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Benefit for Woods to be held July 26 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.



Staff photos

WHOOOOO'S INTERESTED IN OWLS? ... Last Friday at the Murfreesboro Public Library, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission made a presentation on owls, including an appearance by Teddy the barred owl. The event was part of the library's summer reading program.

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.

Back to School Fair to be held Sunday in Glenwood

GLENWOOD -- The Pike County Hometown Coalition, in conjunction with Pike County 4-H, will host a Back to School Fair on Sunday, July 26 at the Pike County Fairgrounds in Glenwood from 2-4 p.m.

Activities will include bouncy houses, free clothes, a petting zoo and free groceries (while supplies last). Also included will be arts and crafts, face painting, hair stylists, school supplies, books, snacks, music, health checks, sports and community resources.

The free event invites all school aged children and parents to attend to get a “great start to the school year.”

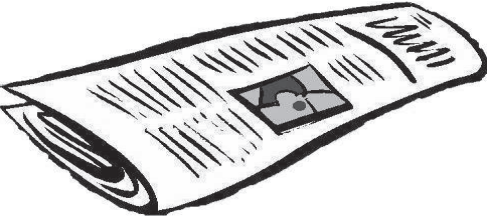
4-H HOLDS CORRESPONDING CLOTHING DRIVE

Pike County 4-H is holding their fourth annual clothing drive this summer.

“Have clothes you’re not sure what to do with? Let 4-H take them off your hands! This year we will have our 4th annual clothing drive in conjunction with the Back-To-School Fair sponsored by the Pike Hometown Health Coalition in Glenwood on July 26,” said Pike County 4-H Program Assistant Shannon Ballard.

Under the motto “let’s clothe our community with kindness,” the event will accept donations of clothing at the Pike County Extension Office in Murfreesboro prior to the July 26 deadline.

“Your donations help make a big difference,” said Ballard. “This is the last call for clothes -- Friday, July 24 will be the last day 4-H is collecting clothing.”



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Municipal filings set for May 29-August 5

MURFREESBORO – The filing period for municipal elections is rapidly approaching.

The process will begin on Wednesday, May 29 at noon and will close one week later on August 5 at noon.

Candidates interested in running for municipal offices may still circulate petitions for signatures – which began on May 7th.

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.

Positions up for election during the November General Election on November 3 are listed below 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

CANDIDATE FILING

for

CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS

OPENS

TUESDAY

JULY 29

AT NOON

CLOSES

TUESDAY

AUGUST 5

AT NOON

- 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 2025-Running-for-Public-Office-9-2-25-FINAL-small-1.pdf.
- Candidates are required to collect 10 qualifying signatures to be eligible to file for office.
- For questions or more information, please call the Pike County Clerk’s office at (870) 285-2743.

Chamber looks at storage unit for Christmas decor

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce is investigating a storage building to temporarily move their Christmas decor out from the recently purchased W&J Enterprises (formerly Branch Oil) until a more permanent location is identified.

The business is utilizing the bays on the property and wants the extra room.

Some of the decorative light-up pieces will be for sale, including the helicopters and ferris wheel.

The chamber also discussed the weekly farmer’s market, stating that 4-H bake and

bag sales were definitely helping attendance -- along with other craft type vendors. However, the event still lacks much in the way of fresh fruit and vegetable vendors.

It was also noted the group would soon have the America 250 signs around town taken down.

The group approved their advertisement in the 2027 Diamond Lakes Travel Guide, which is shared by other local businesses.

A thank-you from the Crater of Diamonds was shared with those in attendance for the chamber providing lunch at the June 20, 2026

Gemboree Festival for the 20 diamond exhibitors.

Jane Fugitt said she was out of town, but Connections Coffee handled the physical effort at the event for the Chamber.

Fugitt also told the group she had completed sending out the year chamber dues letters, including those businesses that partner with the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission on their digmurfreesboro.com website.

“We should see results from that soon,” she said about “helping the bank account’s bottom line.”

State announces gains in tourism with recent report

LITTLE ROCK -- Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism announced the findings of the 2025 Economic Impact Report, which shows that visitors generated \$10.2 billion in spending across Arkansas’ visitor economy last year.

This activity produced a total economic impact of \$17.4 billion, supported 71,860 direct jobs statewide, and contributed to record visitation levels — with 54.3 million people visiting The Natural State in 2025, the highest ever recorded. In addition, Arkansas closed Fiscal Year 2026 with 2% tourism tax collections reaching an all-time high of \$26.9 million, reinforcing the strength of Arkansas’ tourism

economy and enhancing the state’s ability to deliver strategic statewide promotion and targeted national outreach that drive visitation and economic growth.

In Pike County the report states that tourism accounts for \$40.9 million in visitor spending, \$2.7 million in state taxes collected, \$1.1 in local taxes collected, 354 people employed directly in the tourism industry and \$10 million dollar in labor income earned.

“Arkansas has always been the Natural State, but today, more Americans than ever are discovering what Arkansans have known for generations,” said Governor Sanders. “From our mountains and rivers to our trails, parks,

and small towns, Arkansas offers experiences you simply can’t find anywhere else. That’s creating jobs and opportunity across our state and helping it become one of the nation’s top destinations.”

“The Natural State’s beauty is one of our greatest assets, and we’re working hard to make it more accessible to people who call Arkansas home and the visitors discovering it for the first time,” said First Gentleman Bryan

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Sanders. “By investing in outdoor recreation destinations across our state, we’re making sure the places that make Arkansas special remain part of our story for years to come.”

Prepared by Tourism Economics, the report highlights Arkansas’ growing position as a year-round travel and outdoor recreation destination driven by strategic investment, strong statewide partnerships, and the appeal of The Natural State. In 2025, food and beverage

spending led all categories at \$3.0 billion, and visitor-generated state and local taxes reduced the annual tax burden for Arkansas households by \$919.

Shea Lewis, Cabinet Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, said the results reflect the statewide momentum behind tourism and outdoor recreation. “The 2025 Economic Impact Report makes clear that tourism and outdoor recreation are not just important to Arkansas’ economy — they are foundational drivers of growth, investment, and directly related to the quality of life found in Arkansas. The momentum we are seeing is the direct result of strategic statewide efforts,

major outdoor recreation improvements, and the collaborative partnerships that continue to elevate Arkansas on the national stage. Under Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders’ Natural State Initiative, we are positioning Arkansas for long-term success by expanding access, modernizing iconic destinations, and creating experiences that enhance quality of life for residents while attracting visitors from across the country and the world.”

Dalaney Thomas, Director of Arkansas Tourism, emphasized the state’s marketing strategy and rising national visibility. “In 2025, Arkansas Tourism executed a targeted marketing strategy that strengthened Arkansas’ position in an

increasingly competitive travel landscape. Our efforts delivered measurable results, including record 2% tax collections late in the year and expanded national visibility for The Natural State. By focusing on high-value audiences, extending visitor stays, and elevating a unified statewide brand, we are positioning Arkansas for sustained growth and ensuring that our marketing investments drive stronger demand across every region of the state.”

View the full 2025 Economic Impact Report at www.arkansas.com/sites/default/files/2026-07/2025-FY26%20Economic%20Impact%20Report.pdf.

Lone Ranger adopts cow at Leadership Conference

Earlier this spring I got to go to the Women’s Leadership conference in Little Rock. I’ll be honest, it was pretty intimidating. I was quite literally The Lone Ranger walking in there. I met some amazing people while I was there and built relationships across the state.

While attending this conference I learned about Discover Dairy and other resources that I will definitely share with you in the future!

Discover Dairy has an adopt a cow program that teachers, parents, and after school programs can use to teach their kids about the life cycle of a dairy cow. I adopted one last week, but I won’t know what breed of cow I will get until September 22nd.

As the months go on, I will get updates on her that I will put in the paper. I will even post a name competition in the paper so the kids in the community can be a part!

On July 31st at the Extension Office, I will be helping Pike County’s Agriculture agent Codie McAlister with her cow workshop. I will have more information about Discover Dairy there. The workshop starts at 1:00 and ends at 3:30. It is totally free and there will be several fun activities, such as a branding craft, dissecting cow eyeballs, and that is just to name a few!

We will have all sorts of livestock, Discover Dairy, and Women’s Leadership info! If you want to learn more, stop by on the 31st!

Community fish fry/barbecue to be held at Mauney Street church

MURFREESBORO -- A community-wide fish fry and barbecue will be held on Saturday, Aug. 1 in Murfreesboro.

The event will be held at the Mauney Street church of Christ, located at 606 Mauney Street in Murfreesboro.

The public is invited to the free event, especially children as the event will serve as a pre-back to school event.

Door prizes will be awarded to some attendees.

Tourism Commission hears pitch from Dallas based media group

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission said at their July meeting that they were a year away (June 2027) from having the property that formerly contained Glynda’s Fashions -- and now houses a counseling service -- paid in full.

That eventuality will conclude their five years of payments to Diamond Bank in the amount of \$2,186.43 monthly.

The group, represented by Jane Fugitt, was part of a presentation by a media group from Dallas that is offering their services to handle website, video/pictures and social media for the group.

The group, which is much cheaper than the current provider of services (DNT Media of Benton), does not offer the streaming commercials that DNT is currently providing.

DNT Media charges the group approximately \$57,000 a year, while the Dallas based group would cost \$11,550 a year that would include seven visits to Murfreesboro a year to capture content.

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Former Pike County jailer, Prescott man facing charges following old west style shootout

MURFREESBORO -- A former Pike County Sheriff’s Department jailer and a Prescott man are facing felony charges in connection to a recent incident involving shots fired in Antoine.

Charged in the case are Tristan Austin Hampton, 30, of Kirby, and Brenden Michael Peters, 31, of Prescott. Both men are charged with felony aggravated assault with Hampton also facing an additional charge of felony criminal mischief.

Hampton was employed as a part-time jailer at the time of the incident, which took place June 5 on Owens Street in Antoine. Hampton has since been terminated from the jailer position that he held from March 9, according to information from the Pike County Clerk’s office.

On June 5, Pike County deputies were called to 60 Owens Street regarding shots being fired. Law officials reviewed Ring camera footage that reportedly showed a black truck backing up and ramming into a parked farm truck before immediately leaving the area. Additional footage reportedly showed Peters standing in the yard, chambering a round into a firearm and firing toward Highway 26 East before the video ended. A subsequent clip also showed Peters running toward the residence while another individual, identified as Hampton, allegedly fired multiple rounds in his direction.

Hampton admitted to striking the parked vehicle and fleeing the scene before stopping near the intersection of Owens and the highway. He claimed he heard a pop he thought was truck trouble but then heard another pop and realized he was being shot at. He then retrieved his 9mm handgun and fired several rounds back toward the resident before again fleeing.

Case information noted the actions of Peters “created a substantial danger” of death or serious physical injury by discharging a firearm toward an occupied vehicle and public roadway. “Furthermore, the discharge of the firearm resulted in an ex-

change of gunfire between Peters and Hampton, creating an extreme risk to persons and property in the area.”

Both men made court appearance Monday, July 20 and pleaded not guilty to the charges. A pretrial date for both cases was set for Oct. 5.

CHARGES FILED

Allen Lee Lingley, 53, of Newport News, Va., charged July 16 with possession of a controlled substance (prescription drugs) following a traffic stopped in Kirby. Lingley pleaded not guilty to the charge Monday and an Oct. 5 pretrial date was set.

Dawn Young, 44, of Norman, charged July 16 with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) following a traffic stop near Glenwood. Young pleaded not guilty to the charge Monday and an Oct. 5 pretrial date was set.

Carla Jean Pualani Silva, 55, of Nashville, charged July 16 with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop in Murfreesboro. Silva pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday and an Oct. 5 pretrial date was set.

Chase Allen King, 24, of Glenwood, charged July 16 with possession of a controlled substance with purpose to deliver, two counts of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia with misdemeanor counts of possessing an instrument of crime and fleeing by foot. King was arrested following a traffic stop near Glenwood. King pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday and an Oct. 5 pretrial date was set.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Delight is accepting sealed bids for the repair and/or replacement of the Railroad Street Walking Bridge. Sealed bids must be received by July 30, 2026. Bids may be mailed to Town of Delight, P.O. Box 29, Delight, AR 71940, or delivered to the Delight Water Department.

Interested bidders may inspect the bridge by contacting Ronnie Cox at (870) 379-2020. For additional information or specifications, please call the number above.

The Town of Delight reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Delight is accepting sealed bids for the replacement and installation of an outdoor air conditioning unit. Sealed bids must be received by July 30, 2026. Bids may be mailed to Town of Delight, P.O. Box 29, Delight, AR 71940, or delivered to the Delight Water Department.

For specifications or additional information, contact Ronnie Cox at (870) 379-2020.

The Town of Delight reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pike County Equalization Board will meet in session at the Pike County Courthouse on August 3, 2026. Anyone wishing to meet with the Equalization Board should contact the Pike County Clerk’s office before the deadline of August 17, 2026. You may schedule an appointment by calling 870-285-2743 and a date will be given at that time.

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PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET

July 7, 2026
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PIKE COUNTY

Agudio, Ernest Joseph Jr., 43, Meriden, Kan., guilty of speeding, fined \$150

Allen, Jason Dale, 46, Atlanta, Texas, \$140 BF, speeding

Bailey, Peggy Ann, 65, Nashville, \$140 BF, speeding

Beggs, Roger Dale, 64, Hatfield, \$225 BF, overweight

Boatwright, Alyssa Marie, 32, Hot Springs, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340; guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$140; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of speeding, fined \$140; guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$140; guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$140

Carriere, Kyle Antoine, 32, Mandeville, La., \$150 BF, speeding

Chandler, Hanna Latcha, 43, Nashville, \$200 BF, speeding

Coleman, William Virth, 38, Glenwood, \$220 BF, failure to pay; \$714 balance

Craig, Sherry Lynn, 62, Delight, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Crow, Mark H., 62, Mount Ida, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Cruz, Elias G., 36, Murfreesboro, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Davis, Trent Allen, 26, Delight, \$140 BF, failure to register tags; \$150 BF, speeding

Diaz, Aquiles Rafael, 44, Smyrna, Ga., \$185 BF, false report of log duty status

Dodson, Hayden Shane, 17, Kirby, \$310 BF, passing emergency or law enforcement vehicle stopped on highway

Evans, Dakota Reed, 29, Ore City, Texas, \$140 BF, speeding

Evans, Joseph W., 54, Nashville, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Forney, Stephanie L., 39, Caddo Gap, guilty of failure to pay; \$425 balance

Foster, Gabriel Adam, 18, Center Ridge, La., \$140 BF, speeding

Freeman, Trent A., 31, Glenwood, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Gibson, Melvin R., 70, Idabel, Okla., \$406 BF, overweight

Glasspool, Asher Ray, 19, Amity, guilty of speeding, fined \$200; guilty of no driver's license, fined \$75

Gracia, Adan, 49, Nashville, \$150 BF, speeding

Gwynne, Sarah Ann, 35, Murfreesboro, guilty of speeding, fined \$140

Halblauter, Andrew Scott, 36, Amity, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340

Hamilton, Danny L., 60, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Harrison, Marty Ray, 58, Pearcy, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Hawkins, Arrian Shawn, 21, Murfreesboro, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330; guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$615

Hayburn, Keven Ray, 63, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Heid, Jamie Lea, 37, Wright City, Okla., \$140 BF, defective lights

Hernandez, Arlin S., 34, Glenwood, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Houser, Dylan, 34, Amity, guilty of failure to pay; \$2,970 balance

Howard, Stephanie Nicole, 33, guilty of impeding traffic-minimum speed, fined \$125

Humphry, Sarah, 42, Murfreesboro, \$140 BF, speeding

Jackson, Jonathon A., 31, Murfreesboro, \$150 BF, speeding

Jones, Dedric Tyrone, 48, Hope, \$230 BF, overweight

Jones, Raymond Lavell, 41, Delight, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$545 and sentenced to 12 days in jail

Karaginides, Teddy, 69, Greenbrier, guilty of driving left of center, fined \$140

Kirkpatrick, Steven T., 43, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$340; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$220

Kuykendall, Timothy C., 40, Glenwood, \$140 BF, speeding

Lott, Dalton Oryan, 25, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Main, Kirklin Frank, 30, Amity, \$150 BF, speeding

Martinez, Frank, 42, Nashville, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Martinez, Ricardo F., 33, De Queen, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Matthews, Daniel Overton, 41, Benton, La., \$150 BF, speeding; \$220 BF, failure to appear

Matthew, Leslie Paige, 42, Conway, \$235 BF, disorderly conduct; \$235 BF, public intoxication

McCormick, Eleanor N., 48, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

McKnight, Rheta M., 75, Delight, \$140 BF, speeding

Miller, Tristan Turner, 19, Lindale, Texas, \$150 BF, speeding

Moore, Dominic Gage, 23, De Queen, \$140 BF, speeding

Morales, Luis R., 25, Hot Springs, \$140 BF, speeding

Neal, Ashton Faith, 27, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Null, Warren Allen, 37, Amity, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty open container in motor vehicle, fined \$235

Parker, Tommy Edward, 64, Murfreesboro, \$245 BF, littering

Pate, George Eugene, 44, Amity, \$150 BF, speeding

Perez, Reynaldo F., 46, Decatur, guilty of speeding, fined \$140

Pickett, Ethan Kole, 25, Murfreesboro, \$140 BF, failure to register tags/ expired

Pickle, Billy S., 61, Amity, guilty of failure to pay; \$1,460 balance

Rinkle, Kenny W., 47, Amity, \$540 BF, overweight

Rivera, Nahun, 17, North Little Rock, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Rodriguez, Paola, 55, Kirby, \$140 BF, no driver's license

Scantling, Rhonda D., 60, Caddo Gap, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$330; \$45 BF, no seat belt

Sims, Jessica D., 54, Graford, Texas, \$150 BF, speeding; \$220 BF, failure to appear

Smith, Michelle Ashley, 31, Mountain Pine, \$140 Bf, no child restraint device

Smith, Nathaniel Hunter, 19, Amity, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Stephens, Jessica Marie, 36, Glenwood, \$140 BF, no driver's license; \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Teague, Tanner, 17, Glenwood, \$150 BF, speeding

Terrell, Roy Jamescott, 26, Prescott, guilty of criminal mischief, fined \$330; guilty of fleeing, fined \$595

Titworth, Rodick Lane, 64, Mena, \$506 BF, overweight

Trujillo, Christopher A., 41, Glenwood, \$45 BF, no seat belt

Veasay, Marissa K., 30, Hot Springs, \$200 Bf, speeding; \$235 BF, drinking in public or on highway; \$175 BF, open container in motor vehicle

Walker, Stacia Delanie, 35, De Queen, guilty off DWI, fined \$1,085, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course; guilty of endangering welfare of a minor, fined \$795

Walker, Taylor Lane, 24, Nashville, \$140 BF, failure to stop or yield

Wallace, Chasity Leigh, 34, Delight, \$330 BF, no proof of liability insurance

White, Charles R., 55, Amity, \$140 BF, over length

White, Jackie D., 37, Kirby, \$482 BF, overweight

Wilkerson, Ricky Lee, 62, Pine Bluff, guilty of failure to pay, committed to jail; \$3,245 balance

Worthen, Paul Lee, 50, Hot Springs, \$140 BF, no motorcycle endorsement on license; \$150 BF, speeding

CITY OF MURFREESBORO

Bankston, Trent Gage, 19, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay; \$670 balance

Bird, Tracie Lynn, 44, Murfreesboro, \$170 BF, speeding

Davis, Shabreea M., 18, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$125

Griffin, Ashley Lee, 37, Fulton, guilty of failure to pay; \$1,185 balance; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$240

Hanney, Keneth A II., 25, Murfreesboro, \$160 BF, failure to register tags/ expired

Johnson, Cameron Lee, 24, Gladewater, Texas, \$160 BF, speeding

Perez, Nestor Josue, 16, Fayetteville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$110

Smith, Haley Dawn, 34, Nashville, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350

Stepp, Haley Mae, 19, Murfreesboro, guilty of failure to pay; \$340 balance

Webb, David ray, 53, Newhope, \$160 BF, failure to register within 30 days

Whitehead, Nolan Wade, 29, Taylor, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350; guilty of theft of property, fined \$420; guilty of theft of property lost, mislaid, delivered by mistake, fined \$385

ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION

Abernathy, Phillip Todd, 54, Texarkana, \$185 BF, no wake zone

Moore, Taylor Dewayne, 34, Newhope, \$235 BF, no running lights

Tilley, Kerry W., 37, Sarepta, La., \$235 BF, skiing after hours of darkness; \$235 BF, no running lights

CITY OF GLENWOOD

Bailey, Jansen Ross, 46, Little Rock, \$160 BF, speeding

Bankhead, Nathan Allen, 21, Glenwood, guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$350

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Obituaries

William ‘Bud’ Anderson, 67

William “Bud” Anderson, age 67, of Murfreesboro, passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2026.

He was born on July 12, 1958 in Murfreesboro. He was the son of Jesse Aaron Anderson and Peggy Joyce Lane Anderson. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

He is survived by his son,

Buddy A. Anderson; his three sisters and brother-in-law, Janice and Clifford Nixon, Vickie L. Reid, and Peggy McGee; and his special friends, and many loving nieces, nephews, and a host of wonderful friends.

The immediate family held a graveside services on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at Kirby Cemetery.

Guest Registry can be found at www.smithfamilycares.com

Mindy Kay Crews, 60

Mindy Kay Crews, 60, of Murfreesboro, Arkansas passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026, in Little Rock, Arkansas. She was born May 4, 1967, in Fort Riley, Kansas the daughter of Judy Wilson and the late John Middleton Jr.

Survivors include two daughters Jayda Spoo of Glenwood, Jayla Jones (Josh) of Nashville; four sons Robbie Philhower of Florida, Keith Philhower (Vanessa) of Indiana, Justin Rodgers (Brooke) of Nashville, and Chris Rodgers (Nina) of Nashville, two brothers Mark Middleton of Alabama, John Middleton III (Stacy) of Nashville, two sisters Krista Buck of Benton, and Shannon Fulcher of Mineral Springs; as well as nine grandchildren.

A memorial services will be 10:00 am., Saturday, August 8, at Restland Memorial Park. Under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Nashville.

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UAMS HOUSE CALL

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

Q: What are factors to consider in choosing a primary care provider?

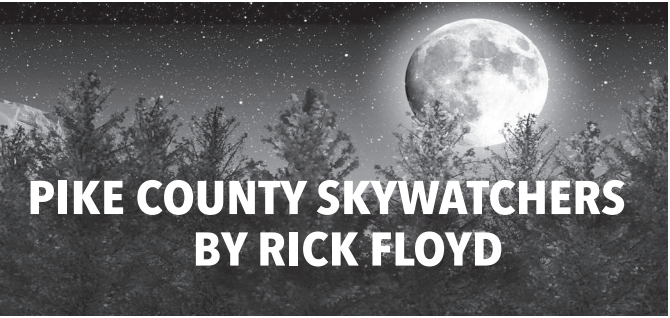
A: A primary care provider (PCP) is a healthcare professional who serves as the initial point of contact for healthcare needs, which includes identifying and treating common conditions, conducting routine checkups, and managing preventative care. Establishing a relationship with a PCP is a vital component in effective healthcare. Many patients remain with the same PCP for years.

There are several types of PCPs, and your healthcare requirements, family situation, and where you reside are factors that determine which you may require. A family medicine physician treats a variety of health conditions for all patients. Pediatricians specialize in children and adolescents, while geriatricians manage care for older adults. A nurse practitioner or physician assistant may also serve as a PCP.

Other factors to consider are whether the PCP accepts your insurance, whether the provider is accepting new patients, is the provider is part of a group practice, and the location and hours of the office or facility.

Your specific healthcare needs are the most important factor in selecting a PCP. Friends, neighbors, relatives, or medical associations can provide recommendations. Whomever you choose as your PCP, make sure you are comfortable with their services.

Email your health questions to housecall@uams.edu.



PIKE COUNTY SKYWATCHERS BY RICK FLOYD

Stars ... lights that don't move

A cartoon drawing that came on-line recently showed a dad and son standing on a hill looking up at the night sky. The sky was streaked with lights and the boy, pointing up, asked what is that one light that is not moving. The dad said it is called a star son. Such a scene may actually play out sooner than we think, not cartoon humor but reality.

The FCC recently approved a request by a company, Reflect Orbital, to eventually launch a prototype satellite into low Earth orbit (LEO). The satellite called Earendil-1 once in orbit will expand a large (60 x 60 feet) mirror. The mission of this mirrored satellite will be to reflect sunlight to Earth illuminating a section of nighttime ground, about a 3-mile area, to a brightness of about 10 full moons. The company claims such illumination would have many uses including giving a disaster recovery area all night lighting.

The FCC approval is for just the one satellite so far, and a possible launch date has not been officially announced. The company is hoping to eventually have 50,000 of these in orbit by 2035.

Naturally there are concerns from various sectors. Questions center around fears that the night sky will be seriously compromised by light pollution, creating difficulties for astronomers and wildlife. Conservation groups say a brightening of the night sky will have a huge negative impact on nocturnal animals.

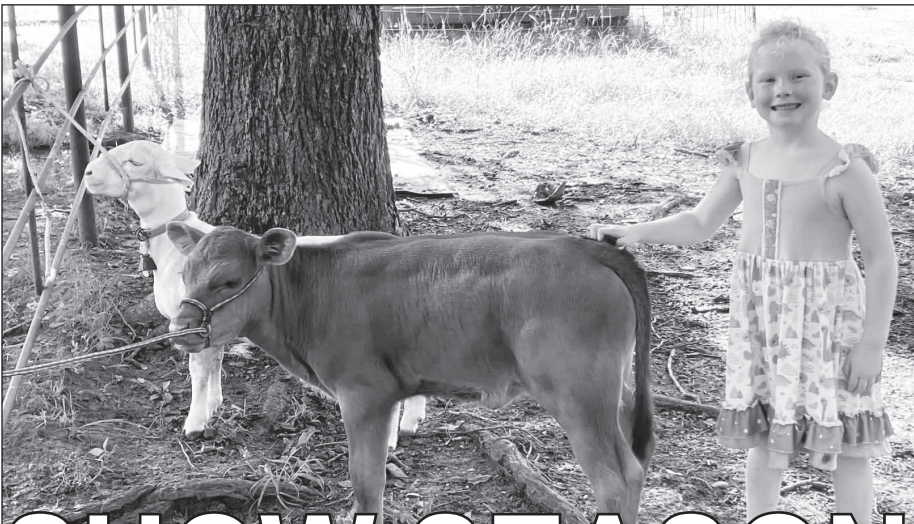
It is difficult to say at this point what the over-all goal of this project is. A few such satellites in orbit ready for deployment over a disaster area is conceivable, but there are serious questions about what the sky will be like with 50,000 of them circling Earth. Will it be the end of night?

At dusk on July 23-25 look for the waxing gibbous Moon (slightly beyond half illuminated) low in the south, crossing the constellation Scorpius. Scorpius is one of those constellations whose image is easily recognizable. The head of the scorpion points upward as its body arches slightly and its deadly tail curls not far from Sagittarius and the center of our galaxy. The alpha star of Scorpius, Antares, is a glowing super-giant red star at the heart of the beast.



Staff photos

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY, ONE BLESSING BOX AT A TIME ... Pike County 4-H'ers recently came together to sort, organize, and deliver more than 700 food and personal care items to six Blessing Boxes throughout Pike County. "These young people worked hard to make sure each Blessing Box was stocked and ready to help individuals and families in our community. Their willingness to give their time and serve others is what 4-H is all about ... learning by doing, giving back, and making a positive impact," said Pike County 4-H program assistant Shannon Ballard. Ballard wishes to thank everyone who donated items and supported this project. "Your generosity helps make it possible for our youth to serve others and strengthen our community. We are so proud of our Pike County 4-H members for showing compassion, teamwork, and leadership through service. Together, we're making a difference ... one Blessing Box at a time."



SHOW SEASON IS HERE HARD WORK BEHIND THE RIBBON

BY SHANNON BALLARD
Pike County 4-H Program Assistant

MURFREESBORO -- With summer in full swing, Pike County 4-H members are also in the middle of one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year...show season. While spectators see polished animals and smiling

exhibitors in the show ring, what they often don't see are the countless hours of hard work, dedication, and responsibility that take place long before the competition begins. Preparing a show animal is much more than simply attending a fair. Youth spend months feeding, grooming, exercising, and training their animals while learning valuable skills in

animal care and management. Daily chores continue regardless of the weather, vacations, or other activities. This commitment teaches responsibility, time management, patience, and perseverance, qualities that will benefit young people long after show season has ended. Livestock projects also help youth develop confidence and leadership skills. Each time exhibitors enter the show ring, they gain experience speaking with judges, answering questions, and representing both themselves and their community. Whether they earn a blue ribbon or simply complete their project, every exhibitor walks away with lessons that cannot be measured by awards alone. The friendships formed through 4-H and livestock shows often last a lifetime, creating memories that extend far beyond the fairgrounds. Show season is also a family effort. Parents, grandparents, siblings, volunteers, and leaders

all play an important role by offering encouragement, transportation, and countless hours of support. Their investment helps young people grow not only as exhibitors but also as responsible and caring individuals. As our Pike County 4-H members travel to local, district, and state livestock shows this summer, we encourage our community to cheer them on. Win or lose, these young people represent the very best of 4-H by demonstrating hard work, integrity, sportsmanship, and a willingness to learn. Good luck to all of our exhibitors this show season! We are proud of your dedication and look forward to celebrating your accomplishments both inside and outside the show ring. Remember, the greatest reward isn't always the ribbon ... it's the life skills, friendships, and experiences gained along the way.

‘Dear Preacher’

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

BIBLE CLASS

As a child of God, I view Bible class as an essential element in my spiritual service and my growth as a Christian. Bible class allows me to openly study God's word and to share with others as we learn together. We have classes for all ages and teachers who study and prepare to deliver their lessons. All who attend these classes grow in grace and knowledge and are blessed by looking deeply into the word. If you are not currently attending Bible classes, I would encourage you to begin doing that. It is essential that each one of you help not only yourself grow, but to edify and encourage others and to help us all become more spiritual. As we study together, we will become closer to each other, as well as closer to our God.



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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.

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SOUND ADVICE!

LAY NOT UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES UPON EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DOETH CORRUPT AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK THROUGH AND STEAL: (MATT. 6:19)

SOUND ADVICE IS CONTAINED IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT. JESUS ALWAYS SPOKE IN THE VERNACULAR OF THE DAY. ANY OF THE VALUABLE THINGS THAT PEOPLE POSSESSED WERE LIABLE TO BE STOLEN, FOR ONLY THE RICH HAD VAULTS IN WHICH TO KEEP THEIR TREASURES. THE COMMON MAN USED TO HIDE HIS GOOD CLOTHES AND OTHER PRIZED POSSESSIONS IN A HIDDEN NOOK OF HIS HOUSE--BUT THEN, ALTHOUGH SAFE FROM A THIEF, THEY OFTEN FELL PREY TO RUST AND MOTHS! IF A MAN HAD SOME MONEY, INVARIABLY HE HAD IT HIDDEN IN THE GROUND--THEN HE WORRIED NIGHT AND DAY THAT SOME TREASURE HUNTERS MIGHT DISCOVER IT! THE POOR PEOPLE OF THE TIMES WERE ALWAYS DIGGING IN FIELDS, HOPING TO FIND MONEY THAT SOMEONE HAD HIDDEN AWAY!

SO, NO MATTER WHAT A MAN DID WITH HIS MATERIAL POSSESSIONS, HE WAS ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT THEM! JESUS' ADVICE, TO THE COMMON MAN, TO LAY UP IN HEAVEN A TREASURE OF GOOD DEEDS, DONE HERE ON EARTH, WAS PRACTICAL, INDEED FOR...

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- DOWN**
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 - Egyptian falcon god
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 - Preface, e.g.
 - Piquant
 - * ____ bag or ____ canister
 - Rage
 - *Waterproof cover (2 words)
 - Funny
 - Large edible mushroom
 - Of low pH
 - Serve food at events
 - Restaurant staff member
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 - On the radio (2 words)
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Byers, Brittany Nicole, 27, Nashville guilty of failure to pay; \$475 balance

Carey, Jonah Lee, 25, Glenwood, guilty of theft of property, fined \$420

Carpenter, Elizabeth Nicole, 35, Amity, \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Cogburn, Jacob Dempsey, 21, Glenwood, guilty of failure to register tags/expired, fined \$160; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$360

Davis, Seth Daniel, 18, Russellville, \$160 BF, improper muffler

Forney, Stephan ie Leann, 39, Caddo Gap, guilty of failure to pay; \$895 balance

Hale, Kendall Layne, 20, Glenwood, \$160 BF, speeding

Hernandez, Chayanne, 20, Glenwood, \$265 BF, obstructing government operations; \$535 BF, resisting arrest; \$575 BF, possession of drug paraphernalia

Hill, Tony W., 59, Glenwood, \$170 BF, speeding

House, Dylan., 34, Amity, guilty of failure to pay; \$1,245 balance

Johnson, Seth Remington, 18, Russellville, \$380 BF, modified bumpers; \$160 BF, improper muffler

Krenn, Angie Beng, 61, Allen, Texas, \$160 BF, speeding

Lundburgm Misty Ann, 39, Dierks, guilty of speeding, fined \$170

Mayfield, Thomas Glenn, 78, Stockton, Calif., \$170 BF, speeding

McDade, Donaven Shawn, 16, Glenwood, guilty of passing stopped school bus, fined \$670

Millsap, Trevor Luke, 28, Hot Springs, \$260 BF, failure to maintain control with accident

Odell, Lacy Xan, 41, Amity, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license; \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$240 BF, failure to appear

Ortiz, Alberto L, 38, Cabot, guilty of speeding, fined \$170

Pry, Parker Lee, 23, Glenwood, \$240 BF, open container in motor vehicle; \$225 BF, failure to appear

Reed, Benjamin Thomas, 47, Story, \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Reid, William D., 40, Glenwood, \$360 BF, driving with suspended license; \$205 BF, violation of ignition interlock device

Silvar, Christian Elijah, 26, Bonnerdale, guilty of speeding, fined \$170

Sipe, Kenneth L., 48, Mena, \$160 BF, speeding

Soto, Eva Trejo, 40, Glenwood, \$160 BF, no driver’s license; \$350 BF, no proof of liability insurance

Teague, Tanner, 17, Glenwood, guilty of careless prohibited driving, fined \$190

Zomara, Dario, 43, Kirby, \$160 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$160 BF, no driver’s license

PIKE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORD

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DR-26-42 -- OCSE, vs. Eric Wright, support-OCSE, July 14

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CV-26-78 -- Kimberly Ellis, vs. Glenwood Commerce Plaza LLC ET AL, premises liability, June 12

CV-26-79 -- Capital One, vs. Paul Glover, debt collection, June 17

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CV-26-82 -- Capital One, vs. Robert

Morehead, debt collection, June 22

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CV-26-93 -- LVNV Funding LLC, vs. Andrea Harris, debt collection, July 13

CV-26-94 -- LVNV Funding, vs. Christopher Smith, debt collection, July 15

CV-26-95 -- LVNV Funding, vs. Sherry McAuthur, debt collection, July 17

CV-26-96 -- Arkansas DFA, vs. John Hale, Register Arkansas Judgment-CV, July 17

CV-26-97 -- Leigh Morgan, vs. Davis

Smith Funeral Home LLC ET AL, injunction, July 20

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joshua Wayne Wright, 44, Murfreesboro; Layla Mercedes Wooten, 32, Murfreesboro, June 12

Michael Patrick Turner, 48, El Reno, OK.; Mary Elizabeth Avera, 37, El Reno, OK., June 15

Andrew Scott Hilton, 28, Kirby; Jaycee Brianna Spoo, 21, Kirby, June 26

Frank Martinez, 42, Nashville; Karra Nicole Crawford, 34, Nashville, July 6

Brent Hayden Teel, 38, Delight; Shanah Renee Byrd, 45, Delight, July 10

Austin Wayne Johnson, 21, Amity; Isabela Noelani Winter, 19, Vacaville, CA., July 13

James Andrew Gibson, 50, Stonewall, LA.; Jill Waldon Gibson, 51, Stonewall, LA., July 17

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