



Community News

CADC to distribute commodities

Mt. Ida / Glenwood, AR – Central Arkansas Development Council will distribute USDA commodities April 19 & 20 in Pike and Montgomery Counties.

The food items to be distributed may include orange juice, applesauce, green beans, vegetable soup, dehydrated potatoes, refried beans, corn flakes and chicken leg quarters.

PIKE COUNTY:
Pike County's distributions will take place from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and Noon to 3 p.m. at the CADC Glenwood Senior Activity Center at 229 Betty St. and from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the CADC Murfreesboro Senior Activity Center at 120 E. Court St., Ste. A.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY:
Montgomery County's distribution will take place from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the CADC Mt. Ida Senior Activity Center at 158 Senior Dr.

All customers receiving commodities must present identification. To be eligible, income guidelines must be met. Income guidelines for this program are based on 130% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Based on these guidelines, a one-person household must make less than \$15,301 per year to qualify for this program. For each additional family member, add \$5,408.

Billstown Reunion to be held April 23

The annual Billstown Reunion will be held Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Murfreesboro, AR. The meal will be potluck and everyone is welcome. Please come and visit with friends and neighbors. Donations will be accepted for the mowing expense of Billstown Cemetery and Nash Cemetery. Please call 870-379-2896 for additional information.

Mowing to begin at Brocktown Cemetery

It is time for mowing to begin at the Brocktown Cemetery. If a loved one is buried in the Cemetery, please help with the mowing expense.

Donations can be sent to Louella Terrell, P.O. Box 393, Murfreesboro, AR 71958 or to Sarita Floyd, 280 Kadaha Road, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

Donations for Saline Cemetery being accepted

If family or loved ones are buried at the Saline Cemetery, donations are being accepted for upkeep.

Please send contributions to Saline Cemetery Fund c/o Gloria Bagwell, P.O. Box 521, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

Upkeep of cemetery depends on donations

Mowing season is beginning and the upkeep of the Murfreesboro Cemetery depends upon contributions.

Support is appreciated. Donations may be given to JW Walls, Gary Don Turner, Helen Henderson, Joyce Woodruff, or Mary Jean Barbre.

Donations may also be mailed to Murfreesboro Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 185, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

Rattler Color Guard Wins...



PHOTO | CHRISTY COCCARELLI

THE SEVENTH GRADE AND SENIOR HIGH MURFREESBORO RATTLER WINTERGUARD COMPETED IN A MARCHING AUXILIARIES COMPETITION IN PLANO, TX ON FEBRUARY 20. THE SEVENTH GRADERS RECEIVED A SUPERIOR RATING AND WON THE OVERALL HONORS FOR TEAM PERFORMANCE. THE SENIOR HIGH PERFORMERS ALSO RECEIVED A SUPERIOR RATING FOR FIRST PLACE IN THEIR DIVISION.

9th West Judicial System provides information on website

<http://caseinfo.aoc.arkansas.gov> provides access to court records

HEATHER GRABIN
EDITOR

MURFREESBORO-The 9th West Judicial System (Pike, Howard, Little River, and Sevier Counties) implemented the Contexte Case Management System Program from Xerox on January 1 of this year.

This means that most court information that is public record can now be viewed on a website rather than in the clerk's office.

The website can be viewed at <http://caseinfo.aoc.arkansas.gov>

Pike County Circuit Clerk Sabrina Williams and her Deputy Clerks Angie Strawn and Susan O'Neal began the crossover to the new website last November.

All cases filed in the office

from November 2, 2015 have been entered into the system and previous cases that are still ongoing are being added as the cases go back to court.

All aspects of the court cases including violations, judge assignment, parties involved, docketing and hearings can be viewed.

Records on the site can be searched by: person name, business name or case type; judgments against a person or business; case information and activities; cases filed by date search; and docket filings by date search.

The system will not display juvenile cases or records.

Case information on the website is currently available for the following:

Supreme Court, Court of Appeals;

District Courts:

Crawford County, Faulkner County-Conway Department; Garland County, Grant County, Hot Springs County-Malvern Department; Independence County-Batesville Department; Polk County, Pulaski County-Little Rock Department; and White County-Searcy Department.

Circuit Courts:

Baxter, Benton, Boone, Calhoun, Carroll, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Craighead, Crawford, Cross, Dallas, Faulkner, Franklin, Garland, Grant, Hempstead (Probate only), Hot Springs, Howard,

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Arrests made during search for E-Z mart robbery suspect

MURFREESBORO-A felony drug charge has been filed after two people were arrested during the search for the Murfreesboro E-Z Mart robbery suspect on Thursday, March 24.

The robbery at E-Z Mart is believed to have been committed

by new store manager Johnna M. O'Neal and husband, Rodney O'Neal. (Both were arrested that evening and felony charges were filed against both March 31.)

The arrest that resulted in the felony drug charge is unrelated to the rob-

bery, but occurred when officers with the Murfreesboro Police Department and the Pike County Sheriff's Department were conducting a perimeter search for the E-Z Mart robbery suspect near the

-See Arrests, page 2

Winners announced in 'Coloring Contest'

KAYLA ASHBROOKS
REPORTER

MURFREESBORO-Elementary students in Kindergarten and First Grade at the Murfreesboro Campus of the South Pike County School District recently participated in a coloring contest sponsored by the Pike County Conservation District Office.

First, second, and third place winners were selected from each classroom.

Kindergarten Winners

Tana Horn's class: first place, Kyndall Henderson; second place, Emma Rose White; and third place, Tucker Martin.

Cindy Cobb's class: first place, McKinley White; second place, Macy Gills; and third place, Jacob Clark.

Pat Rowe's class: first place, Cale Humphry; second place, Jacey Gonzalez; and third place, Cooper Lowery.

First Grade Winners

Karen Terrell's class: first place, Harlee Pannell; second place, Kaden Epperly; and third place, Jathon Nuckols.

Nancy Synco's class: first place, Kinslee Howell; second place, Ava Cox; and third place, Branson McMillian.

Sharon Kennedy's class: first place, Trunks Hawthorne; second place, Addyson Countryman; and third place, Isaac Kuykendall.

-See Photos of Coloring Contest Winners, page 10

New sign going up...



PHOTO | CHRISTY COCCARELLI
A NEW SIGN GOES UP AT HAWKINS VARIETY STORE, A LANDMARK ON THE SQUARE IN MURFREESBORO.

MHS Baseball season underway

COREY TURBEVILLE
RATTLER SPORTS

Murfreesboro vs. Nashville

The Murfreesboro Rattlers traveled to Nashville Tuesday afternoon to face off against the Scrappers. The Scrappers came out swinging in the first inning

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Combined 75 years of service to be celebrated

SPCSD to honor Mary Penny & Karen Richardson with reception

The South Pike County School District will be holding a Retirement Reception in honor of Mrs. Mary Penny and Mrs. Karen Richardson on Sunday, April 24 from 1:30-3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, located at 403 Second Avenue in Murfreesboro.

All are invited to celebrate their combined 75 years of dedicated service to education.

Delight RCA members receive grant check...



PHOTO | ROSIE SIMMONS

DELIGHT RCA MEMBERS GATHER TO RECEIVE A GRANT CHECK. PICTURED FROM LEFT, RCA REGIONAL DIRECTOR PENNY HARRIS, RANDY ABBOTT, CATHERINE REED, KATHLEEN COLE, ETTA TEETER AND KENNETH TEETER.

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Pike County Circuit Court filings

The following cases were filed in the Pike County Circuit Clerk's office.

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CIVIL:

APRIL 8—Rebekah Nicole Boyd vs. Zachary Wayne Boyd, divorce with support;

APRIL 6—Edward R. and Alta Bailey vs. Michael Jason Kenworthy, unlawful detainer.

APRIL 11—Michelle Jones vs. Calvin E. Jones, Jr., divorce;

DOMESTIC RELATIONS:

APRIL 11—Brennon Watts vs. Kaitlin Hartley, divorce.

APRIL 6—Ricardo Salabarria vs. Lourdes Guada-

PIKE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORD

Pike County Land Transactions

The following land transactions were filed in the Pike County Circuit Clerk's office.

MARCH 24 WARRANT DEED: Carolyn Bailey, Grantor, to Eugene Whitten, Grantee. The North 110 feet of Lot 1 and the North 110 feet of the East Half of Lot 2 all in Block 4 North of Railroad Street, in the incorporated Town of Delight, Arkansas, per plat thereof recorded in Book 42, page 244 of the Deed Records of Pike County, Arkansas.

taining 8.39 acres of land as surveyed by Daniel Seal (P.S. 1768)), dated 09/09/16. Containing NE1/4 SW 1/4 = 4.55 acres and SE1/4 SW1/4 = 3.84 acres.

MARCH 28 WARRANTY DEED: Mary Humphries, Grantor, to Jon Hoover and Rachel Hoover, his wife, Grantees. Lot No. 17, West Fork, Lake Greesson-Narrows Reservoir, located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 26 West, Pike County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point located at the SW corner of Lot No. 17 from which point the SW corner of Section 10 bears South 35 degrees 00 minutes West 1118.8 feet distant; run thence North 10 degrees 47 minutes West 257.1 feet to a point; thence North 77 degrees 23 minutes East 209.8 feet to a point; thence South 09 degrees 32 minutes East 258.5 feet to a point; thence South 77 degrees 44 minutes West 206.6 feet to the Point of Beginning.

(PLS 1254): thence S 86 degrees 26'50" E 210.00' to a set rebar w/ cap; thence S 01 degrees 38'53" E 159.00' to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.77 acres, more or less.

MARCH 29 WARRANTY DEED WITH RELINQUISHMENT OF DOWER: Brenda Godwin and husband George Godwin, and Schevonne Fendley and husband Ray Fendley, Grantors, to Robert Welch and wife, Lisa Welch, Grantees. Lot 802 on Maple Street of the Incorporated Town of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, according to the plat thereof appearing in Book "D" at page 410 of the Deed Records of Pike County, Arkansas.

to North and East boundary of Lots 7 and 8, Block 4; ALSO, except any part of said property in Southwest portion thereof as is now covered by Glenwood Church of Christ Building.

MARCH 31 WARRANTY DEED: Jeffrey Clark Campbell and wife, Leigh Smith Campbell, Grantors, to Brenda Wright, Grantee. A part of the SE1/4 of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 24 West, Pike County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commence at the SE corner of said SE1/4 of said Section 24 and run North 235 feet to the N right of way line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company; thence run N 81 degrees 40 minutes W along the N line of said railroad right of way for a distance of 1285 feet to the Point of Beginning of the lands conveyed hereby, which point is N 81 degrees 40 minutes W, 159 feet from the center of a drain ditch that is referred to in a certain correction deed executed by Ozan Lumber Company in favor of Delight Oak Flooring Company conveying lands of which this is a part, from which Point of Beginning run thence 81 degrees 40 minutes W 125 feet along the N boundary line of said railroad right of way; thence run N 07 degrees E 238 feet to a point on the S right of way line of State Highway No. 26; thence run S 83 degrees E 125 feet along the S line of said highway right of way; thence run S 07 degrees W for 241 feet back to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.69 of an acre, more or less.

MARCH 28 WARRANTY DEED: Lorena Hooker, Grantor, to Dexter Hooker, Grantee. Beginning at a point 47 links South of the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 24 West, thence South 918.5 links to corner; thence West 1000 links; thence North 1215.5 links to Public Road; thence South 61.25 degrees East 720 links; thence North 86.75 degrees East 189 links; thence North 73.5 degrees East to point of beginning, containing ten acres more or less.

MARCH 28 DEED OF DISTRIBUTION: David Jarnagin, as Affiant/Distributee of the estate of Abraham Zechriah Conatser, Deceased, Grantor, to David Jarnagin, Grantee. The North 30 feet of even width of Lot 505 Conway Street, described as follows: Commence at the SE corner of said lot for the Point of Beginning; thence North 16 and 2/3 feet to the South line of the Billy Davis property; thence West 60 1/2 feet; thence South 9 feet; thence West 34 feet to the West line of said lot; thence South 7 and 2/3 feet; thence East 94 1/2 feet to the Point of Beginning. Also, all that part of Sixth Street lying between Lot 601 Conway Street and Lot 505 Conway Street. All in Kelly's Addition to the Town of Murfreesboro, Arkansas, per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record Book "P" at page 410 of the records of Pike County, Arkansas and being subject to all existing streets and alleys.

MARCH 28 WARRANTY DEED: Weyerhaeuser NR Company, Grantor, to Clinton Schooley and Beth Schooley, husband and wife, Grantees. A tract of land being located in the SE1/4 SW1/4 and NE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 08 T-06-S, R-25W, in Pike County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an aluminum monument for the SW corner of said NE1/4 SW1/4; thence N 02 degrees 00'04" E-415.07 feet along the West line of said NE1/4 SW1/4 to a #4 rebar and cap (P.S. 1768); thence N 01 degrees 07'09" E -270.89 feet to a #4 rebar and cap (P.S. 1768); thence S 63 degrees 50'41" E-294.30 feet to a #4 rebar and cap (P.S. 1768); thence S 57 degrees 13'02" W - 379.25 feet to a #4 rear and cap (P.S. 1768); thence S 55 degrees 16'01" W - 491.54 feet to a #4 rebar and cap (P.S. 1768) in the West line of said SE1/4 SW1/4; thence N 01 degrees 50'29" E-494 feet along said West line of said 1/4 to the POINT OF BEGINNING; con-

MARCH 29 WARRANTY DEED: Patricia Harrison, Grantor, to Darrell Harrison, Grantee. Beginning at the Point on the Range line (7) chains and Ninety-six (96) links North of the SE corner of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 24 West, Pike County, Arkansas; thence running West, parallel with the Murfreesboro Road 2 chains; thence South 1 chain and 65 links; thence Easterly 2 chains; thence North 1 chain and 65 links to Point of Beginning. ALSO, beginning at a point on the Range line 358 links North of the SE corner of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 24 West, Pike County, Arkansas; thence North 82 1/2 degrees West 200 links; thence North 253 links to corner; thence South 88 1/4 degrees E 200 links; thence South 273 links to the Point of Beginning.

MARCH 30 WARRANTY DEED: Jack Gardner and Linda Gardner, husband and wife, Grantors, to Rock Creek Insurance, Inc., Grantee. A part of Lot 16, Block 17, Original survey of Glenwood, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point of 35 feet North and 5 feet West of the corner common to Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11, T5S, R24W, and run thence North 66 feet, run thence West 80 feet, run South 40 feet, more or less to North and East boundary of Lot 7, Block 4, run South 42 degrees East approximately 27 feet along and with the North and East boundary of Lots 7 and 8, Block 4 to a point due West of the Point of Beginning, run thence East 64 feet, more or less, to point of beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT an alley 10 feet wide in Southwest corner of said tract parallel and adjacent

APRIL 1 WARRANTY DEED WITH RELINQUISHMENT OF DOWER AND CURTSEY: Robert J. Ligon and wife, Myra Ligon, Grantors, to Mark Ligon, Grantee. A tract of land being situated in the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 5 South, Range 25 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, being located in Pike County, Arkansas.

APRIL 1 WARRANTY DEED: Robert Huffman, Grantor, to Robert Wayne Huffman and Norma Cheryl Huffman, Trustees of the Robert and Norma Huffman Family Trust, Grantees. Five acres in the form of a square in the NW corner of the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 23 West, said tract of land lying West of Delight-Shawmut Road.

Pike County Jail Record

The following were booked into the Pike County Detention Facility.

APRIL 5:

Kevin J. Stockton, 28 of Hot Springs, driving on suspended driver's license; warrant-failure to appear.

APRIL 6:

Walter A. Couch, 45 of Royal, breaking or entering; theft of property; Richard D. Mitchell, 53 of Hope, hold-ADC.

APRIL 7:

James A. Shultz, 30 of Caddo Gap, warrant; Anthony S. Wesson, 52 of Prescott, hold; Zachary Whisenhunt, 28 of Amity, warrant-absconder.

APRIL 8:

Christy M. Ellis, 39 of Murfreesboro, body attachment; John W. Hancock, 25 of Amity, warrant-failure to pay; Brandon E. Howard, of Newhope, warrant; theft of property; David E. Hulsey, 35 of Okolona, warrant-failure to pay; Stephen D. Morphew, 56 of Murfreesboro, no proof of insurance, driving on suspended driver's license.

APRIL 9:

James C. Dean, 41 of Nash-

ville, warrant-failure to pay; warrant-failure to appear;

Sarah J. Humphry, 32 of Murfreesboro, hold for court-Pike County;

Zachary C. Kosters, 23 of Murfreesboro, driving on suspended driver's license; warrant-failure to pay;

Brianna Maynard, 26 of Glenwood, possession of controlled substance without a prescription.

APRIL 10:

Timothy Griffin, 38 of Kirby, DWI; disorderly conduct; Sergio Sanchez, 24 of Hot Springs, no driver's license; no proof of insurance; speeding (20 over the limit).

Christopher K. Williams, 24 of Bismarck, failure to pay, driving on suspended driver's license.

APRIL 11:

James C. Fondren, 35 of Heflin, LA, first degree battery; possession of a controlled substance without a prescription; DWI;

James D. Humphry, 40 of Delight, warrant-failure to appear; driving on suspended driver's license; failure to maintain control; leaving scene of accident;

Ashton B. Wallace, 28 of Okolona, warrant-failure to pay.

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Southwest Arkansas Domestic Violence/Crisis Center (SWADV/CC)
Battered Women's Center and Sexual Assault Services
24 Hour Crisis Line 870-584-3447
Offices located in:
DeQueen • Nashville • Mt. Ida • Mena

There will be a box in the Nashville News set up to collect supplies for the center. Items needed include: Paper goods (paper towels, toilet tissue, etc), Dish Soap, Hand Soap, Toiletries, Lotion, Games for kids, books.

ALL ABOARD

35th Annual
Fordyce on the Cotton Belt Festival
Fordyce, Arkansas on the Courthouse Square
April 22-23, 2016

5K Run, Classic Car Show, Model Train Display, Arts & Crafts, Carnival, Great Festival Food, & Parade. Saturday there will be non-stop free entertainment with music, music, music from noon until night!

For more informatino, call 870-352-5125 or visit www.FordyceOnTheCottonBelt.com

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP Saturday, April 23
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE
City of Delight
Residential Area Only
Everything must be at regular pickup spot.
STRICTLY NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP Saturday, April 23
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE
City of Antoinette
Residential Area Only
Everything must be at regular pickup spot.
STRICTLY NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.

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scoring eight runs.

The Scrappers were just too much for The Rattlers on this night. The Rattlers fall 18-8. Logan Wilcher and Tyler Gibert pitched for The Rattlers. Chris Odom was one for four with a single and two RBI. Logan Wilcher was one for three with a single, one RBI, and scored two runs. Daniel Myers was one for three with a single, two RBI, and scored one run.

Murfreesboro vs. Lafayette County

The Murfreesboro Rattlers traveled to Lafayette County on a Monday afternoon to take on the Cougars. The Rattlers comeout on fire. Scoring thirteen runs in the first inning. The Rattlers never let up. Going on to win 17-1. Logan Wilcher pitched one inning, allowing one hit, one run, and striking out two. Jared Lingo pitched two innings, allowing zero hits, zero runs, while walking one, and striking out four. Jarrett Pitchford was three for four with one single, two doubles, six RBI, and two runs. Ryan Roberts was two for four with two singles and two runs. Adam Bailey was one for three with a single, scoring three runs, and being walked twice.

Murfreesboro vs. Blevins

The Murfreesboro Rattlers hosted The Blevins Hornets on a Friday afternoon. The Hornets too an early 1-0 lead but The Rattlers scored six runs in the second inning and never looked back. The Rattlers go on to defeat The Hornets 10-4. Dalton Cherry pitched six innings, giving up nine hits, four runs, while striking out four, and walking two. Tyler Gilbert pitched one inning giving up zero hits and striking out two. Chris Odom was four for four with three singles, one HR, five RBI, and scored two runs. Jarrett Pitchford was two for four with two singles and two RBI. Daniel Myers was two for four with two singles and scored one run. The Rattlers and Lady Rattlers will travel Dierks on April 15th. On April 18th they will face Mineral at home. Jarrett Pitchford is my Rattler baseball player of the week. Jarrett was five for nine with three singles, two doubles, eight RBI, and scored two runs.

One warrant results in felony arrests of two men

MURFREESBORO—One man was sentenced to the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) in Pike County Circuit Court and another will return for trial after drug arrests that occurred at a home in Antoine.

Forty-three-year-old James P. Crabtree of Antoine entered a guilty plea and was given consecutive sentences for two felony drug charges on March 21.

He was sentenced to six years in the ADC with five years suspended for the charge of possession of a controlled substance—methamphetamine, a class D felony; and four years in the ADC for possession of drug paraphernalia, a class D felony.

Forty-year-old James D. Humphry of Delight has entered a not guilty plea in court and will return for trial on April 28. He has been charged with two felony drug charges; possession of a controlled substance—methamphetamine, a class D felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class D felony.

Both men were arrested on Thursday, March 10 after Pike County Chief Deputy David Shelby was given information that Crabtree had moved to a residence on Depot Street in Antoine.

Chief Deputy Shelby knew that Crabtree had an outstanding absconder

warrant for his arrest, so he and Pike County Sheriff Charlie Caldwell went to the residence in an attempt to arrest Crabtree.

As Sheriff Caldwell approached the front door of the residence, Chief Deputy Shelby went to the back door. Sheriff Caldwell knocked on the front door and announced himself as the Sheriff. The door opened and then was immediately shut and locked from inside the home.

Both Sheriff Caldwell and Chief Deputy Shelby could hear movement from inside the residence. As Chief Deputy Shelby was watching the back door, Crabtree opened the door. Chief Deputy Shelby told Crabtree to stop, but Crabtree slammed the door back shut.

The back door that Crabtree was identified from did not have any steps up to the trailer, so entry couldn't be made at that door. Chief Deputy Shelby advised Sheriff Caldwell that he believed Crabtree was hiding in the back bedroom of the home.

The officers made entry through the front door of the residence where a female was lying on the couch. Crabtree was taken into custody after he was found in the back bedroom hiding underneath the bed.

The officers and Crabtree went to the living room

area of the trailer. According to the affidavit of arrest, officers saw a glass pipe that is used for smoking drugs on the coffee table, along with a spoon containing white residue.

Crabtree told officers that (James) David Humphry was also inside the residence and that Humphry was the one that locked the front door when Sheriff Caldwell knocked.

Sheriff Caldwell looked in the laundry room and saw Humphry attempting to hide by covering himself in laundry that was lying beside the dryer.

Sheriff Caldwell asked Humphry to get up, but Humphry refused to comply. Officers pulled him out from under the laundry, and escorted him to the kitchen after taking him into custody.

Sheriff Caldwell knew that Humphry was on active parole and had signed a search waiver. Humphry admitted to having illegal items on his person and removed a syringe and a pill bottle that contained a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine from his pocket.

A metal spoon containing a crystalized-like substance believed to be methamphetamine and a syringe containing a clear liquid substance believed to be

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FROM THE BARNYARD

MIKE GRAVES
PUBLISHER

BEEF, AND THE EARTH

There continues an ongoing debate over beef being good or bad; both in regard to our health and the well being of our planet. It should surprise none of ya'll that we in the cow business will side with the beef industry in saying beef tastes great, is good for you, and good for our planet. It was a pleasant surprise for me to read a positive article in The National Geographic regarding beef in an ongoing series titled "The Footprint of Meat." According to the article, "the portion of the grain harvested in the US consumed by animals in 1971 was "over 80%", today that number has plummeted to around 40%, as yields of grains have soared, animal efficiency in feed conversions have greatly improved, and ethanol now consumes 35% of

our grain."

Author Robert Kunzig confirms what we've been saying here; we're doing a pretty good job reducing our carbon footprint in the beef industry while we feed a growing populace who, for the most part, don't know the difference between a Holstein and a Hereford. It's okay not to know, just trust ranchers to know.

Can we do a better job; yes. We can, and have gone from maximum production to sustainability as our mantra.

Our cattle today spend more time on grass, and less time in the feed yard. We use our water in the most efficient manner we can, and reduce pollution, and run-off. We can, and will do more.

My hope, for us all, is

that we can keep an open ear and mind toward our neighbor, and they in turn, trust that we are doing a good, though imperfect job at feeding the world.

And, that's all I've got this spring morning, thank you for reading.

"Earth's beauty seems completest, to them that on their deaths bed rest, Gentle lady who smiles sweetest, as she clasps us to her breast!" -F. Thompson 19th century

"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire! For when I was hungry, ye gave me no meat!" -The red letters of Jesus Christ, Nazarian carpenter, son of the living, and only God, found in Mathew 25:42 of The Holy Bible.

On the Edge of Common Sense



Good Neighbor

something down by the road but he thought it was some exotic metal sculpture mailbox!

But insurance would surely cover it, insisted the banker. Well, it would have, Jim said, but he had dropped behind on the premium payment when he had gone into the ostrich business. Chance of a lifetime! Get in at the beginning. He bought a boar and a sow ostrich, or whatever you call 'em, bred 'em up and hatched the eggs himself. Kept 'em warm and turned 'em reg'lar. He placed 'em where they'd be protected and he built a small fire to maintain a constant temperature. Unfortunately they got hardboiled when the feed wagon caught fire!

Before he could breed 'em again, the stud ostrich got hung up tryin' to eat outta the hog feeder and strangled himself! Jim said they ate him. The mama ostrich managed to get out in the road. She was hit by the county commissioner's wife. It totaled her car! That's why the road hasn't been graded for six

months.

Matter of fact, the potholes have got so bad that Jim talked to the state parks department and thinks he's convinced them it's part of the Oregon Trail. If they'll just declare the lane from the house to the barn a natural grassland he could set a couple of picnic tables and attract tourists. Charge 'em two bucks a car. With that money, he said, he could stock the front pasture with wildlife. Maybe start small, a buffalo and a couple of possum. Then he said, he could start a museum if he was able to find that two-headed calf he'd bought at a yard sale in Pawhuska.

But how do you expect to pay down the loan, asked the exasperated banker! No sweat, said Jim, he'd gone partners with BLM on fifty-six head of wild horses. No money down. All he had to do was furnish the pasture. He'd have plenty of feed for them horses plus his cows. At least he would as soon as he did a little work on the fence!

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of
Commerce**



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MONDAY AT NOON**

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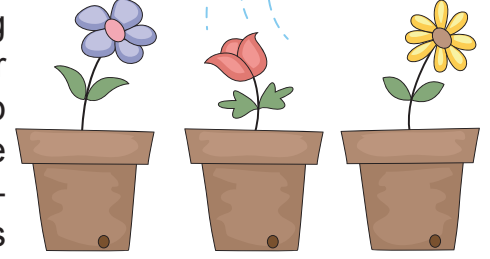
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A Z Kids News

Let's Do Some Gardening!

Gardening is a fun Spring activity that also makes your outdoor space beautiful. Gardening is when you grow plants for food or landscaping. People have been gardening since ancient times. Farming, which is gardening on a larger scale to feed a family or an entire community, was first done in Ancient Mesopotamia in 8500 BC. Before gardening was developed, man had to wander from place to place to collect and gather wild plants and roots. Because of the development of gardening and farming, humans could now remain in one location. Different cultures developed their native dishes based on what plants thrived in the region in which they lived. For example, rice grows well in China, as potatoes do in Ireland. The basics of gardening are simple; plant a seed, provide it with water and sunlight, and it will grow. Some plants grow easily, and others require very specific conditions, like appropriate temperatures, specific amounts of sunlight each day and special pruning and care. It is best to begin with a plant that grows easily and is hard to kill, such as green beans or sunflowers. Whatever you decide to plant, don't give up if at first you don't succeed. A green thumb (someone who seems to be able to grow any type of plant) is not mastered overnight! There are many different types of gardens. The most common is a flower garden which is planted for decoration. English cottages are famous for their beautiful flower gardens. A household vegetable garden is also very typical. In it you will find the basic veggies such as tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, beans, and herbs. A garden that is located indoors is called a conservatory. A botanical garden is often a public place that is run by researchers and showcases a wide variety of plants from around the World. There are even maze gardens made from shrubberies that are cut into intricate patterns. A butterfly garden is made by planting plants that attract butterflies.



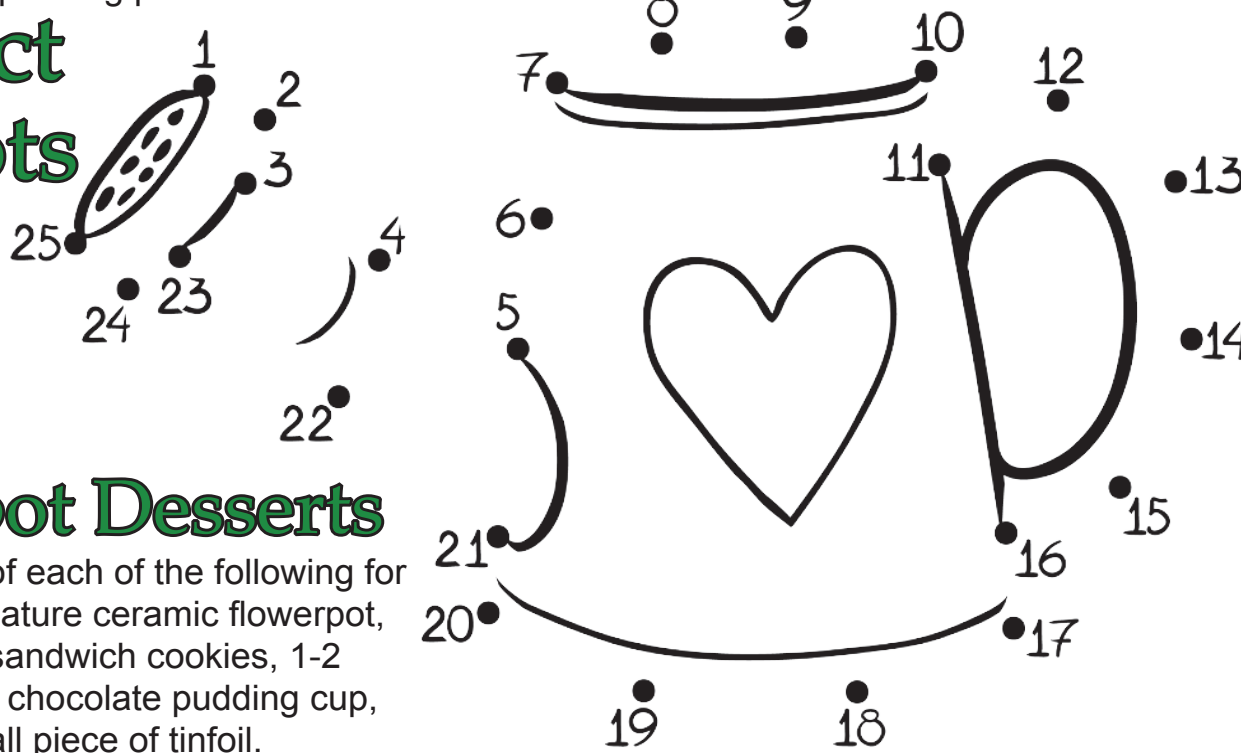
Flower Garden Word Search Game

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Hidden Words:

Bluebell, Carnation, Chrysanthemum, Cornflower, Dahlia, Daisy, Forget-Me-Not, Gladiolus, Lily of the Valley, Pansy, Rose, Tulip

Connect The Dots



Flowerpot Desserts

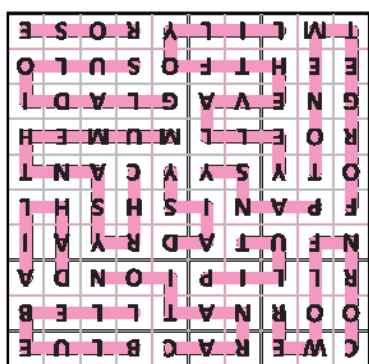
You will need one of each of the following for each person: miniature ceramic flowerpot, 3-4 chocolate sandwich cookies, 1-2 gummy worms, 1 chocolate pudding cup, and a small piece of tinfoil.

Step One: Wash the flowerpot with warm soapy water and dry thoroughly. Then place the tinfoil into the bottom of the pot. This will keep your dessert from coming through the hole that is usually found at the bottom of ceramic flowerpots.

Step Two: Spoon the pudding into the pot leaving around an inch at the top.

Step Three: Crush your cookies to look like dirt. Then place on top of the pudding.

Step Four: Place your gummy worms in the pot and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving. A fake flower can also be added if desired!



Gardening Crossword

Across Clues:

- Nickname for a person who is good at gardening.
- Many gardens are planted to grow edible _____.
- An indoor garden.
- Grows well in China.

Down Clues:

- Some plants attract these beautiful insects.
- You can grow one of these well in Ireland.
- Where plants grow.
- You start your garden by planting these.
- A type garden that is used for research.
- The most common type of garden found around most homes and neighborhoods.



How Many Words Can You Spell From The Word GARDENING?

Crossword Ans: Across-4(green thumb 7)food 8(con-servatory 9)rice Down-1(butterflies 2)potato 3(garden 5) seeds 6(botanical 7)flower


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Readers' Choice

AWARDS 

Here's your chance to nominate your favorite people and things in the Pike County area. From your favorite place to eat a hamburger to your favorite police officer, make your choice known in the first ever Pike County Reader's Choice Awards. Help select the winners by filling in your picks!

Results of the poll will be revealed in the newspaper after we have had a chance to tally the votes and prepare the information.

CONTEST RULES * ENTER TO WIN**

- Vote in as many -- or as few -- categories as you wish, but only one nomination per category. To recognize local businesses, nominees must be located in Pike County, regularly do business in Pike County, or be located short distances (within 20 miles) into bordering communities in Clark, Montgomery, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Polk, Nevada or Garland Counties. Howard County businesses, except service providers that travel to Pike County, are exempt from this contest.

- All area residents 13 years and older may cast ballots, but only ballots from the newspaper will be counted in the tally and accepted (for room purposes, entries may be typed or written legibly on a piece of paper, but must come attached with the official ballot). No photocopies, please. There is a limit of two ballots per person every week during the duration of the contest.

- Ballots must be received at the newspaper -- mail or hand delivery -- by the close of business on Friday, April 29 to qualify for the contest.

- To be eligible to win your choice of a set of BEATS earbuds or a 20 oz. YETI travel mug, please full out the box in the bottom right of this ballot ... however, if one wishes to not enter the drawing, no name or information is required and the votes will still count toward the total.

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT

- Appetizers _____
- Barbecue _____
- Biscuits _____
- Breakfast _____
- Buffet _____
- Catfish _____
- Chicken _____
- Coffee _____
- Desserts _____
- Dinner _____
- Fast Food _____
- Fish _____
- French Fries _____
- Hamburgers _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Lunch _____
- Mexican _____
- Pizza _____
- Salad _____
- Sandwiches _____
- Seafood _____
- Steaks _____
- Sweet Tea _____
- Best Fast Food Restaurant _____
- Best Sit Down Restaurant _____
- Best Family-Friendly Restaurant _____
- Best Single Menu Item _____

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When applicable, please add business name

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- Carpenter/Roofer _____
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- Dance Instructor _____
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- Dentist _____
- Doctor _____
- Elected Official _____
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- Firefighter _____
- Funeral Home Employee _____
- Grocery Store Cashier _____
- Hairstylist _____
- Insurance Agent _____
- Manicurist _____
- Mechanic _____
- Minister _____
- Most Community Spirit _____
- Nurse _____
- Nurse Practitioner _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
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- Children's Clothing _____
- Donuts/Pastries _____
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- Farm Supplies _____
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- Floral Arrangements _____
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- Gifts _____
- Groceries _____
- Hardware _____
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- Jewelry _____
- Lawn Equipment _____
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Coloring Contest Winners announced...



Kindergarten Winners - Tana Horn's class: first place, Kyndall Henderson; second place, Emma Rose White; and third place, Tucker Martin.



First Grade Winners - Karen Terrell's class: first place, Harlee Pannell; second place, Kaden Epperly; and third place, Jathon Nuckols.



Kindergarten Winners - Cindy Cobb's class: first place, McKinley White; second place, Macy Gills; and third place, Jacob Clark.



First Grade Winners - Sharon Kennedy's class: first place, Trunks Hawthorne; second place, Addyson Countryman; and third place, Isaac Kuykendall.



Kindergarten Winners - Pat Rowe's class: first place, Cale Humphry; second place, Jacey Gonzalez; and third place, Cooper Lowery.

-Warrant, from page 4

methamphetamine were laying in open view on top of the refrigerator in the kitchen. According to the report, 12 marijuana plants were laying outside the back door of the trailer in plain view of the officers.

After being placed in custody, both men were transported to the Pike County Detention Facility.

Both made a first appearance in Pike County Circuit Court on March 21 where Crabtree's bond was set at \$25,000 and Humphry's bond was set at \$25,000 plus current bond (\$25,000) revoked.

Tasting Brunch to be held April 21

The Women's Auxiliary will be hosting their Annual Tasting Brunch on Thursday, April 21 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Brunch will be held in the Community Room of the Murfreesboro Municipal Building.

Cost is \$5 per plate, dine in or carry out.

Benefit to be held for Sims to be held

A Benefit Dinner will be held for Brenda Sims at the CADC Senior Adult Center on Saturday, May 7 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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God saw you getting tired
A Cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
Your tender hands at rest.
God took you home to prove to us
He only takes the best.

- Ruth, Myron, Carol,
and Family

Right, First Grade Winners - Nancy Synco's class: first place, Kinslee Howell; second place, Ava Cox; and third place, Branson McMillian (not pictured).



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