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Annual Chamber banquet sees large turnout

By Ashley Hogg editor@monticellonews.net

Monticello campus.

Returning after a year absence due to Covid-19, the Monticello-Drew County Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards banquet last night on

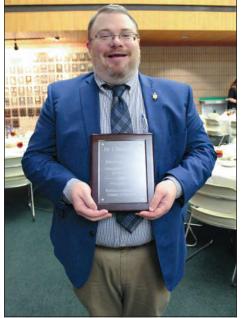
the University of Arkansas at

The Gibson Center Green Room was full of guests, presenters and award recipients, including the newest category, the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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FOAM HOLDINGS, Industry of the Year.



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian DR. CLINT YOUNG, UAM Educator of the Year.



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MIKE PENNINGTON, Man of the Year.





Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian TRACY STEINMAN, Drew Central School District Educator of the Year.



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ALICIA WHITAKER, Woman of the Year.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST #4515/AMERICAN LEGION #2, Nonprofit of the Year.

SOUTH ARKANSAS REHABILITATION, Large Business of the Year.

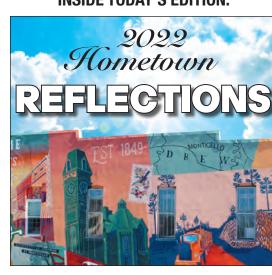


GARY MEGGS received the Lifetime Achievement Award



JANE KELLY, Monticello School District Educator of the Year

INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION:



ATV crash kills Drew County man

By: Ashley Hogg

Around 5 p.m., Monday, March 28, Clint Waldrup was killed in a two vehicle crash on Highway 293 in Drew County. According to Arkansas State Police, Waldrup was on an ATV traveling South on Arkansas State Highway

293 near the 450 block.

A 2014 Dodge Ram was traveling South on Highway 293 behind the ATV. The front of the Dodge Ram struck the rear right side of the ATV causing it to veer left and cross the northbound lane. The ATV overturned before it came to a final rest in the East roadside ditch.

At the time of press, no other details have been released.

MPD drone proves to be good investment for City

By Ashley Hogg editor@monticellonews.net

Recently, the Monticello City Council approved the purchase of a drone for the Police Department. The drone was initially purchased with the intent to assist law enforcement officers with various on the job tasks.

City employees have found that the drone has multiple uses. City water towers need to be examined regularly and in the past, a city worker or contractor would have to climb the tower to perform the exam. All assessments can now be performed with the MPD drone. This decreases time and money spent on examinations and reduces the risk of injury to employees.

MPD received the drone in February of this year and according to Chief Jason Akers, the original intent for the drone came on multiple

"We had a shooting a couple of

years back and the suspect fled to a wooded area," Akers said. "The drone has thermal capabilities, and it could have been used to find the suspect. The drone also has speaker capabilities and so we could have located the suspect and given commands to surrender without having an officer or the suspect in danger. Also, during the ice storm we had last year, we had houses incapable of being reached until crews could get on site to remove trees from the

road. The drone could hover over items blocking the road, go to the houses and use the speaker to talk to occupants inside and reassure or check on them and assist in prioritizing those in need. Drones are also used by fire departments to detect hot spots in large fires and better know where to concentrate their efforts."

MPD Officer Shawn Curtis just received FAA licensing requirements and training for the drone.



Photo courtesy of Monticello Police Department







COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Green Hill Cemetery Association Meeting

Green Hill Cemetery Association's annual meeting will be held Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Green Hill Methodist Fellowship Hall. Any and all persons interested are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call 870-723-2246 or 870-723-2247.

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.

123rd year celebration

Wilmar Baptist Church will celebrate 123 years as a place of worship at 11 a.m., Sunday April 10. This year's program is titled, "The Experience". Everyone is welcome to attend.

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. **ONGOING**

City recycling guidelines

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

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

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

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

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, Monticello Branch, 114 West Jefferson Avenue, is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Masks are required while entering, exiting or walking around the library. Masks may be removed while seated. Social distancing of 6 feet between individuals. Hand sanitizer is available upon entering the building and at the front desk. Call the library at 870-367-8583. Fax, copying and printing services are available.

Public WiFi is available inside and from the parking lot. The pass-

word 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

Senior Center March 30-April 6



Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, purple hull peas, pudding cup, biscuit

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, Italian green beans, mandarin oranges, garlic toast

Friday: Chili cheese dogs, tots,

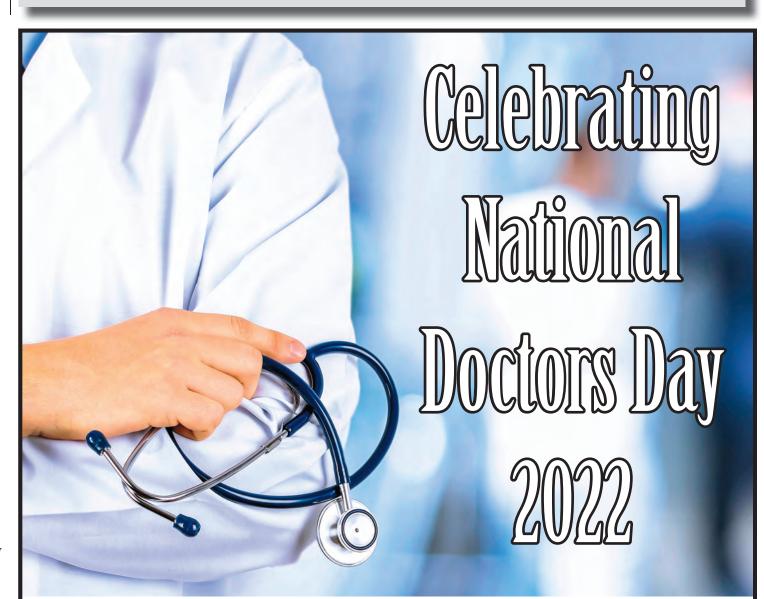
sugar cookie, coleslaw

Monday: Chicken & sausage gumbo, rice, tropical fruit, chocolate chip bar, biscuit

Tuesday: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, gravy steamed broccoli, fruit cocktail cobbler, roll

Wednesday: Smothered pork chops, rice, gravy, turnip greens, cornbread, jello cake

All lunches have a choice of sweet tea and milk. The Senior Center is now open and serves curbside and sit down lunch for citizens 60 and older for \$4; under 60, \$5, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., first come, first served. Rates for lunches were changed in January 2022 to those currently listed.



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By: MELISSA ORRELL

Discussion with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc. about the City of Monticello's infrastructure priorities dominated a marathon two-hour regularly scheduled City Council meeting Tuesday, March 29.

March City Council meeting

McClelland was present at the meeting to present their Monticello capital Improvements outlay. According to the plan the outlay was completed to document and prioritize future capital expenditures required over the next 15 years but is a "living" document that can be changed based on changing needs and priorities of the City.

"I propose the City Council to engage McClelland Engineering in a water/sewer rehab project on Main Street (State Highway 83," said Mayor Paige Chase, when introducing the agenda item. "The project will occur in partnership with ArDOT to mill and repave Main Street after water and sewer lines from the early 1900's will be placed parallel to the street as part of the "Scogin Drive Project." There may be some locations where these lines cross or are perpendicular to the street. The purpose of the project is to replace lines that are constantly being repaired and causing more street cuts. The added benefit is ArDOT repairs the street completely before it is turned over to the city street inventory.

The preliminary cost of the water/sewer rehab is \$4.2 million with estimates of survey and design, construction and services during construction estimated to be \$2,064,500 for water and \$1,941,900 for sewer."

One such change was discussed and agreed on last night when Council Members Clarissa Pace, Cedric Leonard and Al Peer questioned the priority of Main Street over the drainage issue on the East side of town. In Council meetings last year, the Council was told about houses that flood on the East side of town whenever the City gets a "good" rain and had discussed with McClelland the need for a survey to determine how to fix the drainage issue. When brought up at the March meeting last night, Byron Hicks, McClelland CEO, advised the council that the drainage issue could be worked on simultaneously with the Main Street Project.

To continue capital improvement projects in Monticello, the City Council voted at the meeting to hold a special election on Aug. 9, 2022 to continue the City's 1 cent sales tax. Chase emphasized during the meeting that this is not a new tax. The residents of Monticello have been paying the tax since 1998 after voting it in to effect in 1997. The current tax is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2022, unless an election is held to reinstate the tax. The sole purpose of the tax, according to Chase, is to fund public infrastructure, capital improvements, youth activities, economic development, securing and repayment of capital improvement bonds, other lawful purposes. Chase informed the council that they had been provided with a list the City had made of projects funded by the sales tax but the document was not made available to the press at this time.

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Southeast AR Regional Library announces career training course beginning in May SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded \$2,660,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to the Arkansas State Library (ASL); \$2.4 million of the funds were set aside for direct aid to public libraries.

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library in conjunction with instructors, Cathy Edmonds and Nelwyn Birch, will conduct a free, one day employment and career training class. This course will provide job and occupation assistance for those living within the counties of Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew, and Lincoln. The course will include career assessment, application procedures, resume building, and the interview process.

This 8-hour course is limited to 10 seats in our six primary branches in each county (McGehee, Lake Village, Dumas, Star City, Monticello, and Warren). Lunch will be provided for all attendees. To register for this course, visit www.searlibrary.org/resources/jobs-careers. More information about this course and other events at Southeast Arkansas Regional Library can be found by visiting www.searlibrary.org and follow us on Facebook (@SEARLibrary) and Instagram (@searlibrary).

Natural Resources grad student wins regional poster competition

By Lon Tegels

NEWS

UAM Natural Resources graduate student Cassandra Hug won first place in the 68th Annual Southern Hardwood Forest Research Group poster contest on March 22. The contest was held this year online via Microsoft

"This was the first time attending," said Hug. The meeting is for people from various state agencies, organizations, and universities to talk about ongoing projects and current research, and management for forests and funding. The 11th Annual Dr. John Adams student poster contest was open to any undergraduate, M.S., or Ph.D. student working on original research that investigates some aspect of southern hardwood forestry.

Hug's poster focused on tree inventories on one of the Green Tree Reservoirs (GTR), George's Woods, within the Five Oaks property, near Humphrey, Arkansas. . A Green Tree Reservoir is a forest of hardwood trees that stays shallowly flooded in fall and winter; they are desirable areas for waterfowl.



Five Oaks Agricultural Research and Education Center (FoAg-REC) has funded her research project. This particular Green Tree Resevoir is managed mainly for waterfowl (duck hunting), said Hug. "What we want to see are a lot of trees that produce smaller acorns, such as Nuttall oak or Willow Oak. This study has shown that there is more Overcup oak in the overstory as opposed to seeing Nuttall or Willow Oaks, which would be desirable for waterfowl."

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referrals for free and reduced prescription medications, help with disability applications and other health and human services needs.

Delta Solutions is a non-profit organization, serving residents in Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha and Drew counties. It's primary focus is Education, Housing, Health and Wellness, Economic Development, Community Development, Housing, Food Insecurity, and Financial Literacy. The office is located at Revival Center Church's Business office complex. For service, please use the front entrance at 311 South Pine in Monticello. For questions or to schedule an appointment, one may call Mrs. Linda Austin at (870) 740-1093.

Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education Meeting

The Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education holds a meeting monthly at Western Sizzlin', 436 U.S. Highway 425 North, on the first Thursday of every month. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. and

the meeting is called to order at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend who cares about motorcycles and motorcycle safety, you do not have to own or ride a bike to be a member or to attend meetings.

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

To all concerned that have family or cemetery plots in the Andrews Chapel Cemetery,

please send any updated contact information to: Andrews Chapel Cemetery Association, C/O Cindy Ferrell, Secretary/Treasurer, 2968 Barkada Road, Wilmar, AR 71675.

VFW Auxiliary

Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.

veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-

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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Remembering the sacrifices of America's Brave

Honoring our veterans is an important part of reflecting on the service and the sacrifice of millions of brave men and women who have stood in defense of our nation. We demonstrate our appreciation for the courage and bravery of the Armed Forces with fitting tributes from the National Mall in the nation's capital to communities throughout Arkansas.

As home to more than 200,000 veterans, The Natural State also benefits from the continued civic engagement of these for-



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mer servicemembers. Their efforts enrich our state, support our communities and improve the lives of veterans.

For more than two decades, the Veterans Council of Northwest Arkansas has been dedicated to honoring their fellow brothers and sisters in arms and remembering all who have served

in uniform. Its members created the Veterans Memorial Park and the Wall of Honor in Bella Vista. In an exciting development, that tribute is growing.

I was honored to join the recent groundbreaking to expand the memorial and am proud of the incredible support of the community to recognize these heroes and I applaud the efforts to commemorate their heroism and bravery in this manner.

As long as men and women wear our nation's uniform in defense of our ideals and freedom, we have a responsibility to acknowledge their courage. That's why I supported legislation signed into law last year to build a memorial on the National Mall honoring the veterans of the Global War on Terrorism. It will stand as a symbol of reverence to and respect for the veterans and their families, and help teach future generations about our nation's longest war. It's important we reflect on their noble service.

We dedicated the World War II Memorial in 2004, decades after the conflict in Europe had ended. This delay denied veterans, and civilians who contributed to the war effort on the home front, the opportunity to see the tribute that stands as a testament to them and what they did for our country. It's heartwarming to know veterans of the Global War on Terrorism won't have to wait long for a national memorial.

These monuments are one way we can honor and remember our veterans who were called to serve in our nation's uniform. We will always owe a debt to the brave men and women who have made profound sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

That's why I led efforts to create a national Gulf War Memorial to honor servicemembers who fought in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. I'm proud of the work my staff and I did to enact that law and designate a prominent location for the memorial.

We also continue to update the many tributes to our nation's warriors along the revered ground of the National Mall. I was proud to play a leading role in authorizing a Wall of Remembrance for the Korean War Memorial. Now the names of 43,000 Americans and Koreans who, in service to the U.S., were killed in battle, wounded in action, missing in action, or prisoners of war during the Korean War are etched in stone.

These memorials and expansions allow our fallen servicemembers' families, their brothers and sisters in arms and all Americans to honor the selflessness, heroism and sacrifice of those who honorably defended our country. We should be proud of the efforts nationwide to recognize our Armed Forces so their service can always be remembered.

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Take time to smell the flowers

Despite the immense amount of green and yellow plant dust that covers literally every surface outdoors, I love spring time. Over the past few years, I have become a novice gardener. I have always loved flowers and when I bought my house, I was delighted to find out that the previous



ASHLEY HOGG

EDITOR

owner was a local master gardener. I moved in late September several years ago and first experienced my yard in the dying stage of autumn.

I knew there were various plants and bushes around the yard and the previous owner had done a fantastic job of diversifying the plant life. But I had no idea the

color and beauty that I would see come spring. My back yard is practically lined with

azaleas of every color, shape and size. These bushes are big and lend to a pleasant looking privacy fence. Every shade of pink is present, it reminds me of the line in Steel Magnolias when Shelby says, "My

colors are Blush and Bashful, Mama." Pink is not my favorite but they compliment the white, red and purple just fine.

The north side of my house had two old Blue Nikko Hydrangea bushes that are glorious. I have done my best to keep them alive and thriving. I have also added a Limelight Hydrangea and a small pink hybrid Hydrangea. I hope to see them bloom this year.

The front flower bed had an array of shrubs and flowers. They are in direct sunlight for most of the day, so they require a little more care. This is where I dug my heels in and was determined that I could make things grow. Roses are my absolute favorite, white in particular. The front flower bed was destined to become a rose garden.

With the help of my handy husband, I have finally created my dream. Two Yule Tide Camellias hold down the center of the bed while nine rose plants consume the rest of it. I have every color of rose planted and it makes me so happy to see them starting to bud. I have a handful of rose plants throughout the rest of the yard that

are growing nicely, but there is truly something special about that front bed.

When I started typing this, it was my intention to give you a friendly reminder to stop and smell the proverbial roses. As you can tell, I got a little specific about what type of flowers I get to smell. The flowers make me very happy and before I knew it, I was typing away.

I think that proves my point, though. Taking time to smell the flowers should make us happy. We are constantly surrounded by so much negativity and just general information overload. When I am outside among the flowers, it can engage all of my senses and make Russian conflicts or regional mass shootings seem far

Don't get me wrong, it is vital to know what is going on in the world around you. Staying up to date on current events and fact checking is an absolute must. But, I am also a firm believer in "unplugging" every now and again.

Take a moment for yourself this week. Go outside, feel the sunshine, hear the bees buzz and smell all the flowers.



Women's history month

This is women's history month, and it is important to recognize their contributions.

With just slightly more than 50% of Americans being women, it's not hard to imagine how

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much of an impact they have on our country.

Women are mothers, educators, caretakers, medical professionals, executive administrators, managers, factory workers, farmers, and entrepre-

neurs. The list of contributions by women in America is endless.

We set March aside to honor and reflect on the courage, bravery, and perseverance of

women through history. The vital role women have played in the development of America is undeniable, and women's role in the development of Arkansas was just as important.

Arkansas Children's Hospital is the only pediatric hospital in the state, and among the ten largest children's hospitals in the United States. In 1934, Ruth Olive Beall became superintendent of the hospital and was an integral part of change and growth that garnered the support of President Franklin Roosevelt when he visited Little Rock in 1936. In that same year, the American College of Surgeons accredited the hospital which became an important milestone in the development of

what the hospital is today. In 1917, women won the right to vote in primary elections,

thanks to the efforts of valiant women who did not waiver when the legislature rejected their initiatives. In 1919, Arkansas became just the second state in the south to pass the Nineteenth Amendment, giving women the right to vote in all elections.

In 1932, Arkansan Hattie Caraway became the first-ever woman elected to serve in the United States Senate.

One of the most notable movements of the 20th century included the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s. Here in Arkansas, Daisy Gatson Bates, president of the Arkansas NAACP and mentor to the Little Rock Nine, led the way for the desegregation of Arkansas schools.

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Tourism industry is slowly recovering

The Arkansas tourism industry is recovering from the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Based on



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collections of the state two percent tourism tax, the industry now exceeds pre-pandemic levels of economic activity. However, other gauges of tourism indicate that fewer people are working

at Arkansas hotels than in 2019. The two percent tourism tax is

collected when people rent hotel rooms, condominiums, lodges, motor courts and other accommodations. It also is collected from campground fees and boat rentals. It is added into the price of tourist attractions.

In 2021 the state collected \$20.5 million from the tax, which was a record. In 2020, when the tourism industry was affected by restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, collections from the tourism tax were \$13.6 million. That was the lowest it had been since 2013.

Revenue from the tourism tax pays for the state's marketing budget.

According to the director of the state tourism department, Arkansas came through the pandemic better than other states that are competing for the tourists. One reason is that Arkansas quickly stopped marketing in other states, so as not to waste dollars on advertising campaigns when people were not traveling.

Tourists and visitors to Arkansas spent about \$6 billion in 2020, down from about \$8 billion in 2019.

The state Tourism Ticker is sponsored by the Arkansas Hospitality Association and operated

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Pandemic still causing financial issues

Whether it was due to a job loss, reduction in income or increased costs in healthcare, many homeowners fell behind in mortgage payments and utilities during the pandemic.

If you or someone you know is behind on payments, we want to direct your attention to a



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the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) announced it is now distributing the state's \$54

resource that

Recently,

could help.

million to homeowners who were impacted by COVID-19.

Arkansas was one of the first states to gain the US Treasury approval for the funds. The Arkansas Homeowner Assistance Fund is a federally-funded program helping Arkansas residents who are behind on their mortgages, electricity, gas and/or internet payments.

Eligibility is determined by need and household income. Homeowners must have a total annual household income of less than 150 percent of the area median income of their county. The maximum total annual household income for a family of four ranges from \$81,150 to \$112,350, depending upon the county in which they live. To determine eligibility for a specific county, go to arkansashaf.com/qualify.

Funds for qualified recipients will be provided directly to mortgage companies, internet companies, and utility providers.

Eligible homeowners are encouraged to apply through the online portal at: apply.arkansashaf.com or contact our call center at 888.698.0964. Call center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Applicants will need the following to apply:

1) Valid ID for applicant (spouse or co-borrower if applicable)

2) Proof of homeownership 3) Income documentation

4) Documents showing

The income limits vary based on county and the

mortgage delinquency

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Hug's poster explains most GTR management techniques involve constant flooding throughout the dormant season. Hug's poster asserts that constant flooding increases stress on GTR trees and alters the forest composition.

The large-scale project includes dividing the 12 GTRs into 750 plots, where she takes detailed vegetation composition and tree health measurements. Eventually, Hug will include elevation measures to see if different elevations affect the tree's health. Hug evaluated 70 plots in George's Woods to begin her project. Hug has spent the last few months collecting data on the overstory canopy structure, diameter at breast height distribution, and Importance Value (IMP) of each tree species.

Hug's research revealed the Overcup oak had an Importance Value of 65 percent. Overcup dominated the forest canopy in their forest area, followed by species such as Nutall oak Cedar Elm, and Willow oak. The Nutall and Willow are of particular val-

ue to waterfowl due to the smaller acorns they produce. Their acorns are small enough for the ducks to swallow.

"I only evaluated one

Green Tree Resevoir because it's what we had accomplished before the poster competition, said Hug. "We hope to have all 12 Green Tree Resevoirs done by this summer, 2022. We are hiring two different field research teams to measure the 750 temporary and permanent plots. It is all part of my Master Project Thesis, so it's crucial to get measurement completed this summer," said Hug.

Hug is originally from

the front range of the Rockies near Denver, Colo. She did her undergraduate work at Regis University. She said she has never been duck hunting or any kind of hunting. While looking for a master's degree assistantship, she didn't intentionally go for forestry over wildlife but was offered two opportunities. She turned down an assistantship in Indiana for aquaculture studies. Hug said she doesn't really care for fishing and certainly not for a career. She added," I grew up around the outdoors

and trees, so the Natural Resources route seemed like a good fit."

Hug says the poster contest was a byproduct of her research and larger thesis project. She said the poster presentation was not required as part of her schoolwork. Hug was told about the poster contest by her faculty adviser and UAM assistant professor of biometrics, Dr. Pradip Saud.

"By presenting posters, the student can interact with the camera in place of a person. They have an audience. It's another kind of experience, rather than the traditional inperson experience,"-said Dr. Saud.

"I believe that the poster presentations help build confidence and motivate students to become more involved with their research," said Dr. Saud.

Saud says he walked Hug through the process step-by-step. Saud himself has presented a half dozen posters and shared his experiences.

Hug collected \$250 for the first-place award and she will receive a certificate. Hug said the money would go toward her ongoing educational expenses.

STUDENTS COLLECT MONEY FOR SEARK READING COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL PROJECT





Photos courtesy of Cindy Flemister/Drew Central School District

Drew Central Elementary and Middle School collected \$2,355.15 for Heifer International, a SEARK Reading Council's International project. Heifer International is an Arkansas foundation that provides animals for families in other countries. They train the families to use the animals for the benefit of their families and communities. Each animal that is purchased helps that family have food and income to help provide for their needs. Susan Cossey's kindergarten class gave the most money for four days, and Mrs. Knowles' first grade class gave the most quarters. Mrs. Robin Harrison's fifth grade literacy class collected the most money at the Drew Central Middle School.

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by Talk Business & Politics, news-gathering website. The ticker measures the health of the tourism industry using three categories. One is revenue from hospitality taxes collected by 17 Arkansas cities and towns. Another is revenue from the state two percent tourism tax. The third category is employment figures com-

piled by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The employment statistics indicate that Arkansas has not completely rebounded from the pandemic. For the first ten months of 2021 the average number of jobs in the tourism sector was about 111,500. That is better than 2020, when the average was 103,650, but it is still below 2019, when the average number of jobs in tourism was 122,900.

Northwest Arkansas is the

only area in the state which has seen job growth in the tourism sector above pre-pandemic levels. In 2019 the average number of tourist-related jobs in the area was 26,000. It is not 26,500.

Many cities levy an advertising and promotion tax, or a hospitality tax. Sometimes it is colloquially known as a "hamburger tax."

During the first ten months of 2021, hospitality taxes in 17 Arkansas cities were up more than 30 percent from 2020. They were up 5.6 percent from 2019.

In total, the 17 cities collected \$47.8 million in hospitality taxes in the first ten months of 2021. Of that amount, restaurant taxes, also known as prepared food taxes, accounted for about \$36.5 million, compared to \$33 million collected in the same period of 2019.

The tourism department adapted its marketing strategy in response to the pandemic.

Previously the state tourism magazine, which is digital, was titled "Discover Arkansas."

In recognition that long-distance travel was most affected by the pandemic, the department changed the title of the magazine to "Rediscover Arkansas." It changes the target audience to Arkansas residents and urged them to get to know the tourist destinations close to their homes.

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Today, women are an essential part of my leader-ship team, and I have relied upon women in several positions to bring success to my administration.

The impression that women have left on the state can not be overstated, yet even today new developments and issues arise daily. For that reason, I created the 2022 Arkansas Women's Commission to address new issues, and there is no better perspective on an issue than that of

those who are affected by it.

The Arkansas Women's
Commission is an opportunity for women from across
Arkansas to be heard. The
first regional meeting was
held in Fayetteville with

other meetings planned for Pine Bluff, Mountain Home, and locations to be chosen. These meetings are open to the public and materials can be found at Women.Arkansas.Gov.

I urge you to take the opportunity to share your experience because your perspective could be one that makes a difference for our future.



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BANQUET

Chamber Director Glenda Nichols welcomed guests and introduced the emcee for the evening, Charles Graham. Graham addressed the crowd and sand the National Anthem.

Dinner was served by UAM Aramark and the award presentation began.

Dr. Peggy Doss, Chancellor at UAM, presented the UAM Educator of the Year award to Dr. Clint Young. Dr. Young is a history professor on campus and has been involved in many volunteer organizations both on and off campus.

Kenny Pennington presented the Drew Central Educator of the Year award to Tracy Steinman. Steinman has been employed with DC for 27 years and has served as the English Department Chair and Senior Project Coordinator.

Sandra Lanehart presented the Monticello School District Educator of the Year award to Jane Kelly. Kelly is the former owner of Teddy Bear Square and is a special education teacher. She volunteers in many capacities at school and in the community.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4515/American Legion #2, was presented the Non-Profit of the Year Award from previous winners Drew County Master Gardeners. Members of the VFW teach flag etiquette and other life skills to school children in the area.

Drew County Judge Robert Akin introduced the 2021 Farm Family of the Year, Jeff and Christine Felts and their daughter. The Felts are row crop farmers and were honored last summer as the Drew County Farm

Annette Taylor, owner of Monticello Coffee Company, presented the Small Business of the Year award to Bella Luna restaurant. Bella Luna is located on the downtown square and hosts live music every Friday and Saturday night.

Large Business of the Year was presented to South Arkansas Rehabilitation. Owner Nat Grubbs accepted the award and thanked his supportive staff for all they do.

Nita McDaniel with the Monticello Economic Development Commission presented the Industry of the Year award to

Foam Holdings, Inc. (formerly Drew Foam). Foam Holdings, Inc. was praised by employees for having an employee friendly culture.

Former winner Renee Holland presented the Woman of the Year award to Alicia Whitaker. Whitaker serves on the Mainline Board of Directors and has spent many years serving the Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home.

Bishop Michael Jones presented the Man of the Year Award to Mike Pennington. Pennington is the owner of L.D. Long, served on the DC School

Board and was instrumental in reviving the football program at DC.

For the first time, the Chamber presented a lifetime achievement award. The inaugural recipient was Gary Meggs. An El Dorado native, Meggs has spent his life in music education, most recently at UAM. He accepted the award, presented by Chamber Vice President Kathy Lyon, and thanked the community, his wife and long time friend and fellow musician, Les Pack.

Graham and Nichols thanked the crowd and the banquet adjourned around 9:15 p.m.

Former apartment manager/Drew County woman charged with stealing rent money

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By: RACHEL FREEZE McGehee Times

The former manager of two Desha County apartment complexes is now facing felony theft charges after being accused of stealing rent money.

According to court documents filed in Desha County Circuit

Court last week, the woman accused is 55-year-old Stephanie Briggs of Monticello. Court documents show Briggs was a former property manager for Tri-State Management and was responsible for managing Reed Terrace in Tillar and Mitchellville Villas.

An investigation into Briggs

began on August 10, 2021 when two other employees of the management company contacted Desha County Sheriff's Department Criminal Investigator Clint Bradberry in reference to possible illegal financial activity involving

The two employees told au-

thorities they began looking into financial irregularities after Briggs resigned on August 4, 2021. According to court documents, the two women "spoke with tenants and realized that the people on some of the leases did not match who actually lived there."

The two said that most of the

tenants of the apartments received federal rental assistance but a portion of the rent was generally paid by the tenant. Court documents show that in the case of one tenant, \$1,875 consisting of five months rent plus a security deposit was unaccounted for.

An investigation determined

that more than \$5,000 had not been deposited into the management company's accounts involving multiple tenants.

Formal charges were filed against Briggs last week. She faces one count of felony theft of property over \$5,000 (but less than \$25,000).

Avian Influenza Emergency Rule in Effect from March 23 through July 20, 2022

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

As further mitigation against confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in surrounding states, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Livestock & Poultry Commission promulgated the Arkansas Avian Influenza Emergency Rule on March 15, 2022. The new Emergency Rule will be in effect from March 23 to July 20, 2022.

Under the Emergency Rule, it is prohibited to:

A. Exhibit poultry and domestic waterfowl;

B. Move poultry or domestic waterfowl from or within an affected area:

 Poultry with commuter agreements or premovement avian influenza testing by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antigen capture are exempt from paragraph B.

domestic waterfowl at fairs, swap meets, auctions, flea markets, and similar events and locations within an affected area.

 Chicks and ducklings three weeks of age or less originating from a NPIP certified flock are exempt from paragraph C.

An affected area is defined by the rule as a radius of 25 miles surrounding a flock with a confirmed case of HPAI.

Additionally, the Emergency Rule requires all free range and backyard poultry to be confined under a roof or inside a structure to prevent contamination from infected migratory birds flying overhead or by direct exposure to wild birds.

HPAI is caused by an influenza type A virus which can infect poultry and wild birds. HPAI virus strains are extremely infections, often fatal to chickens, and can spread C. Sell, barter, trade, auc- rapidly from flock to flock. tion, or give away, poultry or Symptoms can include sudden

increase in bird deaths with no clinical signs, lack of energy and appetite, decrease in egg production, soft- or thinshelled or misshapen eggs, and others. More information on HPAI can be found at https:// bit.ly/AvianHealth.

Poultry owners should continue to closely monitor their flocks and report any possible symptoms to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture at 501-823-1746. More information on HPAI symptoms can be found at https://bit.ly/367voIB.

Although there have been no reports of HPAI in Arkansas this year, there have been multiple reported cases in commercial turkey flocks, commercial broiler chicken flocks, and a backyard flocks of mixed species birds is the Mississippi Flyway and the Atlantic Flyway. Information regarding confirmed HPAI cases in the U.S. for 2022 can be found at https://bit.ly/HPAI2022.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides resources on biosecurity for poultry operations through their Defend the Flock campaign, which can be found at https://bit.ly/USDA-DTF.

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

COUNCIL

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Also on the agenda was the COVID premium pay paid to elected officials before the federal government finalized what COVID funds could pay for. In the final guidance, elected officials were not approved to receive any of the federal money. As a result the City will repay the federal funds given to elected officials for COVID premium pay out of the County General fund in the amount of \$3,902.19.

A resolution to authorize a one time stipend for uniformed employees of the Monticello Police Department and the Monticello Fire Department in the amount of \$1,200 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds. The reason for the extra pay was based on the over 100 hours a year worked by uniformed personnel over a regular City employee.

Also during the meeting the City:

Chose option two for the redistricting of wards in the City which members com-

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mented was the one closest to the current map.

Authorized the contract with Area Agency on Aging of Southeast Arkansas, Inc. to help fund the Senior Citizen Center; Approved the funds to move forward with repairs to the Historic Monticello Post Office Building which suffered damage from flooding; Appointed Taylor James as chairman of the Monticello Parks Commission; Amended the City of Monticello's employee holiday schedule to include Juneteenth which will be designated as June 19 or the Friday before June 19 in years when June 19 is not a Friday and passed a resolution authoring payment to the Municipal Defense League Defense Fund to represent Monticello Police Officer David Menotti in an action brought by Andrew Maxwell in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Monticello Police Chief Jason Akers told the Council he felt "comfortable" that the City was "alright" in the case.

Davis inducted into Lumberjack Sports Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Former Lumberjack great Marty Davis, a 1981 graduate of War-



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ren High School, was inducted into the Lumberjack Sports Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a football player and for his career as a coach.

Davis went to Arkansas Tech where he graduated in 1986. He began his coaching career at Dardanelle where he spent three years, followed by 16 years at Monticello, three years at Watson Chapel, three years at Hamburg, and another seven years at Monticello.

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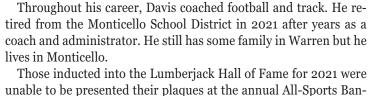
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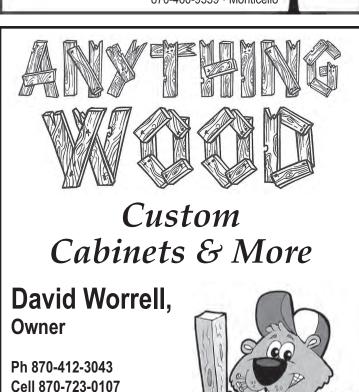
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quet due to COVID and the event not being held.

Davis expressed his appreciation and honor for being inducted and stated having been a Lumberjack was an important part of his





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OBITUARIES

Ashley Hogg, Editior

Tammy Lynne Franks Adair

Tammy Lynne Franks Adair, 51 years, of Rye, died Friday, March 18, 2022 at home.

She was born November 28, 1970 in Decatur, Ill., a daughter of Jerry Comer of Iuka, Miss. and Kathy Franks of Arthur, Ill.

She worked for several years in the fast-food industry before moving into automotive car sales with Ryburn Automotive and currently with Welch Nissan in Pine Bluff.

She attended school at Al-



corn Central in Corinth, Miss. She was a member of Harmony Free Will **Baptist** Church since 2004.

Preceding her in death is one sister, Cherie Pedigo.

Survivors include her husband, Ronnie Adair, whom she married May 2, 2003 and four daughters: Lena Frisby and Staci Frisby of Bay, and Anna Adair and Jayda Adair of Rye. Her brothers, Ricky Franks, Jr. of Sherwood, and Robbie Comer, of Iuka, Miss; her sisters, Shawna Pedigo, of Arthur, Ill., Dara Franks, of Mason, Ill. and Amber Comer, of Iuka, Miss; grandchildren, Adalynn Wiggins and Olivia Hickey of Bay, along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Friday, March 25, at Frazer's Funeral Home with Bro. Rodney Thompson and Chris Van Duren officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery in Rye, by Frazer's Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Chris Loyd, Don Pharr, Keith Wallis, Dennis Evans, David Atwell, Troy Brown and Brian Erwin. Honorary pallbearer was Bart Freeman.

(Paid obituary)

Marvin E. "Bud" Arnold

Marvin E. "Bud" Arnold, Jr., 89, of Crossett, passed away Monday, March 21, at Stonegate Villa Health and Rehab in Crossett. He was born October 31, 1932, in Collins, to the late Marvin E. Arnold, Sr. and Rilla Oakes Arnold.

He was owner and operator of



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Cross-Country Truck Driving for over 50 years and a member of Cloverdale Assembly of God Church

where he was very active and drove the church van for many years. Bud loved his grandkids and great grandkids and just lit up when he saw them coming. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Skyes; infant children, LaDon Arnold and twins Phyllis and Phillip Arnold; his in-laws, Simple and Obie Young; and sisters-in-law, Mable Sue Young and Maxine Fortner.

Survivors include his loving wife of 69 years, Vonnie Ruth Young Arnold of Crossett; his loving children, Clark Arnold (Marcia) and Carl Arnold (Beverly) all of Crossett; grandchildren, Amanda (Chris) Hammons of Snyder, Heather Arnold of Joplin, Mo. and Jarrod Arnold of Crossett; great grandchildren, Kaylee Arnold, Falyn Arnold, Maddie Denmon, John Hammons and Garien Watt; brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Carolyn Andrews and La-Wayne and Barbara Young all of Monticello; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Bro. David Williams and Bro. D.J. Bussell officiating. There was a brief moment of visitation before the funeral service. Burial was in 16th Section Cemetery in Possum Valley. You can sign Bud's online guestbook page at www. stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Kim Evat Burnett

Kim Evat Burnett, 56, of Monticello went to be with the Lord on March 19. She was born on November 18, 1965, to Willie Ed O'Neal and Kathy Walton (Lee Drew).

She was a devoted member of the Kennedy Blvd. Church of Christ in Monticello, and formerly married to Thomas



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Ray Burnett. She graduated from Monticello High School in 1984 and continued her education to become a

graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello with a Bachelor of Arts P-4 Early Childhood Education and Masters of Education.

Kim was well known for her love of teaching and helping others. Nothing gave her more satisfaction than seeing her with pure joy when they had a "lightbulb moment" while she was teaching. She contributed 22 plus years in the education arena. She continued her career in education by later becoming a Migrant Specialist at Southeast Arkansas Coop.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter Whitney Burnett-Lewis (Rayshon) of Arlington, Texas; and son Ryan Sequinn Franklin of Monticello; six grandchildren: Treylen Neal, Kyan Franklin Joslynn Samuels, Kali Franklin, Julian Samuels, and Kam Franklin; four brothers: Don Franklin, Jermaine Walton (Tanika), Terrial O'Neal, Bryon O'Neal; one sister Stephanie Briggs (Bennie) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and wonderful mem-

Funeral Services were entrusted to Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home of Monticello. Interment was Saturday, March 26 in Oakland Ceme-

(Paid obituary) Charlie Henry Fincher, Jr.

Charlie Henry Fincher, Jr., died in his childhood home on March 22, after his battle with cancer. Charlie was born July 14, 1939, to the parents Eva Fell and Charlie Fincher, Sr. in Monticello. Charlie was a graduate of Monticello High School before joining the United States Army and work for the U.S. government with oil exploration. Charlie enjoyed traveling to over twenty countries before returning home to start a family. After his years of travel he enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with friends and

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wife of 42 vears, Fern Fincher; daughters Priscilla Fincher and Renee Watkins. He was preceded in death by a daughter,

family.

Survivors

include his

Fincher and sister, Viola Fincher.

Grandchildren include Lillian Cooper, Finn Dubin, Courtney Watkins, Kelly Watkins, and Lindsay Watkins and five great grandchildren. He also leaves behind his beloved pet parrot Rex.

No services will be held and in lieu of flowers please send donations in his memory to Monticello's Boys and Girls Club.

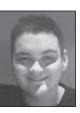
You can sign Mr. Finchers's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Chase Allen Harrison

Chase Allen Harrison, 23, passed away on Wednesday, March 23. He was born in Pine Bluff, on April 11, 1998, to Danny and April Harrison and was Baptized at Pauline Baptist Church.

He spent most of his short life in Monticello, where he was a blessing to those who knew him because of his curious mind, intentional love, and generous soul. He was gifted with an engineer's mind and was able to



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understand complex electronics - their parts, pieces, and purpose. From an early age, you could find him disman-

tling and reassembling his toys under the watchful eye of his Popeye (H.C. Sawyer, Jr., who proceeded him in death). Chase loved to create value, taking apart broken computers, troubleshooting the problems, and putting them back together for

others. This talent was a gift he gave away freely. His countless generous acts were a blessing, and he took pride knowing that others knew he could be counted on in their time of need.

He is survived by his mother, April Harrison and Andy Hayden of Monticello; his father Danny Harrison and stepmother Laurie of Sherwood; his best friend and loving partner Deseray Selzer; his two sisters Morgan Harrison and Jordyn Ringler-Harrison; his Great-Grandmother, Betty Sawyer; his five Grandparents Sonny Henley, Debi Henley; Mary Harrison; Henry and Nit Buchanan; numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and his comforter and constant companion Blaze, his dog.

A graveside service was held on March 29 at 10 a.m. in Oakland Cemetery under the direction of Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home. Chase held the compassionate care of the Ronald McDonald House close to his heart.

(Paid obituary)

LaVerne Dawkins Holloway

LaVerne Dawkins Holloway, 92, of Warren, passed away Wednesday, March 23, at Chapel Woods in Warren. She was born October 23, 1929 in Ashley County, to the late Lee and Gillis Hogue Dawkins. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church. She retired from **Burlington Corporation with** over 35 years of service.

Other than her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur LaVerne Holloway; daughters, Shirley Maness, Fern Hammock and Beverly Reep; brothers, Glen Dawkins and Conrad Dawkins and sisters, Janie Faris, Marion Harris and Dottie Stephenson.

Survivors include her daughters, Linda Fuller and Erma Lee Foster of Warren; a brother, Louis Dawkins of Starkville, Miss.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 27, at Frazer's Chapel with Bro. Larry Donaldson and Bro. Wayne Wesson officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Anthony Gallegos, Robbie Riedel, Rick Friend and Rod Riedel. Online guestbook www. funeralhome.com

(Paid obituary) **Joey Ronald Ryburn**

Joey Ronald Ryburn, 63, of Monticello, passed away Sunday, March 27, at his home. He was born September 14, 1958, in Buffalo, Mo. to Gloria Coy Ryburn and the late Joseph Ronald Ryburn.

He was a retired businessman and member of Immanuel Baptist Church. Joev was an avid outdoorsman where he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a former member of Monticello Bass Club and 35 Hunting Club. Joey also loved spending time with his family,

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especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Becky Funderburg Ryburn of Monticello; two sons, Brandon Ryburn (Lauren) of Hardy and Nicholas Ryburn (Victoria) of Favetteville: his mother, Gloria Cov Ryburn of Monticello; his aunt and



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uncle, Martha and Robert Ryburn of Monticello; a "special uncle", Larry Crutchfield (Marilyn); and his

grandchildren, Reed, Roxi, Gray and Stella.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 31, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. There will be a visitation from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Monticello. Memorials may be made to the Ladelle Baptist Church Children's Fund. You can sign Joey's guestbook page at www. stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary) **Martha Jean Wagner**

Martha Jean Wagner, 96, of Monticello, former Manila resident and widow of Jack Wagner, passed from this life Monday, March 21, in Monticello. Born in the Milligan Ridge community, she was the daughter of the late Hershel and Georgia Milligan Davis and was a 1943 graduate of Manila High School. Following high school, she received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Arkansas State University and began her life's work teaching High School English in the Manila and Gosnell School Districts. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Manila. She loved to travel and following her retirement she and her late husband, Jack, traveled throughout the country and Europe. Martha Jean was very artistic and enjoyed painting, quilting, sewing, and cooking for family and friends. She had been a Monticello resident for the past 4 years.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael Jack Wagner and a grandson, Paul Jack Wagner. Survivors include one grandson, Michael H. Wagner (Andi) of Monticello; five great-grandchildren, Katlyn Wagner, Paul Michael Wagner, Micah Wagner Carter, Presley Jean Wagner, Jack

Thomas Wagner, and two great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves 2 very special caregivers, Ruthie Rochelle and Vanessa Binns.

Funeral service will be at 2 P. M. Thursday, March 24, at the First United Methodist Church in Manila with Rev. Tony Huffman and Rev. Jason Sutfin officiating. Burial will follow in Manila Cemetery. The family will receive visitors Thursday from 12:30 P. M. until service

Active pallbearers will be Paul Michael Wagner, Tony Crowell, J. P. Baugher, Jerry Hitchcock, and Joey Crowell. Honorary pallbearers will include Wayne Wagner, Wes Wagner, Tommy Wagner, Gary Baugher, and Craig Costner.

The family would like to acknowledge Grand Manor in Monticello for the outstanding care given to Martha Jean. The family also prefers any memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church in Manila.

Friends may sign the online guest register at www.Howard-FuneralService.com.

(Paid obituary)

Clinton Duane Waldrup

Clinton Duane Waldrup, 47, of Selma, passed away Monday, March 28. He was born June 5, 1974, in McGehee, to Jimmy Duane Waldrup and Barbara Bland Waldrup. Clint was a supervisor at Timber Producers in Selma. He loved woodworking and was very good at making anything with wood. He also enjoyed working on the family farm with his dad.

Clint is preceded in death by his grandfather, N.D. Waldrup. He is survived by his parents;



WALDRUP

two sons, Tristan Lane Waldrup and Clinton Gage Waldrup both of Dumas; one sister, **Brandy Pierce** (Michael) of

Monticello:

and two nieces, Lauren Pierce and Lacey Pierce of Monticello.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 31, from 2 - 3 p.m. under the Pavillion at Tillar Cemetery. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. in Tillar Cemetery with Bro. Chuck Hoover officiating. Memorials may be made in Clint's honor to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. To sign Clint's online guestbook visit www. stephensondearman.com.

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Church Sale: Pentecostal Church of God in Christ 111 East Briarcliff Street in Monticello. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. has for sale: 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

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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.

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This is a 12-month part time position requiring Wednesday evening rehears-

Application should include a resume, a letter expressing interest and a listing

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Contemporary Music Director Search First United Methodist Church, 317 South Main, Monticello, AR 71655

(870) 367-2471

• Knowledge of Choral and Instrumental conducting techniques

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Legals

CITY OF MONTICELLO ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2021 GENERAL FUND

Balance January 1, 2021

900,282.40

Receipts Sales Tax 4,406,046.68 State Turnback 151,028.80 Franchise Fees 527,092.54 Ad Valorem 191,968.82 Fines, Forfeitures & Cost 576,444.95 Other 1,456,471.97 Transfers In 263,466.50 Total Receipts

7,572,520.26

Expenditures * Administrative Personnel 408,793.81 Supplies, Sundries, Contractual 139,858.54 Maintenance 52,403.60 Capital Outlay Transfers Out and Projects 3,909,852.62 Police 1,658,418.22 Personnel

Supplies, Sundries, Contractual 129,055.02 Maintenance 85,848.04 Capital Outlay 83,068.30 Transfers Out and Projects 12,103.12 Fire

623,028.60 Personnel Supplies, Sundries, Contractual 157,691.25 Maintenance 58,556.26 Capital Outlay 37,000.00 Transfers Out and Projects

Court

102,816.17 Personnel Supplies, Sundries, Contractual 45,039.57 Maintenance 3,019.22 Capital Outlay Transfers Out and Projects

Total Expenditures Balance December 31, 2021 Debt Short term financing obligations 7,506,552.34 966,250.32 96,269.00

Date Last Payment Due 3/16/22 Date Free of Debt *The Classification of expenditures shall be by department, 'ie', administrative, police, fire, etc.

STREET FUND

Balance January 1, 2021

938,823.35

1,243,465.63

Receipts Ad Valorem 58,619.92 Amendment 91 251,336.61 Investment Income 4,694.42 Other 20,091.25 State Turnback 508,437.53 Transfers in 400,285.90 Total Receipts

Expenditures Personnel 234,243.51 Sundries, Supplies, Contractual 220,508.80 50,289.03 Maintenance

Capital Outlay **Total Expenditures** 505,041.34 Balance December 31, 2021

1,677,247.64 Water, Sewer, and Sanitation Balance January 1, 2021 3,238,321.32

Receipts 1,758,474.95

Water Collections Sewer Collections 783,486.72 Solid Waste Collections 847,750.91 16,172.56 Interest Other Utility Revenues 159,250.10 Transfers In 6,766.30 Total Receipts

Legals continued on Page 9A

3,571,901.54

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1,165,872.20

1,287,868.01

263,829.79

Expenditures * Administrative Personnel Supplies, Sundries, Contractual Maintenance

Total Expenditures

Balance December 31, 2021

2,717,570.00

Short term financing obliations Date Last Payment Due Date Free of Debt

All financial records for the City of Monticello, Arkansas are public records and are open to public inspection during business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, City Hall in Monticello, Arkansas. If the record is in active use or in storage and, therefore, not available at the time a citizen asks to examine it, the custodian shall certify this fact in writing to the applicant and set a date and hour within three (3) days at which time the record will be available for inspection and copying.

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$345.21

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THE CITY OF MONTICELLO REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR AUDIT SERVICES

AUDIT PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Estimated Cost

2. Firm Oualifications

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P.O. Box 505, Monticello, AR 71657

Only Waterworks (Water, Sewer and Solid Waste) will be audited for the fiscal year 1-1-21 to 12-31-21 in accordance with governmental auditing standards. The requests must be received by Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Vickie Norris at City Hall 870-367-4400 ext. 223. The City of Monticello reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

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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

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-of-way 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 4,092,652.86

614,548.00

3/16/22

7/14/23

dividuals if the item is valued at \$50 or less and the ad states the price. All free ads must be of a non commercial nature and be for one item. An example would be a sofa for \$49 would be free but bales of hay for \$5 each would be a paid ad.

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Call the Federal Trade Com-

PETS

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

See **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 11A

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED IN THE DUMAS/MCGEHEE AREA. Must have AR, AP, HR experience and able to perform other office related duties,

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APRIL

APRIL 4th - Express Employment will be taking applications in Monticello at the Workforce Office from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon.

APRIL 6th - Express Employment will be taking applications in McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.

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Mason Philley pitches Perfect Game against East Central

By: JEFF Young Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello improved their overall and Great American Conference record over the Spring Break with a series sweep over the East Central Tigers over three games. The Weevils would also witness a career outing by Mason Philley who pitched a seven inning perfect game in game one of a scheduled double-header on Saturday.

With the series sweep the Weevils now stand with an even 13-13 overall record and a GAC record of 9-9 and are currently on a sixgame win streak.

In game one of the series on Friday, March 25, the Weevils got out to three run lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Chase Cripps would become the first baserunner of the day for the Weevils with a leadoff walk followed by a base clearing twoorun home run by Cade Thompson to right field.

After recording two outs, Grant Shepherd would go yard to put the Weevils up 3-0.

Derek Potts walked two batters in the top of the second inning but got out of the inning striking out the last two Tiger batters of the inning.

the top of the fourth inning, cutting the Weevil lead to 3-2 after a single and a double scored the Ti-

East Central recorded the first two outs of the inning before UAM's DeShaun Cordova would connect on a solo shot to center field to increase the Weevil lead to

The score would remain until the top of the seventh inning when East Central would add a run to make the score 7-4.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Cripps would single, and Jordan Johnson would double to advance Cripps to third.

After a pitching change by East Central, Reece Reading would homer to right center for a three-run shot, increasing the Weevil lead to

UAM would get their final run of the contest in the bottom of the eighth inning on a Nick Fakouri home run to left center to set up the 8-3 victory.

Potts would be awarded the win to improve his season total to 2-4 with Rigell Robinson recording his third save of the season.

Returning on Saturday, March 26, for the first game of a scheduled double-header, Monticello

East Central got on the board in native Mason Philley would get the call as the Weevil starting pitcher.

> Marking one year to the day since Philley set a Great American Conference record for strikeouts against a league opponent when he struck out 15 East Central Tigers on March 26, 2021, Philley would add another career outing against the Tigers, pitching a seven inning Perfect Game.

Philley would retire the Tigers in order to begin the contest and the Weevils would give the left hander some offensive support in the bottom half of the inning, scoring six runs highlighted by a Grand Slam by Jalyn Williams that gave the Weevils a 6-o lead.

After recording two consecutive strikeouts, Philley got Kyle Busker to ground out to end the top of the second inning.

Cripps led off with a solo homerun as the Weevils would add three runs in the bottom half of the inning to increase the lead to 9-0.

In the bottom of the third inning, the Weevils would add another run on a solo home run by designated hitter BJ Lee to left field to give the Weevils a 10-0

UAM would add their final two runs of the contest in the bottom of the sixth inning on singles by Hudson Hopkins that scored Jordan Johnson and a single by Fakouri that scored Grant Shepherd to set up the 12-0 win.

Mason Philley was perfect in the contest, retiring all 21 Tiger batters, striking out 10 without allowing a single base runner and pitching the complete game.

In the second contest of the double-header, East Central would see the first two batters of the contest reach base but UAM pitcher Spencer Johnston would get the next three batters out to end the inning.

Chase Cripps reached base safely for the third straight game as the leadoff hitter for the Weevils connecting for a double. Cripps would advance to third on an out to first by Cade Thompson but would be stranded on the bases after the final two outs were made.

The Weevils would get two runs in the bottom of the second inning to take a 2-0 lead.

Hudson Hopkins would draw a walk followed by Nick Fakouri being hit by a pitch.

Jalyn Williams singled to score Hopkins and a Cripps single would score Fakouri. It would be the only runs needed in the contest as the Weevils recorded the second shutout victory of the day

Cripps would lead the Weevils from the plate, going 2 for 4 with

Jalyn Williams would finish 1 for 2 with an RBI.

On the mound, Spencer Johnston would record the complete game allowing five hits, zero runs, zero walks, and striking out eight

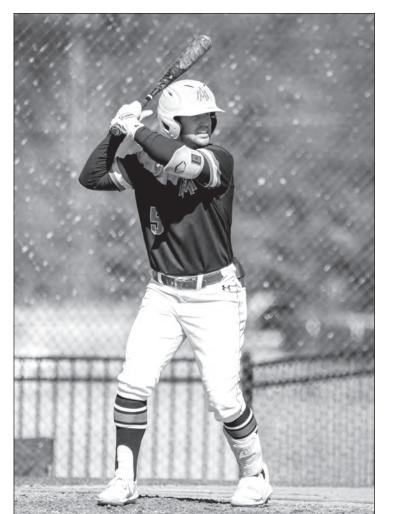
Johnston improves his overall record to 3-2 on the season.

Jordan Johnson continues to add to his all-time UAM record numbers as he currently holds the record for most career home runs with 40, career doubles with 44, and career RBI with 157. Johnson is second in career hits with 207 and second in career runs scored

The Weevils will return to the diamond on Friday, April 1, hosting Harding University with a first pitch set for 2pm.

The Weevils series against Harding will conclude on Saturday, April 2, in a scheduled double-header with the first contest set to begin at 12pm followed by the closing game of the series set for 2pm.

Harding currently sits in fifth place in the Great American Conference with the Weevils holding the eighth position.



GRANT SHEPHERD was 3 for 9 with one homerun, three runs scored and two RBI in the series sweep against East Central. Shepherd is currently batting .330 on the season.



DEREK POTTS got the start on Friday afternoon in the first of a three-game series against East Central University. Potts improved his record to 2-4 with the win over the Tigers pitching seven innings allowing three runs on seven hits, walking four and striking out five.

MASON PHILLEY scored a career milestone on Saturday afternoon facing the East Central Tigers. The left-handed Monticello native was perfect on the mound for the Weevils in the 12-0 victory over the Tigers. Philley pitched seven complete innings, allowing zero runs, zero hits, and zero walks while striking out 10 Tiger batters. The game also marked a year since Philley set a Great American Conference record against a league opponent for strikeouts as Philley struck out 15 East Central Tigers on March 26, 2021.

East Central takes series over Blossoms in 2-1 Ada, Oklahoma

By: JEFF Young

Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Blossoms travelled to Ada, Oklahoma for a three game Great American Conference series against the East Central Lady Tigers that began on Friday, March 25.

The Blossoms did not produce much offense in the contest with Grace Neal recording two hits going 2 for 3 and Caroline Tedder scoring the only other Blossom hit ending the contest going 1 for 2 in the 7-0 loss in the first game of a three-game series.

Sam Stephens drew the loss in the contest pitching 3.2 innings allowing four runs on seven hits, walking one, and striking out eight.

Maddie Chalenburg pitched 2.1 innings allowing three runs on four hits, walking two, and striking out two.

The Blossoms offense did not fare any better in the second game of the series.

Playing the first game of the scheduled double-header, the Blossoms recorded four hits in the contest with Neal going 1 for

2, Alissa Suarez going 2 for 3, and Averie Gunther going 1 for 1 in the 9-0 loss.

Jamie Franks recorded the loss for the blossoms, dropping her overall record to 6-5. Franks pitched 2.1 innings allowing three runs on five hits. Maguire Estill pitched 2.2 innings, allowing two runs on five hits and a strikeout.

Gunter threw for .2 of an inning allowing four runs on five hits, walking two.

The Blossoms would take the third game of the series in the second game of the double-header.

With the score even o-o for

four complete innings, Caroline Tedder would give the Blossoms a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth on a solo homerun. It would be the only run needed in the contest as UAM took the game 1-0.

Maddie Chalenburg would be awarded the win, improving her record to 1-2 on the season. Chalenburg would pitch two innings allowing two hits and a walk.

Gunther would record her first save of the season, pitching one inning and allowing one hit.

Sam Stephens got the start, pitching four innings allowing two hits, two walks, and two

strikeouts in the no-decision. Neal finished the contest go-

ing 1 for 3, Tedder 1 for 1 with a homerun, and Hannah Holdbrook finishing 1 for 2. With the series loss, the Blossoms fall to 15-17 on the season

with a Great American Conference record of 10-7 and currently hold the fourth position in the GAC standings.

The Blossoms return to action in Searcy, Arkansas facing Harding University with the first game of the three-game series beginning on Friday, April 1, at 4pm and the second game to start at

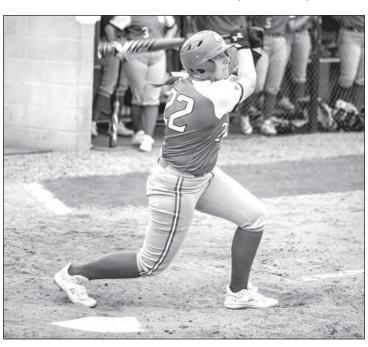
The series will conclude on Saturday, April 2, with first pitch set for 12pm.

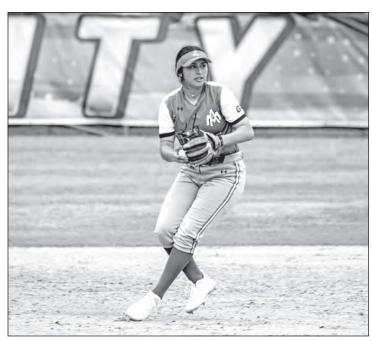
The Blossoms will return for a single GAC game against Southern Arkansas University at Alvy Early Softball Field on Tuesday, April 5, with a 2pm first pitch scheduled.

Southern Arkansas currently leads the Great American Conference with a 14-3 conference

record. Harding University is second in the standings with a Great American Conference record of 11-6.







CHANDLER WEAST (left) has appeared in three contests this season as a freshman pitching a total of five innings allowing four runs on seven hits, four walks, and striking out three. CAROLINE TEDDER (center) scored the Blossoms only run in the three game series against East Central on a solo home run. SUMMER PERKINS (right) throws out a runner at first after fielding the ball at shortstop. Perkins has started 13 games this season and currently has a .229 batting average.

Billies defeat Hamburg Lions 13-6 in 8-4A Conference Contest

SPORTS/CLASSIFIEDS

By: JEEF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies traveled to Sylvan Hills over the Spring Break vacation to participate in a three-game tournament on Thursday, March 24, and Friday, March 25.

In the first game of the Thursday double-header, the Billies would face the host team, Sylvan

Doerian Allen led off the contest with a double followed by a walk to Brenden Brown. Cade Pigott would single to score Allen to give the Billies a 1-0 lead.

Wade Pennington would ground out for the second out of the inning, scoring Brown for a 2-0 lead.

Sylvan Hills came back in the bottom half of the inning to score six runs to take a 6-2 lead.

The Bears increased their lead to 7-2 in the bottom of the second inning after scoring on a field.

ground ball and an error.

After getting the Billies out in order in the top of the third, the Bears would score three runs in the bottom of the third inning to increase their lead to 10-2.

Monticello would get a run back in the top of the fifth inning after Allen would score on a wild pitch to cut the lead to 10-3.

Monticello would score their final runs of the contest in the top of the sixth inning after Sylvan Hills gave up five walks and an error in the inning. The Billies would score three runs in the inning to set up the final score of

Coming back to face Lake Hamilton in the second contest on Thursday, the Billies would give up two runs in the top of the first inning to fall behind 2-0.

Allen would lead off the bottom of the first inning with a single followed by the first out of the inning on a fly ball to right

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BROOKS BOWMAN singled to centerfield to score Tucker Breedlove to tie the contest in the bottom of the second inning.

Wolves would get the next two batters out to end the inning, but Allen was able to score on the second out to cut the lead to 2-1.

Easton Byrd would get the Wolves out in order in the top of the second inning with the Billies striking out in order in the bottom half of the inning.

Lake Hamilton added two runs in the top of the third inning to increase their lead to 4-1 and added their fifth run in the top of the sixth for a 5-1 advan-

Monticello would get their final scores of the contest in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Brooks Harvey started the inning advancing to first on a ground ball and an error. Brooks Bowman would single to advance Harvey to second. Wade Pennington would reach on an error to load the bases before Lake Hamilton got the next two batters to strike out.

Pigott would single to score Bowman and Harvey for the final runs of the contest as the Billies would fall 5-3.

Returning on Friday to face Little Rock Christian, the Billies would get two base runners in the first inning but could not get any runs in the inning.

Little Rock Christian opened the bottom of the inning with a walk and a single for the first score of the contest. Little Rock Christian would score four runs in the inning to take a 3-0 lead.

Monticello would get on the board in the top of the second inning after a single by Jagger Hines. Hines would be replaced on the bases by Evan Bealer who would score the run in the inning on a wild pitch to cut the lead to

The Billies would gain some ground in the top of the third inning after Allen reached first after being hit by a pitch. Allen would steal second base. Pigott hit a ground ball, reaching base on an error. Allen would score on the same error to cut the lead

Pigott would single, but the to 4-2. Tucker Breedlove would ground out to end the inning.

> Jagger Hines would get the first two batters to strike out followed by a ground out to end the

Monticello would have one base runner in top of the fourth on a single by Wade Pennington, but the Billies would suffer three strikeouts in the inning.

Hines would walk the first batter in the bottom of the fourth inning and would get the next three batters to ground out and fly out to end the inning.

Little Rock Christian would go on to score four more runs in the contest to take the 8-2 victory.

Returning to conference play on Tuesday, March 29, the Monticello Billies would host the Hamburg Lions.

Easton Byrd would get the start for the Billies allowing one base runner in the top of the first, who reached on an error, but the runner would be thrown out at second by catcher Trystan White to Brooks Bowman while trying to steal the base.

Monticello would have one base runner in the bottom half of the inning after a walk to Brenden Brown, but the Lions would turn a double play to get out of the inning.

Hamburg would take a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning, but the Billies would come back in the bottom half of the inning to tie the contest at 1-1.

Tucker Breedlove would lead things off with a walk and would advance to second on a ground out by Pennington.

After a pop out by John Frost, Brooks Bowman would single to center that would score Breedlove and allow Bowman to advance to second. The Billies would strand two runners on the bases as the inning ended.

Byrd would get the Lions out in order in the top of the third inning.

The Billies started the bottom half of the inning with three walks followed by Breedlove



EASTON BYRD stretches back to catch a pop-up from a Hamburg batter. Byrd pitched 3.2 innings allowing two runs on two hits.

reaching on Catcher's Interfer- and a Fielder's Choice. Brooks ence that scored two runs to give the Billies a 3-1 lead.

Monticello would go on to score six more runs in the inning to increase their lead to 9-1 by the end of the bottom of the third inning.

Hamburg scored one run in the top of the fourth after recording two singles and two walks to cut the lead to 9-2.

Breedlove started the bottom of the fourth with a double and would score on a single by Pennington for a 10-2 advantage. Pennington would score on a wild pitch to make the score 11-2.

Hamburg would score four runs in the top of the fifth inning to cut the Monticello lead to 11-6.

Monticello added two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning after recording two walks Bowman and Wade Pennington would score in the inning on errors to give the Billies a 13-6 final

With the win the Billies im-

prove their overall record to 7-5 and their record in the 8-4A Conference to 4-1. The Billies will return to the diamond on Thursday, March

against Stuttgart at 5pm. Monticello will return to conference play on Friday, April 1, hosting the Warren Lumberjacks at 5pm.

31, in a non-conference contest

The Billies will face McGehee on the road on Monday, April 4, at 5pm and will travel to Watson Chapel on Tuesday, April 5, to face the Wildcats in a return to conference action with a 5pm first pitch scheduled.

Jackson to serve as UAM Director of Athletics

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at Monticello (UAM) has suspended the search committee to fill the institution's director of athletics position. William "Hud" Jackson will serve as the director of athletics and continue in his role as the head football coach at UAM. Jackson has served as the UAM interim director of athletics since July 2021 and head football coach since 2011.

of athletics, Jackson will contin- positive projects happening tance of academic success and baseball at McNeese State Uni-The University of Arkansas ue his primary duties, including right now, and we are on a great student retention. He has done versity (MSU), where he earned hiring vital staff members in the UAM Department of Athletics, fundraising and working closely with campus leadership to set university strategies.

Jackson stated, "I am very excited to continue in this role. UAM and Monticello are special to me and my family. I am grateful to our athletic staff and coaches for their support and to Dr. Doss for believing in me In his role as the UAM director and our vision. There are many

path. Our student-athletes are the most important part of the puzzle, and we must continue to help them to be successful in the classroom and in competition."

Dr. Peggy Doss, UAM chancellor, said, "I am pleased that Hud Jackson has agreed to continue to serve as the UAM director of athletics and head football coach. He is a phenomenal leader for our athletics department and understands the imporan excellent job of fundraising and creating strategic partnerships to strengthen the department and improve opportunities for our student-athletes."

Prior to joining UAM, Jackson spent six seasons at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) as the associate head football coach and director of football operations. He was an all-state high school baseball player in Louisiana and played

MVP and outstanding pitcher awards. In addition to playing baseball, Jackson started for three years as the quarterback for the MSU football team. He coached baseball and football and served as athletic director for four Louisiana high school programs before joining the UCA coaching staff.

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GAC Player of the Week MASON PHILL



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MASON PHILLEY has been selected as the Great American Conference Player of the Week after his stellar pitching performance on Saturday, March 26. Philley earns the honors after retiring 21 straight batters during the Weevils contest against East Central. Philley pitched the completed game to perfection not allowing a hit or walk while striking out 10 batters.

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Local hikers set foot on Appalachian Trail

By: Ashley Hogg editor@monticellonews.net

A lot of people may enjoy a walk in the woods, getting outdoors and even camping. One local couple is taking being outside to a whole new level. Jane Lee and Stephen Coburn, both of Monticello, will embark on the 2,200-mile journey of the Appalachian Trail beginning on April 1. The Appalachian Trail runs from North Georgia to Maine.

Jane and Stephen are graduates of Monticello High School and have returned to Monticello after retiring last June. Hiking the Appalachian Trail has been a bucket list item for both hikers for a number of years. In the Summer of 2021, the two spent three months on a road trip, traveling the Western United States. They covered 10,000 miles, 28 states and 6 national parks.

This year, the couple is embarking on their biggest adventure to date. Their trek of the AT will take somewhere between six to seven months depending heavily on weather and terrain.

Every year approximately 3,000 people attempt a thru hike or completing the entire trail from one end to the other. About 25 percent of those hikers complete the entire trail. This is not your casual walk in the outdoors. A great deal of planning, preparation and time are required to attempt this hike.

Jane is a retired nurse and an avid hiker. Stephen is a local photographer, and retired from the United Methodist Church. Both are experienced hikers and understand the daunting task of completing the AT. Jane says in order to complete the trail, "you have to know the hike is 75 percent mental and you must hike your own hike." Both hikers are excited about the challenge before them.

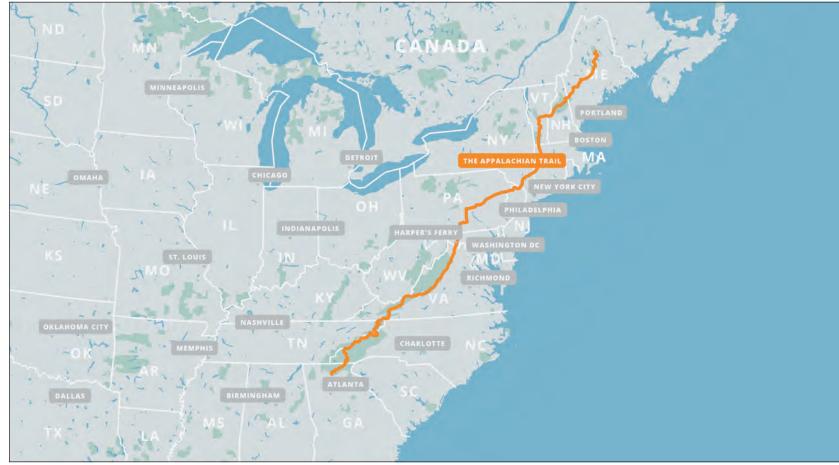
At the beginning of March, the pair attempted the Ouachita Trail which partially runs through Arkansas. Due to unexpected amounts of winter precipitation, the couple completed approximately 120 miles of the 220 mile trail.

"We like to count experiences, not miles," Coburn stated. "Hiking is not a race, it must be enjoyable."

The plan is to do what is called a "Flip-Flop" hike. The hikers will start near the middle of the trail around Harpers Ferry and hike North to Maine. They estimate this portion of the trip will take about three months. The pair will then travel back to Virginia and hike the Southern portion of the trail into Georgia.

As long as cell phone signal and battery are available, it is the plan for the hikers to update us weekly on their progress, location and experiences.









Locals share their Spring Break photos





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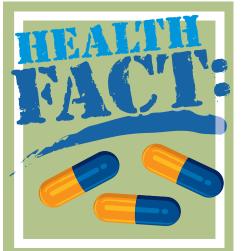
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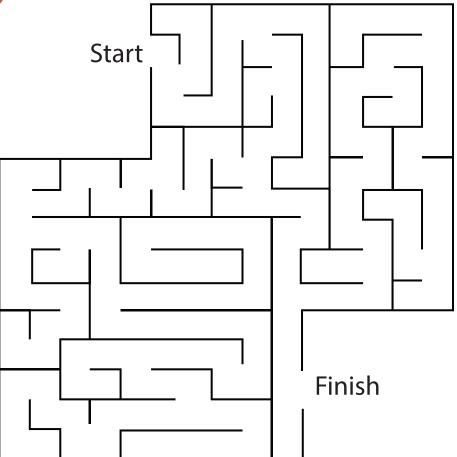
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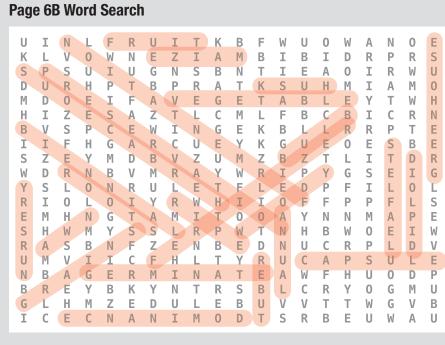
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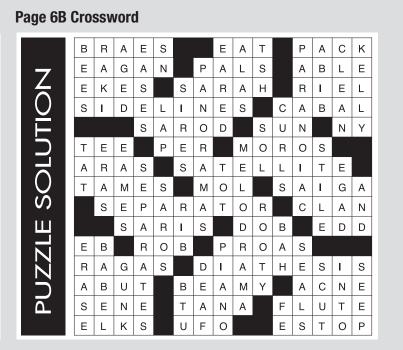


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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

What God has in store is greater than your plans

By Amy Becker

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever— he issued a decree that will never pass away. Psalm 148:1-6

Last week for Spring Break, my family and I took a trip to Broken Bow, Oklahoma. I had never been, and up until planning the trip I had heard zero about the place, so I had no clue what to expect. You know you can look at all the pictures on the internet, but until you really experience something for yourself, you are left to just imagine what it will be like. So I made a pretty picture in my mind of a cabin in the woods, and what the lake nearby would

look like. The town I figured would be just like any old tourist town, and on our merry way we went.

Once we got there I realized how much better this place was than I could have ever imagined! The cabin I created (even with pictures to help me out) was beautiful, but my thoughts didn't create the way I would feel when we got to sit by the fire. I never could have dreamt up the joy my kids would get from my mom playing pool against them. At night we read our Bibles together in the living room with the fire going. We didn't plan the discussions, but even if we had, they wouldn't have been as rich and sweet as what the Lord had planned for us.

On our last day we took a hike around Beaver's Bend State Park. We started near a small creek. I think I expected to have a nice hike. I assumed it would be fun for the girls and nice to get some exercise, but what unfolded my thoughts never could have created. We followed streams and rippling water, balanced

on fallen trees, and sat in beds of green grass with the sun shining down. Truly, it was the most beautiful and relaxing place I had ever been.

After our hike, we spent some time talking about the difference in what God creates and man creates. You see, I can make all the plans in the world, but what God has in store is so much greater than my plans. My mind creates pictures of a fun trip, his mighty hand creates the experiences that are best for me. I can think up a babbling brook, but with the sound of his voice he created something so amazing there's no way I could have come up with it even in my wildest imagination.

You see, our thoughts are limited, but God has no limits. Our knowledge reaches an end, yet he has no end. Our plans are based on our knowledge, His are based on all knowledge. God is awesome! He is all powerful, all knowing, he has been here before there was time and he will be here forever. How can we let that knowledge change us today?







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By: Kristie Nall graphics3@monticellonews.net

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BARKADA JANA WRIGHT

There is no Barkada news this week. Jana Wright had other commitments.

Her column will resume in next week's edition.

GREEN HILL WANDA PACE

Greenhill Community Baptist Church welcomes you to join us Sunday mornings for Sunday School at 9:30am and Worship service at 10:30am. Bro Caleb's message was from Acts 4:23-35 and titled "That's My Crowd." On Sunday afternoon April 3, 2022 there will be a wedding shower for William & Conssa in the fellowship hall.

Aunt May had a doctor's appointment in Crossett last Thursday. I am happy to report she is doing well and stopped by my house for a visit on Wednesday after-

Rachel Pace was honored with a 58th birthday party at her home in Greenhill. Mark grilled hamburgers for all the family on Saturday evening. There were a lot of family members that attended including Aunt May and Aunt Pepe. Happy Birthday Rachel! I hope you enjoyed a beautiful and blessed birthday.

I enjoyed spending time with my nieces Juliet and Gracee over spring break. We had a weiner roast, made smores, ate pizza, and hunted Easter eggs in the park. Juliet lives in north Arkansas and visits when she is on break from school. I also enjoyed a visit from Cole Reed on Friday evening.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Kiley Lane, Jamie Berryman, and Rachel Pace. Verse of the week: Jesus

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said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John

Have a safe and blessed week.

JORDAN PARK TRILISA MARSHALL

There is no Jordan Park news this week. Trilisa Marshall had other commit-

Her column will resume in next week's edition.

LACEY **IVANELL HANDLEY**

Hello readers, it's another day that God has blessed me to see and I am so thankful. I hope everyone had a great weekend, it was a beautiful

Sunday service began with a great Sunday School taught by Minister, Edgar Spencer; the lesson subject was "Lest We Forget" Lesson scripture was Deuteronomy 8, Key Verse Deuteronomy 8:11 (NSRV) "Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today". A blessed message was also brought by Minister Spencer; his subject was "Saul to Paul; Acts 7:54.

Prayers for Henry Daniels, John Franklin, Welton Green, Carolyn King and others that maybe sick or shut-in. My prayer is that each of you will be up and about very soon.

Belated birthdays wishes to Earlie Bell Lemon, and Rowena, March 30. Happy Birthday to Lula Hardin, April 6; Lisa Grays and Ray King, April 7, enjoy your day!

GENERAC

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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.

I called to wish Julia Lambert a happy birthday Saturday night. Jean Green and I chatted a few minutes in Walmart, sorry to hear that her husband had been sick. Floyd and I were saddened to hear that our classmate, William Lewis had passed; our prayers to his family.

Congratulations to Ronnie and Erica Rochelle on your new home. Thanks to Mrs. Jan Tiner for the invitation to her church service on April 15. Mrs. Betty Hardin called me, it was so good to hear from her.

Thought for the week: "Always believe that something wonderful is about to

happen". (Author Unknown). Have a great week and be blessed!

POSSUM VALLEY **KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK**

Welcome back, yall! I am loving this weather! Sure, we still need a jacket in the mornings but by the end of the day, it's almost perfect. Perfect for a walk outside with a camera, or with grandchildren. The kids and grands were all gone this weekend to spend a few days over at Moro Bay with some of Leigha's family. I was a bit worried about the river level being too high, but apparently everything went off without a hitch. Rick had to work Friday night and I

had to check on grand kitty, Chloe. Saturday morning, eleven ladies met at church for our weekly women's bible study. I am really enjoying this time with the ladies of our church and community. Young and old alike have something to share and to learn. We all need to me reminded of our roots, our roots in Jesus Christ.

Later that morning, I took my camera outside to stalk butterflies again. There were several species flitting around the Henbit and Spring Beauties again. The Eastern Black Swallowtail was in its usual place. There was also a Spicebush Swallowtail, an Orange Sulphur, several Wood Satyrs, and a Goatweed Leafwing. The Leafwing is one of the prettiest orange butterflies I've ever seen. I also saw a Monarch, but it did not want to cooperate with my camera. At one point, I was sitting right down among the Henbit, Purple Deadnettle and Spring Beauties to get a closer look at the butterflies, flowers, bees and ladybugs. Thankfully, I was sitting near the peach tree and was able to pull myself up without too much trouble.

I am beginning to hear some new birdsong. Spring migration has begun and should be in full swing within the next few weeks. But I could swear I heard my FOS Black and White Warbler

and Northern Parula. I've also been hearing a Pileated Woodpecker in the woods just west of Jason's place. No sighting yet though. One evening this week, as I was in the kitchen fixing supper, I saw a flock of Great Egrets in the pasture behind the house. After all that rain we had last week, there is still some water standing in that slough and Egrets just love scavenging for small fish and crawdads.

Still no hummingbird. I've seeing reports from all around me but none in the Valley just yet. Last year, I saw my first hummer on March 25th. Of course, I was at work that day and may have missed it. But I don't think so. Saturday, I was outside almost all day, off and on, and saw no hummingbird. Patience, Kay, patience.

One day last week, when I was driving over near the old Sears store building, I heard Purple Martins. There are several Martin houses over there and the Martins were everywhere. It's also skunk season! Lordy mercy! Friday morning when Rick and I were driving into work, we smelled the skunk's unique perfume several times. Alas, a smell that only Flower, the cute skunk in Bambi, could love.

I won't have a church report this week as Rick and I will be leaving after morning

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service to drive to Meghann and Tim's. And since I normally send my news in on Sunday evening, I decided to go ahead and send it in Saturday.

We'll spend the night at Meghann and Tim's then Monday morning we're to meet Rick's daughters and grandchildren in Little Rock for a long overdue visit. I'll report on that in next week's column.

That's my news for this week. I need to finish supper and then go check on Chloe and give her some food and pets before it gets dark.

Corny joke time: Did you hear about the explosion at the cheese factory? De Brie was everywhere!

Until next time, please, be safe, be happy and remember to root yourself in Jesus Christ through prayer and studying His word and you'll be like a tree planted by the waters. You will not be moved.

WILMAR **CHRIS RILEY**

We're blessed, blessed, blessed. If you bless God, He'll surely bless you.

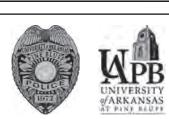
Sunday we were blessed at 1st Baptist East Side. Pastor Simpson brought a dynamic message taken

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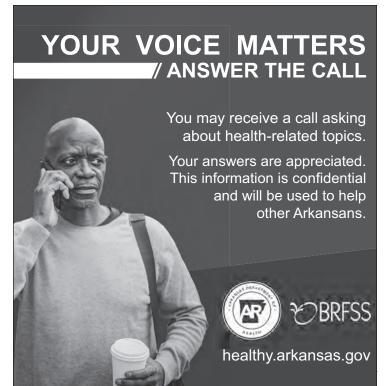
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Not of this world

Leviticus 20:26 New King James Version (NKJV) 26 And you shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.

As Moses was giving instruction from the Lord we see another reminder that as Christians we are in this world by birth but due to Christ leading our lives from the inside out we are not of this world. We are to respond to a hurting and evil world with compassion and love yet we still must do so with lines drawn. There should always be

the distinguishable difference between the Christian and non-Christian.

A separate people. Not a superior people but a contingent of people set apart and known for their anti-sin/pro-sinner relationships and as Mathew 7:20 states by Jesus, "Therefore by their fruits they will be known". So let our prayer today be that we live our life in the world, present and willing to seek after those who are lost but not of this world in that all our thoughts and actions reflect the character of Christ.

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

1/2 tablespoon raw turbinado cane sugar

Thisweek'srecipe:Blueberry pie wins raves every time



Everyone amateur baker needs a go-to pie recipe in his

or her repertoire. While apple may get much of the fan-

fare, blueberries pack that perfect punch of sweet but

tart flavor that just bursts in the mouth with every bite.

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the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, is a sweet way to

celebrate National Blueberry Pie Day or enjoy dessert

Ginger n' Spice Bubbling

Ingredients (Serves 8)

1/2 cup chilled all-vegetable shortening

test. This recipe, courtesy of Barbara Estabrook and

"Ginger n' Spice Bubbling Blueberry Pie" is not only

1. Combine lemon juice and ice water and set aside. 2. In a medium bowl, whisk flour and salt. Cut in butter and shortening with a pastry blender until coarse meal forms. Sprinkle half the water/lemon mix over flour mixture; toss with a fork. Add remaining half, tossing until dough begins to form a ball.

3. Divide dough in half, flatten it into 1/2-inch-thick discs. Wrap each disc in plastic wrap. Chill 30 minutes.

Filling

Crust

1. In a large bowl, toss blueberries with lemon juice. 2. In a separate medium-sized bowl, stir sugar, tapioca, ginger, cinnamon, and allspice together until combined. Gently fold into blueberries until well coated. 3. Melt butter, stir in marmalade, then fold into blueber-

ry mixture. Let set.

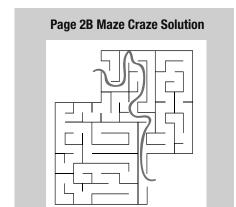
Pie Assembly

1. Heat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with parch-

2. On a lightly floured surface, roll one chilled dough disc into a 13-inch circle. Fit dough in a 9-inch pie plate. Trim overhang to 3/4-inch of edge. Brush egg white over bottom and sides of dough. Reserve remaining egg white. Set the lined plate in the freezer. 3. Roll second chilled disc on a lightly floured surface into a 13-inch circle, then cut into 1-inch-wide strips with a pastry wheel.

4. Retrieve pie plate and pour in filling, mounding slightly toward center. Weave strips of dough over filling to form a lattice top. Seal, trim and crimp edge. Brush reserved egg white over dough. Sprinkle evenly

5. Set pie on lined sheet. Bake 18 minutes at 425 F. Reduce heat to 375 F. Bake 50 minutes or until pie is bubbling. Cool on a wire rack. Top with vanilla ice



1 egg white, whisked to foamy (divided use)

thick cubes)

Crust

1/2 teaspoon salt

any time of the year.

Blueberry Pie

21/2 cups all-purpose flour

31/2 tablespoons ice water

1/2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

10 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cubed (1/4-inch-

41/2 cups fresh blueberries (room temperature) 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

3/4 cup granulated sugar 1/4 cup instant or quick-cooking tapioca, ground

2 tablespoons finely minced crystallized ginger 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 scant teaspoon ground allspice

2 tablespoons melted butter 3 tablespoons orange marmalade

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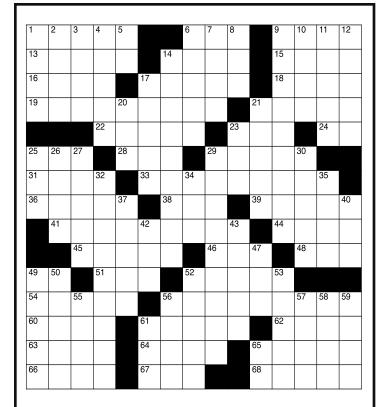
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- 16. Supplements with difficulty
- 17. Former VP nominee Palin 18. Cambodian monetary unit
- 19. Where coaches work
- 21. Secret political clique
- 22. A type of lute 23. Tan
- 24. Empire State
- 25. Where golfers begin 28. For each
- 29. Muslim inhabitants of the
- Philippines 31. Bird genus
- 33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song 68. Bar or preclude 36. Domesticates
- 38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Flying insects
- 2. Strong alcoholic spirit
- 4. Moves in slowly
- 5. Symbol for tin
- 6. Having certain appendages
- 7. Expression of sorrow or pity 8. Type of hormone (abbr.)
- 9. One with an unjustified mistrust
- 10. Hebrew calendar month 11. Pure
- 12. LSU football coach 14. Unbroken views
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Part of a race 21. Hairstyle
- 23. Fifth note of a major scale 25. Body art
- 26. Amounts of time 27. Designed chairs
- 29. Sensational dramatic piece 30. Arrangement of steps

32. Classifies

39. Asian antelope

45. Dresses

51. Overcharge

52. Sailboats

61. Wide

62. Skin disease

65. Instrument

66. Red deer

41. One who takes apart

46. Says something about you (abbr.)

49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

56. Predisposition to a condition

60. Share a common boundary with

54. Indian musical patterns

63. Monetary unit of Samoa

64. Source of the Blue Nile

67. Unidentified flying object

- 34. Young child 35. Oh, no!
- 37. Astronomical period of about
- 18 years 40. Not or
- 42. Poke fun at
- 43. Consisting of roots 47. "Humbug!"
- 49. A way to remove
- 50. A confusion of voices and other sounds
- 52. Keyed instrument
- 53. Varnishes 55. Unpleasantly sticky substance
- 56. Unable to hear
- 57. A short erect tail 58 Indicates interest
- 59. Flow or leak through 61. British thermal unit

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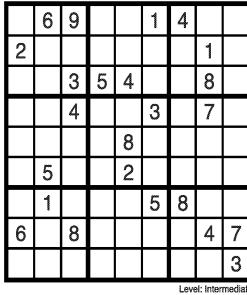
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!





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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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COUNTRY

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from Philippians 2:5, 8. Subject: "This Mind". There was many in attendance. Sunday School was real rewarding as Sis. Janice Simpson taught the women and Sis. Theda Colbert taught the children, approximately 8 or 10 children and 8 women. The lesson subject was: "The Resolve to Remember" taken from Deuteronomy. Glad to see my friends Linda Simpson, Thelma Shield, and Pearline Bealer. After service we traveled to **Eudora where Pastor Simpson** was the speaker at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, on the 1st anniversary of Pastor

Woods and wife. I was glad to see Pastor Blackmon and Pastor George Glass and wife from Louisiana, and others whom I hadn't seen since our last district meeting. Among those was Asha Woods, daughter of Sherri and Shay Gillespie. It was a blessed event. Dinner was served.

I attended the wake of Kim Franklin Burnett Friday and the homegoing of Eupharzine Clifton Saturday at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Minister Melvin, her pastor, did the eulogy. So sorry to hear of the transition of Artie F. McCoy. So sorry to hear of Birdie Robertson Jarman of Detroit, youngest daughter's transition recently. Our prayers and condolences.

I conversed with oldest sister Shirley Clanton of Little Rock, she said all was well. She and Jesus had this. That's good because our hope lies in the unseen.

I also enjoyed talking by phone with Dr. Emma K. Rhodes of Little Rock, formerly of Wilmar, and Gearldine Polk Williams of Stuttgart. All were former Drew Countians and schoolmates. Gearldine was my classmate in elementary prior to moving away. It's so good to stay connected. These two are very inspiring as they are on the battlefield for the Lord, helping to lift bowed down heads and pointing souls to Christ, which is good in times like these.

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Pastor and Sis. J.D. Buffington will commemorate their anniversary April 3rd, all day. Minister Jessie Radford, former pastor of New Bethel in Crossett, is the 10 a.m. speaker and Bishop Michael Jones of Revival Center COGIC will be the 2 p.m. speaker. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. You are welcome.

A big birthday shout out to my friend Brenda Shaw Henderson, March 28th.

Now until we meet again by paper and pen, let's lift up Jesus wherever we go, for in His word He says if I be lifted up from the Earth will draw all men unto me, and we lift Him up in our daily living. Amen.

and you'll feel right

New to town?

Guess Who?

I am a musician born in Scotland on March 31, 1955. I moved to Australia at age 13 and left school two years later. While my first instrument was the banjo, I'm known as a guitarist, co-founding a popular hard rock band of the 1970s and 80s.

Answer: Angus Young

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Every year, the Advance-Monticellonian salutes our local physicians on Doctors' Day. March 30 was chosen to celebrate Doctors' in the United States because in 1842, a doctor in Georgia anesthetized a patient to painlessly remove a tumor from his

With Doctors' Day falling on a Wednesday this year, the Advance reached out to local doctors and asked them, what inspired them to become a doctor and what they love about serving patients in Drew County. Below are the responses from the physicians that took time to get back with

Dr. Jeff Reinhart

I remember wanting to be a doctor since childhood. It started with a fascination with science and particularly biology. I had a natural tendency to help people and



loved doctor shows on TV. From there it just naturally progressed. Fortunately I had the

capability of doing well in school and achieved my goal of becoming an MD.

To this day, it's the pleasure and reward of helping people that motivates me despite the political and administrative complexities of

modern medicine. Practicing in my home town is just icing on the cake for me!

Dr. Katey Carmical

The human body is amazing. The fact that it can grow another human so perfectly without missing a beat, respond and fight illnesses, be altered with medications. Its truly



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unbelievable when we step back and look at it. What I love about Primary Care is that you nev-

er know

what is going to be behind the next door. It could be

anything from new onset diabetes to a snake bite. Primary Care also gives you a great opportunity to treat the whole person. We can care for babies and new moms. We are their on peoples hardest days, and their best days. Actually listening to people to figure out why they have high blood pressure and why they can't take medications and helping from the ground up. You are in the position



J. CARMICAL

Dr. Jim Carmical I love working

with our

patients.

team to help

Dr. Blayne Beene I enjoy the lifelong learning that comes with being to actually help them.

to know my natients and being able to educate my patients so that they may take control of their

Sometimes it's tough and it

doesn't go how you want it

to go. At the end of the day,

it's fun, and we help people;

a doctor.

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what else could you want?

health is great.

Dr. Jay Connelley Dr. Connelley stated that he knew he wanted to be doctor since he was about 13 years old when his dad advised



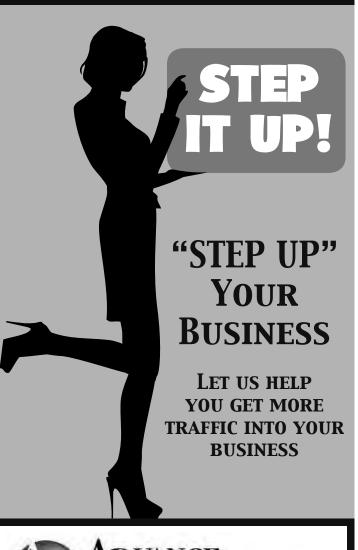
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him to find a career he would love and to set his goals high. He decided to practice

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