# The Murfreesboro Diamond State 1075

75¢ USPC 103-230

# Serving South Pike County, Arkansas Since 1975

◆ ◆ ◆ Home of the Crater of Diamonds State Park ◆ ◆ ◆



# **Archery benefit** set for April 15

MURFREESBORO -- A fundraiser to help the South Pike County archery team attend the national competition has been set for April 15 at the community room of the Murfreesboro Municipal Building.

Lunches will be served from 10:30 a.m. until the food runs out. Chicken and pork will be the featured items on the menu.

#### MJHS cheer to host fundraiser at local eatery

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Junior High School cheerleaders will host a fundraiser on Monday, April 9.

Scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Kristen's Kitchen, the local eatery will donate a percentage of their sales from the evening to the MJHS cheer squad. A brisket special will be available, along with regular menu

Additionally, the cheerleaders will have individual and family size desserts for sale.

"Thank you so much for your support, and we hope to see you there," said MJHS cheer sponsor Markie Bell.

# Circus comes to town April 24

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce its sponsorship of the Kelly Miller Circus' stop in Murfreesboro next month, and invites all local residents to come out and enjoy a day of fun-filled excitement.

Slated for Tuesday, April 24, the public is invited to come out and see the revamped lineup the circus has to offer this season. Located at the old City Park -- East 13th Street ad Park Drive -- performances will be at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., with the tent raising beginning at approximately 9 a.m. on that

Attendees can support the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce, as well as save money, by buying their tickets in advance. Advance tickets will cost \$10 for adults and \$7 for children (2-12) and seniors (65 and over) and will be available at Diamond Bank of Murfreesboro, First State Bank of Pike County, Cash Saver, Trunk of Treasures, On the Square Home and Floral and the Mayor's office in the Murfreesboro Municipal Building. Advance tickets will go on sale beginning Monday, April 2.

Tickets purchased on the day of the event at the circus box office will be \$13 for adults and \$8 for children and seniors. The event is scheduled to occur rain or shine.

The Kelly Miller Bros. Circus, founded during the Depression, is marking another milestone this year as it celebrates its 80th anniversary. Founded in 1938 by Obert Miller and his sons, Kelly and Dores, this traditional tented circus has seen the passing of the millennium and still offers the same great family entertainment it presented in its humble beginnings.

While the show in 1938 was little more than the Miller Family, some ponies and a couple of monkeys, they still moved around the country, as they do today, in trucks and went through the same routine each day of setting up and giving performances in a

new town. The all-new 2018 season will feature a host of international circus stars from all over the world. Our performers being the magic of the circus to life in each 90-minute performance. This year's lineup includes an All-Star group of performers and entertainers that include Rolla Bolla, Hula Hoops, Quick Change, Russian Swing and so much more.

Each morning the public gets an altogether different kind of show as the circus lot comes to life. Circus trucks pull on to the lot in the early morning hours, stakes are driven and the giant Big Top rises into the air. Best of all, the public is welcomed to watch this entire spectacle free of charge. A knowledgeable circus veteran will be on hand to explain the action and answer questions about circus life.

This season the Kelly Miller Circus will travel nearly 10,000 miles and give performances in over 150+ cities and towns as it winds across North America from April through October. The all-new edition promises a more extravagant exhibition than ever, set to be more exciting than ever with many new acts and entertainers to amaze and amuse you.

More information can be found at www. kellymillercircus.com.



COUNTY RESIDENT CHARGED IN UNDERCOVER OPERATION ... An undercover operation and a search warrant executed have resulted in a felony drug-delivery charge being filed against a Glenwood woman. Melissa Dixson, 49, was officially charged March 29 in Pike County Circuit Court with possession of marijuana with purpose to deliver. Her bond has been set at \$5,000 and she was ordered to return to court with an attorney April 16 for formal arraignment. Dixson was arrested March 22 when officers from the Pike County Sheriff's Department, Arkansas State Police and the South Central Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at her home at 117 Old Highway 70 Loop. The search warrant was the result of an alleged controlled buy of the marijuana at the home earlier in the month. Law officers recovered approximately 145 grams of the drug along with various paraphernalia. scales and baggies and \$3,110 in cash. Dixson said in an interview after her arrest that she had been selling marijuana for about one year to supplement her monthly disability check. Pictured above with some of the evidence is (L to R) Pike County Chief Travis Hill and Pike Cpounty Deputy Jarrod Reid.

# Rattlers, Lady Rattlers garner wins last week

MURFREESBORO -- With the rain of last week, both the Rattlers and Lady Rattlers were only able to squeeze in a doubleheader on Friday for the week's only action on the basepaths.

The Rattlers started out the first game of their doubleheader against the Mineral Springs Hornets, cruising to a 14-2 victory after a 10-run first inning.

Grady Jones had a pair of hits en route to scoring twice and driving in four runs. Senior J.C. Motley would go 4/4 at the plate with two doubles and a home run to drive in four and score

Jase Kuykendall (double, 2 runs, RBI), Gavin Rawls (3 runs, RBI) and Ethan Pickett (run, RBI) helped the offense outburst for the Rattlers.

Devin Greenlee and Clayton Spigner (double) drove in the runs for Mineral Springs. William Dixon and Greenlee crossed the plate for the

Dixon and Dillon Blount pitched for Mineral Springs, combining to allow 10 hits, five walks, and three strikeouts.

Payten Diffee would go the distance for Murfreesboro, allowing six hits and one walk while collecting six strikeouts. The Murfreesboro defense would strand seven Mineral Springs baserunners on the game.

In the second half of the doubleheader, the Rattlers faced off against Spring Hill.

The Bears would jump out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the second, when the Rattlers answered with a pair of runs. Undaunted, Spring Hill would add three more runs in the next two innings to preserve a hard fought 6-3 win.

Wesley Featherston drove in two runs for Spring Hill, while teammates Will Phillips (3 runs), Cameron Powell (run, RBI) and Kaleb Blair (double, run) help produce the final tally.

Leadoff batter Rawls had the Rattlers only extra base hit of the game with an RBI double. Brody Hignight (run, RBI), Kenneth Kemp (run) and Pickett (RBI) also helped contribute offensively.

Blair would go 4 1/3 innings for the Bears, scattering seven hits an four walks while collecting two strikeouts. Phillips would come on in relief, sandwiching a walk between a pair of strikeouts. The pair would strand seven Rattlers on base in the game.

Rawls (3 innings) and Motley (2 innings)

would combine their efforts for MHS, allowing a combined six hits and one earned run. While Murfreesboro would commit three costly errors on defense, the pitchers would walk three and

strike out three. The Rattlers now own a record of 6-9, with a 4-0 record in conference play. The team will face a pair of doubleheader action this week -- Tuesday at home against Trinity Christian and Friday on the road against Foreman.

#### MHS LADY RATTLERS

The Murfreesboro Lady Rattlers produced a pair of lopsided victories against Mineral Springs on Friday. The Lady Hornets, who this season participate as a JV team, fell 20-0 and 21-0.

In the first game, every Lady Rattler except starting pitcher Abby Maroon scored due to a courtesy runner.

Hope Littles drove in three, and Lainie Baxter (HR) and Cheyanne McMillian had two RBIs

Maroon pitched three innings, allowing only a

single hit to Lady Hornet Dakota Smith, walking two and striking out five.

Cydney Herberts would draw a walk and

steal a base for Mineral Springs. Smith walked eight and allowed five hits in her two innings of work from the mound for

Mineral Springs. In the second game of the doubleheader, the Rattlers would score all 21 of their runs in the first

Baxter and Loran Wilcher would each have a double, while Madison Humphry added a triple. Baxter, Emma Corbitt and Lea Terrell would each drive in a pair of runs.

Jarah Cox would pitch the one inning for MHS, walking and striking out one.

Halie Blount would give up 11 hits in her inning on the mound for the Lady Hornets, in addition to walking seven.

MHS now sits at 11-4 on the season and 4-0 in conference play. The team will face Arkadelphia on Tuesday and have a doubleheader at Foreman on Friday.



MAKING THE TAG ... MHS Lady Rattler Lainie Baxter applies an out to Mineral Springs' Dakota Smith at second base during softball action last Friday at the City Park.

# **Annual rabies clinic**

PIKE COUNTY -- The Pike County 4-H will continue their annual rabies clinic this week for \$10 per vaccination.

On Saturday, April 7, Dr. Wright of Wright's Veterinary Clinic in Glenwood, will hold a session at his office in Glenwood from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6, Dr. Bonnie Harding will be at the Nathan Fire Department from

1-1:25 p.m., at Cooley's Store from 1:40-2:10 p.m., at the Pike City Community Center from 2:30-2:45 p.m. before finishing again in Murfreesboro at the old hospital from 3:15-4:30

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Pike County 4-H. Other vaccinations and wormer will be available in limited supply.



# Freel - Wofford to wed



John Wofford-Hope Freel

Tim and Joy Freel would like to announce the engagement and upcoming nuptials of their daughter, Hope Freel and John Wofford. Hope is the grand-daughter of Tim and Malloy Freel of Nashville and Rev. David D. and Blanche Crouch of Searcy. John is the son of Gary and Laura Wofford of Delight. He is the grandson of Merl Wofford and the late Gary E. Wofford of Greenbrier, and Tom Wilson and the late Linda Wilson of Delight.

Hope is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University

and Oklahoma State University. She is currently employed by the Springdale School System as a Speech and Language Pathologist.

John is a graduate of Southern Arkansas University and Baptist Health Schools of Little Rock. He is currently employed by Northwest Medical Center in Springdale as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist.

The wedding will take place May 26, 2018, at First Baptist in Nashville, Ark. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

#### EARTHLINK INTERNET 14.95/mo. 349.99/mo. HyperLink™ High-S Satellite Internet 844-452-6769

EarthLink

### Murfreesboro Diamond

Your Hometown Newspaper since 1975

Located in the County Seat of Pike County • Murfreesboro, Arkansas Home of the Crater of Diamonds State Park Little Missouri River • Lake Greeson

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

Published by Nashville Leader Inc., 119 North Main Nashville, AR 71852

Periodical Class postage paid at Murfreesboro, AR

The Murfreesboro Diamond (USPC 103-230) is published every Wednesday. Subscription Rates: \$25 per year in area: Pike, Howard, Hempstead, Clark, Nevada & Montgomery counties; \$45 per year elsewhere.

\$15 for 6-months in area; \$25 for 6-months elsewhere. College Subscriptions- \$20 for 9-months.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 550, Murfreesboro, AR 71958 **Telephone:** 870-285-2723 **Fax:** 870-285-3820 Business Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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

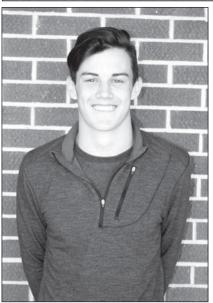
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

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

**DEADLINE FRIDAY** AT 3:00 P.M.

## **MHS ATHLETES** NAMED TO POST **SEASON AWARDS**





Staff photoa NAMED TO POST-**SEASON TEAMS ...** 

Three Lady rattlers (above) were named to All-Region team: (L to R) freshman Lainie Baxter, along with seniors Loran Wilcher and Lainy Alexander; (left) Rattler senior standout J.C. Motley was named to the All-District team; (above, right) while Loran Wilcher, in addition to her All-Region inclusion, was also named to the All-State Tournament team for 2018.



#### **Timberline Truck & Tractor**

322 Hwy 70 East Glenwood, Arkansas 71943 870-828-8617

\*\$0 Down, 0% A.P.R. financing for up to 36 months on purchases of select new Kubota Z400 Kommander-Pro Series equipment from participating dealers' in-stock inventory is available to qualified purchasers through Kubota Credit Corporation, U.S.A.; subject to credit approval. Example: 36 monthly payments of \$27.78 per \$1,000 financed. Some exceptions apply. Offer expires 3/31/18. See us or go to KubotaUSA.com for more information. Optional equipment may be shown. © Kubota Tractor



#### If you have any of the following:

Brazing, Machine Operator, Run Test Experience, Maintenance, Forklift or General Manufacturing Experience

#### Then we would like to talk to you.

- ► Competitive Pay For Your Experience
- ▶ \$500 bonus for skilled positions (Run Test & Brazers) after 90 days employment
- Great Benefits
- On-Site Low Cost Wellness Center
- Rapid Advancement Opportunities ► And Much More...

Call for details at 870-672-8021

LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC. IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY 870-285-2723





LADY RATTLER PAIR ATTENDS CAMP ... 2 Lady Rattlers, Rhealee Campbell and Erin Davis, attended AAO Top-25 Camp in Fayetteville March 16-17, 55 total attendees made up of some of the best underclassmen (freshmen-juniors) in state. "Campbell was probably one of only six freshmen at the camp, while Davis was one of the best junior bigs — it was a good experience for them both, making them more confident and aggressive, and showed Campbell what would work in senior high versus junior high," said Lady Rattler coach Nicole Martin. A new AAA rule will allow teams to compete in only 8 days of camps/tournaments in the 2018 summer season, and the Lady Rattlers are current looking at the potential of attending camps in Lake Hamilton, Fountain Lake, Nashville and Glen Rose.

# **CASH SAVER**

300 E. 13th St. Murfreesboro

**Boneless** New York Strip Steak \$6.76 lb

870-285-3391



No matter the size of your business We Can Help!

Arkansas Press Services now offers full service strategic digital marketing campaigns.

Our team of marketing experts focus on creating effective & impactful

media solutions that perform.

Let Us Help You With: > Audience Targeting &

Programmatic > Search Engine Optimization > Social Media Management

> Email Marketing

> Website Design, Development &Hosting

> Reputation Management

To get started, call 501-374-1500 and ask for the Digital Marketing Department.

We're a Premier Google Partner!

#### **ASSISTANT MANAGERS:**

You may be owed compensation for unpaid overtime.

Federal law requires employees to be paid overtime pay when they work over 40 hours per week. Retail stores, like Dollar General and Family Dollar, as well as restaurants and other businesses, regularly cheat "Assistant Managers" and "Shift Supervisors" out of overtime wages by claiming those employees are not entitled to overtime.

We've helped misclassified employees recover thousands of dollars in back pay.

If you are not receiving overtime pay,

please call John Holleman\* toll free at 855-825-5916

for a free consultation. \*Licensed in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas

# **Delight Elementary** announces honor roll

DELIGHT -- Delight Elementary has released the honor roll for the third quarter of the current school year.

#### KINDERGARTEN: MRS. KIDD & MRS.

**PALMER** All A

Asher Cox-Campbell, Lexie Craig, Kaylee Gentry, Abigail Howard, Olivia Jackson, Jack Lamb, Storrie Marsh, Korbin McLelland, Rylan Rowe, Jacob Shaw, Brooklyn Sweeden, Jackson VanCamp, Mark Warnack-Huffman, Hunter Whittle A&B

Aiden Baker, Leah Eoff, Isabella Jackson, Olivia McDaniel, Clayden Webb, Jackson Williams

#### FIRST GRADE: MRS. EDEN

All A

Natalie Bush, Drake Howard, Maci Price, Adalyn Silva, Jackson Teel

Miguel Ayala, Jerrah Buck, Alak Campbell

#### SECOND GRADE: MRS. IVY

Kinley Fisher, Anthony Hill, Adyson James, Elizabeth Mata, Kennedy Tidwell, Passion Whisenhunt, Jessica Wil-

Alexander Gill, Shelby Martin, Anna Rowe

#### THIRD GRADE: MRS. TURNER

Cameron Braden, Carter Gilmer, Garrett Lamb, Ross Spradlin A&B

Bella Frazier, Abbigale Miller, Rustyn Oliver, Ka'Miah Thomas

#### **FOURTH GRADE:** MRS. VITZTHUM

All AFaith Teel A&B

Sydney Braden, Bailey Jackson, DJay Leeper

#### FIFTH GRADE: MRS. HORN

All A

Weston Lamb, Jenna May, Reid Spradlin A&B

Amanda Brock, Caden Dixon, Janiyah Harris, James Silva, Kinleigh Sullivan, Allie Wicker

#### **SIXTH GRADE:** MRS. HOUSE

All A

Emma Cox, Sydney Lamb A&B

Mason Anderson, Isabell Ruiz, Emmy Salter

# **Mission House set** to be open April 14

MURFREESBORO -- Blessed Beginnings Mission House will open for food and clothing April 14 at 9-1 p.m.

Call Sarnia Minton, 870-285-1598 or Carey Beth Cole, 870-285-1269 for more information.

The group is again taking donations of clothing, but asks that they not be left on the porch because of possible rain.



WINTERGUARD WINS AWARDS AT NATIONALS ... The Rattler Winterguard is threepeat national champions, bringing home four trophies from the competition. The group received awards, including: National Champion Mini Solo - Peyton Keys, National Champion Junior Ensemble - Callie Johnson and Mallorie Stivers, 3rd Place Junior Solo- Callie Johnson, 4th Place Junior Solo - Brittany Laurent, Superior Solo Sr 15/16 - Mary Grace Balch, Superior Solo Sr 17/18 - Hannah Gilbert. Pictured above with the trophies is (front row) Peyton Keys; (Back row, L to R) Mallorie Stivers, Hannah Gilbert, Marcy Grace Balch, Callie Johnson and Brittany Laurent.

# Worker's compensation insurance premiums drop statewide due to lessened claims

LITTLE ROCK – Thanks to fewer work-related injuries being reported over the past two years, the cost to business of workers' compensation insurance in Arkansas is set to go down by about

15 percent, beginning in July. The drop in premiums was announced after the state Insurance Department adopted recommendations by the National Council on Compensation Insurance. The council recommended reductions of 14.9 percent for the state's assigned risk pool and

15.4 percent for the voluntary market. Companies may see their rates differ from the industry averages, after the individual risk factors for each business are calcu-

In announcing the rate reduction, the governor pointed out that Arkansas already had the lowest rates in the country for workers' compensation insurance. Reducing premiums will further cut the costs of doing business in the state, therefore Arkansas will be even more attractive to executives looking to locate or expand here.

Even better news than the financial savings is the fact that workplaces in Arkansas are safer than ever. Last year the fewest number of accidents were reported than during the previous 20 years. The number of fatal accidents has declined dramatically. In 2017 there were 49 fatal accidents at Arkansas workplaces, compared to 106 fatalities reported in 1995.

This marks the eighth consecutive year that workers' comp rates have gone down. In announcing last year's rate decrease, the state Insurance Commissioner attributed the steady downward trend to Act 796 of 1993.

Auto rates also well below national average after crackdown on fraud

The legislature established in detail what qualifies as a com-

The 1993 act takes into account that some injuries are worsened by activities done outside the workplace, and it lists activities that preclude resulting injuries from being compensable. For example, it excludes compensation for workplace injuries resulting from horseplay and fighting.

Even before passage of Act 796, injuries caused by drunkenness or drug abuse were generally not compensable. However, the 1993 law reversed the presumptions that guided the legal

Before Act 796 it was presumed that workplace injuries did not result from intoxication. Since Act 796 took effect, the presence of drugs or alcohol in an injured worker creates the presumption that the accident was caused by the use of drugs or

alcohol. Every employee gives implied consent to drug testing, and refusing a drug test after an accident creates the presumption that drug use caused the accident.

Act 796 greatly expanded the legal definitions of injury, which had been simply a few lines in the law books and which now includes injuries caused by rapid, repetitive motion. The major changes due to Act 796 are listed in an article in Issue 2, Volume 20 of the Law Review of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

#### **AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATES**

In January, the Insurance Commissioner credited his department's crackdown on fraud as a reason that Arkansas consumers enjoy some of the country's lowest car insurance rates. Arkansas is sixteenth from the bottom in the cost of motor vehicle insur-

The average driver in Arkansas paid \$736 in 2015, compared to a national average of \$889. Premiums for car insurance in Ar-

# STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

Call 1-800-569-8762 to place your ad here!

WANTED 10 HOMES

In your county needing
METAL ROOFS, SIDING
OR WINDOWS. We are opening a branch office and will be using these homes for our 2018 brochure.

SAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS! No money down . Payment \$89/Mo.\* Senior/Military

866-668-8681 Always Protect Your Family! Final Expense/Burial Insurance \$30,000 Coverage Only \$1per day! No Med Exam! Free Consult Call Today 1-866-788-6607.

DIRECTV SELECT PACKAGE! Over 150 Channels, ONLY \$35/ month (for 12 mos.) Order Nowl Get a \$200 AT&T Visa Rewards Gift Card (some restrictions apply) CALL 1- 855-400-3297.

Spectrum Triple Play! TV, Internet & Voice for \$29.99 ea. 60 MB per second speed No contract or commitment. More Channels. Faster Internet. Unlimited Voice. Call 1-855-428-

Are you in Debt? Get help now with a 30 minute Phone debt analysis Call 844-237-6690.

HughesNet Satellite Internet
- 25mbps starting at \$49.99/
mo! FAST download speeds.
WiFi built in! FREE Standard Installation for lease customers! Limited Time, Call 1-800-880-7180.

Earthlink High Speed Internet. As Low As \$14.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and Morel Call Earthlink Today 1-844-452-6769.

Become a
Published Author!
Publications sold at all major secular & specialty Christian bookstores. CALL Christian Faith Publishing for your FREE author 1-888-213-3891.

DISH TV \$59.99 for 190 Channels \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice

Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-855-374-9776.

Unable to work due to injury or illness? Call Bill Gordon & or illness? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys! FREE Evaluation. Local Attorneys Nationwide 1-888-510-3017 [Maii: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/NM Bar.)]

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taker Care of. CALL 1-866-587-0119.

Medicare doesn't cover all of your medical expenses. A Medicare Supplemental Plan can help cover costs that Medicare does not. Get a free quote today by calling now. Hours: 24/7. 1-800-373-8414 Medicare doesn't

SAVE on Medicare Supplement Insurance! Get a FAST and FREE Rate Quote from Medicare.com. No Cost!

No Obligation! Compare Quotes from Major Insurance Cos. Operators Standing By. CALL 1-855-407-5808.

Medical-Grade HEARING AIDS for LESS THAN \$200! FDA-Registered. Crisp, clear sound, state of-the-art features & no audiologist needed. Try it RISK FREE for 45 Days! CALL 1-855-

VIAGRA & CIALIS! 60 pills for \$99. 100 pills for \$150 FREE shipping. Money back guaranteed! Call Today 800-411-3572.

FINANCIAL
IRS TAX DEBTS?\$10k+? Tired
of the calls? We can Help!
\$500 free consultation! We can STOP the garnishments! FREE Consultation Call Today 1-855-643-0643.

WANTED TO BUY
GUITAR WANTEDI Local
musician will pay up to \$12,500
for pre-1975 Gibson, Fender,
Martin and Gretsch guitars.
Fender amplifiers also. Call toll
free! 1-800-995-1217. FREON R12 WANTED: CERTIFIED BUYER will PAY CA\$H for R12 cylinders or cases of cans. (312) 291-9169; www.refrigerantfinders.com

Do you have chronic knee or back pain? If you have insurance, you may qualify for the perfect brace at little to no cost. Get yours today! 1-800-490-3510. **BECOME A DRIVER IN LESS THAN 30 DAYS** 

Classes Start Every Monday! Lodging Provided! Tuition Financing Available PINE BLUFF TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL, INC.

CALL TODAY!

-800-954-4981

www.pbtds.net lic. by ASBPCE ADOPTION

ADOPTION: ppy couple wish to adopt - endless love, laughter and opportunity. Call or text anytime. Expenses Paid. **Heather and Matt** 1-732-397-3117.



All Around Arkansas. Advertise with the Arkansas Press Association Network Program! Advertising Experts

Saving You Time & Money! Reach potential customers statewide or regionally. Classified & Display Ads for

employment, services, events auctions, items wanted or for sale, real estate and adoption. Make one call &

Call this newspaper or

Neil McConnell at

1-800-569-8762

# Letter to Rattlers

To the Murfreesboro Rattlers Sr. boy's and girl's baseball, softball teams, keep up the good work you are doing wonderful. I haven't yet been to your games but, I will be there. Coaches, you all are doing a great job with them, keep it up!

Love you all, #1 Fan, Peggy Jordan

> Trinity Missionary Baptist Church Revival April 8-11

Sun. 5 p.m. - Mon. - Wed. 7 p.m. Services led by our new pastor, Bro. Curtis Abernathy.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the preaching and fellowship with us

#### LISA CHANDLER INSURANCE

- ~ Group & Individual ~ Health • Life Dental
- Medicare Supplement For more information call:

(870) 845-5930 Office 845-7728 Cell



DENTAL Insurance

P.O. Box 298 Nashville, Arkansas 71852

1211 Anthony Ave., Murfreesboro, Arkansas 71958

www.latimerfuneralhome.com



Physicians Mutual Insurance Company

A less expensive way to help get the dental care you deserve

If you're over 50, you can get coverage for about \$1 a day\*

- Keep your own dentist! NO networks to worry about
- No wait for preventive care and no deductibles you could get a checkup tomorrow
- Coverage for over 350 procedures including cleanings, NO annual or lifetime cap on the cash benefits you can receive

**FREE Information Kit** 

1-844-210-6510 www.dental50plus.com/arpress



Product not available in MN, MT, NH, RI, VT, WA. Acceptance guaranteed for one insurance policy/certificate of thistype 4781 or respond for similar offer. Certificate C250A (ID: C250E; PA: C2500); Insurance Policy P150 (GA: P150GA; NY: P150NY; OK: P1500K; TN: P150TN)



SEE MORE AT WWW.BAXTERBLACK.COM

#### ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

#### A LOVE STORY

This is a love story.

In a small ranching community in the west there lived a man, his wife and four children. They were no different than their neighbors, they ran cows, built fence and did their part to keep their little town alive.

The children attended the local school. Students numbered less than a hundred. But the remoteness of the area instilled a strong interdependence among the ranchers, families and townies.

The man and his wife lived in his folks' old house on the ranch. They planned to remodel someday but the vagaries of the cattle business, the demand for routine ranch improvements and the appetite of four teenagers combined to prevent any real home improvements. When the youngest son began high school,

the man dared to dream of the future. One where his wife could quit her town job and he could spend more time with her. For even after twenty years he never tired of her company.

Cancer, the assassin, drew down and shot out the light of his life.

His grief was deep. The community put their arms around this proud man and his family. They did what neighbors do. As the months passed, they were always there. Watching after his children while loneliness ground away at his broken heart. And watched over him, as

The fall that his youngest began his senior year the man sold his cowherd. The market was good and his interest in the ranch had waned.

One day I got a phone call from him. He introduced himself and invited me to speak at his son's graduation. I didn't recognize the name of the town. He said there were six in the graduating class. Arrangements were made. He sponsored a

big BBQ that afternoon. Four hundred attended. He took a few moments before my introduction at commencement that evening to address the crowd. I was unaware of his tragedy. He spoke simply but expressed his appreciation to his friends and neighbors. He never mentioned his loss. It was unnecessary. In a community like this, everyone knew. Afterward, some of us gathered in his liv-

ing room for a nightcap. A few friends, his four kids, him and me. It was comfortable. The new graduate opened his gifts and spoke of his plans with the conviction and anxiety of youth. Nobody asked the man about his plans, but you could hear the page turning in his life.

I guess the hand lettered sign hangin' on his gate post out by the road said it all:

"YAHOO! The last one finally graduated! Thanks friends.

RANCH FOR SALE

# Murfreesboro CADC Lunch Menu

Herbed pork loin, pinto beans, turnip green, cornbread, fruit cobbler.

Crock Pot: Beef stew Tuesday, April 10

Chicken pot pie, broccoli, dinner roll, fresh orange, cookie.

Crock Pot: Vegetable beef soup & cornbread

Friday, April 13

Scrambled eggs, sausage, hash brown pota-

toes, biscuit, country gravy, fruit salad. Crock Pot: Chocolate gravy

Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. with skim milk, coffee, tea or water. Transportation available. Call for more information \$70-285-2312.

# Lisemby Family to perform at FBC

MURFREESBORO -- The Lisemby Family will be in concert at First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro on April 8 at 6 p.m.

Lisembys -- all family -- traveling together presenting the Gospel by way of live uplifting

The group consists of three generations of

music and singing. Many of the songs that they present are original compositions.

The Lisembys have over 30 recordings to their credit over the years. First Baptist Church invites the public to attend and be blessed. For more information phone (870) 285-3141.



LISEMBY FAMILY

# South Pike County School Menu

Monday, April 9

Breakfast: Pancake on stick, juice, fruit, milk Line #2 Poptart

Lunch: Hot dog, pinto beans, seasoned carrots, pineapple, milk. Line #2 Chili pie

Tuesday, April 10

Breakfast: Powered donuts, 7-12 blueberry parfait w/granola, juice, fruit, milk. Line #2

Lunch: Ham & cheese croissant, baked beans, fresh broccoli w/ranch, pears, milk.

Line #2 Mini corn dogs Wednesday, April 11

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, 7-12 BK burrito, juice, fruit, milk. Line #2 Cereal

Lunch: Chicken & noodles, California

blend, green beans, roll, peaches, milk. Line #2 Chicken nuggets

Thursday, April 12

Breakfast: Sausage croissant, juice, fruit, milk. Line #2 Poptart.

Lunch: BBQ pork sandwich, cole slaw, pinto beans, K-6 corn chips, 7-12 baked chips, sliced

Line #2 Steak sandwich

Friday, April 13

Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, juice, fruit, milk. Line #2 Cereal

Lunch: Beef fingers, mashed potatoes, 7-12 brown gravy, black eyed peas, corn bread,

mixed fruit, milk. Line #2 Popcorn chicken

# **CCCUA** announces basketball tryouts

NASHVILLE -- The University of Arkansas Cossatot will hold Men's Club Basketball tryouts on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Old Nashville High School gymnasium at 1301 Mt. Pleasant Drive, Nashville,

Persons trying-out should visit cccua.edu/

basketball and complete an Athletic Information Request form and the Club Sports Tryout Release Waiver. They should bring the waiver to the tryout.

For more information, please visit cccua.edu/

# HAVE AN ITEM YOU'D LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED? Email us at: mdiamond@windstream.net

#### 'Dear Preacher'

By Tommy Mounts, Murfreesboro Church of Christ

Dear Preacher: "Could you please give me some scriptures concerning the music of the church?' The following passages from the New Testament

teach regarding the music of the church. They are: Matt. 26:30; Mark 14:26; Acts 16:25; Rom. 15:9; I Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12; and James 5:13. There are additional passages in Revelations, but they do not refer to the music God commands for His church.

There are two kinds of music. They are vocal



and instrumental. There is also a combination of the two. I have been asked many times why doesn't the church of Christ have music? We do. But it is not instrumental but vocal. Now, why have vocal

music only? The reason is that each of the above passages uses only the word or a form of the word sing. Therefore, to follow God's

command, we sing. Why add to what God has commanded? To understand the seriousness of adding to the word of God, please read Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; Gal. 1:6-9; and Rev. 22:19.

Direct all questions to: church of Christ, P.O. Box Murfreesboro, AR. 71958. Thank you and have a great day.

Paid Advertisement

# Informational meeting about **Arkansas Quilt Trails set for April 9**

KIRBY -- An informational meeting will be held for Pike County residents on Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Kirby School Cafeteria.

Renee Carr from Rural Community Alliance will make a short presentation about the Arkan- formed to advocate for rural schools. sas Quilt Trails project and gauge the interest of Pike County residents in developing a trail. The public is invited to attend.

The purpose of Arkansas Quilt Trails is to preserve history, beautify the community, and provide an attraction to draw in visitors. Two counties in north Arkansas currently have quilt trails which consist of brightly colored quilt patterns painted on wooden frames that hang on barns, homes, and commercial buildings. Any county in Arkansas may participate in Arkansas Quilt Trails by erecting at least 12 quilt blocks in the county that meet specified guidelines. This will qualify the county's trail for inclusion on the website found at ArkansasQuiltTrails.com and promotional efforts by Rural Community

Alliance. Carr noted, "Arkansas Quilt Trails provides a good way for communities throughout a county to work together in providing a destination attraction. Many of our smaller communities can't on their own provide such a venue, but working together on a county-wide basis, the possibilities are much greater."

The Stone County and Searcy County trails can be viewed on the website ArkansasQuiltTrails.com.

Rural Community Alliance has chapters in Delight, Kirby, Centerpoint, and Murfreesboro. Most of these Pike County chapters were

Rural Community Alliance's Southwest Regional Director, Penny Harris, said "Our part of the state has so much to offer. We just need to get people here for a visit and many times that results in them wanting to relocate to the region. An increase in visitors and residents will benefit

our schools and communities." For more information, contact Renee Carr at



# Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m.

• Sun. Eve. 5 p.m. • Wed. Bible study & Prayer Meeting 6 p.m. Bro. Curtis Abernathy

# Murfreesboro Diamond

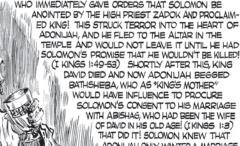
mdiamond@windstream.net mdiamond.editor@windstream.net (870) 285-2723

> Attend Church This Sunday!



THE PRINCE WHO WOULDN'T LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE!

ADONIJAH WAS THE FOURTH SON OF DAVID, BORN AT HEBRON, WHILE DAVID WAS KING F JUDAH (II SAM. 3:4). AFTER ABSALOM HE WAS DAVID'S FAVORITE SON AND THE KING SPOILED HIM BY NEVER REBUKING HIM FOR MISDEEDS! AT THE TIME WHEN KING DAVID WAS STRICKEN WITH ADVANCED OLD AGE, ADONIJAH ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE THE THRONE —AFTER ALL, AT THIS TIME, HIS THREE ELDEST BROTHERS WERE ALL DEAD AND, AS THE OLDEST SURVIVING SON, ADONIJAH FELT THAT HE HAD A CLAIM UPON THE AND, AS THE OLDEST SURVIVING SON, ADONILAH FELT THAT HE HAD A CLAIM UPON THE THRONE — BUT HE HAD TO BE AWARE OF DAVID'S INTENTION THAT SOLOMON SHOPONLD RULE AS KING AFTER HIM (I KINGS 1:18). HE WON JOAR, DAVID'S COUSIN AND COMMANDER OF THE ARMY, TO HIS CAUSE AND ABIATHAR, THE PRIEST, BUT HE DID NOT GAIN ZADOK, THE HIGH PRIEST, NOR BENAIAH, COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL GUARD, NOR NATHAN, THE PROPHET. NEVERTHELESS, HE INVITED ALL HIS FOLLOWERS AND ALL THE PRINCES, EXCEPT SOLOMON, TO A GREAT OPEN AIR FEAST AT THE FOUNTAIN ENROGEL WHERE, IN THE MIDST OF THE FESTIVITIES, HE HAD HIMSELF PROCLAIMED KING! (I KINGS 1:5-11) NATHAN, THE PROPHET, AND BATHSHEBA, THE MOTHER OF SOLOMON. THOROUGHLY ALARMED TOLD THE AGED KING DAVID OF THIS, WHO IMMEDIATELY GAVE ORDERS THAT SOLOMON BE



ADONIJAH ONLY WANTED A MARRIAGE LIKE THIS TO STRENGTHEN HIS CLAIM TO THE THRONE! SOLOWON
STRAIGHTWAY SENT BENAIAH TO
SLAY ADONIJAH AND THEREBY
PUT A STOP TO THIS THREAT TO

HIS THRONE! (I KINGS 2:13-25)

503 E. Antioch St. Delight (870) 379-2293

Murfreesboro Church of

Christ 305 S. Second Ave.

Sun. Bible Study 9:30 • Worship 10:20

Sun. eve. 6 p.m. • Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Radio Broadcast B99.5 @ 8:30 a.m.

**Bro.** Tommy Mounts

Bank of Delight

To reserve this space for your church services or business... Call Christy at 870-285-2723



Submitted photo/Stephanie Wilcher

**DELIGHT STUDENT DONATES HAIR...** Bailey Jackson, a nineyear-old Delight resident, recently donated 13 inches of hair to the non-profit group Wigs for Kids. Wigs for Kids provides children in need with hair solutions at no cost. For more information, please visit www.wigsforkids.org. Stephanie Wilcher of Delightful Cuts in Delight provided the styling services.

#### **Harmony Grove School District - Camden**

is accepting applications for the positions until filled:

**SUPERINTENDENT** Applicants for Superintendent should send resumes to:

Joe Rogers, Jr., Board President 937 Hwy 7N, Camden, AR 71701 - 870-574-0231

Applications for the following positions may be found at the district website at hgsd1.com or by calling 870-574-0971.

• Head Football Coach • K-12 Counselor • K-6 Teaching Positions • Secondary Business Teacher • Elementary Keyboarding Mail applications to: Harmony Grove School District 401 Ouachita 88, Camden, AR 71701



Millcreek of Arkansas 1828 Industrial Drive, Fordyce, AR 71742

#### **NOW HIRING:**

Therapists, Teachers, Nurses & Program Director Come Join our team!

**ICF/IID PROGRAM DIRECTOR** Millcreek Behavioral Healthcare is seeking applicants for the ICF/IID Program Director. The Director is responsible for the daily operation of the facility and is the liaison with Office of Long Term Care. Minimum qualifications: Must be a licensed Therapist in Arkansas or have a Master's Degree in Human Services or related field. Prefer two years supervisory experience and two years' experience working with children/adolescents with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Must have excellent interpersonal skills, positive attitude and be able to promote an atmosphere of teamwork. Must be flexible with work schedule to

#### **TEACHERS**

ture efficient operations and be on call (24/7) for risk management.

Changing children's lives...Our school is seeking enthusiastic teachers to join our team. Ideal Applicants currently possess an Arkansas teaching certificate in Special Education. Consideration will be given to applicants certified as a teacher in other area(s) if willing to go on Alternate Licensure Plan.

EEO employer. Millcreek has an excellent benefit package and competitive salary. If interested contact the Human Resources Department (870) 352-8203, for more information, Monday https://recruiting.ultipro.com/ACA1001

#### JOB OPENING PUBLIC HOUSING MANAGER

The Amity, Mount Ida, and Pike County Housing Authorities are accepting applications for the position of Public Housing Manager.

Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Public Housing Manager is responsible for the day to day operations of the Housing Authorities, including accounts payable, accounts receivables, and tenant processing. This includes maintaining an acceptable occupancy level, working with tenants and maintenance to assure clean, safe, and well maintained buildings and grounds.

The Public Housing Manager must relate well with people and be able to follow HUD policies and procedures. Must possess a valid Arkansas drivers license and have the ability to travel between the three housing authorities. Must be able to maintain and enforce confidentiality in all assignments, able to be flexible and perform work under strict deadlines, and be available to oncall staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays and to effect appropriate responses to such calls.

Other desirable skills and qualifications: Demonstrate integrity on a professional level.

Excel, word, and other software experience, or the ability to learn computer systems.

Strong attention to detail.

Prior experience in HUD housing or apartment management desirable, but not required.

Ability to work without continued supervision. Good work

Salary commensurate with experience. Applicants can e-mail their applications to housingmtida@

outlook.com or mail the application to:

ethic and the desire to preform the job well.

Housing Authorities P.O. Box 6, Amity, AR 71957



MAYOR READS TO LOCAL STUDENTS ... Murfreesboro Mayor Rodney Fagan reads to students at the CADC Head Start in Murfreesboro Tuesday morning. Fagan, volunteering his time in the name of promoting literacy, read to students such stories as George's New Balloon, The Tooth Fairy and a class favorite, The Kissing Hand.

# Garden show set for April 14 in Prescott

**BY AVONNE PETTY** 

PRESCOTT -- The 10th Annual Garden Show and Plant Sale will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Central Baptist Church, Stokes Center in Prescott. The event is sponsored by the Nevada County Master Gardeners. The church is located at 605 East 2nd Street. Registration, refreshments, plant sale and vendor shopping begins at 7:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 8:45. Lunch will be at noon.

Chris Olsen, a nationally recognized home and garden geru, designer, author, TV personality will be the featured speaker. Olsen is known for his infusion of color and creativity in all his projects. Presentations are: "Grow Your Own Jungle" Use houseplants / tropical plants as visual stimulation to make your home fabulous inside and outside. "First and Last Impressions You will see how easy it is to create a personal oasis out of an otherwise mundane and boring entrance, underused corner or backyard; one that can beckon thrill, all with just a little bit of work and a lot of personal expression. Between 11:30 and noon will be interactive time with Olsen.

The cost of the Garden Show is \$15.00 in advance, or \$20.00 at the door. Pre-order Lunch Boxes are \$8.00. (Chicken salad sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and drink.) Silent auction items will be available and door prizes will be awarded.

This is always an interesting and fun activity. The Master Gardeners provide lots of reasonably priced plants for purchase and many vendors will have items for sale. You may pre register by April 2nd by sending your check payable to "Nevada County

**2016 TAHOE LT** 

**Fully Loaded** 

**Excellent Condition** 

29K Miles

\$45,000

Call 501-425-2345

Master Gardeners". Mail to Betty Jones, 107 Ridgewood Road, Prescott, AR 71857. For more information call her at 870-887-5312 or e-mail bjones107@yahoo.com.



# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

1997 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 1GNEK13R6VJ

The above vehicle is being held at Best Towing, 606 Blakley Street, Delight, AR 71940, 870-925-0224.

Due to abandonment, the vehicle will be sold at public sale unless claimed within 15 days. Failure to reclaim vehicle waves all rights, title, & interest in above vehicle. Vehicle may be reclaimed during business hours by proving ownership by paying all charges against vehicle.

#### **DIAMOND COUNTRY** REALTY



323 W. Main • Murfreesboro

**HOMES - FARMS** 

870-285-2500 <u>LAND - COMMERCIAL</u> www.diamondcountryrealty.com Tim Hughes, Broker 870-285-2095

••• MURFREESBORO •••

1.2.59 acres on Hwy 19 inside city carport, storage building, fenced limits, all utilities available, great backyard.....\$45,000

building site...... \$25,000 9. 6 beautifully wooded acres 2. 7.32 ac. Beautiful Little very near lake; rural water & elec.

# Classified



Windshields! Windshields! Call windshields plus. Repairs or replacements on all automobiles or semi trucks. 870-451-4349. (tf)

VAUGHN LITTER SERVICE - Call Derek 870-828-1973 or Scott 870-356-8627. G39-4tp

Storm season is here, you may

have hail damage & not know it. For FREE roof inspection or estimate call Greg. Quality work & service after the sale Specializing in new construction, reroofs metal or shingles.

22 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE! Greg (870) 356-8934



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

THE TERMINATOR PEST CONTROL. 870-557-1780. (43-tf)

CLOCK repair & restoration & some watches. Franklin Janes, 870-286-2525. (fj:tf)

Electric wheel chair. Portable, light weight, like new, low \$ or perhaps free to seanior, 888-442-3390, or 479-651-4780.

8. 2 BR, 1 BA, Brick, CH/A, .....\$119,500

Missouri River Frontage. Rural available. Great home site....\$37,350 Water & Electric Available. Great 10. 4.67 ac. nice timber just off Building Site.....\$115,000 Parker Creek Rd; rural water & 3. 4 - 2 yr old cabins on elec. available. Great home site..... 40 ac., Currently used as ......Reduced to \$39,000 vacation rentals. Great income 11. 2 wooded 1.55 ac. tracts potential.....\$475,000 on Beacon Hill Rd; rural 4. 40 acres Clear-Cut, water & elec. available. Great Good Road, Pond, Great home sites.....\$15,000 each Hunting...... \$48,000 12. 3 BR, 1 BA, Brick 5. 4 BR, 3 BA, Brick, CH/A, home with porch, carport, enclosed double garage, porch, concrete drive, chain link fen patio, sub zero refrigerator, big ce.....\$45,000 deck, 2 utility buildings, privacy 13. 3 BR, 1 BA, Brick fence ......\$139,000 home with porch, carport, 6. Big, old, Victorian style home concrete drive, great rental on almost 1/2 ac on Main St. property.....\$45,000 Beautiful old home that needs lots 14. 3BR, 2BA, Brick CH/A,

ofwork.....\$88,000 double carport, shop, storage, 7. 3.11 acres, great home site. All chain link fence, concrete utitilites available, great location drive, new granite countertops, near lake & river. Ready to build..... new backsplash, extra lot with .....\$35,000 power, riding mower included

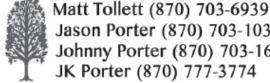
#### ••• OUTLYING •••

1. Emmett - 28 acres of Hwy ......\$18,000 67 frontage only 7 miles from 3. Bowen - 27 secluded acres with Hope. Utilities available. Great beautiful hardwoods and about homesite......\$2,500/ac. a quarter mile of Little Missouri 2. Daisy - 3 acres with big timber River frontage.....\$60,750

& Hw 70 frentage Gravel 4. Antoine - 40 acres, great road from ge of bed, utilities hunting land, 14 year-old timber

available, great home site...... near the Antoine River...\$59,000 www.diamondcountryrealty.com

#### MILLWOOD CORPORATION **B**UYER OF **T**IMBER & **T**IMBERLAND



Jason Porter (870) 703-1039 Johnny Porter (870) 703-1628 JK Porter (870) 777-3774 P.O. Box 1316

Hope, AR 71802

800-647-6455

# Spring brings out the best in healty-for-you salads

BY EVA LANGLEY Pike County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences

Gardens are in the works now and so much of what you can plant taste great in salads. Salads are easy to make and are a powerhouse of nutrition. Most salad greens low glycemic are a good choice for anyone watching their sugars and starches. Choose a variety of ingredients to

# add variety and avoid salad burnout.

First State Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Jamie Terrell to Executive Vice-President



Jamie is a 20-year veteran of the financial industry and will continue to lead the operations of the Murfreesboro market.



# First State Bank of Pike County

322 E. 13th St. • Murfreesboro 870-285-2228

Member FDIC

gula, Bibb Lettuce, Mixed Greens

• Vegetables: Mushrooms, Onions, Green Pepper, Tomato, Cauliflower, Celery, Asparagus, Frozen Green Peas, Sugar Snaps, Summer

• Fruits: (These taste great but remember, fruit is "nature's sugar" so be sure to count if you are watching your carbs per meal): Grapes, Dried Cranberries, Mandarian Oranges, Raisins, Pineapple Chunks, Grapefruit Slices

Extras: Almonds, Walnuts, Sunflower

First, choose a leafy green or two from the greens list (1 cup per serving). Then add one to three other vegetables (1/4 cup per serving) Pick another other item for added interest and all that is left is to choose a dressing. Here are

• Greens: Iceberg, Spinach, Romaine, Arusome classic dressing combinations. Enjoy!

#### **LEMON VINAIGRETTE**

3 tablespoons lemon juice (fresh is best!) ½ cup (or less) olive oil

½ tablespoon dried oregano or 1 tablespoon

finely minced fresh oregano Salt and pepper to taste Balsamic Vinaigrette 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar ½ cup (or less) olive oil ½ tablespoon Dijon mustard Salt and pepper to taste Shallot Vinaigrette 3 tablespoons cider vinegar ½ cup (or less) olive oil

1 tablespoon finely minced shallots

# An easy way to display volcanic elements

#### BY HEATHER GRABIN

MURFREESBORO -- Greetings from Crater of Diamonds State Park! When many people think of the Crater of Diamonds, all that comes to mind are diamonds. The park is home to many other rocks and minerals—jasper, sandstone, conglomerate, agate, quartz, amethyst, calcite, barite, and mica—but the most prominent elements of the Crater are its volcanic rocks.

The park's 37.5-acre diamond search area is composed of three types of volcanic rocks black lamproite, green volcanic tuff, and white volcanic lapilli. According to geologists the Prairie Creek Diatreme, the volcano which formed the Crater of Diamonds, originally erupted when much of southern Arkansas was under an ancient, shallow sea. Lamproite lava pushed the diamond-bearing volcanic tuff from deep underground. At the surface, heat from the lava turned groundwater into steam. Volcanic ash particles stuck together with water droplets in the air and fell back into the crater as lapilli.

The volcanic rocks found in the search area are made of many minerals. Lamproite often includes olivine, appearing as tiny green or yellow speckles in the rock. Some lamproite also contains white bands of hydroxylapatite, a claylike mineral which is also found in our bones. Volcanic tuff may have glittery mica along its surface, making it appear especially beautiful in sunlight.

If you are unable to find a diamond during your visit, these stones make excellent mementos of your trip into a diamond-bearing volcanic crater. These intriguing elements can be tumble polished for display, but a quick way to beautify them is with a coat or two of spray poly-

To preserve delicate minerals in the rocks like calcite, lightly brush or rub away dirt and hit the stone with a light spritzing of polyurethane clear coat. Polyurethane for outdoor use generally leaves a thicker layer of clear coat on the stones. Once the initial coat has dried, the spray can be reapplied as often as needed to

maintain a gloss-like finish.

The finished stones can be displayed indoors to maintain their appearance longer, and they will make excellent conversation pieces from your visit to the Crater of Diamonds!

Diamond finds for the week of March 18, 2018 (100 points = 1 carat):

March 19 - Christian Gerfen, New Athens, IL, 5 pt. brown

March 23 – Jack Pearadin, Murfreesboro, AR, 47 pt. yellow; Troy Savage, Antlers, OK, 3



Submitted photos

**VOLCANIC EXAMPLES** ... Pictured above is an example of lamprolite, while below is volcanic tuff. These are some of the rocks that can be found at the Crater of Diamonds State Park.





413 S. CENTRAL AVE., IDABEL, OK • 445 MAIN ST., SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX • 1708 NEW BOSTON RD., TEXARKANA, TX • 3639 EAST 9TH STREET, TEXARKANA, AR • 800 NORTH KINGS HWY., WAKE VILLAGE, TX • 1420 WEST FIRST ST., PRESCOTT, AR • 101 WILDER, HOOKS, TX • 300 E. 13TH ST., MURFREESBORO, AR

628 SOUTH MAIN NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS



**DAIRY PURE** MILK GALLON **INCLUDES** TRUMOO CHOCOLATE

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

USDA CHOICE **FAMILY PACK** 

**NEW YORK FAMILY SIZE!** STRIP STEAKS XXL POTATO CHIPS

LB.

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

**BANANAS** PRE-PRICED \$4.29

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

24 PACK HALF LITER BOTTLES

WATER

**ASSORTED** PORK CHOPS **USDA FAMILY PACK** 

LB.

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

**FIORA BATH TISSUE** 12 ROLL

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

MUSTARD

7723 7725 7727 7733 7734 773



**GENERAL MILLS** CEREAL 16-18 OZ. CHEERIOS, LUCKY CHARMS, **GOLDEN GRAHAMS** 

OR COCOA PUFFS

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

20-24 OZ. NUGGETS, PATTIES, STRIPS

**OR DINO BITES** 

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

ADVANCE

FAST FIXIN'

CHICKEN

**FRESH** SWEET **POTATOES** 

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

LB.

**BIG PACK** 

**SNACK CAKES** 

LITTLE DEBBIE



**BEST CHOICE JUMBOS BISCUITS** 16 OZ. **ASSORTED VARIETIES** 

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT



TONY'S PIZZERIA STYLE BEST CHOICE PIZZA

**MUSTARD** 20 OZ. SQUEEZE

MUSTARD

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT

PLUS 10% ADDED AT CHECKOUT PRICES EFFECTIVE: APRIL 4 THRU APRIL 10, 2018