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Ashley Hogg named  
Managing Editor



Ashley Hogg has been promoted to Managing Editor of the Advance-Monticellonian. She is currently working as the bookkeeper but has held positions with the Advance as a reporter and in advertising sales. In her new role as Managing Editor, Hogg will continue to handle some of the bookkeeping duties as well as managing the news content of the newspaper. Hogg is a native of Drew County and a graduate of Drew Central and the University of Arkansas at Monticello. She is married to Brandon Hogg and has one daughter, whom she affectionately refers to as “Fred”. “Ashley has done a fantastic job here and has proven

her ability and willingness to adapt to any roll at the newspaper that has been presented. Anyone that has worked at a community newspaper will tell you that to be successful, you have to be willing to handle multiple job descriptions. Ashley has proven she can do that very well. When she learns how to run the press, she will know more about this newspaper than me,” Publisher Tom White said in announcing the promotion. “I am grateful for this opportunity to help serve the people in my hometown,” Hogg stated. “I look forward to being involved in the community I love and bringing breaking news to our citizens on many platforms.”



Items pictured above were pulled out of 8” sewer lines within the City of Monticello after being improperly disposed of. Above left is a 63” blanket, a pair of shorts, and a pair of denim jeans. Above right, a clump of “flushable” wipes are pictured.

Flushable wipes not so flushable

**By ASHLEY HOGG**  
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The February Monticello City Council meeting began promptly at 6 p.m. Tuesday night at the Sadie Johnson Building. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and department reports commenced. Charlie Hammock, Public Works Director presented the council with eight photographs of recent sewer line clean outs within the city. Hammock stated that most of the pictures presented were clumps of “flushable” wipes that are not biodegradable and severely clog the sewer lines. “Four of our guys spent about four hours working on the pumps after this problem was found,” Hammock noted. “We had to shut water off to several blocks in the city and that causes businesses to have to close until we can get these pumps working again.” In other photos, a blanket, a pair of shorts and denim jeans are shown after they were pulled from the sewer lines. Council member Mike Wigley, Ward 4, asked the city attorney if we could engage the Arkansas Municipal League to help “put

pressure” on the companies that manufacture and markets the wipes as “flushable.” The city is asking for the public’s help with this issue and make sure nothing but toilet paper is being flushed down the toilet. Dan Boice, Chair of the Planning Commission spoke about the ongoing discussion of how to use the old armory building and the upcoming community engagement dates. The commission has spoken with professionals, and it was their recommendation to the council that a firm be hired to write and advertise an RFP (Request for Proposals) on behalf of the city to see what interest is generated for the armory building. Cindy Villarreal, head of the Senior Center stated that the cost of food has gone up drastically and the center heavily relies on donations from the public. Due to Covid, fundraisers have been difficult to execute. The center offers an affordable lunch option Monday through Friday that anyone may purchase. Nita McDaniel, Monticello Economic Development Director said that there has been site visits and activity from some of

the potential businesses and investors she is trying to recruit. She also stated that she has confirmation that a retail outlet has committed to use the old Stage building, but their timeline has been pushed back due to the workforce shortage. Jason Akers, Chief of Police and Eric Chisom, Fire Chief, both gave reports on last months activities for the departments. Akers stated that the Police Department had received grant money and he hoped to discuss with the council about purchasing equipment later in the agenda. Chisom stated that the department had responded to 29 fires in the last month and many of them were outside of the city limits of Monticello. A discussion took place on how the department can continue to assist in putting out fires outside of the city without being properly compensated. Michael Hudson with the Advertising and Promotion Commission invited everyone to the Easter event happening on Saturday, April 16 at Jordan Park. The commission has purchased candy filled eggs to distribute and they are looking for a volunteer

to play the Easter Bunny. Hudson reiterated the importance of community involvement in the CDI Strategic Doing Workshop that will take place on March 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided and everyone is invited to participate. An all-commission meeting will take place immediately after the workshop. In unfinished business, the mayor and council members discussed a tourism attraction feasibility study on the old armory building. Many questions were asked as people seemed to not fully understand the scope of the study. Mayor Paige Chase stated that the companies that she, the A&P Commission and the planning commission had contacted were interested in doing a feasibility study on the City of Monticello. That is not the goal of the city. The goal is to have a study done to see what, if anything, could be done to the old armory building and if it is beneficial for the city to continue to own the building. In new business, James Hartsorn with EFS Technologies presented three options for re-drawing Wards in Monticello.

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Drew County  
COVID update

Wednesday, Feb. 16: 21  
Thursday, Feb. 17: 52  
Friday, Feb. 18: 24  
Saturday, Feb. 19: 100  
Sunday, Feb. 20: 18  
Monday, Feb. 21: 24  
Tuesday, Feb. 22: 29  
Active cases as of Tuesday, Feb. 22: 53  
7-day average of new cases as of Tuesday, Feb. 22: 9

**By: MELISSA ORRELL**

New infections of COVID-19 continue to sharply decrease across the County, as Drew County added 63 new cases to the tally bringing the total number of cases in the County since the beginning of the pandemic to 4,607, on Tuesday, Feb. 22. The total number for the State of Arkansas is 816,168 with 8,968 active cases. The County added one new death to the death toll on Tuesday, Feb. 15 bringing the total throughout the pandemic to 60.

The difference between the peak of the pandemic in the County only a month ago shows how fast the cases are decreasing. Drew County had a total of 516 active cases a short month ago on Tuesday, Jan. 25 with 339 new cases added that week. The seven day average at the time was 45 compared to the seven day average of 9 for this week.

During his conference, Governor Asa Hutchinson pointed out the large drop in cases over the past month and broke down deaths due to COVID-19 by age group.

Age of those who died due to COVID-19 in the last month as of Wednesday, Feb. 16:

Age	Number of Deaths	Percent
18-24 years old	3	0.5%
25-44 years old	24	3.9%
45-64 years old	124	20%
65+ years old	467	75.4%
Unknown	1	0.2%
Total	619	

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MPD officer becomes FAA qualified drone pilot

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

According to Monticello Police Chief Jason Akers, MPD’s Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Program is officially operational. Officer Shawn Curtis recently completed a 40 hour course on UAV Operation and successfully obtained pilots licensing for operating the equipment. The drone, which has thermal/ heat seeking capabilities, will be utilized by MPD in search and rescue operations as well as crime scene mapping and natural disaster situations. Progressive departments across the United States are utilizing such technology not only to gain aerial views of storm

damage, survey crime scene terrain, or searching for prison escapees but also for rescue operations. MPD’s drone is capable of finding a lost person via thermal technology and the pilot can hover over the lost person and speak to them and guide them to safety. Fire Departments can utilize a UAV to assess fire hot spots in buildings and assess grass fire size, among other fire related uses. “Our citizens deserve access to every asset possible when it comes to making our town safe. MPD will continue to bring advanced capabilities to our town now and in the future”.



MPD Officer Shawn Curtis.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Drew Central School Board Meeting

Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Black History Parade

2:00 p.m. Main Street, Monticello. Sponsored by DC NAACP Youth Chapter. Call 870-224-6368 or 870-723-4170 for more information.

MARCH 1-APRIL 5

Shepherd Center –Spring 2022

Who: Adults. What: Classes in bridge, hand, knee and foot, dominoes, knitting, crocheting, crafts and carpentry. Other possible classes include crafts, technology and jewelry making. When: Register on March 1 at 8:45. Classes will continue each Tuesday in March and April 5. Activities begin at 9:00 except carpentry which begins at 8:00. Where: First Methodist Family Life Center (east door). Cost: \$10 (one time). This is sponsored by several churches in Monticello and provides a time of fellowship and learning. Each session begins with a devotional. News to Know segments will include useful information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

MEDC Meeting

Monticello Country Club, 12 noon.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Monticello Planning Commission Meeting

The Monticello City Planning Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8th. The public is encouraged to attend.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

Monticello District Court, 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Monticello School Board Meeting

Monticello Schools, 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

UAM Rodeo

Weevil Stampede Collegiate Rodeo - Thursday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Drew County Fairgrounds.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

UAM Aggie Comeback Farm Tour

April 22- Friday 4 p.m. — UAM Farm Tour.

Drew/Desha Cattlemen’s meetings - 5:30 p.m (after Farm Tour).

ONGOING

City recycling guidelines

Each Wednesday, barring a catastrophe, the city of Monticello is accepting recyclable items at the Transfer Station within the following guidelines: 1) Cardboard—must be flattened. Not accepted are cereal boxes, drink can boxes or egg cartons; 2) Plastic bottles—lids must be removed and the bottles must be bagged. Only No. 1 and No. 2 bottles are accepted (the number is located on the bottom of the bottle). No wide-mouthed bottles can be accepted; 3) Newspapers—bagged or boxed; 4) Aluminum cans—must be bagged. No tin cans or pet food cans can be accepted; and 5) Shredded office paper—must be bagged. To have recycled items picked up, contact City Hall at 870-367-4400. Note: Electronics (E-Waste) are accepted at the city transfer station, 1466 Old Warren Road, but are not eligible for pick up. The city reminds all citizens to not mix household trash with recyclable items. The city does not accept glass or any item not listed above at this time.

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

The Drew County Quorum Court meets the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Monticello District Court, 107 East Jackson Avenue in Monticello. The public is encouraged to attend.

Monticello City Council Meeting

The Monticello City Council meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Sadie T. Johnson Community Building, 707 U.S. Highway 278 East in Monticello. The public is encouraged to attend.

Support for local schools

Show support for local schools by purchasing a school mascot yard sign for only \$20. All three (University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils, Drew Central Pirates and Monticello Billies) may be purchased for \$50. For more information, contact the Monticello-Drew County Chamber of Commerce at 870-367-6741 or stop by the chamber office at 335 East Gaines Street.

Borrow a book and hours

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, Monticello Branch, 114 West Jefferson Avenue, is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Masks are required while entering, exiting or walking around the library. Masks may be removed while seated. Social distancing of 6 feet between individuals. Hand sanitizer is available upon entering the building and at the front desk. Call the library at 870-367-8583. Fax, copying and printing services are available. Public WiFi is available inside and from the parking lot. The password is books2015.

Information and referral outreach office now open

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions Community Development Organization announces the opening of its Information and Referral Outreach Office, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office will be open Tuesdays only. Services will include but are not limited to, COVID-19 relief information, pharmacy assistance referrals for free and reduced prescription medications, help with disability applications and other health and human services needs. Delta Solutions is a non-profit organization, serving residents in Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha and Drew counties. It’s primary focus is Education, Housing, Health and Wellness, Economic Development, Community Development, Housing, Food Insecurity, and Financial Literacy.

The office is located at Revival Center Church’s Business office complex. For service, please use the front entrance at 311 South Pine in Monticello. For questions or to schedule an appointment, one may call Mrs. Linda Austin at (870) 740-1093.

Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education Meeting

The Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education holds a meeting monthly at Western Sizzlin’, 436 U.S. Highway 425 North, on the first Thursday of every month. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is called to order at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend who cares about motorcycles and motorcycle safety, you do not have to own or ride a bike to be a member or to attend meetings.

Andrews Chapel Cemetery


To all concerned that have family or cemetery plots in the Andrews Chapel Cemetery, please send any updated contact information to: Andrews Chapel Cemetery Association, C/O Cindy Ferrell, Secretary/Treasurer, 2968 Barkada Road, Wilmar, AR 71675.

VFW Auxiliary

Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993.

Any relative of a veteran who served overseas in a foreign war is eligible for membership. Any past members who are still interested in the Auxiliary are also asked to contact Wanda or Melvin if they are still interested in being a member.

Senior Center  
LUNCH



Feb. 23-March 2

**Wednesday:** *Smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes, purple hull peas, pecan pie, roll*

**Thursday:** *Pinto beans & sausage, turnip greens, cornbread, applesauce*

**Friday:** *Cheeseburgers, tots, lettuce/tomato/onion, mandarin oranges*

**Monday:** *Beef vegetable soup, cornbread, sugar cookie*

**Tuesday:** *Pork enchiladas, Mexican rice, refried beans, JELLO*

**Wednesday:** *Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, tomato gravy, green beans, dump cake, roll*

*All lunches have a choice of sweet tea and milk.*

*The Senior Center is now open and serves curb-side and sit down lunch for citizens 60 and older for \$4; under 60, \$5, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., first come, first served.*

*Rates for lunches were changed in January 2022 to those currently listed.*



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## Agricultural Producers Have Until March 15 to Enroll in USDA's Key Commodity Safety Net Programs

### SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2022 crop year have until March 15, 2022, to sign a contract. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers these two safety net programs to provide vital income support to farmers experiencing substantial declines in crop prices or revenues.

"The Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs provide critical financial protections to many American farmers. As producers continue to weather a bruising pandemic and new, climate-induced disasters, these programs are all the more important," said Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "I am encouraging producers to reach out to their county offices to learn about program eligibility and election options today, so that they can begin the enrollment process as soon as possible."

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County or PLC, which are both crop-by-crop, or ARC- Individual, which is for the entire farm. Although election changes for 2022 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2022, it will be necessary to sign a new contract.

If an election is not submitted by the March 15, 2022, deadline, the election remains the same as the 2021 election for crops on the farm. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the crop.

Producers have completed 976,249 contracts to date, representing 54% of the more than 1.8 million expected contracts.

Producers who do not complete enrollment by the deadline will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2022 crop year and will not receive a payment if triggered.

Producers are eligible to enroll farms

with base acres for the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed, and wheat.

### Decision Tools

In partnership with USDA, two web-based decision tools are available to assist producers in making informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations:

- Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, a tool available through the University of Illinois allows producers to estimate payments for farms and counties for ARC-CO and PLC.

- ARC and PLC Decision Tool, a tool available through Texas A&M that allows producers to estimate payments and yield updates and expected payments for 2022.

### Crop Insurance Considerations and Decision Deadline

ARC and PLC are part of a broader safety net provided by USDA, which also includes crop insurance and marketing assistance loans.

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

Producers on farms with a PLC election have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider; however, producers on farms where ARC is the election are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres for that crop on that farm.

Unlike SCO, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by an ARC election. Producers may add ECO regardless of the farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or

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## DC Middle school February Students of the Month

<b>5th Grade</b>	Alexander Pitts	<b>8th Grade</b>
Lillian Snow		Alexia Redmond-Leverette
Anthony Russell	<b>7th Grade</b>	
<b>6th Grade</b>	Sincere Simmons	
Audrey Hewitt	Aiden West	Luke Chapman

### Ongoing filing info

Candidates for the Drew County offices, the City of Wilmar and annual School board elections

began filing today at 12:00 noon. The City of Monticello files in May and the cities of Winchester and Tillar will not file until August.



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# OPINION

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## My family lost a great man this weekend

Our family suffered another loss when in the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 19, my Uncle Doyle Tyler passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He had been married to my mom’s twin, Jackie Tyler, since 1973, they started dating about four years earlier when she was 14 years old. He loved her from the moment he laid eyes on her, I know because he told me. Together they had three daughters, two who currently work at Drew Memorial Health System, Cristi Wessel and Kelli McTigrit, and Carri Kleck, who lives in Troy, Mo.

I grew up with Carri, who was my age, being one of my best friends. Being the daughters of twin sisters, especially my mom and Aunt Jackie, was a completely unique experience. Cristi and my sister were born the same year and then Carri and I, two years later. It never mattered how far apart we lived at any given time, we were going to spend quite a bit of time visiting one another. Years later when Kelli was born, I didn’t get a baby sister, but Kelli was the closest thing I had to one as a kid. Back then I was a little scared of Uncle Doyle. He had a deep booming voice and he was strict. He had “house rules” and there were no exceptions. It wasn’t until I was a teenager and staying a couple weeks one summer with Carri in West Memphis that I realized Uncle Doyle was actually pretty cool and wasn’t scary in the least. I clearly remember the moment I realized he was not someone to fear. We were cleaning up the house preparing for a church youth group pool party and Uncle Doyle was preparing the food and grill. If there is one thing Uncle Doyle loved to do, it was throw a pool party. As we were cleaning and Uncle Doyle was carrying stuff back and forth between the kitchen and the grill, Carri and Uncle Doyle started dancing to an oldies song we had blasting on the radio. I can’t explain it, but I knew right then that I had been a little scared and intimidated for no reason. That is when my relationship with Uncle Doyle began to grow.

When I joined the Marine Corps, he was proud, and he liked that the cheaper flights home were to the Memphis airport versus the Little Rock airport. He and Aunt Jackie would pick me up from the Memphis Airport and the next day, Mom would come to West Memphis and bring me home. When my leave ended, mom would take me back to Uncle Doyle and Aunt Jackie’s and they would take me to the Airport the next day. He always made sure I was ready to travel, and he always made sure I had cash. In his work he had traveled a lot and gave me all of his airport tips and tricks. It was around this time that he began to become one of my confidants. He really didn’t enjoy talking on the phone, but he always answered when I called and he would spend up to an hour on the phone with me. He gave the best advice, to all of us. Even after I quit flying home and began driving home, I always made sure I had at least a day or two to spend with Uncle Doyle and Aunt Jackie. Around 8 or 9 years ago, Mom and Aunt Jackie decided they had been apart long enough; Dad and Uncle Doyle began working on getting them down here to Monticello. Mom and Dad built an extra room onto their house where Uncle Doyle stayed while working to get their house built. I loved coming home all the time, but especially during this time. While working on getting the house built, I would come home and wake up early every morning to have coffee and a chat with Uncle Doyle before the girls woke up and before he had to be at work, he would also come home every day and have lunch with me whenever I was home. Little did I know that shortly after the house was built, I would be moving home for good and living in the room that had been built for him.

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## It’s time to bring federal workers back and reopen Capitol Hill

There is no doubt COVID-19 has presented a wide variety of challenges for us all and changed the way we interact with people, businesses and government. Unfortunately, Arkansans are currently experiencing roadblocks to essential government services as a result of unnecessarily scaled-back assistance among federal agencies. That is unacceptable and underscores the need to return to normalcy, resume in-person operations and even welcome Americans back to Capitol Hill.

It’s past time our federal agencies followed in the footsteps of schools and businesses and restarted pre-COVID operations. Citizens shouldn’t experience an uphill climb to access the critical functions they provide, but each day I hear from Arkansans distressed due to decreased access to services they rely on. Federal agencies are continuing to operate as they did in 2020 with many offices closed to in-person interaction. These agencies are supposed to help us, but instead they have become barriers to getting things done because of their unrea-

sonable policies.

One of the top problems I’ve heard about is the inability to walk-in to Social Security offices. Visits are by appointment only, so individuals with urgent problems sometimes wait several weeks before getting the attention they need. There appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel with the Social Security Administration announcing its offices will reopen in March. This is well overdue, but welcome news. I will be closely monitoring to ensure SSA follows through with its assurance so we can better accommodate the needs of Arkansans.

Additional federal services including approval of veterans benefits and passport renewals have been delayed or continue to experience significant holdups in fulfilling requests made by Arkansans and all Americans because of federal work from home policies. The IRS recently warned of the challenges it expects this tax season in processing tax refunds in part due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in-person constraints at IRS paper processing centers.

This outdated approach is hurting Americans in so many aspects of day-to-day life. More Arkansans are also resuming trips to Washington to meet with lawmakers about

issues important to their families, communities and businesses. These concerned constituents are prevented from coming in the Hart Senate Office Building and throughout Capitol Hill without an escort by my staff.

It’s time to open the U.S. Capitol and the congressional office buildings back up to the American people without this handholding restriction. They need access to these buildings containing so much of our nation’s history, art and culture. One of the things I enjoy most is watching our democracy and history come alive for Arkansans as they tour the Capitol, and right now our ability to give tours is severely limited.

I recently cosponsored legislation in support of reopening the Capitol and Senate buildings to the public, so everyone has the opportunity to engage with the elected leaders who represent them and enjoy these institutions that have shaped our national life. Fully welcoming Arkansans back to the nation’s capital will be a great day, and it should come quickly.

Like so many fellow Arkansans, I know reopening can be done safely. With the easy accessibility to vaccines, testing, and other

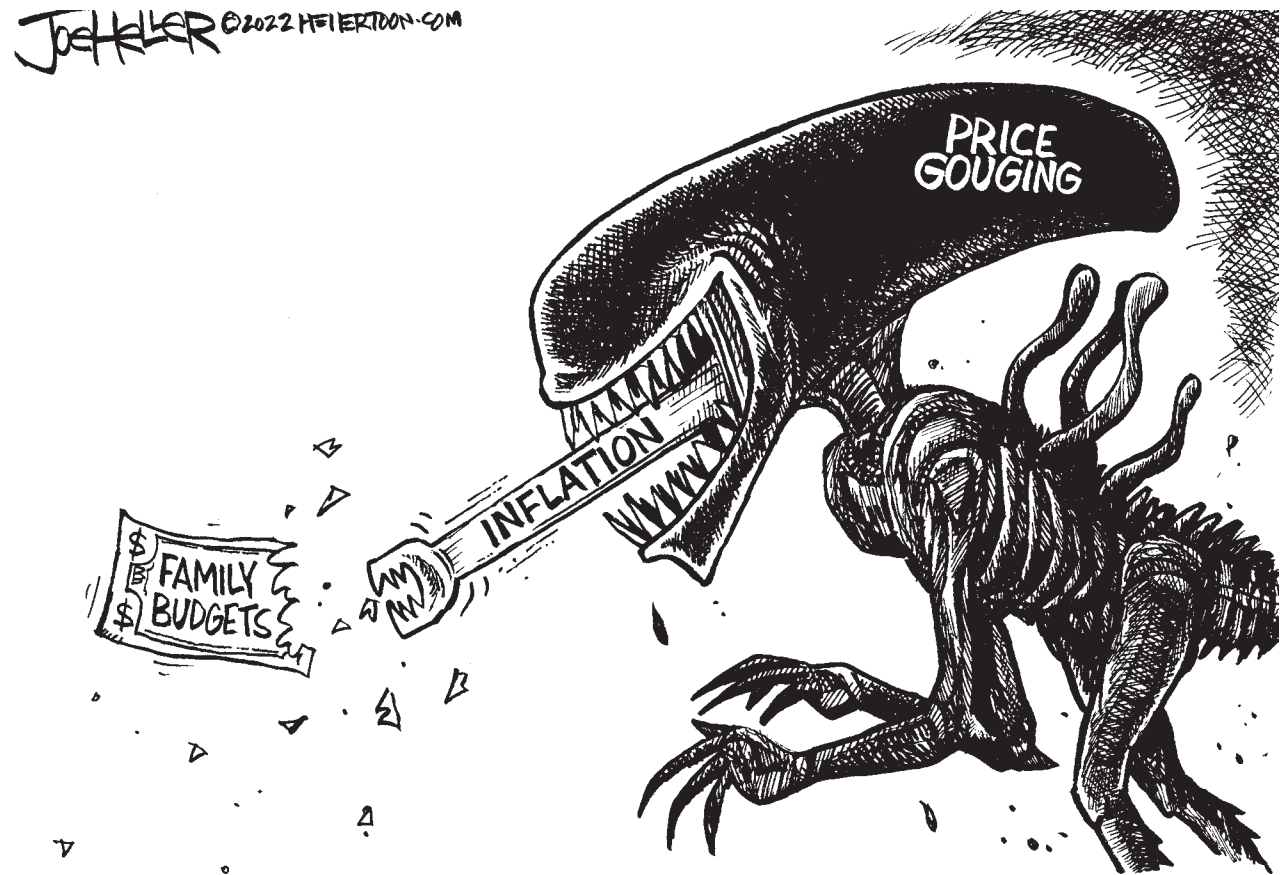
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MELISSA ORRELL  
REPORTER



JOHN BOOZMAN  
U.S. SENATE REPORT



## Arkansas’ Black History heroes

February is Black History Month, and today I’d like to pay tribute to some of the Arkansans who have made a real difference in our state and nation.

More than 160 Arkansans have been inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. Many of those are historic figures who contributed to the early growth and governance of Arkansas. Many others are still making news. They have represented Arkansas in the fields of journalism, publishing, and entertainment; law; politics; agriculture; restaurants; nuclear science; computer science; the military; and college and profes-

sional sports.

The most recent Hall of Famers to make national news are Annie Abrams and Fatima Robinson. Annie Abrams was in her mid-20s during the Central High desegregation crisis of 1957 who was one of many who knew the students who were known as the Little Rock 9. On the first day of Black History Month this year, a crew from Good Morning America broadcast an interview with Miss Annie from her house in Little Rock. She was a friend of L.C. and Daisy Bates, a living connection to that transformative era in our history. At 90, Miss Annie still writes (often by email) and otherwise communicates her view to leaders around the state.

On Sunday, millions around the world watched the work of Little Rock native Fatima Robinson, who choreographed the halftime

show for Super Bowl LVI. She also choreographed the halftime show for the Super Bowl in 2011.

Raye Jean Jordan Montague, who died in 2018, was an engineer with the U.S. Navy who produced the first computer-generated rough draft for the construction of a Naval ship.

Estella and Knoxie Hall were entrepreneurs who persevered through setbacks rooted in racial attitudes at the time. In the 1970s, they turned a gas station into a produce market, which grew to include a small restaurant. Their three sons still run K. Halls Produce at 1900 Wright Avenue.

When Lottie Shackelford ran for a seat on the Little Rock Board of Directors, she became the first black candidate to win a majority in a citywide race. She was

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## Senate honors Department of Education Reform at University of Arkansas

The Arkansas Senate on Wednesday passed a resolution honoring Dr. Patrick J. Wolf and the Department of Education Reform at the College of Education and Health Professions of the University of Arkansas.

Wolf is a Distinguished Professor of Education Policy and 21st Century Endowed Chair in School Choice.

Senator Bob Ballinger was the lead Senate sponsor of the resolution honoring Wolf and the department.

“I appreciate the Senate honoring this department for their years of work to provide invaluable research to improve the education of students across the nation,” Ballinger said. “They are an Arkansas treasure and it’s good they are getting this attention.”

The Department of Education Reform has developed and implemented demonstration projects in public schools. They have been related to arts integration, trauma-informed public charter schools, education about the Holocaust and STEM curricula.

The Department of Education Reform has also done extensive research into school choice, education policy, and teacher quality,

as evidenced by its publication of forty-nine (49) journal articles, sixteen (16) book chapters, and fifty-one (51) working papers on those topics since the start of 2020.

According to the database Academic Analytics, the Department of Education Reform has the fourth overall scholarly productivity among departments in the field of educational evaluation and research in the United States. The Department of Education Reform ranks first in academic awards, second in the production of scholarly articles and third in the publishing of books and book chapters according to the database Academic Analytics.



BEN GILMORE  
ARKANSAS SENATE REPORT

## Second week of 2022 Fiscal Session underway

The 93rd General Assembly is now entering the second week of the 2022 Fiscal Session.

The session began with an address by Governor Asa Hutchinson in which he outlined his budget priorities for the next fiscal year.

In addition to increases in funding for education and health-care, the Governor is requesting funding for the Crime Victims Reparations Program, child abduction re-



HOWARD BEATY  
ARKANSAS HOUSE REPORT

sponse teams, and two new drug courts.

The Governor voiced his support for an increase in pay for state troopers. He is also requesting \$45 million in surplus funds to be used as a \$5,000 one-time payment for every county and city-certified law enforcement officer.

He is requesting surplus funds be used for safety equipment for law enforcement and for investment in a new prison facility.

Members will be reviewing these requests in the days ahead.

Meanwhile, the House passed several appropriation bills this week for various boards and commissions.

The House also passed the following legislation addressing health benefit plans for public school and state employees:

HB1098-This bill requires a fiscal impact statement be submitted before the legislature can consider any bill that will impose a new or increased cost obligation for health benefit plans.

HB1099-This bill establishes the Employee Benefits Division Oversight Subcommittee of the Legislative Council. The subcommittee will have oversight of all decisions of the State Board of Finance related to the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

HB1100-This bill creates a State Employee Health Benefit Advisory Commission and a Public School Employee Health Benefit Advisory Commission.

The commissions will

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# UAM Grad, Justin Mallett, joins UAPB’s “Keeping in it the Family” Program

By: **WILL HEHEMANN**  
School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences

Justin Mallett has been hired as a consultant forester for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) Keeping it in the Family (KIITF) Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Program. The program provides educational resources and technical assistance to African American forest landowners to protect and retain their family land for future generations.

Mallett has served as a partner for the KIITF Program since its inception in 2016. In that capacity, he has helped educate Arkansas forest landowners through the program’s in-person and virtual outreach meetings. He also makes regular site visits with the KIITF team, helping landowners across southern Arkansas find ways to improve their land’s sustainability and profitability.

“Justin has demonstrated a strong commitment to assisting landowners, particularly underserved landowners,” Kandi Williams, KIITF Program coordinator, said. “Even before working with our program, he had already established a customer base with a diverse group

of landowners. He doesn’t mind meeting the landowners where they are – conducting site-visits, calling or emailing to follow-up, or writing recommendations as he helps them achieve their management goals.”

Williams said Mallett leads by example, taking the initiative to reach out to and teach landowners about forestry management practices and available technical support and resources.

“He has a wealth of knowledge in his field and is willing to share resources to improve our forestlands and communities,” she said. “Justin is also a great team player. Whether through providing technical assistance, developing presentations or resolving landowner concerns, he always seems energetic to assist during the problem-solving process.”

Mallett said he understands the importance of keeping land in one’s family. He grew up on a small cattle farm near Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where his family owns 80 acres of land that has been in the family for around five generations. He now lives with his wife and three children on their small hobby farm near Cove, Arkansas.

“I have always held family property as an important invest-



MALLETT

ment,” he said. “I love hearing the stories of my family members about their struggles and how they overcame them. Likewise, when I get to meet with landowners, I love to hear about the challenges they and their ancestors faced. When they talk about the history of their family land, they bring up memories of their loved ones and the experiences they had with them.”

Mallett said becoming a KIITF Program partner made him aware of the problems African American families face in keeping their land. African American-owned farmland across the U.S. has drastically declined over the last century

for reasons including voluntary sales, emigration from the South, lack of access to credit and capital and foreclosures. Current landowners face challenges when their land becomes heir property and is inherited by a group of individuals. This type of property leaves families without the clear titles that allow for active management of the land, thereby limiting any economic returns.

“When I hear family members working together to resolve deed and ownership issues and manage their property, I see that as a success,” he said. “We aren’t here to do the work for landowners – we are here to educate and assist them in clearing up issues many thought were impossible to deal with. Working with a group that is so passionate and hardworking is not only a blessing, but it also encourages me to do more.”

For over nine years, Mallett worked for the Arkansas Department of Agriculture (ADA) Forestry Division as a county forester, serving Howard, Polk and Sevier Counties. In 2021, he left that position to open his own company, Deceiper Creek Forestry Services, LLC. In this role, he assists private landowners in managing their tim-

berland.

“Transitioning from being an ADA Forestry Division employee to a small business owner and consultant gives me more freedom in my schedule to contribute more to the KIITF Program. I look forward to collaborating with more program landowners and working with our great team to do more – we are always growing in numbers, efficiency and knowledge.”

Mallett earned a bachelor’s degree in forestry and associate degree in land surveying technology from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. In 2013, he was certified as a registered forester by the Arkansas Board of Registration for Foresters, and in 2021, he was certified as an arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture.

Mallett has been an American Tree Farm inspector since 2013. He is the current secretary treasurer of the Arkansas Tree Farm Committee and the co-chair of the Arkansas Tree Farm Communications Committee.

When Mallett is not busy with forestry work, he mows yards as a part of his other business, spends time with his family and volunteers for his church.

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review financial information and potential viability of funding as well as provide recommendations to the State Board of Finance.

HB1097-This bill states it will be the responsibility of the House and Senate Committees on Education, through the biennial adequacy review, to determine the health insurance contribution rate to be paid by each public school district.

The House will reconvene on Tuesday, February 22, at 1 pm.

You can watch all committee meetings and House proceedings at [www.arkansashouse.org](http://www.arkansashouse.org).

# BOOZMAN

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safety measures, my staff and I have been working from the office since May of 2020 to serve Arkansans and get answers about the federal services they rely on. Schools, businesses and other organizations have implemented similar safety precautions allowing them to resume operations. There is no reason federal facilities can’t follow suit.

The restrictive policies at the Capitol and across government agencies are only hurting the people these organizations are meant to serve. Getting federal employees back in the office is necessary to fulfilling their obligations to the public and providing the services they rely on.

# Marlar announced as a Fall 2021 UCA graduate

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Nicole Corrine Marlar of Wilmar, graduated from UCA with a Bachelor of Science degree in December.

The University of Central Arkansas held fall commencement in the Farris Center on campus. Degrees and certificates were conferred to nearly 664 graduates from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social

Sciences; College of Business; College of Education; College of Health and Behavioral Sciences; College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and Graduate School.

# HUTCHINSON

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reelected twice, and in 1987, the board elected her as Little Rock’s first female mayor. Scipio Jones is one of the

best known of Arkansas’s historical figures. Scipio was born into slavery in 1863, and after he won his freedom, he began his college career at Philander Smith College. He passed the Arkansas Bar Exam in 1889.

Mr. Jones is best known for his defense of twelve black men who were sentenced to death in connection with the Elaine Race Massacre. He ignored threats to represent the men on appeal. The U.S. Supreme Court over-

turned the death sentences. That victory produced a landmark decision that established a precedent for the use of writs of habeas corpus. Scipio Jones risked his life to seek justice for his clients.

This is a short list whose courage, creativity, and tenacity have enriched our state. Black History Month is an appropriate time to remember them, but let’s not limit our honor of them to a few days every year.

# ORRELL

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This began a daily coffee and talk session with Uncle Doyle. He would listen as I cried, screamed, yelled or just talked. It hurt him to see me broken and he did everything he could to encourage me and to help me see that I was so much more than my circumstances. He truly grieved with me as I worked my way through the damage that had been done to the girls and me. Everything he was to me, he was all that and more to his daughters and to his daughters’ best friends who were nothing less than daughters to him. He was

a girl dad and he loved his daughters’ friends as much as he loved us. He was amazing like that. He had a never-ending supply of love that he heaped on his family and those he considered his family.

When the girls and I came home, approximately seven years ago, my little girls were in the thick of the Daddy Daughter dances and Donuts for Dads. Amazing programs and ideas, but programs and ideas that make it painful when you don’t have a dad to invite. My girls never saw it this way because they had my dad or my Uncle Doyle to choose from. Dad got invited to the Daddy Daughter dances and Uncle Doyle got

invited to the Donuts for Dads. He was so proud the girls invited him and they would take extra time getting ready that morning for school and then they would walk out the back door and get in the truck with Uncle Doyle as he took them to school, both he and the girls excited.

While I could go on for pages sharing memories of my Uncle Doyle, one of my best friends, biggest supporters and all around one of the best people I knew, I think it’s important to point out that while yes, I was very special to him and yes, he meant a lot to me; I wasn’t unique in that way. He made all of us feel special, he loved all of us. He

loved my cousin, Sean, who used to stay summers with him and Aunt Jackie while we were growing up. He was my sister’s sounding board. She coined the nickname the “man with the plan” for him and his amazing advice. He was absolutely one of my dad’s best friends. He loved to tease my Nonnie, my maternal grandmother, and he had a deep love and respect for her. He was close with his family, too. His niece and nephews on the Tyler side of the family were just as treasured and loved as we all were by him. He even loved my Orrell side of the family.

There is one way to sum up Uncle Doyle the best. He loved his family. He was

happiest when he had all of us together. His one requirement for moving to Monticello was a pool. It’s not that he liked swimming that much. No, he liked the pool because it brought us together. He could get his kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews, all together with that

pool. And then he got to do what he loved best, watch the people he loved have fun and spend time together.

There is no one else I know like my Uncle Doyle and we all have lost one of the pillars in our family and in our lives.

We miss you already, Uncle Doyle.

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# Mark Gober announces candidacy for re-election as Sheriff

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Mark Gober has announced his candidacy for re-election to a 9th term as Drew County Sheriff.

“During the past 17 years, I have worked closely with county, local, and state officials in the prevention and deterrence of crime. I have enjoyed meeting many citizens of this county while performing my duties as Drew County Sheriff and look forward to the many challenges that I face daily in this office.”

During his time in office, Gober graduated from the Arkansas Leader Session conducted by the F.B.I. and has also served the elected position of representative for the Arkansas Sheriffs Association as the Southeast Quadrant Leader.

Sheriff Gober was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2016 to the Arkansas Supreme Court’s Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness. The purpose of the committee is to work with the director of Security Emergency Preparedness to ensure the safe-

ty of those who appear for court, judges, and their staff, and for all other employees and members of the public who conduct business in courthouses throughout Arkansas.

Sheriff Gober served on the Board of Directors for Options, a non-profit organization that serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assaults. Sheriff Gober says, “This is a great organization and Drew County is blessed to have such an organization serving the citizens of Drew County and all of southeast Arkansas. The director of Options and the staff are to be congratulated for their commitment and dedication to helping the victims of domestic violence. This is a first-class organization.”

“I will continue working on the many goals and visions that we have for improving this county. I ask that you allow me to continue my work to ensure that Drew County is a safe place to live and raise families. As Sheriff, I require that citizens be treated in a re-

spectful and professional manner. As many of you have found out, I serve the people of this county and welcome your visits to our office,” says Gober.

Gober was instrumental in acquiring the Drew County Mobile Command Center. This Command Center is fully equipped with communication and emergency equipment, which is used in emergency situations as an operations center. This unit is not only for the use of Drew County and Monticello, but is also available to all law enforcement in the Tenth Judicial District. Also, Gober recommended and assisted in the implementation of the security system for the Drew County courts and courthouse. The system provides panic alarms for the courtroom and provides security cameras for the entire courthouse. These cameras are monitored in the Sheriff’s Department.

Sheriff Gober has been out-



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spoken on the need for additional deputies to keep citizens and their property safe. By having a good working relationship with the Drew County Quorum Court, Sheriff Gober was able to increase the deputy positions from six to ten patrol deputies. One of the Deputies is assigned to Drew Central School as a School Resource Officer, year round. This increase cuts down on response time, increases the area patrolled by deputies, and improves officer safety. Sheriff Gober was also able to substantially increase the salaries within the department, with the approval of the quorum court. “This salary increase was needed not only because it was the right thing to do, but it will help maintain our current deputies and will help in the retention rate,” says Gober.

Since taking office in January of 2005, over \$120,000 in law enforcement grants have been

applied for and received. These grants have been utilized for the purchase and outfitting of the Drew County Mobile Command Center, protective vests, digital radios and communications equipment, surveillance equipment, and vehicles.

Another concern of Gober’s is the negative impact that illegal dumping and littering has on the county. He has asked local judges to order individuals cited for littering and some misdemeanor offenses to be assigned to the “Sheriff’s Litter Crew,” which has picked up trash and litter in the county and city.

During the past 17 years of serving the citizens of Drew County, Sheriff Gober says he has enjoyed meeting with and speaking to many people, organizations, committees, and church groups. Speaking to our youth has always been a highlight, whether at a school, church, or just in his everyday setting.

Prior to being elected as Sheriff,

Gober, age 62, was employed by the Arkansas Department of Corrections for over 11 1/2 half years at the Delta Regional Correctional and Jail Facility in Dermott. Gober says that he knows the concerns of families and in order to improve on the future, we must improve on the day to day positive contacts with the citizens.

The Sheriff is elected and serves all citizens of Drew County. Whether they live in the county or city, Gober says that he will provide protection to all.

Sheriff Gober states, “It has been an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Drew County. I am thankful for the overwhelming support and confidence the citizens have continued to show me these past 17 years. I humbly ask for your continued support and vote in the upcoming election. You know me and know that with your vote I can continue to get the job done and serve you and all citizens fairly and equally. Thank you and God bless.”

# Sustaining forest starts with planting trees

By LON TEGELS  
College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources - UAM

Growing pine trees in Arkansas is similar to growing corn in Iowa or soybeans in Illinois. Crop seeds are planted, mature and harvested. Instead of a short growing season during a single summer, a stand of pine trees can take decades. The difference between row crop maturity and forest maturity is time. It takes lots of time, almost 30 years, for a pine seedling to grow to maturity. The loblolly pines planted this month won’t be ready for harvest until 2052. Foresters will thin the trees in about 10-12 years and again in 17-22 years to keep them healthy and speed their growth.

Tree planters arrive

A professional tree planting crew from Bradly County, Arkansas, arrived on Feb. 10. Ten workers knocked out 82 acres of land in about two days. At best, it’s a difficult job, and the forest industry depends on immigrant workers to get this tough job done.

Arkansas Center for Forest Business Director Dr. Matthew Pelkki said, “the tree planters are a key part of the Arkansas Forest Industry.” A good plant-

er can plant as many as 2000 plants a day by hand, he said. “They are working amazingly hard, and we have great planting crews.”

The University of Arkansas at Monticello, College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources Dean Michael Blazier teaches a silviculture class. He took his silviculture lab to the tree planting site.

“The professional tree planting is used as a teaching tool,” Blazier said. “The most important thing we do in forest management from a sustainability standpoint is promptly replant after a site has been harvested.”

After watching the pros at work, each student was handed a “dibble,” a specialized spade for planting. They pushed the spade into the soil, inserted the seedling and then packed it with soil so that oxygen doesn’t dry out the planting. The students also double-checked the spacing of the professional crew, using a pole to ensure 10 feet between trees.

“The students will emulate what the planting crews are doing in proper planting techniques,” said Blazier.

**Forest economics**

Pelkki says the cost of each seedling is 12-13 cents. The

labor cost of planting is about 8 cents per tree paid to the planter. Each planter can do 1500-2000 trees a day. The total cost is \$92 acre on 10 X 10-foot spacing. He said, “That calculates to 435 trees per acre which is more than needed for the final harvest. Trees will be thinned in about 10-12 years and again at 17-22 years of age, leaving 70-80 trees left for the final harvest. At the final harvest, each tree will bring about 35 to \$50 for the 2 tons of merchantable wood in each tree at that time. He says that when all the math and economics are calculated, timber produces about a 12-15 percent return on investment which is better than the stock market.

**Students Dig In**

The soil in the area being planted was “a hard clay pan. It’s really dry; we’re in a drought year. It’s a little harder than normal to plant,” said forestry student Tanner Scott. “It’s not working as well as we would like it to.”

As for spacing, Scott said the professional crew was “spot on. Without using a pole, they are about as close as you can get to a 10-foot distance.”

“They are not going to measure every tree,” Scott said.

“If they did it, it would take a week instead of just a couple of days.”

According to Blazier, re-planting works best while the weather is still cool and the seedlings dormant. Last fall, the College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources began preparing 85 acres of forestland for replanting. The university hired a helicopter to come in and spray the chemical on the plot to ensure the seedlings had a stronger chance of survival and had a chance to grow above the weeds.

“They told me this morning two days,” said Forest Manager Bobby Webb. “But now I’m thinking a day and a half at the most. They have gone fast.”

The planters finished the job in about 12 hours.

“They make that estimate when they start planting but don’t know until they get into the tree stand and walk through to see how bad the briars are,” Webb said. “They were pretty quick, really quick. I checked behind them this morning, and their spacing was good; trees are tight, no air pockets and no ‘J’ roots.

**Tree planting career earns respect**

Forestry student Alexis

Mondragon has planted trees before, but that doesn’t make the task any easier.

“I definitely respect the guys who are out here,” he said. “I know it’s a lot of hard work and labor-intensive.”

Mondragon said he thinks the public needs to better understand harvesting and clear-cutting.

“I think people look at an area that has been clear cut, and it bothers the public when they don’t know what’s going on,” he said. “They want to drive down the road and see a pretty forest, but they don’t realize to have that pretty forest, you have to clear cut and replant it to have that look.

“Forest management helps maintain the aesthetics they like,” he said.

Blazier said the field labs are part of the hands-on forest management experience at UAM.

“The purpose of forest management is twofold,” he said. “We want to provide good habitat within the teaching environment. We also want a good teaching system so students can understand how forests, in this particular case, pine forests, would be managed in real-world conditions.”

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PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

Producers should contact their crop insurance agent to make certain that the election and enrollment made at FSA follows their intention to participate in STAX or SCO coverage. Producers have until March 15, 2022, to make the appropriate changes or cancel their ARC or PLC contract.

**More Information**

In addition to the March 15 deadline for ARC and PLC, other important deadlines include:

- March 1, Livestock Indemnity Program
- March 11, Conservation Reserve Program General Signup
- March 15, Pandemic Cover Crop Program
- March 25, Dairy Margin Coverage

“When you’re working with us on ARC and PLC, we also encourage you to consider our other programs, including the Pandemic Cover Crop Program, which calls for you to file an acreage report,” Ducheneaux added.

For more information on ARC and PLC, producers can visit the ARC and PLC webpage or contact their local USDA Service Center. In those service centers where COVID cases exceed safety levels, staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools. Producers with level 2 authentication access can electronically sign contracts or may make arrangements to drop off signed contracts at the FSA county office. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors.

## COVID

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“Within the last month you can see we have had a total of 619 deaths, of that 467, or 75.4% were the age 65-plus,” he said. “Just another emphasis on that’s the most vulnerable population and we need to continue to work to increase the vaccinations, in that age group, particularly.”

He also showed the trend line of cases, pointing out that the number of cases is “almost” to the levels prior to the Omicron strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus arriving in Arkansas.

Hutchinson then went over the percentage of those not vaccinated who tested positive, were hospitalized and who died with 72.4% of those who tested positive not fully vaccinated, 80.6% of hospitalizations were not fully vaccinated and 80.8% of Arkansans who died were not

fully vaccinated.

“That should be sufficient reason to go ahead and get your first shots; get your booster shots as well,” he said.

Hutchinson also announced the State would be moving back to once-a-week briefings since hospitalizations fell beneath the threshold, he and Dr. Jose Romero had set for daily briefings.

“Finally, because of where we are and we have been at this for two years and the fact that we have been reporting on this daily, the information flow will continue through the Department of Health. Each day anyone that’s interested can go to the Department of Health and get the same information on cases, hospitalizations, deaths, all the trendlines from the Department of Health. We are going to be giving our COVID update once a week. Dr. Romero and I said when the hospitalizations go below 1,000, we are

going to be making that jump. We have been very transparent for two years; we will continue that transparency.”

At this time, Hutchinson turned the conference of to Dr. Jennifer Dilaha, Arkansas Department of Health medical director for immunizations who spoke about the number of deaths in immunized patients in the 18-45 age groups and the importance of Arkansans being immunized against the disease.

“I would like to take this opportunity to strongly encourage people to not back off on the vaccinations at this point,” she said. “We need people to be fully vaccinated as well as boosted. It is important to know that of the data the governor showed for the age groups the 18 through 24 and the 25-44, no one who died in those age groups was fully vaccinated or boosted. And for the 45-64 and 65 and older, only a small portion of those folks who died in

those age groups were fully vaccinated and boosted.”

She also pointed out that with the latest change in guidance from the CDC, people can now be fully vaccinated a boosted sooner which may help if Arkansas experiences another surge in cases like the one caused by the Omicron variant.

“Last week the CDC changed their guidance for booster doses. People may now get their boosters 3 months following their primary vaccination series so that makes it a little faster for people to become fully vaccinated and boosted so I strongly encourage people to do that so that we are ready of we have another surge.”


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According to the map options, changes will be made in Wards 1 and 3 due to census numbers.

Due to the late arrival of the maps to the council members, no decision was made, and the item was tabled until the March meeting. To view the proposed change options, visit our website [www.mymonticellonews.net](http://www.mymonticellonews.net).

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### Joseph Young Cater

Joseph Young Cater, 63, of Monticello, passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022. He was born on February 24, 1958 to the late Richard Samuel Cater Sr. and Robbie Jean Lawson.

Joseph is preceded in death by his wife Debra Lynn Cater; parents Richard and Robbie Cater; and brother Samuel Cater.

Joseph enjoyed hunting, reading western books, and working in his yard. He was also a huge Razorbacks fan. Joseph loved spending time with his friends and family, and attended the Old Union Baptist Church in Monticello.



CATER

Joseph is survived by his daughter Jennifer (Kevin) Thompson; son Stephen (Shana) Kelly; grandchildren

Morgan Rainwater, Ava Rainwater, Luke Thompson, Ashton Kelly, and Addison Kelly; siblings Debbie (Wes) Wyckoff, Mark L. Cater, and Tim E. Cater; and a host of friends and extended family members.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 5:00-7:00pm at Old Union Baptist Church in Monticello, Arkansas. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 11:00am at Old Union Baptist Church in Monticello with interment to follow at Old Union Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to A Natural State Funeral Service, 2620 West Main Street, Jacksonville, Arkansas 72076. 501-982-3400.

Online guestbook: [www.anaturalstatefuneralservice.com](http://www.anaturalstatefuneralservice.com).

(Paid obituary)

### Alvin Lee Daugherty

A funeral service for Mr. Alvin Lee Daugherty, 82, of Farmerville, La., was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church in Farmerville with Bro. Rubin Weaver officiating. Interment followed in Antioch Cemetery in Farmerville under the direction of Farrar Funeral Home.



DAUGHERTY

Visitation was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at Antioch Baptist Church in Farmerville. Mr. Alvin was born May 14, 1939 and passed away on January 16, 2022. Alvin was the General Superintendent of Commercial Construction in the Monroe and West Monroe area for many years. He was an avid deer and turkey hunter, and he enjoyed being outdoors. Mr. Alvin was extremely passionate about gardening and he also loved to dance. He

was also a faithful member of Antioch Baptist Church.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, William and Hazel Phelps Daugherty; sisters, Louise Naron, Rose Ann Barnett, and Ruby Reep; and brothers, Houston Daugherty, Ralph Daugherty, Jim Dale Daugherty, and Allen Daugherty.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of thirteen years, Rita C. Halley-Daugherty, whom he loved very much; son, Arthur Daugherty (Sherry); daughter, Rita Daugherty Terry (Chris); sister, Joyce Dowd; grandchildren, Jacob Daugherty (Nikki), Joshua Terry (Courtney), Jordan Terry, and Hunter Terry; two great-grandchildren, Autumn Nicole Daugherty and Weston Allen Terry; his dog, Chewey; along with numerous family members and friends.

Pallbearers were Mickey Halley, Casey Halley, Arthur Daugherty, Chris Terry, Jeff Coon, and Bobby Nola. Honorary pallbearers were Joshua Terry, Jordan Terry, Hunter Terry, and Jacob Daugherty. Donations may be made to the Antioch Cemetery Fund at 3501 Highway 828, Farmerville, La. 71241.

(Paid obituary)

### Robert Edwin Ellis, Jr.

Robert Edwin Ellis, Jr., age 72, of Monticello, passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at his home. He was born September 5, 1949, in Monticello, to the late Robert Edwin Ellis, Sr. and Elizabeth Nelson Ellis.



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Robert was a drum major for the Monticello High School Billies Marching Band and graduated with the class of 1967. He received a BA Degree in Music from the University of Arkansas at Monticello in 1985. He became Director of Choral Activities for the Mena School District and in 1987 the Mena Middle School elected him "Coolest Teacher Around;" they also recognized him for his outstanding dedication and service to the district. Robert was also choir director at Mena's First Baptist Church. Later, he worked as the Monticello School District's Director of the Alternative Learning Education School; he was honored as the Monticello School's Teacher of the Year for 30+ years of dedicated service in education, with 22 years in the Monticello Schools. He retired in 2016.

Robert was a gifted musician. Many lives, young and old, were enriched during his almost 50 years of private instruction in piano and various other instruments. He was organist for Monti-

cello's First Baptist Church for a number of years and was currently using what he felt was his God-given talent as organist for Warren's First United Methodist Church. He also served his country in the Army National Guard and then in the Army Reserve where he was the Chaplain's Assistant.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother. Robert is survived by his wife of 48 years, Bonnie Gardner Ellis, of Monticello; his daughter, Beth Ellis, of Thornville, Ohio; his son, Robert (Rob) Edwin Ellis, III and wife Amanda and son Brayden, of Monticello; a sister, Edwina Ellis Louthan and husband, Duane, of Bartlesville, Ok.; grandchildren, Deryk Grosse and Morgan Grosse of Thornville; nephews, Josh Louthan and wife Lindsey and Connor Louthan and wife Kati, all of Springfield, Mo.; a niece, Grace Louthan, of Bartlesville; and his beloved cat, Patches.

Funeral services were Monday, February 21, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Gary Harrison officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Monticello Music Club, c/o Frank Ferguson, 324 Bolling St. Monticello, AR 71655 or First United Methodist Church, for the benefit of adult music, 111 Church St., Warren, AR 71671. You can sign Robert's guestbook page at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com).

(Paid obituary)

### Barry G. Harmon, Sr.

Barry G. Harmon, Sr., age 42 of Monticello, passed away in Monticello. He was born June 16, 1979, in Dumas, AR to James E. Harmon and Sharon Hawkins Harmon.

Barry loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfathers, Eldridge Hawkins and George



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Harmon; and maternal grandmothers, Louise Pickens and Levy Creighton. Survivors include

his wife, Trina Harmon of Monticello; his children, Cody Harmon, Barry Harmon, Jr., Ricky Harmon and Anna Harmon; his parents, James and Sharon Harmon; a brother, James Harmon; along with many uncles, aunts and cousins.

(Paid obituary)

### Margaret Christine Kendall

Margaret Christine Kendall, 85, of Monticello, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at The Woods of Monticello Health and Rehab. Center. She was born on August 21, 1936, to her parents, Bennie Frank and Hattie Mae Miles Ferguson and was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Pine Bluff.

On December 24, 1953, at the age of seventeen, Margaret married her soulmate, Clarence Gordon Kendall, Jr. and then began the life of a devoted military wife and mother. She was a mother of five before the age of twenty-three and added a sixth by the age of twenty-seven. Moving often to various duty stations with a large family was difficult. However, Margaret was strong. She knew what was expected of her and she kept her children and household in order.

She was a sweet selfless soul who could talk to anyone, and wanted to help everyone, especially animals.

She loved to cook and watch her favorite shows, Perry Mason and Ironside with her beloved fur baby companion, "Lucky".

She was also deeply religious and read her Bible and devotionals daily. Her intense love for her children and grandchildren kept her praying for them her entire life until she physically couldn't anymore.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of fifty-three years, Clarence Gordon Kendall, Jr.; one daughter, Katherine Marie Kendall Droher; two sons, Billy Lamar Kendall, and Clarence G. Kendall, III; two brothers, Bennie Frank Ferguson, Jr. and (infant) William Ferguson; and one infant sister, Christalene Ferguson.

She leaves behind two daughters, Margaret Louise Menefee of Little Rock, and Sherry Jones (Felton) of Crossett; one son, Paul Leroy Kendall (Sarah) of Huntsville, Ala.; two sisters, Peggy Burke (Keith) of Florence, and Hattie Mae Woods (Sonny) of Rison; one brother, Robert Ferguson of Malvern; and a special daughter in-law, Mary Kendall of Pine Bluff; along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Graveside Service was held Sunday, February 20th at the Oakland Cemetery in Monticello with a visitation immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ASPCA to help animals.

Donations may be made to: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 424 E. 92nd St, New York NY 10128-6804. Website: <https://www.asPCA.org/> (<https://www.asPCA.org/>).

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### Danny James Merritt

Danny James Merritt, 66, of Stamps, passed away on February 18, 2022 at Magnolia Regional Medical Center. He was born September 17, 1955 in Indianapolis, Indiana to J.B. and Lillie (Wilson) Merritt. Danny

was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Debra Fowler.

Danny is survived by his wife, Clara Ann Merritt; two daughters, Angelia and Carrie Merritt, both of West Monroe, La.; son, Ronnie Dyer of Stamps; step daughter, Aimee Wooten and husband, Jeremy of Ft. Smith; two step sons, Earl Cox of Huntsville, Ala. and Larry Cox and fiancé, Mary Bobo of Hope; three brothers, Donald Merritt of Decatur, Ala., Jeff Merritt of Monticello and David Merritt and wife, Evelyn of Star City; sister, Brenda Dianne Johnson and husband, Billy Wayne of Monticello; grandchildren, Kaitlyn Copeland, Chad Copeland, Tristyn Gilbert, Kirstyn Gilbert, Marley Kay Bobo, Braylen Cox and Kayden Cox; and one great granddaughter, Aurbie Grace McManus.

Cremation services were provided by A.O. Smith Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

### Doyle Ray Tyler

Doyle Ray Tyler, 70, of Monticello, formerly of West Memphis, passed away in the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 19, at his home. He was born to Wilburn R. and Beulah Tyler May 30, 1951. He was a Christian and a member of Collins Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his father; father-in-law, Glenn Turpin; brother-in-law, Bobby Lynn Turpin and Lewis Dale Orrell; and great nephew, Toby Tyler.

Doyle began his career as a Christmas wrapping associate at Sears in 1969, where he began to work his way up in the company until, as the program manager for



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the service department for the Memphis region, he left the company and began his own appliance delivery and

installation business. He then worked as the custodial manager of the Marion School District before relocating to Monticello.

Doyle married the love of his life, Jackie Sue Tyler, on May 22, 1973. From the day he met her, he adored her and spent the rest of his life making sure she was happy and well taken care of. Together, they raised three daughters, Cristi, Carri and Kelli. He never missed a dance recital or softball game and spent his free time with his family. Doyle loved his family and considered his family to be his biggest source of joy. He was happiest as a Poppy to his grandchildren who he was devoted to. Spending his lat-

er years helping to guide his grandchildren. He not only loved his nuclear family, he also spent valuable time with his nieces and nephews, making them each feel as if they were his favorite. His daughter's friends were also much loved by Doyle. He has multiple "adopted" daughters. He was "the man with the plan" and was always available and willing to give words of advice. When he moved to Monticello his one big requirement was a pool, Doyle loved to grill out and watch his kids, their friends and the rest of his family have a good time. His legendary pool parties continued when he moved to Monticello.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Cristi Wessel, of Monticello, Carri Kleck (Brian), of Troy, Mo., and Kelli McTigrit (Brad), of Star City; grandchildren, Cailey, Luke, and Ty Hillis, Talon Wessel, Chloe and Zane Morgan, Elliana, Beau and Benji Kleck, and soon to arrive great granddaughter, Stevie Rae Hillis; his mother, of Caraway; brother, Jack Tyler (Linda), of West Memphis; sister, Brenda Tyler, of Caraway; mother-in-law, Tommie Turpin, of Monticello; his sisters-in-law, Peggie Orrell, of Monticello, and Glenda Bryan (Kenneth), of Marion; brother-in-law, Mark Turpin (Mary), of Morrilton, sons-in-law for life, Jake Hillis and David Morgan; "adopted" daughters, Jennifer Simpson, and Jackie Montgomery, of Conway, and Corey Farris, of San Francisco, Calif.; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and beloved friends.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 3 p.m. at Crittenden Memorial Park, Marion, Ark., at the pavilion.

(Paid obituary)

### Clarence R. Daniels

Clarence R. Daniels, age 69, of Wilmar, passed away at his home on February 13, 2022. He was born February 10, 1953, in Wilmar, to the late Mr. Robert Lee Daniels and Roberta Rush Daniels.

In addition to his parents, Clarence is also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert E. Daniels and Dank Daniels; and one sister, Robbie Lynn Fisher all of Wilmar.

Survivors include his brother, Jerry Don Daniels, Sr. and his sister Jeardleon Ivory both of Wilmar.

Visitation was on Friday, February 18, 2022, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Funeral service was Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lacey Cemetery. Arrangements by Stephenson-Dearman Funeral home in Monticello.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Church Sale: Pentecostal Church of God in Christ 111 East Briarcliff Street in Monticello. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. has for sale: Two sets of camo sheets, 1 gallon of transmission fluid, small love seat (older but very clean), small two drawer night stand (black), One set of new crutches, one right leg boot (for injured leg), Tucker wear trays, Cups & Saucers and plates, One exercise bike. One queen size bed, One large 12 x 12 rug, One cash register., Baseball pants for boys (size 8 to 12), School pencils. Two pair of boots , mens or boys (size 8). For the ones that are truly interested in any of these items please call Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. at 870-281-4863. Located in the Market Place parking lot every Saturday. 4tf 10/25

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## Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY BOOKER,  
DECEASED

NO. 22PR-11-4

### NOTICE

Name of decedent, Larry Booker  
Last known address, 321 West College Street, Monticello, AR 71655  
Date of death, July 28, 2021  
On 1/31/22, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Larry Booker, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Drew County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101.  
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.  
The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee is:

Steven Booker, Distributee  
Estate of Larry N Booker  
Post Office Box 662  
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This notice first published February 23, 2022.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF WANDA WIGLEY HOPKINS, DECEASED

NO.22PR-21-130

### NOTICE

(To Creditors Re: Appointment of Administrator and Filing of Claims)  
Last known address of decedent:  
145 James Brown Lane, Monticello, Arkansas  
Date of Death: July 11,2021  
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. This notice first published the 23rd day of February, 2022.

Kelby Smith, Administrator  
c/o Whit Barton  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT BARTON  
LLOYD, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-9

### NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:  
Pleasant Grove Road, Monticello, AR  
Date of Death: October 30, 2000  
An Affidavit of Distributee to Collect Small Estate was filed on the 25th day of January, 2022. The estate to be collected contains real property, legally described as follows:  
All that part of the West Half of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 14 South, Range 6West that lies north of the center of the Old Collins and Lacey Public Road, containing 6 acres of land more or less.  
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.  
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Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Act 626 of 1983, as amended, the Commissioner of State Lands will hold a public auction to dispose of the tax delinquent lands which are listed below, all located in Drew County, Arkansas. The auction will be held at the University of Arkansas Monticello Fine Arts Center located at 371 University Drive in Monticello, Arkansas, at 10:00 a.m. on March 30, 2022. Bidder registration will commence at 9:30 a.m.

The land will be sold to the highest bidder, provided that such bid is equal to at least the total amount of taxes, penalty, interest, and costs due as certified to the Commissioner of State Lands. The full purchase price must be paid immediately following the sale, with the first \$100.00 of each parcel paid in cash, cashier's check or money order. The balance may be paid by personal or corporate check. The owner of record may redeem the property during a 10 business day period following the date of the sale. If the property is not redeemed during that 10 day period, the purchaser will receive a Limited Warranty Deed for the property from the Commissioner of State Lands. The title conveyed by the Commissioner of State Lands is not clear title nor a fully warranted title. The Commissioner of State Lands does not guarantee or warrant clear or merchantable title to the property sold. The original owner, assigns, or heirs have a ninety (90) day period during which the validity of the sale may be contested in court.

The Commissioner of State Lands strongly suggests that potential bidders perform their own research on the property listed below to determine its suitability for their uses, the status of the title, the existence of liens, and other tax assessments that may be due, but not collected by the Commissioner of State Lands. The sale of the land does not extinguish any lien for delinquent improvement district assessments or relieve the purchaser of liability for delinquent improvement district assessments.

Copies of the complete rules and regulations for the sale of tax delinquent lands are available from the Commissioner of State Lands Office, 500 Woodlane Street, Suite 109, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or [www.cosl.org](http://www.cosl.org).

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Drew County March 30, 2022, 10:00 a.m.				
2926.	BIRCH, JOHN T.	*2515 HWY 35 E* PT S1/2 SW1/4 RURAL METES & BOUNDS 3 13S 6W 1.00 ACRE PARCEL #001 04570 000 CODE: 1 3 2016	TAX DUE	\$457.21
2927.	BORDEN, TERESA A.	*207 E COLLEGE ST* E1/2 OF W140' LOT 5 BLOCK 229 ORIGINAL TOWN MONTICELLO 35 12S 7W 0.24 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION PARCEL #703 01042 000 CODE: 1 6 2016	TAX DUE	\$2,248.63
2928.	BURNETT, LARRY WAYNE, JR.	*111 MEGAN DR* LOT 2 WILSON MILL SUBDIVISIO, RURAL METES & BOUNDS 11 13N 7W 8.59 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT EN-FORCEMENT, BOBBIE JEAN BURNETT (LIFE ESTATE) PARCEL #001 07317 000 CODE: 1 8 2016	TAX DUE	\$1,666.73
2929.	CLAY, CYNTHIA & JOSE HUMBERTO	*1345 LOGGY BAYOU RD* PT SE1/4 NW1/4 & PT SE1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 RURAL METES & BOUNDS 26 11S 4W 0.57 ACRES PARCEL #001 00196 000 CODE: 2 2 2016	TAX DUE	\$362.04
2930.	COOK, MARY	*401 AMBROSE ST* PT. NE1/4 SE1/4 MONTICELLO UNPLATTED 35 12S 7W 1.68 ACRES PARCEL #703 03736 000 CODE: 2 5 2016	TAX DUE	\$3,039.34
2931.	ENTRY CANCELLED			
2932.	DANIELS, JOHN %JAMES MORRISON	PT SE1/4 NE1/4 RURAL METES & BOUNDS 19 14S 7W 2.00 ACRES PARCEL #001 07979 000 CODE: 2 8 2016	TAX DUE	\$601.59
2933.	DECKLEMAN, GLADYS	PT W1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4 (62' X 440'), MONTICELLO UNPLATTED 36 12S 7W 0.62 ACRES PARCEL #703 03822 000 CODE: 2 9 2016	TAX DUE	\$248.84
2934.	ELLINGSBURG, JOHN	*145 LAKEWOOD EST* PT NE1/4 NE1/4 RURAL METES & BOUNDS 17 12S 7W 7.90 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. PARCEL #001 06603 000 CODE: 3 9 2016	TAX DUE	\$222.12
2935.	FORREST, GARY WAYNE	*127 FORREST LN* PT E1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4 RURAL METES & BOUNDS 8 12S 7W 0.92 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION PARCEL #001 06310 000 CODE: 4 2 2016	TAX DUE	\$1,358.47
2936.	HILL, FRED & MARGIE M.	*1225 E SHELTON* SW PT NW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 MONTICELLO UNPLATTED 36 12S 7W 1.25 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: DONNIE HILL PARCEL #703 03800 000 CODE: 4 6 2016	TAX DUE	\$2,152.11
2937.	HUNTER, EDWARD & SASHA	*ANDERSON AVE* 82' OFF W SIDE BLOCK 9 WILMAR 33 12S 8W 0.37 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: MERS, INC., EVERETT FINANCIAL, INC. PARCEL #704 00017 000 CODE: 4 9 2016	TAX DUE	\$373.18
2938.	JACKSON, DONNEY & LASHUNDA	*612 E MCCLOY ST* LOT 7 BLOCK 104 MONTICELLO 26 12S 7W 0.23 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: IRS, CITIZENS BANK, DISCOVER BANK, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, FAN DISTRIBUTING, LLC, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMIN-ISTRATION, COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY PARCEL #703 00349 000C CODE: 5 1 2016	TAX DUE	\$1,754.93
2939.	JOHNSON, JOHN E. & EVELYN %MALVIN DON- NELL JOHNSON	*E JACKSON ST* PT NW1/4 NW1/4, LOT 8, BLOCK 8 MONTICELLO UNPLATTED 31 12S 6W 0.41 ACRES PARCEL #703 03143 003 CODE: 5 3 2016	TAX DUE	\$300.03
2940.	MARGARET'S HAIR ACADEMY	*E GAINES ST* W78' OF E117' OF BLOCK 73 MONTICELLO 26 12S 7W 0.30 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: SONORA LATIMORE, SHEILA THOMPSON, IRS, DEPART-MENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES, B & D AUTO SUPPLY, NARROW GATE SERVICE COMPANY, INC., PETIT JEAN STATE BANK, KELLY WOLFE GRIFFITHS, TAMARA WOLFE, AARON LOVELACE, ERIC A. THOMPSON, JAYDEN THOMPSON PARCEL #703 00210 000C CODE: 6 4 2016	TAX DUE	\$1,088.39
2941.	OK LAND TRUST %MICCAH HILL	*E JACKSON* NW PT NW1/4 NE1/4 MONTICELLO UNPLATTED 36 12S 7W 0.84 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: CHARLES FREDERICK LUTHY, III PARCEL #703 03795 000 CODE: 6 8 2016	TAX DUE	\$599.27
2942.	OK LAND TRUST %MICCAH HILL	*F ST* PT S PT BLOCK 17 TILLAR 25 11S 4W 0.75 ACRES PARCEL #701 00068 000 CODE: 6 9 2016	TAX DUE	\$418.03
2943.	PERSON, TONI %TONI PERSON SHIREY	*824 N MAIN ST* W112' OF LOT 5 A STRIP OF LAND, BLOCK 147 MONTICELLO 26 12S 7W 0.25 ACRES PARCEL #703 00610 000 CODE: 7 2 2016	TAX DUE	\$7,061.96
2944.	REEMES, EDDIE RAN- DALL	*E COLLEGE ST* PT BLOCKS 287 & 290, BLOCK 288 (155' X 245') MONTICELLO 35 12S 7W 0.87 ACRES PARCEL #703 01655 000 CODE: 7 9 2016	TAX DUE	\$940.01
2945.	REEMES, EDDIE RAN- DALL	*1033 E SHELTON ST* PT BLOCKS 274 & 275 MONTICELLO 25 12S 7W 0.51 ACRES PARCEL #703 01603 000 CODE: 8 1 2016	TAX DUE	\$682.81
2946.	REEMES, EDDIE RAN- DALL	*135 "E" ST 115* PT N1/2 S PT BLOCK 17 TILLAR 25 11S 4W 0.86 ACRES PARCEL #701 00059 000 CODE: 8 2 2016	TAX DUE	\$1,851.59
2947.	REO NATIONWIDE, LLC	*160 FOUR MILE CREEK RD* PT SE1/4 SW1/4 RURAL METES & BOUNDS 26 12S 4W 0.50 ACRES PARCEL #001 00529 000 CODE: 8 3 2016	TAX DUE	\$288.99
2948.	RIDGELL, LEMUEL & EURA LEE %DAVID KARON RIDGELL	*E RAILROAD ST* PT S1/2 SE1/4 MONTICELLO UNPLATTED 25 12S 7W 0.50 ACRES PARCEL #703 03451 000 CODE: 8 4 2016	TAX DUE	\$419.71
2949.	TONEY INVESTMENT PROPERTIES	*1147 N SAMUEL ST* PT SE1/4 SE1/4 CURRY'S ADDITION MONTICELLO 23 12S 7W 0.39 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY PARCEL #703 02016 000 CODE: 8 7 2016	TAX DUE	\$3,685.10
2950.	TONEY INVESTMENT PROPERTIES	*552 ROBIN HOOD DR* LOT 9 BLOCK 1 SHERWOOD FOREST ADDITION MONTICELLO 24 12S 7W 0.27 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST CO. PARCEL #703 02452 000 CODE: 8 8 2016	TAX DUE	\$3,045.86
2951.	TONEY INVESTMENT PROPERTIES	*518 ROBIN HOOD DR* LOT 4 BLOCK 1 SHERWOOD FOREST ADDITION MONTICELLO 24 12S 7W 0.26 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY PARCEL #703 02447 000 CODE: 8 9 2016	TAX DUE	\$3,213.14
2952.	TONEY INVESTMENT PROPERTIES	*877 N COOPER ST* LOT 9 BLOCK 131 MONTICELLO 26 12S 7W 0.22 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY PARCEL #703 00524 000 CODE: 9 1 2016	TAX DUE	\$2,008.61
2953.	TONEY INVESTMENT PROPERTIES	*1147 N SAMUEL ST* PT SE 1/4 SE 1/4 CURRY'S ADDITION MONTICELLO 23 12S 7W 0.39 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY PARCEL #703 02486 000 CODE: 9 2 2016	TAX DUE	\$3,090.86
2954.	TONEY, STACY	*895 MARIA PL* LOT 37 MARIA PLACE ADDITION MONTICELLO 25 12S 7W 0.24 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: LAQUINDA TONEY, COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY PARCEL #703 02222 000 CODE: 9 3 2016	TAX DUE	\$3,587.03
2955.	TONEY, STACY	*525 ROOSEVELT* LOT 15 BLOCK 3 SHERWOOD FOREST ADDITION MONTICELLO 24 12S 7W 0.25 ACRES PARCEL #703 02495 000 CODE: 9 4 2016	TAX DUE	\$2,798.21
2956.	TONEY, STACY	*513 ROOSEVELT* LOT 17 BLOCK 3 SHERWOOD FOREST ADDITION MONTICELLO 24 12S 7W 0.25 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, LAQUINDA TONEY PARCEL #703 02497 000 CODE: 9 5 2016	TAX DUE	\$2,373.33
2957.	TONEY, STACY	*119 KENNEDY* LOT 2 BLOCK 5 SHERWOOD FOREST ADDITION MONTICELLO 24 12S 7W 0.53 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, LAQUINDA TONEY PARCEL #703 02511 000 CODE: 9 6 2016	TAX DUE	\$3,104.27
2958.	TONEY, STACY	*529 ROBIN HOOD DR* LOT 13 BLOCK 1 SHERWOOD FOREST ADDITION MONTICELLO 24 12S 7W 0.25 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, LAQUINDA TONEY PARCEL #703 02456 000 CODE: 9 7 2016	TAX DUE	\$3,319.57
2959.	TONEY, STACY	*529 ROOSEVELT* LOT 14 BLOCK 3 SHERWOOD FOREST ADDITION MONTICELLO 24 12S 7W 0.25 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, LAQUINDA TONEY PARCEL #703 02494 000 CODE: 9 8 2016	TAX DUE	\$3,014.20
2960.	WELLS, BILL & AMBER WILSON	*812 N ROSE ST* PT BLOCK 127 MONTICELLO 26 12S 7W 0.23 ACRES INTERESTED PARTIES: COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, DEPARTMENT OF FI- NANCE & ADMINISTRATION, CITY OF MONTICELLO PARCEL #703 00490 000 CODE: 10 2 2016	TAX DUE	\$1,167.87

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on Aging Senior Worker Program, you must be 60 or older, and be able to work 4 days a week, 5 hours a day. If interested, please apply at Monticello Senior Center or call 367-2434 and ask for Cindy. 2/26 1tc

MISCELLANEOUS

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and crates, dog houses, 20x20 plastic tarps, dog feeders, dog and puppy food ALWAYS needed. If you would like to donate, please contact: Monticello2ndChancefurdogs@yahoo.com or find us on facebook. TFN

Post on our Facebook page designed to reunite missing pets in the Monticello/Drew County area with their owners! Monticello Lost Pet Network. TFN

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# Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARNETT  
WILKES, DECEASED  
  
NO.22-PR-21-119

**NOTICE**

Last known address of decedent:  
514 Old Troy Road, Monticello, Arkansas 71655  
Date of Death: August 23, 2021  
An instrument captioned “Last Will and Testament of Garnett Wilkes” dated June 30, 2011, was on the 3rd day of November, 2021, admitted to probate as the last will of the above-named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of this will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.  
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.  
This notice first published on the 23rd day of February, 2022.  
Tonette Wilkes, Executrix  
c/o Barton & Roper, PLLC  
P.O. Box 507  
Monticello, AR 71657

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**DREW COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 03**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF DREW COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY GENERAL SUB-FUND TO BE CALLED THE ARPA REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**Article 1. Affirmation.** It comes before this Court that there is a need to establish a County General sub-fund on the books of the county to track the revenue replacement funds taken from the ARPA Fund #3046 either calculated annually according to the formula articulated in the final rule or from the election of a standard allowance allowed by the final rule. It is also affirmed that the expenditures and/or appropriated transfers of federal assistance through the ARPA Fund. This Court recognizes and affirms the need for such a fund to properly account for and control all such revenues allowed and expenditures made with replacement revenue in compliance with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule from the U.S. Treasury.  
**Article 2. Establishment of Fund.** There is hereby created on the books of the \_DREW\_ County Treasurer and the books of the \_\_DREW\_ County Clerk or Comptroller a County General sub-fund to be known as the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund with a fund number of **1006** as assigned by Arkansas Legislative Audit. Any revenue or transfer codes; office/department codes; and expenditure codes are to be assigned locally using the County Financial Management System per the direction of Arkansas Legislative Audit.  
**Article 3. Operation of Fund.** The ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund is subject to all the normal county budgeting, appropriation and expenditure regulations of Title 14 of Arkansas Code Annotated and the County Financial Management System. Funds transferred to the ARPA Replacement Revenue Fund as “county revenue loss” may be used generally for government services traditionally provided by county government to include, but not limited to: construction and maintenance of roads and bridges; other infrastructure projects; provision of public safety; purchase of government vehicles and equipment; and county administrative costs. Revenue replacement funds cannot be used to make an extraordinary contribution to a pension fund; for debt service; for replenishing county financial reserves; for settlements or judgments or for a project that conflicts with or contravenes the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act. Proper records and documentation must be maintained on the use of these funds for federal audit purposes.  
**Article 4. Emergency Clause.** It is found by this Court that the transfer of revenue loss dollars from the American Rescue Plan Fund to the ARPA Replacement Revenue Fund for general county government services is imminent making it necessary to establish the ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund in order to be able to properly track the revenue, appropriated expenditures and/or appropriated transfers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of passage and approval.

Dated: 2/15/2022  
/s/Robert Akin  
Drew County Judge  
Attest:/s/Nancy White  
Nancy White, Drew County Clerk  
Sponsor(s): Steve Pigott, Frank Appleberry

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$143.08.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-5**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**ARTICLE 1.** The **Fourth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated February 14, 2022 and is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.  
**ARTICLE 2.** The appropriations, sums, funds, accounts and demands as amended by said Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, filed with the County Clerk, are hereby appropriated to be paid from the designated funds and devoted to the payment of the specified demands for the year 2022 and those appropriations are hereby made by reference to that Fourth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget which is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.  
**ARTICLE 3.** The **Fourth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget and the amendments to the budget and appropriations adopted and made therein shall be effective for the calendar year of 2022.  
**ARTICLE 4.** If any provision of this ordinance (including, but not limited to any provisions of the Fourth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget or appropriations in that amendment) are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance (and the amendment to the budget and appropriations) are declared to be severable.

**ARTICLE 5.** This **Fourth** Appropriation Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget shall be effective immediately upon passage by the quorum court and approval by the county judge. (See 2016 ACCG §14-14-907 3(f))

ADOPTED: February 14, 2022  
APPROVED: 2/15/2022  
/s/Robert Akin  
Robert Akin, Drew County Judge  
Attest:  
/s/Nancy White  
Nancy White, Drew County Clerk  
Sponsors: Frank Appleberry, Steve Pigott

**ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE 2022-5**

The **Fourth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated February 14, 2022  
Appropriation Ordinance 2022-5  
OEM – Contract Labor  
Decrease Unappropriated General Fund **(1000)** \$25,000.00 and increase the Emergency Mgt. Preparedness Grant Fund (1809), Drew Count OEM (0500) and Line (1004).  
1809.0500.1004 Contract Labor \$25,000.00  
**Reason for Appropriations**  
• Grant Writing and Consulting, help with Fire Depts.

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$110.60.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-6  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**ARTICLE 1.** The **Fifth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated February 14, 2022 and is filed with the County Clerk, is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.  
**ARTICLE 2.** The appropriations, sums, funds, accounts and demands as amended by said Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, filed with the County Clerk, are hereby appropriated to be paid from the designated funds and devoted to the payment of the specified demands for the year 2022 and those appropriations are hereby made by reference to that **Fifth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget which is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.  
**ARTICLE 3.** The **Fifth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget and the amendments to the budget and appropriations adopted and made therein shall be effective for the calendar year of 2022.  
**ARTICLE 4.** If any provision of this ordinance (including, but not limited to any provisions of the **Fifth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget or appropriations in that amendment) are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance (and the amendment to the budget and appropriations) are declared to be severable.  
**ARTICLE 5.** This **Fifth** Appropriation Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget shall be effective immediately upon passage by the quorum court and approval by the county judge. (See 2016 ACCG §14-14-907 3(f))

ADOPTED: February 14, 2022  
APPROVED: 2/15/2022  
/s/Robert Akin  
Robert Akin, Drew County Judge  
Attest:  
/s/Nancy White  
Nancy White, Drew County Clerk  
Sponsors: Donna Usry, Steve Pigott

**ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE 2022-6**

The Fifth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated February 14, 2022  
Appropriation Ordinance 2022-6  
AAC Insurance Under Budget  
Decrease Unappropriated General Fund (1000) \$ 10,733.61 and increase the following line items:  
**Health Dept. - Property**  
1000.0300.3052 Fire and Extended Coverage \$911.31  
**Circuit Judge – General Liability**  
1000.0401.3052 Fire and Extended Coverage \$63.48  
**Library - Property**  
1000.0600.3052 Fire and Extended Coverage \$2,413.50  
**Road Dept -**  
2000.0200.3052 Fire and Extended Coverage \$564.32  
**Solid Waste – Auto**  
3009.0700.3053 Fleet Liability \$6,781.00

Total \$10,733.61  
**Reason for Appropriations**  
• Items either were not budgeted, or not enough budgeted due to increase in insurance.

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Please send Name, physical address, and phone  
number to: Drew County Clerk  
Attn: Drew County Election Commission  
210 South Main, Monticello, AR 71655  
Application must be received by March 15, 2022.  
For questions call the Drew County Clerk's office at  
870-460-6260.

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wanted storage buildings. Open Fri-  
days and Saturdays. 708 N Gabbert  
Street. For weekdays Call 870-220-  
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1570 4pd 2/19

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sure washing, and car washing. TFN  
mt bm- #101847

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cy in writing. Call the Federal Trade  
Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP to  
learn how to avoid scholarship scams.  
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cellonian and the FTC. TFN

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scams. 1-877-FTC-HELP. A mes-  
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1152. s 9/16/20 TFN MTC



## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED IN THE DUMAS/MCGEHEE AREA.** Must have AR, AP, HR experience and able to perform other office related duties, excellent computer skills. \$\$\$ DOE. Call patsy.

**CDL DRIVERS NEEDED:**  
Openings available for CDL Class A and B drivers in Pine Bluff, McGehee and Warren. Local runs, good driving record - Great Pay!! Call Patsy - 870-535-3330

**HR ADMIN POSITION AVAILABLE IN THE DUMAS AREA**  
must have HR training and experience - good phone skills, customer service skills, excellent computer skills - call Patsy.

**PURCHASING/PLANNING COORDINATOR**  
for company - will need excellent computer skills, ability to learn new tasks quickly, answering phones, working with scheduling.  
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patsy.reynolds@expresspros.com.

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**FORKLIFT DRIVERS/LABORERS NEEDED**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILABLE** – Must have good computer skills, be able to file, answer phones, take messages, set up appointments, schedule interviews, all office type duties. \$\$\$ DOQ.

**WELDERS, FORKLIFT DRIVERS, UTILITY WORKERS** Needed in the Dumas/McGehee area. Great \$\$\$.

**LOOKING FOR experienced applicants in the Warren/Monticello/Fordyce area for jobs in the Warren area. Must be able to work shift positions. Verification of past employment will be completed for employment. Call Patsy.**

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# MARCH



**1** Express Employment will be taking applications in **Warren at AHF from 9am-12 noon** and in **McGehee at UAM from 1pm-3pm.**

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Monticello Junior Lady Billies win District Tourney Championship



ANNIYAH SMITH scores two of her six points Wednesday night at Hamburg during the Junior Lady Billies District Tournament Championship games against Star City.

By: JEFF YOUNG  
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Junior Lady Billies traveled to Hamburg on Wednesday night to play in the District Tournament Championship game, facing rival Star City. Star City had captured the regular season conference having defeated Monticello at Monticello on Saturday, February 5, 26-23, in a match that Monticello led for most of the contest. Meeting in the championship game of the tournament, Monticello's Zaniyah Gaston got the Junior Lady Billies rolling, scoring the team's first seven points. Gaston would score nine points in the quarter as the Junior Lady Billies would outscore Star City 12-8 in the quarter. Gaston continued to be a thorn in the side of the Junior Lady Pups as she would score all of Monticello's 12 second quarter points while the Monticello defense would hold Star City to six points in the quarter to take a 10-point, 24-14, lead into the locker room at the half. Star City was able to get on the scoreboard to start the third quarter on a two-point shot on the first possession of the half. Monticello's Ryah Ridgell would answer the Star City bas-

ket a few seconds later with a two-point basket in the lane. Gaston would be fouled on Monticello's next possession while in the act of shooting, sending her to the line to make one of two free shots. Genesis Freeman would get the next Junior Lady Billie points after going to the line and connecting on one of two to give Monticello a 28-18 lead with 3:35 remaining in the third quarter. Lillian Fletcher and Kymistri Triplett would score the next two baskets for Monticello followed by a two by Anniyah Smith to give the Junior Lady Billies a 34-21 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The fourth quarter would be the only quarter of the contest that Star City would outscore Monticello, taking the quarter 9-6, with the Junior Lady Billies holding on to the 10-point, 40-30, victory capturing the District Tournament Championship. Leading Monticello in scoring was Zaniyah Gaston with 25 points followed by Anniyah Smith with six. Ryah Ridgell and Lillian Fletcher finished the contest with three points each, Kymistri Triplett scoring two and Genesis Freeman scoring one point.



ZANIYAH GASTON led the Junior Lady Billies in scoring against the Star City Junior Lady Pups with 25 points in the 40-30 victory to capture the District Tournament Championship.



RYAH RIDGELL (right) scores two of her three points under the basket. LILLIAN FLETCHER (center) takes a shot in the lane. Fletcher would finish the contest with three points. KYMISTRI TRIPLETT (left) brings the ball down court against the Star City Junior Lady Pups in the District Championship Tournament on Wednesday night. Monticello defeated Star City to capture the tournament championship with Star City take the regular season title.



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Junior Billies fall in District Tournament Championship to the Warren Junior Jacks 49-47

By: JEFF YOUNG  
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Junior Billies advanced to the District Tournament Championship game in Hamburg on Wednesday night to face the Warren Junior Lumberjacks. The Junior Jacks had already captured the regular season title at the end of the regular

season. Monticello's Ty Guthrie scored five of Monticello's nine first quarter points, but neither team could gain an advantage in the quarter as each team scored nine. The Junior Billies would gain the advantage over Warren in the second quarter. Guthrie would score five, Jacorius Rid-

gell would add four and Jagger Hines added a three as the Junior Billies outscored Warren 12-6 to take a 21-15 lead at the half. Things between the two teams would get heated in the second half as a small skirmish led to referees and coaches having to get control of their teams, how-

ever the ruckus would change the course of the contest as only five shooting fouls were called in the first half, but after the altercation, a total of 23 total shooting fouls would be called in the second half, including a technical foul against Monticello and an ejection of a Junior Billie player.

Warren would outscore Monticello 17-8 in the third quarter to take a 32-29 lead into the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter, Monticello would score 18 points in the quarter with Warren scoring 17 but the Junior Lumberjacks were able to hold off Monticello 49-47 to close the season with

the regular season and District Tournament Championship. Leading the way for the Junior Billies was Ty Guthrie with 16 points followed by Jacorius Ridgell with 15. Jagger Hines added eight points, Xavier Williams with four, and Jaden Rhodes and Rohan Patel with two points each.



TY GUTHRIE (right) shoots a three against Warren on Wednesday night. Guthrie led the Junior Billies with 16 points. JACORIUS RIDGELL (center) score 15 points against Warren on Wednesday night. JAGGER HINES (right) finished the contest with eight points. The Junior Billies were defeated on Wednesday in the District Tournament Championship game against the Warren Junior Lumberjacks 49-47.



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# Lady Pirates fall in 8-3A District Tournament finals to Dumas 56-41

By: **JEFF YOUNG**  
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Lady Pirates advanced to the 8-3A District Tournament Championship on Friday, February 18, to face the Dumas Lady Bobcats on their home court in Dumas.

Drew Central received a first round bye after finishing the regular season as the regular season conference champion. Drew Central hosted their opening contest with a 58-68 victory over the McGehee Lady Owls.

Facing the Dumas Lady Bobcats for the third time this season, the Lady Bobcats would control the opening tip and would get on the board first after Lapaysha Croom connected on one of two from the charity stripe.

Hannah Meeks got Drew Central on the board with a two-point basket followed by a two from Edriana Hunter. Gracie Connard connected on a three and Kaisa Orr scored on a shot in the lane to give the Lady Pirates a 9-1 lead with 3:24 remaining in the quarter.

Dumas was able to halt Drew Central's 9-0 run on a two point shot by Madyson Mckiniie.

Kaisa Orr scored the final two points for the Lady Pirates as Drew Central led 11-10 after one quarter of play.

The Lady Pirates would open the second quarter on a three-point shot by Connard at the 7:40 mark with the scoring coming to a halt until Dumas scored on a three by Mia Dixon.

Drew Central would outscore Dumas 14-11 in the quarter to take a 25-21 lead at the half.

The Lady Pirates scoring output would drop in the third quarter as the Lady Pirates got scores from Hunter and Ali Jo Cruce for a total of five points in the quarter.

On the other side of the court, Dumas took full control of the momentum of the contest, outscoring the Lady Pirates 19-5 in the quarter to take a 10-point, 40-30, lead into the fourth quarter.

Ali Jo Cruce would score the Lady Pirates next six points, Cruce scored nine consecutive points from the third quarter into the fourth quarter for the Lady Pirates.

Connard added two points and Lana Boykin scored the final Lady Pirate points with 27 seconds remaining on a three.

Dumas would outscore Drew Central 16-11 in the quarter to take the 56-41 victory.

Leading the way in scoring for the Lady Pirates was Gracie Connard with 14 points followed by Ali Jo Cruce with 11.

Edriana Hunter added five, Hannah Meeks and Kaisa Orr scored four points each, and Lana Boyking rounded out the scoring with three points.

With the victory, the Lady Bobcats captured the 8-3A District Tournament Championship and will enter the 3A South Regional Tournament as the number one seed out of the 8-3A. Drew Central finishes as the second seed, Rison as the third seed, and McGehee as the fourth seed.



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**ALI JO CRUCE** shoots over two Dumas defenders. Cruce finished the contest with 11 points.



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**KAISA ORR** scores two of her four points over a Dumas Lady Bobcat defender.



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Dumas High School will be the host site of the 3A South Regional Tournament with two of the games from the ladies side of the bracket being on Wednesday, February 23.

Dumas will face the fourth seed from the 7-3A, the Bismarck Lions at 4pm and the first seed out of the 7-3A, the Centerpoint Knights, will face McGehee at 7pm.

The Second seeded Fouke Panthers will face Rison on Thursday, February 24, at 4pm with the Drew Central Lady Pirates facing the third seeded Harmony Grove Cardinals out of Benton.

The semi-final contests will be held on Friday, February 25, with the finals on Saturday.

For the Drew Central Pirates, the Pirates finished as the fourth seed after the District Tournament having defeated Rison, 62-21, at Drew Central on February 16, and falling at Lakeside 62-56 on February 17.

On the men's side of the tournament, McGehee finishes as the one seed and will face the fourth seeded Prescott Curley Wolves at 5:30pm on February 23. Drew Central will face the number one seed out of the 7-3A, the Glen Rose Beavers.

Third seed Dumas will face the 7-3A second seed, the Centerpoint Knights at 5:30pm on February 24 with second seed Lakeside facing the third seed from the 7-3A, the Ashdown Panthers at 8:30pm.

The semi-finals are scheduled for Friday, February 25 with 5:30pm and 8:30pm tip offs scheduled; the finals will be held on Saturday, February 26, with the third place game set for 1:30 and the championship for 7:30.



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**GRACIE CONNARD** led the Lady Pirates in scoring with 14 points including four three-pointers.



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**EDRIANA HUNTER** scored five points against Dumas. Drew Central was the runner-up in the District Tournament and will enter the 3A South Regional in Dumas as the second seed from the 8-3A.

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# Monticello Billies advance to 4A South Region Tournament in Nashville



JEFF YOUNG/ADVANCE MONTICELLONIAN  
QUAY RHODES scored eight points against Warren on Tuesday, February 15. The Billies finished the season as the third seed from the 8-4A.

**By: JEFF YOUNG**  
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies closed the regular season going 1-1 in the final week of play, finishing the season as the third seed out of the 8-4A heading into the 4A South Regional Tournament to be held in Nashville this week.

On Tuesday, February 15, the Monticello Billies hosted the Warren Lumberjacks at Dan Coston Fieldhouse.

The Billies scored the first five points to begin the contest against the Lumberjacks before Warren got on the board with 5:33 remaining in the first quarter.

The Billies scored 14 points in the first quarter to Warren's eight with Jon Lambert scoring seven of Monticello's 14 points in the quarter.

Warren outscored the Billies in the second quarter 9-8 with Monticello getting points from Jemar Mathews, Brooks Bowman, and Quay Rhodes.

The Billies were able to maintain their lead in the third quarter despite Warren outscoring them in the stanza to hold a five-point, 22-17, lead at the half.

Quay Rhodes got Monticello on the board first to begin the second half, but the Billies were only able to get eight points in the quarter with Rhodes, Luke Jones, and Jeremiah Daniels scoring in the quarter.

Warren outscored Monticello in the third quarter 11 -8 with Monticello holding on to a two-point advantage, 30-28, heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth, the Billies extended their lead to 38-31 with 1:29 remaining in the contest.

The Lumberjacks cut the lead

to 38-34 with 1:04 remaining, but Luke Jones extended the lead to 40-34. Warren scored the final three points of the contest and a last second shot was no good to tie the contest as Monticello held off the Lumberjacks 40-37.

Leading the way for the Billies was Luke Jones with 11 points followed by Quay Rhodes with eight points. Jon Lambert added seven, Jeremiah Daniels with six, and Brooks Bowman with four. KJ Wells and Jemar Mathews rounded out the scoring with two points each.

The Billies closed the regular season with a 58-26 loss at home to Watson Chapel to finish the season as the third seed.

The Billies will travel to Nashville this week for the 4A South Regional Tournament.

Tournament games will begin on Wednesday, February 23, with the number one seed, the Magnolia Panthers facing the fourth seed from the 7-4A, the De Queen Leopards at 5:30pm.

The number one seed out of the 7-4A, the Fountain Lake Cobras, will face the fourth seed from the 8-4A, Camden Fairview at 8:30pm.

On February 24, the Billies will face the second seed from the 7-4A, the Arkadelphia Badgers at 5:30pm.

The second seed, Watson Chapel will face the third seeded Nashville at 8:30pm.

If the Billies are successful, they will face the winner of Magnolia and De Queen on Thursday at 5:30pm with the winner advancing to the championship game on Saturday at 7:30pm.

The Billies must win one contest to advance to the 4A State Tournament.



JEFF YOUNG/ADVANCE MONTICELLONIAN  
JEREMIAH DANIELS drives the lane against Warren. Daniels finished the contest with six points.

# Basketball Weevils record falls to 10-16 overall and 6-14 in conference during five game skid



JEFF YOUNG/ADVANCE MONTICELLONIAN  
WESLEY BOOKER drives the lane against Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Booker led the Weevils in scoring in the contest win 17 points. UAM is currently on a five game skid with two regular season contests remaining. During the losing streak, the Weevils have lost a couple of thrilling contest that came down to the final seconds of play including a one point loss at Oklahoma Baptist and a four point contest against SWOSU.

**By: JEFF YOUNG**  
Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils have dropped their last five contests as their overall record has fallen to 10-16 with a 6-14 record in Great American Conference play.

With their last win coming on February 10, an 80-69 victory over East Central University, the Weevils have played a couple of close games during this time including a one-point loss at Oklahoma Baptist and a four-point loss to Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

After losing at home to Southeastern Oklahoma on Saturday, February 12, the Weevils hit the road for a make-up contest at Southern Arkansas in Magnolia, where the Weevils fell 71-55 to the Muleriders.

Continuing on the road, the Weevils travelled to Oklahoma Baptist on Thursday, February 17, to face the Bison.

In the first half, each team would swap out the lead for the majority of the half with neither team able to get over the hump as the biggest lead of the half was four points by each team on several different occasions before the Bison closed the half with a three-point, 36-33, lead.

Coming out of the break, the Bison would extend their lead to five points before the Weevils would come back to tie the contest at 42 on a three-pointer by Ray Price with 15:44 remaining in the contest.

Oklahoma Baptist would regain the lead, but Wesley Booker would give UAM its first lead since

3:21 remaining in the first half on a three-pointer to give the Weevils a one-point lead, 45-44, with 14:21 showing on the clock.

Oklahoma regained the lead and extended the lead to double-digits with 9:33 remaining in the contest. The 11-point advantage was the biggest lead of the contest for either school.

The Weevils chipped away at the lead and were able to tie the contest at 58 on a three by Jesse White with 4:54 remaining.

The Weevils would extend the lead to four points, but Oklahoma State would pull within two points, 62-60, with 1:10 showing on the clock.

After a missed three-point attempt by Oklahoma Baptist, the Weevils would get the defensive rebound, but a turnover allowed Oklahoma Baptist on the final opportunity at the win. Oklahoma's Harrison Stoddart connected on a three-pointer with one second remaining to take the one-point, 63-62, victory.

Leading the Way for the Weevils was Cole Anderson with 16 points with Ray Price and Jesse White each score 14.

Wesley Booker added nine, Richard Feagin with six, and Josh Denton with three.

Closing out their trip to Oklahoma, the Weevils final road game was a low scoring 52-39 loss to Southern Nazarene.

The Weevils returned to Steelman Fieldhouse on Monday, Feb-

ruary 21, for a make-up contest against Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The Weevils got on the board first against the Bulldogs with Wesley Booker connecting on one of two from the charity stripe, however, the 1-0 lead would be the Weevils final lead of the half as Southwestern gained the momentum, extending the lead to double-digits, with the largest lead being 14 points before closing the half with a 12-point, 30-18, advantage.

Southwestern extended their lead to the largest of the contest with 15:23 remaining in the contest with an 18-point, 46-28, margin.

The Weevils would get a layup from Jabari Sweet, a three from Josh Denton, and a layup and a free throw from Booker to cut the Bulldog lead to 10 points with 12:53 remaining.

Southwestern continued to lead the Weevils, but a pair of free throws from Booker would cut the Southwestern lead to two points,

51-49, with 1:30 remaining in the contest.

Southwestern would be able to hold back the Weevils charge as UAM would fall 55-51 as the Bulldogs closed the contest on a pair of free throws that sealed the contest for Southwestern.

Wesley Booker closed out the contest with 17 points followed by Josh Denton with nine points.

Jabari Sweet added eight points, Ray Price with seven, Richard Feagin and Cole Anderson with four points each, and Jesse White rounding out the scoring with two points.

UAM will close out the regular season with a road contest in Searcy at Harding University on Thursday before returning to Steelman Fieldhouse on Saturday, February 26, in the final regular season contest of the year against Ouachita Baptist University.

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## NAACP Drew County Youth Unit hosts MLK Charity Alumni Game



By: JEFF YOUNG  
Advance Correspondent

The NAACP Drew County Youth Unit hosted the MLK Charity Alumni Game between the Drew Central Pirate Alumni and the Monticello Lady Billie Alumni on Sunday, February 20, at Dan Coston Fieldhouse on the campus of Monticello High School.

The teams were split between the Lady Pirate vs the Monticello Lady Billies and the Monticello Billies vs the Drew Central Pirates.

Each contest would be played for four six-minute quarters with a half-time period.

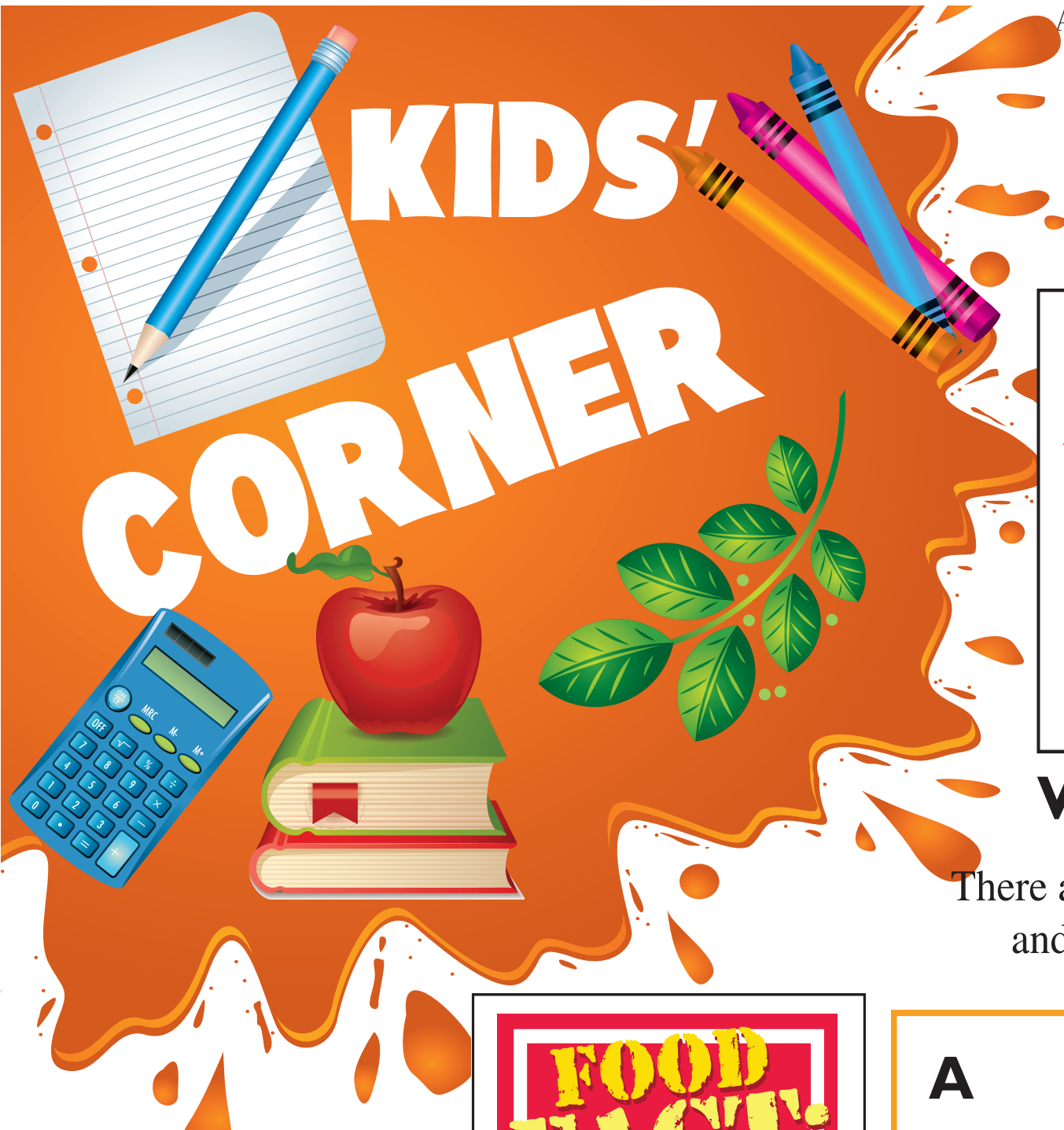
The Lady Pirates' team was coached by Marchell Leonard-Smith and the Pirates' team was coached by Edward Hunter. On the Monticello side, the Lady Billies would be coached by Cicely Green-Simpson and the Billies by coach Wayne Sherrer.

In the first contest, the Lady Pirates and Lady Billies would play in a competitive contest that would see the Lady Pirates take a close victory.

For the men, the Monticello Billies jumped out to a comfortable lead and maintained the lead for the remainder of the contest to take the victory.







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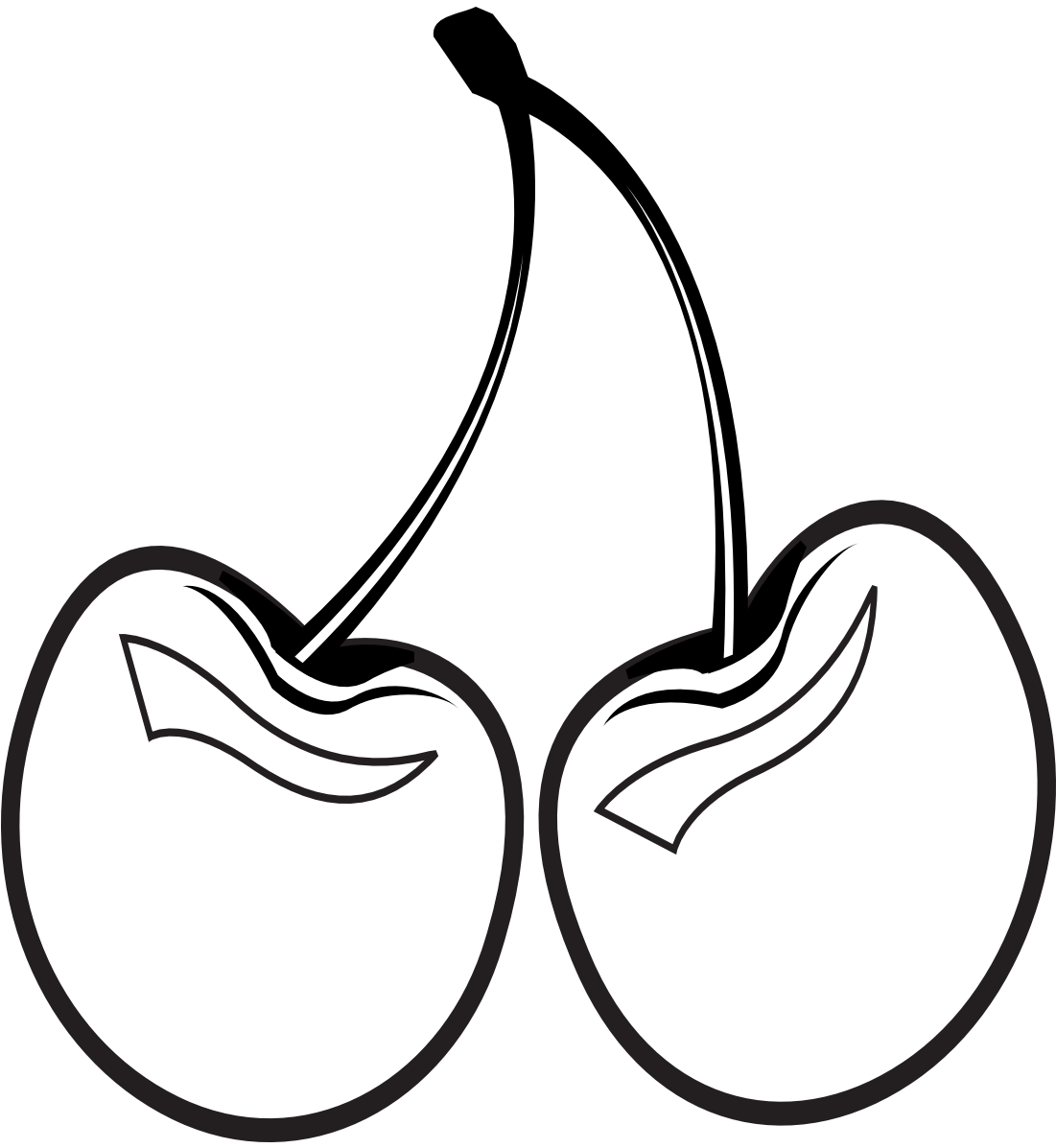
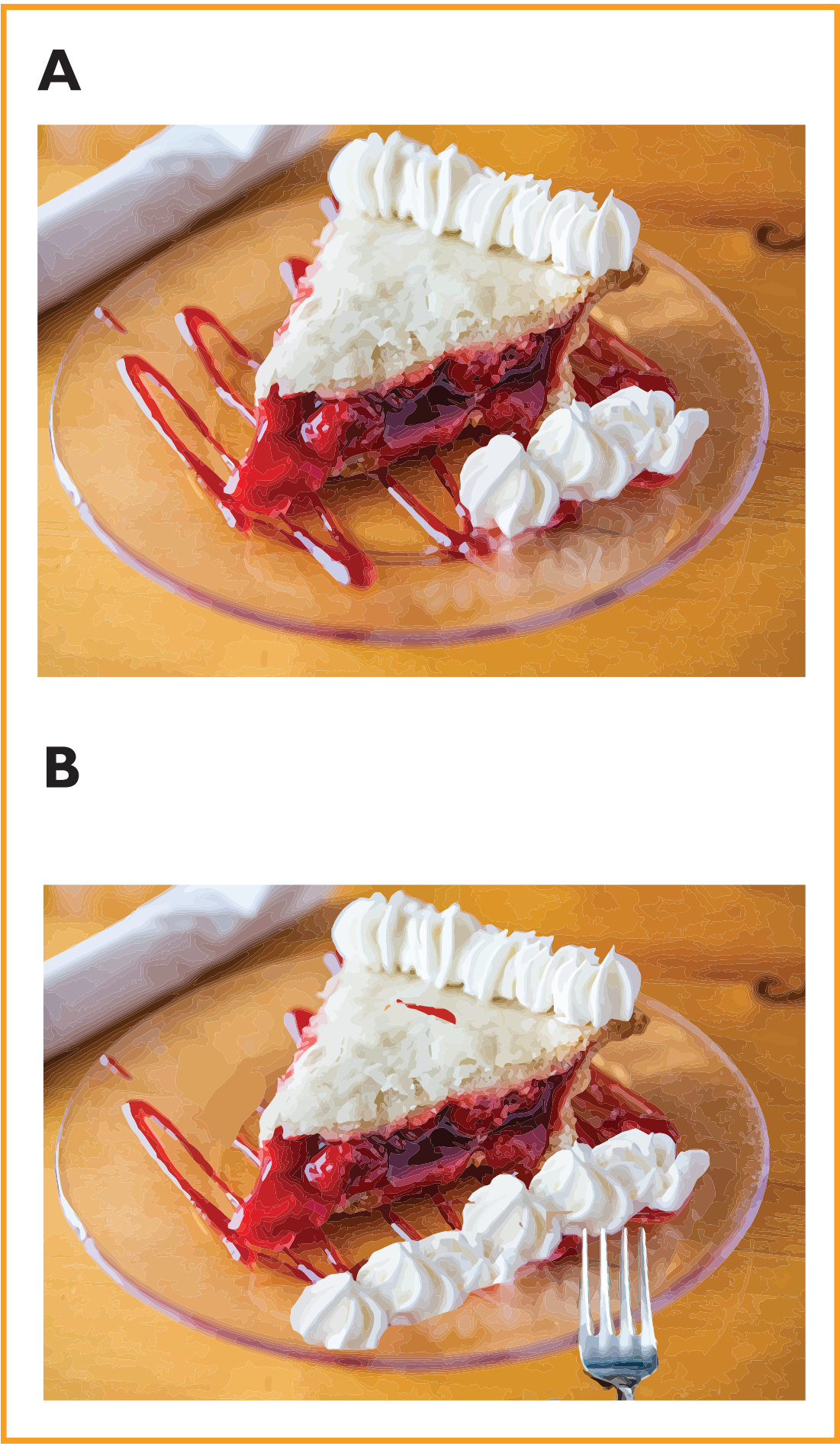
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There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

MARASCHINO CHERRIES ARE SOAKED IN A SWEET SYRUP AND USUALLY ARE PLACED ATOP DESSERTS WITH AN ICE CREAM BASE.

THESE TART FRUITS ARE FULL OF ANTIOXIDANTS. THE UNITED STATES, IRAN AND ITALY ARE THE LEADING PRODUCERS.

ANSWER: CHERRIES



Answers: 1. Cherry juice on top of pie 2. Extra cream 3. Fork 4. Missing syrup on plate

### Puzzle answers

**Page 6B Sudoku**  
ANSWER:  

3	2	9	6	4	7	1	5	8
4	1	8	2	3	5	7	6	9
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**Page 6B Word Search**  

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**Page 6B Crossword**  
PUZZLE SOLUTION  

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## Be an encouragement

My wife and I have recently completed some remodeling to our home. Some of it was quite extensive. But we're very proud and thankful for the finished product. The changes to our home are going to serve our family for years to come. I'm no carpenter, not by a long shot (you can ask my wife, she'll be honest), but now that I've gained a little insight I can tell you there are two main parts to remodeling a home. Demolition and construction. The demolition part was easy. I could that. My kids even helped with the "demo" as it's called. You're basically just tearing down what was there already. We ripped out walls and tore out old cabinets. Some of this was even fun. But when the demolition was all over the hard part began. We had to actually reconstruct the new design for the house. I could not do most of this work myself. This required someone with skill and knowledge. A plumber, an electrician, a carpenter. These guys knew what they were doing in order to build something that was livable and beautiful. They weren't cheap either. Knowledge and skill come with a price. It's what now makes the house valuable. It didn't cost me anything to tear it down. But if I left it that way the home would be worthless. It was only when I invested in new materials and skill that the home now has value.

It's easy to tear others down, to bring

criticism and insult. In fact, the world is flooded with this behavior. Don't believe me? Scroll social media for five minutes and I'll prove it. We can be so convinced that we're right that we become very confident in telling someone else that they're wrong. Sometimes, yes, for those we love, we do need to lovingly help bring some correction to their life. I need that in my life. But that's not tearing down. That's actually helping build someone up.

Tearing someone down is easy and brings no value. Just like demolishing a house. It even felt good to hit a wall with a hammer. But to harm someone to make ourselves feel better will only lead to more destruction. The investment is in the building. Seeing someone else live out the life that God designed for them. This needs the investment of encouragement. A kind word, a compliment. There is so much power in a hand written note just to let someone know you're thinking of them. The price of a stamp is pretty cheap in comparison to the joy one small note will bring. The world is short supply of kindness. Be an encouragement today. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

*Romans 15:5*

*By: Timothy Parke, Lead Pastor  
New Life Assembly of God*

# This week's recipe: Start the day with cherries

George Washington might have known a thing or two when he tried to cut down a cherry tree. The first president of the United States of America may have been trying to get at the sweet and versatile fruit hanging from the tree's branches.

Cherries are nutritional powerhouses that contain antioxidants, which studies have suggested can reduce the risk of heart disease. In addition, anthocyanins in cherries may help reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease. Furthermore, cherries are a natural source of melatonin, which promotes healthy sleep. People with arthritis may find that cherries can reduce the inflammation associated with their condition.

There are many reasons to eat cherries each day, so why not start at the breakfast table? This recipe for "Croissant French Toast with Fresh Bing Cherry Sauce," courtesy of the California Cherry Board, makes for a delicious and nutritious start to your day.

## Croissant French Toast with Fresh Bing Cherry Sauce

### Ingredients (Serves 4)

- 1/2 cup orange marmalade
- 2 cups pitted fresh California Bing cherries
- 4 Croissants (Tip: Day-old are fine)
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 cups fresh whipped cream
- 1/2 cup chocolate sauce

### Directions:

Heat orange marmalade in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Add the cherries and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from the flame.

Slice the croissants in half lengthwise, as if to make a sandwich. Whisk eggs, milk, and cream together in a flat-bottomed baking dish. Lay the croissant pieces in the egg mixture, turning several times as the liquid is absorbed.

Add the oil to griddle and heat on medium flame. Cook the croissant slices until golden brown on each side. Place the bottom croissant slices on serving plates. Top with 1/2 cup cherry mixture. Top with the croissant tops, then add a dollop of whipped cream and finish with a pour of chocolate sauce.



## COUNTRY

Continued from Page 4B

gell and Tiffany Rogers, March 2, to Corey D. Riley and Francis Tate, March 5, and James "Yit" Riley, March 12, and in memory of my

baby sister Jacquelin D. Gardner, March 16, who was my inspiration. You'll always be in my heart.

To the sick and shut in, my prayers, and to the bereaved, my condolences. Just know that Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal.

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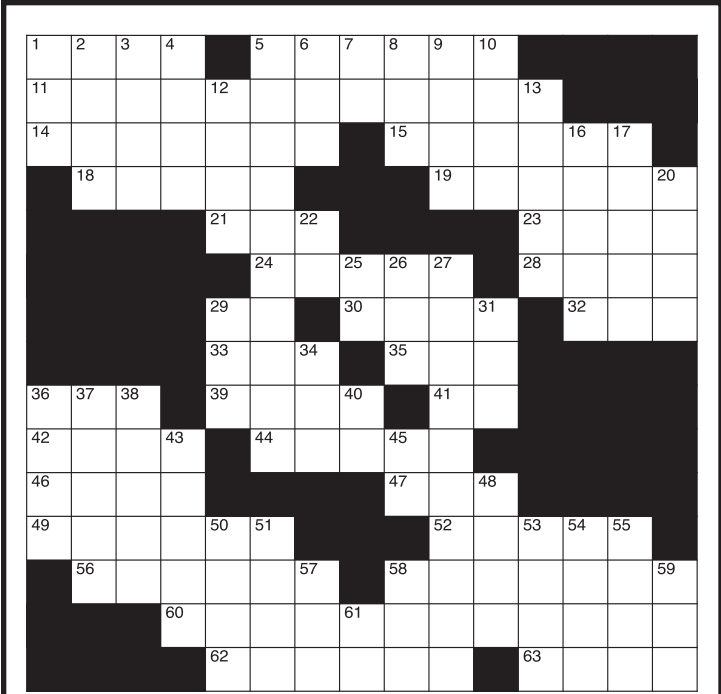


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1. Constrictors

5. Abounding in rocks

11. Speed

14. German city

15. Lacking sympathy

18. Visionaries

19. Wastes away

21. One precursor to the EU

23. Nursemaid

24. Unconsciousnesses

28. Baby’s word for father

29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)

30. Senses of self-importance

32. Midway between south and southwest

33. When you hope to get there
35. Electronic data processing

36. Passports and drivers’ licences are two

39. Fishes

41. Air Force

42. Personal computers

44. Ecological community

46. Wings

47. Halfway

49. Cool, calm and collected

52. Jewelled headdress

56. Musical composition

58. \_\_\_ Falls

60. Repeating remarks

62. Periods in one’s life

63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. \_\_\_ Humbug!

2. Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)

3. Grocer

4. One point east of southeast

5. Subjects to hostility

6. Work unit

7. Atomic #56

8. British thermal unit

9. “Elusive Butterfly” singer

10. Egg part

12. Device

13. Rechargeable power source

16. Ancient sage

17. Consist of two elements

20. “Pygmalion” writer

22. “The Centennial State” (abbr.)

25. OFI

26. Get older

27. Brotherhoods

29. Buzzing insect
31. Sunscreen rating

34. Brew

36. Leader

37. Indigo bush

38. Burn with a hot liquid

40. Junior’s dad

43. Horse mackerels genus

45. Morning

48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr)

50. Double curve

51. Small, twisted bunch

53. Developed

54. Mars crater

55. Humanistic discipline

57. Word element meaning ear

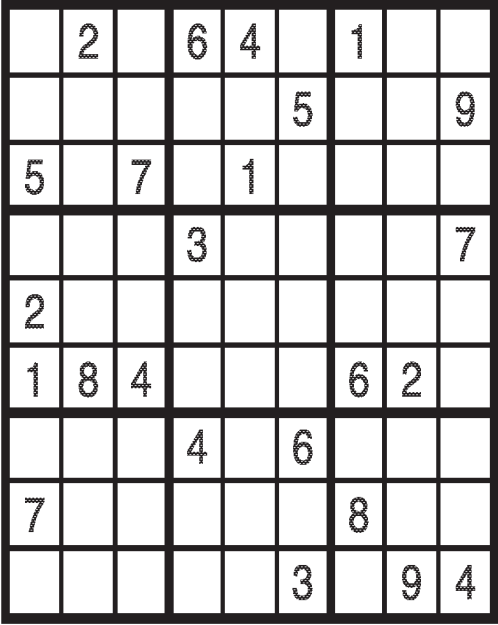
58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series

59. Wood residue

61. It cools your home

Answers can be found on Page 2B

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