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#### Advance wins multiple awards at APA conference

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The annual Arkansas Press Association conference and award presentation was held virtually in March 2022. The Advance-Monticellonian won 10 first place awards, four second place awards, five third place awards and two honorable men-

For the 14th time in 25 years, the Advance-Monticellonian was recognized as the best weekly newspaper in its division. It has received the first place sweepstakes award the last seven years in a row.

The overall Sweepstakes is awarded to the newspaper in each division with the most number of points earned from the awards received. The Wisconsin Press Association judged for the state of Arkansas this year.

Awards won include:

- Best Single Ad 10" and under Honorable Mention Kristie Nall
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- •Best Use of Photo in Ad
- First place Kristie Nall and Theresa Perrigen
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- Second Place Kristie Nall and Theresa Perrigen • Best Use of Clip Art
- First Place Kristie Nall and Vickie Kelly
- Best Newspaper Promotions
- First place Kristie Nall
- •Best Real Estate Classified First Place Kristie Nall
- Best Real Estate Classified Third Place Kristie Nall
- Best Employment Classified
- Third Place Kristie Nall and Vickie Kelly
- Best Employment Classified First Place Kristie Nall
- Best Single Ad Half Page
- First Place Kristie Nall
- Best Multiple Advertiser Ad
- Second Place Kristie Nall, Vickie Kelly and Theresa Perrigen
- Best Use of Process Color First Place Kristie Nall
- Best Use of Process Color
- Second Place Kristie Nall
- •Best Use of Process Color Honorable Mention Kristie Nall
- Special Section General
- Third Place Kristie Nall, Vickie Kelly and Theresa Perrigen Special Section - Magazine

Third Place Kristie Nall, Vickie Kelly and Theresa Perrigen.

### Dumas shooting worst in state history; suspect in custody

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The mass shooting that took place last weekend in Dumas is being called the worst shooting in Arkansas state history.

According to Arkansas State Police, 27 individuals were wounded with gunfire, including one fatality. Among the wounded are five children.

At approximately 9:40 a.m., ASP have arrested Brandon Knight of Jacksonville, in connection with the shooting. Knight was taken into custody as he was released from Delta Memorial. He is charged with battery, first degree and aggravated assault. He is being held in the Dumas Jail and will appear in court on Thursday.

Special agents have been assigned to investigate this case. A special telephone number has been reserved for witnesses to the shooting and victims who may not have reported

their injuries. Those with information are encouraged to call, 501-618-8850.

At approximately 7 p.m., Saturday, March 19, gun shots were fired into a crowd at the annual Hood Nic celebration in Dumas. The Dumas Police Department, with the help of Arkansas State Police, have one person in custody on unrelated charges, but the investigation is ongoing as they search for more individuals that may have been involved. At this time, investigators believe this shooting started with two individuals getting into a gun fight. Agents are not considering this a gang-related shooting.

Shooting victims were taken to area hospitals including Drew Memorial, Delta Memorial, Jefferson Regional, UAMS and Arkansas Children's Hospital.

## Public forums elicit ideas

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Two public forums to envision the future of Monticello provided plenty of comments and ideas for the city's Planning Commission.

Held on the evening of Tuesday, March 15, and the next morning, the forums exceeded predicted attendance and had lively discus-Attendees came from across the city and environs, and expressed

appreciation for many aspects of Monticello. These included the presence of UAM, a variety of medical facilities, the schools, parks, and especially what one participant called "a welcoming and caring community." Participants also noted a feeling of safety that is not common to all cities of Monticello's size. Attendees listed and then ranked concerns and issues. Primary

among these was the aging water and sewer infrastructure. Participants agreed that attending to this was foundational to moving ahead on other issues. Other challenges included the need for more opportunities for family activities, a lack of affordable housing, and a desire for sports tournaments. Creating safe routes and paths for bicyclists and pedestrians was also a concern of many.

Planning Commission Chair Dan Boice voiced the appreciation of the rest of the Commission for those residents who took the time to come out and share their thoughts: "It's obvious that Monticello's residents care deeply about the future of the city."

The Commission, using last year's community survey, the down-



Dan Boice (standing) Chairman of the Monticello Planning Commission, leads participants in a discussion about the future of Monticello.

town walk audit, and a visit from regional civic leaders, will now begin drafting a Plan for the City. Boice said that when this is completed, the public will have opportunities to comment on that so that the Commission can recommend to the City Council a plan that draws on the hopes and the wisdom of Monticello's residents.

## MEDC calls special meeting for two items

By Ashley Hogg

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The Monticello Economic Development Commission held a special called meeting Monday, March 21 in the MEDC office. Items on

appointment of Trent Scogin to the MEDC board of directors as the representative for Citizens Bank and to consider the sale of 10 acres of land at the Industrial Park.

The present members voted

the agenda were to consider the to appoint Trent Scogin to the board and to approve Resolution #03182022 for the sale of Lot #1, containing 10 acres, in the Industrial Park to Stroker Diesel for \$5,000 per acre.

Stroker Diesel is currently opernew technicians.

ated in Bradley County but plans to build a new diesel and automotive repair facility to include automotive machining in Monticello. Stroker Diesel will have five employees initially and plans to add up to 15  $\pm$ 

#### UAM AMBASSADORS HOST BINGO AT GRAND MANOR



On Monday, March 14, the UAM student ambassadors Becca Nichols, Ja'Vonn Watson, and Rylan White hosted bingo at Grand Manor, an assisted care facility in Monticello. UAM students visit Grand Manor multiple times each year to play bingo with the residents and describe the event as a highlight of their experience as ambassadors. Student ambassadors are part of the UAM Undergraduate Office of Admissions and serve in a variety of ways including giving campus tours, assisting with recruitment, participating in campus events, and volunteering in the community.

## Lee Elected President of the SWPA

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Seungyeon Lee, associate professor of psychology at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, has been elected to serve a three-year term as president on the board of directors of the Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA).

Lee joined the UAM School of Social and Behavioral Science faculty in 2014. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy in educational psychology degree from the University of Kansas. Lee stated, "I really would like to take this opportuni-

ty to thank all who took the time to support me during the SWPA election process. It is tremendously exciting and a great honor to serve as president of students, long-term friends and esteemed colleagues.

This position is not only an honor but also a chance to reflect on what psychology has meant to me throughout my career and what I can do for psychology. The opportunity to provide leadership to this



field that I love so much is truly humbling." Founded in 1954,

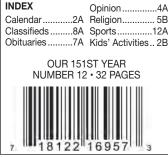
the SWPA is the official American Psychological Association (APA) affiliate for the southwestern region of the United States. The region in-

cludes Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. The association's mission statement explains, "SWPA works to promote and strengthen psychology's scientific, professional and educational facets. SWPA prides itself on serving the psychological community by providing access to scientific advances and professional development within a collegial atmosphere." SWPA members consist of undergraduates, graduates, faculty and distinguished fellows in the field of psychology.

For more information, contact the UAM School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at (870) 460-1047.







#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **UPCOMING**

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

#### **Pottery class**

Lore Ward will host a DIY vase making class at 6 p.m. Friday, March 25 at Monticello Coffee Company. You can sign up on eventbright.com. The cost of the class is \$25.

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 29**

#### **Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet**

The Drew County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 29 at the Gibson University Center. Tickets are now available at the Monticello-Drew County Chamber of Commerce for \$30 each, or, \$300 for a reserved table seating eight. Contact the chamber at (870)367-6741 or monticellochamber@sbcglobal.net.

#### **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.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 3 Pastor Anniversary**

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, located at 312 E. Oakland will host a 23rd year Pastor Anniversary beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 3 with speaker Jesse Radford. At 2 p.m., Michael Jones will be the speaker.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 5**

#### **Organ Recital**

The Monticello Music Club will host a pipe organ recital for the public at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 821 North Main Street. The guest Artist will be Brent Miller, currently the organist at the First Presbyterian Church. Miller will be performing several selections, including pieces by Bach, Mendelssohn, and Schubert, on the beautiful 22-rank Moller organ, opus 9410, that was installed in the church in 1960. Many organs today are electronic instruments. At this time the Moller is the only pipe organ in Monticello. Admission is free.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

#### **Military Mobile Museum**

The local DAR chapter will host a veteran's mobile museum beginning at noon Sunday, April 10, at the VFW building. Opening ceremony will be at 1 p.m.. followed by "Welcome Home Ceremony" for Vietnam Veterans at 2 p.m. A flag retirement ceremony will be performed by area Boy Scouts at 3 p.m. We will also have a "thank you cards for veterans" station, DAR information table, and an opportunity to purchase wreaths for December 2022. Exhibit tours are free and open to the public.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 12**

#### **PEO Fundraiser**

Enjoy fellowship and delicious food and refreshments for \$10 per person. Sign up for fun & games - Bridge, Dominos, Hand & Foot (Bridge players can get their own foursome). April 12, 2022 at the 1st Methodist Church, 317 S. Main, Monticello, starting at 1:00 p.m. Call Kay Keon, 870-367-3744, Sheere Scogin, 870-723-7560, or Marilyn Mhoon, 870-866-0929.

#### **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).

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 30** Western Pines neighborhood rummage sale

The Western Pines subdivision will host a neighborhood wide rummage sale beginning at daylight on Saturday, April 30. Stations will be set up throughout the neighborhood.

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 7**

#### **Drew Co. Master Gardeners plant sale**

The Drew County Master Gardeners will hold a Plant Sale at the Market in the Park next to the Drew County Courthouse on Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Plant types include – Bedding plants such as Daffodils and Lily mix along with pollinator attracting plants such as Coneflowers. A selection of vegetable plants such as tomatoes and peppers will be available along with some herb plants. Various shrubs and trees will also be on hand.

#### City recycling guidelines

**ONGOING** 

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

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## Hands-On science exhibition opens at Arts & Science Center

#### SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Kids of all ages are invited to explore light and color in a new interactive exhibition "Spectrum of Creativity," now open at the Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas, 701 S. Main St in

Visitors can learn about the spectrum of light, how colors are created, how circuits work, and more at several activity stations.

At the "Movie Magic" station, guests can learn how a "green screen" is used to create special effects and transport themselves to exotic locations such as the Great Wall of China, New York City, and the Amazon rainforest. They can also make their own short animations by drawing film strips and viewing them through a zoetrope (a spinning drumlike device that creates the illusion of motion).

The "Rainbow Shadows" station produces a crazy, colorful effect by turning shadows into rainbows using individual spectrums of light.

At the "Disappearing Drawings" station, kids can write a secret message that glows under a black light, or create a drawing that disappears under red light.

By pedaling a bike, users can use their own power to generate electricity. An LED tower lights up as the bike is pedaled. The faster the pedaling, the farther up the pole the light travels.

At the art-based activity stations, guests can create light-up flowers they can take home. They can also explore color combinations and experiment with chromatography by using colored markers and coffee filters. For little ones, a light table allows them a space for sensory play.

ASC's curatorial and public programs staff collaborated to create "Spectrum of Creativity."

"I want to expand the way kids look at the world around them and inspire them to create something new, and exposure to art and science can do just that," ASC Curator Jessica Lenehan said. "With this



exhibition, we've created interactives for a variety of ages and abilities that combine art and science in fun, memorable ways."

Offering hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) activities is part of ASC's mission — engaging, educating, and entertaining through the arts and sciences.

"I think this interactive STEAM exhibit will speak to our longtime members," said Education Programs Manager Shakeelah Rahmaan. "And color and light are such cool subjects that I think will really interest, intrigue, and motivate STEAM-based learning even at home,"

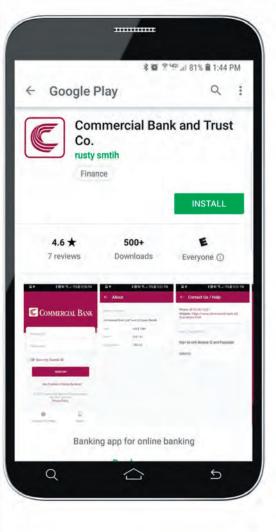
Rahmaan said.

"Spectrum of Creativity" is supported by the Arkansas Arts Council and the Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas Endowment Fund. Admission is free to all of ASC's exhibitions.

The exhibition is on display in the International Paper Gallery through May

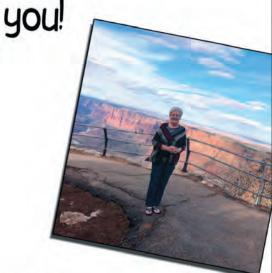
For more information about the exhibition, contact Jessica Lenehan via email at jlenehan@asc701.org or call 870-536-3375. To schedule a class tour of the exhibition, contact Shakeelah Rahmaan at srahmaan@asc701.org or call 870-536-3375.





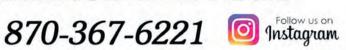
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#### Scholarship application period open through June 15

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The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division and the University of Arkansas at Monticello are pleased to announce that applications for the Foresters for the Future scholarship are now being accepted. The scholarship will provide \$4,000 per semester, for four years, to an incoming freshman pursuing a forestry degree at UAM's College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources.

Applications will be accepted through June 15. Students interested in the scholarship can find more information on the UAM website at uamont.edu/ academics/CFANR/index.

"Arkansas has nearly 19 million acres of forests with over 12 billion trees," said State Forester Joe Fox. "This scholarship is a wonderful opportunity for a future forester to obtain a quality education and move into a dynamic and rewarding career field."

The scholarship program was established by Act 399 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly. The underlying legislation, House Bill 1389, was sponsored by Representative Ken Bragg and Senator Ben Gilmore and was signed into law by Governor Hutchinson on March 17,

"The forest industry in Arkansas is a vital contributor to the state's economy. It is imperative that we maintain a healthy forest and right now there is actually a shortage of professional forestry graduates," said Representative Bragg. "It is the intention of the Foresters for the Future Scholarship to increase interest and opportunities for students to pursue a degree in forestry and natural resource management."

UAM and the Forestry Division hope the scholarship will entice students to pursue forestry as a career.

"The forestry industry is a pillar of Arkansas's economy that impacts every area of our state," said Dr. Peggy Doss, UAM Chancellor. "The Foresters for the Future Scholarship will support our efforts to attract and to retain a diverse group of future foresters and to prepare them for a career path that offers extensive job opportunities in the wood products industry."

"This scholarship is a tremendous opportunity for our students," said Dr. Michael Blazier, Dean of the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources and Director of the Arkansas Forest Resources Center. "Not only does it provide substantial financial aid to help them study for a career in forestry, they get a wide range of internship options for on-the-job learning with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division."

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies

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## Entergy Arkansas eTech offers cash rebates for machinery, chargers

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**NEWS** 

Entergy Arkansas will provide cash rebates through its new eTech initiative to customers who purchase one or more electric technologies, ranging from forklifts and cranes to golf carts and electric vehicle char-

"We're taking our commitment to providing safe, reliable service at affordable rates to all Entergy Arkansas customers to a higher level with the greatest efficiencies, while managing greenhouse gas emissions and providing options that customers desire with our new eTech program," said Laura Landreaux, Entergy Arkansas president and CEO. "It will help manage greenhouse gas emissions while supporting the technology-forward options our customers desire."

Known as a beneficial electrification program in the industry, eTech will be available to any eligible Entergy Arkansas customer, from residential to commercial. More than 40 utilities across North America provide similar programs, including other Entergy operating companies.

The Arkansas Public Service Commission last week approved the program, in which Entergy Arkansas will provide cash rebates for 14 qualified technologies, including forklifts; truck refrigeration units; school and transit buses; drayage trucks; electrical vehicle chargers; digital billboards; scissor, boom and man lifts; scrubbers and sweepers; golf cars and people movers; cranes; and airport ground support pushbacks, tug and tow tractors, belt loaders and power units.

"Cash incentives are a great benefit, but customers will also save net costs over the lifetime of their machinery in fuel, operations, and maintenance which would be less with the electric option than they would have been with the fossil-fuel alternative," said Landreaux.

For example, an electric single class-one forklift can be expected to reduce the total amount of resources used by that forklift by approximately \$8,046 using electric power as compared to other resources, such as gasoline, diesel, propane, etc. in addition to a \$250-\$500 cash rebate for purchasing an electric machine.

The program would also benefit customers who choose an electric vehicle for transportation. Such vehicles are an attractive option for savings because of reduced maintenance, lower fuel cost, less noise, and lower emissions.

For example, charging an EV with a 200-mile range (assuming a fully depleted 66 kWh battery) at a residence will cost about \$7 to reach a full charge, based on the Entergy Arkansas rate of 11 cents per kWh.

Additionally, an electric vehicle is estimated to save \$2,566 over the lifetime of the vehicle in net costs. Entergy's eTech EV charger rebate helps defray the cost of installing a home or workplace charger, which amounts to \$250 per plug for a level 2 charger and up to \$1,500 for a DC fast charger.

Entergy Arkansas customers can access technical and application support and apply now for the rebates at www.entergyetech.com within 90 days of purchase.

### **CALENDAR**

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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,

#### **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 VFW Auxiliary is asked to conmeetings.

#### **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

tact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj. veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-

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.



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# workforce

Arkansas youth have adapted to changes in how and where they learn in recent years. Our students have demonstrated their ability to quickly adjust to shifting circumstances. As high school students prepare for their next chapter, we need to ensure they have the tools and resources to be successful. There are exciting workforce development opportunities in The Natural State helping to shape bright futures for

these young people.



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We need a workforce trained to fit the modern economy and meet evolving needs of employers. The good news is business leaders, educators and lawmakers in Arkansas understand this and have been building a foundation to support continued economic growth and development.

Programs such as the Be Pro, Be Proud initiative connect young Arkansans with technical careers, helping them explore their interests and develop skills to better plan their professional path. One of the things that makes this experience unique is how it reaches Arkansans where they live. It's a mobile workshop exposing high schoolers to a hands-on introduction to the technology used in well-paying, in demand

I recently met with Be Pro Be Proud leaders who are rightfully very encouraged at how the program is delivering positive results. The 18-wheeler mobile workshop has shown students in 445 towns across the state the possibilities for careers requiring specialized training, but not a four-year college degree. According to 80 percent of teachers in those communities, one or more of their at-risk students are encouraged to stay in school as a result of their experience.

We can be proud Arkansans and leaders at all levels are creating a pipeline of interested and prepared candidates for trade jobs with this approach. Arkansas is leading by example and demonstrating the value this innovative solution delivers to bridging the gap in available skilled-technical workers. This program has launched in several locations across the country and continues to grow in our state.

As skilled professionals retire, we need qualified workers who are ready to fill these vacancies as well as step into positions created by new employers attracted to The Natural State's economic environment.

A highly skilled, well-trained labor force is key to positioning our communities to take advantage of current and future opportunities. I've been proud of the ongoing efforts throughout Arkansas to create programs tailored to local needs. Partnerships with schools and businesses have proven critical to developing coursework for appropriate training so students have the skills to support existing industries and attract new and emerging ones.

I recently saw how the Northwest Arkansas Regional Robotics Training Lab developed by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and Northwest Arkansas Community College is creating a path for future business and growing the region's skilled

It's great to see the enthusiasm of so many people excited to make a difference in the livelihoods of the next generation and actively shape Arkansas's economy for years to come. I'm proud to support workforce development initiatives so future Arkansans have more opportunities for well-paying jobs in long, rewarding careers.

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# Investing in a next generation What is it going to take?

As a lifelong Southeast Arkansas resident, I am beyond heartbroken by the events that occurred in Dumas this weekend. Unfortunately, I am not so surprised.

Senseless gun violence has become such

a reoccurring act in today's world that the shock factor is dwindling, at least for me.

I stopped trying to understand why this keeps happening. I was driving myself insane trying to find an explanation. Why can't people just gather and have a good time? Why can't people live and let live?

There are so many arguments in politics and on social platforms today about gun restrictions. The topic can divide families and friends.

**ASHLEY** 

**HOGG** 

EDITOR

Guns are what they are: a weapon. If a person is creative and motivated enough, anything can be used as a weapon. The root of this problem comes from people having no value for other lives. However, guns do make it easier to hurt or kill multiple people in a short amount of time.

As I have said before, I don't know what the answer is. I don't know how to fix this problem in our country. I do think we should do everything we can to keep deadly weapons out of the hands of people who are not responsible enough to use them. But, like criminals do, they will always find a way to obtain them unlawfully. I wish I had a solution.

How do we fix the hearts and minds of someone that does not have regard for another human life? How do we identify that person in the first place? Is it even our responsibility? Have we failed as a society, or is it not that complex? Are some people just evil spirited?

These are the questions that kept me awake Saturday night. I thought about Fred growing up in this world. She is so young and she already knows that the doors are locked at her school to keep the "bad guys" from getting in. My child, the one who never meets a stranger and will hug anyone, whether they are super willing or not, has to grow up in a

world where she could fall victim to a stray bullet. It's heart wrenching and I can't think about it without crying.

As I am sure many of you saw, social media was overflowing with witnesses' videos of the crowd as the shots rang out. People were scared and screaming but most notably, people knew to "get down" and "run". This is such a regular occurrence that we as a group know how to react when we hear shots fired. How awful is that?

As a mother, I have never been more bothered by anything than the video of the child that was shot in the leg being wheeled into surgery at Arkansas Children's Hospital. A less than two year old child, y'all!

According to reports from the Arkansas State Police, more than one minor was shot at this event. Children, innocent children dealing with the physical pain of gun shots and the life long psychological damage that comes with it.

I can only hope that the shooter(s) are caught and dealt with accordingly and that the fatality count does not go up.



## The Ukrainian war hits close to home

Brent Renaud, who grew up in Little Rock, traveled the world to tell the stories of the overlooked with the hope that the world could never again overlook them. Brent's films made the stories personal.

Three weeks ago, after Russia



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invaded Ukraine, Brent traveled there to tell the story of Ukrainian refugees who were fleeing the unprovoked attack on their nation.

On Sunday, Russian soldiers shot and killed Brent as he was

traveling to film Ukrainians who were escaping their country. His story has made this war personal. Brent's death reminds us that the war is much closer to Arkansas

than the 6,000 miles between Little Rock and Kviv.

There are other Arkansas connections. Kateryna Pitchford is a Ukrainian who is an assistant professor at Central Baptist College in Conway. She speaks daily to relatives and friends in her hometown of Dnipro. At the Arkansas Leadership Prayer Breakfast two weeks ago, Kateryna prayed for her country. This week, she shared her story with employees of munitions companies in East Camden.

Those aerospace and defense companies in south Arkansas bring the war close to home. Firms such as General Dynamics, Aerojet Rocketdyne, and Lockheed Martin build warheads and propulsion systems that Ukraine's defenders are using to resist Russia's brutal assault.

And now Brent Renaud, an Arkansas treasure, has died in that war as he documented the tragedy for millions who were forced to leave their homes. Brent "devoted his life to telling the stories of overlooked people,' as his brother and partner, Craig, told Time magazine.

Brent was the first American journalist to die reporting about the war. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sent a letter of condolence to Brent's family. Brent was a "talented and brave journalist (who) lost his life while documenting human tragedy, devastation and suffering of the millions of Ukrainians," President Zelenskyy wrote.

Gabe Gentry met Brent and Craig a decade ago when he helped them put on the Little Rock Film Festival, which the brothers founded. Gabe spent a month with Brent as he docu-

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#### TeachArkansas.org provides incentives for educators

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Department of Education and Forward Arkansas are highlighting various pathways and financial incentives to become a teacher.

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Teach Arkansas is an initiative to increase the number of qualified, certified, and diverse teachers in Arkansas. As part of a rebrand, a new website TeachArkansas. org was developed. It provides current and future teachers an easily-accessible hub for career resources.

At the site current teachers can find professional development opportunities to increase their existing skills and income, high school and college students can learn how to enter the teaching profession, and potential career changers can learn about affordable pathways to the classroom. In many cases, teacher candidates can obtain a four-year degree plus teaching license at no cost to them!

One-on-one coaching with professionals trained in guiding current and future teachers through paths to licensure or career advancement also are available at TeachArkansas.

Unfortunately, Arkansas has faced a massive shortage of certified teachers for decades. This doesn't mean groups of students sit, unsupervised, in their classrooms. But it can lead to schools ending certain advanced or specialized

And, most often, they hire teachers who have not met the state's requirements for certification.

According to a report by The New Teacher Project (TNTP), approximately 4 percent of Arkansas teachers are uncertified, more than double the national average of 1.7 percent. But the severity of the problem varies widely from district to

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### Forward Arkansas addresses teacher shortage The state Education Department

has partnered with a non-profit organization called Forward Ar-

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kansas to address a growing teacher shortage in Arkan-

They have launched a new website – TeachArkansas.org – to recruit new teachers. It also helps current teachers improve their

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skills by getting certified in new fields, which allows them to advance professionally and earn more in salary.

The website emphasizes pathways to getting a certificate that will not burden the teacher with debt. Also, it outlines virtual courses for students who may not be able to attend in person.

The campaign outlines how school staff can take advantage of debt-free tuition to become teachers. This opportunity benefits long-term substitutes, classroom aides and para-professionals.

Statewide surveys indicate that four percent of teachers are uncertified and another three percent are not certified in the subject they

According to the research, a

school district with a shortage of certified teachers doesn't sit unsupervised students in an empty room. However, those students may be in a classroom that is filled to the brim because two classes have been combined under the one teacher who is certified.

It may mean that they have class with a teacher who is not certified in the subject area. It may mean that certain advanced and specialized courses are not available.

The lack of certified teachers is more severe in some areas of southern and eastern Arkansas, where districts reported that up

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## Griffin announces candidacy for Drew Co. Judge

BY: MELISSA ORRELL

Retired Army veteran and Drew County Native, Jessie Griffin, has announced his candidacy for Drew County Judge. Griffin, who recently served as the Drew County Office of Emergency Management Director graduated from Drew Central High School before joining the Army at 17 years old, where he spent close to 27 years, before retiring as a Command Sergeant Major. After returning home from serving his country he has worked in a variety of jobs in the public sector before accepting the job at the Office of Emergency Management.

Griffin has several reasons for running for County Judge which include improving the roads, the landfill and the sanitation department, as well as a desire to improve morale of employees, provide equitable pay and incentives for skilled training. When elected Griffin also plans on working to improve cooperation and communication with City and Coun-

ty employees and officials, to provide more transparency for how tax dollars are spent by having local agencies who receive County funding attend monthly Quorum Court meeting to provide updates and to find more grants to improve Drew County for the citizens

Griffin plans to implement his goals with a comprehensive four-year plan for improvements to roads and the landfill and has already developed a plan to address uncollected sanitation payments. Griffin's commitment to transparen-



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cy has been proven by the monthly reports he created and presented to the Quorum Court during his tenure as the director of the Drew County OEM.

According to Griffin, his desire to serve his community is still alive and well, despite his years of public

service in the military.

"I still have the desire (to serve my community)," he said when asked why he chose to run. "I know I can do a good job. I am tired of a lot of the us and them with the City and the County. I want that cooperation to come together. There are some things we can't do, but there are a lot of things we can do. (Linda and I) prayed long and hard about this."

Griffin believes strong leadership will go a long way to improving conditions in the County and believes he has the skill set to lead with his experience as a Command Master Sergeant in the Army giving him a proven track record in leadership.

"I have a problem with leadership, I think leadership is the function of making everything work," he stated. "You can't force anyone to follow you, but you can ask them to join the journey."

Griffin is married to Linda, a retired schoolteacher who now works in Adult Education with the Arkansas Workforce Center. Together they have two children, Brandon Lloyd and wife Brandy, of Monticello, and Heather Leser and husband Eric, of Raleigh, N.C. and five grandchildren.

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and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. Visit agriculture.arkansas.gov/. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the Arkansas Forest Resources Center, a University of Arkansas System Center of Excellence, brings together interdisciplinary expertise through a partnership between the University of Arkansas at

Monticello and the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. The College and Center are headquartered at the University of Arkansas at Monticello campus, but their programs range statewide with the mission of developing and delivering teaching, research, and extension programs that enhance and ensure the sustainability and productivity of forest-based natural resources and agricultural systems. Academic programs are delivered by the College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources through the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Through the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, research is administered by the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, and extension and outreach activities are coordinated by the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

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to a third of teachers are not certified in the subject they are expected to teacher.

African-American students are more likely to attend classes taught by a teacher who is not certified in the subject. Salary disparities are one cause of teacher shortages in some areas of Arkansas. The average starting salary for teachers with a bachelor's degree can vary by as much as \$15,000 a year, depending on where in Arkansas the teacher is hired.

The state offers alternatives certification programs for people who want a teaching

certificate, but a college degree is necessary. Some communities have fewer adults with the academic credentials required for alternative certification. Those areas tend to experience more severe teacher shortages.

The non-profit organization interviewed paraprofessionals and in some districts, up to 40 percent said that they did not have enough time or money to complete the process of getting a certificate.

The researchers also found that many potential teachers did not know about the opportunities available through the state Education Department. Many assumed, incorrectly, that they would not qualify for financial help.

The partnership between

Forward Arkansas and the Education Department is working to recruit more teachers through four basic pathways. One is for high school students, and it guides them through higher education programs that won't amass a lot of student debt. Another is for college stu-

and it also guides students along a debt-free path toward certification.

A third path is for professionals who want to change careers. They have academic credentials but not a teaching certificate. The fourth is for school staff who are not certified, and who want to teach and increase their pay at the same time.

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district. Statewide, 30 districts have a workforce that includes at least 10 percent, uncertified teachers.

It's also worth noting that the diversity of the state's teacher workforce does not reflect the diversity of its students, particularly in districts with the highest certified teacher shortages. In the 2021 Regular Session, we passed Act 680 which raises the target average salary for teachers to \$51,822.

The General Assembly is constantly looking at ways to improve teacher recruiting and retention. TeachArkansas.org will guide you through many of the incentives we've initiated over the years. Please share the website to help us recruit the very best for our students.

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mented the ISIS invasion of Iraq. Brent's demeanor and patience earned the trust of the people whose story he was filming. Regardless of the situation, Brent remained calm. Gabe says Brent was "a patient listener. When he did speak, the words had weight."

Many Arkansans first learned of the Renaud

brothers through their 10part documentary Off to War, which told the story of the Arkansas National Guard's year-long deployment to Iraq through the eyes of the soldiers as well as their families back in Arkansas.

For such people as Vladimir Putin, Brent Renaud was a threat. As the Dallas Morning News said in an editorial: "(Brent's) work represented something that is terribly dangerous

to autocrats and absolutely crucial for democracy. He was gathering facts. He was shining a light on the terror being waged in Ukraine."

dents at two-year colleges

and four-year universities,

Brent Renaud lost his life in his effort to tell the story of this war and its victims. His life and death have made the war personal for Arkansas, although as one of his fellow filmmakers said, Brent would be uncomfortable with the attention and accolades. But for the moment, his life has become

the story, an innocent man killed by the global ambitions of a single corrupt leader. His death – and the deaths of millions of innocent Ukrainians – calls the world to act with urgency against Vladimir Putin. Our grief and anger over this brutal and unprovoked invasion should forge in us the will to end this assault. Brent has showed us why we must do this. It's up to us to figure out how.



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## Arkansas hunting, fishing, conservation regulations proposals presented to Commission

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission heard the first reading of more than 120 changes to the Arkansas Code of Regulations at meetings held during the last three days at the Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center in Little Rock and the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Commission Chairman Bobby Martin explained that while the number of regulations changes being considered may seem like a large amount, it actually is a combination of all changes in hunting, fishing and many other conservation-related regulations under the AGFC's new two-year regulations cycle. Many of the regulations changes, in fact, are simplifications or clarifications to standardize or adjust regulations to be more consistent for hunters and anglers throughout the state.

"Working through regulations is arduous work on the part of the staff...," Martin said. "Regulations are not about taking things away. They're really about diligence of this agency and its leadership to its mission to protect, preserve, conserve and ensure the equal enjoyment of everything we have in the Arkansas outdoors."

In addition to proposals submitted by field staff from public comments and biological data, commissioners and the directorate of the agency also added input to be considered for public review, based upon public feedback they received directly from hunters, anglers and other conservation-minded organizations and individuals.

Some notable regulations proposals being considered include:

- Continued refinements to previously-adopted captive wildlife codes;
- Establish season frameworks for bear hunting in Bear Zones 3 and 4 and modify season structure in Bear Zones 5 and 5A;
- · Shorten the white-fronted goose season to 74 days to increase the daily limit to three geese per hunter;
- Consider opening regular duck season the weekend after Thanksgiving instead of the weekend before;
- · Extend boat access restrictions on waterfowl-focused wildlife management areas to include the seven days preceding the first day of the first segment of regular duck season;
- · Require all boats on waterfowl-focused WMAs to operate only with motors that have "unmodified" factory exhaust sys-

tems in place;

- · Restrict waterfowl hunting on Bell Slough, Ed Gordon Point Remove, Galla Creek and Frog Bayou WMAs and the Dver Lake Unit of Ozark Lake WMA to Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday hunting only;
- Implement chronic wasting disease management regulations in Ashley, Bradley, Randolph and Union counties;
- Implement a 13-inch minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass and remove the length limit for spotted bass on Norfork Lake;
- Implement a 10-inch minimum length limit on crappie at Lake Erling: and
- Reinstate statewide crappie regulations on Bois d'Arc Lake.

All proposed changes will be available for public comment through an online public opinion survey at www.agfc.com/ regulations for 30 days, beginning March 18. AGFC staff will then compile responses from the survey for commissioner review, and the seven appointed members of the Commission will vote on the final proposed changes at the regularly scheduled May Commission meeting in Little

During his address to the Commission, AGFC Director

Austin Booth shared some recent highlights of the AGFC's wildlife management, fisheries and education efforts.

"AGFC private lands biologists conducted 69 site visits during the last month," Booth said. "These 69 landowners represented over 44,000 acres of potential habitat." Booth also referenced the burn team's efforts in completing more than 5,000 acres of prescribed fires on AG-FC-owned wildlife management areas and assisting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and USDA Forest Service in burning an additional 10,000 acres of public land in Arkansas to increase wildlife habitat.

Terry Thompson, representing the Arkansas state chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, presented two awards to AGFC staff at today's meeting.

Thompson recognized AGFC private lands biologist Clint Johnson as the Arkansas NWTF Wildlife Manager of the Year for his work in managing habitat for eastern wild turkey on private lands throughout the state. In addition to his work on the ground, Johnson has been heavily involved in landowner outreach, teaching landowners how to benefit from the effects of prescribed fire and getting

them started in performing safe and beneficial prescribed fires on their own properties.

Thompson also recognized Wildlife Officer Aaron Dillard as the 2021 NWTF Wildlife Officer of the Year for Arkansas. Dillard works alongside AGFC K9 Molly in Ashley County and has worked for the AGFC for the last three years. During last year's opening weekend, Dillard monitored up to 16 different illegal baiting sites to catch poachers in the act. In addition to his work in wildlife law enforcement, Officer Dillard was instrumental in the AGFC's recruitment efforts, leading two separate mentored hunts for youths, including a hunt introducing many youngsters to their first-ever squirrel

At the conclusion of the meeting, commissioners opened the floor to questions from UAM students in attendance. Some discussions from this opportunity centered on programs to increase waterfowl habitat on agricultural land, ways to educate the general public on complex conservation issues and ways to manage for consumptive and nonconsumptive use of the same wildlife resources.

"I don't think it's a balance because that implies that they are contradictory, and they're not...," Booth said. "...We need to do a much better job building a much larger tent of who the Arkansas Game and Fish customer is ... We manage 3.6 million acres in our state and we have some of the best opportunities for paddling, hiking, for recreational shooting, and we're going to do a much better job in the future of enhancing those opportunities and how we communicate them to those nonconsumptive audiences."

In other business, the Commission:

- Heard from UAM professor, Don White, Ph.D., about black bear population research in southeast Arkansas;
- Heard from UAM professor, Matthew Pelkki, Ph.D., about forest economics and sustainable forestry's role in wildlife habitat;
- · Heard from UAM professor, Doug Osbourne, Ph.D., and graduate student Ethan Dittmer about recent waterfowl banding and telemetry research and the Five Oaks Ag Research and Education Center;
- · Approved the removal of outdated and obsolete inventory and fleet vehicles with a total

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## Rep. Wardlaw tours agriculture building renovations at UAM

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On Friday, March 18, Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, R-Hermitage, visited the University of Arkansas at Monticello campus to view progress on renovations to the Agriculture Building, which began in February 2022.

Wardlaw was instrumental in gathering supplemental funding to renovate the Agriculture Building, helping to secure \$250,000 from Gov. Asa Hutchinson. "With the help of Governor Asa Hutchinson and his Rainy Day Fund, we were able to fund the remodel of the Agriculture Building to a level that students can be proud of for years to come," Wardlaw said. UAM has

provided the rest of the funding for the \$613,193 project.

Gov. Hutchinson's financial contribution allowed UAM to expand the project. The Agriculture Building is undergoing a total renovation that includes classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices, a new student lounge and the auditorium. The renovated auditorium will serve as a large classroom space and a location to hold presentations for people from agriculture, industry and the community. Renovations to two exterior structures—the soils lab building and the greenhouse—are also included Bachelor of Science in agriculture degree from UAM in 2002, stated, "It makes me feel proud to be a UAM alum, to come back and see how attractive the campus looks and how strong the agriculture program will be for years to come."

Dr. Peggy Doss, UAM chancellor, attended the tour with Wardlaw and thanked him for his contributions to the project, stating, "It is so important to have Representative Wardlaw here today because he is a graduate of UAM who understands the UAM agriculture program's impact on the agriculture industry and economy in the our region. As a state representative, he has been our champion in promoting agriculture and renovations at UAM, and today, we want him to see the progress that we are making in renovating our Agriculture Building to be a state-of-theart facility for our undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and researchers. I cannot thank Representative Wardlow enough

for what he has done to make this possible for UAM."

The UAM agriculture program is housed in the College of Forestry, Agriculture & Natural Resources. Students graduate with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture degree and can choose between five specializations: agribusiness, animal science, plant and soil science, site specific management and general agriculture. In addition, students who have the desire to enter veterinary school are provided coursework and advising aimed at meeting the requirements of institutions offering a degree in veterinary medicine.

For more information, contact the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture & Natural Resources at (870) 460-1052.



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#### BY: MELISSA ORRELL

New infections of COVID-19 rose slightly across the County, as Drew County added 25 new cases to the tally bringing the total number of cases in the County since the beginning of the pandemic to 4,676, on Tuesday, March 22. After hitting a low seven-day average of new cases at 0.58, the County's seven-day average rose to 4 over the past week. The total number of cases for the State of Arkansas is 831,698 with 1,495 active cases, a decrease of over 300 active cases in the past seven days. The County has logged a total of 69 deaths as of Tuesday, March 22, and increase of 2 in the past seven days.

Due to new advances in treatments and the plunging case numbers around the Country the CDC has offered new guidance on recommendations to prevent community spread, moving away from across-theboard mask mandates and restrictions, and taking a more measured approach to the dis-

The CDC now has three categories to put counties in that will then determine the recommendations made by the agency for that area. The categories are low, medium and high. Drew County remains in the low category with the following guid-

- Get tested if you have symp-
- Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (have home tests tions for isolation and quaranor access to testing)
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- Follow CDC recommenda-





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#### **Nancy Faye Fore** Chapman

Nancy Faye Fore Chapman, 66, of Monticello, went to be with her Lord and Savior Thursday, March 17, 2022, at her home in Monticello. She was born September 28, 1955, in Keiser, to the late



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Travis Fore and Louvenia Hamm Cater. She owned Nancy's Florist for many years and was the office manager for Chap-

man's Sheet Metal before her retirement. Nancy had a caring heart and always went out of her way to help and do for others. She loved crafts, decorating for holidays but most of all spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, Nancy is also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ellen Fore; a nephew, Jamie Travis Fore; and a brother-in-law, Jim Heyman.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband, Steve R. Chapman; one son, Joseph Chapman (Michelle); one daughter, Christy Johnson (Tommy) all of Monticello; one brother, John Fore (Rhonda) of Lebanon, Mo.; two sisters, Penny Heyman of Lebanon, Mo. and Betty Evans (Don) of White Hall; grandchildren, Zane Chapman (Allison), Shelby Chapman, Conner Chapman, Sydney Pharr (Clayton), and Gracie Wilkerson (Hunter); three great-grandchildren, Aubrey Chapman, Harley Jane Pharr, and Carson Lee Pharr: as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Visitation was Sunday, March 20, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Chapel. Funeral Services were Monday, March 21, at 11 a.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Chapel with Rev. Shane Fore officiating. Burial followed in Beulah Cemetery.

Please sign Nancy's guestbook on her condolence page at www.stephensondearman.

#### (Paid obituary) Jason Fisher

Jason's life journey began on Septem-



ber 11, 1971, and ended on March 3, 2022, at UAMS in Little Rock. He was born to Georgia Fisher and

the late Rev. Elihue Fisher. Jason confessed to Christ at an early age at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church where

the pastor is the Rev. Leron Woodard. He was employed for many years at Western Sizzilin and Nichol's Salvage yard, here in Monticello.

He is preceded in death by his father, Rev. Elihue Fisher.

Jason leaves to cherish his memories, his loving mother, Georgia Fisher of Monticello; four brothers, Bryant Fisher of Bentonville, Quincy Fisher of Monticello, Marcus Fisher of Monticello, and Reggie Thomas of Fayetteville; one uncle, Eddie McCoy of Monticello; as well as a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 12, at 1 p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Chapel in Monticello and were officiated by Rev. George Toney. Burial followed in Union Ridge Cemetery on Midway Route in Monticello.

Please be sure to sign Jason's guestbook at www. stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

#### **Maxine Knowles** Montgomery

Maxine Knowles Montgomery, 97, was born on October 15, 1924 and died on March 12, 2022. She was a resident of Little Rock, at the time of her death. She was born in Wilmar, to Jesse and Mamie Senn Knowles.

Upon graduation from Drew

Central High School, Maxine completed business courses at Arkansas A & M, now the University of Arkansas at Monticello, and worked at the Pine Bluff Arsenal during World War II. In 1943, she enrolled in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps at the Robert B. Green School of Nursing in

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in 1946 and worked for the following 18 years in hospitals in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Maryland. After working at the Health Center in Crossett, for several years, Maxine moved to Dallas, where she completed nurse anesthetist training at Baylor College of Medicine. Upon completion of her CRNA training, she worked at Warner Brown Hospital in El Dorado, where she met and married her husband, Stew-

art R. Montgomery, in 1960.

They briefly lived in Mem-

phis, before moving to Silver

Spring, Maryland and then to Ashton, Maryland where they resided for 45 years. Maxine and Stewart traveled extensively and instilled in their nieces and nephews a desire to broaden their horizons through travel. She enjoyed gardening, reading, sewing, had a strong interest in genealogy, and was active in the Ashton United Methodist Church where she and her husband were members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 52 years; four sisters, Virginia Brown, Marguerite Williams, Katie Willis, and Emogene Harris; and one brother, Pharris Knowles. She is survived by five nieces, Jessie Boast, Eulea Kiraly, Kathy Willis, Hope Jones, and Mollie Ward and two nephews, Max Willis and James Knowles and a host of great nieces and nephews.

A graveside service at the Sixteenth Cemetery near her birthplace will be held at a later date.

For online condolences, please visit FullerFunerals.

#### (Paid obituary) Kim Evat Franklin Burnett

Kim Evat Franklin Burnett, 56, of Monticello, passed at her home, Saturday, March 19. She was born November

18, 1965. Funeral Services will be Saturday, March 26, 2022 in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel at 3 p.m. Vistitation will be Friday, March 25, from 6 – 8 p.m. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

Visit www.stephensondearman.com for more information and to sign her online guestbook.

#### **Uriah Ray Trantham**

Uriah Ray Trantham passed away peacefully in his mother's arms on March 15, at White River Medical Center in Batesville. He was born at 7:11 p.m. weighing one pound and 2.8 ounces.

During the little time he was on earth, he touched many lives, he was loved by all who met him, and he will be greatly missed. Uriah is the son of Aaliyah Watson and Zachariah Trantham. He is the answer to their prayers and they waited with joyful expectations for his birth.

Uriah will be forever remembered and loved by his parents, Aaliyah and Zachariah; his grandparents, Latory Wason and Elijah Johnson, Peggy Trantham and Randall Trantham; his maternal aunt Alexus Neal and his paternal uncles Deuntay Ross, Ezra Trantham and Elijah Trantham.



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# Check Out These Super Stars for the Month of March!



Latika Abbott, N.A. is the winner of our Employee Choice Award. When employees were asked who they thought did an awesome job besides themselves, Latika's name came up numerous times. They said she works hard to get the job done and helps her fellow coworkers. She is a brand new nursing assistant that we had educated in our last C.N.A. class. She still needs to take her test and get certified but just from the job that she is doing we have no doubt





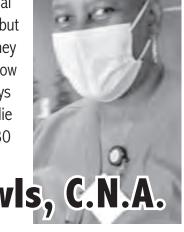


Christine Baggett, C.N.A. She is our Awesome Puzzle Piece winner for March. Staff and families put the names on a puzzle piece and state why that staff member is so awesome. A family member had stated that she was very, kind, caring, and helpful and that they appreciated her very much.



The residents decided that they wanted to give out an award every month to someone and this award is called the Resident Choice Award. They had several that they wanted to win but finally voted on Lillie. They stated that they loved how kind she is and is always willing to help them. Lillie has been a C.N.A. for 30







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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Drew County Historical Museum is back. Opened each Saturday from 10am till 4pm. Come on by and visit with us and see some of Monticello's treasures. We're located at 404 South Main Street. See you soon

Church Sale: Pentecostal Church of God in Christ 111 East Briarcliff Street in Monticello. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. has for sale: 4 good tires for a car 17inch, Two sets of camo sheets, 1 gallon of transmission fluid, 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

#### **Hope Place**

Hope Place in Monticello is in need of newborn and size 6 diapers. We are open to receive donations Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. TFN f

#### Fight Hunger

Hope Place of Monticello invites our community to drop off non-perishable food donations. We are open to receive donations Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday from 9:30am-4:30pm. Suggested items: Pasta, Peanut Butter, Rice, Beans, Soup, Canned Meats, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Mac&Cheese, Cereal, Juice and Boxed Meals. 224 South Main, Monticello. TFN

#### **Historical Preservation Funds Needed For Enon School**

Funds are needed for the maintenance of Enon's 2-room schoolhouse located at 2474 Highway 35E outside of Monticello. Any donation amount will be greatly appreciated to keep the legacy alive and well. For more information on how to help preserve Enon's schoolhouse or to make a donation contact, James Jarrett at 870-367-3765. TFN

CASA of the 10th Judicial District is seeking volunteer advocates and board members. To find out how you can help a child in need, please contact (870) 367-9449. TFN

Monticello 2nd Chancefurdogs is in need of supplies: Dog pens, kennels 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

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#### **FREE**

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#### **FURNITURE**

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#### **HELP WANTED**

The Calvary Baptist Church of Monticello is requesting resumes from those intrested in serving as Part-Time Worship Leader. Please send

See **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 10A

# Legals

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2022-4

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 **Third** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is March 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 Third Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget which is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

**ARTICLE 3.** The Third 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 **Third** 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 **Third** 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 ADOPTED: MARCH 14, 2022

APPROVED: /s/Robert Akin Robert Akin, Drew County Judge /s/Nancy White Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Joe Williams, Roger Harris

### ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

**ORDINANCE 2022-4** 

The Third Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated March 14, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-4

Drew County Historical Museum.

Decrease Unappropriated General Fund (1000) \$3,151.20 and increase the following line items:

1000.0116.3103 Grants-In-Aid \$3,151.20

**Reason for Appropriations** 

• To Donate Premium Pay Funds for Attorney Cliff Gibson to

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$107.80.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2022-7

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 Sixteenth Amendment to the 2021 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated March 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 2021 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 2021 and those appropriations are hereby made by reference to that Sixteenth Amendment to the 2021 Annual Budget which is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

ARTICLE 3. The Sixteenth Amendment to the 2021 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 **Sixteenth** Amendment to the 2021 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 **Sixteenth** Appropriation Amendment to the

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Monticello area: Web Manager Office Assistant

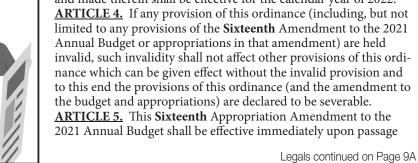
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870-367-5325 | mymonticellonews.net | Advance-Monticellonian by the quorum court and approval by the county judge. (See 2016  $\,$ ACCG §14-14-907 3(f)) ADOPTED: MARCH 14, 2022 APPROVED: 3-15-2022 /s/Robert Akin Robert Akin, Drew County Judge Attest: /s/Nancy White Nancy White, Drew County Clerk Sponsors: Steven Morrison, Carole Bulloch ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION **ORDINANCE 2022-7** Appropriation Ordinance 2022-7 The Sixteenth Amendment to the 2021 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated March 14, 2022 Decrease Unappropriated General Fund (1000) \$165,245.84 **INCREASE** TOTALS **COUNTY CLERK** \$2,251.95 1000.0101.1002 Salaries Part-time \$7.25 1000.0101.1009 Health Insurance Match \$2,244.70 \$2,157.26 COLLECTOR \$8.72 1000.0104.1005 Overtime & Other 1000.0104.1009 Health Insurance Match \$2,148.54 **COUNTY ASSESSOR** \$1,593.04 \$896.34 1000.0105.1008 Noncontrib retirement 1000.0105.1009 Health Insurance Match \$696.70 **QUORUM COURT** \$0.54 1000.0107.1001 Salaries Full-time \$0.54 **COUNTY ATTORNEY** \$725.50 1000.0117.1009 Health Insurance Match \$725.50 **COUNTY OFFICES** \$66,968.56 1000.0119.1013 Reimb. Library \$48.039.55 1000.0119.1014 Reimb. Public Facilities \$18,929.01 \$3,995.78 DREW COUNTY HEALTH DEPT 1000.0300.2020 \$3,995.78 **SHERIFF** \$62,442.50 1000.0400.1003 Extra Help \$1,320.00 1000.0400.1005 Holiday - Law Enfor. \$47,782.29 1000.0400.1006 Soc. Sec. Matching \$505.20 1000.0400.1009 Noncontrib retirement \$1,037.00 1000.0400.1010 Workman's Comp \$11,798.01 **CIRCUIT COURT** \$1,821.08 \$1.821.08 1000.0401.2001 General Supplies PROSECUTING ATTORNEY \$1,454.89 1000.0416.3100 Other Miscellaneous \$1,454.89 **PUBLIC DEFENDER** \$188.92 1000.0417.3100 Other Miscellaneous \$188.92 **CORONER** \$20,075.70 \$9,273.60 1000.0419.1002 Salaries Part-time 1000.0419.1006 Soc. Sec. Matching \$198.42 1000.0419.1009 Health Insurance Match \$10,587.68 1000.0419.1010 Workman's Comp \$16.00 **County Constable** \$44.00 1000.0420.1010 Workman's Comp \$44.00 \$1,433.53 VETERANS SERVICE 1000.0800.1002 Salaries Part-time \$1,100.24 1000.0800.1006 Soc. Sec. Matching \$84.16 1000.0800.3020 Telephone, Fax, Landline \$249.13 **EXTENSION OFFICE** \$92.59 1000.0801.3020 Telephone, Fax, Landline \$92.59 County General Total (1000) \$165,245.84 \$165,245.84 DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED COUNTY ROAD FUNDS (2000) \$3,103.60 INCREASE THE FOLLOWING: **COUNTY ROAD** \$3,103.60 \$3,103,60 2000.0200.1005 Overtime & Other DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED RECORDER'S COST FUNDS (3006) \$3,420.67 INCREASE THE FOLLOWING: CIRCUIT CLERK RECORDER'S COST \$3,420.67 3006.0102.1008 Noncontrib retirement \$518.67 3006.0102.1008 Health Insurance Match \$2,902.00 DECREASE UNAPPROPIATED COUNTY SANITATION FUND (3009) \$74.853.19 INCREASE THE FOLLOWING: SOLID WASTE \$4,400.14 3009.0700.1005 Overtime & Other \$4,400.14 **COUNTY SANITATION** \$70,453.05 3009.0701.1001 Salaries Full-time \$3,425.23 3009.0701.1006 Soc. Sec. Matching \$98.86 \$63.77 3009.0701.1008 Noncontrib retirement 3009.0701.1009 Health Insurance Match \$725.50 3009.0701.1010 Workman's comp \$9,048.00 3009.0701.3009 Other Professional Serv. \$57,091.69 DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED ACT 1188 \$5 JAIL FEE FUND (3017) \$23,953.11 INCREASE THE FOLLOWING: **DETENTION FACILITY** \$23,953.11 \$9,276.50 3017.0418.1002 Salaries Part-time \$9,795.72 3017.0418.1005 Overtime & Other 3017.0418.1006 Soc. Sec. Matching \$1,257.53 \$2,564.72 3017.0418.1008 Noncontrib retirement 3017.0418.1009 Health Insurance Match \$1,058.64 DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED PROSECUTING ATTOR-NEY FUND( 6402) \$8,786.70 INCREASE THE FOLLOWING: **PROSECUTING ATTORNEY** \$8,786.70 6402.0416.1009 Health Insurance Match \$8,786.70 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND (3046) Decrease American Rescue Plan Fund (3046) Increase the following Dept. and Line items: 3046.0102.1008 Noncontrib retirement 3046.0103.1006 Soc Sec Matching \$0.01 \$1.35 3046.0103.1008 Noncontrib retirement 3046.0105.1006 Soc Sec Matching \$0.01 \$130.00 3046.0105.1008 Noncontrib retirement 3046.0109.1008 Noncontrib retirement \$112.58 3046.0200.1001 Salaries Full Time \$0.03 3046.0200.1006 Soc Sec Matching \$0.01 3046.0500.1006 Soc Sec Matching \$0.01 3046.0501.1008 Noncontrib retirement \$97.39 3046.0700.1001 Salaries Full Time \$5,199.99 3046.0700.1006 Soc Sec Matching \$397.80 3046.0700.1008 Noncontrib retirement \$1,673.31 TOTAL \$7,742.49 FOR APPROVAL FROM QUORUM COURT Transfer from one fund to another or dept. Transfer From: Transfer To: Courthouse County Surveyor 1000.0108.1009 \$7,034.74 1000.0151.1009 \$7,034.74 \$7,034.74 TOTAL \$7,034.74 CIRCUIT CLERK 1000.0102.3020 \$1,668.48 3006.0102.3020 \$1,668.48 1000.0102.3021 \$300.00 3006.0102.3021 \$300.00 **TOTAL** \$1,968.48 \$1,968.48 COLLECTOR 1000.0104.1005 \$8.72 3001.0104.1005 \$8.72 3001.0104.1009 \$27.96 1000.0104.1009 \$27.96 TOTAL \$36.68 \$36.68 FOR APPROVAL FROM QUORUM COURT TRANSFER WITHIN FUNDS BETWEEN LINE ITEMS Supplies and Other Services Decrease Increase **County Judge** 1000.0100.2001 \$16.54 1000.0100.2024 \$16.54 1000.0100.3030 \$70.00 1000.0100.3007 \$70.00

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1000.0100.3103 \$3,494.59 <b>TOTAL</b> \$3,581.13	1000.0100.3020 1000.0100.3090	\$1,109.09 \$2,385.50 <b>\$3,581.13</b>
COUNTY CLERK 1000.0101.3009 \$3,080.69 1000.0101.3030 \$715.08 TOTAL \$3,795.77	1000.0101.2024 1000.0101.3020	\$3,080.69 \$715.08 <b>\$3,795.77</b>
COUNTY TREASURER 1000.0103.3030 \$297.88 TOTAL \$297.88 COLLECTOR	1000.0103.3020	\$297.88 <b>\$297.88</b>
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3014.0400.3060 \$177.11 <b>TOTALS</b> \$177.11 <b>COUNTYWIDE 911</b>	3014.0400.3100	\$177.11 <b>\$177.11</b>
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<b>TOTALS</b> \$36,478.23 <b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b> 3024.0417.2001 \$1,801.33	3020.0501.4004 3024.0417.2003	\$2,916.65 <b>\$36,478.23</b> \$1,801.33

3024.0417.3030 \$7,296.34 3024.0417.3020 \$7,210.38 3024.0417.3040 \$85.96 3024.0417.3070 \$3,157.80 3024.0417.3060 \$1,913.56 3024.0417.3102 \$1,244.24 **TOTALS** \$12,255.47 \$12,255.47

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$986.16.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-8**

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 **Sixth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget

for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December

13, 2021, and which amendment is dated March 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 Sixth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget which is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

**ARTICLE 3.** The **Sixth** 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 Sixth 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 **Sixth** 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: MARCH 14, 2022

> APPROVED: 3-15-2022 /s/Robert Akin Robert Akin, Drew County Judge /s/Nancy White Nancy White, Drew County Clerk Sponsors: Roger Harris, Steven Morrison

#### ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

#### ORDINANCE 2022-8

The Sixth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated March 14, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-8

Decrease Unappropriated ARPA Funds (1006) \$2,190,533.01 and increase the following line items: See attached Pages.

FISCAL YEAR 2022	=
	General to (1006) ARPA iff (0400)
	ropriation 2022-8
PERSONAL SERVICES	···
1001 Salaries, Full-Time	522,445.94
1002 Salaries, Part-Time	7,877.00
1003 Extra Help (Auxiliary) 1005 Overtime	0.00
1005 Overtime 1006 Social Security Matching	28,824.22 39,212.38
1008 Noncontrib. Retirement Cost	82,372.84
1009 Health Insurance Matching	134,352.60
1010 Workmen's Compensation	4,864.57
1011 Unemployment Compensation	5,038.52
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	824,988.07
SUPPLIES 2001 Comprel Symplica	6 572 40
2001 General Supplies 2002 Small Equipment	6,573.48 24,950.73
2006 Uniform Allowance	8,310.89
2007 Fuel, Oil and Lubricants	63,088.59
2008 Tires and Tube	8,193.95
2023 Repairs - Machine,	,
Equipment & Vehicles	27,852.42
2024 Courthouse Maintenance	500.00
TOTAL SUPPLIES	139,470.06
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES 3006 Medical, Dental	1
& Hospital/Drug Testing	1,995.00
3020 Telephone/Internet/Fax	15,768.11
3021 Postage	645.00
3030 Travel (.48 cents per mile)	2,466.74
3040 Advertising & Publications 3052 Fire & Extended Coverage	179.59
3052 Fire & Extended Coverage	10,072.07
3053 Fleet Liability	7,076.00
3090 Dues & Membership 3093 Misc. Law Enforcement	100.00
(Radio Operators)	100,897.97
3100 Other Miscellaneous	100,071.71
& Vehicle Tags	4,989.00
3102 Computer Software/Support	5,876.00
3120 Drug Buy Funds	2,000.00
3121 Auxiliary Support	2,500.00
3122 Special Projects	<b>500.00</b>
(Reward & Contacts) TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	500.00
AND CHARGES	155,065.48
CAPITAL OUTLAY	155,005.40
4005 Vehicles	70,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	70,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	1,189,523.61
FUND From (1000) County G	General To (1006) ARPA
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT Dete	ntion Facility (0418)
Budget Line Item Appropriate A	ropriation 2022-8
1001 Salaries, Full-Time	443,704.88
1005 O.T. & Other Premium Comp.	27,610.26
1006 Social Security Matching	33,877.48
1008 Noncontrib. Retirement Cost	70,588.27
	149,572.89
1009 Health Insurance Matching	
<ul><li>1009 Health Insurance Matching</li><li>1010 Workmen's Compensation</li></ul>	8,700.76
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2020 Travel ( 49 cents non mile	2 000 00	
3030 Travel (.48 cents per mile		
3052 Fire & Extended Coverag		
3060 Electricity	31,688.93	
3061 Gas	11,185.82	
3062 Water	2,744.51	
3063 Garbage Collection	585.00	
3100 Other Miscellaneous (BA	C) 1,500.00	
3102 Computer Software/		
Support/Service Contract	2,500.00	
3123 Ambulance Service	2,068.01	
3124 Car Wash Supplies	300.00	
TOTAL OTHER SERVICES		
AND CHARGES	90,866.85	
GRAND TOTAL	952,465.15	
FUND From (3014) Sh	neriff's Communication Fund To	
(1006) ARPA		
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT	Sheriff (0400)	
Budget Line Item	Appropriation 2022-8	
<u>SUPPLIES</u>		
2002 Small Equipment	3,000.00	
TOTAL SUPPLIES	3,000.00	
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES		
3060 Utilities- Electricity	350.00	
3100 Other Miscellaneous	170.00	
TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	-, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -	
AND CHARGES	520.00	
GRAND TOTAL	3,520.00	
	eriff's Communication Fund To	
(1006) ARPA		
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT	Detention Facility (0418)	
Budget Line Item	Appropriation 2022-8	
SUPPLIES	Appropriation 2022-6	
2002 Small Equipment	1,500.00	
TOTAL SUPPLIES	1,500.00	
GRAND TOTAL	1,500.00	
	t 1188 \$5.00 Fee (Jail) To (1006)	
ARPA	Detention Equility (0419)	
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT	Detention Facility (0418)	
Budget Line Item	Appropriation 2022-8	
PERSONAL SERVICES	( (05.25	
1002 Salaries, Part-Time	6,695.25	
1005 Overtime &	10.000.00	
Other Premium Compensation	10,000.00	

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$562.24.

2024 Maintenance and Service Contract 1,000.00

1,277.19 1.217.68

400.00

1,000.00

2,000.00

18,934.13

21,934.13

1,000.00

1,000.00

43,524.25

20,590.12

1006 Social Security Matching

1008 Noncontributory Retirement

TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES

4004 Machinery and Equpiment

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

2006 Clothing and Uniforms

2020 Building and Materials

**SUPPLIES** 

TOTAL SUPPLIES

**GRAND TOTAL** 

**CAPITAL OUTLAY** 

Workmen's Compensation

1011 Unemployment Compensation

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2022-9

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 **Seventh** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated March 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 Seventh Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget which is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

**ARTICLE 3.** The **Seventh** 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 **Seventh** 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 **Seventh** 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: MARCH 14, 2022

APPROVED: 3-15-2022 /s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

Attest:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk Sponsors: Roger Harris, Joe Williams

#### ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION **ORDINANCE 2022-9**

The Seventh Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated March 14, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-9

Transfer funds from Detention Facility (3017) Dept. (0418) in the amount of \$8,436.71 and transfer to County General (1000) Dept. (0418) and to the following line items:

3017.0418.1001 Salaries, Full-Time \$4,911.70 3017.0418.1005 Overtime & Other Premium \$766.97 3017.0418.1006 Social Security Matching \$799.56 3017.0418.1008 \$289.09 Noncontrib Retirement 3017.0418.1009 Health Insurance \$1,669.39 \$8,436.71 Total

**Reason for Appropriations** 

• Payroll taken from the wrong Fund

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$116.76.



#### **NOTICE OF SALE**

OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,110,000 MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT, DREW COUNTY, **ARKANSAS** 

#### REFUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION BONDS **DATED MAY 11, 2022**

Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. local time on April 5, 2022.

For the above bonds, which mature serially on February 1 of each of the years 2023 through 2052 inclusive. All bids must be on the Official Bid Form or through PARITY.

Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement, Official Notice of Sale and Official Bid Form may be obtained from Stephens Inc., 111 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, Telephone No. (501) 377-2474, the District's municipal advisor.

Ms. Sandra Lanehart Superintendent #103999 3/23/3/30

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, **ARKANSAS** PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHERRY L. PRYOR, DECEASED

NO.22PR-22-26

#### NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 1040 East Shelton, Monticello, AR 71655 Date of Death: July 18, 2021

An Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed on the 15th day of March, 2022. The estate to be collected contains real property, legally described as follows:

A part of Block 275 of the City of Monticello, Arkansas, commencing at the Southeast corner of said Block 275, run North 86'30' West along the section line between Sections 25 and 36, Township 12 South, Range 7 West, 146.74 feet; thence North 49°52'24" East, 58.72 feet along a fence to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 36°08'56" West, 98.95 feet along a fence to a fence; thence North 51°30' East 80.5 feet along a fence to the South right-of-way of Shelton Avenue; thence South 42°18'18" East along said right-ofway 96.50 feet to a fence; thence South 49°52'24" West 91.0 feet along said fence, back to the point of beginning, containing 0.19208 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. This notice first published on the 23rd day of March, 2022.

Jerry Wesley Pryor, Jr. Barton & Roper, PLLC P.O. Box 507 Monticello, AR 71657 (870) 367-6288

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#### 22PR-21-71

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY DIXON

WARE, DECEASED, JOHNNY WARE, ADMINISTRATOR

#### **NOTICE**

Last known address of decedent:

486 Meadowview Dr., Monticello AR, 71655. Date of Death: August 12, 2019.

Johnny Ware was appointed administrator of the estate of the above decedent on July 19, 2021.

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 foreyer barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. However, claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

This notice was first published on the 16th of March, 2022. Johnny Ware, Administrator Gibson Law Office

P.O. Box 510 Dermott, AR 71638

#### **NOTICE**

The City of Monticello is taking bids for work on the Old Historic Post Office aka MEDC Building at 211 W Gaines Street Monticello, Arkansas 71655. Please contact City Hall at (870) 367-4400 or MEDC Office at (870) 367-4410 for an opportunity to view the project. The following are specifications for this project.

Large Room

Fix sheetrock as needed Paint 2 coats on walls

East Exterior brick wall, repair plaster and paint

Remove counters

**Back Office** Fix window

Fix sheetrock and plaster walls as needed

Install Rubber Base Boards

Paint all walls, bricks stay as is, door and trim stay as is Halls

Fix sheetrock and paint wall

Fix base boards

Large Back Office

Fix sheetrock

Repair plaster on walls and ceilings

Paint walls and ceilings

The above numbers will be available for questions. Bids will be due Thursday March 31st at 2:00 p.m. Send bids to 203 W Gaines Monticello, AR 71655 ATTN: Vickie Norris. The city has the right to reject any and all bids.

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$50.40.

## **HELP WANTED**

**Director of Nursing** (5K Sign-on Bonus)

LPN/RN Charge Nurse (5K Sign-on Bonus)

CNA - All Shifts



1440 E. Church St., Warren 870-226-6766

#### NOTICE

The City of Monticello is taking bids for work on the one 10 ton, preferably two 5 ton HVAC units to service the Old Historic Post Office. Ventilation should be included. This unit(s) will service the occupied office spaces on the ground level of the structure.

The project can be viewed by calling (870) 3673076 or (870) 367-4400. Speak with MEDC or mayor's office. 203 E Gaines St., Monticello, AR 71655.

The City of Monticello will be opening sealed bids at 2:00 p.m. on March 31st at 205 E Gaines St. Monticello, AR and reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$32.48.

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

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resumes to:calvarymonticello@att. net or P.O. Box 419 Monticello, AR 71657 4pd 4/9

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

For Sale 2 hospital beds, walker, wheelchair, potty chair and a nebulizer call 870-226-2191 or 870-723-7432 4pd 4/2

For Sale log truck tires call 870-723-

8093 4pd 4/2

Mr. Johnny is buying precious metals. Gold, Silver, Copper etc. 421 Ambrose Street M-F 8am to 4:30 pm call 870-308-1025 4pd 4/2

Call the Federal Trade Commission to find out how to avoid scams. 1-877-FTC-HELP. Never give any personal or financial information to unfamiliar websites without researching those sites. Even those sites listed in classified ads here. A message from The Advance Monticellonian and

See **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 11A

#### JOB OPPORTUNITY IN SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS.

Delta Family Center, a psychiatric residential treatment center for adolescents, is looking for qualified individuals to work as a

 LPN OR RN - DAY SHIFT **EHAVIOR COACH** •

Qualifications: Must be 21 years of age, pass state police and child maltreatment background checks, and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications may be obtained at: 815 East St. Louis St. • 870-853-4224 • Hamburg, AR

Equal opportunity employer.

#### **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

#### **SENIOR ACCOUNTANT**

Bachelor of Science in Accounting, expert knowledge of accounting functions, 3-5 years experience preferred, proficiency in Microsoft applications including Excel, Word, Office 365, Teams. Competitive salary, great company. Call Patsy or email resume to patsy.reynolds@expresspros.com

#### **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. Call Patsy or email your resume to: patsy.reynolds@expresspros.com.

#### **EXPRESS IS LOOKING FOR** QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

• Material/Production Planner • Sales Director Great pay. Temp to hire. Interested/qualified candidates can contact Patsy at Express (870) 535-3330 or email a resume to: patsy.reynolds@expresspros.com

WELDERS: Qualified/Certified Welders needed. Must pass a visual welding test.

#### 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.

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## Billies head into Spring Break with 4-2 win over Camden Fairview

By: JEFF Young

Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies improved their overall record to 6-2 and their record in the 8-4A to 3-1 with wins on the road at DeWitt and at home against Camden Fairview.

Travelling to DeWitt, the Billies opened the contest with a single by Doerian Allen. Brenden

Brown would fly out in the next starting nod for the Billies and inning forcing two ground outs would score to give the Billies a 2-0 lead.

RJ Blackmon would get the



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BROOKS BOWMAN steps on first base for an out against Camden Fairview

at bat followed by a single by Cade Pigott that scored Allen to give the Billies a 1-0 lead. Tucker Breedlove would single with the Dragons getting out of the for outs two and three, but Pigott

would start the contest with a walk and a single.

A double would drive in the first Dragon run followed by a single that scored two more runs.

Blackmon struck out the next batter followed by a single that scored a Dragon run to give De-Witt a 4-2 lead.

Blackmon would begin the top of the second inning drawing a walk and would be replaced on the bases by courtesy runner Evan Bealer.

John Michael Efird advanced to first, being hit by a pitch. Kaleb Romero advanced the runners on a sacrifice bunt for the first out of the inning.

Allen singled to score Bealer followed by a single Brown to score Efird to tie the contest at

Pigott and Tucker Breedlove were hit by pitches to score Allen followed by a walk to John Frost to score Brown.

Brooks Harvey would bunt to advance courtesy runner Nathan Palmer home. Pigott would also score on the play to give the Billies an 8-4 lead.

Monticello added two more runs in the inning after Romero was hit by a pitch to score Frost and Harvey scored on a wild

A better inning for Blackmon in the bottom of the second inning allowing only one hit in the inning.

Brenden Brown led off the top of the third inning with a single. Pigott reached first on an error that allowed Brown to advance to third. Breedlove popped out and Brown was picked off at third with Pigott advancing to second.

Harvey drew a walk with Blackmon hitting a single that scored Wade Pennington and Pigott. The Billies would get one more run in the inning after Harvey scored on an error to give the Billies a 13-4 lead.

Monticello would go on to win the contest 14-9.

Returning home to face Caden Fairview, the Cardinals would score one in the first inning after two singles and an error.

Doerian Allen would hit a double to center to start the bottom of the first but would be thrown out at second after slipping in the dirt and trying to return to the base.

Brenden Brown drew a walk, but Camden would end the inning after Pigott hit into a double play.

The score remained 1-0 until the bottom of the third inning when Kaleb Romero reached first on an error. Allen would strikeout for the first out of the inning followed by a walk to Brown. Pigott would double to score Romero. Breedlove reached on an error that also allowed Pigott and Brown to score to give the Billies a 3-1 lead.

Evan Bealer would replace Breedlove as a courtesy runner and would score on a ground ball by Wade Pennington for a 4-1 lead.

Camden would add a run in



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KALEB ROMERO safely returns to first base on a pickoff attempt by the Camden Fairview pitcher.

the top of the sixth inning, but in the Sylvan Hills Tournament. Monticello would hold the Cardinals to those two runs, taking the contest 4-2.

As a team, the Billies were 5 for 21 from the plate scoring four runs, walking four times, and striking out seven.

The Billies will return to action on Thursday, March 24, travelling to Sylvan Hills to participate return to conference play.

The Billies will face Sylvan Hills at 12pm followed by a 2pm contest against Lake Hamilton.

The Billies will face Little Rock Christian Friday, March 25, taking the field at 2:30pm.

Monticello will return home to face the Hamburg Lions on Tuesday, March 29, at 5pm to







CADE PIGOTT (left) scores a hit against Camden Fairview on Friday night. Pigott was 1 for 4 against DeWitt and 1 for 4 against Camden. TUCKER BREEDLOVE (center) touches gloves with his infield and catcher before the first pitch in Friday's game against Camden. BROOKS HARVEY (right) throws to first for an out on Friday night. Harvey was scored two runs Thursday night against DeWitt.

## Camden Fairview shuts out Lady Billies 4-0 for first conference loss

By: JEFF Young

Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Lady Billies could not get their offense going on Thursday, March 17, as the Lady Cardinals defeated Monticello 4-0 in seven innings.

Camden got on the board in the top of the first inning.

Camden led off with the leadoff batter reaching first on an error.

Monticello would get the first out of the inning on the next at bat, throwing the runner out at second on a sacrifice bunt to third baseman Anna Morgan.

McLauren McGregor got the next batter to strike out but gave up a single that scored the only run of the inning on the next at

Camden made short work of the Lady Billies in the bottom half of the inning, striking out the side to put Monticello back on defense.

After allowing the leadoff batter to reach on an error, McGregor would get the next out on a fielder's choice followed by two consecutive strikeouts.

For the second inning in a row, Camden Fairview would sit the Lady Billies down in order, striking out the side.

After giving up a leadoff single, McGregor would get a ground out followed by a strike out and a ground out top close the inning.

The Lady Billies would get some base runners in the bottom of the third inning but could not produce any runs as Kate Morgan would single and Skylar Burns would reach on a walk before the close of the inning.

Camden would increase their lead in the top of the fourth inning on a two-run home run that would give the Lady Cardinals a 3-0 lead.

Monticello would lead off with a strikeout followed by Audrey Howard reaching first after being hit by a pitch, but the inning would end after a fly out and a Fielder's Choice.

Camden would record two singles in the top of the fifth, but Monticello held the runners from reaching home.

Starting with two strikeouts, Kate Morgan would reach first on an error. Camden got the final out of the inning on the third strike out of the inning.

Camden scored the final run of the contest in the top of the sixth inning on a single to increase the lead to 4-0.

Monticello recorded two hits in the contest going 2 for 24 on one walk and 14 strikeouts.

The Lady Billies will return to the field against Hamburg on Tuesday, March 29, with a 5pm first pitch.





ALAINA LYLE (right) and KATE MORGAN (left) recorded the only hits for the Lady Billies on Thursday night against Conference leading Camden Fairview Lyle finished the contest going 1 for 3 and Morgan finished 1 for 2.

## Drew Central Pirates' comeback falls short against Rison 12-9



AIDEN JONES came in as relief to Jase Watt in Thursday's contest at home against Rison. Jones would allow four hits in 4.2 innings, strikingout five without recording a walk.

By: JEFF Young Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Pirates would lose two consecutive conference contests before securing a win over Dumas before Spring Break to even their conference record to 2-2.

Traveling to Camden on Tuesday, March 15, the Pirates would get a single to start the game by Nate Cooper but would be out at second on a bunt by Aiden Jones. Drew Burton would walk with Taylor Barnard striking out. Jones would end the inning being thrown out at home plate.

The Pirates scored first in the top of the second after a double by Jase Watt and a single by Matt Barnard for a 1-0 lead.

Camden scored their runs in the bottom of the second with three runs followed by five runs in the bottom of the third with the Pirates scoring their final run in the top of the fourth to fall

Drew Central returned home to face Rison on Thursday, March 17.

Rison scored five runs in the first two innings, but Drew Central would cut the lead to 5-1 after Matt Barnard would score on a wild pitch.

Rison came back to add five runs for a 10-1 lead in the top of the third inning and would increase the lead to 12-1 in the top of the fifth inning.

With the contest in jeopardy of the sportsmanship rule, Drew Central would battle back in the bottom of the fifth inning scoring six runs in the inning to cut the lead to 12-7.

The Pirates got two more runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, but it would not be enough as Rison would record the 12-9

Returning to face Dumas on Friday night, the Bobcats would get out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Drew Central came back in the bottom half of the inning, scoring nine runs in the inning to take a 9-3 lead.

The Pirates increased the lead to 11-3 in the bottom of the second inning after runs by Will Watson and Jacob Jones.

Dumas scored their final run of the contest in the top of the third inning to cut the lead to 11-4 before the Pirates went on to score 10 runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a 21-4 victory under the 15-run after four innings of play sportsmanship rule.

The Pirates as a team went 11 for 19 from the plate with 21 runs scored, 15 RBI, walking 11 times, and striking out only one time.

Drew Burton pitched the complete game and was credited with the win.

The Pirates will return to the road on Tuesday, March 29, traveling to McGehee.



WILL WATSON would single to keep the Pirate comeback alive in Thursday's contest against Rison. Watson would finish the contest 1 for 4 with a

## Lady Pirates lose at Harmony Grove 6-5 and to Rison 12-1 in conference play

BY: JEFF YOUNG

Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Lady Pirates have lost two consecutive conference contests before the team broke for Spring Break, with a 6-5 loss at Camden Harmony Grove and a 12-1 loss at home to the Rison Wildcats.

Traveling to Camden to face the Lady Hornets on Tuesday, March 15, the Lady Pirates stranded two base runners in the top if the first inning after beginning the inning with two outs followed by two singles by Gracie Connard and Mallory Jackson before recording runs in the bottom half of the the third out of the inning on a inning to take a 4-0 lead. ground out by Caden Lane

Jackson hit the next batter and out in the next at bat.

came back to record a strike out and a ground out to get out of the inning.

Camden shut the Lady Pirates down in the top of the inning with three consecutive strikeouts.

Camden got a leadoff single before recording the first out of the inning. After two walks to load the bases, the Lady Pirates were able to get the Lady Hornets out on two ground balls to end the inning.

Another three up, three down inning for the Lady Pirates in the top of the third inning with Camden scoring four

Connard would lead off Mallory Jackson got the first top of the fourth inning with Camden batter to line out, but a single with Jackson striking

Connard after Connard advanced the bases on a passed ball and an error.

Lane would reach second on a passed ball with Emma McCrae reaching first on a dropped third strike.

After a strikeout by Aalanah Jones, Ali Jo Cruce would double to score Lane and McCrae to cut the Camden lead to 4-3. Kennedee Love would ground out to end the inning.

Connard would come in to relieve Jackson in the circle, getting the first two batters out before allowing a walk followed by a strikeout to end the inning.

of the fifth with a solo homerun to tie the contest 4-4. Bailey Chapman would single, but the

Caden Lane singled to score homerun would be the only run second base as per the rules home and Connard would be of the inning.

> Another solid inning for Connard in the bottom of the inning, only allowing a walk.

> Drew Central took the lead in the top of the sixth inning after three singles by McCrae, Jones, and Cruce that scored Jones for the 5-4 lead.

Camden tied the bottom half of the inning with a single.

Chapman led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a single, but Camden would get the next three batters out to end the inning.

Connard shut down the Camden batters in the bottom send the contest into extra innings tied 5-5.

In the top of the eighth, Caden Lane would be placed on

in case of a tie, but the Lady Pirates would ground out and strike out to end the inning.

Camden's Aria Nipp would single to score the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Lady Hornets a 6-5 win.

Returning home to face the Rison Wildcats, Rison would score four runs in the top of the first inning to jump out to an early lead.

Gracie Connard would be the only Lady Pirates batter to reach base in the bottom of the inning with a single.

Drew Central would get on of the inning in three batters to the board in the bottom of the third inning after Connard would score Zoe Johnson on play on Tuesday, March 29. a line ball to left field. Bailey Chapman would be out at set for 4:30pm.

out at third to end the inning.

Rison would go on to score runs in the fourth and sixth innings to take the 12-1 win.

The Lady Pirates were 6 for 23 in the contest with one run, one RBI, one walk, and four strikeouts. Emma McCrae was recorded as the losing pitcher.

With the loss, the Lady Pirates fall to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in 8-3A Conference play.

The Lady Pirates will return after Spring Break, traveling to Crossett on Monday, March 28, for a 4:30pm first pitch followed by a road contest at McGehee to resume conference

The contest at McGehee is







GRACIE CONNARD (left) pitched 4.1 innings at Camden and one inning against Rison. Connard was went 2 for 4 and 2 for 3 from the plate in the two contest. CADEN LANE (center) went 1 for 3 against Rison and was 1 for 4 in the Lady Pirates contest at Harmony Grove. ZOE JOHNSON (right) went 1 for 4 with a run and an RBI, hitting a homerun, against Camden Harmony Grove on Tuesday night. Johnson was also 1 for 3 with a run scored against Rison on

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## Blossoms get series win over Southeastern Oklahoma State

BY: JEFF YOUNG

Advance Correspondent

The UAM Blossoms lost their first conference series of the season to Arkansas Tech over the course of delayed starts due to weather, dropping two of three contests followed by two loses on the road at Delta State to return home to take a three-Oklahoma State University to

improve their overall record to 14-15 and their Great American Conference record to 9-5. The Blossoms currently sit in a thirdplace tie with Arkansas Tech and Southeastern for third place in the conference standings.

Southern Arkansas is currently at the top of the conference with Harding University second. The Blossoms will face Harding game series from Southeastern for a three-game series beginning April 1.



GRACE NEAL went 1 for 3 in the first game of the Blossoms' series against Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Neal's only hit in the contest was a solo home run to cut the lead to 2-1.

Sam Stephens got the nod as the starting pitcher for the opening game of the series against Southeastern on Friday, March

Southeastern would score first in the top of the third inning on a sacrifice to center field.

Southeastern took a 2-0 lead in the top of the sixth inning on a single to left, but the Blossoms came back to cut the lead to 2-1 after a solo home run by Grace Neal in the bottom half of the inning.

Down 2-1 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, UAM would tie the contest after a double by Madison Morrissey to right center scored Maddie Chalenburg.

Hannah Holbrook would secure the contest for the Blossoms on a single to left field that scored Emily Cecil for the 3-2 victory.

Morrissey led the Blossoms going 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Grace Neal was 1 for 3 with the solo home run.

Morrissey, Haley Cornell, and Averie Gunther each recorded a

Gunther came in for relief in the pitcher's circle and was credited with the win, improving to 2-1 on the season.

Returning Saturday, March 19, the Blossoms could not get their offense going as Southeastern would take game one of the double-header 2-0.

Southeastern scored runs top of the second and sixth innings for the win.

As a team, the Blossoms were 4 for 26 with 4 strikeouts while leaving six runners on base.

In the second half of the scheduled double-header, the Blossoms would find themselves trailing 1-0 after the top of the first inning.

Gunther would tie the contest 1-1 in the bottom of the third inning after a solo home run by Averie Gunther.

Neither team could get a run across the plate until the bottom of the seventh inning when Alexis Pevehouse connected on a walk-off solo shot to left center for the 2-1 victory.

Pevehouse was 1 for 1 with the walk-off homerun.

Averie Gunther finished the day 1 for 2 with a home run. Hannah Holbrook and Haley Cornell finished 1 for 3.

Gunther was credited with the win improving to 3-1 on the sea-

The Blossoms will travel to Ada, Oklahoma for a three-game series with East Central University with the first game of the series beginning on Friday, March 25, at 2pm followed by the second game of the double-header set to begin at 4pm and will conclude Saturday with a 12pm start for the third game of the



SAM STEPHENS got the start to begin the series against Southeastern. Stephens pitched five innings, allowing one run on seven hits and one walk.

## Weevils win five of last seven contests to improve to 10-13 on season

BY: JEFF YOUNG

Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Weevils have improved their record this season to 10-13, 6-9 in the Great American Conference after winning five of their last seven contests including a conference win over Southern Arkansas and a series win at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

UAM's first win came in the runs in the bottom of the fifth

second game of their series with Arkansas Tech after dropping the first game of the series 8-4.

The Weevils were able to bounce back in the second game of the series with an 11-4 win behind Mason Philley's six innings from the mound and a 3 for 5 day by Cade Thompson including a homerun.

Arkansas Tech would take the series in game three with a 4-2 win after scoring the go ahead inning after the Weevils had tied the contest at two in the top half of the inning.

On the road for a single contest against Southern Arkansas, the Muleriders took a 2-0 lead after two innings of play, but the Weevils came back in the top of the third inning to score six runs Jordan Johnson hit a Grand Slam to give the Weevils a 4-2 lead followed by scores by Reece Reading and Grant Shepherd to increase the Weevil lead to 6-2.

UAM added four runs in the top of the fourth and three in the top of the fifth before taking a 19-

oad stand in Durant, Oklahoma facing Southeastern Oklahoma State University, the Savage Storm took the opening game of the series after scoring four runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to take a 5-4 win.

UAM came back in the second game of the series in the first game of a double-header on Sat-

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urday, March 19, to take a 12-7

Hudson Hopkins got the Weevils on the board in the second on a three-run homerun and a sacrifice fly by Chase Cripps that scored Nick Fakouri.

UAM would add a run in the top of the top of the third, but Southeastern cut the lead to 5-3 after scoring three runs in the bottom of the third.

UAM would add runs in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth innings before giving up two runs in the bottom of the eighth and ninth innings to take a 12-7 win.

UAM would close out the Continuing their eight-game three-game series in the second half of the double-header on Saturday with a 9-2 victory.

Southeastern took a 1-0 lead after one inning, but a Jordan Johnson home run gave UAM a 2-1 lead in the top of the third with Southeastern tying the game 2-2 in the bottom of the fifth.

UAM would add seven runs in the top of the eighth inning,

highlighted by a Cade Thompson Grand Slam to seal the series win for the Weevils.

Returning to Weevil Field on Monday for a non-conference contest against Mississippi Col-

Mississippi would break the o-o stalemate in the top of the fourth inning on a single that scored a run for a 1-0 lead.

UAM gained the lead in the bottom half of the inning on a Jayln Williams double that scored Hudson Hopkins and Grant Shepherd.

UAM added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning on a Reece Reading single and a score by Jordan Johnson on an error to increase the lead to 4-1.

The Weevils added to the lead in the bottom of the sixth inning after scores by DeShaun Cordova, Cade Thompson, Chase Cripps, and Jordan Johnson to give the Weevils an 8-1 lead.

Mississippi College was able to pull within a run in the top of the seventh inning after the Weevils allowed seven runs to be scored to make the score 8-7.

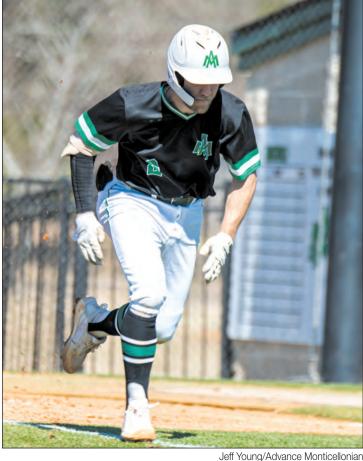
UAM put the contest away in the bottom half of the seventh after a single by Cripps allowed Williams to score.

A Cade Thompson home run to right field scored Cripps and Cordova on the three-run shot, and Johnson would score on a wild pitch later in the inning to set up the final score of 13-7.

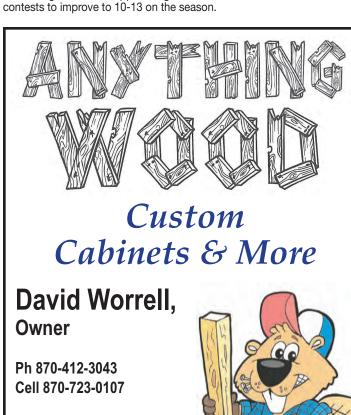
The Weevils will return to Weevils Field on Friday, March 25, to begin a three-game series against Harding University.

Friday's game is scheduled to have the first pitch at 2pm followed by a double-header on Saturday, March 26, with the first game beginning at 12pm followed by the second contest at 2pm.

The Weevils will travel to Jackson, Tennessee on Tuesday, March 29, to face Union University with a 3pm start time sched-



CADE THOMPSON went 3 for 4 with a homerun and 3 RBI in Monday's contest against Mississippi College. UAM has won five of their last seven



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## Black History Month parade goes on despite weather

Originally scheduled for the end of February, the Drew County NAACP Chapter held the first Black History parade in Monticello on Saturday, March 19. Winter weather prevented the parade from happening at the originally scheduled time.

A very active group on social media, the local youth chapter of the NAACP organized this parade and saw it through to the end.

Cars lined up on Main Street beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday with the parade beginning at 2 p.m.

Monticello Police Department and Fire Department led the parade and they were followed by local church organizations, pageant queens, motorcycle clubs and ATV's.

To stay updated on the most recent happenings of the Drew County NAACP Youth #67, follow them on facebook.























Here are some fun activities for our youngest readers to enjoy!

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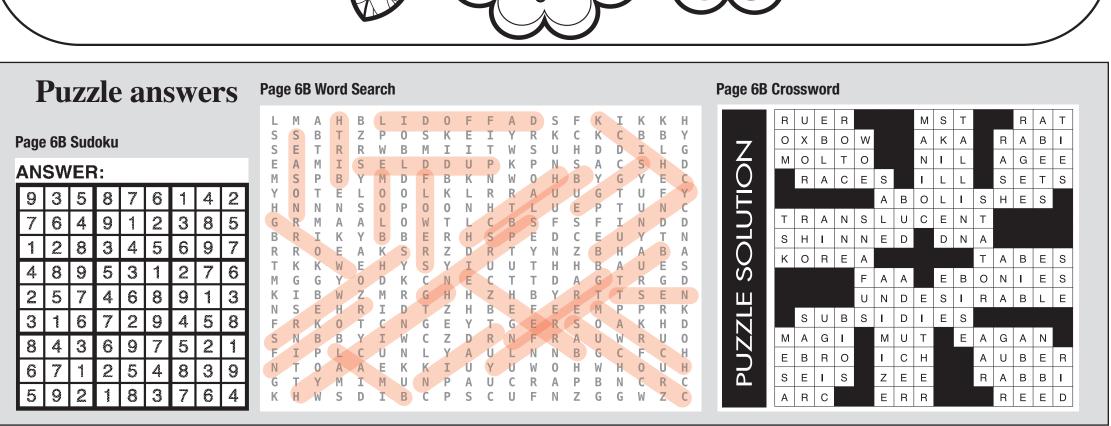
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#### Recipe: Spice-up grilled pork for dinner tonight

Those looking to eat healthier should not just consider the ingredients they choose but the cooking methods. Grilling food is a smart choice for keeping calories down and limiting saturated fats. Grilling can take place outdoors or on a cast-iron grilling pan right on the stovetop.

Even though people may think of chicken or burgers as foods for grilling, don't overlook lean pork as well. This recipe for "Fiery Grilled Pork Tenderloin" from "Cooking Light Fresh Food Superfast" (Oxmoor House) by the Cooking Light Editors, gives a double shot of peppery



punch. Serve it with any grilled vegetable of choice, such as squash, zucchini or eggplant.

#### Fiery Grilled Pork Tenderloin Yield: 4 servings

- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 11/2 tablespoons ground black and red pepper blend (such as Mc-Cormick Hot Shot!)
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Cooking spray

#### **Directions:**

Preheat grill.

Pat pork dry with paper towels. Rub oil over pork.

Combine pepper blend and next three ingredients; rub over pork. lace pork on grill rack coated with cooking spray. Grill 20 minutes or until a thermometer registers 160 F (slightly pink), turning once. Remove pork from grill; let stand 5 minutes. Cut pork diagonally into 1/2-inch slices. Serving size is 3 ounces.

## Guess Who?

I am a comedienne born in New York on March 21, 1962. In high school, I was homecoming and prom queen. I had a successful comedy career before becoming a film actress and television talk show host.

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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to spring.

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Solve the code to discover words related to spring.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 26 = L)

A. 12 11 16 5 24 22

Clue: One of the seasons

B. 25 5 26 2

Clue: Not severe

C. 10 26 18 1 14 16

Clue: Part of a plant

D. 21 26 18 18 25 5 24 22

Clue: State of flowering

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By: Melissa Cason reporter@monticellonews.net

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The Lawrences have one key business philosophy: treat customers the way they would want to be treated.

It may seem like a simple idea, but it's one that has brought the company success over the last 20 years.

Bill attributes some of that success to having quality technicians who value their customers.

When it comes to giving others advice about how to run a successful business, the Lawrences advise business owners to "be very frugal, work long hours, be honest and save for a rainy day."

These are qualities that have served them well over the last two decades.

Delta Pest Control specializes in residential and commercial pest control.

"Delta gives you quality service at a reasonable price," Bill said. "We value our customers."

Delta Pest Control is located at 302 Owl Street in McGehee.



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**DELTA PEST CONTROL** BJ Knowles, formerly of Save A Lot, is pictured above with his wife Robin in front of a Delta Pest Control truck. BJ is the head technician/salesperson and has been with Delta Pest Control for a number of years.

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#### BARKADA **JANA WRIGHT**

What a beautiful weekend we had! I took advantage and did some outside work. I can sure tell that I am not as young as I used to be.

Shawn and I attended visitation for Tom Wooten last week. It is obvious that Tom touched many lives. So many people came to honor him and his family. He really was an awesome guy! Continued prayers for all!

Mrs. Mary Lasiter's niece Donna Savage, great nephew Joshua and 5 week old great nephew Jaxson McGlaughlin came over and watched the ballgame with her Saturday. She sure enjoyed their

Amanda Calhoun's farm is growing. She now has some baby goats, rabbits, and new baby chickens to add to her

Congratulations to Addi Stafford on making the Monticello Billies Cheer team and for getting the State silver medal champion on floor in gymnastics. Great job!

Sheena Tucker also took advantage of the nice weather. She worked on her flower beds and as a bonus got to spend time with her grandchildren. She said they rode side by sides and grilled burgers after the flower beds.

Aunt Vivian Brewster moved to Grand Manor. I hear it's a really great place to live.

Eric and Jed Wright and Lauren Crutchfield came out and did some fishing Sunday. Unfortunately, they did not catch any fish.

**Aunt Margaret Martin** and her daughter, Lesa Winslow, celebrated Aunt Margaret's birthday with a meal at Red Oak Steakhouse and then a little gambling time at Saracen Casino. They

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had a great time!

I am glad that Nena Thomas is doing better. She had a short stay in the hospital. I know she is glad to be home.

Happy anniversary to Richard and Kimbraly Barnes. I wish you many more years of happiness.

I was sorry to hear about the sudden passing of Tammy Adair. My thoughts and prayers are with her fami-

Happy birthday to Veronica Baker, Madison Kelley, Becca Tooke, Gary Gavin, Brenda Burns, Rhonda Fisher, Meggan Oxner, Kanyon Calhoun, Anne-Taylor Beasley, Charlie Avery, Mrs. Virginia Ulrich, Kelli Montgomery, Labon Hood, and Melissa, Sawyer. I hope you all have or had happy birthdays.

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#### **GREEN HILL WANDA PACE**

Greenhill Community Baptist Church enjoyed a wonderful Sunday morning service. Bro Caleb's message was titled "I'm Just Asking For Crumbs" from Mark 7:24-30. There were 18 kids in the Children's Church and a large group for the worship service. If you're looking for a church to visit please join us for worship service on Sunday morning from 10:30am to 11:30am.

The church hosted a baby shower for Tom, Skylar, and baby Maverick. They received a lot of wonderful gifts and were very thankful for the shower of love.

There will be a wedding shower for William and Conssa at the church on Sunday afternoon April 3, 2022.

Happy Birthday wishes

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#### Do you have any community tidbits?

The Advance-Monticellonian is actively seeking other community reports to join the seven you read on a weekly basis. If you live in a community not represented on this page (and we know there are several around Monticello)—and you want to write about your particular area of the world, contact us at 870-367-5325, via email at editor@monticellonews.net, by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 486, Monticello 71657 or just drop by the office during business hours on either Thursdays or Fridays. Let's discuss your participation in our newspaper.

go out to Allie Hawkins, Jo Ann Williams and Laci Barnett-Bratton. I hope you enjoyed a blessed birthday.

Cindy Mckinstry of Little Rock stopped at her country home on the way back from visiting friends in Baton Rouge, LA to celebrate her 60th birthday. A great time was had by all, along with some tasty Cajun seafood being eaten. She went out to eat with her stepmom Liz Mckinstry of Banks, AR on Tuesday afternoon. She visited with her uncle Jimmy Cockrell on Tuesday. Cindya also visited with her good friend Tammy Knobloch on-Thursday morning before she left to return to Little Rock.

The previous weekend she attended the singing convention, visited with her aunt Shirley Burks, and went out to eat with her stepmom Liz.

Market in the Park will have a pop up market on Saturday, April 30th from 8am to 11am at the Monticello Coffee Company parking lot. There are a few Greenhill

residents that participate in the market every year. They sell home grown produce, jewelry, arts/crafts, etc. Please stop and support the local vendors.

I enjoyed a wonderful visit with Aunt May at her home in Greenhill on Saturday afternoon. I am proud to report she is doing well.

Welcome Spring!! I am looking forward to the warmer weather, blooming flowers, and fresh garden produce.

Verse of the week: "You show me the path of life. In Your presence there is fullness of joy; in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:11.

Have a safe and blessed week.

#### JORDAN PARK TRILISA MARSHALL

My heart is so saddened in the passing of my Aunt Eupharzine Clifton. She was the sweetest person you ever wanted to know and loved my

Uncle James Clifton, loved to cook, and put up and can vegetables they grew in the garden. Her funeral arrangements were not ready at the time of writing. Please keep our family in your prayers at this time. Uncle James, love you and I know this is a very hard moment for you losing a son, James Pete Clifton, and right after that a brother who was my father Agrone Clifton, and now your wife. My heart goes out to you, Uncle James Clifton, and to all our families. May God comfort and strengthen us all and much love and prayers to Uncle James Clifton and all the family.

My heart is also saddened because Jordan Park Community has lost another beautiful, sweet, loving person, Kim Franklin Burnett. She was a very good friend of mine and every time you saw her in the store or in the community, she always had a beautiful smile on her face and always was a beautiful, sweet, kind person and would help you any way she could. My prayers and condolences go out to the family and may God comfort and strengthen each one of you. Family and friends, much love and prayers to you all. Kim will truly be missed.

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also injured and one person that died. My heart and prayers go out to the victims that were injured, and the children that were injured, praying for complete healing, and prayers to the families that lost a loved one.

Happy birthday shout out this week goes to: Dorothy Jordan, March 22; Harrison Marshall, Jeremiah Gallentine, and Chris Smith, March 25; Latrice Foster, Tyrone Grays, and Cora Phillips, March 27.

Congratulations to the Drew County NAACP Youth Chapter 67AJ-B and president Kamauri Trotter for a beautiful Black History Parade honoring Barbara Gathen, Honorarium Grand Marshal, that was held Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 2 p.m. and line up was at First Baptist Church on Main Street in Monticello. The theme was: "We must never forget that Black History is American History". And also congratulations to Corporal Lagarian Cross as the Drew County Officer of the Year.

Our Sunday School lesson was on: "The Wedding of Cana" coming from John 2:1-12 (KJV). Jesus always gives the best to us. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr's message was on: "Spiritual Renewal" coming from Ephesians 4:22-24 (KJV). We must let Christ the spirit renew our thoughts and

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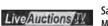
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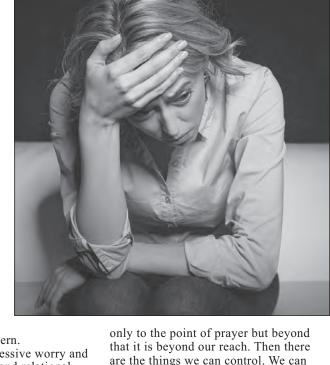
# DEVOTIONAL

#### Do not worry!

We live in a time and place where there is no shortage for things to worry about. Especially over the past two years. From a global toilet paper shortage to historic gas prices, there have been plenty of reasons for lack of sleep. Reported cases of depression and anxiety have sky rocketed during this time. It doesn't take a psychiatrist to see the connection. No one is immune from the natural feeling of worry. Life is by nature uncertain so the human response to the unknown is fear and worry. Even the most faithful followers of Jesus will be prone to times of doubt and concern.

Yet we know that excessive worry and stress will cause health and relational problems. We can become consumed by the things in life that we have no control over and worry becomes overwhelming. So what is the believer supposed to do about it? What does Jesus say about worry? You might be surprised by His answer. He said, "Don't". In Matthew 6:25 Jesus said, "Don't worry about your life..." He would go on to tell us not to worry about what we'll eat or drink, what we'll wear. That if the birds and animals of the earth are able to survive every day without worry, then we can too.

There are things beyond our control. The economy, foreign wars, politics. Though we should be concerned but



are the things we can control. We can go to work, go to school, be involved in church, we can do the things we are called to do and need to do. Then, God will take care of the rest. In fact Jesus finished the chapter with these two powerful verses. We would do well to follow his Words. Matthew 6:33-34 (NLT) 33 Seek the Kingdom of God[a] above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. 34 So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

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attitudes. And our Tuesday Bible Study lesson was on: "Seeking the Presence of God" coming from Psalm 16:11; 68:8; 95:1-7, Isaiah 55:6; Jeremiah 29:12; Hebrews 9:24; and James 4:8 (KJV). In God's presence there is fullness of joy. God's presence is so good and so great that it is impossible for us to keep it to ourselves. We feel compelled to tell somebody.

Our scripture of the week is: Ephesians 4:31-32 (KJV). "Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving of one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you".

Everyone have a blessed, safe, and warm rest of the week. So many are leaving these earthly worlds, so let's show and give love to our loved ones that are still here on earth. In John 13:34 (KJV), Christ tells us to, "Anew commandment I give unto you, that ve love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another". Please keep my Uncle James Clifton and our family in your prayers, as well as Kim Franklin Burnett's family, friends, and loved ones. Much love and blessings to all. Blessings!

#### LACEY **IVANELL HANDLEY**

Hello everyone! It's another week that were allowed to see and I'm glad about it. We were blessed with a great church service at Promise Land, Lacey. The Sunday School subject was "The Celebration of Completion"; scriptures from Ezra 6:13-22 and Leviticus 23:4-8. The key verse was Ezra 6:16 (KJV) "And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy". An awesome word was brought by Pastor Johnson, his message was "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength"; text from Philippians 4:6. His question to the church was "How can we prepare and get ready"? Key points 1. Lean on Gods understanding; 2. Stay in the word; 3. Listen for Gods answers; 4. Give God praise. He closed by reminding us that through it all we must keep our minds stayed on Jesus. The joy of the Lord is our strength. Our visitors were from Mt. Olive were Minster Edgar Spencer, Darron Spencer, and Charlie Smith. Regena Handley visited with us also.

Regena came down Saturday afternoon, and took Floyd and I to the Beech St. Bistro in Crossett to celebrate an early birthday dinner with her dad. Beech St. Bistro was fantastic, the customer service, atmosphere and the meal were awesome! I tried fried alligator for the first time, it was delicious. I can't wait to go back. Regena made dinner for Floyd and I on Sunday, she made lamb, tri-color garlic parmesan potatoes, and corn-on-the cob. We had the Zydeco Cheesecake from The

Beech Street Bistro for dessert. It was all delicious, plus I didn't have to cook, what a blessing!

Happy Birthday wishes to: Doris Franklin, March 25; Julia Lambert, March 26; and Ruth Phillips, March 27. Enjoy your special day!

Prayers for those that are sick and shut-in. Prayers for Carolyn King, she will have knee surgery Tuesday, March 22. Continue to pray for an ending to the war in Ukraine, as well as the turmoil going on here in the United States and around the world.

Thought for the week: "A lot of problems in the world would disappear if we would talk to each other instead of about each other ". (Author Unknown). Be Blessed!

#### POSSUM VALLEY **KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK**

I put my hummingbird feeder out last weekend and no sighting as of yet. I checked the 2022 Hummingbird Spring Migration map, and it shows that someone in Crossett reported having seen a hummingbird on March 15. So, get those feeders washed and mix up some nectar with 4:1 water and plain sugar. Get ready, they're on their way! Although, according to my notes from years past, they won't show here until next week sometime. Either way, thev'll be here soon. Orioles will begin to arrive next month about this time and their nectar mixture is 6:1. Just as red dye isn't necessary for hummingbirds; orange dye isn't necessary for Orioles either.

Saturday was nice and sunny. I had told Addie she could help me plant some seeds. So, that afternoon, Jason brought her over to help. We planted several bulbs, wildflower and dill seed then one tomato plant. That evening when they came back after her nap time, she came inside proclaiming she had seen some green coming up where we had planted seeds. That's youthful optimism for you.

Bethel enjoyed a wonderful service this week. Our own, Bro. Justin Hewitt, brought a message from Jeremiah 1:1-12, 2:1-3, II Kings 21:1-8 and 22:1-2. The theme of his message was that God's people must be separate from the

Sunday was the first day of Spring and if this weekend's weather is any indication, this year will be spectacular.

After lunch, I walked out to give my newly planted seeds and plant a nice sprinkling of water. It was then that I noticed several butterflies flitting about among the pretty and purple Henbit that has recently sprung up in the lawn. So, I got my camera and stalked them. There was an Eastern Black Swallowtail, Yellow Sulphur and a Painted Lady. I enjoy butterflies and wildflowers almost as much as I do birds.

At this writing, I am still in shock over the shootings in Dumas Saturday night. I don't know the whole story, but God does. May his mercy and healing be on those who were injured. Even those who perpetrated these crimes need God. We especially need prayers

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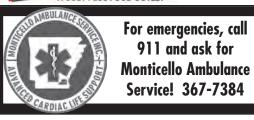
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- 5. Time zone 8. Subway dweller
- 11. Bend in a river
- 14. Isodor , American Nobel
- physicist 15. Very (music) 16. Zero
- 17. Phil , former CIA
- 18. Competitions
- 20. Unwell
- 21. Puts in place 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Allows light to pass through
- 30. Climbed quickly
- 31. We all have it
- 32. There's a North & South
- 33. Emaciation 38. Supervises flying
- 41. Very dark colors
- 45. Grants
- 48. Three visited Jesus
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. A Spanish river
- 56. I (German)
- 57. French opera composer
- 60. Last letter
- 61. Spiritual leader of a

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Computer memory
- 3. Ancient Syrian city
- 4. College army
- 6. Talented

- 9. In a way, assists
- 12. Misery
- 14. Skin disorder
- prices
- 26. The 17th letter of the

- 59. Six (Spanish)

- 62. A curved shape

- 2. "Et \_\_": "And wife" (Latin)
- 5. Cassava
- 7. Capital of Estonia
- 8. Finger millet
- 10. Men's fashion accessories
- 19. Selling at specially reduced
- 23. Good friend 24. Stationary portion of a
- generator
- 25. Expression of disappointment 52. Plant that makes gum
- Greek alphabet
- 27. Where birds fly 28. Midway between north and northeast

- 43. Unwanted
- 49. Wife of Amun

- Jewish congregation
- 63. Make a mistake
- 64. Tall plant

- 29. Chaotic states 34. Comedic actress Gasteyer
  - 35. Kids' dining accessory 36. Snakelike fish
  - 37. Midway between south and southeast
  - 39. Assign lifelike qualities to
  - 40. One who cites 41. Midway between east and
  - southeast 42. North wind
  - 44. One or the other
  - 45. Cavalry sword
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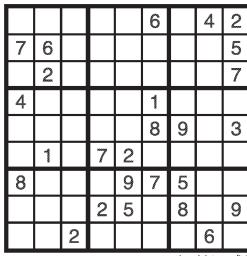
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## This week's recipe: Add a healthy twist to classic Sloppy Joes



Sweet yet savory ground meat served on a bun is a comfort food classic that has been a staple for restaurants and home cooks for decades.

Sloppy Joes are beloved sandwiches that feature meat paired with a lip-smacking, tomato-based sauce. Some attribute the original Sloppy Joe to a cafe in Sioux City, lowa, where in 1930 a cook named Joe added tomato sauce to his "loose meat" sandwich. Others say the sandwich evolved from sandwiches that were introduced by Floyd Angell, the founder of the Maid Right Restaurants, in 1926. Others attribute the recipe to a bar and cafe in Havana, Cuba, called "Sloppy Joe's."

Though the origin story is debatable, most people agree that the sandwiches are delectable. Sloppy Joes are called by many different names in various parts of the country, including yum yums, steamers and slushburgers. While it's traditional to make them with ground beef, any other meat can be substituted, including ground turkey for

a leaner take. Try this recipe for "Turkey Sloppy Joes for a Crowd" from "Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Cookbook" (RDA Enthusiast Brands, LLC) by the Taste of Home Kitchen.

#### Turkey Sloppy Joes for a Crowd **Ingredients (16** servings)

3 pounds lean ground turkey 3 medium green peppers, chopped 3 medium onions, finely chopped 21/4 cups ketchup 3/4 cup water

3 tablespoons white vinegar

3 tablespoons spicy brown mustard 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped

1/2 teaspoon pepper 16 whole wheat hamburger buns, split

#### **Directions:**

In a Dutch oven coated with cooking spray, cook the turkey, green peppers and onions over medium heat until the meat is no longer pink and the vegetables are tender; drain.

Stir in the ketchup, water, vinegar, mustard, jalapeño, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20-30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve on

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for the family of the one who was senselessly killed.

Bo's baseball team played in Hot Springs this weekend. They won both games Saturday and one on Sunday. But were unable to pull off the win for a place in the finals. I was very happy to see him, and his momma walk in the door Sunday evening, safe and sound.

That's my news for this week. Please, be safe, be happy, and most importantly, love

one another as God loves us. I'll interject here a corny joke for St. Patrick's Day..."What do you get when leprechauns have a conversation? A lot of small talk!"

#### WILMAR **CHRIS RILEY**

Thanks be to God for another week. There were some that didn't make it. Among these were Eupherzaine Clifton, Kim Franklin and Harold Douglas. Their families have our prayers and sympathy.

Also, Joe Samuel Green of Okla., brother of Rosa Wright and Cristeen Stalling.

We're in the midst of transi-

tion, never know who is next. The bell will toll so it behooves all of us to be ready. Like for instance, the crazy shooting in Dumas this weekend.

Forgot to give a shout out to my friend Evelyn Pugh Gardner, March 5, as we conversed about different things around home. Evelyn resides in California, formerly of Wilmar.

I was happy surprised with a beautiful array of flowers sent from First Baptist Eastside as a belated birthday. Thanks so much for your act of love. Pastor James Simpson and Lady Janice Simpson are leaders. Their son Chance, wife Stephanie and daughters of Texas, worshiped with them Sunday. I was so glad to see Linda Simpson and Thelma Shield in the house.

Glad to see Sandra Witherspoon at First Baptist. She was there with daughter and family. Enjoyed conversing with Vivian Clifton and Helen Franklin of Texas.

Birthday memory of my niece, Martha Wright Jones, March 30. Missing her much. Also, a happy wish to my son Kevin Riley, March 31. And April Fool's to all that fall for the trick. Birthday shout out to Marcella Davis and Mattie Hammock, March 28.

I conversed with my friend Donna Riley Fuqua of Star City and told her about E. Clifton transitioning. She was sad, as she had met her at the diner in Star City and fell in love with her. As being a gentle and humble woman, she assured me that she and hubby John, were busy carrying out the work of the Lord, including their prison ministry. Remember, God has no hands, feet or mouth to do His will except ours. We are ambassadors for Christ, at least we are supposed to be. That is why we are to let our light shine. There might be someone down in the

Prayers for Ann Harris who is in the hospital at this time. Pastor Simpson text was tak-

**WORDS** 

**BIRTH** 

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**SPRING** 

en from Mark 8:22-25 with the subject of, "Look up". It was messaged well. After which, we all enjoyed a fellowship meal. I visited with my brother Wardell "Buddy" Wright and

paid a visit with Linda Thomas who I will remember by faith. Jehovah Rapha is a healer in

family on Sunday evening. Also

Jesus' name. Call him now. Until we meet again by paper and pen. Remember Proverbs 15:1, "A soft answer turns away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger."



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