

The

Murfreesboro Diamond

8

04879132950

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Issue 2 • 1 Section • 6 Pages

\$1.00
USPC 103-230

Serving South Pike County, Arkansas Since 1975
◆◆◆ Home of the Crater of Diamonds State Park ◆◆◆

AGFC program at library on Thursday

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro chapter of the Pike County Library will host “Unearth A Story” summer reading program events this July on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m.

The Arkansas Game and Fish holding a program on Friday, July 17.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program will be held on Tuesday, July 21, with colored sand art held on Friday, July 24.

No registration is needed for any of the events.

For more information, contact the library at (870) 285-2575 or e-mail murfreesboropubliclibrary@gmail.com. The library is open on Tuesdays-Friday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed from noon-1 p.m. for lunch.

New book arrivals to the library may be viewed at www.facebook.com/Murfreesboro.Library.

4-H continues summer cereal drive

MURFREESBORO -- Pike County 4-H is seeking to provide children out of school with the most important meal of the day.

As such, the effort is seeking non-perishable and kid-friendly breakfast items such as cereal, oatmeal, toaster pastries and granola bars from June 1-July 31.

“This is for children and families in the county who might otherwise go without,” said Pike County 4-H assistant Shannon Ballard.

Items may be dropped off at either the Pike County Extension offices in Murfreesboro or at the Bainum Library in Glenwood.

Benefit for Woods to be held July 25 in Delight

DELIGHT -- A benefit for Delight resident and city council board member Keith Woods will be held on Sunday, July 26 at noon in the Delight School Cafeteria.

Woods recently underwent surgery to remove a tumor, which was cancerous, and is now at the beginning of a long and difficult road of treatment.

Event creators said that “this is one of the hardest battles Keith and his family has ever faced. They are holding tightly to their faith, believing in the power of prayer and trusting God every step of the way. We would be grateful for your continued prayers, love, and support as we walk this journey together. Thank you for standing with Keith and the family -- every prayer, donation and act of kindness means more than words can express.”

The event will serve pulled pork dinners with all the trimmings. An online silent auction will be held the week prior to the event and will end on July 25.

A utility trailer donated by Diamond City Trailers will also be raffled off.

Anyone who would like to help is asked to contact Debbie Nash (870) 230-3641 or Stephanie Ivy (870) 260-8409.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

A cornhole benefit tournament for Keith Woods of Delight will be held on July 25 at the Delight School Gymnasium.

The doors open at 5 p.m., with round robin play beginning at 6 p.m.

Costs of entertaining will be \$25 per player, with four rounds of round robin play. A bracket will be created once entries become official, and the bracket will split to an upper and lower if the number of entries demand.

Prizes will be included for the first and second place of the upper bracket and first place of the lower bracket if one is created.

“Every player, every donation, and every prayer makes a difference. Thank you for helping us rally around Woody as he continues his battle.”

Woods is currently battling cancer.

“As he continues his fight through treatment, the family is facing many unexpected expenses including travel, medical costs, and lost income. We’re asking the cornhole community to come together once again -- not jut to throw bags, but to help ease the burden during his difficult season,” said tournament organizers.

Submit Your Local News to the Diamond!
mdiamond@windstream.net
Call (870) 285-2723 For More Information



Submitted photo/Grace Photography by Jill

NEW FLORAL SHOP OPENS ON SQUARE ... JBH and Company Floral and Design held their opening last week on the Pike County Courthouse Square. “What a wonderful first week ... we’re so thankful for every customer we had the privilege of helping this week,” said owner Brittany Harris. “A huge thank you to the JBH and Company team for all of their hard work, creativity, and encouragement throughout this process.” Harris said team member Theresa has years of experience, assisting florist both in Delight and on The Square. “She also has experience in silk florals for weddings events. While she can handle a whole sale bundle of flowers like a pro, in her spare time she likes ‘foraging’ nature’s florals to create the most beautiful live arrangements. She may be part-time but she has put in full-time energy and care from day one. The third team member is Sydney, a 2024 graduate of Murfreesboro High School. “When Sydney came to me in the ninth grade, her creativity and willingness to work stood out to me from the beginning. In the next four years Sydney went onto produce creative designs, both in digital art and fine art, and implemented organization systems.”

Council hears of business closing and UTVs in town

Mayor Jim O’Neal officially announces he will not seek reelection in 2026

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro City Council heard that finances were fine at Monday night’s meeting, after a gain of \$35,000 according to City Treasurer Penny Lamb.

After the council asked why -- following discussions about potential cuts coming just a few months previous -- she replied there was “no loss ... stuff comes due at the beginning of the year and has now come through ... sometimes it just takes a while, but we are on track.”

City Fire Chief Ricky Branch updated the council on the recent closure of K&B Fuel and Nanny’s Kitchen.

Branch said the State Fire Marshall’s report had been released, and that it stated that the fuel component of the business was closed following discovery that the business and owner Henry Ward had never applied for the proper licenses and permits from the state to sell fuel.

He added that Ward had been aware of the lack of compliance issues since May.

Branch said the diner was closed after it was discovered the building was “not safe and contained potential hazardous breathing issues” leading to the building being condemned until sufficient repairs are made.

“The report says he can reopen after fixing the issues, but it will be a major undertaking,” said Branch, who noted that Ward had complied with all city regulations. “He did everything we asked of him -- the reason for closure was all state violations. When he called initially and asked what he needed to do, I made him copies of the fire code laws, state gas tank regulations and handicapped bathroom regulations.”

Branch said the state code requires a submission of engineer drawings and plans to be submitted and approved before installation of gas tanks begins.

The council asked how it was put on the state’s radar, and Branch explained that it was from the Weights and Scales branch of the State and that it was noticed the business was not on the list for inspection along with the other Murfreesboro businesses they were here to visit.

“They noticed it wasn’t on the list when the were doing the rest of town,” said Branch. “That’s what go it on the radar, then it was discovered that he couldn’t have certified his gas pumps as they were set up, and the ball began rolling, including inspection of the building.”

Branch said there were also outstanding questions to be answered about how Ward was able to purchase fuel without the proper permitted credentials as well as how the state Health Department cleared the restaurant for use in the first place.

Mayor Jim O’Neal asked the council if they had any questions, and suggested they fully

read the report before the August 10 meeting.

“We can address any further issues next month after the council can fully read the report,” O’Neal said.

The council also began the task of passing ordinance 2026-3, which would designate certain city streets and highways within Murfreesboro for use of utility task vehicles (UTV) as well as providing the rules of operation and enforcement regulations.

Prior to the council meeting, a town hall meeting was held to provide comments from the public on the issue.

Mayor O’Neal said ultimately the idea was to generate business and tax revenue for the city.

“We want to keep them [vacationers] here one more day, and if we allow them to utilize north and south Washington street, they can have access to the motels and restaurants before moving on to someplace else [outside the city] that is more fun to ride. Tourism is our industry. This could also open up businesses to rent, repair and sell UTVs.”

It was noted that currently it was a rule that UTVs could not be parked at the Crater of Diamonds State Park.

COUNCIL

Continued on Page 2



Staff photo

CHECKING OUT THE NEW TECH ... Murfreesboro Mayor Jim O’Neal and city council board candidate Doris Scoggins look over the new iPads provided to city council members at Monday night’s meeting. The iPads will allow the council to receive monthly packets digitally and reduce the need for paper packets.

COUNCIL Continued from Page 1

Murfreesboro resident Rick Floyd said the initial talk of hiking and bicycle trails were preferable to him, citing them as being less impactful and more tourist friendly.

Floyd added that in cities ranked for quality of life, that the act of hiking or biking would allow for people to decompress by “getting away into nature” and exercising, which was much less a component of UTV use. He also said that bike rentals in town would be much cheaper.

Lamb stated that Highway 301 -- which takes visitors to the Crater of Diamonds State Park -- was not safe for bicycle riders with no shoulders on the road.

Councilwoman Jane Fugitt said there had been attempted communication with the state about an augmented trail system at the local state park, much like they had done at Pinnacle Mountain and Queen Wilhelmina State Parks, but there was no positive response from the state park system.

Of course, any laws applying to visitors also apply to residents.

Therefore, the ordinance has certain regulations including:

- The exclusion of Owens, E. Brewer, E. Dickson, Reese, E. Haslip Streets, Second Avenue, Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue during school hours, which would be closed to UTV use during school hours and school functions, including the baseball fields.
- UTVs are not allowed in any areas not designated for motor vehicle traffic, such as sidewalks, grass, and walking trails.
- UTVs may not be operated in city limits between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Operation of lights attached to and contained in the UTV shall comply with ACA 27-36-208, which states that

(a) Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor

vehicle, other than headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle warning lamps, and school bus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three hundred candlepower (300 cp) shall be so directed that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than seventy-five feet (75') from the vehicle.

(b) (1) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device thereon displaying a red, blue, or green light visible from directly in front of the center thereof.

This subsection shall not apply to any vehicle upon which a red light visible from the front is expressly authorized or required by this subchapter.

(c) Flashing lights are prohibited except on:

- (1) An authorized emergency vehicle;
- (2) A school bus;
- (3) A funeral procession as provided in § 27-49-113;
- (4) Any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn; or any vehicle as a means of indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing.

Any violations of the ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$100 plus court costs for the first offense and not more than \$250 plus court costs for each subsequent offense, in addition to any penalties under state law.

The ordinance had its introduction and first reading at Monday’s meeting, the second reading will be held in August and the third in September, at which time the council would take a vote.

It was noted that Glenwood passed their version of the ordinance in full recently.

The ordinance was made possible following the 2025 state law

amending Arkansas Code 27-21-101 that allows for municipalities to designate city streets for used by UTVs.

The council was issued its individual iPads, which in the future will contain all council related packages to their email addresses as the city eschews paper packets. Mayor O’Neal reminded the council that possession of the devices would fall under the freedom of information act, and to not have anything on the devices that they would not like known.

In the animal control report Mayor O’Neal stated that in the month of May one dog and nine cats were collected, while in June fours dogs and one cat were picked up.

“We may be thinning down the cat population,” O’Neal said.

Branch told the council that he had found an alternative to the \$80,000 previously approved for a new brush truck to fight remote fires.

He said a older Arkansas Forestry Commission truck had come available, which the city could use for free as long as they wanted, with the only provisos being maintenance and return of the truck when they no longer wanted to utilize it.

Branch said it would cost around \$2,000 to get the truck ready for their use, including suspension work and the addition of an in-cab radio.

“There’s no need for us to spend \$80,000 for a truck to drive in the woods -- scratching and dinging it -- we can keep the money and save it for another truck in the future,” said Branch.

O’Neal stated that an ice cream social would be held prior to the August 10 meeting, and that the public was invited.

He also reminded board members that their petitions to run for their positions again would be due in two weeks, with the filing period ending on August 5 at noon. Any board members not seeking reelection were asked to return their copies of the municipal codes.

O’Neal stated for the record that he will not be seeking reelection for the position of mayor.

Celebrating America 250 in style ... but not in Davy Crockett cosplay

Two hundred and fifty years old, sounds like a pretty big thing to celebrate, right? Celebrate I did.

As many of you know, I am a huge history buff. The best example I can give to you is that when I went to school in Texas in the fourth grade, I was obsessed with The Alamo and Davy Crockett. So much so that my Granny whipped me up a Davy Crockett costume, and I went to fight for The Alamo on the playground.

No, I will not be including the picture that still haunts me to this day.

I found out Old Washington was doing a live reading of The Declaration of Independence. I knew I had to be there. They apparently do it every year, but America only turns two hundred and fifty once.

My friend Emily and I braved the Arkansas heat to really get a feel for the freedom our forefathers felt. We obviously went to the gift shop, bought a tour, and I bought a Declaration of Independence to commemorate this moment. They sent us on our way with a map. Did I have to ask for directions a couple of times, yes. We really got the pioneer experience. They even gave



Little Homestead In The City

HALLIE CALDWELL • PIKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Chairman for the Women’s Leadership • Ag In the Classroom

Phone (870) 285-3194 • E-Mail hcaldwell@uada.edu

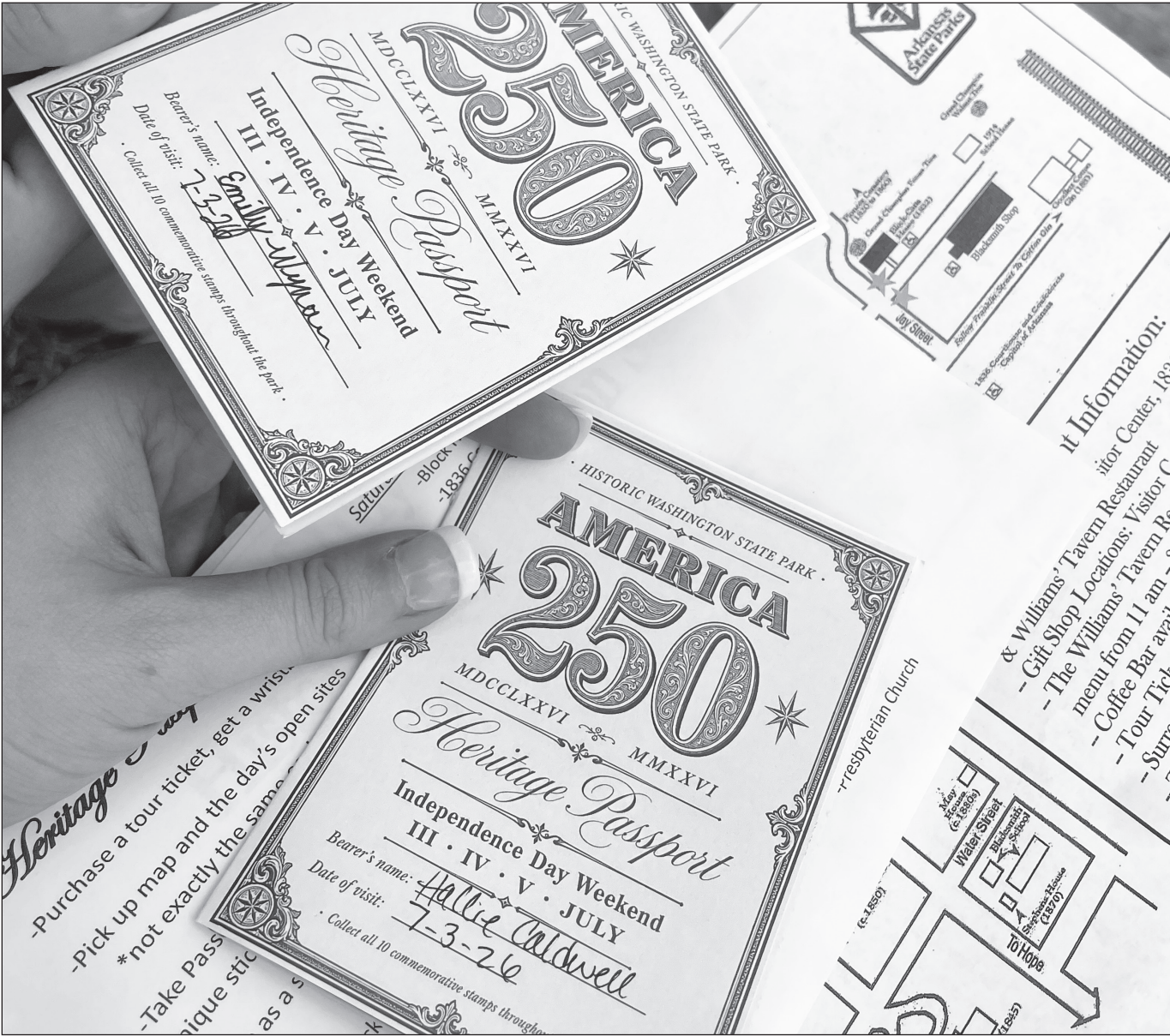
us little passports to be stamped at each house we stopped at.

It was a really fun experience that I think kids would enjoy! Well, at least I would have enjoyed it as a little kid.

Speaking of celebrating, the winner of the County Cows scav-

enger hunt is Lux Stone! She found the County Cow Blondie at Connections. She won the gift card from Malibu Sno-Glow!

Fear not, I will be doing another scavenger hunt in the future so everyone can have another chance!



Murfreesboro Diamond

Your Hometown Newspaper since 1975

Located in the County Seat of Pike County • Murfreesboro, Arkansas

Home of the Crater of Diamonds State Park

Little Missouri River • Lake Greeson

- John Robert Schirmer, Publisher
- P.J. Tracy IV, Editor
- Christy Coccarelli, Office Manager/Photographer

Published by Nashville Leader Inc.,
418 North Main Street
Nashville, AR 71852

Periodical Class postage paid at Murfreesboro, AR

The *Murfreesboro Diamond* (USPC 103-230) is published every Wednesday.

Subscription Rates: \$45 per year in area: Pike, Howard, Hempstead, Clark, Nevada & Montgomery counties; \$57 per year elsewhere.

\$35 for 6-months in area; \$45 for 6-months elsewhere.

College Subscriptions- \$30 for 9-months.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 550, Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Telephone: 870-285-2723

Business Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Please Send Change of Address Information to:
Murfreesboro Diamond
P.O. Box 550, Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Any erroneous statement published in the newspaper will be gladly and promptly corrected if called to the attention of the management.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
FRIDAYS AT 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE

As of August 1

The Murfreesboro Water office will be changing hours to 8:30 am through 4:00pm

This publication was paid for by the Murfreesboro Water Department. The amount paid for this publication is \$ 27.00 (m.w.d. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ATTENTION PARENTS:

The state and federal guidelines require that all Special Education due process records are destroyed within six years after a students leaves the special education program. You have the right to review and pick up your child’s due process records. You may call the local Special Education Administrator’s office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to make arrangements to pick up the records.

Records that are not picked up will be destroyed July 30.

These records are NOT your child’s permanent school records. These records contain special education due process forms and evaluation.

If you have any questions you can contract the Special Education Administrator at 870-285-2313.

(s.p.c.s.d., 121w., 1,2)

SMALL ADS DO WORK!

YOU JUST READ ONE!

CONTACT THE DIAMOND • (870) 285-2723

Email mdiamond@windstream.net

The World’s First Hearing Aids With Touchscreen Controls.

No tiny buttons. No apps. No prescriptions.

Call **855-429-8720** to get your 45-day risk free trial.

- ✓ Revolutionary technology with touchscreen control.
- ✓ Hearing modes for any environment.
- ✓ Multiple models to choose from.
- ✓ Portable charging case.
- ✓ 48-hour battery life.
- ✓ UV cleaning.
- ✓ Background noise cancellation.
- ✓ 45-day risk free trial.

Atom X



Audien Hearing



Staff photo

FIRST ONE IN IS A ROTTEN EGG ... Chickens recently gather near a pool in a picture taken by extension agricultural agent Codie McAlister, but none of the fowl actually took the leap of faith to take relief during the hot summer afternoon.

Extension agent provides agri updates in the summer heat

BY CODIE MCALISTER
Pike County Extension Agent- Agriculture and Natural Resources

JULY AGRICULTURE UPDATES

The long, hot summer days are here in Pike County. You know it's hot when you walk outside first thing in the morning and can already hear the cicadas. It's the time of year where gardens are flourishing, farmers putting up all the hay they can, and cows are enjoying their fresh green grass. Chickens are even sitting by the pool to cool off.

As the seasons change and fields continue to flourish, there's plenty happening in the world of agriculture in our area so here are a few July updates.

FALL ARMYWORMS

There have not been many reports of Fall Armyworms in southwest Arkansas this summer, but we are nearing the time of year they start invading the area. It is important to be vigilant and monitor to stay on top of armyworms.

Hay producers are encouraged to scout their pastures and hayfields for fall armyworms. Examine at least 10 one square foot samples at random across the field. Female fall armyworm

moths prefer to lay eggs in areas of abundant growth. Be sure to include a few of these areas in your 10 samples.

Chemical control is usually needed when 2 or 3 worms per square foot are present. Read label instructions and follow all harvesting and grazing restrictions. In situations where mixed-sized worms are present, strongly consider using products with longer residual activity.

For recommendations for controlling Fall Armyworms contact the Pike County Extension Office at 870-285-2161.

HAY TESTING

Most hay producers in the county have already cut their second batch of hay, while others may be preparing to. While you are putting up hay for winter, it is a good idea to have your hay tested to determine the quality and nutrient value. This will allow you to know and prepare for any supplements you may need to provide for your livestock come winter.

Hay testing can be a good way to prevent nitrate poisoning in

livestock as well. The University of Arkansas Forage Lab in Fayetteville does hay tests starting at \$20 plus shipping. If interested in having your hay tested, you can bring it to the Pike County Extension Office for us to send off.

NEW WORLD SCREWORM

As of July 14, 2026 there are still no reported cases of New World Screwworm in Arkansas. All cases are still in southwest Texas and southeast New Mexico. There has been 35 cases with 19 still being active and 16 being inactive cases. Continue to monitor your livestock and pets for any potential signs. If you suspect a New World Screwworm case, contact the Arkansas Department of Agriculture either using their online reporting tool or by calling them at (501) 823-1746. Animal owners can also contact their regular veterinarian for suspicious cases as well.

DROUGHT REPORT:

The northern part of Pike County is reported as being a D0 or Abnormally Dry on the drought monitor, while the southern and western edges of the county are still in a D1 or Moderate Drought.

If you have any questions regarding army worms, hay testing, New World Screwworm or anything agriculture and natural resources related, contact the Pike County Extension Office at 870-285-2161 or stop by the office at 100 Court Street Suite A, Murfreesboro, AR. You can also find your local county extension office by visiting the website at www.uaex.uada.edu.

SUDOKU

Call today and receive a
FREE SHOWER PACKAGE
PLUS \$1600 OFF

1-855-576-5653

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165 NSCB 0082999 0083445

SPECIAL OFFER

		7				6		
4				6			1	
8				7	2			
5	8			2	7	3		
		9				7		
		3	1	9			5	2
			2	1				3
	7			3				8
		8				5		

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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: Is there a cure for lupus?

A: Lupus is an autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks the body's healthy cells and tissues. A chronic illness, the Lupus Foundation of America estimates that 1.5 million people in the U.S. and 5 million people worldwide have some form of the condition.

It is unknown what causes lupus to develop. Family history, reactions to certain medications, and environmental factors such as stress or overexposure to sunlight may trigger the condition. Lupus is more common in women than in men. People of all ages can be affected by lupus, but it is most frequently diagnosed in people between the ages of 15 and 45.

Symptoms include shortness of breath, fatigue, fever, swollen glands, and joint pain. Flares are periods in which the symptoms

are more acute. Complications from lupus include anemia, heart disease, kidney disease, a heightened risk of infections, and difficulties during pregnancy.

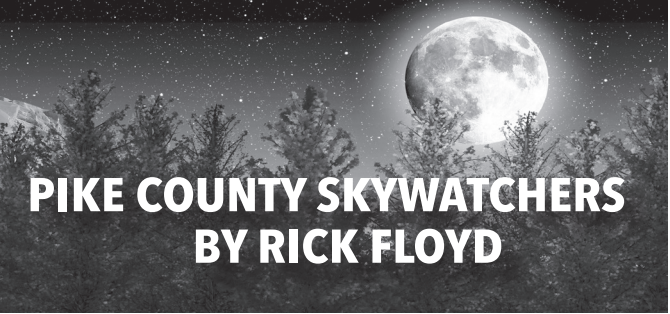
Lupus cannot be cured, but the condition can be managed. Symptoms vary from person to person and often mimic other illnesses. Recommended treatments include corticosteroids, immunosuppressants, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications, getting plenty of rest, and reducing sunlight exposure. See your healthcare provider to develop a plan, particularly if you have a family history of lupus.

Email your health questions to housecall@uams.edu.

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 email to mdiamond.editor@windstream.net



PIKE COUNTY SKYWATCHERS
BY RICK FLOYD

Summer heat allows for viewing the heavens slowly

This time of year heat and humidity can make being outside uncomfortable even after sunset. However, sitting out under a starry sky can still be enjoyed especially if you are reclined with a cool drink and not moving around much.

A sight you might have at dusky dark before stars are at their best is that of bats darting about making incredible acrobatic aerial moves as they hunt for food. You can consider yourself lucky to have them around even though they are generally misunderstood and get a bad “rap.” A single bat can consume 1,000 mosquitoes or so in an hour which definitely puts them in the beneficial category.

Myths and misinformation persist which includes the “blind as a bat” idea. They are not blind and in fact have very good vision which is especially adapted to seeing in the dim light of dawn or dusk. It is true that they often rely not only on vision, but also on an echo-location ability, a kind of sonar, to find their prey.

Not all bats have the rabies virus. In fact less than 1% of them carry the disease. Avoiding physical contact with bats, living or dead, is a good rule to follow. Despite myth, they do not have a taste for human blood or have any known association with vampires.

This is a good time of year to get a great perspective on the Milky Way. As you lie back looking up at bats and other near objects flying about take a look farther out starting with the big “W” of Cassiopeia in the north. There you can see a relatively dim cloudiness of stars that become brighter and thicker as your eyes move along to the constellation Cygnus. Cygnus, the swan or northern cross, by 10 p.m. is almost overhead and bright with the stars. The Cygnus Milky Way area is also well known for the dark nebula (galactic dust that hides the view of stars) that some ancient people saw as the shape of a person or god. Low in the southern sky is the constellation Sagittarius the centaur archer and the heart of the Milky Way. Within the Sagittarius group of stars is an asterism called the teapot. At the spout of the teapot is a beautiful mass of stars called the Large Sagittarius Star Cloud which seems to be steaming out of the pot. The cloud is actually the bulging center of our galaxy and about 25,000 light years from our Sun (a light year is the distance that light travels in one year, almost 6 trillion miles). The stars of this area are so dense it is hard to discern individual stars. This area looks spectacular through binoculars.

The Moon will be a waxing crescent low in the west after sunset on July 16 and 17. Nearby will be bright Venus and Regulus, the alpha star of the constellation Leo the lion.



Where To Find A Copy of the Diamond:

People's Pharmacy • C-Stop • EZ Mart
Tobacco & More • Gypsy Underground

OR VISIT THE MURFREESBORO DIAMOND OFFICE

Choose a health plan that's good for you
with a company you can trust.

individual • family • health • dental

Lisa Chandler, agent
Lisa Chandler Insurance

Nashville

office: 870-845-5930
cell: 870-845-7728
Insurance # 1264226



Arkansas
BlueCross BlueShield

Soliciting agent only. Not authorized to issue policies. Available only to residents in Arkansas.



Helping Families Connect, Honor & Remember

BURIAL INSURANCE • MONUMENTS • PRE-NEED FUNERAL PLANS

NASHVILLE
(870) 845-2233



MURFREESBORO
(870) 285-2194

P.O. Box 298 Nashville, Arkansas 71852
1211 Anthony Ave., Murfreesboro, Arkansas 71958
www.latimerfuneralhome.com

3	2	7	4	5	1	6	8	9
4	9	5	8	6	3	2	1	7
8	1	6	9	7	2	4	3	5
5	8	1	6	2	7	3	9	4
2	4	9	3	8	5	7	6	1
7	6	3	1	9	4	8	5	2
6	5	4	2	1	8	9	7	3
9	7	2	5	3	6	1	4	8
1	3	8	7	4	9	5	2	6

Century Farm program deadline nears for 2026

LITTLE ROCK -- The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is reminding farm families that applications for the Arkansas Century Farm Program are open now through July 31. The program recognizes Arkansas families who have owned and continuously farmed the same land for 100 years or more, honoring their longstanding contributions to the state’s agricultural heritage.

The program is voluntary, and there is no cost to apply. To qualify, farms must meet the following requirements:

The same family must have owned the farm for at least 100 years by December 31, 2026. Ownership may pass through generations, including children, grandchildren, siblings, and nephews or nieces – by birth, marriage, or adoption.

The farm must include at least 10 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

Qualifying farms will receive a personalized Arkansas Century Farm certificate and metal sign listing the farm name and year established.

Established in 2012, the Arkansas Century Farm Program highlights the historical significance of Arkansas farm families and their lasting impact on the state’s agriculture industry. Since its inception, 687 farms have been inducted. More information and the program application are available on the Department’s website at agriculture.arkansas.gov/resources/programs/arkansas-century-farm-program/.

Glenwood man dies in Clark County crash

CLARK COUNTY -- An 82-year-old Glenwood man was killed in a head-on crash on Interstate 30 Monday, July 7 in Clark County.

William M. Warnick died in the crash, according to the Arkansas State Police. The accident was reported at 8:46 a.m.

Warnick, driving a 2005 Buick Terraza, was traveling the wrong way on I-30 in the westbound lane when he struck a 2026 Ford transit van head on which caused a 2022 Freightliner to hit the rear of Warnick’s vehicle.

The driver of the transit van, Dexter S. Christian, 56, of Conyers, Ga., was injured and was taken to a hospital by medical flight ambulance.

Conditions at the time of the wreck were listed as clear and dry.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

(870) 285-2723 • mdiamond@windstream.net

MURFREESBORO SENIOR ADULT CENTER LUNCH MENU

MONDAY, JULY 20 Chili, salad, cornbread, bread pudding	WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 Chef’s salad, crackers, fruit crisp
TUESDAY, JULY 21 BBQ pulled pork on bun, potato salad, baked beans, fruit gelatin	<i>Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. For more information (870) 285-2312. Open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 a.m. Carry out is available for \$6.00</i>

‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

Are We Stronger Than He?

Do men think that they are stronger and wiser than God? Yes! The proof of this is the fact that we do not listen to His will for us. Every way of a man is right in his own eyes! We think we know what is best for us in all the areas of our existence. We are not able to avoid the pitfalls of sin no matter how hard we try. The weakness of our carnal selves keeps dragging us down into our own failures. We find ourselves again and again getting up and wondering how we could have been so wrong. Paul reminds us that the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it. Why should we believe that as foolish as we are we could hope to be successful without the help of the Lord who made all things. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are



your ways my ways, saith the Lord, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9. Learning what we do not know is the first step in our quest to live fruitfully and successfully. James 1:5 says, If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and unbraideth not; and it shall be

given him. The good news is that God will supply heavenly wisdom liberally to all men if they will but ask. He is able with His infinite knowledge to supply us with the wisdom we need. We must humble ourselves and ask in faith nothing doubting. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning. James 1:17 The success of our lives depends on our willingness to hear and heed the perfect will of God. The work of the doer of God’s will is blessed. We must continue in the paths of righteousness because faithfulness is the way of approval in the sight of our loving and holy God.

Copied

Paid Advertisement



Submitted photo/DVFD

WATER DONATION ... Each year, the National Volunteer Fire Council partners with Anheuser-Busch to temporarily pause beer production and can clean drinking water through the Emergency Drinking Water for Wildland Firefighters program. The Delight Volunteer Fire Department said they were incredibly thankful and honored to be one of the departments selected to receive this year’s donation. The supply of emergency drinking water will help keep firefighters safe, healthy, and hydrated while responding to extended incidents and disasters, especially wildland fires during the hot summer months. “A sincere thank you to the National Volunteer Fire Council and Anheuser-Busch for your continued support of volunteer fire departments and the firefighters who serve their communities,” the VFD said on social media.

Pike County 4-H to hold ‘Shop with a Cop’ bake sale

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County 4-H will sponsor a “Shop with a Cop” bake sale on Saturday, July 18, starting at 7 a.m. at the Murfreesboro Farmer’s Market. All proceeds from this bake sale will go to support the Shop with a Cop program.

“Everyone’s invited to come and help support a great cause and get some tasty treats,” said 4-H on social media.

SAVE \$5 NOW!

The Murfreesboro Diamond

Serving South Pike County, Arkansas Since 1975

Clip the coupon and get a year of the *Murfreesboro Diamond* for only \$40 (regular \$45)

SAVE \$5 NOW! OFFER EXTENDED!

Offer expires Friday, July 31st
Hurry In and Save!

Mail check with coupon to
Murfreesboro Diamond,
PO Box 550, Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Name: _____
Address: _____

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

Hwy 27 N. Murfreesboro

- Worship 11 a.m. • Sun. Eve. 5 p.m.
- Wed. Bible study & Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
- Facebook services on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Bro. Curtis Abernathy

To reserve this space for your church services or business...

Call Christy at
870-285-2723

Bank of Delight

503 E. Antioch St. Delight

(870) 379-2293

Facts About The BIBLE

BY JOHN ZEHTI

THE EIGHTH SON OF JACOB!

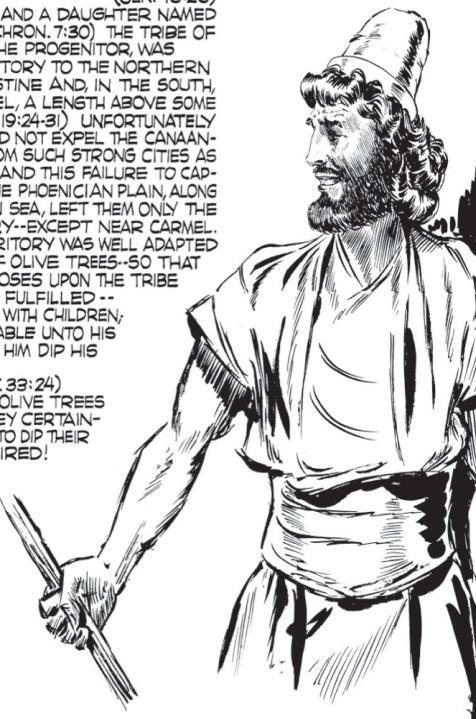
ASHER WAS THE SECOND SON OF ZILPAH, LEAH'S MAID SERVANT (GEN.30:12,13,35:26) HIS BLESSING GIVEN BY JACOB ON HIS DEATHBED IS THUS WORDED:

"OUT OF ASHER HIS BREAD SHALL BE FAT, AND HE SHALL YIELD ROYAL DAINTIES" (GEN.46:20)

HE HAD FOUR SONS AND A DAUGHTER NAMED SERAH (GEN.46:17; 1 CHRON. 7:30) THE TRIBE OF WHICH ASHER WAS THE PROGENITOR WAS ASSIGNED THE TERRITORY TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PALESTINE AND, IN THE SOUTH, BOUNDED BY CARMEL, A LENGTH ABOVE SOME SIXTY MILES. (JOSH. 19:24-31) UNFORTUNATELY THE ASHERITES COULD NOT EXPEL THE CANAANITE INHABITANTS FROM SUCH STRONG CITIES AS SIDON, ACCHO, TYRE, AND THIS FAILURE TO CAPTURE AND OCCUPY THE PHOENICIAN PLAIN, ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, LEFT THEM ONLY THE INLAND HILL COUNTRY--EXCEPT NEAR CARMEL. HOWEVER, THIS TERRITORY WAS WELL ADAPTED FOR THE GROWING OF OLIVE TREES--SO THAT THE BLESSING OF MOSES UPON THE TRIBE OF ASHER COULD BE FULFILLED:

"BLESSED BE ASHER WITH CHILDREN; LET HIM BE ACCEPTABLE UNTO HIS BRETHREN AND LET HIM DIP HIS FOOT IN OIL." (DEUT. 33:24)

AND WITH ALL THE OLIVE TREES THAT THEY GREW THEY CERTAINLY HAD ENOUGH OIL TO DIP THEIR FEET IN IF THEY DESIRED!



222

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

Murfreesboro church of Christ

305 S. Second Ave.

Sun. Bible Study 9:30 • Worship 10:20
Sun. eve. 6 p.m. • Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Radio Broadcast B99.5 @ 8:30 a.m.

Bro. Buddy Ray

Attend Church This Sunday!

HAVE AN ITEM YOU'D LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED?

email us at
mdiamond@windstream.net

- KIDS’ CLASSICS
- * -- Theme Related Clue
- ACROSS
1. Capital of Ghana
6. Pilot’s announcement
9. Bog deposit
13. Banned aerosol propellant
14. Lake, in France
15. ____ firma
16. Source of chocolate
17. Sensitive subject?
18. Twig of a willow tree
19. *Certain secret spot
21. *Beezus’ little sister
23. Half a dozen
24. Final notice
25. CEO’s deg.
28. Spew profanities
30. Swamp
35. Gateway ____
37. Boisterous play
39. *” All for one and one for all,” to Musketeers
40. Steak preference
41. Flower’s peak
43. *Butter ____, Hogsmeade beverage
44. Like some East Coast universities
46. Archipelago unit
47. Plaintiff
48. Loads
50. Tiny bit
52. Snoop
53. Bruce and Spike, e.g.
55. Ovine mom
57. *Pocketful
60. *Cat’s ____
63. *Lemony Snicket, to Daniel Handler
64. Shel Silverstein’s “A Boy Named ____”
66. The company one ____
68. *Peanut butter and jelly sandwich to a kid
69. Lt.’s subordinate
70. Snail mail replacement
71. Says “What?”
72. As opposed to yeses

73. *Mystery solver
- DOWN
1. Half of NFL
2. Rugged rock
3. Cecum, pl.
4. Lion sounds
5. Relating to anode
6. Dashing style
7. *”It” game
8. Sour
9. 100 centavos, in Mexico
10. Actress Moriarty
11. Equals 1/2 b x h
12. Smoker’s lung residue
15. Double drum
20. Beyond suburb
22. Heart to Cupid
24. Reverse one, in the kitchen
25. *Super Bro.
26. “Music to my ears!”
27. Like thick smoke
29. Same as solos
31. Schneider and Reiner, e.g.
32. Consumed (2 words)
33. Ranch grazer
34. *Game of apologies
36. Achilles’ weakness
38. Ralph Lauren’s inspiration
42. Same as metre
45. Yummy
49. *” ____ Spot Run”
51. Rouse
54. Ruhr’s industrial center
56. Swelling
57. Arithmetic operation
58. Piglet sound
59. Cul de ____, pl.
60. ____pool or ____pit
61. Like hard times
62. “The Iliad,” e.g.
63. Pie ____mode
65. *Shedding-type card game
67. *Like Aesop’s fox

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8			9	10	11	12
13						14				15				
16						17				18				
	19				20			21	22					
			23				24							
25	26	27		28		29			30		31	32	33	34
35			36		37			38		39				
40					41				42		43			
44				45		46					47			
48					49		50			51		52		
				53		54			55		56			
	57	58	59				60					61	62	
63						64	65			66				67
68						69				70				
71						72				73				

SWITCH & GET \$25

Off First Month of New Service! USE PROMO CODE: GZ590

Consumer Cellular

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 888-804-0913

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913

© StatePoint Media

Murfreesboro Cemetery announces second quarter donations for 2026

MURFREESBORO -- The following donations have been given to the Murfreesboro Cemetery fund from April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

Jane Kennedy Memorial Fund

Marlene Steen -- in memory of Steen family

Fair livestock registration due by August 1

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Extension Service has announced that the Pike County Fair livestock registration deadline is August 1.

Paper copies to fill out are available at the Murfreesboro office, or drop forms at the office for yours off for Codie McAlister to sign and send to the fair board.

McAlister will hold extended office hours on July 30 and 31 to be available for those needing to get signed outside of normal office hours.

The office is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For further questions, contact the extension office at (870) 285-2161.

Pike County Judge warns locals of oil spraying

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Judge’s Office has announced that Strawberry Road in Delight is scheduled to be sprayed with prime tack oil on Wednesday, July 15.

Palestine Road in Kirby is scheduled to be approximately a day or two after that.

“If you live or drive down one of these roads, avoid them as much as you possibly can. The oil, while wet, will get all over your vehicle. Once dry however, will be fine to drive on, which can take as long as 24-48 hours to do so, depending on the weather,” said Pike County Judge Eddie Howard on social media.

“If anything changes with the schedule, I will let you know as soon as I know.”

Any updates can be seen on the Pike County Judge’s Facebook page.

CONTACT US AT THE DIAMOND

Phone (870) 285-2723

E-mail mdiamond@windstream.net

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

Call Rebecca McGraw at (501) 374-1500 to place your ad here!

SERVICES

ATTORNEY

SOCIAL SECURITY

DISABILITY BENEFITS.

Unable to work?

Denied benefits?

We Can Help!

WIN or Pay Nothing!

Randolph Baltz

Former SSA Attorney

Office: (501)374-6800

End your tax worries today. Let us make your tax problem our priority. Scared, stuck with high tax amounts? Our A+ tax professionals can help. Call for a FREE consultation. Call Priority Tax now 1- 877-961-8859

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-844-210-6510 www.dental50plus.com/arpres #6258

STOP OVERPAYING! FOR HEALTH INSURANCE! Reduce premiums and out-of-pocket costs while getting the coverage you need! Call now for a competitive free quote. 1-877-895-0019. Plus... Income based government subsidies are available for those that qualify!

AGING ROOF? NEW HOMEOWNER? STORM DAMAGE? You need a local expert provider that proudly stands behind their work. Fast, free estimate. Financing available. Call 1-877-850-0034. Have zip code of property ready when calling!

YOU MAY QUALIFY for disability benefits if you have are between 52-63 years old and under a doctor's care for a health condition that prevents you from working for a year or more. Call now! 1-877-885-0051.

SWEET CORN

Ready NOW through Mid-July

Esau Farms

870-382-5738

esausweetcorn.com

INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT? Don't Accept the insurance company's first offer. Many injured parties are entitled to major cash settlements. Get a free evaluation to see what your case is really worth. 100% Free Evaluation. Call Now: 1-877-392-0158. Be ready with your zip code to connect with the closest provider.

Audien Hearing. The world's first hearing aid with touchscreen controls. No tiny buttons, apps or prescriptions. 45-day risk free trial. Free shipping. Lifetime support. More than 1.5 million happy customers. Call Audien 1-855-429-8720

No more cleaning out gutters. Guaranteed! LeafFiller is backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-855-977-9614 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Get 15% off your entire order. Plus, Military & Seniors get an additional 10% off. Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details.

Olshan Foundation Solutions. Your trusted foundation repair experts since 1933. Foundation repair. Crawl space recovery. Basement waterproofing. Water management and more. Free evaluation. Limited time up to \$250 off foundation repair. Call Olshan 1-833-436-1947

WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP: A small amount of water can lead to major damage to your home. Our trusted professionals dry out the wet area and do repairs to protect your family and your home's value! If you have water in your home that needs to be dried, call 24/7. 1-877-318-6650. Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

CASH PAID FOR HIGH-END MEN'S SPORT WATCHES. Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Patek Philippe, Heuer, Daytona, GMT, Submariner and Speedmaster. These brands only! Call for a quote: 1-877-741-6437.

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-877-319-0598 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 1-877-916-0109.

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-877-313-1596 today!

We Buy Houses for Cash AS-IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Call today for your fair cash offer: 1-877-224-1648.

SunSetter. America's Number One Awwing! Instant shade at the touch of a button. Transform your deck or patio into an outdoor oasis. Up to 10-year limited warranty. Call now and SAVE \$350 today! 1-888-497-7510

Consumer Cellular -- the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-844-868-3831

We Buy Vintage Guitars! Looking for 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg. And Gibson Mandolins / Banjos. These brands only! Call for a quote: 1-877-521-1029.

DIRECTV- All your entertainment. Nothing on your roof! Sign up for Directv and get your first three months of Max, Paramount+, Showtime, Starz, MGM+ and Cinemax included. Choice package \$84.99/mo. Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-855-400-3297

Classifieds

MINI STORAGE in Murfreesboro. 870-845-6304. (gs:4-tf)

SMALL ADS DO WORK ... YOU!

(870) 285-2723

FAGAN ROOFING

ALL TYPES OF ROOFING

We are insured!

Quality work,

Free Estimates

In Business Since 1992!

Greg (870) 356-8934

Breakdowns happen. We'll take it from there.

cinch HOME SERVICES

Let Cinch Home Services help you save on costly repair bills.

With nearly 50 years of experience, we are passionate about protecting our customers and their homes from the expensive costs that come with a home appliance or system breakdown. In fact, we've handled 1 MILLION+ service jobs in the last 3 years.

111 \$365

1400

1340

900

315

2,000

1,000

275

1,200

National averages based on actual project costs as reported by verified third-party home project websites.

All covered repairs are backed by our industry leading 180-day Workmanship Guarantee!

30% OFF PER MONTH

Get 30% off your home warranty plan

Don't wait! Call now for our best offer.

(833) 584-2249

Our home warranty covers:

Furnace/Heating Systems

Air Conditioning Systems

Electrical System

Plumbing System and Stoppages

Toilets

Refrigerators

Water Heaters

Interior Gas Lines

Ceiling Fans

Garbage Disposals

And Much More!

10 YEARS

10 YEARS

10 YEARS

10 YEARS

*Discount applies to the first year of a new Repair Only Plan, Repair + Replace Plan or Repair + Replace Premier Plan. Excludes optional coverage and add-ons. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Not available in all states.

Marlene Steen -- in memory of Georgia Ballard

Debby Scoggin -- in memory of Georgia Ballard

\$300.00 -- Dolores Dillard Crowson

\$100.00 -- Glen Turner

Mowing season is here and your continued support will be appreciated. The upkeep is made possible by your donations.

Donations may be given to Marc Jackson, Margaret Byrd, Kayla Kuykendall, Mary Jean Barbre or Joyce Woodruff. Donations may also be mailed to Murfreesboro Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 185, Murfreesboro, AR. 71958.

Arkansas ends fiscal year with \$655 million surplus

STATE CAPITOL WEEK IN REVIEW

LITTLE ROCK -- Arkansas concluded Fiscal Year 2026 with a general revenue surplus of \$655 million, marking one of the strongest financial performances in state history and highlighting continued economic growth across the state. The surplus, released by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), is the fifth largest ever recorded and represents a sharp increase from the previous year’s \$367.9 million surplus.

Fiscal Year 2026 ran from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. During that period, gross state revenue collections reached nearly \$8.7 billion, which is a gain of \$327 million over Fiscal Year 2025. Strong individual income tax and sales tax receipts served as the primary drivers behind the state’s financial results and contributed to Arkansas’ total reserve funds reaching an unprecedented \$4 billion.

Individual income tax collections led all revenue categories, generating \$3.859 billion. Sales and use taxes followed at \$3.666 billion, underscoring consistent economic activity and consumer confidence. After accounting for refunds, deductions, and other required distributions, the state’s net available revenue totaled \$7.149 billion.

The entire \$655 million surplus was transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund. That fund is

composed of unrestricted surpluses from current and prior fiscal years along with investment earnings. Combined with the Catastrophic Reserve Fund and the Arkansas Reserve Fund Set Aside, Arkansas’ total reserves now include \$1.814 billion in the Catastrophic Reserve Fund, \$1.221 billion in the General Revenue Allotment Reserve, and \$1 billion in the Arkansas Reserve Fund Set Aside.

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders praised the revenue results and attributed the strong fiscal performance to conservative budgeting and tax policy choices. “Arkansas is doing the impossible: cutting income taxes by 25% while still recording massive surpluses and pushing state reserves to record levels,” Sanders said. She reiterated her intention to continue working with the legislature to gradually phase out the state income tax, which she described as a long-term priority.

DFA Secretary Jim Hudson said the numbers reflect a healthy state economy heading into Fiscal Year 2027. “Ar-

kansas’ economic momentum is reflected in our FY26 results,” Hudson said. “Personal income tax and sales tax collections were especially strong year over year, a sign that Arkansasans are doing well. Our state’s reserves, totaling over \$3 billion, are at record levels...the Arkansas economy is strong going into Fiscal Year 2027.”

State officials noted that maintaining high reserve balances is a central part of Arkansas’ long-term financial strategy. Those reserves help protect the state during economic downturns, natural disasters, or other unexpected fiscal pressures. The record totals provide lawmakers with both financial stability and flexibility as they evaluate tax reform proposals and budget priorities in the coming year. The 96th General Assembly is scheduled to convene its Regular Session on the second Monday in January 2027.

The full monthly and year-end revenue reports for FY26 are available on the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration website.

MILLWOOD CORPORATION

BUYER OF TIMBER & TIMBERLAND

Matt Tollett (870) 703-6939

Jason Porter (870) 703-1039

Johnny Porter (870) 703-1628

P.O. Box 1316 Hope, AR 71802

A	C	C	R	A		E	T	A			P	E	A	T
F	R	E	O	N		L	A	C		T	E	R	R	A
C	A	C	A	O		A	G	E		O	S	I	E	R
	G	A	R	D	E	N		R	A	M	O	N	A	
			S	I	X		O	B	I	T				
M	B	A		C	U	S	S		M	O	R	A	S	S
A	R	C	H		R	O	M	P		M	O	T	T	O
R	A	R	E		B	L	O	O	M		B	E	E	R
I	V	I	E	D		I	S	L	E		S	U	E	R
O	O	D	L	E	S		I	O	T	A		P	R	Y
			L	E	E	S		E	W	E				
	P	O	S	I	E	S		C	R	A	D	L	E	
A	L	I	A	S		S	U	E		K	E	E	P	S
L	U	N	C	H		E	N	S		E	M	A	I	L
A	S	K	S			N	O	S		N	A	N	C	Y

Pike County 4-H youth showcase creativity at Bake, Create and Decorate workshop

BY SHANNON BALLARD
Pike County 4-H Program Assistant

MURFREESBORO -- Pike County 4-H members recently put their baking and decorating skills to work during the Bake, Create and Decorate workshop. Youth enjoyed a fun-filled day learning the basics of cake decorating while creating beautifully decorated cookies and cupcakes. Participants explored different decorating techniques using frosting, piping bags, and colorful decorations to design their own unique treats. Along the way, they learned valuable kitchen

skills such as measuring ingredients, following directions, practicing food safety, and using decorating tools with confidence. The workshop also emphasized creativity, patience, and attention to detail. Each participant had the opportunity to express their own style while building confidence in the kitchen and discovering that baking is both a practical life skill and a creative outlet. Hands-on workshops like this are an important part of the

4-H experience, helping youth develop life skills through fun, educational activities. Whether learning a new hobby, working with others, or trying something for the first time, 4-H encourages young people to “learn by doing.” Pike County 4-H looks forward to offering more exciting workshops throughout the year and encourages all youth to join us for future events. “There’s always something new to learn, create, and enjoy with 4-H!”



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 31 -- The Pike County 4-H is offering a Livestock Mini Series entitled Raising the Steaks, Cattle Exploration workshop on July 31, starting at 1 p.m. at the Pike County Extension office, 100 Court Street in Murfreesboro. Dive into the bovine species with hands on activities including dissection, learn about the digestive system, where the meat comes from, also learn what’s that cow.

JULY 24-26 -- The itinerary for the 2026 Bullock Family Reunion Weekend has been set with the event scheduled for July 24-26 and to include a full day in Howard and Pike counties. After events on Thursday and Friday in Little Rock, the family will caravan to Muddy Fork, home of the Bullock Historic Memorial Garden located within the Polk Cemetery, Saturday for a headstone unveiling ceremony at 9 a.m. At 11:00, the group will travel to the former Bullock plantation house in Pike County before heading to the Crater of Diamonds for a family picnic.

40+ YEARS AND
STILL GOING STRONG

MILLWOOD CORPORATION
P & T LAND AND TIMBER



(870) 777-3774

BUYER OF TIMBER & TIMBERLAND

HARDWOOD • PINE • LOGS • PULPWOOD



Johnny Porter
(870) 703-1628

Jason Porter
(870) 703-1039

Matt Tollett
(870) 703-6939