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## Rattler tennis clinics to start this June

MURFREESBORO -- Rattler tennis clinics will begin the first week of June, according to Murfreesboro High School.

Any athletes wishing to participate are asked to contact MHS tennis coach Mark Wiley at (870) 904-0733.

## 4-H announces summer programs

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County 4-H program has announced its slate of summer workshops to be held at the Pike County Extension office in Murfreesboro.

- The office is located at 100 Court Street.
  - May 21 -- AGFC -- Wildlife & Archery -- 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
  - May 26-27 -- Sewing Feed bags -- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - June 11-12 -- Bobble Heads -- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  - June 29 -- Terrarium Workshop -- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - July 6 -- Cake Decorating -- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - July 14 -- STEM Workshop-- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - August 6 -- T.O.T.E. Day -- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - August 10 -- Craft Day -- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- For more information about the programming or joining 4-H, call (870) 285-2161.

## Slow down, phone down campaign

LITTLE ROCK -- The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is unveiling a series of new eye-opening work zone safety public service announcements (PSAs) featuring real employees as part of the Department's Slow Down, Phone Down campaign.

The advertisements are part of a concerted effort to provide a more direct, unfiltered approach to advancing work zone safety in Arkansas.

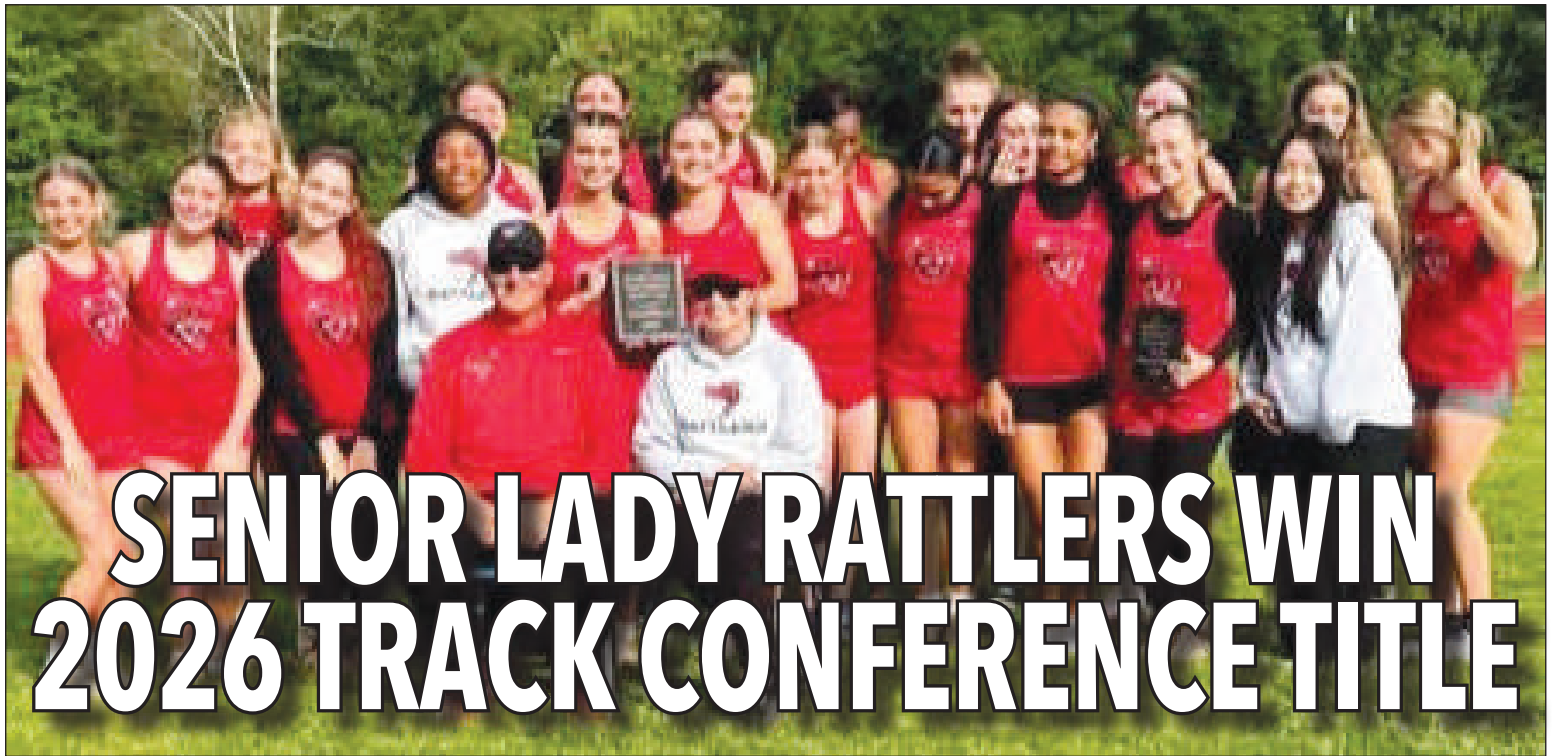
One PSA features testimony from ARDOT employee Terry Skaggs, who was severely injured in a work zone, and his wife Sandra. Another features a first-hand account from ARDOT employee Robert Phillips, who witnessed a fellow crew member and friend's death in a work zone. A third gives law enforcement's perspective, featuring an interview with Arkansas Highway Police Sergeant Shufford Day on the laws of work zones. Together, these videos provide a range of personal perspectives, all with the same message: safety for our road crews and the traveling public.

"2026 will mark the fifth and final year of the Slow Down, Phone Down work zone safety campaign. We want to end this campaign in an impactful way," ARDOT Director Jared D. Wiley said. "We're always looking for new ways to innovate and improve safety for workers. You'll see the Department adapt and make changes over the next year or two to be more direct in this area."

According to state traffic data, there were 2,594 crashes and 84 fatalities or suspected serious injuries in Arkansas work zones in 2021. In 2024 (the most recent year for which finalized data is available), there were 1,648 crashes and 54 fatalities or suspected serious injuries in Arkansas work zones. This marks a 36 percent reduction overall in crashes, fatalities, and suspected serious injuries in Arkansas work zones since 2021.

Slow Down, Phone Down set the foundation for a movement that is only beginning -- keeping safety top of mind while we strive to build a modern transportation system and enhance quality of life in Arkansas.

To view the set of public service announcements, visit <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLF5wSFDM-BrlyQZEfFV1o-SUkd0Hr4zFXD>.



## SENIOR LADY RATTLERS WIN 2026 TRACK CONFERENCE TITLE

### MHS Lady Rattlers claim conference title

*Looks to compete for state title this week at Quitman*

CADDO VALLEY -- The Murfreesboro Lady Rattlers cruised to a victory in the 72-A conference meet held last week at Caddo Hills High School.

MHS would outpoint second place Caddo Hills by a 312.5-114.50 margin. The Dierks Lady Outlaws would finish third with 69 points. Macy Gills was named the high-point individual female for the meet. The girls qualified at least one athlete for the state tournament for every event in which they competed.

Earning points (top eight places per event) for the Lady Rattlers included:

- 4x100 Meter Relay Team (Payton Niles, Arianna Jones, Isabella Frazier, Mason Phillips) -- first place, 54.50
- 4x200 Meter Relay Team (Mason Phillips, Arianna Jones, Isabella Frazier, Maci Price) -- first place, 1:55.01
- 4x400 Meter Relay Team (Macy Gills, Isabella Frazier, Jordyn Nance, Ma'Shaylia Morris) -- first place, 4:41.15
- 4x800 Meter Relay Team (Kinleigh Mounts, Josey Jones, Jordyn Nance, Adalyn Silva) -- first place, 11:13.21
- Carsyn Ballard -- second place pole vault, 7'0"; fifth place 300 meter hurdles, 1:01.17
- Natalie Bush -- third place 100 meter hurdles, 20.79; fourth place 300 meter hurdles, 59.53



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**TOP SCORER ...** Lady Rattler Maci Gills was the top scoring female athlete at the 2026 7-2A conference track meet.

Jacee Chaney -- seventh place 1600 meter run, 6:36.48; sixth place 3200 meter run, 15:50.90

Blakelee Dixon -- seventh place shot put, 44'6"

Isabella Frazier -- fourth place 400 meter dash, 1:12.21

Macy Gills -- third place triple jump, 28'2"; first place 100 meter dash, 13.26; first place 200 meter dash, 27.28; first place 400 meter dash, 1:04.71; third place long jump, 13'8"

Kinslee Howell -- second place discus, 86'11"; fourth place 200 meter dash, 31.02; sixth place 100 meter dash, 14.69; second place shot put, 28'6.5"

Arianna Jones -- fifth place high jump, 4'6"; first place triple jump, 30'8"; first place long jump, 15'1"

Josey Jones -- fifth place 800 meter run, 2:52.62; second place triple jump, 28'2"; second place pole vault, 7'0"

Ma'Shaylia Morris -- second place 400 meter dash, 1:06.80; second place high jump, 4'10"; second place long jump, 14'7"; second place 100 meter dash, 13.34; second place 200 meter dash, 27.29

Kinleigh Mounts -- second place 800 meter

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**HEART OF A CHAMPION ...** A bench memorializing Jacob Teel was played in the Murfreesboro High School courtyard by the South Pike County Archery program booster club. Teel, a former member of the archery team, passed away at 15 years old in 2022 after the Delight resident suffered from Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. His obituary at the time stated in part "his archery team and their family served as a crucial role in his life and they became his extended family." In memory of Teel, the archery team annually awards a "Heart of a Champion" award to the archer who overcomes the biggest struggle that year. After the 2026 archery awards banquet was held at the high school, his aunt Cassandra Cox posted on social media that the bench memorial "made our hearts so happy ... Jacob Owen absolutely loved archery and he had the best leaders helping him and cheering him on, he thought the absolute world of them and this is why." Jacob's mother, Monica Teel, posted that "there truly aren't enough words to express the gratitude in our hearts, but I want to try. Thank you to the archery team for the beautiful banner and the memorial concrete bench you created in honor of Jacob. I know you all saw me ugly cry last night but you guys touched my heart more than you will ever know. Seeing his name remembered in such a meaningful way is both heartbreaking and incredibly comforting. Jacob should be a senior this year, and that reality never gets easier—but moments like this remind us that he is still seen, still loved, and will never be forgotten. We are especially grateful to the coaches, Shelly and Ronald Pettigrew, Mark Collins, and Alan Self. The love, care, and effort you've poured into honoring Jacob mean more to us than we could ever put into words. You didn't just coach—you made a lasting impact, and that shows so clearly in this tribute. Thank you as well to the booster club for your thoughtfulness and support. It means so much to know that Jacob's memory continues to be held close by so many. Our hearts are full, even in the middle of our grief. Thank you for remembering our son, for speaking his name, and for reminding us that he will always be a part of this community. We will carry this kindness with us forever."

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run, 2:42.30

Jordyn Nance – third place 400 meter dash, 1:08.82

Payton Niles – eighth place long jump, 12'3.5"; seventh place high jump, 4'2"; fifth place triple jump, 27'11"

Mason Phillips – first place pole vault, 8'7"; fourth place high jump, 4'8"; first place 100 meter hurdles, 18.87; second place 300 meter hurdles, 55.14

Maci Price – third place 200 meter dash, 29.77; fourth place 100 meter dash, 14.06

Adalyn Silva – first place 3200 meter run, 13:31.86; sixth place 800 meter run, 3:01.10; fifth place 1600 meter run, 6:21.04  
Aurora Stone – seventh place discus, 68'3"; seventh place 3200 meter run, 19:31.17

Kamiah Thomas – sixth place shot put, 26'6.5"; eighth place discus, 68'2"

## MHS BOYS FINISH FOURTH

On the boys' side of things, the Murfreesboro Rattlers finished fourth with 53 points, behind the conference champion Dierks Outlaws with 174 points. The Outlaws were able to take the meet with a closely contested effort, as Spring Hill (168 points) and Caddo Hills (161 points) finished right behind them.

Rattlers finishing with points at the meet included:

4x100 Meter Relay Team (Mason Bruce, Cooper Lowry, Alex Parker, Jarrin Burgess) – fifth place, 49.10



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**FOURTH IN CONFERENCE ...** The Murfreesboro Rattlers track team finished in fourth place at last week's season ending track meet at Caddo Hills High School.

4x200 Meter Relay Team (Tyler Brewer, Keith Wilkinson, Cooper Lowry, Jarrin Burgess) – seventh place, 1:45.33

4x400 Meter Relay Team (Josh Fox, Keith Wilkinson, Tyler Brewer, Jarrin Burgess) – fifth place, 4:26.68

4x800 Meter Relay Team (Tyler Brewer, Josh Fox, Jayden Luster, Keith Wilkinson) – fourth place, 11:00.72

Jarrin Burgess – first place triple jump, 38'8"; fifth place 100 meter dash, 11.87; eighth place long jump, 17'7.5"

Josh Fox – fourth place 400 meter dash, 57.32

Jamauri Jones – fourth place high jump,

5'6"

Jayden Luster -- eighth place pole vault, 7'6"

Charles Morrow – sixth place discus, 100'10"

Alex Parker – fifth place triple jump, 37'1"

Isaac Smith – fourth place shot put, 37'3.5"

## STATE COMPETITION WEDNESDAY

For all those that qualified, the Class 2A state track meet will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at Quitman.

# Pike County man charged in Howard County for offenses following traffic stop

NASHVILLE -- A Pike County man has been charged in Howard County with several drug offenses following a traffic stop involving Nashville's K9 officer.

James Alexander Summers-Smith, 33, of Delight, was arrested on April 18 after a traffic stop by K9 Officer Greg Parker and his partner, Thor. The officer noted Summer-Smith's shaky demeanor and questioned if there was anything illegal in the vehicle. The driver first responded that there was not and then handed over a container of suspected marijuana.

A subsequent search of Summers-Smith's vehicle allegedly uncovered a .25 caliber pistol, various paraphernalia including a syringe, digital scales, a THC vape and a baggy of suspected

methamphetamine. The baggy weighed approximately 93.9 grams and the marijuana totaled 3.24 grams.

The case file noted that Summers-Smith is a convicted felon. His felony charges are simultaneous possession of drugs and firearms, possession of meth with purpose to deliver, possession of a firearm by certain persons and possession of drug paraphernalia and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.

Summers-Smith is currently in custody at the Howard County Jail.

## Farm families named for 2026

LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year program announces its 2026 County Farm Families of the Year. The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year program has helped recognize outstanding farm families throughout the state since 1947.

Arkansas Farm Family of the Year selection criteria includes efficiency of production, conservation of energy and resources, leadership in agricultural and community affairs, home and farm improvement, and home and farm management. The program is open to all counties and is voluntary. Participation varies, explaining why not all counties have a recipient.

Pike County did not name a farm family in 2026.

Regional 2026 county Farm Families of the Year are:

- Clark County – Larry and Kay Ferguson, Arkadelphia
- Garland County – Keith and Cindy Rucker, Percy
- Hempstead County – Aaron and Jessica Huett, Hope
- Howard County – Mickey and Candie Ford, Umpire
- Montgomery County – Paul and Sherry Waller, Glenwood
- Nevada County – Cole and Jamie Hillery, Prescott
- Sevier County – Phillip and Kristy Frachiseur, Gillham

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FRIDAYS AT 3:00 P.M.**

## BID NOTICE

Pike County will be accepting bids to rebuild the Glenwood Pike County covered rodeo arena bleacher roof which is located at 510 N. 1st, Glenwood, Arkansas. All debris removal will be provided by the Pike County Road Department. The bleacher area is approximately 3,600 sq. ft.

Requirements: The structure will need to be repaired as was. Pricing needs to include electrical and lighting. Bids will need to be turned into the Pike County Judges office no later than Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Bid packets will be available at the Pike County Judge's office.

Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. on May 21, 2026, at the Pike County Judge's office.

If you have any questions, please contact Pike County Judge's office at 870-285-2414.

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## BID NOTICE

Pike County will be accepting bids to rebuild the Glenwood Pike County Poultry Barn which is located at 510 N. 1st, Glenwood, Arkansas. All debris removal will be provided by the Pike County Road Department. The poultry barn is approximately 32'x90' (2,464 sq. ft.)

Requirements: The structure to be built will need to be either a wood structure with a metal roof and metal gable end or an all-metal structure with metal roof and metal gable end. We need to have an estimate for both types of structures. Pricing needs to include electricity for lights and receptacles. Bids will need to be turned into the Pike County Judge's office no later than Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

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## BID NOTICE

Pike County will be accepting bids to rebuild the Glenwood Pike County Fairgrounds Pavilion which is located at 510 N. 1st, Glenwood, Arkansas. All debris removal will be provided by the Pike County Road Department. The pavilion is approximately 40'x50' (2,287 sq. ft.)

Requirements: The structure to be built will need to be either a wood structure with a metal roof and metal gabled ends or an all-metal structure with metal roof and metal gabled ends. We would need to have an estimate for both types of structures. Pricing needs to include lighting and receptacles. Bids will need to be turned into the Pike County Judge's office no later than Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

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## LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

All letters to the editor must be signed, along with a phone number (that will not be published) provided for confirmation purposes. The Murfreesboro Diamond reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. Letters must not be libelous or contain any profanities.

Send Letters to P.O. Box 550 • Murfreesboro, AR 71958  
or e-mail to [mdiamond.editor@windstream.net](mailto:mdiamond.editor@windstream.net)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PRESUMED DEATH OF:  
J.B. SMITH, CASE NO. 55PR-26-28

### WARNING ORDER

TO: J.B. Smith, Margaret Watts, Brent Watts, Markie Watts, Robert Dildy, Frances Dawson, Tony Smith, and all other interested parties.

Shall take notice that on March 31, 2026 a Petition for Declaration of Death of Missing Person was filed on behalf of Jeremy Smith in the Circuit Court of Pike County, Arkansas to seek an order from the Court declaring J.B. Smith, whose date of birth was December 3, 1946, legally dead.

J.B. Smith, Margaret Watts, Brent Watts, Markie Watts, Robert Dildy, Frances Dawson, Tony Smith, and all other interested parties shall take notice that unless you appear and defend or otherwise respond within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this notice, an order may be entered and granted, or you will be otherwise barred from asserting your interest in this matter.

A hearing on this matter is currently scheduled for August 24, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Pike County Detention and Judicial Center, 305 Industrial Park Drive, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

Randee Edwards  
COUNTY CLERK  
DATE 4-24-2026

(s.t. 198w., 43,44)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANCILLARY ESTATE OF  
DANE WRAY WRIGHT, DECEASED CASE NO: 55PR-26-21

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Last known address of the decedent: 425 Johnson St., Nash, Bowie County, TX 75569

Date of Death: February 10, 2022

An instrument dated April 23, 2026, lawfully appointed Christina Sue Wright as the Executrix 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 the 29th day of April 2026.

Christina Sue Wright, Petitioner

BY: /s/ Dustin Bissell

DUSTIN BISSELL

Attorney for Petitioner

P.O. Box 810, De Queen, AR 7132

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 277 (ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES OF THE MURFREESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 1345 OF 2013 AND ACT 417 OF 2025.

WHEREAS, Murfreesboro City Ordinance No. 277 was passed on May 14, 2012, for the purpose of regulating the scope of activities of the Murfreesboro Fire Department; and

WHEREAS the Murfreesboro City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the city that Ordinance No. 277, Section 3, be amended to change the schedule of billing for fire department calls.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MURFREESBORO, PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

SECTION 1. Section 3 is hereby amended to include: Murfreesboro Fire Department shall bill for emergency services in accordance with the Arkansas Uniform Fire Department Insurance Billing Reimbursement Form per Act 1345 of 2013 and amended in Act 417 of 2025. Equipment rates shall be based on the FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates in effect at the time of the incident, and expendable resources shall be billed at one hundred percent of current market value with supporting documentation as required.

SECTION 2. Upon passage of this amendment the Recorder/Treasurer shall publish only this Ordinance amending City Ordinance No. 277.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining sections, phrases, and provisions of this Ordinance which remain valid and enforceable.

SECTION 4. The City of Murfreesboro finds that the immediate implementation of this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public's peace, health, safety, welfare, and property, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and that this Ordinance is to be in effect immediately after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026.

Approved: Jim O'Neal, Mayor  
Attest: Penny Lamb, Recorder/Treasurer

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# PIKE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORD

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 DR-26-23 -- No case listed  
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 DR-26-25 -- OCSE, vs. Robert Gillon, support/OCSE, April 30

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## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Jaxon Karver Walker, 21, Amity; Karlie Madison Reid, 26, Amity, March 26  
 Trevor Alexander Hendrix, 23, Webster, Texas; Madison Allyse Campbell, 23, Webster, Texas, April 2  
 Deandre Allen Michael Burton, 25, Murfreesboro, Kylie Che-neace Ray, 19, Murfreesboro, April 6  
 Kelsie Lynn Kropf, 40, Texarkana, AR.; Rebekah A. Ewing, 40, Delight, April 24  
 Nathan Thomas Oosterhous, 23, Glenwood; Emma Louise Cor-bitt, 23, Murfreesboro, April 30.

# Obituaries

## Kenneth Wayne Williams, 72, Foreman



Kenneth Wayne Williams, age 72, of Foreman, Arkansas, passed away on Monday April 27, 2026, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was born February 13, 1954, in Eugene, Oregon the son of Dixie Wood Williams and the late Roy Neil Williams.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Oak Hill Community Church where he played an active role. He was a proud veteran serving in the United States Army. He also enjoyed hunting is his free time.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his wife Vicki Williams.

Survivors include his mother, Dixie Williams; one daughter Angela Lands; two sons Aaron Harrison and Matthew Harrison; one sister Linda Johnson; one brother Rick Williams and wife Phyllis; four grandchildren Trevor Williams, Layne Williams, Ethan Harrison and Elliott Harrison; one great grandchild Karter Harrison.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, April 29, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Graveside was held Thursday, April 30, at Delight Cemetery, with Mike Jones officiating, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com)

## Grant Cleveland Gatliff, 95, Delight



Grant Cleveland Gatliff, known to his friends and family as "G.C.", age 95 of Delight, AR, passed away Monday, April 27, 2026. He was born July 6, 1930 at Shawmut, AR.

Grant was the oldest of six children born to Fletcher and Nina Gatliff of Delight.

A graduate of Delight High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy immediately after graduating, serving Honorably for 27 years as an aircraft structural mechanic, achieving the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer. His service spanned both the Korean and Vietnam War eras where his various assignments aboard Naval ships took him around the world, including overseas duty stations, and eventually on the West Coast to California where he met and married his wife, Marcia. Following his retirement from the Navy they returned permanently to his childhood home of Arkansas.

Grant can best be described as being passionately patriotic; standing tall to honor our flag, respecting our country and those wearing the uniform in service to our nation. He was a voracious reader with an insatiable passion for westerns

and history. Grant was very energetic and remained active well into his 80's competing as a highly valued league member in his favorite past time of bowling. He and Marcia both enjoyed the competition with friends that took them all over Arkansas and surrounding states as well. They loved to travel and Grant often boasted of visiting every state in America, with the exception of Minnesota.

Grant was preceded in death by his parents, Fletcher and Nina Gatliff; brother, Donald Lee Gatliff; sisters, Galaskia Gatliff, Celesta Bean and Sharon Culbertson. Also preceding him in death was his wife of 57 years, Marcia ; step-son, Benjamin Salter III; and sister-in-law, Faydean Gatliff. Grant is survived by one sister, Carolyn Lamkin and husband, Travis of Stephens, AR; step-sons, Bruce Salter and wife Debbie of California; Doug Salter and wife Sharon of Delight; step-daughter, Luna Dove of O'Brian, OR; brother-in-law, Bob Culbertson of Paris, TX; plus, a host of nieces, nephews, and step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Delight Cemetery on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 1:00 pm with full military honors. Services are under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Delight-Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 191, Delight, AR 71940.

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com)

## Bobby Ray Hamilton, 50, Nashville



Bobby Ray Hamilton, 50, of Nashville, Arkansas passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He was born September 1, 1975, in Murfreesboro, Arkansas the son of Linda Godwin Icenhower and the late William Hamilton.

Bobby was a member of Harvest Time Assembly and served as Deacon there. He loved his grandkids, fishing, hunting, anything outdoors and working on trucks.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two

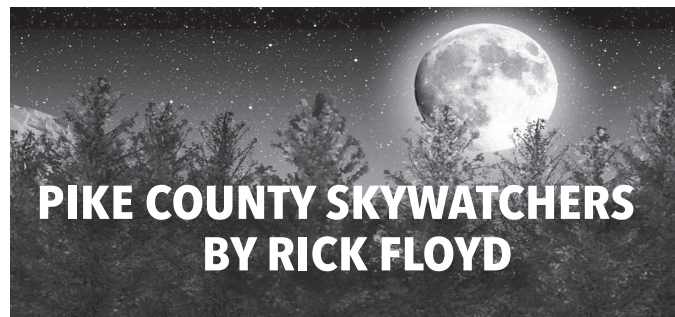
children Gracie and William Hamilton.

Survivors include his wife Amanda Hamilton of Nashville; one son Michael Hamilton and wife Genell of Searcy; four grandchildren Grason, Emma, McKenzie and Hazel; his mother and stepfather Linda Icenhower and Rex; 3 brothers Billy A. Hamilton, Billy W. Hamilton and Adrian Hamilton. As well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation was held on Sunday, May 3, at Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 4, at Harvest Time Assembly in Murfreesboro, with Bro. Danny Eckert and Vernon Livingston officiating, burial followed in the Ozan Cemetery at Bingen, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home.

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## PIKE COUNTY SKYWATCHERS BY RICK FLOYD

### Watch out for hummingbirds

The Earth is passing through the dusty trail left by the well-known Halley's Comet, and particles are now being pulled into our atmosphere and turned into meteors. This is the Eta-Aquarids meteor shower, so called because the fiery streaks of burning comet dust seem to come from the constellation Aquarius in the southern sky. The peak times will most likely be in the pre-dawns of May 5,6,7. However, this year the Moon will be in a waning gibbous phase and still bright which will obscure much of the meteor showing.

May 9 is World Migratory Bird Day. The theme this year is "Every Bird Counts - Your Observations Matter!" The goal is to highlight the importance of citizen science to the gathering of scientific data. A good place to learn more if you want to participate is the World Migratory Bird Day site.

One of the focus birds this year is the Ruby Throated Hummingbird. They are usually abundant in our area, and you can see tracking notes about them and other birds that include what is going on in Arkansas on such sites as Hummingbird Central 2026, and Journey North Maps. Ruby Throats have already been spotted in Arkansas so get the feeders out, and make your own nectar using ¼ cup of sugar to one cup of water, boil until sugar is dissolved (no dyes).

Ruby Throat Hummingbirds navigate by memory as they migrate from Mexico, Belize and other places south of the U.S. They can travel 25 or so miles per day which is not bad for such a small bird. A Hummingbird has a lifespan of 3 to 5 years. They log a lot of miles in those years. Another good bird migration site is Audubon Bird Migration Explorer.

The constellation Leo the Lion is one of the most recognizable of the Zodiac star groups if you know where to find it. Right now it is almost overhead at 9 p.m. A good way to locate it is to find the well-known pointer stars of the Big Dipper. They are the ones on the bowl of the dipper that we use to point us to the North Star. To find Leo follow a line from the pointers in the opposite direction which will take your eyes to the unmistakable Leo. It is easy to imagine a lion in motion as you concentrate on this constellation. Look for the bright star, Regulus, ( Alpha Leonis) at one of the lion's front feet, and at its hind end find a triangle of stars with the bright star Denebola at its point. Denebola is Arabic meaning lion's tail.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ONGOING** -- The public is invited to drop by the Pike County Extension Office and get some Texas Roadhouse Rolls. The rolls have been cut in price to \$4 a dozen and \$2 for container of cinnamon butter. Call the office at (870) 285-2161 for more information.

MAY 16 -- The Class of 1976 will be having their fiftieth Delight High School reunion on May 16 at 7 p.m, at The Feed Bin Cafe in Murfreesboro. All graduates, their spouses and former classmates are invited to attend. Attending parties are requested to contact The Feed Bin Cafe (870) 285-3122 by May 11th to pre-order from their online dinner menu. Event host contact is Lyn Pilot, text only, (870) 681-2050 for more information.

MAY 17 -- The annual Decoration and Homecoming at Academy Cemetery will be held on Sunday May 17. There will be a potluck meal at noon. Mowing season is here and the upkeep of the cemetery is made possible by your donations. Donations may be given to Basel Cox, Gary L. Cox, or Jimmy Goodwin.

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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: How can you manage fibromyalgia?**

**A:** Fibromyalgia is a chronic condition that causes widespread joint and muscle pain. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 4 million U.S. adults are affected by the condition.

It is unknown what causes fibromyalgia. Those affected have an increased sensitivity to pain, and researchers believe it results from the way the brain and spinal cord process painful and nonpainful signals.

Fibromyalgia isn't considered an autoimmune or inflammatory disease; however, those who have autoimmune conditions such as lupus or rheumatoid arthritis are more at risk of developing fibromyalgia, as are people with a family history of the disease. The chance of developing fibromyalgia

increases past the age of 40, and women are more likely to be affected than men.

Symptoms include fatigue, muscle pain and tenderness, headaches, digestive problems such as constipation or diarrhea, and bladder control issues.

Anxiety, depression, and memory issues are additional symptoms. Stress, hormone changes, and weather or temperature changes are some possible triggers of fibromyalgia.

The condition cannot be cured, but its symptoms can be managed. Antidepressants, antiseizure medicines, or pain relievers are often prescribed to alleviate symptoms. Mental health counseling and physical therapy are other methods of managing the condition. Contact your health care provider for an examination if you have symptoms.

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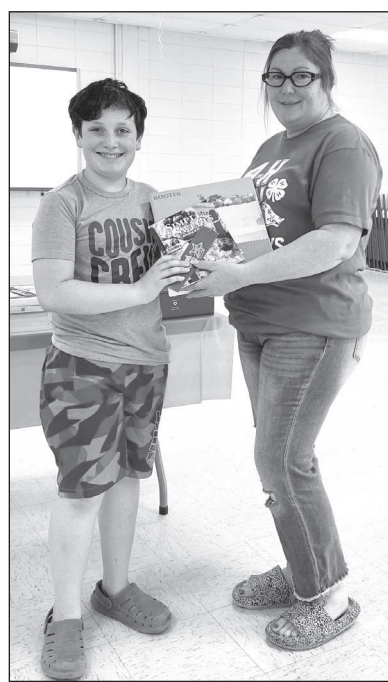
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**AWARD WINNING RECIPES ...** Pike County 4-H held their Barbecue/Rice/Dairy cooking contest last Saturday, with winners pictured (above L To R, with 4-H program assistant Shannon Ballard) Junior Dairy Main Dish - Tobias Doyle, Senior Rice Main Dish - Carsyn Ballard, Senior Rice Party Dish - Cayden Ballard, Cloverbud Party Dish - Delylah Leppert, Senior BBQ - Jadyn Chambers, and Junior Dairy Party Dish - Sebastain Doyle. See below for the award winning recipes from the dishes they prepared.

# 4-H announces award winning recipes from their cooking contest

**SENIOR RICE MAIN DISH**  
**CARSYN BALLARD**  
**Cheesy Chicken Rice**  
 1 1/2 cups ricw  
 1 cup Velveeta, cubed  
 1/4 cup milk  
 1 can chicken, 12.5 oz (drained)  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 1/2 cup shredded cheese  
**Instructions**  
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook rice, melt Velveeta with milk, then mix rice, velveeta, canned chicken, salt and pepper to taste, then place in a greased baking dish, top with shredded cheese, and bake 10-15 minutes.  
**Add-Ins-** Broccoli, whole kernel corn, rotel

**SENIOR RICE PARTY DISH**  
**CAYDEN BALLARD**  
**Lime Rice Salad**  
 1 1/2 cup cooked rice  
 1 can (15oz) black beans, drained and rinsed  
 1 cup corn (fresh, canned, or frozen and thawed)  
 1/2 cup red onion, finely diced  
 1/4 cup chopped cilantro (optional but great)  
**Dressing**  
 3 tablespoons lime juice (or lemon juice)  
 1 tablespoon garlic salt  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
**Instructions**  
 In a large bowl, combine rice, beans, corn, onion and cilantro. Add lime juice and garlic salt. Taste and adjust seasonings before serving  
**Add-Ins**  
 Cherry tomatoes, bell pepper

**JUNIOR DAIRY MAIN DISH**  
**TOBIAS DOYLE**  
**Homemade Mac and Cheese**

**Ingredients**  
 8 oz elbow macorni, uncooked  
 2 T. flour (all purpose)  
 1/2 t. sea salt  
 1/4 t. garlic powder  
 2 T. butter  
 1 cup whole milk  
 1/4 cup sour cream  
 8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese (approx. 2 cups)

**Garnish--Optional**  
 Shredded cheese, real bacon bits  
**Directions**  
 Cook macaroni in boiling salted water according to package directions. Drain without rinsing  
 Combine flour, salt, garlic powder in a small bowl  
 Melt butter in a medium sauce pan over medium heat  
 Whisk in the flour mixture and cook for one minute, until slightly browned  
 Add milk and whisk until smooth, then stir in sour cream or yogurt and whisk until combined

Cook over medium-high heat for 3-5 minutes until the sauce thickens, being careful not to let boil  
 Reduce heat to low and stir in cheese until melted and smooth. Taste and adjust seasonings if necessary  
 Remove from heat and stir in the cooked macaroni until evenly coated  
 Allow to cook for 3-5 minutes to thicken slightly before serving warm. Garnish with cheese and real bacon bits

**JUNIOR DAIRY PARTY DISH**  
**SEBASTIAN DOYLE**

**Ambrosia Salad**  
**Ingredients**  
 8 oz. cream cheese (room temperature)  
 8 oz. whipped topping  
 15 oz. mandarin oranges (drained)  
 20 oz. crushed pineapple (drained)  
 12 oz. maraschino cherries (drained and cut in half)

1 cup shredded coconut  
 1 cup marshmallows  
 Walnuts or pecans for garnish  
**Directions**  
 In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese on low until smooth

Add in the whipped topping, a third at a time, mixing on low speed, until smooth  
 Stir in orange, pineapple, cherries, coconut and marshmallows. DO NOT use electric mixer. DO NOT break the fruit up more  
 Let chill in the fridge for several hours  
 Spoon into serving bowl (or individual cups) and garnish with nuts, if desired

**CLOVERBUD DAIRY PARTY DISH**  
**DELYLAH LEPPERT**  
**Sour Cream-Parmesan Cheese Pesto Dip**  
**Ingredients**  
 1 cup sour cream  
 1/2 cup basil pesto  
 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
**Instructions**

In a medium bowl, combine the sour cream, basil pesto and grated Parmesan cheese; mix well to blend

Chill or serve immediately. Serve with crackers or chips for dipping or as a sandwich spread



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**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ...** Rattler senior archer Garrett Molnaird was awarded the SPC Archery Booster Club Scholarship at the 2026 archery banquet held recently. Garrett is pictured with his mother Melissa.

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**TUESDAY, MAY 12**  
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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**  
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**FRIDAY, MAY 8**  
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**MONDAY, MAY 11**  
 Breakfast: Mini pancakes or cereal, fruit, juice, milk  
 Lunch: Cheeseburger, sidewinder fries, lettuce, tomato, mixed berry cup, milk

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**  
 Breakfast: Pancake sausage bites or cereal, fruit, juice, milk  
 Lunch: Chicken tenders, sweet peas, roll, mixed fruit, milk  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**  
 Breakfast: Pancake on a stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk  
 Lunch: Corndog, baked beans, seasoned corn, cranberries, milk

*\*Due to food item shortages menus are subject to change without notice. Any changes to the menu will be posted on the website at www.rattlers.org*

## 'Dear Preacher'

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ



**THE HEARING OF FAITH**  
 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Galatians 3:1-2 There is a way of hearing the gospel that will lead you to the Lord. There is a way of listening that will lead you away from the truth. Everyone has some concept of what the Bible teaches. Our own understanding of the Holy Scriptures is based upon what we perceive to be the truth about our soul's salvation. The hearing that will save is the heart listening to God's will, no matter how it agrees or dis-

agrees with our own convictions. The hearing of faith is completely in agreement with what God commands us to do to be saved. We are to obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29) Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands you sinners; and purify your hearts you double-minded.

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

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15. Heap
16. Chesterfield, e.g.
17. Not sharp
18. Katy Perry's hit
19. Grammy of sports
20. \*Bachelor of Arts, e.g.
23. Autumn mo.
24. Opposite of outs
25. Muslim ruler, respectfully
28. Retirement safety net (2 words)
31. Completely isolate (2 words)
33. "That feels good!" exclamation
34. Programmer's bane
35. Mozart's "L \_\_\_ del Cairo"
36. \*Same as #11 Down
40. #me \_\_\_
42. Paleozoic or Victorian, e.g.
43. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no \_\_\_"
44. River port in Belgium
47. Not figurative
51. Wavelike patterned silk
52. "For \_\_\_ a jolly..."
53. Bass product
54. \*Student speaker at graduation, usually
59. Regrettably, exclamation
61. Immanuel \_\_\_, German philosopher
62. Fortune teller's props
63. Welcome \_\_\_, pl.
64. "Cogito \_\_\_ sum"
65. Subdivision of an act
66. Olden day "you"
67. Whitetail, e.g.
68. Late actor Kristofferson

**DOWN**

1. Type of ape

2. Twist together
3. Not products, in chemistry
4. Dietary mineral
5. Spring, \_\_\_, sprung
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7. Winglike
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9. Industrial plastic
10. Luxury furniture wood
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12. Slovenly abode
14. Pilot's estimate, acr.
21. Fire starter
22. Santa \_\_\_ winds
26. Half of NFL
27. \*BA alternative
29. Same as Dao
30. "Friends, Romans., lend me your \_\_\_," sing.
31. \*Stand-in teacher
32. Self-centered one
34. Undergarment
36. \*What guest graduation speaker is supposed to do
37. Dadaist Jean \_\_\_
38. \*A in #27 Down
39. Marbled toast
40. \*#36 Across for PhD recipient
41. Lennon's widow
45. Fish family
46. Sushi restaurant staple
47. \*Professor, technically
48. Faultfinder and scoffer
49. \*Former students
50. Part of eyeglasses, pl.
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**CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS ...** After defeating Spring Hill 1-0 in ten innings to close out the regular season at home last week, the Murfreesboro Rattlers baseball team (22-3 overall, 11-1 conference) was crowned as the 7-2A conference champions for 2026. The Rattlers, which has now won the conference championship three years straight, will now enter the regional tournament, held in Murfreesboro this week, by facing the number four seed from 8-2A, Parkers Chapel on Thursday, May 7 at 10 a.m. Other games on Thursday include (2) Junction City versus (3) Foreman at 12:30 p.m., (1) Woodlawn versus (4) Dierks at 3 p.m. and (2) Spring Hill versus (3) Ouachita at 5:30 p.m. The semifinals are set for Friday, May 8 at noon and 2:30 p.m. The consolation game will be held on Saturday at noon and the championship game at 2:30. The Lady Rattlers (third-seeded, 7-2A) will also be participating in the softball regional tournament, facing off against Magnet Cove (seconds seeded, 8-2A) on Thursday, May 7 at 12:30 p.m. Other games on Thursday include: (1) Horatio versus (4) Hampton at 10 a.m., (1) Woodlawn versus (4) Spring Hill at 3 p.m. and (2) Dierks versus (3) Poyen at 5:30 p.m. The semi final games are set for Friday, May 8 (Noon and 2:30 p.m.) with the consolation game set for Saturday at noon and the championship game to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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**PIKE COUNTY COURT DOCKET**

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**PIKE COUNTY**

Allen, Ricky Andrew, 71, Glenwood, \$495 BF, third-degree domestic battery

Chambers, William Earl, 62, Nashville, guilty of failure to register tags/expired; guilty of motorcycle-standard equipment required, fined \$125; guilty of no motorcycle endorsement on license; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315

Conwell, William Odell, 41, Glenwood, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$285

Lansford, Kasey W., 33, Texarkana, Texas, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of driving left of center, fined \$140

Mille, Kevin R., 34, Murfreesboro, \$1,000 BF, third-degree battery

Reeves, Danielle, 41, Glenwood, guilty of disorderly conduct, fined \$285

Riddell, Emily Lauren, 34, Glenwood, \$140 BF, fictitious tags

Stewart, Destiny Faith, 27, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,995 balance

Woods, Kinder Deshae, 26, Little Rock, guilty of fictitious tags, fined \$140; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330; guilty of leaving scene of accident, fined \$210

**ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION**

Slaton, Raymond W., 74, Valiant, Okla., \$235 BF, fishing without license

**CITY OF GLENWOOD**

Cabornaro, Nicholas Jon, 44, Hot Springs, \$350 BF, driving with suspended license; \$70 BF, no seat belt; \$205 BF, failure to appear

Pate, Ted C., 36, Arkadelphia, \$165 BF, failure to pay; \$865 balance

Reppo, Priscilla, 56, Glenwood, \$165 BF, failure to pay

Tigue, Gene McKinney, 35, Amity, guilty of failure to pay, com-

mitted to jail; \$2,210 balance

**BENCH TRIALS -- PIKE COUNTY**

Cox, Christopher, 42, Murfreesboro, third-degree domestic battery, under advisement for six months to dismiss

Howell, Dustin R., 32, Delight, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$595

**BENCH TRIALS -- CITY OF MURFREESBORO**

Laliberte, Virginia Arlett, 39, Hot Springs, \$160 BF, careless prohibited driving

**BENCH TRIALS -- CITY OF GLENWOOD**

Huskey, Desiree Ann, 40, Hot Springs, speeding, under advisement to dismiss

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## Rattler archers awarded at annual banquet

The 2026 South Pike County Archery Banquet was held last Tuesday, April 28 at Murfreesboro High School.

A number of awards were handed out and all the participating archers recognized.

Individual awards included:

- Archer of the Year: Lillian Wilson
- SPC Archery Booster Club Scholarship: Garrett Molnaird
- Jacob Teel "Heart of a Champion": Jackson Nance

### SENIOR HIGH TEAM

Senior team members include: Avery Baker, Cayden Ballard, Morgan Bierden, Natalie Bush, Dean Cash, Justen Carey, Hunter Cooley, Hadley Cox, Chloe Cross, Lillian Cross, Lyzander Doyle, Andrew Evans, Jaycee Gonzales, Sebastian Green, Peyton Keys, Matt Lewis, Maddie Medlin, Garrett Molnaird, Dalton Nelson, Kristen Rogers, Ross Spradlin, Bella White, Vivian White, Lillian White and Austin Wright.

Senior awards for overall scoring in 2026 included:

#### FEMALE AWARDS:

1. Lillian Wilson
2. Maddie Medlin
3. Chloe Cross
4. Vivian White
5. Bella White

#### MALE AWARDS:

1. Justen Carey
2. Hunter Cooley
3. Dean Cash
4. Matt Lewis
5. Dalton Nelson

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

Middle School team members include: Lane Bierden, Leigha Bierden, Jacob Chaney, Gracie Collins, Gunner Cooley, Bella Cornelius, Ally Cross, Benjamin Cox, Sophia Cox, Will Dinger, Phinehas Doyle, Tobias Doyle, Kylee Fultz, Zacheriah Gooden, Gabby

Green, Lilli Harwell, Jacey Heaston, Ava Henderson, Joli Henderson, Brooklyn Hollinger, Amy Jones, Ora Kidd, Jackson Nance, Carter Pass, Izzy Silva, Cayden Staten, Tristen Watts, Abigail Whitten, Jaicee Wilkinson, Dante Wisener and Rachelle Wisener.

Middle School awards for overall scoring in 2026 included:

#### FEMALE AWARDS:

1. Joli Henderson
2. Jaicee Wilkinson
3. Amy Jones
4. Ora Kidd
5. Abigail Whitten

#### MALE AWARDS:

1. Jackson Nance
2. Tristen Watts
3. Tobias Doyle
4. Lane Bierden
5. Gunner Cooley

### ELEMENTARY TEAM

Elementary School team members include: Townes Allgood, Colton Amonette, Andy Childers, Colton Coleman, Keith Coleman, Ares Collins, Emily Cornish, Braxton Crabtree, Kayleigh Cross, Sebastian Doyle, Delilah Evans, H.K. Frachiseur, Dude Fulz, Hunter Heaston, Weston High, Samuel Hoover, Jayce James, Amiley Jones, Anita Kinnu, Luke Littles, Jameson Motley, Brylee Nuttall, Stevi Pass, Emmalyn Staten, Luke Whitten and Peyton Wright.

Elementary awards for overall scoring in 2026 included:

#### FEMALE AWARDS:

1. Henley Kate Frachiseur
2. Anita Kinnu
3. Townes Allgood
4. Kayleigh Cross
5. Stevi Pass

#### MALE AWARDS:

1. Hunter Heaston
2. Ares Collins
3. Braxton Crabtree
4. Jameson Motley
5. Dude Fultz



### SOUTH PIKE COUNTY ELEMENTARY ARCHERS



### SOUTH PIKE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERS



### SOUTH PIKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ARCHERS



Staff photos

**ARCHERS AWARDED ...** The 2026 South Pike County Archery Banquet named their overall Archer of the Year as Lillian Wilson (above left) and the Jacob Teel "Heart of a Champion" award winner as Jackson Nance.



Submitted photo

**COACHES RETIRE ...** Four longtime South Pike County Archery coaches -- (L to R) Alan Self, Shelly Pettigrew, Ronald Pettigrew, and Mark Collins announced their retirement at last week's awards banquet. Pettigrew said they had been involved since about "2012 we think ... we don't remember when he took it over but that doesn't matter, those kids are the program -- we coaches stand behind them pushing them, giving them support, love and sometimes just a hug! That's our job and we've loved it, even in the hard times. Even though we're not coaching we hope to still help as needed with the program."



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## Municipal elections now open for petitions

MURFREESBORO -- Pike County Clerk Randee Edwards said this week that candidates interested in running for municipal offices may begin circulating petitions for signatures on Thursday, May 7.

The header of the petition must be completed with the candidate's information and position they are running for prior to gathering signatures. Incomplete petitions will be voided and recirculation required. Petitions are available at the Clerk's office.

Positions for election during the 2026 General Election on November 3 include (with the current office holder):

#### TOWN OF ANTOINE

Mayor - David B Hendrix  
Recorder/Treasurer - Christi Ewart  
Alderman Position 1 - Carrie Tidwell  
Alderman Position 2 - Lonny VanCamp  
Alderman Position 3 - Heath VanCamp  
Alderman Position 4 - Vance Teel  
Alderman Position 5 - Theresa House

#### TOWN OF DAISY

Mayor - Lisa Cogburn  
Recorder/Treasurer - Melissa Jones  
Alderman Position 1 - Linda Hughes  
Alderman Position 2 - Rebecca Frazier  
Alderman Position 3 - Scotty Frazier  
Alderman Position 4 - Nicholas Stant  
Alderman Position 5 - Helen Frazier

#### TOWN OF DELIGHT

Mayor - Lee Gatliff  
Recorder/Treasurer - Dana Hightower  
Alderman Position 1 - Rhonda Abbott  
Alderman Position 2 - Ty Sherrod  
Alderman Position 3 - Brandi "Rowton" Martin  
Alderman Position 4 - Ronnie Cox  
Alderman Position 5 - Keith Woods

#### CITY OF GLENWOOD

Mayor - Billy Plyler  
Alderman North Ward Position 2 - Johnny Cox  
Alderman South Ward Position 2 - Chase Pope  
**CITY OF MURFREESBORO**  
Mayor - Jim O'Neal  
Alderman North Ward Position 1 - Mark Barnes  
Alderman North Ward Position 2 - Kirk J Stone  
Alderman South Ward Position 1 - Lewis Gills  
Alderman South Ward Position 2 - Jane Fugitt  
Alderman West Ward Position 1 - Betty J O'Neal  
Alderman West Ward Position 2 - Cody Bachman

Running for Public Office Handbooks are available at the clerk's office and contain rules and regulations as well as samples of the needed petitions or you may obtain online at <https://sbec.arkansas.gov/.../2025-Running-for-Public...>

Candidates are required to collect 10 qualifying signatures to be eligible to file for office.

For questions or more information call the clerk's office at (870) 285-2743.

#### ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Edwards also noted that May 1 was the deadline for independent candidates to file petitions and signature collection affidavits for federal, state, or county offices.

As no local county petitions were received, independent candidate for sheriff, Obie Laurent, is not qualified to be on the ballot in November and Republican candidate Travis Hill will be unopposed.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

PERMANENT CLOSING OF COUNTY ROAD  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF PIKE COUNTY ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION  
VACATE AND CLOSE A PORTION OF BOWEN BRIDGE  
ROAD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed with the County Court of Pike County, Arkansas, for the purpose of permanently closing, vacating, and abandoning a portion of Bowen Bridge Road, located in Southeast Pike County, which is described as follows:

Description of Affected Section:

Beginning at point Bowen Road (CR34) and extending to Kittle Missouri River a total distance of approximately 3450 ft.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing on this petition will be held before the Honorable Eddie Howard, County Judge of Pike County Arkansas.

Date: June 10, 2026

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: Pike County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Square, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

All interested parties, including landowners abutting the affected portion of the road, are requested to appear at the time and place mentioned above to show cause, if any they can, why the petition to vacate said road should not be granted.

The petition can be reviewed in the office of the Pike County Clerk, Randee Edwards, 112 North Washington, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

Given under my hand this 4th day of May 2026.

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard

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