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## Fair announces dates for benefit bass tourney

PIKE COUNTY -- The 22nd annual Pike County Fair bass tournament has announced the details for the 2026 installment.

Set for Saturday, April 11 at SWAHA Lodge on Lake Greeson the tournament will begin at "safe light" and will continue until the weigh-in at 3 p.m.

Registration for the tournament can be conducted at <https://forms.gle/tacREmt8eFbm-vjGn6>. The link can also be accessed via the Pike County Fair and Rodeo page on Facebook.

Takeoff numbers will be based on paid registration order. Registrants must register by April 1 to receive a tournament hat, but registrations will still be taken up to the start of the tournament.

A five bass limit will be held for the tournament, with a \$100 entry fee per boat.

Guaranteed prize money has been set for places 1-5 (\$1,000 to \$100) and a prize will be handed out for the big bass (\$500) of the tournament.

For questions regarding the tournament or a link to the registration page, please email [pike-countyfairandrodeo@gmail.com](mailto:pike-countyfairandrodeo@gmail.com).

## Ham radio club makes class schedule change

PIKE COUNTY -- The Pike County Ham Radio Club has announced changes to their license classes and tests this spring. The group is planning to offer entry level Technician classes, but upgrade classes are available for those interested.

Due to "events beyond their control" the club will no longer hold a three night class in Glenwood.

However, they will still hold classes at the Murfreesboro Community Room at 210 2nd Avenue in Murfreesboro on March 6-7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., on March 13 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and March 14 from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For those seeking an evening option, they will also hold classes in Murfreesboro on March 6, 7, 13 and 14 from 6-9 p.m.

All license level tests will be available on March 21 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Kirby School Cafeteria.

Anyone interested in classes or testing should contact one of the following:

Mark Reed, (903) 701-5954, [mark.reed.ii@gmail.com](mailto:mark.reed.ii@gmail.com)

Will Henderson, (870) 925-0168, [redhenderon@hotmail.com](mailto:redhenderon@hotmail.com)

Pat Chaloner, (870) 285-5023, [n5wcl1991@gmail.com](mailto:n5wcl1991@gmail.com)

## Fundraiser announces rescheduled date

MURFREESBORO -- The rescheduled Rattler Track and Field Hamburger Dinner Fundraiser will now occur starting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26.

The pickup location has changed, with drive-thru pickup located between the high school building and the football stadium ticket booth. You may also park in the student parking lot to dine in or pickup in person.

Track and Field student athletes will be serving the meals.

The meals will include hamburgers with fixings, chips, water and dessert for \$10 per meal.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from track coaches Lowery or Shanks or any track and field student athlete.

## EAST to hold showcase of projects Thursday

MURFREESBORO -- The EAST program at Murfreesboro High School will host an EAST Night Out this Thursday, Feb. 26.

Students will showcase their projects and the community is invited to attend.

The event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at Murfreesboro High School.

Email [brittany.harris@rattlers.org](mailto:brittany.harris@rattlers.org) for more information.

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Call (870) 285-2723 For More Information

# SENIORS RECOGNIZED



## MHS BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT RECOGNITION 2025-2026

Staff photos

**SENIORS SALUTED ...** (Above, L to R) Ja'mauri Jones, Kale Burns, Faith Teel and (left) Sydney Braden were saluted on senior night before the team's final regular season games against Kirby on February 13. The boys would fall to the visiting Trojans by a 69-52 score and then would lose in the conference tournament three nights later to Mountain Pine 75-55 to end their season. The Lady Rattlers would defeat the Lady Trojans 47-34 before losing in the conference tournament contest to Caddo Hill 44-30 to end their season. According to scorebooklive.com the Rattlers finished the season with a 6-18 record while the Lady Rattlers finished at 6-20.

## QC hears of plans to salute veterans

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Quorum Court heard that there was "nothing warranting disclosure" following their recent legislative audit for 2024.

County Clerk Randee Edwards said "all was in compliance" with Justice of the Peace John Plyler stating it was good that it was "nice we don't have issues like other counties."

Pike County Archives volunteer Gary Graves -- a 1966 graduate of Murfreesboro High School and a veteran of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps -- gave a presentation on road signs similar to "adopt a highway" that would recognize veterans in the county.

He initially hoped to have them from the Pike County Line south of Murfreesboro all the way to Glenwood, but was told by the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) that was simply too long of a stretch to be dedicated.

So, ARDOT recommended a stretch from the Murfreesboro City Limits to Highway 379.

He said he had \$600 in donations already -- \$100 from himself and \$500 from the Vietnam Veterans of America Texarkana Chapter. The

cost of the signs would be around \$900.

The signs will state something along the lines of "Pike County recognizes veterans and first responders."

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard said that unfortunately Pike County could not give donations to a private cause -- referencing a former knock in an audit -- but denoted that "veterans don't get enough attention."

Pike County Treasurer Loletia Rather and Plyler personally pledged the remainder of the costs.

Graves said he would also like to see signs go up in the Glenwood area, should donations be found. Plyler said that if all else failed, he would find a way to make that happen as well.

"We need to thank vets for what they do," said with Plyler.

Howard gave a report on the 2025 flood damages, stating that of the \$735,000 placed into the emergency account, the county has currently recouped \$713,000 from federal government repayments with another \$400,000 coming from the Strawberry Bridge replacement.

He added that the "good progress" of the repairs and financial return was a sign of the county not wasting taxpayer dollars.

"Especially when it didn't cost the taxpayers [of the county] anything," added J.P. Paul Baker.

Plyler noted that Hot Spring County had to issue bonds to raise the funds to repair the damage from the flooding event last spring, and it was good that Pike County was able to handle it all in-house.

The Quorum Court passed a measure that will allow them to make electronic payments for their internet from South Central Connect, as well as future vendors that require such payment in the future.

Rather stated the following openings/closings for county accounts through January 2026:

County General	--\$2,389,742.81 / \$1,923,207.60
County Road	-- \$374,072.36 / \$333,259.97
County Landfill	-- \$487,483.10 / \$465,785.32
All County Accounts	-- \$7,518,183.70 / \$6,990,260.32

## School board extends principals' contracts

MURFREESBORO -- At the South Pike County School Board meeting Monday night, Superintendent Tanya Wilcher congratulated to the Junior High Lady Rattlers basketball team for placing runner-up in the District Tournament.

She added that baseball/softball/track seasons all start next week.

Wilcher also updated the board about the Roots Academy homeschool group that is looking at starting a school in Delight.

The elementary school academic report by MES Principal James Riley said that interim testing has been going on, but a bout of the flu has hurt and required 70 makeup tests this time.

"We are seeing growth with these interims," said Riley.

This Tuesday, Feb. 24 MES will host a "parent night" to share information on Atlas scores, Rooms, third grade promotion and more.

The MES Dodgeball tournament has been rescheduled for March 7.

Riley added that this is Kindness Week and the school has activities for students to participate in at school and at home. Mrs. Morris will be hosting the Reading Olympics in the library.

The high school academic report was presented by EAST Lab students.

EAST is a student driven program.

River Riley and Madilyn Draper presented their project of an evacuation plan for the Senior Citizen building.

Nicole Beaty presented information about "EAST Night Out" on Thursday, Feb. 26th from 4-6 p.m. The public is encouraged to stop by and see the projects that have been created.

Gianna Draper gave information about the EAST conference that will be coming up in March.

The board approved motions to approve the

personal electronic device policy and the 2026-2027 school calendar.

The Financial Audit Report was presented to the board, with no findings for the audit.

The March board meeting has been set for Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m.

The board then entered executive session for a resignation/retirements and principals' contracts.

Following the session, the board accepted the retirements of Lois Hunter-Wesson, Sandra Elliott, Terrie Slatton, and Caroline Wise at the end of the school year.

The board also accepted the resignation of custodian Ed Jones at the end of 25-26 school year and accepted the resignation of Brian Caldwell, Zone 3, from the school board.

To conclude the evening, the board agreed to extend the contracts of principals Davey Jones and James Riley for the 2026-2027 school year.

## Man sentenced to decade in jail in Pike County Court

MURFREESBORO -- A Howard County case heard on Friday, Feb. 20 in Pike County has resulted in an extensive sentence for pandering or possession of child sexual abuse material.

Aiden Crater Evans, 21, of Nashville, pleaded guilty to two counts of pandering or possessing visual or print medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child. He was original charged with four count but plead to only two counts Monday.

Evans was sentenced to 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) on each count for a total of 20 years with an additional six years on the probation revocation charged. The probation sentence will run concurrently with the 20-year sentence.

An investigation of Evans started in August 2025 following a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children involving material posted that included child sexual abuse material.

Also Monday in Pike County court, David Rhodes, 37, of Nashville, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to a total of eight years in the ADC and was credited for time already served.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
NANCY KAY DAVIS, deceased No. 55PR-26-7

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Last known address of the decedent: 75 Bennet Cove Rd, Kirby, Pike County, AR 71950

Date of Death: November 16, 2025

An instrument dated February 19, 2026, lawfully appointed MIKE DAVIS and AURENA DAVIS as Co-Administrators of the above estate.

That all persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, 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 on this 25 day of February, 2026.

MIKE DAVIS and AURENA DAVIS

Petitioners

BY: /s/ Dustin Bissell

DUSTIN BISSELL

Attorney for Petitioner

306 E Broadway, Glenwood, AR 71943

(870) 356-2589

Arkansas Bar #2022047 (d.b. 143w., 34,35)

## BID NOTICE

### TOWN OF DELIGHT

#### REQUEST FOR BIDS –

#### MOWING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE (2026 SEASON)

The Town of Delight is accepting bids for the upkeep and maintenance of the following properties for the 2026 mowing season:

City Park (including ball fields)

Delight School Campus • Campus Ball Fields

Bids must include pricing for all maintenance services, including mowing, weed eating, and spraying of all the aforementioned properties.

All bids must be mailed to:

Delight City Council, P.O. Box 29, Delight, AR 71940

Bids must be postmarked no later than March 2, 2026, in order to be considered.

The Town of Delight reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any formalities in the bidding process.

(c.o.d. 116w., 33, 34)

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**  
**FRIDAYS AT 3:00 P.M.**

## NOTES FROM CITY HALL

### Remembering Eric Rowe -- city plans ceremony for former employee

The City of Murfreesboro will be hosting a memorial service in honor of Eric Rowe on February 28, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the City Park.

Eric was a beloved, long-time employee of the city. A tree will be planted at the park in his memory.

If you knew and loved Eric as we did,

please make plans to attend.

Thank you,

Jim O'Neal  
Mayor

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

FUNDS	General Funds	Road Funds	Other Funds
Actual Beginning Cash Balance - January 1, 2025	2,177,358.68	761,743.18	8,076,386.77
Actual Ending Cash Balance - December 31, 2025	2,479,844.34	433,509.53	7,131,439.70
<b>REVENUE</b>			
7000 - 7099: State Aid	475,441.35	1,492,744.43	182,676.65
7100 - 7199: Federal Aid	115,443.77	66,979.47	230,803.97
7200 - 7299: Property Taxes	288,219.01	193,935.59	47,078.16
7300 - 7399: Sales Taxes	1,875,782.50	0.00	1,139,928.39
7400 - 7499: Fines Forfeitures and Cost	145,411.50	0.00	61,729.79
7500 - 7599: Investment Income	172.41	0.00	200,850.05
7600 - 7699: Officers Fees	14,201.48	0.00	84,652.32
7700 - 7799: 911 Fees	0.00	0.00	201,039.32
7800 - 7899: Jail Fees	429,875.00	0.00	0.00
7900 - 7999: Sanitation Fees	0.00	0.00	20,884.40
8300 - 8399: Insurance Premiums Collected	34,260.33	204.34	228,288.65
8400 - 8499: Treasurers Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00
8700 - 8799: Other Revenues	363,681.42	145,390.96	99,613.74
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,742,488.77</b>	<b>1,899,254.79</b>	<b>2,497,545.44</b>
Less: Treasurer's Commission	84,204.68	37,348.33	36,350.59
<b>Total Net Revenue</b>	<b>3,658,284.09</b>	<b>1,861,906.46</b>	<b>2,461,194.85</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>			
100 - 199: General Government	1,382,712.66	0.00	296,937.01
200 - 299: Highways and Streets	0.00	3,076,080.44	0.00
300 - 399: Health	27,156.03	0.00	0.00
400 - 499: Law Enforcement	2,687,910.68	0.00	377,343.80
500 - 599: Public Safety	53,551.57	0.00	107,405.68
600 - 699: Recreation and Culture	0.00	0.00	63,131.77
700 - 799: Sanitation	0.00	0.00	1,804,535.67
800 - 899: Social Services	116,214.42	0.00	0.00
900 - 999: Airport	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Current Expenditures</b>	<b>4,267,545.36</b>	<b>3,076,080.44</b>	<b>2,649,353.93</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES</b>			
5001 - 5001: Bond Principal	0.00	0.00	0.00
5002 - 5002: Bond Interest and Other Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
5003 - 5003: Note Principal	0.00	55,402.39	0.00
5004 - 5004: Note Interest	0.00	12,838.61	0.00
5005 - 5005: Lease Principal	0.00	0.00	0.00
5006 - 5006: Lease Interest	23,847.12	0.00	20,000.00
<b>Total Debt Service Expenditures</b>	<b>23,847.12</b>	<b>68,241.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,291,392.48</b>	<b>3,144,321.44</b>	<b>2,669,353.93</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-633,108.39</b>	<b>-1,282,414.98</b>	<b>-208,159.08</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
8800 - 8899: Transfers In	892,848.78	774,077.85	122,252.40
8900 - 8999: Transfers Out	-90,163.16	-37,373.78	-1,027,326.27
9100 - 9199: Miscellaneous2	132,836.31	217,517.37	162,378.97
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>935,521.93</b>	<b>954,221.44</b>	<b>-742,694.90</b>
<b>REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>302,413.54</b>	<b>-328,193.54</b>	<b>-950,853.98</b>

Pike County Treasurer Loletia Rather  
Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards  
Paid for by Pike County Treasurer

# PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of Pike County,  
Arkansas • Probate Division

IN THE MATTER  
OF THE ESTATE OF:  
Jacqueline Dawn Norton,  
DECEASED

CASE NO. 55PR-26-10

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO  
PRESENT CLAIMS AGAINST A  
SMALL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that Jacqueline Dawn Norton, aged sixty two (62) years, who resided at 89 Bardwell Rd. Glenwood, AR 71943, died on February 15, 2025. On February 13, 2026, Joseph Tyler Norton, a surviving heir of the decedent, filed an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee in this Court. The affidavit lists as an asset of the decedent, real property located in Glenwood, Pike County, Arkansas, and described as follows:

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION PARCEL 1:**  
PT S1/2 NW SE, PT SW SE

A part of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2, NW1/4 SE1/4) and a Part of SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section Eight (8), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the SE Corner of the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section Eight (8), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West, said corner being marked by a 3/8" rebar, thence North along the centerline of Bardwell Road to a point in the Centerline of Weyerhaeuser Road #33640 (also known as Norton Road); thence West along the centerline of said road 350 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence North 190 feet; thence West 450 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence East 450 feet to the point of beginning. Per D247/156

**AND ALSO**

Township 5 South, Range 23 West, Section 8: A tract of land in the SW1/4 SE1/4 more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said SW1/4 SE1/4, said

corner being marked by a pine knot, run South 00°32'31" East along the West line of said SW1/4 SE1/4 101.85 feet to a 1" rebar set in the centerline of Grantor's Road No. 33640; Thence along the centerline of Grantor's said road the following courses and distances: (1) South 89°04'00" East 94.86 feet; (2) North 84°59'54" East 50.61 feet; (3) North 82°25'25" East 270.92 feet; (4) North 89°42'00" East 151.23 feet; (5) South 87°02'39" East 112.70 feet; (6) South 76°44'48" East 83.32 feet; (7) South 65°44'42" East 154.35 feet; (8) South 76°38'32" East 102.97 feet; (9) South 87°57'54" East 85.50 feet; and (10) North 86°52'20" East 155.40 feet to the East line of said SW1/4 SE1/4; Thence North 00°07'25" East along the East line of said SW1/4 SE1/4 147.61 feet to the Northeast corner of said SW1/4 SE1/4; Thence North 89°27'11" West along the North line of said SW1/4 SE1/4 1341.19 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.90 acres more or less.

**LESS AND EXCEPT: THAT PORTION PREVIOUSLY DEED TO DOUGLAS NORTON and wife, JACQUELINE BARDWELL NORTON, In Deed Book D247 Page 156 in the Deed Records of Pike County, Arkansas per D262/739**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION PARCEL 2:**  
PT S1/2 NW SE & PT SW SE

The South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 NW1/4 SE1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West, Less and Except 2 acres previously deeded to William L. Bardwell and wife Frances Bardwell, to hold as tenants by entirety, and recorded in Book 89 at Page 370. AND ALSO: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said 40 acre tract, thence run North 350 feet along the right of way of the Bethel Road; thence run West 250 feet; thence South 350 feet; thence East 250 feet to point of beginning, all being a part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Eight (8) Township Five (5)

South, Range Twenty-three (23) West, Containing Two (2) acres more or less.

**LESS AND EXCEPT:** A part of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 NW1/4 SE1/4) and a Part of the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section Eight (8), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the SE Corner of the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section Eight (8), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West, said corner being marked by a 3/8" rebar, thence North along the centerline of Bardwell Road to a point in the Centerline of Weyerhaeuser Road #33640 (also known as Norton Road); thence West along the centerline of said road 350 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence North 190 feet; thence West 450 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence East 450 feet to the point of beginning, per D259/100

**ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:** Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the said South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 NW1/4 SE1/4); thence South 300 feet along Bardwell Road; Thence West 300 feet; thence North 300 feet; thence East 300 feet to the Point of Beginning, per D265/711

Subject to easements, restrictions and reservations of record.

Legal description provided by Grantors.

All persons having claims against the estate must present them, duly verified, to the undersigned within three (3) months from the first publication of this notice. A failure to do so will forever bar and preclude the claim from receiving any benefit from the estate.

This notice first published the 18 day of February, 2026.

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GLENWOOD, AR 71943  
(870)-356-2589

(d.b., 963w., 33,34)

# PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET



February 3, 2026  
BF=Bond Forfeited

**PIKE COUNTY**

Brauner, Austin Blake, 32, Pittsburg, Kan., \$150 BF, speeding  
 Canales, Casey M., 39, Glenwood, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125  
 Crum, Wade Staton, 48, Ellington, Miss., \$140 BF, overweight-overwide  
 Delgado, Miguel Angel, 19, Lockesburg, \$140 BF, no driver's license; \$150 BF, speeding  
 Dodson, Marsha Renae, 58, Delight, guilty of third-degree battery, fined \$530; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$245  
 Eatmon, Kent Denny, 19, Delight, guilty of speeding, fined \$140  
 Francis, Jarrid W., 50, Glenwood, \$250 BF, overweight  
 Gordon, Shelia Ann, 76, Delight, \$200 BF, speeding  
 Gunn, Jasmine, 27, Hope, \$45 BF, no seat belt  
 Hickman, Hunter Jackson, 24, Miami, Fla., \$200 BF, speeding

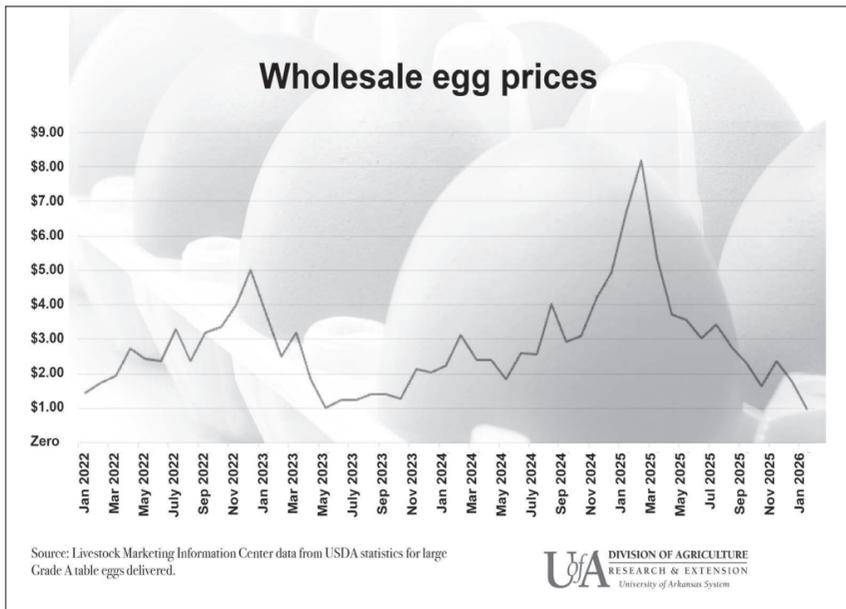
Liu, Ying Chun, 51, Ontario, Calif., \$150 BF, speeding  
 Lockeby, Nickolas, 30, guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$125; guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220  
 Love, Roger Joe, 50, Oden, \$220 BF, failure to pay  
 Lovewell, Justin Allen, 32, Nashville, \$150 BF, speeding  
 Martin, Koltan Lee, 18, Kirby, guilty of speeding, fined \$140; guilty of drinking in public or on highway, fined \$235; guilty of minor in possession of alcohol, fined \$275 and license suspended for 60 days  
 Matthews, Leslie Paige, 42, Conway, \$235 BF, open container in motor vehicle  
 McDade, Donatan Shawn, 16, Glenwood, guilty of speeding, fined \$150  
 McKinnon, Michael S., 50, Delight, \$250 BF, overweight  
 Murphy, Lorie E., 52, Delight, guilty of fail-

ure to pay, \$1,175 balance; committed to jail; guilty of failure to pay, fined \$205  
 Pina, Fabian Mercado, 23, Nashville, \$150 BF, speeding  
 Ross, Ethan Jarod, 23, Glenwood, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,090 and license suspended for six months; guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$235  
 Salisbury, Homer L. Jr., 74, Blevins, \$140 BF, careless prohibited driving  
 Stephens, Jared Samuel, 35, Glenwood, \$140 BF, no driver's license  
 Sutton Dakota Lane, 30, Amity, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330  
 Vasquez, Roberto Mata, 22, Kirby, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance  
**CITY OF MURFREESBORO**  
 Bailey, Lilly Mae, 18, Murfreesboro, guilty of cruelty to animals, fined \$315 with \$480 restitution  
 Camberos, Martin, 56, Horatio, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license  
 Davis, Nolan Ryan, 35, Gurdon, \$160 BF,

speeding  
 Nuttall, Dusty, 49, Nashville, \$105 BF, failure to present insurance  
 Scroggins, Shaniqua S., 34, Nashville, possession of controlled substance, deferred adjudication for 30 days to dismiss, fined \$345  
 Stangler, Shannon Brandon, 50, Murfreesboro, guilty of cruelty to animals, fined \$315 with \$467 restitution, animals forfeited  
**ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION**  
 Johns, Brandon T., 33, Nahunta, Ga., \$885 BF, hunting from roads prohibited in WMAs  
**CITY OF GLENWOOD**  
 Hamilton, Casey Nicole, 28, Kirby, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$125  
 Johnson, Caleb Tyler, 18, Glenwood, \$150 BF, city canine/feline ordinance  
 Lane, Glenn Daleray, 20, Mount Ida, \$160 BF, speeding  
 Mondragon, Jose Manuel, 68, Lewisville, Texas, \$170 BF, speeding

## Cheaper egg prices not expected to last, according to experts

"Farmers are reaching deeper into their pockets more at the moment." — Jada Thompson



"Growers, anticipating negative effects from avian influenza during the winter, increased the number of eggs they produced," Thompson said. However, the highly pathogenic avian influenza that has hit other commercial and backyard flocks passed over the egg layers. "That left growers with plenty of eggs, and consumers are the ones who get to benefit," she said. Egg prices made a slight recovery in May 2023, when HPAI cases were low and bird supplies ramped up. As cases increased, the prices rose again.

HPAI risk, we may see new cases emerge sooner, which could tighten supplies earlier than expected." **HPAI CYCLE** The current cycle of HPAI began when it was detected in a commercial flock in February 2022. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, HPAI affected more than 4 million birds in the United States in January alone, affecting 44 backyard flocks and 18 commercial

flocks. Backyard flocks have been hard hit, with 54 flocks in November and 56 flocks affected in December and 15 so far in February. The number of commercial flocks affected by the disease has declined over the last four months. Forty-two flocks were affected in November 2025, 26 in December 2025, 18 in January and 17 so far in February. To learn about extension programs in Arkansas, contact the Pike County Cooperative Extension Service at (870) 285-2161 or visit uaex.uada.edu.



### Worm moon looks on as NASA plans to decommission space station

Spring is around the corner, and worms are on the move. This activity was noted by moon watchers years ago who decided to call the March full moon the Worm Moon. The Worm Moon is officially full at a little past 5:38 a.m. CST on March 3rd, and this year it will be in total eclipse as it sets. The Moon will be 99% full when it rises at sunset on the 2nd and will start moving into Earth's shadow the morning of the 3rd at 2:43 a.m. CST. It will reach totality at 5:04 a.m. which will last about 59 minutes. The eclipsed moon is expected to be "blood-red" as it lowers toward the western horizon. Best viewing will be from an open area because the Moon will be so near the horizon. Some years ago, NASA began planning to retire the International Space Station (ISS), and to bring it out of orbit. It is advisable, if you are interested in the event, to put a post-it on your refrigerator to mark the date. NASA, as of now, plans the deorbiting to happen in 2031.

NASA is working with Space X, who will send a specialized space vehicle, the U.S. Deorbit Vehicle (USDV), to the ISS which will guide it into atmospheric re-entry over the South Pacific Ocean. Interestingly, the site for the crash is called the Point Nemo Region located about 2,600 miles from Chile's coast and about 1,666 miles south of Easter Island. This area is already littered with more than 250 objects of space debris, which is why it is called the "spaceship graveyard." The ISS is huge, weighing about 880,000 pounds, and of course NASA does not want it falling into a populated area. They calculate that it will enter Earth's atmosphere at a speed of 18,000 mph, and that 40 to 100 tons of it to survive the fiery re-entry making splash-down. Assembly of the ISS in space started in 1998, with additions made for about a decade. Additions and modifications were ongoing as recently as 2021. It makes 16 orbits a day traveling at 17,151 mph at an altitude of 262 miles. This year NASA will bring it down to an altitude of 200 miles. The ISS has had an impressive career. During its 146,000 orbits, and counting, it has hosted more than 250 visitors from 40 nations, been the laboratory for countless experiments from which more than 400 research papers have been published. It will be interesting to see what the plans are to replace it. No doubt it will be a collaboration between NASA and the growing space industry.

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**BY MARY HIGHTOWER**  
University of Arkansas  
Division of Agriculture

FAYETTEVILLE -- Egg prices have fallen to levels not seen since 2023, but don't expect that dip to last long, said Jada Thompson, associate professor and economist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. In a system where supply and demand dictate prices, "the lower prices are the result of an oversupply," she said. At a time when the poultry industry is facing unprecedented pressures from highly pathogenic avian influenza, or HPAI, the nation's egg farms took something of a gamble.

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**UAMS HOUSE CALL**

Dr. Amber Norris is an assistant professor in the UAMS Department of Family and Preventive Medicine who treats patients at UAMS East Regional Campus in Helena.

**Q: How is Sjögren's syndrome treated?**

**A:** Sjögren's syndrome is an autoimmune disorder affecting the glands that control and produce moisture in the body. The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research reports that Sjögren's syndrome affects 1 million to 4 million people in the U.S. Genetics may play a factor in those who have Sjögren's syndrome. The condition can also be triggered by bacteria or a virus. Other autoimmune disorders such as lupus or rheumatoid arthritis can also cause Sjögren's syndrome. Women are 10 times more likely to be affected than men. The condition frequently presents itself in people between the ages of 45 and 55. Dry eyes and mouth are the two main symptoms of Sjögren's syndrome. Brain fog, fatigue, dry skin, painful joints and swollen lymph nodes are other possible symptoms. Complications of Sjögren's syndrome include abnormal kidney or liver function, cavities, lymphoma or lung issues that resemble pneumonia. Symptoms of Sjögren's syndrome vary from person to person and often mirror other conditions. Treatment depends upon the affected part of the body and may include eye drops, over-the-counter medications to manage pain, supplements that boost saliva production, or hormone therapy. See your health care provider to develop a treatment plan.

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## ASP releases information on fatal accident

LITTLE ROCK -- The Arkansas State Police have released information on a recent vehicle crash in Nevada County that claimed the life of a young Pike County man on Feb. 10.

The accident severely injured Colton Bailey, 20, of Delight, who later died at a Little Rock hospital.

The ASP reported Bailey was driving west-bound on Highway 24 around 3:40 a.m. when he left the roadway and collided with an embankment, causing the vehicle to overturn and eject the driver.

Weather and road conditions at the time of the wreck were clear and dry.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pike County 4H would like to extend our sincere thanks to our community for supporting and helping make our Not-So-Newlywed Game a wonderful success. Your encouragement, laughter, and participation made the evening one to remember.

A special thank you to our amazing contestants (Bubba & Jenny James, Blake & Ashly Simmons, Marty & Mistie Arivett, and Toni & Matthew Humphry) and our MC, Danny Eckert, who brought so much fun and energy to the stage. Their willingness to participate and share in the spirit of the event is what truly made the night entertaining and memorable.

We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our generous sponsors who helped make this event possible: Ace of Diamonds, Caddo Antiques, Sonic, KMB/Nannie's Kitchen, Henderson Graphics and Printing, Mandy Stone & Mandy Hoover from Dead Endz Salon, Nicky Sigman - Nails by Nicky, Ellen Walls - Beauty by Ellen, Woodard Drug, Vanessa Vaught - Trendy Hanger, Buck's Pharmacy, Blooming With Grace, Robin Cox, Tami Duggan - Munchable Freeze Dried

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We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our local businesses and community members. Because of you, we are able to host meaningful and fun events for our youth and families.

And don't forget -- we will soon begin looking for contestants for next year's Not-So-Newlywed Game! If you think you and your spouse (or not-so-newlywed partner!) would be a great fit, we encourage you to watch for details and sign up. We can't wait to make next year even bigger and better!

Shannon Ballard  
Pike County 4-H Program Assistant



Submitted photo

**QUALIFIED FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION ...**MHS Band Director Kira Staten has announced Rattler winterguard soloists recently swept the awards at the Birdville Regionals, by all scoring higher than others in their age divisions at previous competitions so far. "Next stop - Nationals!" harwell wrote. Scores at the event included -- 1st Place Junior 13/14 - Chloe Cornwell, 1st Place Sr 15/16 - Peyton Keys, 2nd Place Sr 15/16 - Addison Countryman, 3rd Place Sr 15/16 - Chloe Cross and 1st Place Sr 17/18 - Faith Henderson.

## State urges caution as wildfires rage regionally

LITTLE ROCK -- Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders has authorized the deployment of Arkansas Department of Agriculture forestry personnel to support wildfire suppression in Oklahoma and urban tree recovery in Tennessee, highlighting the state's commitment to regional cooperation and public safety.

"No one stands alone when it comes to responding to disasters," said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. "Arkansas is proud to join forces with states across the region in Oklahoma and Tennessee to support wildfire suppression and storm recovery. These deployments demonstrate the power of collaboration and the dedication of our personnel to help their neighbors whenever and wherever they are needed."

### SAFETY IN ARKANSAS

While assisting neighboring states, the Department continues to closely monitor conditions in the state. Elevated fire risk remains across western and northwestern Arkansas, with all counties in the northern part of the state currently classified at high or moderate wildfire risk. Several counties have issued burn bans.

Local wildfire response capabilities will

remain fully staffed and operational, with resources strategically positioned to protect Arkansas communities while supporting neighboring states.

The Department urges residents to stay alert and take the following steps to help prevent wildfires:

- **Avoid Outdoor Burning:** Arkansans should avoid outdoor burning, even in areas that are not under a burn ban. Avoid activities that involve an open flame including fireworks, campfires, trash burning, open flame grilling, and prescribed or controlled burns.

- **Use Equipment Carefully:** Avoid driving or operating machinery in dry grass, ensure trailer chains do not drag on the ground, and do not drive on flat tires.

- **Report Fires Immediately:** If you see smoke or fire, report it by calling 1-800-468-8834.

- **Stay Informed:** Monitor conditions across the state by viewing the county-by-county map and following the Department on social media.

With dry and windy conditions expected to continue, Arkansans are urged to take proactive steps to protect lives, property, and natural resources.

## Mineral Springs man charged in Pike County

MURFREESBORO -- A Howard County man has been charged in Pike County with two counts of rape.

Samuel Rogers, 52, of Mineral Springs, was charged Feb. 20. He made his first court appearance Monday where he pleaded innocent to the charges and a May 29 pretrial date was set.

According to case information, an investigation into Rogers' alleged crimes began in June 2025 when officials received a report from Ar-

kansas State Police Crimes Against Children Division. Rogers' alleged victims were ages 13 and 14 at the time they disclosed the abuse.

One of the juveniles stated the sexual abuse started when she was approximately six or seven years old and continued until she was 12. The other victim corroborated details and additional disclosures accusing Rogers of misconduct.

Both victims stated it appears Rogers was intoxicated when the incidents happened.

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Life is precious. It was given each of us by God. He understands that we face difficulties in this short sojourn on earth. Yet, trials and sufferings are a part of life itself, brought on by the sin in the world since Adam and Eve.

Tragedies may come, jobs may be lost, diseases may rack our bodies, or business losses may cause financial disasters. There may be times when



we feel we are all along and overcome by life's difficulties. God did not promise to take away our troubles. However, He did promise that the Lord would never leave nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). When trials surround us, He offers comfort and hope through His Word (Romans 15:4). He gives us peace through Christ (John 16:4; Philippians 4:7). If we are in Christ then nothing can separate us from God's

love: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Yet in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present nor things to come, nor heights nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35-39).

When storms of life come our way, let us call to mind the words of the apostle Peter - casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. (1 Peter 5:7).

Have a great week, and let's remember to pray for one another!

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17. Many, many moons
18. "Take it back!"
19. "Song Sung Blue" Best Actress nominee
21. \*Movie with most 2026 Oscar nominations
23. Make a seam
24. Vampire's tooth
25. Tai's partner
28. South American monkey
30. Naphthenic acid + palmitic acid
35. Pilot's stunt
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43. Alpine lift
44. Sports figures, e.g.
46. Cantina pot
47. Email folder
48. Not vivid and bright
50. Nessie's abode
52. \*Jamie Foxx won for his role in this 2004 biopic
53. Eagle's nest
55. Unreliable newspaper
57. \*2026 nominated film with Stone and Plemons
61. \*Chloë Zhao's nominee
64. Newton or Stern
65. Romanian money
67. Star-crossed one
69. To the point
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71. Novelist Zola
72. Formerly, formerly

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74. "He \_\_\_\_\_ it like it is"

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1. Not NBC or ABC
2. Reluctant
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5. Cups and saucers
6. 20-20, e.g.
7. "One Battle After Another" Best Actor nominee
8. High IQ society
9. \*#7's nominated co-star
10. "Anything \_\_\_\_\_?"
11. Wing-shaped
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15. Like athlete's foot
20. Behind on rent, e.g.
22. Night spot
24. At last
25. Necklace fastener
26. Popular garden perennial
27. I to Greeks, pl.
29. \*2026 nominated Benicio del \_\_\_\_\_
31. Benatar and Morita
32. Fly in \_\_\_\_\_, or a reminder of the past
33. Tarzan's swing rope
34. \*Fictional table tennis champ
36. \*Nominated "F1" star
38. Nobel Peace Prize capital
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# Pike County FCS announces full lineup of educational events this Spring

Our Pike County Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) program has a packed spring schedule with training opportunities, health and wellness classes, and hands-on workshops for community members across the region.

**Rescheduled Classes Following Winter Weather**

Several programs postponed due to recent icy weather have been rescheduled:

- "Cooking for a Change" Cooking Classes -- Cost: \$20  
Day Class: March 18 at 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Class: March 19 at 6:00 p.m.

- Special Needs Trust Workshop  
Taught by Lisa Shoalmire, Ross & Shoalmire, P.L.L.C.  
New Date: Monday, April 27 -- Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: First Church of the Nazarene, Glenwood  
There is no charge for this workshop.

**OTHER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULED**

- Best Care Training. – Saturday, February 28

Childcare providers from Pike, Howard, and Sevier Counties are invited to attend this year's Best Care training. Topics include Professionalism, Outdoor Learning, Circle Time, Art, Literacy, and Early Childhood Development. There is no charge for this training, and participants will earn 5 hours of professional development credit.

- ServSafe Manager Certification – March 3 & 4

On March 3-4, we will be holding a ServSafe managers training class. For anyone needing to renew their certification or retake the test the cost is \$60.00. For first time students the class is \$140 and includes the book and test. The class will be taught by Pike, Sevier, and Montgomery County FCS agents. Kirby In-



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- "Get Real" Financial Reality Fair at Kirby High School  
Kirby High School will host Get Real, Extension's financial reality simulation for high school students on April 2. Participants will be given family scenarios, jobs, and monthly incomes, then required to budget for expenses such as housing, transportation, insurance, food, childcare, and entertainment. All Pike County school districts have been invited to attend this immersive learning event. If you have a teenage homeschool student and would like to have them participate in one of the sessions, call 870-285-2161 and we will get them on the list.

- Extension Get Fit Classes  
Extension Get Fit continues to offer community exercise classes focused on strength, balance, and overall wellness.  
Glenwood: Tuesdays & Thursdays at First Baptist Church (Call the Extension Office for exact times.)  
Delight: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. at the Picket Building  
Cost for Extension Get Fit is \$20.00 for an entire year.

- Pressure Canning Class – April 3 -- Cost is \$20  
A hands-on pressure canning workshop will be offered on April 3 at 9:00 a.m.  
This food preservation class will focus on canning meat.

You can contact the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161 to get more information on these upcoming classes.

**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

The upcoming month is March which happens to be Peanut Month so we will celebrate the popular peanut with a recipe that will make some of you go "ewww" and some of you go "yuum". For you ewwwers, step out of your comfort zone and try it – you may be pleasantly surprised. I know I was the first time I tried it. Enjoy!

**INGREDIENTS**

- For the salad:  
 1 (20-ounce) package frozen green peas thawed  
 2 medium celery stalks chopped  
 1 small red onion chopped  
 1 cup dry roasted unsalted peanuts  
 6 slices thick cut bacon cooked and crumbled  
 For the dressing:  
 1/3 cup sour cream

- 1 ½ tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
- salt to taste
- freshly ground black pepper to taste

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. In a small mixing bowl, whisk together the sour cream, mayonnaise, apple cider vinegar, and sugar.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the frozen green peas, celery, and onion. Pour the dressing over the top, and toss to combine. Refrigerate for at least two hours.
3. Before serving, stir in the crumbled bacon and roasted peanuts. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

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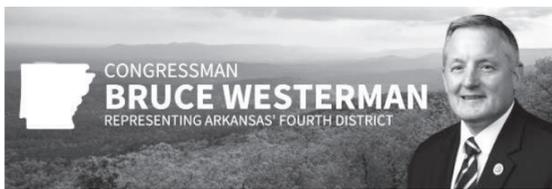
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Additionally, Presidents' Day is a celebration of democracy itself, reflecting on our ability to self-govern and choose our own leaders. The celebration of the American presidency is just as much about the celebration of our nation's principles as it is about the men who led and shaped our government.

Before resigning his commission as the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army in 1783, George Washington held immense military and political power. Although the American Revolution was fought for freedom from a monarchy, some believed the best chance for stabilizing our infant nation was to create a constitutional monarchy – something President Washington could have easily obtained.

King George III remarked that, if President Washington would indeed give up this power, he would be "the greatest man in the world."

And so, in a display of incredible humility, George Washington did the unthinkable: he handed over his nearly immeasurable power in exchange for the peace and quiet of his beloved Mount Vernon home, to live out the rest of his days as a proud – and private – American citizen.

This one act of greatness set the tone for the future of the American presidency. His decision demonstrated a commitment to civic virtue and duty that ensured the presidency would be an office of temporary public service rather than a lifetime position, fortifying the foundations of our nation's new republic.

Last week, as we honored President Washington's enduring leadership along with his successors, we reflect on a nation built upon principles of humility, sacrifice, and above all, service. We are reminded of true statesmanship, and the power of putting country before all else.

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## UPCOMING EXTENSION AGRICULTURE EVENTS FROM THE PIKE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

MURFREESBORO -- Codie McAlister, agriculture agent for the Pike County Extension Office has announced the following upcoming programs.

- Private Pesticide Applicator Training: March 11 10 a.m. Bainum Library in Glenwood
- Flowers Night Out (a workshop about growing Flowers & Houseplants) Cost \$25 per person, March 17th at Bainum Library in Glenwood, 6 p.m.

• Flowers Night Out (a workshop about growing Flowers & Houseplants) Cost \$25 per person, April 3 at Murfreesboro Municipal Building, 6 p.m.

• Beef and Forage Meeting, April 14 at 6 p.m., McGrew Livestock Auction in Glenwood

• Gardening 101 Workshop, April 9, Pike County Extension Office in Murfreesboro, 6:30 p.m. (seed starting, soil prep, planting)

• Gardening 101 Workshop, April 21,

Bainum Library Glenwood, 6 p.m. (seed starting, soil prep, planting)

McAlister also recommends checking out the Pike County Extension Ag page on Facebook at UAEX Pike County Agriculture to keep up with upcoming activities.

For more information on the activities or anything agriculturally related, contact McAlister at (870) 285-2161 or email [jamison@uada.edu](mailto:jamison@uada.edu).

## RE-ELECT EDDIE HOWARD PIKE COUNTY JUDGE

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- Established the Pike County Economic Development Board
- Launched a road grader training program
- Developed and implemented a new process for paving roads
- Transformed the sanitation department with additional services
- Secured record-breaking grant awards for Pike County
- Directed comprehensive improvements to the Pike County Courthouse
- Helped secure new funding sources for Senior Citizen Centers
- Upgrading major draining infrastructures with reinforced bridge and box culvert installations

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