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Delight VFD to hold fundraiser April 25

DELIGHT -- The Delight Fire Department will hold a fundraising dinner and auction on April 25 at 6 p.m. in the Delight school cafeteria. Smoked chicken dinners will be \$10 a plate. An auction will follow the meal.

Nashville group to hold fundraising sale this week

NASHVILLE -- Operation Christmas Child's (OCC) semi-annual garage sale will be held Friday, March 27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m.-noon in the Family Activity Building (FAB) of the First Baptist Church in Nashville. The church is located on College and 2nd Streets.

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 pikecountyfairandrodeo@gmail.com.

HCCC to hold bass tourney April 4

SWAHA LANDING -- The Howard County Children's Center will host their benefit bass tournament at SWAHA Landing on Saturday, April 4.

The event will begin at safe light, with the weigh-in being held at 3 p.m.

The cost of entry is \$100 per boat -- team or individual.

First place at the tournament is worth \$2,000, with \$1,000 for second place, \$750 for third place and \$500 for fourth place.

Cash and prizes will be given out through tenth place.

The big bass of the tournament is worth \$350, while the second biggest bass will be worth a \$150 prize.

To enter for the tournament, contact the Howard County Children's Center for an entry form at (870) 845-1211.

Liberty Tree to be planted at Courthouse

MURFREESBORO -- As part of the America 250 celebration, the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution will jointly hold a "Liberty Tree" event on April 6.

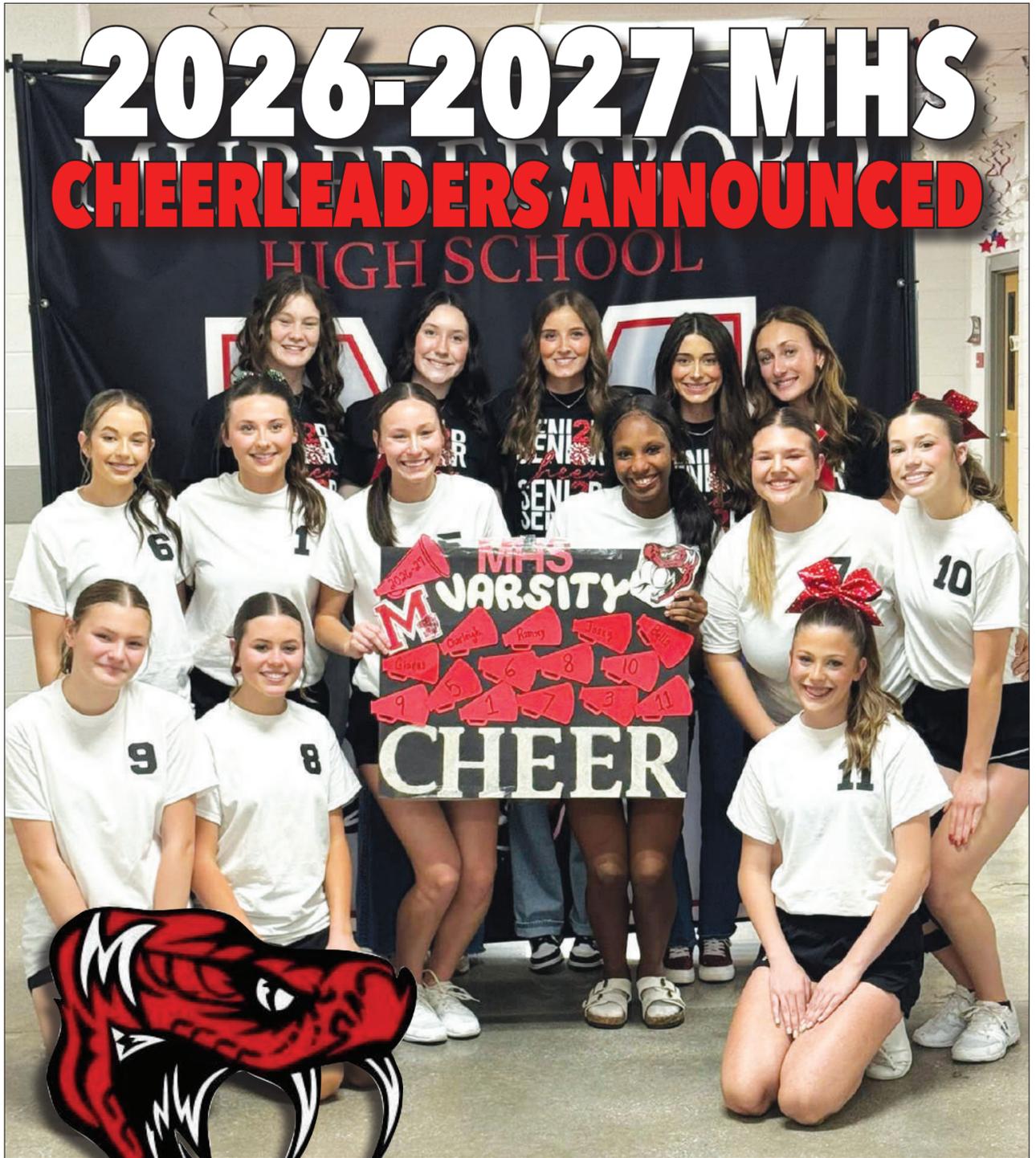
The Desoto Trace Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will plant a tree at the Pike County Courthouse at 10 p.m.

More information on the groups can be found at www.arsar.org and arkansas-dar.org.

The groups thank the Arkansas Forestry Commission for donating the elm tree that will be planted.

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SENIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS ... Murfreesboro High School held cheerleader tryouts last week and named their 2026-2027 squad for next school year. Pictured above is (front row, L to R) Madilynn Draper, Adalyn Silva and Carsyn Ballard; (middle row) Laini Liggin, Kyndall Henderson, Macy Gills, Shaylia Morris, Chloe Cross and Kinley Fisher; (back row) Gianna Draper, Ramsey Terrell, Josey Jones, Bella Frazier and Charleigh Wheeler.

Tourism Commission plans to expand brand, advertise on with commercials regionally

MURFREESBORO -- Steve Dannaway of DNT Media from Benton was at the March meeting of the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission.

He gave an update on the group's website, digmurfreesboro.com, noting that while website numbers were slightly down, engagement by visitors was up -- meaning those that stayed on the site for more than 30 seconds.

Dannaway then discussed shifting DNT's focus for Murfreesboro, cutting back filming visits to a quarterly basis as opposed to monthly, allowing the Tourism Commission to purchase "targeted advertising" on digital streaming viewings of Hulu, Disney, ESPN, Paramount and Comcast.

In addition, targeted google TV ads, with improved artificial intelligence targeting will focus on more probable customers in any geographical area desired. In this case, it will be rockhounds from around the states bordering Arkansas as well as within our state. The focus would be families under the income of \$75,000 to help display "Arkansas' best vacation value."

"The results can be amazing -- it's the right time to start doing this," Dannaway said, noting that traffic from the commercials to the website can be tracked via Paramount. "So we will move a little away from a plan of targeted social media."

Dannaway said the digmurfreesboro.com website was "solid," but needed refurbishment at this point. He also suggested the idea of using the website as much for economic growth of the area as opposed to just a tourism based site. "You would still have a spectacular product, but it would be even better than before by adding a focus on local news and events."

Asked if the television ads would get more people to the website, Dannaway simply said "definitely," predicting a three fold increase. "It's big branding action on a large scale."

He said events like the Razorbacks in the NCAA tournament would be a perfect time to advertise heavily. "This will allow you to focus advertising in not an organic way, but more in a paid way -- this is the way to go."

The tourism group agreed to the proposal to see if there was any increase over the summer

months.

"We'll just have to see what works over time," said tourism chairperson Jamie Terrell. "we'll know much more about all this six months from now."

The plan to designate a "Glen Campbell Trail" is moving forward, with the signs approved by the Arkansas Department of Transportation. Four signs to be placed on the highway between Murfreesboro and Delight will cost the commission \$5,148.

The group also discussed the seeking of a trails grant for bikes and ATVs from the Arkansas Department of Transportation. The grant, if garnered, would be administered by Pike County but the 20% matching funds would be paid for by the Murfreesboro Tourism Commission. The goal is to create trails from town to Lake Greeson -- using county roads where applicable -- that can accommodate recreational vehicles.

The Pike County Quorum Court has approved the applying for the grants at their March meeting.

Glenwood sawmill set to reopen next week

GLENWOOD -- The Domtar sawmill in Glenwood is preparing to resume operations later this month after a temporary shutdown.

The company announced Wednesday that the mill, located on South Spur 8, will restart on March 30.

The facility, which employs more than 100 people, shut down in October due to market conditions, including a surplus of lumber, low

prices and high interest rates.

Domtar says recent improvements in the market and customer demand have made it possible to bring the mill back online.

According to company officials, the restart will happen in phases over the next several weeks to ensure safe and reliable operations.

A company spokesperson says some employees have already been brought back to

inspect equipment that has been idle since the shutdown.

The Glenwood mill produces southern yellow pine lumber and decking materials used in construction.

Domtar acquired the facility in 2023, following a major expansion project under its previous owner in 2021.

MHS alums progress in military careers

LITTLE ROCK -- Two former residents of Murfreesboro have been furthering their careers in the United States Army.

Jarrett Stark was honored at a promotion ceremony held at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock on Feb. 28.

Lieutenant Colonel Stark has dedicated 26 years to military service, beginning his career on Feb. 8, 2000 as an Infantryman in Alpha Company, 1/153 Infantry, 39th Infantry Brigade Team in Arkadelphia.

In his first nine years of service, Stark served in various roles including fire team leader, squad leader and battalion operations non-commissioned officer, earning the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Stark was deployed twice to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and 2008.

After returning from Iraq, Stark was selected to the Interservice Physician Assistant Program at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He would graduate the program and be promoted to First Lieutenant in 2011.

He would serve as a Battalion Physician Assistant from 2011-2016, where he entered the AGR program with the 61st Civil Support Team, where he would eventually be the Deputy Commander before being reassigned to the Arkansas Army National Guard Medical Readiness Detachment at the Camp Robinson Troop Medical Center in 2021.

Since coming to Camp Robinson medical clinic, Stark served in key positions, including Unit Commander, Clinical Training Officer and Troop Medical Clinic Administrative Officer.

Stark has a Master of Physician Associate Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center as well as a 2023 graduate of Army Command and General Staff College.

In his career he has earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab, Air Assault Badge and the Pathfinder Badge. He has also been awarded the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Ser-

vice Medal and the Army Achievement Medal amongst many other honors throughout his service.

Stark, is married to Lonnie, formerly of Mineral Springs, and together they have three children – Julianna, Sloane and Beau.

RYAN STARK

Ryan Stark was named to the position of State Command Sergeant Major at a ceremony held at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock on March 1, 2025.

He began his military career on August 4, 1997 in Arkadelphia as part of the Detachment 1 Company A 1st Battalion of the 153rd Infantry Regiment.

R. Stark has served in every Non-Commissioned Officer leadership positions with the Army National Guard, from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major.

He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and 2008, deployed with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion of the 153rd Infantry Regiment.

In 2018 R. Stark was promoted to Sergeant Major and assigned as the Operations Sergeant Major for the 39th IBCT. Then, in Sept. 2020, CSM Stark was as the 2nd Battalion 153 Regiment BN Command Sergeant Major.

In 2022, he was selected as a Grade 3 Command Sergeant Major for the Army National Guard and in 2023 he was named to serve as the 223rd RTI Regimental Commandant, holding both positions at once.

R. Stark has served in a variety of other assignments, such as State Quota Source Manager at Deputy Chief of Staff, Operation and Training, the Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge at the Directorate of Military Support, an instructor, course manager and quality assurance Non Commissioned Officer at the 233rd RTI as well as various battalion and company positions in the 1st and 2nd Battalion 153rd Infantry Regiment IBCT.



JARRETT STARK

Submitted photo



RYAN STARK

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He has earned a number of awards and decorations in his career, including Air Assault, Pathfinder and Combat Infantry badges, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, Expert Weapons Qualification Badge (pistol), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement

Medal.

R. Stark was a 1995 graduate of Murfreesboro High School and graduated from American Military University in 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts Management and a Masters of Business Administration in 2025.

He is married to Kristen Stark and together they have one child, Beckett.

Church hosts sale to reduce debt

DELIGHT -- Crossroads Assembly of God Church will host a yard sale/bake sale this Friday and Saturday, March 27-28 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

The event is set to be held at the former Delight School Cafeteria.

The goal of the event is simple -- debt reduction. When the Crossroads Church burned to the ground in Sept. 2017, the church took out a loan to rebuild. With proceeds of the sale event organizers

hope to pay off that mortgage, with all proceeds from the sale going toward that effort.

The event will feature items such as Hobby Lobby decor, camouflage hunting clothes and gloves, sleeping bag, deer

blind, deer stand harnesses, deer stand umbrellas, new and gently used clothes and shoes (for babies, kids, teens and adults), a few antiques and many unlisted new and used items.

Case dismissed after alleged suicide

MURFREESBORO -- A felony criminal case filed in Pike County on March 19 against a Hope woman has been closed after the defendant took her own life two days later.

On March 19, a charge of distributing, possessing or viewing of matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child was filed against Ashlie Tompkins, 27, of Hope. Tompkins died by suicide March 21 in Hope, according to Hempstead County Sheriff James Singleton.

Tompkins was under investigation since January for her alleged involvement with a 14-year-old female in Pike County, which included exchanging messages and lewd photos, according to case records. Tompkins acknowledged in multiple messages to the teen that what was happening was wrong and that she could get in trouble. She also told officials she was allegedly under the influence

of marijuana and alcohol in a photo found that showed the two kissing.

The warrant issued on March 19 for Tompkins' arrest was recalled March 23.

OKOLONA MAN CHARGED

Felony drug charges were filed in Pike County March 19 against Shane McElroy, 34, of Okolona. He is charged with possession of methamphetamine and tampering with physical evidence.

McElroy was arrested on March 15 following a traffic stop in Delight. The arresting officer detected the smell of marijuana in his vehicle and a subsequent search found a small amount of marijuana, meth and a .22 caliber pistol. The tampering charge stemmed from McElroy reportedly trying to conceal drugs by throwing a container under this vehicle during the stop.

McElroy pleaded innocent

to the charges Monday and he was ordered back to court for pretrial on June 22.

BID NOTICE

Daisy Council is accepting bids for Mowing and Park Clean up at the City Park in Daisy, Sealed bids need to be received by April 13, 2026. City of Daisy, PO Box 39, Kirby AR, 71950.

(This publication was paid for by the City of Daisy. The amount paid for this publication is \$24.30.)

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JOB OPENING

Job Opening: Field Technician
Murfreesboro Water & Sewer Department
Murfreesboro, Arkansas

The Murfreesboro Water & Sewer Department is accepting applications for a Water Treatment Field Technician.

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JOB OPENING

Job Opening: Office Manager
Murfreesboro Water & Sewer Department
Murfreesboro, Arkansas

The Murfreesboro Water & Sewer Department is seeking a dependable and organized Office Manager to oversee daily administrative operations and provide excellent service to the community. This position plays a key role in ensuring the efficient operation of the department office while supporting staff and customers.

Position Summary

The Office Manager will be responsible for managing office activities, maintaining accurate records, assisting customers, and supporting the financial and administrative functions of the department.

-Key Responsibilities

- Manage daily office operations and administrative tasks
- Provide customer service for water and sewer utility customers
- Process payments, billing inquiries, and account records
- Maintain office records, reports and documentation
- Coordinate communications between staff, city officials, and the public
- Assist with basic bookkeeping and office financial tracking
- Maintain office supplies and support general department operations

-Qualifications

- Strong organizational and communication skills
 - Experience with office administration, bookkeeping, or customer service preferred
 - Basic computer and record keeping skills
 - Ability to manage multiple tasks in a professional environment
- ### -Benefits
- Health insurance provided
 - Participation in the APERS (Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System) retirement program

-How to Apply

Interested applicants may apply by submitting a resume and application to the Murfreesboro Water & Sewer Department at P.O. Box 271, Murfreesboro, Arkansas or In-person at 204 East Main. (870) 285-2655

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JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS ... Murfreesboro Junior High School held cheerleader tryouts last week and named their 2026-2027 squad for next school year. Pictured above is (back row, L to R) Larsyn Tidwell, Kyndahl Posey, Kaydee Kuykendall, Alyx Clark and Graisyne Roberts; (middle row) Amaya Zacarias, Sadie Varner, Emma Cox, Ellie Woods and Braylee Ward; (front row) Kora Stone, Lainey Beene, Adley Humphry and Chloe Rogers.

Rattlers continue win streak on diamond

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Rattlers baseball team has moved to 9-0 on the season.

On Thursday, March 19 the Rattlers traveled to Ouachita to take a 5-3 victory.

C.D. Morrow would drive in two runs to lead the Rattlers on his two hits.

Isaac Kuykendall, Kooper Caldwell and Hunter Cox each had an RBI for MHS.

Cale Humphry (run scored) and Keith Wilkinson (two runs scored) each stole a base for the Rattlers.

Murfreesboro would jump out to a 1-0 in the top of the first, which was equaled by Ouachita in the bottom of the opening stanza. The game

would remained tied until Murfreesboro plated a pair in the top of the sixth. The Rattlers would add two runs in the top of the seventh, and had Ouachita make the game interesting in a strong, but ultimately futile, effort to get back into the game in the bottom of the final inning.

Hunter Cox would pitch the majority of the way for MHS with 6.67 innings while allowing seven hits, three earned runs, two walks and collecting five strikeouts.

Carter Gilmer would come on in relief for the final out.

The following day, March 20, the Rattlers returned home to host the Foreman Gators.

In another close contest, the

Rattlers would win 2-0.

Murfreesboro would score a run in the second and fifth.

Alex Bonner had the team's only RBI, while Kale Burns and Wilkinson each score a run for MHS.

Kuykendall had the team's only extra base hit with a double, and went the distance for the Rattlers on the mound. Over seven shutout innings, he allowed three hits, walked none and struck out 11.

This week the Rattlers will be busy during their spring break holidays, hosting the Murfreesboro Rattlers Classic featuring games against Junction City on Thursday at 5:30 p.m., Taylor on Friday at 5 p.m. and a rematch with Ouachita on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Chamber discusses need for local event center, sets date for annual Banquet

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce discussed the need for a larger convention center type facility in the area.

The topic arose not only through the discussion of the annual Chamber Banquet but also when talking about the Fly Fishing Expo held here for a number of years.

It was said the attendance at February's event held by the ArkLaTexOma (ALTO) Fly Tyers at the Murfreesboro Municipal Building Community Room had doubled from 2025 and that "they might outgrow us and have to find another location."

In 2027, the ALTO group plans to utilize both the Community Building and the Murfreesboro Senior Center across the street.

The group further discussed getting a new storage building to hold their Christmas decorations. Chamber President Ricky Branch said that a 16x40 building like he thinks is needed would be around \$12,000-\$15,000.

The need is growing as part of their recent storage at Branch Oil will be no longer available after the upcoming sale of the business.

The 2026 Chamber Banquet entitled "All Trails Lead to Diamonds" will be held on April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Senior Citizens' Center.

Tickets to the event will be \$25 each.

Becky Flynn, the Deputy Director of the Office of Outdoor Recreation for the State of Arkansas, will be the speaker.

The local Farmers' Market will start at the end of May, and it was noted that a dedicated person was still needed to be in charge of the event set from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The market is held at the pavilion located behind the tennis courts at the old city park.

It was discussed what could be done to increase attendance -- both from vendors and customers. Flyers will be created to help attract vendors, with a small number already having reached out to get specific details. It was considered that having a monthly or bi-

monthly "swap meet/community yard sale" might help attract more customers.

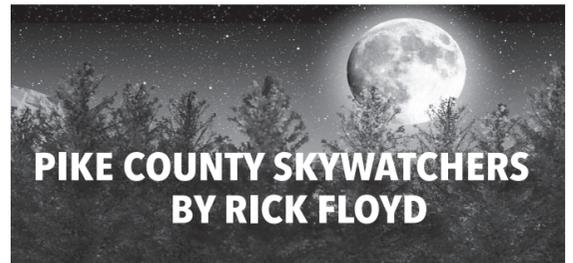
While no representative from the Juneteenth planning committee attending the

meeting, it was noted that the Chamber would have access to funds from the Diamond Lakes Tourism Association for advertising the event.



BECKY FLYNN

Submitted photo



Watch for falling satellites

It is a reminder every time a significant human-made object falls from the sky to take a look at what is going on up there. A 1,400-pound NASA satellite re-entered Earth's atmosphere on March 9, and most of it supposedly burned up in the atmosphere. What pieces did not, fell into the South Pacific. This was one of two probes sent up to study the Van Allen Radiation Belt, and it did for 14 years before being decommissioned in 2019. Probe B is still in orbit.

Currently there are about 11,000 active satellites in low Earth orbit (LEO) which is defined as 1,200 miles or less above Earth's surface, and this number is rapidly increasing thanks to SpaceX's Starlink satellite constellation project. Plus, there are thousands of inactive satellites and 100,000 plus bits of debris moving about, many of which are too small to track.

There is growing concern of course about the crowding of the immediate space around our planet. Scientists are warning of increased dangers from falling debris to aircraft, and of the danger of a large solar storm occurring which they estimate would disable most satellites in about 3 days after the event. Getting alarmed about this feels a bit like Chicken Little of childhood stories fearing the sky is falling, but we will soon know, at the current growth rate, how 100,000 active LEO satellites impact our lives here on the ground.

Two days this week, March 25 and 26, Solar System inhabitants will mingle in the night sky with a very nice batch of stars. The first quarter moon (waxing half-moon) will be in the constellation Gemini close to its two brightest stars Castor and Pollux. Also, part of the show is the planet Jupiter. To see it all, look south about an hour or two after sunset and then almost straight up. Looking south also brings into view the constellation Orion followed by the dog star, Sirius, in Canis Major. Nearby are the big V and the Pleiades asterisms in Taurus (the bull).

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UAMS HOUSE CALL

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

Q: What causes strep throat?

A: Strep throat is an infection of the throat and tonsils caused by the group A *Streptococcus* bacteria. Strep throat is a common condition, resulting in approximately 5.2 million outpatient visits in the U.S. each year, according to the American Medical Association.

The bacteria that cause strep throat can be passed easily from person to person through close contact. Breathing air containing droplets of the bacteria, sharing personal items, or touching items where droplets land are some ways the bacteria spreads. Strep throat is mostly diagnosed in children between the ages of five and 15 but can affect all ages.

Symptoms of strep throat include loss of appetite, chills, fever, headache, or pain when swallowing. Complications from strep throat include the

formation of abscesses around the tonsils, shortness of breath, ear or sinus infections, inflammation in the joints, or rheumatic fever.

Strep throat normally goes away after about a week to 10 days, but antibiotics can resolve symptoms faster and make you less contagious. Good hygiene habits such as coughing or sneezing into a tissue, frequent hand washing, and not sharing cups or utensils with those who are sick can prevent strep throat. Contact your health care provider if symptoms persist.

Email your health questions to housecall@uams.edu.

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School board elects officers, hopes to augment track surface

MURFREESBORO -- The South Pike County School Board elected officers at its March meeting.

Robert Silva and Barbie Baxter will reprise their roles as president and vice-president, respectively.

Newly elected member Carrie Tidwell, who was introduced at the beginning of the meeting, was elected secretary for the group. Silva was also named the distribution officer for the board, meaning he would have to sign checks.

Board members were invited to the Murfreesboro High School prom, which will be held on April 18.

South Pike County Schools Superintendent Tanya Wilcher told the board that the school would investigate applying for the Arkansas Department of Transportation trails grant with the idea of asphaltting the school's dirt track, also creating a walking track for local residents. Additionally, they would like to create a trail from the school to the baseball/softball complex that could be used by the cross-country team.

Wilcher reminded board members that if they knew of anyone interested in the vacated Zone 3 board member position that the deadline to apply was April 3. The position was recently left open following the resignation of Brian Caldwell in February.

Murfreesboro Elementary School Principal James Riley told the board that the school was seeing growth on the ATLAS interim tests by 66.5% of students in grades third-sixth over 538 tests.

Riley said there were ceremonies to hand out "Growth Bracelets" to recognize student achievement -- both in progression and those who remained in the 4-5 score categories.

He also said that three sixth-grade students had been named finalists in the national Appelley Publishing Poetry Contest, but that it was still undermined if any of the three would be in the final published work.

He also proposed to the board, that starting next school year, he would like to present a teacher and student of the month to the board.

"Our teachers go way and above beyond, and we have some amazing students, and I'd like them to be recognized by the board," said Riley.

In his high school report read by Wilcher, MHS principal Davey Jones said that ongoing tutoring efforts we showing growth and that the school's electrical and mechanics teams finished second in the district competition and will head to the statewide contest.

Jones also recognized the fact that special education students are also demonstrating significant improvement.

Following an executive session, the board accepted the hiring committee's recommendations and will hire David McKinnon, Griffin Grayson, and Ashley Simmons as high school teachers for the 2026-27 school year.

The next school board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m.



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NOMINATION FORM

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Narrative of Support for this Nomination: _____

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PIKE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORD

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

DR-26-10 -- OCSE,vs. Justice Hall, support/OCSE, Feb. 11
 DR-26-11 -- Karlie Buckley, vs. Thomas Buckley, divorce, Feb. 23
 DR-26-12 -- Kyle Lamb, vs. Eugenia Lowery, paternity, Feb. 24
 DR-26-13 -- Danielle Branch, vs. Lonigan Branch, divorce, March 6
 DR-26-14 -- Karlie Buckley, vs. Thomas Buckley, order of protection, March 10

DR-26-15 -- Clifton Pate, vs. Clifton Montana Pater, order of protection, March 11
 DR-26-16 -- Michelle Nettles, vs. Will Kosters, order of protection, March 16
 DR-26-17 -- Angela Knight, vs. David Knight, divorce, March 18
CIVIL
 CV-26-14 -- Shelter Mutual Insurance Co., vs. Paula Woods, tort/other, Feb. 12
 CV-26-15 -- Shauna Duggan, name change, Feb. 17

CV-26-16 -- LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Jennifer Echols, contract/other, Feb. 18
 CV-26-17 --LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Dalton Smith, debt collection, Feb. 19
 CV-26-18 -- Credit Acceptance Corp, vs. Jonathan Cheek, contract/other, Feb.19
 CV-26-19 -- PCA Acquisitions, vs. David Sirmon, debt collection, Feb. 20
 CV-26-20 -- Carmax Business Services, vs. Thong K. Sei, debt collection, Feb 20
 CV-26-21 -- Credit Acceptance Corp., vs. Jeff Cox, contract/other, Feb. 20
 CV-26-22 -- Credit Acceptance Corp., Kylee Quast, contract/other, Feb. 20

CV-26-23 -- AD DF&A, vs. William Church, Register Arkansas Judgment/ CV, Feb. 23
 CV-26-24 -- LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Allison McBay, debt collection, Feb. 24
 CV-26-25 -- Portfolio Recovery, vs. Bradon Laney, debt collection, Feb. 26
 CV-26-26 -- LVNV Funding LLC., vs. Marry Malone, debt collection, March 3
 CV-26-27 -- Valente Construction Group, vs.

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'Dear Preacher'

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

It is a popular saying, "We are what we eat." It is more certainly true, however, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." There is disagreement among translators as to whether Proverbs 23:7 says that, but in any case, it is true. Jesus says, "For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil." (Matthew 12:34-35).

Whatever is in a bucket



is what spills out when the bucket is jolted. What spills out of us when life jolts us is that with which our minds and hearts are filled. Jesus said, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder,

adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander" (Matthew 15:19).

Want to fill your or your children's hearts with violence, lying, killing and approval of all kinds of sexual sins? Then watch television and set your children watching it for hours on end. What goes in affects both what comes out and what one is.

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YEARS AGO A YOUNG BIBLE STUDENT FOUND WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE AN ERROR IN ONE OF THE STORIES TOLD IN LUKE! HOW COULD IT BE, HE ASKED HIS INSTRUCTOR, FOR THE WOMAN TO WASH JESUS' FEET WHEN JESUS WAS ALREADY SITTING DOWN TO EAT AND THE WOMAN STANDING UP BEHIND HIM? (LUKE 7:38) WHEN IT WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT IN THOSE DAYS PEOPLE DID NOT SIT AT THE TABLE AS WE DO TODAY, BUT INSTEAD LAY DOWN IN COUCHES BEHIND THEM, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THERE WAS NO ERROR IN THE STORY BUT JUST IN THE YOUNG STUDENT'S UNDERSTANDING THE WAYS OF THESE ANCIENT PEOPLE! LOTS OF THINGS TOLD ABOUT IN THE BIBLE SEEM ODD OR UNTRUE TO US...

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21. *Missy Elliott: "Get Ur ____"
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10. ____ the Can
11. *Ariana Grande: "'Cause I'm so ____ you"
12. Glowing gas
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20. *Maroon 5: "The ____ that controlled my mind"
22. Actor Lowe
24. Sheriff of Nottingham's collection container
25. Raise doubts
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29. *Pink: "So ____? I'm still a rock star"
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33. Topical remedy
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36. *The Killers: "Comin' out of my ____"
38. Food fish
42. Eagerness
45. Stir up violence
49. Knotts or McLean
51. Mole
54. Come to terms
56. Each and all
57. Parks of Civil Rights fame
58. Blame
59. Law school prerequisite, acr.
60. Denim innovator
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'America Saves Week' encourages Arkansans to focus on financial stability

America Saves Week will be observed April 6–10, 2026, continuing a national movement that has helped individuals and families strengthen their financial habits since 2007. America Saves Week is both a celebration and a call to action, encouraging everyday Americans to commit to saving successfully and to take meaningful steps toward financial security.

Through the support of thousands of participating organizations nationwide, America Saves Week promotes a financial check-in that allows individuals to gain a clearer picture of their finances, set realistic savings goals, and develop a plan to reach them. The week offers encouragement, education, and practical tools to help participants build confidence and control over their financial future.

Each day of America Saves Week focuses on a specific theme designed to guide individuals through important aspects of financial wellness:

- Monday, April 6 – Building a Strong Foundation, emphasizing budgeting and establishing healthy money habits
- Tuesday, April 7 – Expect the Unexpected, highlighting the importance of emergency savings
- Wednesday, April 8 – Dream Big, Plan with Purpose, focusing on setting and planning for financial goals
- Thursday, April 9 – Rewrite the Debt Narrative, encouraging smart strategies for managing and reducing debt
- Friday, April 10 – Your Story, Your Future, helping participants reflect on progress and plan ahead

America Saves Week gives participants the opportunity to focus on their financial health and mindset over six days while receiving national and local support, access to new resources, and motivation to take positive financial steps.

In Arkansas, America Saves is supported by the Cooperative Extension Service in partnership with the Consumer Federation



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of America. The effort encourages Arkansans to commit to themselves—and to one another—to make sound financial decisions, including saving more money and paying down debt.

Laura Hendrix, Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Science for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said the program is designed to help Arkansans improve financial behaviors by exposing them to information that may be new or unfamiliar.

"We know that learning something new about personal finance helps consumers move forward in achieving financial goals," Hendrix said.

The Division of Agriculture offers many free online resources for Arkansans interested in participating in America Saves Week. Individuals can begin by visiting www.uaex.uada.edu or money to take the America Saves pledge and sign up for email or text reminders to help them stay committed to their savings goals. Free online courses on saving and other financial topics are available at learn.uada.edu, along with a Virtual Financial Fair that provides trusted financial information and guidance.

Many people become focused on day-to-day expenses and fail to plan for the future. While this may not cause immediate problems, savings and investments become critical when preparing for major life events such as buying a home, paying for education, or planning for retirement.

Saving is a cornerstone of financial security. Most personal finance experts recommend maintaining an emergency savings fund equal to three to six months of income. For those just beginning, a \$1,000 emergency fund is a strong starting point. Having savings available can help individuals avoid relying on credit during unexpected situations. Tools such as direct deposit can make saving easier and more consistent.

After establishing an emergency fund, individuals are encouraged to focus on retirement savings by fully funding employer-sponsored retirement plans and/or individual retirement accounts (IRAs). Saving for future goals—such as a vehicle, education, homeownership, or travel—is also an important step. While goals vary from person to person, thoughtful planning helps turn dreams into achievable outcomes.

Investing is another key strategy for long-term financial growth. Investing allows money to grow over time and helps individuals build resources to support future goals. Two important concepts to understand are risk and return. Risk refers to the chance that invested money could be lost, while return reflects the potential earnings. Typically, higher risk is associated with

the potential for higher returns. Consumers are encouraged to carefully evaluate all investment opportunities and remain alert to fraud and scams.

America Saves Week provides Arkansans with a timely reminder to pause, reflect, and take action. By participating, individuals and families can strengthen financial habits, access reliable resources, and move toward greater financial stability.

For more information, contact your local county Extension office. In Pike County, call (870) 285-2161.

This week's recipe is a homemade taco seasoning mix. Making your own instead of purchasing taco seasoning can save you money and, because store-bought taco seasoning typically includes sugar and fillers, it can be a healthier choice. Enjoy!

Recipe of the Week: Golden Taco Seasoning
Ingredients:
 6 Tablespoons chili powder
 3 Tablespoons smoked paprika
 3 Tablespoons ground cumin
 3 Tablespoons salt
 3 Tablespoons ground black pepper
 1 ½ Tablespoons garlic powder
 1 Tablespoon ground turmeric
Directions: Combine all the ingredients in an airtight container and shake it up. Use 2 tablespoons for every pound of ground beef when making tacos.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REVISED BUDGET FOR 2025: CITY OF DAISY GENERAL FUND BUDGET		TOTAL LIABILITES	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$12,304.45		
INCOME:			
CHAMBERS BANK (INTEREST)	13.65		
STATE OF ARKANSAS ACT 370/62 & ACT 168/140	450.53		
STATE OF ARKANSAS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF	87.72		
STATE OF ARKANSAS SALES AND USE TAX	6,236.99		
STATE OF ARKANSAS BUDGET STABILIZATION TRUST	154.29		
PIKE COUNTY GENERAL & ROAD TAX	9,852.75		
FIRE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY FEE	1,200.00		
CITY CD	24,666.36		
TOTAL INCOME:	42,662.29		
GENERAL AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES:			
LISA COGBURN	2,400.00		
MISSY JONES	2,800.00		
BECKY FRAZIER	2,000.00		
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US POSTAL SERVICE	193.00		
RJR (PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT)	22,500.00		
ROAD REPAIR (OAK LANE)	10,100.00		
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		INCOME:	
		FIRE DUES	5,260.00
		STATE OF ARKANSAS ACT-833	3,572.70
		TOTAL	8,712.70
		GENERAL AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES:	
		SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	2,326.57
		NORTH PIKE COUNTY WATER	220.08
		TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND FOR SECRETARY	1,200.00
		KIRBY KWICK STOP	88.60
		JOHN PLYLER	200.00
		FIRE CALLS	275.00
		BYPASS	233.50
		AWI	45.21
		MOWING	500.00
		LARRY PUMP STATION	200.00
		GLENWOOD AUTO PARTS	
		PIKE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS DUES	
		FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATION EXPENSES	5,288.96
		TOTAL ENDING BALANCE	12,136.44
		REVISED BUDGET FOR 2025: CITY OF DAISY STREET FUND	
		BEGINNING BALANCE:	3,454.56
		INCOME:	
		STATE OF ARKANSAS HWY	80.42
		STATE OF ARKANSAS FUEL TAX	381.55
		STATE OF ARKANSAS 4 LANE HWY	4,465.14
		STATE OF ARKANSAS REGISTRATION	20.46
		TOTAL	4,947.57
		EXPENSES:	
		SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC	559.68
		MOWING (PAYING FROM GENERAL FUND)	
		TOTAL GENERAL AND OPERATING EXPENSES:	4,335.65
		TOTAL	4,895.33
		ENDING BALANCE:	-52.14
		TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:	3,402.42
		<i>This publication was paid for by the City of Daisy. The amount paid for this publication is \$148.95</i>	
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Submitted photo/KIRA STATEN

HEADED TO NATIONALS ... The Murfreesboro High School winter guard held a bake sale last week at Diamond Bank to raise funds in advance of their trip to the national competition this week.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 EMOGENE COTHREN, DECEASED

NO. 55PR-26-24

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 2038 Nathan Road, Nashville, AR 71852
 Date of death: January 14, 2016

On March 19, 2026, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by a distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Emogene Cothren, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pike County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. The legal description of the real properties listed in the Affidavit are as follows:

Tract 1:
 A part of the NE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 and part of the SE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 of Section 10, Township 07 South, Range 26 West, Pike County, Arkansas and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a 1/2" rod found for the NW corner of the NE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 of Section 10, Township 07 South, Range 26 West and run thence S 2 degrees 39' 34" W 980.19 feet along the Westerly boundary of the NE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 to a RR spike found in the centerline of County Road No. 241, this point being the POINT OF BEGINNING, leaving the forty line run along the County Road centerline the following courses; run thence N 89 degrees 47' 50" E 167.31 feet to a point, run thence S 85 degrees 47' 31" E 230.63 feet to a point, run thence N 88 degrees 4' 53" E 90.74 feet to a point, run thence N 79 degrees 21' 58" E 181.69 feet to a RR spike found, leaving the County Road run thence S 2 degrees 36' 29" W 1450.34 feet to a RR spike found in the centerline of County Road No. 630, thence along the said centerline of County Road No. 630 the following courses; run thence S 67 degrees 36' 43" W 207.36 feet to a point, run thence S 75 degrees 51' 03" W 115.35 feet to a point, run thence S 87 degrees 17' 56" W 122.01 feet to a point, run thence N 85 degrees 02' 06" W 246.74 feet to a RR spike set, this point also being located on the Westerly boundary of the SE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 of Section 10, leaving the County Road run thence N 2 degrees 39' 45" E 1521.82 feet along the Westerly boundary of the E-1/2 of the SE-1/4 of Section 10 back to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 23.089 acres, more or less.

SUBJECT: to any valid right of ways and/or easements. Subject to all oil, gas and other minerals of every kind and character, particularly, any and all reservations and/or conveyances.

Tract 2:
 A part of the NE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 and part of the SE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 of Section 10, Township 07 South, Range 26 West, Pike County, Arkansas and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a brass disk with rock collar found for the NE corner of the NE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 of Section 10, Township 07 South, Range 26 West and run thence S 2 degrees 33' 28" W 742.78 feet along the Easterly boundary of Section 10 to a RR spike found in the centerline of County Road #241, this point being the POINT OF BEGINNING, continue thence S 2 degrees 33' 29" W 823.85 feet also along the said Section line to a 1/2" rod set; run thence N 87 degrees 40' 48" W 665.49 feet to a 1/2" rod set; run thence N 2 degrees 36' 29" E 629.21 feet to a RR spike found in the centerline of County Road #241; run thence N 79 degrees 21' 58" E 61.68 feet along the above said County Road centerline to a point; run thence N 74 degrees 56' 00" E 367.94 feet along the centerline of County Road #241 to a point; run thence N 76 degrees 45' 33" E 264.19 feet also along the said County Road centerline back to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 11.101 acres, more or less.

SUBJECT: to any valid right of ways and/or easements. Subject to all oil, gas and other minerals of every kind and character, particularly, any and all reservations and/or conveyances.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the distributee or his attorney within three (3) 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. Provided, claims for injury or death caused by negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.

This notice first published this 25 day of March, 2026.

Emogene Cothren, Distributee
 Victor Martin, ABN 2018116
 Attorney at Law
 420 N. Main, Suite One -P. O. Box 922
 Nashville, AR 71852 -(870) 845-5256 phone

(v.m., 876w. 38,39)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUDGET FOR 2026: CITY OF DAISY GENERAL FUND BUDGET		REVENUE:	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$12,304.45	FIRE DUES	8,000.00
INCOME:		CHAMBERS INTEREST	15.00
CHAMBERS BANK (INTEREST)	13.65	STATE OF ARKANSAS-ACT 833	4,000.00
STATE OF ARKANSAS ACT 370/62 & ACT 168/140	450.53	TOTAL REVENUE:	12,015.00
STATE OF ARKANSAS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF	87.72	EXPENSES:	
STATE OF ARKANSAS SALES AND USE TAX	6,236.99	WATER	500.00
STATE OF ARKANSAS BUDGET STABILIZATION TRUST	154.29	SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC	2,000.00
PIKE COUNTY GENERAL & ROAD TAX	9,852.75	DAISY GENERAL FUND	1,200.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY FEE	1,200.00	PLYLERS HOME CENTER	2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME:	42,662.29	FUEL	1,000.00
GENERAL AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES:		ADVERTISEMENT	100.00
LISA COGBURN	2,400.00	MOWING	500.00
BECKY FRAZIER	4,800.00	MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT	
BOYD CONTRACTING	8,100.00	TRUCK REPAIRS	1,000.00
UPPER SW LANDFILL	1,126.08	POSTAGE	50.00
ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE PROPERTY INSURANCE	1,414.85	REYNOLDS RADIO	300.00
ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE VEHICLE INSURANCE	1,465.70	FIREMAN CALLS	500.00
ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AML MLDP SERVICE		PIKE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF	362.00
ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WORKMAN'S COMP		AWI	300.00
SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC	1,615.34	WORKERS COMP	340.00
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECT	540.00	LIFE INSURANCE	25.00
PARK CLEAN UP & MOWING	5,400.00	LARRY PUMP SERVICE	200.00
2025 TAX FORMS	30.00	BATES	500.00
JOHN PLYLERS	149.60	TOTAL EXPENSES	10,877.00
WALMART	194.29	BUDGET FOR 2026: CITY OF DAISY STREET FUND	
NASHVILLE LEADER ADS	101.60	BEGINNING BALANCE:	3,454.56
US POSTAL SERVICE	193.00	INCOME:	
REPAYMENT TO STREET FUNDS (42,731)	3,000.00	STATE OF ARKANSAS HWY	80.42
TOTAL GENERAL AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		STATE OF ARKANSAS FUEL TAX	381.55
ENDING BALANCE		STATE OF ARKANSAS 4 LANE HWY	4,465.14
PAYROLL TAXES WITHHELD		STATE OF ARKANSAS REGISTRATION	20.46
TOTAL LIABILITES		TOTAL	4,947.57
		EXPENSES:	
		SOUTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC	559.68
		MOWING (PAYING FROM GENERAL FUND)	
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

This notice is prepared by the County Election Commission to inform the public that the **2026 PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF** will be held on **MARCH 31, 2026**. The notice also provides the public information regarding this election as required by law:

EARLY VOTING DATES & TIMES:

- Tuesday-Friday, March 24-27, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 30, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location of Poll, Address, Ballots Assigned to Poll:

- Pike County Clerk's Office, 112 N Washington, Suite A Murfreesboro, AR, Vote Center/All Ballots
- Bainum Learning Center, 128 E Broadway, Glenwood, AR, Vote Center/All Ballots

ELECTION DAY VOTING:

ELECTION DATE: March 31, 2026

HOURS: 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Location of Poll, Address, Ballots Assigned to Poll:

- Bainum Learning Center, 128 E Broadway, Glenwood, AR, Vote Center/All Ballots
- Bethlehem Baptist Center, 2589 Hwy 27 N, Kirby, AR, Vote Center/All Ballots
- Delight Cafeteria, 623 Webb St, Delight, AR, Vote Center/All Ballots
- Murfreesboro Municipal Building, 204 E Main,

Murfreesboro, AR, Vote Center/All Ballots

ABSENTEE VOTING:

To request an absentee ballot, or to see if you are qualified to vote absentee, contact the County Clerk's office using the information below:

112 N WASHINGTON, SUITE A, MURFREESBORO, AR
 (870) 285-2743
OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

BALLOT CANVASSING AND COUNTING:

All processes listed below will be conducted at the **PIKE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE** located at 112 N WASHINGTON, SUITE A, MURFREESBORO, AR. The dates and times are provided below:

Activity, Date, Time:

- Canvassing and Counting of Absentee Ballots, March 31, 1:00 p.m. to Completion
- Compiling & Publishing Unofficial Election Results, March 31, 7:30 p.m. to Completion
- Counting of Election Day Ballots, March 31, 8:00 p.m. to Completion
- Initial Duplication of Ballots, April 1, 9:00 a.m. to Completion
- Initial Review of Provisional Ballots, April 1, 11 a.m. to Completion

- Provisional Ballot Hearings, April 6, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Final Review and Counting of Provisional Ballots, April 6, 1:00 p.m. to Completion
- Recount (IF NEEDED), April 8, 10:00 a.m. to Completion
- Post Election Audit, April 9, 9:00 a.m. to Completion
- Canvassing and Counting of UOCAVA Absentee Ballots (IF NEEDED), April 10, 1:00 p.m. to Completion
- Certification of the Election, April 10, 1:00 p.m. to Completion

ELECTION OFFICIALS:

Election Officials appointed to conduct early voting, election day voting, and all other required duties will be posted for public viewing in the Pike County Clerk's Office, on March 16, 2026 and remain posted for not less than 10 days. An objection must be filed with the County Clerk in writing prior to the following deadlines. An objection that an official is a spouse of a county election commissioner, a county party chair, or a spouse of a county party chair must be filed within 7 days of March 16. An objection that an official is married to a candidate or related to a candidate within two degrees of blood relations must be filed

within 10 days of March 16.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUNOFF CANDIDATES:

Secretary of State
 Bryan Norris
Senator Kim Hammer

CROSSOVER VOTING IS A CRIME! It is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year incarceration and a fine of up to \$2,500, for a person to vote in the preferential primary of one political party and the general primary (runoff) of another. [A.C.A. §7-1-103(a)(19)(B), (b)]

Eligible voters are those who voted a republican ballot, a non-partisan ballot, or those who did not vote in the primary election.

VIEWING YOUR BALLOT PRIOR TO VOTING:

Any voter may look up his or her sample ballot on the Secretary of State's website at: <https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/voterview>. Ballots will be available no later than 20 days prior to the election. Sample ballots will also be available at the polling site.

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