to conduct the final inspection of the Wolf Creek Bridge Public Assistance Mitigation Project. The bridge, which sank 16 inches during the April flooding disaster, has since been rebuilt and reinforced to better withstand future flood events. With the project now complete, ADEM officials have signed off on the work, allowing the county to receive FEMA reimbursement. According to ADEM, mitigation projects like this play a vital role in strengthening local infrastructure, reducing the impact of future disasters, and saving counties valuable time and resources during recovery.



Obituaries

Wilton L. Westfall, 88, Nashville

Wilton L. Westfall, age 88, of Nashville, Arkansas passed away surrounded by his loving family on Monday, December 8, 2025, at his home. He was born on November 16, 1937, in Nashville, Arkansas, the son of the late Ridgell and Denver Olean Green Westfall.

Mr. Westfall was a proud Elder of the Murfreesboro church of Christ and enjoyed teaching class for many years. Barton Bible Camp was very important to him, and he tirelessly worked and enjoyed his time at the camp. He was a Captain in the United States Army and played a pivotal role in the Nashville ROTC. Wilton was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, and farming. During his career he spent 38 years working as a supervisor at the Briar Plant.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Gloria Dallas.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years Peggy Clark Westfall of Nashville; two sons

Robbye Westfall and wife Barbara, Greg Westfall and wife Laurie; one brother Rickey Westfall and wife Ann; Tina McAllister and husband Bob; four grandchildren Andrew Westfall, Tabitha Jones and husband Justin, Justin Westfall and wife Kelsey, Alex Westfall; eight grandchildren Ella, Clark, Kora, Fisher, Fletcher, Finnick, Kimber, and Drake, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be 1:00 p.m., to 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, at the Murfreesboro church of Christ.

Funeral services will begin at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, at the Murfreesboro church of Christ, with Buddy Ray officiating, burial will follow in Academy Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Memorials may be made to Barton Bible Camp, 4562 US 70, Kirby, AR. 71950

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



BALLOT DRAW ... (Above left) Pike County Election chairpersons Phil Terrell, Joan Hooper and Dr. Terry Hutson with Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards (third from left) recently conducted a ballot draw for ordered placement on the March 2026 elections; (above right) Pike County Sheriff Travis Hill draws a position for one of the statewide races on the ballot.



Staff photos

‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

JOURNEY TO HEAVEN
Two of my favorite old gospel songs are “Walking Alone at Eve” and “Paradise Valley”. I love these songs because they draw our thoughts away from earthly troubles to visions of Heaven, and I fondly remember my dad leading these in Murfreesboro.

As I close my eyes and think of the words to these songs about Heaven, a peace and calm comes over me and it makes everything else unimportant when compared to Heaven. As we press toward Heaven, let us meditate on other great songs such as “Heaven Holds All to Me”, “How Beautiful Heaven Must Be”, and “When We All Get to Heaven”. These words



encourage us on the day to day journey of this life and its struggles.

The Bible gives descriptions of how great our Heavenly home will be: John 14:2 – In My Father’s House are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

II Corinthians 5:1 – For we know that if our earthly

house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Revelation 21:4 – And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

Scripture assures us that God shall dwell with us, that we shall be His people and He shall be our God.

Let us encourage and uplift one another through scripture and song as we continue our journey to Heaven.

I pray that each of you may have a blessed week and strive daily to be Heaven bound.

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SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
Breakfast: Glazed yeast donuts or cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, whole grain roll, mixed berry cup, milk
No line 2
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
Breakfast: Sausage biscuit or cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Mini corn dogs, sidewinder fries, baked beans, pears, milk
No line 2
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
Breakfast: French toast sticks or cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Cheese french bread pizza w/ mari-

nara sauce, baby carrots w/ranch, seasoned broccoli, peaches, milk
No line 2
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
Breakfast: Powered donut or cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Burrito w/cheese sauce, refried beans, seasoned corn, pineapple, milk
No line 2
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19
Breakfast: Cereal with cheese sticks, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Cooks choice

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- THE 1970S**
- ACROSS**
- Come clean, with “up”
 - * ____-a-Soup, launched in 1972
 - Hefty volume
 - Maui party
 - Detective’s assignment
 - One that insists
 - Seed covering
 - Dull pain
 - Waltz, in France
 - *Francis Ford Coppola’s “The ____”
 - Part of an eye
 - H. pylori consequence
 - Labor org.
 - *“Feathered” 1970s icon
 - One who delivers coal
 - *1978’s “Night Fever” spent 8 weeks in this Billboard slot
 - Fire-breathing monster, Greek mythology
 - Type of list
 - Open-mouthed
 - Acorn producer
 - Glossy fabric
 - Denim innovator
 - Enlist or talk into (2 words)
 - Golf accessory
 - Gracefully thin
 - Meat and vegetable stew
 - Stumblebum
 - One way to prepare an egg
 - Chicken pox mark
 - *Type of 1970s shoes
 - Top dog
 - Laughing on the inside, in a text
 - Bye, to Sophia Lauren
 - *1971’s “Sooner or ____” by the Grass
- Roots**
- *“Beneath the Planet of the ____”
 - Very light brown
 - Research facil.
 - *Progressive rock band of “Roundabout” fame

- Fishing pole spool
- DOWN**
- Capture the ____
 - Continental capital
 - Aforementioned
 - Substance with rotten egg smell
 - Secret stash
 - Theater employee
 - Jury member
 - *Olivia Newton-John’s 1978 co-star
 - Eye amorously
 - Table hill
 - Before, to a bard
 - Can’t-get-it-off-one’s-mind kind
 - Throat dangler
 - Winged
 - Charge carrier
 - Young horses
 - *One of three 1970s TV crime-fighting women
 - Plunder
 - *“I’d like to buy the world a ____”
 - “Semper Fidelis” to U.S. Marines, e.g.
 - Bye, to Edith Piaf
 - Group of nine singers
 - *“Rich Man, ____ Man” miniseries
 - As opposed to mishap
 - *Salvador Allende successor
 - Chow down
 - Game official, for short
 - Inflammation of iris
 - Capital of Senegal
 - Footstuffs merchant
 - North face, e.g.
 - Intensely dislikes
 - Architectural drawing
 - Prefers
 - *Neil Simon’s “The Sunshine Boys,” e.g.
 - *“Interview with the Vampire” author
 - Kate Winslet as ____ of Easttown
 - *“____ Train”
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Angela Leann Carmack, 39, Sims, AR; Amie Lynn Brown, 49, Many, LA., Sept. 29

Colton Lee Johnson, 24, Amity; Emmery Rose Boyd, 26, Amity, Oct. 3

Cody James Arrel-Sherrill, 33, Glenwood; Misty Michelle Cogburn, 32, Glenwood, Oct. 9

Allen Lane Duggan, 25, Glenwood; Katie Maie House, 26, Glenwood, Oct. 10

Stephen Dewayne Tigue, 52, Kirby; Natalie Jo Henson, 55, Kirby, Oct. 15

Charles Dean Willis, 51, Amity; Karen Sue Garcilazo, 52, Amity, Oct. 16

Jonathon Tyler Gilbert, 27, Murfreesboro; Anna Camille Woolfolk, 25, Murfreesboro, Oct. 16

Aiden Kai Oglesby, 22, Amity; Jasie Renae Miller, 22, Glenwood, Oct. 17

Jimmie Dale Henderson, 69, Delight; Cindy Watson Cobb, 64, Murfreesboro, Oct. 20

Matthew Dale Wilder, 22, Amity; Kayla Dawn Francis, 28, Amity, Oct. 23

Joshua Allen Franklin, 42, Glenwood; Myranda Leanne Hartwick, 31, Glenwood, Oct. 23

Dallas Landen Young, 20, Amity; McKenzie Nicole Caldwell, 18, Amity, Oct. 29

Daniel Gene Chambers, 52, Tulsa; Dana Renee Gehri, 52, Tulsa, Oct. 30

David Todd Jordan, 34, Delight; Rachel Lauren Rather, 31, Delight, Nov. 6

Kyle Brent Golden, 66, Kirby; Rachel Marie Neighbors, 43, Kirby, Nov. 14

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December forage tips for cattle producers

BY CODIE MCALISTER
Pike County Extension Agent- Agriculture

December 2025 is already here. It doesn't feel like that long ago we were just in January and remembering to write 2025 instead of 2024 when jotting down the date. Here in Pike County, we have already seen some cold weather with a few freezing temperatures almost to the first day of winter. Although there were some pretty warm days in November.

Despite being winter weather, there are a few things producers can do to get ready for the next forage growing season.

PASTURE MANAGEMENT:

Fall and Winter are great times to correct imbalances in soil pH. The fertility and pH of soil should be monitored regularly. The pH in pasture soil can drop relatively fast because of leaching in calcium carbonates and lack of soil mixing, like in a cropping system that uses frequent tillage. Correcting soil pH will take a few months, so it is wise to check the lime requirements with a soil test before next year's growing season.

To take a soil test, collect at least 15 subsamples per pasture using a zig-zag pattern. The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service recommends collecting soil that's

4 to 6 inches down. Mix the subsamples, then submit as one composite sample to the county. A plastic sandwich size bag full per sample is plenty. The test is free of charge for property in Arkansas.

You can also contact the

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Submitted photos

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN ... The City of Delight invites area residents to join in their Christmas celebration this Saturday. Following a pancake breakfast at the Delight School Cafeteria, Santa will arrive by helicopter at 9 a.m.to visit with children and take photos. The day will continue with Christmas open houses at the city's businesses and a lighted Christmas parade at 5 p.m.

Magical Christmas celebration this Saturday in Delight

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

DELIGHT -- Come celebrate the magic of the holiday season in Delight! Join us on Saturday, December 13th for a day packed with Christmas cheer and community fun that's sure to make your heart grow three sizes. We have something special planned for everyone, so bring your family and friends and experience the spirit of Christmas together!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast:

Start your day with a delicious pancake breakfast at the Delight School Cafeteria. Doors open at 7:15 AM, and breakfast will be served until 8:45 AM. The breakfast is free; however, donations are appreciated. The event is sponsored by Bank of Delight.

Santa's Arrival:

At 9:00 AM, Santa will make a grand entrance by helicopter! He'll be available for photos and visits with children in the cafeteria until 11:00 AM.

Christmas Open House:

Support our local businesses and enjoy holiday treats and specials during the Open House from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Parade Lineup:

Those participating in the parade should start lining up behind Littlefield's at 4:00 PM. Don't forget to decorate your floats and vehicles with festive lights!

Lighted Christmas Parade:

The parade will begin promptly at 5:00 PM, making its way down Antioch Street. Bring your blankets and chairs and cheer on our community's creative displays!

Join the Festivities!

Whether you're enjoying pancakes, snapping a photo with Santa, shopping at the open house, or waving from the parade route, there's no better place to get into the holiday spirit than Delight, Arkansas. Mark your calendar for December 13th and be part of a celebration that brings neighbors together and fills the town with joy! For more information contact Harlie Rowton at (870) 828-0399.



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whether it's for a pasture, hay meadow, yard, flower beds, or a garden.

HAY MANAGEMENT:

To reduce waste of hay, protect it when feeding. Use hay rings to reduce hay waste. Unrolling hay can increase hay waste unless it is done on a limited feeding basis.

Consider using a temporary electric wire to reduce waste from trampling and increase utilization of hay. This is done by unrolling the bale, then stringing up an electrified polywire down the length of the hay. Place the wire 30 inches high over the hay. Cattle will line up as if eating at a feed bunk.

Despite some waste, unrolled hay can help with muddy areas and can provide a dry place for young calves to lay when the temperatures start dropping.

Hay testing can provide you a peak into the TDN of your hay and help determine what supplements you may need for your herd. For more information and prices of hay testing, contact the Pike County Extension office.

UPCOMING:

Upcoming next week will be two Private Pesticide Applicator Trainings. Check your license now to see if you need to renew your license!

Upcoming Trainings:

- Dec. 16, 6 p.m. Murfreesboro, Pike County Extension Office 100 Court St. Murfreesboro, AR
- December 17, 10 a.m. Glenwood, AR Community Room at Bainum Library
- February 24, 2026 6 p.m. Murfreesboro, Pike County Extension Office 100 Court St.

To sign up for one of these trainings or for

more information contact the Pike County Extension Office at 870-285-2161.

If you have questions regarding agriculture and natural resources, contact the Pike County Extension Office at 870-285-2161 or reach out to your local county extension office.



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SOIL TESTING ... Pike County University of Arkansas Extension Agricultural Agent Codie McAlister is pictured taking a soil sample from a local pasture. McAlister said by contacting the Extension Office at (870) 285-2161, she would be "more than happy to come out and take soil samples for you whether it's for a pasture, hay meadow, yard, flower beds, or a garden."



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