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The Diamond will be closed Friday, April 18 in observance of Good Friday

Easter bake sale

MURFREESBORO -- An Easter Bake and Meat Sale will be conducted on Saturday, April 19 at the City Service Station at the Pike County Courthouse Square.

Proceeds from the event will go toward Operation Christmas Child.

The sale begins at 8 a.m. and will be conducted until the products are sold out.

Along with the many baked goods, smoked Boston butts and hams will be available.

For more information, contact Sheila at (870) 451-3000 or Genyne (870) 285-5015.

Kirby VFD benefit bass tournament announced

SELF CREEK LANDING -- The first Kirby Volunteer Fire Department bass tournament will be held on Saturday, May 17 at the Self Creek boat ramp on Lake Greeson.

The event will be held from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with an entry fee of 100 per boat. AGFC regulations will be enforced.

The tournament will be held in the Major League Fishing style with weigh-ins of 20 fish per boat. The fish must be black/Kentucky bass only.

Entries may be comprised of two adults and one youth, one adult and two youth or two adults with kids being defined as 13 years or younger.

Boats with youth are eligible to receive extra prizes.

Weigh ins will be at 11 a.m. (30 minute weigh-in) and at 3:30 p.m.

Entry for takeoff will be determined at a drawing the morning of the tournament.

Guaranteed prize money includes:

- First Place -- \$1,500
- Second Place -- \$800
- Third Place -- \$500
- Fourth Place -- \$250
- Fifth Places -- \$100
- Big Bass -- \$500

Easter egg hunt this Saturday in Kirby

KIRBY -- A Kirby Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will be held at 448 Kirby Landing Road and is being presented by Kick-It Back Cabins and RV Park.

The event will benefit the Kirby Volunteer Fire Department.

Attendees can meet the Easter Bunny, eat hot dogs and participate in games.

Prizes will be awarded and golden eggs are available to be found for each age division.

For more information, call (903) 490-7481.

Local market announces meeting on Thursday

MURFREESBORO -- With the growing season rapidly upon us, a farmers' market vendor information meeting will be held on April 17 at 6 p.m.

The event will be held at Murfreesboro City Hall, located at 805 North Washington Avenue.

The meeting is a cooperative venture between the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce and the U-A Pike County Extension Service.

For more information, please call (870) 285-3131.

Final round of pesticide training to be held Thursday

MURFREESBORO -- For those that missed the first round of trainings last month, the Pike County University of Arkansas Extension Service will host one final pesticide applicator training in 2025.

The meeting will be held this Thursday, April 17 at the Pike County Extension Office in Murfreesboro at 6 p.m.

The fee for attending the event is \$20. Checks may be made out to Pike County CES, and payment is required the day of training.

For more information or to reserve your spot, call the office at (870) 285-2161.



Submitted photos/Melissa Jones

2025-2026 MHS CHEERLEADERS ... Following tryouts held just prior to spring break, the Murfreesboro High School cheer squad was named for next school year. Members will include (not in picture order) sophmores Chloe Cross, Kyndall Henderson, Macy Gills, Shaylia Morris and Kinley Fisher; juniors Ava Cox, Bella Frazier, Charleigh Wheeler, Ramsey Terrell, Josie Jones, Gianna Draper and Laini Liggins; seniors Kinleigh Mounts and Teegan Barnett.

City dumpster in danger of being removed

Abuse of privilege makes for constant mess, piling on even when full

BY JOHN BALCH
Nashville News-Leader staff

MURFREESBORO -- People who use (and those who abuse) the trash dumpster offered by the city of Murfreesboro will have a two-month trial to clean up their acts or lose the service altogether, starting May 1.

For years, the city has provided the dumpster, sometimes two, and for years it has been an ongoing issue to keep the area around the dumpster clean.

That will all change May 1 when the gate to the dumpster will only be open from 4 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed for the weekend. The Murfreesboro City Council approved the new hours after coming close Monday night to discontinuing the service due to the mess it creates and man-hours it takes to clean it up.

The gate to the dumpster, which is located on the south side of the old chicken processing plant along the drive that leads to city property, is currently open until the dumpster is full.

One of the main issues discussed Monday

was when the dumpster is full and the gate is closed that some people just throw their trash on the ground outside the gate or over the fence.

The dumpster is officially for household garbage only but it's not uncommon to find loads of construction and yard waste, furniture, etc., piled high and/or on the ground.

"They have a tendency to miss the dumpster, too," said Mayor Jim O'Neal.

O'Neal, who is in favor of discontinuing the service, told the council that come Monday mornings "there is a ring of trash" around the dumpster that has to be cleaned up and regularly packed down by city employees. O'Neal added that discontinuing the use of the dumpster would not be a disservice to the city residents because the city already provides a trash pick-up service.

Council member Jane Fugitt agreed and said the service is also heavily used by people from outside the city limits. The solution for those people would be taking their trash to the Pike County landfill, which is open five days a week

(including Saturday) and has a household garbage dumpster.

"It's going to sting either way," said council member Mark Barnes, who is also in favor of discontinuing the service but voted for the two-month trial. Barnes added that the need to keep the area clean and sanitary is even more important now that the new Murfreesboro softball/baseball complex is open just yards away from the site.

According to Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb, the city spent close to \$16,000 in hauling fees for 107 dumpsters in 2024 with the county reimbursing the city 65% of that annual cost.

Council member Cody Bachmann is in favor of keeping the service and said he is confident people will wise up during the trial period. He made the motion for the trial period, which passed 5-1 with Fugitt voting against the measure.

All council members were present at Monday's meeting, including Fugitt, Barnes, Bachman, Lewis Gills, Kirk Stone and Betty O'Neal.

Quorum Court preps funds for road repair after historic rainfall

Again votes to deny Pike County Judge from roller purchase

MURFREESBORO -- The Pike County Quorum Court met in a specially called meeting last Thursday to address the need for road repair after as much as 13 inches were dumped across the county from April 2-6.

Pike County Judge Eddie Howard gave local rainfall totals from across the state, including figures of 13.1 inches southwest of Antoine, 12.85 inches in Delight and 10.92 inches in Murfreesboro.

He said that there were at least 50 roads in the county with "severe damage" and said that the bridge on Strawberry Road near Delight has sunk 16 inches and was a "total loss." The bridge was built in 2007.

It was also noted that there was significant damage on the CC Road in Lodi and a 30' collapse of the Pike City Road.

"There's almost not a road in the county that wasn't affected ... but most just need grading and fill added," Howard said.

Pike County Emergency Management Coordinator Lee Vincent gave a short pictorial/video presentation of the damage.

Thanks to the widespread damage throughout the state, Howard said it was quite possible that the disaster reaches Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) thresholds for federal aid. Should the state and county qualify, they could reap 70% reimbursement for the repair efforts, otherwise would only qualify for a 30% reimbursement from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM)

and the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT).

Howard noted that the reimbursement -- either way -- wouldn't be soon.

"It might be three to four years down the line," he told the court.

However, in anticipation of possible refunds, the court was asked to approve new accounts that would aid for accounting over the repair efforts.

"Part of FEMA guidelines is daily records are required," Howard said in response of questions from justices about how the county would keep up with total costs. "Ultimately, [proper recording] will fall back on me."

He added that not ever dollar spent will qualify for reimbursement.

"Minor work might not be considered as it is just maintenance and not considered catastrophic repair. [FEMA] will weed through it, not all will qualify -- they will do their own inspections. They won't blindly give money away."

He estimated the total damages at \$735,000, but said that with the other counties' flooding and tornado/wind damage should be able to collectively hit the threshold, which he said he thought was four million dollars.

"The bottom line is the roads are tore up, and we have to fix them," Howard said, noting that they were progressing in a "methodical and logical" manner to repair roads that were the worst off, especially those that were unpass-

able to homes.

"We just have to get back to where people can get home," he said noting that several residents were either stuck at home or unable to get back.

He noted that the Camp Tula Road was a priority due to being part of a bus route.

"Some parts of roads were literally washed away -- we'll use the culverts that remain, while some ended up wherever a river took them. We'll replace the culverts bigger so the water won't top the roads again. It's a huge scope."

Justice John Plyler said that any money reimbursed should come back to county general and not to the county road account.

"We have money in the intermodal fund that we have being saving for a rainy day. I'm concerned about a [proper] paper trail ... we'll lose our butts if there isn't one. We've been putting back \$250,000 a year when we could, which sounds like a lot, until something like this happens. This is the worst I've ever seen in 40 years."

Howard said that he was asking for \$735,00, but didn't plan to use it all unless absolutely necessary.

Plyler was more cynical.

"It always gets used ... it's how it works."

The court unanimously approved the creation of the new accounts, but hit a snag when the appropriation ordinance for the \$735,000

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included a separate appropriation for a new roller for the road department was included.

In March the court had disapproved the same move, but Howard pleaded his cause that the machine was even more needed now to augment the road department's capacity.

The compacted roads fared far better than the uncompacted roads. We use the packer as much as we do the graders almost every day.

The roller will help rebuild roads, and the process will slow down without it – with work of this magnitude, it will be used daily.”

The roller is a 2014 HAM H-11 compactor that will cost \$45,000, and is valued at \$74,000 according to Howard.

In March, Howard told the court that such a machine would cost \$5,000 a week to rent, and that road building cannot be accomplished without one.

The purchase would not take more money,

and would come from Howard's already allocated road department budget for 2025.

After voting in last Thursday, the original motion failed by a 5-2 vote with justices Richard Mohlenhoff and Paul Baker not in attendance at the meeting. Justices Leotis Snowden and Seth Kirkham cast the no votes.

The motion was brought back up excluding the purchase of the roller and it passed unanimously.

In March the motion to purchase the roller

failed after Mohlenhoff, Snowden and Kirkham voted no to the measure.

“I only see the need for one [roller] It's more equipment than we need,” Snowden said in March.

Neither Snowden or Kirkham were moved by the further discussion in April, even with the addition of Howard that the machine's use could be charged in a FEMA recoup – to the tune of \$155.03 per hour – and that would also help pay for the machine.

Arkansas residents receive federal tax grace following flooding event, deadline now Nov. 3

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Internal Revenue Service today announced tax relief for individuals and businesses in the entire state of Arkansas affected by severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that began on April 2, 2025.

These taxpayers, including Form 1040 filers, now have until November 3, 2025, to file various federal individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.

The IRS is offering relief to any area designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This means that individuals and households that reside or have a business in any of Arkansas's 75 counties qualify for tax relief. The current list of eligible localities is always available on the Tax relief in disaster situations page on IRS.gov.

FILING AND PAYMENT RELIEF

The tax relief postpones various tax filing and payment deadlines that occurred from April 2, 2025, through November 3, 2025 (postponement period). As a result, affected individuals and businesses will have until November 3, 2025, to file returns and pay any taxes that were originally due during this period.

This means, for example, that the November 3, 2025, deadline will now apply to:

- Individual income tax returns and payments normally due on April 15, 2025.
- 2024 contributions to IRAs and health savings accounts for eligible taxpayers.
- Quarterly estimated tax payments normally due on April 15, June 16 and September 15, 2025.
- Quarterly payroll and excise tax returns normally due on April 30, July 31 and October 31, 2025.
- Calendar-year corporation and fiduciary returns and payments normally due on April 15, 2025.
- Calendar-year tax-exempt organization returns normally due on May 15, 2025.

In addition, penalties for failing to make payroll and excise tax deposits due on or after April 2, 2025, and before April 17, 2025, will be abated if the deposits are made by April 17, 2025.

The Disaster assistance and emergency relief for individuals and businesses page has details on other returns, payments and tax-related actions qualifying for relief during the postponement period.

The IRS automatically provides filing and penalty relief to any taxpayer with an IRS address of record located in the disaster area. These taxpayers do not need to contact the agency to get this relief.

It is possible an affected taxpayer may not have an IRS address of record located in the disaster area, for example, because they moved to the disaster area after filing their return. In these kinds of unique circumstances, the affected taxpayer could receive a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the IRS for the postponement period. The taxpayer should call the IRS Special Services toll-free number at 866-562-5227 to update their address and request disaster tax relief.

In addition, the IRS will work with any taxpayer who lives outside the disaster area but whose records necessary to meet a deadline occurring during the postponement period are located in the affected area. Taxpayers qualifying for relief who live outside the disaster area need to contact the IRS Special Services toll-free number at 866-562-5227. This also includes workers assisting the relief activities who are affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization. Disaster area tax preparers with clients located outside the disaster area can choose to use the bulk requests from practitioners for disaster

relief option described on IRS.gov.

ADDITIONAL TAX RELIEF

Individuals and businesses in a federally declared disaster area who suffered uninsured or unreimbursed disaster-related losses can choose to claim them on either the return for the year the loss occurred (in this instance, the 2025 return normally filed next year), or the return for the prior year (2024). Taxpayers have extra time – up to six months after the due date of the taxpayer's federal income tax return for the disaster year (without regard to any extension of time to file) – to make the election. For individual taxpayers, this means Oct. 15, 2026. Be sure to write the FEMA declaration number – 3627-EM – on any return claiming a loss. See Publication 547, Casualties, Disasters and Thefts, for details.

Qualified disaster relief payments are generally excluded from gross income. In general, this means that affected taxpayers can exclude from their gross income amounts received from a government agency for reasonable and necessary personal, family, living or funeral expenses, as well as for the repair or rehabilitation of their home, or for the repair or replacement of its contents. See Publication 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income, for details.

Additional relief may be available to affected taxpayers who participate in a retirement plan or individual retirement arrangement (IRA). For example, a taxpayer may be eligible to take a special disaster distribution that would not be subject to the additional 10% early distribution tax and allows the taxpayer to spread the income over three years. Taxpayers may also be eligible to make a hardship withdrawal. Each plan or IRA has specific rules and guidance for their participants to follow.

The IRS may provide additional disaster relief in the future.

Taxpayers who do not qualify for disaster tax relief may qualify for reasonable cause penalty abatement. See Penalty relief for reasonable cause for additional information.

The tax relief is part of a coordinated federal response to the damage caused by these storms and is based on local damage assessments by FEMA. For information on disaster recovery, visit DisasterAssistance.gov.

REMINDER ABOUT TAX PREPARATION OPTIONS

Eligible individuals or families can get free help preparing their tax return at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites. To find the closest free tax help site, use the VITA Locator Tool or call 800-906-9887. Note that normally, VITA sites cannot help claim disaster losses.

To find an AARP Tax-Aide site, use the AARP Site Locator Tool or call 888-227-7669.

Any individual or family whose adjusted gross income (AGI) was \$84,000 or less in 2024 can use IRS Free File's guided tax software at no cost. There are products in English and Spanish.

Another Free File option is Free File Fillable Forms. These are electronic federal tax forms, equivalent to a paper Form 1040, and are designed for taxpayers who are comfortable filling out IRS tax forms. Anyone, regardless of income, can use this option.

MilTax, a Department of Defense program, offers free return preparation software and electronic filing for federal tax returns and up to three state income tax returns. It's available for all military members and some veterans, with no income limit.

LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

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

Send Letters to P.O. Box 550, Murfreesboro, AR 71958 or e-mail to mdiamond.editor@windstream.net

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LESTER LARRY HARRIS, DECEASED
CASE NO. 55PR-25-19

NOTICE

Last known address of Decedent: 1397 Highway 195 South, Delight, Arkansas 71940

Date of Death: May 9, 2023

On April 9, 2025, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Lester Larry Harris, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pike County, Arkansas, under Arkansas Code Annotated §28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the affidavit is as follows:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4) of Section One (1), Township Nine (9) South, Range Twenty-four (24) West, Pike County, Arkansas, containing 10 acres, more or less.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or their attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.

This notice first published on April 16, 2025

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or the distributee's attorney is:

Jessie Lynn Harris
1397 Highway 195 South
Delight, AR 71940
(870) 602-1321

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Submitted photo

DIAMOND GIVEAWAY WINNER ... Mark Anthony Bowling for was named the winner of a 33 pt. diamond sweepstakes sponsored by the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show recently. Pictured above with his family Bowling notes “we are very grateful for the diamond and look forward to coming to your park in person” In February Crater of Diamonds State Park attended the world-renowned Tucson Gem and Mineral Show in Arizona. While there, the park partnered with the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission to give away a stunning 33 pt. yellow diamond. Guests at the show were encouraged to like the Dig Murfreesboro page on Facebook to enter the sweepstakes. Bowling shares that he and his family are thrilled to receive this diamond saying, “thank you so much, my kids are going to be very excited.” He hopes this fosters their excitement for collecting minerals, and one day leads them to be geologists.

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP Saturday, April 26

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE
City of Daisy

Residential Area Only

Everything must be at regular pickup spot.
STRICTLY NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.

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City of Antoine

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
FRED DICKERSON KIZZIA, DECEASED 55-PR-2025-17

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR WITH WILL ANNEXED

Last known address of Decedent: 127 Hwy 26 West
Nashville, Pike County, AR 71852

Date of Death: February 27, 2025

An instrument dated the 31st, day of August 2012, was on this 7th, day of April 2025, admitted to probate as the Last Will and Testament of the above named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed as Administrator with Will Annexed thereunder. A contest of the probate of the Will can be affected only by filing a Petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This Notice was first published 16th, day of April, 2025.

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FRIDAYS AT 3:00 P.M.**

Local man charged with gun possession after pawning weapon

MURFREESBORO -- A convicted felony residing in Murfreesboro has been charged in Pike County with being in possession of a firearm. Carlton Anthony Breazeale, 41, was charged April 11. He plead innocent to the charge Monday and is currently being held in the county jail on \$10,000 bond. A June 2 pretrial date was set for his case. Breazeale was arrested on March 29

after the Murfreesboro Police Department received a tip that Breazeale was in possession of a shotgun and that he had pawned the weapon in Murfreesboro. The sale was verified by Murfreesboro Assistant Chief Mackenzie Vermillion and a hold was placed on the weapon. Also on April 11, drug charges were filed in Pike County Circuit Court against Nathan Lee Hoover, 24, of Glenwood. He

is charged with possession of drugs and paraphernalia and plead innocent to the charges Monday. He is currently in county custody on \$10,000 bond with an Aug. 4 pretrial date scheduled. Hoover was arrested on April 1 following at traffic stop by the Glenwood Police Department where suspected methamphetamine and paraphernalia were found in this vehicle.

Pike County Circuit Court sentences six in recent days

The following are the defendants sentenced in Pike County Circuit Court: **APRIL 4** Glenn Wilson McCurdy, 44, of Caddo Gap, plead guilty to possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to six years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC). **APRIL 7** Rex Campbell, 59, of Amity, plead

guilty to possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia; sentenced to three years in the ADC with three years suspended. Russell Dale Jackson, 45, of Delight, plead "no contest" to aggravated assault and first-degree terroristic threatening; sentenced to two years in the ADC with credit for time served. Vicki Sue Teel, 57, of Murfreesboro, plead guilty to forgery; sentenced to five

years of probation, fined \$1,500 plus court costs and ordered to pay \$81 restitution. Danny Ray Fatheree, 39, of Murfreesboro, plead guilty to possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia; sentenced to six years in the ADC with six years suspended. Rickey Garza, 34, of Mablevale, plead guilty to being a registered sex offender on a school campus; sentenced to three years of probation and fined \$1,500.

PIKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DOCKET

March 18, 2025
BF=Bond Forfeited

PIKE COUNTY
Dillard, Jaxson Ross, 23, Gurdon, \$125 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$315 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Gibson, Christopher L., 43, Nashville, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$125; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$125; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205; guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$325; guilty of no poof of liability insurance, fined \$325; guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$205
Gudino, Roberto M., 54, Hot Springs, \$135 BF, speeding
Howell, Andrew B., 30, Delight, guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Russell, Vickie Kay, 51, McKinney, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Walton, Belinda J., 57, Nashville, guilty of no seat belt, fined \$45; guilty of drinking in public or on highway

CITY OF MURFREESBORO
Griffin, Ashley Lee, 36, Fulton, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$345 BF, driving with suspended license; \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$225 BF, failure to appear; \$225 BF, failure to appear

CITY OF GLENWOOD
Bray, Michael Anthony, 25, Greenwood, \$145 BF, failure to register tags/expired; \$345 BF, driving with suspended license;

\$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance; \$225 BF, failure to appear
Buck, Dustan Ray, 39, Glenwood, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$550
Cook, Swayze Aly, 18, Ramona, Miss., \$335 BF, no proof of liability insurance
Griffith, Michael Ray, 38, Caddo Gap, guilty of driving with with suspended license, fined \$345
Hamel, Ronald G., 56, Glenwood, guilty of failure to pay, \$1,000 owed
Hoover, Nathen Lee, 24, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$230; guilty of failure to pay, \$1,621 owed
Murphy, Jackie, 50, Glenwood, guilty of driving with suspended license, fined \$345; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$225
Taylor, Xavier James D., 33, Houston, Texas, \$150 BF, speeding; \$205 BF, failure to appear
Thompson, Garrett Craig, 40, Glenwood, guilty of third-degree domestic battery, fined \$555

BENCH TRIALS PIKE COUNTY
Davis, Cody Andrew, 33, Bismarck, guilty of no vehicle license, fined \$125; guilty of no motorcycle endorsement on license, fined \$125; guilty of speeding, fined \$135; guilty of criminal use or possession of prohibited weapon, fined \$230; guilty of no proof of liability insurance, fined \$315; guilty of failure to yield to emergency vehicle, fined \$295; guilty of possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,075 and license suspended for six months
Flowers, Robert A. III, 30, Glenwood, guilty of violation of Ignition Interlock Device Act, fined \$170; guilty of fleeing, fined \$580; guilty of speeding, fined \$185; guilty of careless prohibited driving, fined \$125; endangering welfare of minor, under advisement for six months to dismiss; engendering welfare of minor, under advisement for six months to dismiss
Lerma, Michael Arnold, 27, De Queen, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Pilot, Lynndell D., 67, Delight, domestic battery, under advisement for six months to dismiss, fined \$100 court costs
Robinson, Freddie Lee, 34, Nashville, guilty of DWI, fined \$1,070, credited for time served, license suspended and must complete DWI educational course
Tawney, Christopher Jordan, 44, Dallas, Texas, \$135 BF, speeding

CITY OF MURFREESBORO
Hoover, Chelsea Michelle, 32, Murfreesboro, guilty of no child restraint device, fined \$145; guilty of violation of protection order, fined \$640; guilty of failure to appear, fined \$265; guilty of violation of protection order, fined \$640; guilty of resisting arrest, fined \$520
Newton, Richard Dwayne, 68, Murfreesboro, third-degree domestic battery, under advisement for 90 days to dismiss

ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION
Golden, Danny R., 59, Amity, guilty of hunting, fishing or trapping on property without permission, fined \$370; guilty of hunting without license, fined \$220
Maxey, Samuel A., 25, Umpire, guilty of prohibited activities, fined \$220

CITY OF GLENWOOD
Walker, Tori Rae, 35, Glenwood, passing stopped school bus, under advisement for six months to dismiss

Obituaries

Wesley Darrel Stone, 86, Nashville



well as three sisters, Pauline Eaves, Urcella Webb, Otha Bell.

Wesley Darrel Stone, age 86 of Nashville, Arkansas, passed away on April 8, 2025 in Arka-delphia. He was born on August 15, 1938, son of the late Tom Stone and Nona Finney Stone.

Survivors include his loving wife of sixty-five years, Shirley Shows Stone; four children, Karen (Barry) Ponder, Melissa (Alan) Darden, Troy (Cynthia) Stone and Lisa Arceneaux; three sisters, Laverne Jones, Bonnie Nash and Donnie Baker; nine grandchildren, Misty (Doc) Harper, Andrea (Lance) Bridgeman, Sumner Darden, Julian Desoto, Amber (Justin) Jurek, Troy D. Stone, Beau (Ariel) Arceneaux and Gabriella (Jeremy) Almond; five great-grandchildren, Leo Almond, Mattie Almond, Saxon Darden, Raiden Arceneaux and Cooper Arceneaux; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Stone was a member of the Murfreesboro church of Christ. He served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam. In his life, he had worked in several trades, both as a carpenter and as a grocery store manager, before becoming a house parent for the Southern Christian Home in Morrilton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, J.B. Stone, Grady Stone and Harold Stone; as

The family received friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time on Friday, April 11, 2025 at the Murfreesboro church of Christ, with Buddy Ray officiating. Interment followed in the Delight Cemetery, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Murfreesboro. You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com

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PIKE COUNTY SKYWATCHERS
BY RICK FLOYD

Seven sisters to soon go on vacation from local night skies

A small but very recognizable cluster of stars is about to leave our part of the sky for a while. It is worth one more glance as it moves away until later in the year. It is recognizable because it looks like a little dipper often mistaken for the actual Little Dipper asterism. This group of stars is called the Pleiades and more commonly the Seven Sisters. The seven brightest stars are part of an open cluster of hundreds of stars that are an asterism (a recognizable feature within a constellation) of Taurus the Bull. The Pleiades is one of the earliest star groupings to be mentioned in literature, appearing in Chinese writings of about 2350 B.C. They are mentioned in Homer's Odyssey and Iliad, and in three direct Old Testament references; Job 9:9, Job 38:31 and Amos 5:8. An indirect reference in the book of Revelation describes a vision of the coming of the Messiah ... who holds in his right hand, seven stars. The name Pleiades is thought to be of Greek origin. The early Greek poet Pindar is very likely the first to call these stars Pele-iades or a flock of Doves. A poet of the 19th century, Alfred Lord Tennyson taking poetic license with the name wrote: Many a night I saw the Pleiads, rising thro' the mellow shade Glitter like a swarm of fireflies tangled in a silver braid. The Pleiades are known by other names and are legend in cultures over time and around the world. One interesting side-note is that the Japanese name for it, Subaru (meaning gathered together), is the trade name for the Subaru car company. Look again at the Subaru logo and you will see the stars. The International Space Station (ISS) will be visible on 20 April at 5:15 a.m. for 4 minutes starting about 51degrees (5 outstretched fists) above the western horizon moving toward the N.E., rising to about 60 degrees.

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UAMS HOUSE CALL
Dr. Daniel Knight is a professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Q: What is nonalcoholic fatty liver disease?
A: Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease is an excessive buildup of fat in the liver that is not due to heavy alcohol use. The two forms of the disease are nonalcoholic fatty liver (NAFL) and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease affects about 24% of adults in the U.S. according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. People with NAFL have fat in the liver, but the liver has little or no inflammation. NASH is the presence of fat in the liver along with inflammation and liver damage, which can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer. Risk factors include having high cholesterol, Type 2 diabetes, a family history of liver disease, being overweight or having an underactive thyroid. Fatigue, pain or discomfort in the upper right abdomen are symptoms of NAFL; however, not everyone with NAFL will develop symptoms. NASH symptoms are more pronounced and include shortness of breath, itching, leg swelling, red palms and yellowing of the eyes and skin. Weight loss and a healthy diet, which can reduce fat and inflammation in the liver, are the primary treatments for nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. See your health care provider to develop a management plan.

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MHS, MJHS track competes in meets last week

ASHDOWN – The Murfreesboro Rattler high school track team competed in last Thursday's Domtar Relays in Ashdown.

The Lady Rattlers finished in fifth place with 62 points. Ashdown won the meet with 130 points.

Athletes earning points included (top eight places in an event):

Josey Jones -- sixth place 400 meter dash, 69.62; fifth place pole vault, 7'0"

Jordyn Nance – seventh place 400 meter dash, 70.02

Ava Cox – eighth place 1600 meter run, 6:36.16; seventh place 3200 meter run, 14:48.23

Charleigh Wheeler – seventh place 100 meter hurdles, 18.37; first place 300 meter hurdles, 52.01; eighth place long jump, 14'2"

Mason Phillips – seventh place 300 meter hurdles, 58.00; seventh place high jump, 4'6"; third place pole vault, 7'6"

4x200 meter relay team (Charleigh Wheeler, Arianna Jones, Mason Phillips, Isabella Frazier) – seventh place, 1:59.63

4x400 meter relay team (Josey Jones, Charleigh Wheeler, Isabell Frazier, Jordyn Nance) – third place, 4:43.30

4x800 meter relay team (Kinleigh Mounts, Ava Cox, Jordyn Nance, Josey Jones) – third place, 11:52.33

Arianna Jones – fifth place long jump, 14'10"

Kinslee Howell – third place discus, 85'1"

Gracie McMillian – fifth place discus, 80'9"

In the boy's division the Rattlers finished in thirteenth place with 11 points. Prescott won the meet with 128 points.

Athletes earning points included (top eight places in an event):

Lucas Carey – fifth place 800 meter run,

2:14.97
Ethan Jones – sixth place 3200 meter run, 12:36.52

Caleb Terrell – eighth place 300 meter hurdles, 49.48

4x800 meter relay team (Lucas Carey, Caleb Terrell, Ethan Jones, Landen Jones) – sixth place, 10:07.5

MJHS AT NASHVILLE
The Murfreesboro junior high Rattler track squads competed in last week's Scrapper Junior Relays in Nashville.

Overall team totals were not available. Athletes earning points (top eight places) included:

Charles Morrow – sixth place discus, 120'4"

Jacob Shaw – sixth place pole vault, 7'0"

Josh Fox – fifth place 400 meter dash, 58.54

In the girl's division, the junior Lady Rattlers finished in fifth place with 50 points. Genoa Central won the event with 120.6 points.

Athletes earning points (top eight places) included:

Ma'Shaylia Morris – first place high jump, 5'0"; second place 100 meter dash, 13.02; third place 200 meter dash, 27.89

McKinley White – fifth place pole vault, 6'6"

4x800 meter relay team (Macy Gills, Adalyn Silva, Carsyn Ballard, Jacey Chaney) – seventh place, 12:56.06

Macy Gills – fifth place 100 meter dash, 13.12; first place 400 meter dash, 62.36

4x100 meter relay team (Kyndahl Posey, Ava Harr, Lainey Beene, Ma'Shaylia Morris) – eighth place, 57.68

4x400 meter relay team (Macy Gills, Maci Price, Ava Harr, Kyndahl Posey) – fourth place, 4:48.00



Submitted photos/Pike County EHC

OPTIMISM ... Local business owner Jack Bonds is pictured above speaking to the Pike County Extension Homemakers Council recently on the choice to be happy in our lives.

EHC Council meets, hears tips on being optimistic

BY AVONNE PETTY
Pike County EHC reporter

MURFREESBORO – The Pike County EHC Council met April 2, for the Spring Council meeting, in the Extension Conference Room. This meeting was conducted by Council President, Jeanette Deaton.

Murfreesboro entrepreneur, Jack Bonds was our featured speaker. He gave an interesting presentation about: being an optimist (we all have the freedom to have our glass half full or half empty", the importance of friendships, having collections, spirituality, friendships, and finding joy every day.

On May 17th, the EHC Council has the

privilege of sponsoring a group from Linden Texas, the Pleasant Hill Quilters. They present a dynamic historical presentation of the "Underground Railroad Quilt Code." The presentation will be held between 11:00 and noon at the Harrison Chapel Church, located at 2848 Highway 26 East between Antoine and Delight. This presentation is to raise funds for the historic Rosenwald School located beside the Church. Tours will be provided of the school. Cost is only \$15.00 for adults, youth ages 5-15 only \$5.00 and younger free. Personal checks or cash only.

For further information about the county EHC program contact Eva Langley at the Extension Office or call (870) 285-2161.

MURFREESBORO SENIOR ADULT CENTER LUNCH MENU

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TUESDAY, APRIL 22

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SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

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Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic breadstick applesauce, milk. 3-6 line 2 option- crustable lunch, 7-12 line 2 option chicken nuggets

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

NO SCHOOL--GOOD FRIDAY

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Breakfast: Poptart w/yogurt or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken tenders w/waffles, baked beans, cole slaw, peaches, milk- 3-6 line 2 option crustable lunch, 7-12 line 2 option BBQ rib sandwich w/chips

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Breakfast: Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch: Cheese pizza, seasoned corn, steamed carrots, mixed fruit, milk- 3-6 line 2 option, crustable lunch, 7-12 line 2 option pizza sticks w/ marinara sauce

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Breakfast: Powered donuts or cereal, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch: Sloppy joe, potato smiles, fresh broccoli w/ranch, pears, milk- 3-6 line 2 option crustable lunch, 7-12 line 2 option, cheeseburger w/ salad cup

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

'Dear Preacher'

By Buddy Ray, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

THINGS TO PRAY FOR

As Christians, we need to regularly examine our prayer lives and make certain that we have strong and faithful daily prayer to our God.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells me to pray without ceasing, and James 5:16 says that the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Does my daily prayer life reflect the teaching of these two verses? We must pray with thanksgiving to our Lord each day.

In Matthew 6:9-13 the Lord teaches his disciples how to pray. The Bible gives us some things to pray for in the following scripture from Matthew chapter 6:



- 1) THAT THE LORD'S WILL BE DONE – 6:10
- 2) FOR OUR DAILY BREAD – 6:11
- 3) FORGIVENESS AND ABILITY TO FORGIVE – 6:12
- 4) RELIEF FROM TEMPTATION – 6:13
- 5) DELIVERANCE FROM THE EVIL ONE – 6:13

New Testament scripture also gives us other things for which to pray:

1) PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER – James 5:16

2) PRAY FOR LABORERS IN GOD'S HARVEST – Matthew 9:37-38

3) WISDOM – James 1:5-8

Matthew 7:7 tells us to ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.

We should encourage ourselves through God's word to have a daily prayer life that is spiritually healthy and effective and one that is based on our faith in Jesus Christ and God the Father.

I pray that each of you have a great week!

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ABRABAM'S STEWARD ELIEZER, AT THE REQUEST OF HIS MASTER, HAD PREPARED A SMALL CARAVAN TO JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF THE CHALDEES IN SEARCH OF A WIFE FOR ABRABAM'S SON ISAAC...

...HEAVILY LADEN WITH RICH GIFTS AND PROVISIONS, THE CARAVAN SETS OFF ON THE LONG JOURNEY...

...TO FULFILL ABRABAM'S HOPES TO SEE HIS SON MARRIED BEFORE HE DEPARTS THIS LIFE...

...THE CARAVAN IS GUARDED BY MANY ARMED SERVANTS, FOR, IN THESE ANCIENT TIMES, TO GO ON A JOURNEY UNDEFENDED, WOULD BE AN OPEN INVITATION TO AN ATTACK BY THIEVES AND ROBBERS!

DAY AND NIGHT, THE CARAVAN PLODS ON, MOVING EASTWARD...

...UNTIL, AT LONG LAST, ELIEZER COMES TO THE LAND OF ABRABAM'S BIRTH, THE LAND OF THE CHALDEES-- AND NOW HIS REAL WORK WILL BEGIN-- TO DILIGENTLY SEEK A PROPER MAIDEN AS A BRIDE FOR ISAAC!

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POWER OF TEN

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Here's this week's recipe that will rate a score of 10 for your next family dinner! Easy and Delicious! Enjoy!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK: CLASSIC MEATLOAF

Makes 6 Servings

INGREDIENTS:

10 ounce package of diced onions and peppers, thawed
1 pound lean ground beef
1 egg
1/2 to 3/4 cup cracker crumbs
1/2 cup milk
2 Tablespoons ketchup
1 teaspoon mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

FOR THE SAUCE:

1/2 cup ketchup
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°
2. Mix ground beef, onions and peppers, egg, cracker crumbs, milk, ketchup, mustard, salt, and pepper together in a medium mixing bowl. Once all ingredients are mixed, form a loaf and place in a baking dish just large enough to hold meatloaf or a 9 x 5 baking dish.
3. Place the meatloaf in the oven and cook for 40 minutes.
4. Drain any liquid off the meatloaf before adding the sauce.
5. Mix ketchup, chili powder and garlic powder in a bowl. Top meatloaf with sauce and cook for an additional 20 minutes.

Rattlers open week with conference loss

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Rattlers opened last week with a loss to Spring Hill 10-8 on Monday, April 7.

After surrendering a run in the top of the first, the Rattlers rallied with three runs in the bottom of the inning to claim the lead.

Spring Hill would score a pair of runs in the second and third inning to retake the lead.

Down 7-4 in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Rattlers scored four runs to retake control of the game.

Spring Hill would score one run in their half of the seventh inning, and then two more in the extra inning to take the conference win.

Brody Maroon had a pair of doubles on his 2/4, two run and two RBIs day.

Kooper Caldwell (2/4, one run, two RBIs), Laytan Wilcher (run, RBI), and Alex Bonner (RBI) also added to the cause.

Spring Hill was a menace on the base paths, stealing a total of 10 bases.

Juniors Andrew Carrilo (2/3, double, 3 RBIs, run) and Karson Hamilton (3/5, double, RBI, two runs) led the way for the Bears offensively.

Hamilton was also the starting pitcher for Spring Hill, going five innings in allowing six hits, four earned runs and two walks with six strikeouts.

Reese Tarver would allow three earned runs in his two innings of work, while Mason Moore closed out the game's final inning with three strikeouts.

Isaac Kuykendall started the game for the Rattlers, allowing nine hits and five earned runs in four innings. He would walk two Bears and strike out four.

Wilcher would compile three innings of work with two hits, three earned runs, three walks and three strikeouts.

Carter Gilmer would notch a strikeout in his lone inning from the mound.

MOUNTAIN PINE

The next day the Rattlers would travel to Mountain Pine and collected a 12-1 victory.

Maroon would hit a double and a home run as part of his five RBI day, as well as pitching a complete game walking two and striking out 13. Mountain pine's run was unearned and they collected zero hits in the contest.

Wilcher would double, steal two bases and drive in two runs, while Bonner (two) and

Gilmer (one, three stolen bases) also had RBIs.

MALVERN

On Thursday, the team notched an 18-8 win over Malvern at home.

Maroon had a double and a home run enroute to six RBIs and a 3/3 day at the plate.

Wilcher and Caldwell also had three RBIs and a double each.

Kale Burns would steal two bases and score three runs for Murfreesboro.

After Malvern scored two runs to open the first inning, Murfreesboro would build a lead of 7-2 by the end of the third inning.

Gilmer would pitch all six innings for the Rattlers, allowing ten hits and four earned runs with three walks and no strikeouts.

Benjamin Rock had three RBIs and a run scored for Malvern as part of his 3/4 day.

CADDO HILLS

Friday saw the Rattlers secure a 6-2 conference win over Caddo Hills at home.

Murfreesboro would do their biggest damage in the booth of the third inning, scoring four runs.

Maroon would double twice, scoring two runs. Lathan Compton added two runs, a stolen base and an RBI. Bonner has an RBI and a stolen base, while Kale Burns stole a pair of bases for the Rattlers.

Wilcher would drive in a run on two hits, as well as pitch four innings of two hit, one earned run effort. He would walk one and strike out eight.

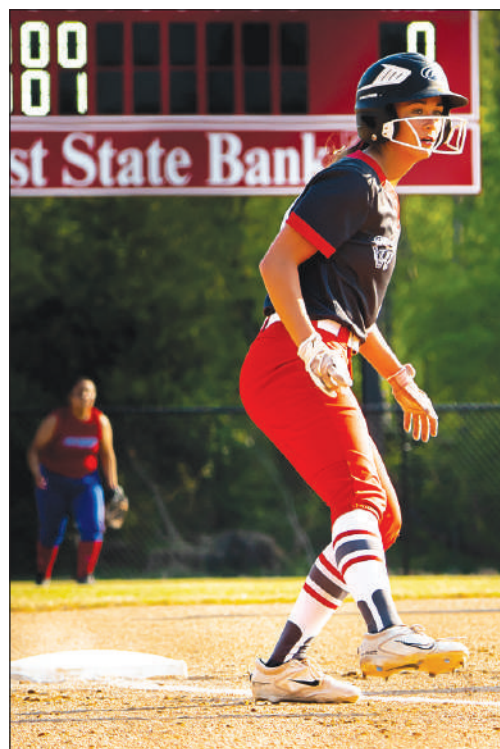
Caldwell would complete the three other innings of the game from the mound, allowing three hits and an earned run with three strikeouts.

Logan Graves would lace a double as part of his two hit, one run, one steal day for the Indians. Eli Ranies had Caddo Hill's lone RBI.

Wyatt Pittman and Graves would combine from the mound for Caddo Hills, walking a combined five batters and strikeout out three in their six combined innings of work.

This week the Rattlers will host Cutter Morning Star on Monday, Bismarck on Tuesday, Mount Ida on Thursday and Dierks on Friday.

According to si.com, the Rattlers now sit at 12-6 on the season overall and 7-1 in conference play, good for a tie at the top of the standings with Spring Hill.



Submitted photos/ Aaron Teel

LADY RATTlers IN ACTION ... Murfreesboro Rattler softball scored a win over Caddo Hills last week by a 10-0 score last week at home. The ladies also saw action against Nashville in a 1-7 loss and a 5-18 loss to Cutter Morning Star recently. The team will see action this week against Spring Hill, Mount Ida, Mountain Pine and Dierks.

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TRACTORS * CAMPER * TRAILERS * FARM EQUIPMENT * CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT * BOATS

2015 Freightliner M2-1112 6'x4'	Kubota RTV 1100 Camo 4x4, Cab & Air Hyd. Bed	1989 F-250 Ford, Cold Air, Automatic, Runs good
Day Cab, SSS, 570 Detroit DD13 500 HP	MF 124 Square Baler	2014 Toyota Prius, 185,000 Miles, good condition
JD 4640 Cab & Air w/duals	Cub Cadet RTZ Zero Turn Mower	Hobart 220 Welder
Rhino VR12, 12 Wheel Hay Rack	Picnic Table and Chairs	JD 4430 Cab w/ JD 146 Loader, w/Hay Spear & Bucket
Hay Forks	Skid Steer Ditcher	F-250 7-3 Diesel
Kuhn Hyd Hay Fluffer	Chain Link Panels with Gates	2008 F-350 Single Wheel, 1 Ton, 4x4, Diesel, 140,000 Miles
Krone Easy Cut TS 320 Mower, Trail Mower	16 Ft. Trailer	18 Ft. Carhauler Trailer
Kunota M7040 s/LA 1153 Loader w/Bucket & Hay Spear	Stihl Chain Saw	Fire Pit/Grill
1 Row Cultivator	2 7/8 Pipe	Big Smoker
Smoker	5 1/2 Pipe	2 Tractor Grill Guards
Pole Trailer (Pintle Hitch)	2 3/8 Pipe	150 Gallon Round Butane Tank (good)
20 Ft. Metal Top Stock Trailer	Small Gas Powered Mini Excavator	8'x16' Cattle Guard
20 Ft. Gooseneck Refer Trailer	20 Ft. Container	Large Overhead Fuel Tank
New Trailer Tires & Wheels (all sizes)	10 Ft. Container (New)	Priefert New Cattle & Horse Hay Rings
Horse Hay Feeder	2300 Ditch Witch (nice)	Kawasaki Mule 3010 4x4 Bar 6 Cake Feeder
Gooseneck Hitches	2002 Lincoln Town Car (nice), low miles	JD 6420 Cab & Air 4x4 w/640 Loader, w/ Forks & Bucket
Komatsu D37E Dozer 6 Way Blade	2006 GM Extended Cab, 1/2 Ton, 120,000 Miles	Kubota 4180 Baler SS Silage, 6640 Rolls
Jaylor Mixer Wagon	Case 585 Tractor, hydraulics, w/canopy	2022 Vermeer R2300 Hyd. Rake
Kubota 16 Ft. Trail Mower	JD X300 Riding Mower (nice)	Kubota B2350 Lawn Tractor
3 Pt. Post Driver	Bad Boy 60 In. Mower ZT Elite	2005 F-350 King Ranch Flatbed, w/135k Miles, Diesel
New Chains and Binders	3 Rolls of Net Wire	2019 Kuhn 9 Ft. Hay Mower, 1 Owner (nice)
New Clevis's	Stainless Steel Hog Feeders	2019 JD 460 M Baler, New Laces Service, Every Year 1600 Bales
New Lifting Chains	JD 2040 w/ John Deere 521 Loader	Vermeer Hay Rake
3Pt. Trailer Mox	JD MX6 Cutter	2012 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab, 4x4
New Fans	New Priefert Gates and Panels (all sizes)	1991 GMC 1500 4x4
Pallet Fork Extensions	Picnic Table	Vicon 8 Ft. Hay Mower
Overhead Fuel Tank	Honda Pioneer Camo 4x4	Roland Watch
PTO Winch	Woods 6 Ft. Disk	Farmall Tractor
Utility Trailers	Honda FourTrax 4-Wheeler	Pot Load Out Chute
3 Pt. 8 Ft. Massey Ferguson Disk	861 Ford Diesel Tractor (original)	Misc. Front Hay Forks
3 Pt. Hydraulic Wood Splitter (nice)	2014 Kawasaki 4010 Trans 4x4	3 Pt. 6 Ft. Blade
King Size Iron Bed Frame	2018 24'x6'x8' Escape Door, Rubber Floor, Tarp	PLUS, MANY, MANY MORE ITEMS
Cowhide Living Room Chair	8 Wheel Hay Rake	
Square Baler	Schuler Mixer Wagon	
4'x6' Tilt Trailer	2 Butane Tanks	
Gas Log Splitter	2009 Ford F150 4x4, runs good, 265,000 miles, V-8	
3 Pt. Garden Plow	16 Ft. Trailers	
3 Pt. 6 Ft. Disk		
3 Pt. Pasture Sprayer		
Hyd. Wood Splitter		

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LOOKING TOWARD A VICTORY ... Murfreesboro Rattler baseball players look on at the game (above) versus Caddo Hills last Friday in Murfreesboro. The team would win a conference game over the visiting Indians by a 6-2 score. (Below) Rattler coach Marc McRae gives some words of wisdom to Carter Gilmer (12) after he reached third base.

