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Road closing for hose test

The Monticello Fire Department will conduct routine testing of fire hoses from 7 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 9. During the tests, North Church Street from Trotter Street to Wood Avenue will be closed as well as North Chester Street from Wood Avenue to Oakland Street. The Fire Department apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Golf balls to drop from helicopter this Friday

BY ASHLEY HOGG editor@monticellonews.net

The Drew Memorial Health Foundation will host its annual golf tournament Friday, April 8, at the Monticello Country Club Golf Course. This year, DMH has found a way to incorporate those who are

not so inclined to swing a golf club.

Pafford Air One will be in the sky and at 1 p.m. At that time, the helicopter will release golf balls from the air onto the course. The balls that land closest to the designated targets will win a cash prize.

The five targets are sponsored by CPS, \$1,000 cash prize; Cerner,

\$250 cash prize; Nutrien Solutions, \$250 cash prize; Commercial Bank, \$250 cash prize and Union Bank, \$250 cash prize.

Golf balls can be purchased by contacting Stephanie Norris with DMH at 870-460-3539. You do not have to be present to win.

"The purchase of a golf ball is tax

deductible because Drew Memorial Health Foundation is a non-profit organization and all proceeds from this event go back to the foundation," Norris said.

The benefit tournament has been a tradition since 2014. This year, the tournament has 36 teams of four players signed up to compete.

Exciting additions coming to your hometown newspaper

BY ASHLEY HOGG

editor@monticellonews.net

Since 1870, The Advance-Monticellonian has published a printed newspaper in Drew County. The team at The Advance is happy to announce an updated, user friendly website in conjunction with our printed newspaper.

Advancemonticellonian.com is officially live and ready for visitors thanks to much time and effort from the entire Advance team.

"We could not be happier about this addition to our newspaper," Managing Editor Ashley Hogg said. "This has been a long time coming and we

know we will be able to serve different parts of our community with this updated website."

The new website will include weekly e-editions of the Advance-Monticellonian, as well as stand alone news stories, breaking news, sports, obituaries, legals and much more.

"This is going to be a fluid process and we welcome the community's feedback on what you would like to see featured on the website," Hogg added.

Digital advertising is now available for the website and The Advance sales representatives and graphic artist are ready to help create online ads that fit your business.

To welcome everyone to the updated website, the e-editions will be free until April 26. Beginning on Wednesday, April 27, readers will need to subscribe to the newspaper online to access the e-editions.

Digital subscriptions can be purchased by calling the Advance office at 870-367-5325.

It is the goal to update the website daily with up to the moment news, and events happening in the community.



UAM Wind Symphony named a national semi-finalist for three music prizes

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The UAM Wind Symphony has been named a national semi-finalist in three categories for the American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in the Performing Arts.

Anders said, "I cannot adequately express my feelings of pride regarding the hard work of our students. To my knowledge, this is the first national placement of a wind ensemble at UAM. I believe this shows not only the depth of strength of the music program but also



The UAM Wind Symphony is a 2022 national semi-finalist for the American Prize Ernst Bacon Memorial Award for the Performance of American Music in the College/University Ensemble division and a 2022 national semi-finalist for the American Prize in Band/Wind Ensemble Performance in the College/University division. The American Prize states that the Ernst Bacon Memorial Award for the Performance of American Music "recognizes and rewards the best performances of American music by ensembles and soloists worldwide, based on submitted recordings."

Justin Anders is a 2022 national semi-finalist for the American Prize in Conducting in the Band/Wind Ensemble division. Anders submitted the UAM Wind Symphony's performance from their Literature in Music album to the American Prize competitions in 2021 while he was the conductor of the UAM Wind Symphony, as well as an assistant professor of music and the chair of the Division of Music at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM). Since 2022, Anders has served as the interim dean of the UAM School of Arts and Humanities.

the support we receive from the university and community at large.

Dr. Peggy Doss, UAM chancellor, stated, "These three unprecedented and much-deserved national recognitions of the UAM Wind Symphony confirm that the UAM Division of Music is filled with talented students and faculty. We are proud that their musical abilities are being recognized on the national stage. We also offer congratulations to Justin Anders for his leadership of this group of musicians and thank the American Prize judges for honoring his talent as a conductor. We wish the UAM Wind Symphony the best of luck as it awaits the announcement of the finalists."

Finalists for each category will be announced in the coming weeks. According to its website, "The American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in the Performing Arts is the nation's most comprehensive series of contests in the classical arts. The American Prize is nonprofit, unique in scope and structure and is designed to evaluate,

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'Museum on wheels' to make a stop in Monticello

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is proud to announce a local stop for the WAA Mobile Education Exhibit (MEE) national tour. The MEE started its tour at the WAA Headquarters in Maine and will be in Monticello on April 10, 2022, from noon to 4:30 p.m. for a scheduled event that is both free and open to the public. The opening ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m., with a Vietnam Veteran recognition ceremony at 2:00. Local Boy Scouts and veterans will conduct a flag retirement ceremony at 3:00. The events will take place beside the Monticello Senior Citizens' Center, across from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4515. It is sponsored by the COL David Love Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, in partnership with the city of Monticello and local veterans' organizations.

"The goal of the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit is to bring community together and teach patriotism while remembering the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes," said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America. "Over the last two years we feel this exhibit

has taken on even more meaning by providing the opportunity for people to safely participate in something that is both educational and inspiring, while supporting and giving back to the communities it visits.

The MEE achieves this goal by bringing the local community, veterans, active-duty military and their families together through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories. The exhibit serves as a mobile museum, educating visitors about the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes as well as to serve as an official 'welcome home' station for our nation's Vietnam Veterans.

All veterans, active-duty military, their families, and the local community members are invited and encouraged to visit, take a tour and speak with WAA representatives and volunteers. They can also share more about the national nonprofit, and the work its volunteers do to support our heroes and their communities year-round.

The public tours for the MEE are free and open to the public with social distancing, sanitation and safety procedures in place to protect the health of all visitors in accordance with the CDCs recommendation for large

gatherings stemming from concerns surrounding the pandemic. Members of the media, dignitaries, veteransand other interested groups are urged to come, ask questions, share stories and experience this one-of-akind exhibit.

Wreaths Across America is the non-profit organization best known for placing wreaths on veteran's headstones at Arlington National Cemetery. However, in 2021, the organization placed more than 2.4 million sponsored veterans' wreaths at more than 3,100 participating locations nationwide. Throughout the calendar year you can tune in to Wreaths Across America Radio, 24/7, to learn more about the mission and those who support it across the country, as well as the hundreds of local charitable efforts nationwide that are funded through the Group Sponsorship Program.

You can sponsor a veteran's wreath anytime for \$15 at www.wreathsacrossamerica. org. Each sponsorship goes toward a live, balsam wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero as we endeavor to See WAA Page 6A

BY STEPHEN COBURN

On April 1, Jane and I loaded in the car with four of our grandchildren and daughter to be dropped off at the Appalachian Trail access point. After goodbyes, the trek began. Hiking the trail is an opportunity to experience the joy of nature, enter into a time of reflection and test your physical capabilities. Early in the hike, you experience a level of fatigue that tests you mentally and physically. For the first two days, we didn't encounter many hikers.

While on the trails, hikers have "trail names" they use throughout the hike. On the second day we met Pebbles, Two-Step, and Terrapin. Hikers from all over the United States make the pilgrimage to the Appalachian Trail. Our trail names are Pops and Nana.

Our day consists mostly with walking the trail, setting up for the night and the waking up to do it all over again. Jane and

I are keto eaters, meaning no carbs. One of the perks to hiking is eating all the carbs you want. Pizza, burgers, ice cream and cookies are mana from heaven! "We hike to eat!", Jane says.

We average about 8-10 miles a day hiking. It is all dependent on weather and terrain. The terrain can be exhausting.

On Sunday we made our way through what is called "The Roller Coaster". This is a ten mile stretch of trail traversing up and down five mountain peaks. We began the Roller Coaster at 8:30 a.m. and completed it at 4:15 p.m. A challenging day to say the least.

Hiking the trail gives you time to disconnect, focus on the task at hand, and strengthening your body. Sore legs, feet and back are part of the daily routine. Everyday it is simply one foot in front of the other. Bill Bryson had it right, hiking the Appalachian Trail is a "walk in the woods."





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Golf Ball Drop

Drew Memorial Health Foundation will host its first Golf Ball Drop at 1 p.m. Friday, April 8 at the Monticello Country Club Driving Range. Golf balls can be purchased from Stephanie at the hospital. One ball is \$25 or five balls for \$100. All proceeds go directly back to the Health Foundation. The golf ball that lands closest to the selected targets has a chance to win \$1,000 and four chances to win \$250. Call 870-460-3539 for more details.

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.

Yoga in the Park

Saturday, April 9, starting at 9 a.m. at the City Park. No cost. Instructor will be Maci Edwards. Sponsored by: Woodside Medical. **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.

Meet the Candidate forum

The Drew County NAACP will host a Meet the Candidate forum from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at the Sadie Johnson Building. Hosted by the Political Action Committee, candidates will be given the opportunity to share their platform and participate in a question and answer session. The citizens of Monticello and Drew County are invited to attend. If there are any questions or concerns, email naacp6042@gmail.com or visit dcnaacp6042.org.

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

Senior Center LUNCH

menu



Wednesday: Smothered pork chop w/gravy, wild rice, turnip greens, cornbread, jello cake

Thursday: Chicken pot pie, beets, apple sauce, biscuits

Friday: Sloppy joes, tots , cole slaw, pudding cup

Monday: Chicken tenders, mac & cheese, green beans, chocolate chip cookie, biscuit

Tuesday: Beef stroganoff over egg noodles, butter carrot, pineapple upside down cake, roll

Wednesday: Chicken & dressing, mixed greens, gravy, cranberry sauce, peach cobbler, roll

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.



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 attend.

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

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

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

Public WiFi is available inside and from the parking lot. The password is books2015.

Information and referral outreach office now open

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions Community Development Organization announces the opening of its Information and Referral Outreach Office, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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This Financial Literacy Month, Commit to teaching your kids about money.



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SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

A quick glance at Arkansas's state fishing records will reveal that March and April hold the lion's share of biggest fish catches for most species. Only one catch can qualify as Arkansas's state record for a certain species, but the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission still wants to help celebrate those memorable moments on the water with a Master Angler Award.

Created in 1985, the Master Angler Award program recognizes fish caught throughout the state by hook-and-line that meet certain size requirements, which are different by species. There are eight categories: black bass, bream, catfish, crappie, perch, temperate bass, trout and miscellaneous species. For each trophy fish that reaches or exceeds the minimum size for that species, an angler receives a commemorative pin. The program is open to any age angler, whether an Arkansan or a nonresident; the only requirement is that the fish be caught in Arkansas waters.

For example, anglers who catch a largemouth bass of at least 8 pounds or a smallmouth or a spotted bass of 3.5 pounds are eligible for a trophy pin. Crappie trophy size begins at 2.5 pounds for black or white crappie. Brown trout starts at 10 pounds; rainbow at 8. A striped bass needs to tip the scales at the 25-pound mark. A full list of species and starting trophy size is available at https:// www.agfc.com/en/fishing/masterangler.

If an angler catches a trophy in each of four or more different categories, he or she is a "Master Angler" and will receive a commemorative coin. Very few anglers ever meet this challenge. In fact, only a handful of Master Angler coins were awarded last year.

Anglers must submit a Master Angler application, available at https://www.agfc. com/en/fishing/masterangler to obtain each pin. A photo of the angler and the trophy fish must be included with the application.

There is no limit to the number of Master Angler awards or pins an angler may earn. If an angler prefers to fish for one species, such as trophy-size crappie, he or she can rack up all the pins he or she can claim, but the "Master Angler" coin only goes to anglers who qualify for four different categories of fish.

Arkansas Rice now accepting applications for scholarship program

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Current high school juniors graduating in 2023 are eligible to apply for and win up to \$18,000 in scholarship funding towards higher education. Arkansas Rice's "Rice Reps" is a five month program to help educate students about the rice industry while equipping them to act as advocates in their commu-

nities and on social media. Once accepted into the program, Reps actively participate in activities from May through September designed to teach students about rice farming and the importance of the Arkansas rice industry at home and abroad. They are also asked to attend four different exclusive, on-site experiences

during the program to better understand the reach of rice in Arkansas.

The goal of the Rice Reps program is to encourage interest in rice promotion and to publicize the importance of the Arkansas rice industry to the state's economy. The program seeks to educate both male and female See RICE Page 7A

2022-2023 MONTICELLO JR. BILLIE CHEERLEADERS ANNOUNCE



Photo courtesy of Kinsley

The 2022-2023 Monticello Junior Billie Cheerleaders have been announced. Pictured above are: Back Row: Kyra Hargis, Ella Weaver, Peyton Colwell, Annsley Oltmann, Adysen Jacks. Middle Row: Caroline Wilson, Addi Stafford, Anne Alysse Harden, Sidney Ballard, Madelyn Boardman. Front Row: Lynley Fletcher (captain) and Maggie Fakouri (captain).

CALENDAR

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The office will be open Tuesdays only. Services will include but are not limited to, COVID-19 relief information, pharmacy assistance referrals for free and reduced prescription medications, help with disability applications and other health and human services needs.

Delta Solutions is a non-profit organization, serving residents in Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha and Drew counties. It's primary focus is Education, Housing, Health and Wellness, Economic Development, Community Development, Housing, Food Insecurity, and Financial Literacy. The office is located at Revival Center Church's Business office complex. For service, please use the front entrance at 311 South Pine in Monticello. For ques-

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tions 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.

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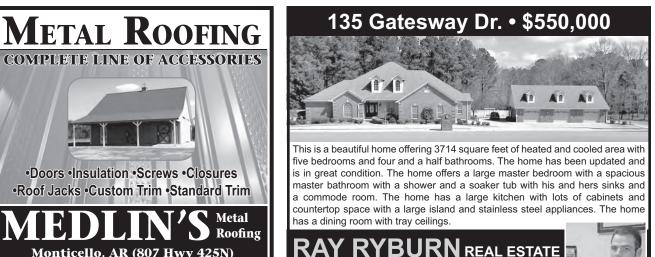
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contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj. veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993.

Any relative of a veteran who served overseas in a foreign war is eligible for membership. Any past members who are still

interested in the Auxiliary are also asked to contact Wanda or Melvin if they are still interested in being a member.



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 Bark-

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Leading the way in protecting Cyberspace

In the 21st century, most of the systems and operations we depend on for everything from personal financial activity to the community-wide distribution of information and resources is built within and around the internet.

The connectedness, convenience and efficiency it offers have improved how we live and work, but it does not come free of risk.

Last month, President Biden warned that our country faces a heightened threat of malicious cyber-attacks from Russia. Our



intelligence services attribute that to its displeasure with U.S. support of Ukraine as it withstands the brutal, unjustified invasion waged by Russian President Vladimir Putin. This reality only underscores the need to harden our domestic cybersecurity and resilience.

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Even before the announcement from the White House, I asked the Biden adminis-

tration to provide all necessary resources and work with private, state and local institutions to prevent our critical infrastructure and systems from being compromised through nefarious activity in response to the severe economic sanctions America has imposed on the Russian Federation.

From banks to hospitals, liquified natural gas terminals, bridges and roads, and more, our networks and institutions need to be informed and supported by the federal government in order to be prepared to absorb and rebuff offensive cyber operations by foreign adversaries. That was obvious last year as we saw bad actors target a major pipeline, disrupt service at a key meat supplier and even infiltrate a water treatment facility.

I've pushed the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security to pull out all the stops and be proactive in allocating the resources and capabilities to defend against these attempts to cripple our vital systems and disrupt our lives.

Thankfully, our state hasn't been waiting around for disaster to strike. We've been preparing and training our workforce to help protect our information and secure our critical networks.

I've been working alongside other leaders to strengthen Arkansas's role in combating cyberthreats and am pleased with the progress we are making. Efforts by the Forge Institute and universities like UAPB and UALR are positioning Arkansas as a cyber defense state. We've launched the Consortium for Cyber Innovation, a project to develop and align cyber instruction and marshal applied research capabilities throughout the state, creating a cluster of industry and education that will support our cyber readiness. I've also helped secure funding for the University of Arkansas System's Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) to update its cyberterrorism courses and lead training to help state and local governments prevent cyber-attacks. Additionally, just last month Governor Hutchinson announced grant funding for further development of the Cyber Learning Network (CyberLearN) – a regional partnership with seven schools in the University of Arkansas System aimed at averting a skills gap in this sector within The Natural State. I'm also backing policy solutions like the Cybersecurity Opportunity Act to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) offer education and training so even more students are prepared to fill jobs vital to protecting our country and the digital domain. Since Arkansas is home to four HB-CUs, establishing this pipeline will help our employers find local talent to fill these critical, in-demand positions. We can take great pride in how our higher education institutions and private entities are leading the way in this arena.

Raise your littles to be thankful

Y'all know I like to talk about Fred. Truth is, I lucked out in the parenting department. She is way better than I let on. She is so smart and it makes me so proud. She communicates so well.

> even if that means talking from the moment she wakes up until she absolutely can't hold her eyes open anymore.

She has a giving spirit, which she definitely did not get from me. She is a friend to everyone, both human and animal. Her zest for life matches mine and I cannot wait for all the adventures we will take in life.

By no stretch of the imagination will I ever win the "Mother of the Year" award. She eats way too many Cheeto's and has a lot of screen time for me to even be considered for that category. However, I am proud of one thing about her in particular. Fred is a thankful child.

Several months ago, I booked a trip for the husband and I to go see his favorite baseball team. I did not realize that Easter was going to be so late in the year. We will watch baseball on Friday and Saturday and return home on Easter Sunday. Oops!

Over the past few weeks, we have been collecting little things to give Fred as an Easter present. Thanks to my husband and her Paw-Paw, Fred loves Star Wars, Yoda especially.

While strolling through Target, (one of my favorite past times), we found some tennis shoes that have white glitter, pink shoe strings and baby Yoda on them. There was not much thought or hesitation, the shoes were immediately put in the buggy.

The shoes have been hidden away at the top of my closet since purchase with the intention of giving them to her on Easter. Well, in true Ashley fashion, the gift was given early. Yes, I am severely guilty of buying a gift for a special occasion but being so excited that I give it early. Giving gifts makes me happy and life is too short not to be joyful.

I can justify it this time though, I promise. The kid's feet are growing as fast as she is and she has outgrown her other pairs of tennis shoes. Plus, we are getting ready for our neighborhood vard sale at the end of the month and we are trying to teach her not to hold on to things that don't fit or no longer serve a purpose.

This morning, we decided we would give her

the new shoes so she could wear them to school today. The moment I told her we had a gift for her, she lit up like an over done Christmas tree. As all three of the residents of my house share the same Love Language, when a gift is given, everyone feels joy.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

I made her close her eyes and hold out her hands and I placed the shiny new shoes in her palms. When she opened her eyes, she jumped up and shouted, "Baby Yoda, I love this!" There were many "thank you"s and hugs to follow.

She could not wait to put them on. We even had to call Ya-Ya, who shares her affection for Yoda, on the way to school to let her know about the sweet new kicks for Fred.

I realize that was a lot of details to make a simple point, but whatever. I am just like any other mom who wants to brag on their child.

Teach your kids to be thankful for the things they have, and the things they are given. Something as simple as a pair of non-name brand shoes can make a child smile.

Some people don't learn this lesson unfortunately, and they can spend a lifetime never satisfied.

Be grateful for what you have, there is always someone who is less fortunate.

Recidivism

rate too high in State

On Monday of this week, the House and Senate Judiciary Committees met jointly with the Charitable, Penal, and Correctional Institutions subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

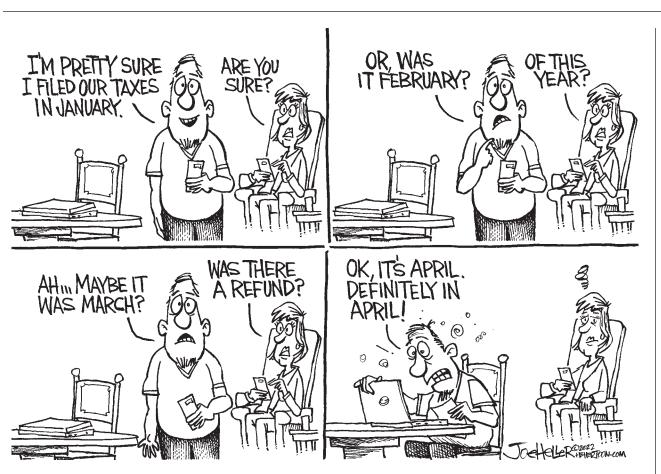
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the current prison population and recidivism rates. Currently, the recidivism rate for the entire department

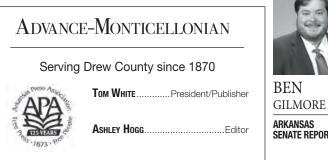
is 46.1 percent. That breaks down to 47.8 percent for the Division of Correction and 37.5 percent for the Division of Community Correction. In Arkansas, recidivism is defined as either an arrest, conviction, or re-incarceration within a three year time period from an individual's release from a correctional facility. Arkansas' definition of recidivism makes it difficult to compare to other states, but Corrections Secretary Solomon Graves told members Arkansas' recidivism rate is "unacceptably high." Secretary Graves told members they will be reviewing current programs to evaluate their effectiveness. He added that this is an issue that government cannot solve alone. It will take a collaborative effort from advocacy groups and faith-based organizations. To bring attention to the issue, the Governor has proclaimed the week of April 26 as Reentry Awareness Week. The proclamation states that at least 90 percent of state prison inmates will be released at some point in their sentence. It goes on to say that because high recidivism increases the cost of corrections and puts Arkansas citizens at greater risk of becoming victims of crime, it is imperative that offenders returning to the community have the programs, services, and support they need to become productive citizens of the state. Committee members were also presented with information showing that roughly See **BEATY** Page 5A



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The importance of private and public part-

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The black bear makes a comeback

One hundred-fifty years before I took office, Arkansas was home to so many black bears that we were known as The Bear State, but by the early years of the last century, enthusiastic hunters had thinned the population to the point that the General Assembly outlawed bear

hunting. Today I'd like to share a bit of the story of the demise and the historic reintroduction of the black bear in our state. I learned much

HUTCHINSON of this history two weeks ago when I accompanied several of the

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's 14-member bear team on a visit to a bear den near Jessieville. The team is led by Game and Fish Deputy Director Roger Mangham

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and Myron Means, the coordinator of the Large Carnivore Program. The annual survey starts in January and is complete by the end of March.

The team tracks the bears with radio collars that allow them to distinguish one bear from another and to find each bear's den. As they usually do, the members of the team found each of its 43 collared bears this spring.

The day I joined the team, the members were visiting the den of mama bear Brenda Lee, who has two cubs. They safely tranquilized and examined Brenda, and held her cubs to measure and weigh.

A hundred years ago, the number of Brenda Lee's ancestors had dwindled to fewer than about 50 in the entire state. From 1958 to 1968, Arkansas brought in bears from Minnesota and Manitoba, Canada. Now the project, with almost 6,000 bears, is considered the most successful reintroduction of a large carnivore anywhere in the world.

By 1980, the state had once again allowed bear hunting in the Ozark and Ouachita mountains. This year, the Game and Fish Commission is expanding bear hunting into south Arkansas.

Myron Means, who grew up in Van Buren and now lives in his grandparents' home there, has worked with bears for 27 years. His degrees are from Arkansas Tech and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He started his career as a field biologist in the Ozarks. In 1989, he caught his first bear, which was two years old and weighed 110 pounds. Out of the thousands of bears Myron has handled, he remembers that one. That was the moment he knew he wanted to work with bears.

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Unacceptable prison rates in Arkansas

of the North Central Unit in Calico

officers argue that Arkansas needs

The number of inmates behind

bars is a little more than 15,000,

but they represent only a fraction

under the jurisdiction of the state

Another 1,371 inmates are in

housed in residential centers run

Corrections. They house inmates

by the Division of Community

of the total number of people

Correction Division.

Rock. Some legislators, county

sheriffs and law enforcement

more maximum security beds.

The recidivism rate for Arkansas prison inmates is 46.1 percent, a rate which the head of state prisons

a joint meeting of legislators to of growth in the

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prison.

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referred from drug courts, and are licensed to provide alcohol and drug abuse treatment.

The centers also offer education and job training, as well as therapies to help inmates transition to the outside world, such as parenting classes and courses on how to improve relationships.

State inmates also are housed in county jails, because of a lack of space in state prison units. When offenders are convicted, they normally would be transferred to a state unit. However, due to the lack of space there is a permanent back-

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called unacceptable. Prison officials appeared before discuss estimates state's inmate pop-

ulation. They also discussed reentry programs to better

prepare inmates for productive careers after they are released from

The legislature passed an appropriation during the recent fiscal session for a 498-bed expansion

CHCA requests voice in drug industry lawsuit against the state

Community Health Centers seek to protect discounts, vital programs for low-income and rural Arkansans

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Community Health Centers of Arkansas today filed a request to intervene in a federal lawsuit with significant implications for health care providers across the state and for patients who can't afford life-saving drugs. It's become a national test case.

Starting in the summer of 2020, pharmaceutical manufacturers placed multiple conditions on a drug discount program called 340B. These restrictions make it harder for the uninsured or underinsured to obtain much-needed medicine to ensure their quality of life.

Additionally, the restrictions cut at least \$1 million a year from the budgets of **Community Health Centers** across the state, money used to operate medical programs that benefit at-risk and rural Arkansans.

"Manufacturers are liter-

ally making profits on the backs of our most vulnerable and financially burdened patients. Their actions are making it much more difficult to keep our clinics open. And, they're doing this in the middle of a pandemic, which is just awful," said Dr. Lanita S. White, chief executive officer of CHCA.

Responding to the manufacturers' actions, the Legislature overwhelmingly passed, and Gov. Asa Hutchinson signed, Act 1103 of 2021. CHCA, the Arkansas Pharmacists Association, and the Arkansas Hospital Association each supported the legislation.

Most notably, Act 1103 requires manufacturers to honor 340B discounts on prescriptions dispensed at community-based pharmacies. Most CHCs don't have in-house pharmacies. They rely heavily upon contract pharmacies to serve the

health care needs of their patients.

Act 1103 places the Arkansas Insurance Department in charge of enforcement.

But the pharmaceutical industry is continuing to force some patients to use only one pharmacy that may be dozens of miles away, limiting patient access and choice. Some patients must change their medicine or face the possibility of going without.

On September 29, 2021, in U.S. District Court in Little Rock, the Pharmaceutical **Research and Manufacturers** of America (PhRMA) filed suit against the Insurance Department and Attorney General Leslie Rutledge in her official capacity. PhRMA seeks to strike the section in Act 1103 pertaining to contract pharmacies. PhRMA alleges the state has no right to regulate the 340B drug program.

CHCA maintains that caselaw is clear that states can help ensure that programs approved by Congress are followed.

"PhRMA wants to circumvent the will of the Arkansas Legislature and Governor. Arkansans deserve better," said William von Oehsen of the Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville firm of Washington, which is representing CHCA in the case. The Steel Wright Gray firm of Little Rock is local counsel.

CHCA is asking U.S. District Judge Billy Roy Wilson to grant a request to intervene. Joining CHCA in the request is Piggott Community Hospital, a critical access hospital dependent on contract pharmacies to serve their patients. The hospital is also represented by the Powers and Steel firms.

Intervention in the case will allow parties directly affected by the 340B restrictions, such as CHCs, to more fully present their points to the court.

Lawsuits in multiple other states pertaining to 340B restrictions by manufacturers are also pending. No other state has passed a law as strong as Arkansas' Act 1103, but several other states are seeking to follow Arkansas' lead. CHCs across the country have taken a keen interest in the Arkansas case.

Notably, 340B discounts are not funded by the government or taxpayers. Congress set up 340B as a condition for the pharmaceutical industry to participate in the Medicaid and Medicare program. In exchange for participation in that lucrative market, they provide discounts through 340B.

The federal Health and Human Services Department has taken the stance that the drug manufacturers' actions are illegal and contract

pharmacy discounts must be honored.

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About: CHCs are non-profit organizations fueled by patient revenue and federal grants meant to expand health care access for low-income, minority, and rural populations. CHCs provide many services including primary care, dental, behavioral health, and health education. CHCA provides advocacy, training, and support for CHCs in Arkansas.

Altogether, 12 CHCs in Arkansas (including 11 member CHCA organizations) serve more than 240,000 people a year at more than 160 sites. Nationally, nearly 1,400 CHCs serve 30 million patients a year.

For more information on **Community Health Centers** in Arkansas, please visit: http://www.chc-ar.org/

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A bear has never attacked him, but plenty of mama bears have bluff charged

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two-fifths of individuals entering prison do not have a high school degree or GED. Research presented also showed that incarcerated people who participate in postsecondary education in prison are 48 percent less

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nerships working together to prevent future cyber-attacks is critical. Most of the nation's essential infrastructure him. Myron says the mamas attempt to scare humans by running at them, but they stop short of an attack. Bears really are timid, and the bears that attack a person have lost their fear through frequent

likely to recidivate than those who do not.

The inmate population for the Division of Correction is currently 15,089. There are 1,528 inmates in county jails waiting to be transferred.

In the most recent Fiscal Session, the General Assembly increased county jail reimbursements by \$6.4 million. The General Assembly

seek to exploit vulnerabilities for financial gain. I will continue to make

this issue a priority and help



My visit with Brenda Lee and the bear team was exciting, informative, and safe. Now I can add bears to my list of Arkansas wildlife I have seen in the woods.

interaction with humans.

also approved the transfer of \$150 million for various onetime funding projects including prison construction.

In the months ahead, the members will continue to consult with the Department of Corrections regarding the inmate population, recidivism, and ways we can improve on this crucial issue.

Arkansas continue to lead in defending and maintaining our cybersecurity.

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log of inmates in local jails. The backlog of state inmates in county jails was a factor in the legislature's decision to pass an appropriation for an expansion at the Calico Rock unit.

At the end of March, more than 1,500 inmates were being held in county jails. Sheriffs have appeared before legislative hearings to voice concerns about the increasing number of violent and dangerous offenders in their jails.

The director of state prisons told lawmakers that about 55 percent of new inmates are legally classified as

violent offenders. Sentences are determined using a grid that compares the seriousness of criminal offenses, on a scale of one through ten. The director said 55 percent of new offenders are in the eight, nine and ten categories.

Also, about 67,000 inmates are on probation or parole, under supervision by officers. About 24,000 of those are on parole and the others are on probation.

Recidivism rates measure the percentage of inmates who return to prison within three years of being released. The director of Arkansas prisons was hesitant to compare the rate in Arkansas with other states because Arkansas uses different

standards and definitions. therefore any comparisons would be "apples to watermelons," he said.

The Board of Correction recently invoked the Emergency Powers Act to grant parole to almost 400 inmates. The decision does not create new eligibility criteria for their release, but it moves up the time period in which they become eligible for early release.

The governor has proclaimed the week of April 26 through April 30 as Reentry Awareness Week, to help focus public attention on ways to better prepare inmates for life outside prison after they are released.

Belle View Estates

MFD responds to neighboring school fire

BY ASHLEY HOGG

At approximately 6:45 p.m. Wednesday evening, the Monticello Fire Dept. was requested to respond for assistance in Bradley County for a fire raging at the Warren High School. The Warren Fire Department responded to a reported struc-

ture fire at the High School on March 30, at around 6 p.m.

Upon their arrival they found heavy smoke coming from the north end of the school. They're initial units started attack on the fire and requested additional resources.

Ladder 1 and seven personnel

from Drew County responded to the fire. Upon arrival, Ladder 1 was positioned and set up to be ready for use if needed.

"Our personnel then prepared to assist with whatever needed," Monticello Fire Chief Eric Chisom stated. "When it was determined that the fire sistance was no longer needed, our units were released to return to Monticello. Due to the size of the departments in southeast Arkansas, anytime you have a structure fire of that size you can quickly exhaust your local resources. We

was controlled and our as- have a longstanding mutual aid agreement with Warren, as well as our other neighboring cities for this reason. We commend the Warren Fire Department and all of the other responding departments for a job well done. We are happy to have assisted and know that should

the need arise the Warren Fire Department will gladly assist us. Thankfully, there were no reported injuries and everyone went home safe. We offer our prayers to the Warren School District and the City of Warren as they work through rebuilding."

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Any time a child is abused or neglected, it is a tragedy. Just last year, the Children's Advocacy Center of South Arkansas (CAC) served 245 children because of abuse. The month of April is recognized across the nation as Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to come together as a community to increase awareness and provide education and support to help prevent child abuse and neglect.

"It takes all of us – organizations, governmental agencies, businesses, communities, neighborhoods, faith-based groups and individuals - to join together to prevent child abuse," Executive Director Robin Krneta said. "When we support families, we become a stronger, more resilient community, and children grow up happy, healthy and safe."

What happens in childhood can last a lifetime. We know that childhood adversity can have long-lasting negative health effects into adulthood. Science shows that healthy, happy and thriving children have better odds of becoming healthy and happy adults, which is what we all want.

The CAC of South Arkansas is joining prevention partners across the state and planting pinwheel gardens to show their commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect. The blue pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse prevention, representing the happy, healthy childhoods all children should have.

"As Arkansas strives to give every child the opportunity to grow up healthy and happy, we know we must all work together," Krneta said. "There is no single public agency, community organization or individual that can ensure success for our children. Together we grow a better tomorrow for Arkansas."



To report suspected child abuse or neglect, call the statewide Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline at 1.844.SAVE.A.CHILD or 1.800.482.5964. For more information on the Children's Advocacy Center of South Arkansas, visit www.southarkchildren.com.

The Children's Advocacy Center of South Arkansas is a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Drew, Ouachita, and Union Counties. The CAC is a safe place for children who have been victims of physical or sexual abuse to come tell their story. The CAC provides advocacy, trauma-focused mental health therapy, forensic interviews and medical exams to children and their families. The CAC also provides prevention education to the schools and community.

COSL announces Drew County tax auction results

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The recent auction of tax-delinquent properties in Drew County raised almost \$25,000, the Commissioner of State Lands announced

The auction drew 15 bidders, who purchased 9 of the 15 available parcels for a total of \$24,890.92 for county and state government.

The Land Commissioner's office holds one auction in each county each year to return tax-delinquent property to active status. Since Covid-19 forced the cancellation of 2020 auctions and delayed 2021 auctions, this year's auctions offer two years' worth of properties.

"Just a small portion of property certified to our office goes to auction," Commissioner Tommy Land said. "The vast majority of owners redeem their property by paying the delinquent taxes. Of course, we always prefer that property be redeemed, but it is vital that the parcels return to the county's active tax rolls."

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recognize and reward the best performers, ensembles, composers, directors and administrators in the United States, based on submitted recordings.'

The UAM Wind Symphony's Literature in Music album is available on the UAM Music page on SoundCloud (soundcloud.com/

WAA

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The COSL office forwards taxes and interest to the county, whether that money is collected through redemption or sale.

"Last year, this office sent more than \$16 million to school districts and county governments," Land said. "Of that, \$92,814.26 went to Drew County, helping fund everything from roads to schools."

Property owners have 10 business days to redeem parcels that were sold at auction. This can be done online at www.cosl.org, using a credit or debit card, or owners can call 501-324-9422 to request a Petition to Redeem.

If a parcel is not redeemed within 10 business days of being auctioned, the COSL will issue a Limited Warranty Deed to the buyer.

Property that did not sell at the public auction will be available after 30 days and can be purchased through an online auction by viewing the Post-Auction Sales List at www.cosl.org.

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the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission - Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

ADH urges Arkansans to take precautions during tick and mosquito season

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

As Arkansans plan to enjoy the outdoors during the coming summer months, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) stresses the importance of taking precautions against ticks and mosquitoes and the diseases they can carry.

Arkansas has some of the

kansans traveling within or outside of the country should educate themselves on the specific concerns ticks or mosquitoes may pose on their trip.

Some of these diseases can be fatal; some of them can also be difficult to diagnose and treat. If you or your child gets a tick bite, be on the lookout for symptoms such as fever, chills, rash. fatigue, and aches and pains within the weeks following the bite. If you do experience these symptoms, it is important to see a medical provider quickly. Make sure to discuss the tick bite, where you acquired the tick and symptoms with your doctor.

and mosquito bites can be prevented in similar ways: • Use an EPA-approved insect

repellant as directed. • Use permethrin on your

clothing as directed.

• Wear long sleeves and pants. Light-colored clothing makes it easier to spot ticks. Tuck your pants into socks or boots.

by positioning tweezers as close to your skin as possible and lifting up on the tick firmly. Do not twist or jerk the tick or use home remedies such as petroleum jelly, heat, or waiting for the tick to fall off. These methods can increase the chance that a tick may transmit a disease. Just because a tick or mosquito

highest rates in the nation for tick-borne diseases, such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), Ehrlichiosis, and Tularemia. Additionally, Anaplasmosis, Lyme disease, Heartland virus, Bourbon virus, and other diseases may also be carried by ticks. Mosquitoes in Arkansas can carry West Nile Virus and other less common diseases. Mosquito-borne diseases such as Zika, Dengue, Malaria, and Yellow Fever are more common outside of the United States. Ar-

Whether in their own backyard or on a trip, Arkansans should protect themselves from these diseases by preventing tick and mosquito bites. Tick

 Check for ticks on yourself, your children, and your pets regularly. Remove ticks quickly if one is found.

• To avoid ticks, walk in the middle of a hiking trail or path; avoid tall grass and leaf litter.

• To reduce mosquitoes around your home, get rid of any standing water on your property. Mosquitoes can breed in as little as a bottle cap full of water.

It is important to remove ticks correctly if found. Remove ticks

Tonya Dedman, owner

bites you does not mean it carries a disease or that you will get a disease; many Arkansans are bitten by ticks and mosquitoes every year and remain healthy. The ADH wants Arkansans to be tick aware so that if you are bitten and show signs of illness, you may receive appropriate treatment early on to prevent more severe outcomes.

You can learn more about insect-related diseases at www. healthy.arkansas.gov.

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand

All Wreaths Across America Day events are, non-political/religious events, open to all people. For more information, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, please visit https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/



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Raymond Bruce Bostian

Raymond Bruce Bostian, 78, of Kemp, Texas, went to be with our Lord in Heaven on March 29, 2022. He was born in Monticello, Arkansas on September 2, 1943, to Bruce and Merle Bostian.

Raymond graduated from Monticello High School, and while there, developed his lifelong love of all things related to sports. e was a multi-sport athlete competing in football, basketball, and track & field as a pole vaulter. His favorite was basketball, which he carried on playing competitively well into his adult life and shared his love of the sport with his daughter Tanya. The two of them spent many hours playing sports and attending high school and college games in person as Raymond was an avid Arkansas Razorback fan and member of the Razorback Club. He was also an avid fisherman and outdoorsman. a piece of his character that he carried from his childhood in Arkansas, sharing it with his family and friends.

He moved to Texas and took a job with Sherwin Williams, which turned into a 34-year career in which he ascended to the role of a machinist before retiring. He also met the love of his life in Texas as he and Carolyn Horton (at the time) met at a square-dancing event, and it was love at first sight. A bit over 52 years, they traveled life together, having homes in Garland, Seven Points, and ultimately Kemp, Texas.

Raymond was a kind, gentle man with a winning smile, who was always willing to help others in need. He had a quick wit about him, always ready with a timely joke and mischievous grin to go with it; he brought laughter to many. He loved music of many genres, reading, and watching old western movies.

Surviving family members include his wife, Carolyn Bostian; his daughter and son-in-law, Tanya and Brian Evans; his grandson and wife Ryan and Jessie Dantzler and great-granddaughter Lexa; his brothers JB and Bobby Bostian; Herbert and Donna Bradley; sister Virginia Daugherty; his brother-in-law and wife Wes and Susanne Horton; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Wendy Nicole Bostian: his mother and father Merle and Bruce Bostian: his twin brother Richard Bostian; and his sister Shirley Bostian Cater.

Raymond will be dearly missed by many friends and family members; may he rest in peace with his Lord & Savior in Heaven.

(Paid obituary) **Billy Carroll Chalk**

Billy Carroll Chalk, 75, of Ladelle, passed away Sunday, April 3, at home. He was born January 6, 1947, in Yell County, to the late Robert Chalk and Emma Willis Chalk. He was a retired logger for Steve Bolin Logging. Billy enjoyed hunting, fishing, and raising the best garden around.

In addition to his parents, Billy was preceded in death by one son, Robert Miles Chalk; one sister, Freda Spears; and one brother, James Chalk. Survivors include four

daughters, Ina Pemberton (William) of Monticello, Stacey Tharp of Hamburg, Catherine Johnston of Monticello, and Laura Lochala (Michael) of Monticello; two sons, Jimmy Chalk (Patricia) of Morrilton,

Sue Shook of Monticello; and

Visitation will be Thursday,

numerous nieces, nephews,

April 7, from 6-8 p.m. in the

Stephenson-Dearman Chap-

Friday, April 8, at 2 p.m. in the

Stephenson-Dearman Chap-

el. Burial will follow in Lone

Please sign Billy's guestbook

Otha Jean Stanley was born

at www.stephensondearman.

Sassafras Cemetery.

(Paid obituary)

Otha Jean Stanley

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family, and friends.

and Robert

Chalk (Lacey)

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and twelve

great-grand-

children; one

special friend



CHALK

1937 in Baxter, to the union of John D. and Mattie Stanley. Otha had two siblings, James Binns and Dorothy Jefferson (deceased). Otha was a loving, car-

ing, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was a faithful Christian. She was preceded in death by her parents, John D. and Mattie Stanley, her sister, Dorothy Jefferson, and two daughters, Althea Jones (Arlie), Sharon Gragg (James).

Otha leaves

to cherish her

memories;

son, Rodney

(Nancy) Stan-

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ter, Darlene

Grace, son,

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an identical twin on August 1,



STANLEY

Grace, and Walter (Monica) Smith, all of Chicago, grandchildren: Twainia Price, Nahum Grace, Clinton Jones, Cornelius Nolen, Brvant Grace, Channon Jefferson of Hot Springs, Rodney Stanley, Jr, Jermal Conley of Chicago, Krystal Stanley, Dominic

Smith, Derrius Smith, and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were at 11 p.m., Saturday, April 2, in the Stephenson-Dearman Chapel. Burial was at Gethsemane-Union Ridge Cemetery in Monticello.

Please sign Mrs. Otha's guestbook at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary) **Carl King**

Carl King, of Monticello, died April 4, at the VA Hospital in Little Rock. Service details are incomplete at this time. Please check www.stephensondearman.com for more information which will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

Alice Pickett

Alice Pickett, 81, of Wilmar died April 4, at her home. She was born January 4, 1941. Service details are incomplete at this time. Please check www. stephensondearman.com for more information which will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

State, local law enforcement plan stepped-up enforcement of distracted driving laws

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SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Distracted driving continues to be one of the leading causes of motor vehicle crashes along nationwide roadways. The Arkansas State Police Highway Safety Office is working with state and local law enforcement agencies to encourage drivers to put down their phones while driving.

Stepped-up enforcement of the state's distracted driving laws is being planned for April 4 - 11 that will involve Arkansas State Troopers, local sheriff's departments and local police officers. The operation will target drivers who are texting and driving as well as violating other distracted driving laws.

According to the Nation-

al Highway Traffic Safety Administration [NHTSA], between 2012 and 2019, more than 26,000 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver. While fatalities from motor vehicle crashes decreased slightly from 2018 to 2019, distraction-related fatalities increased by 10 percent. The statistical analysis from NHTSA also reported that the number of deaths linked to driver distraction was 3,142 nationwide, or almost 9 percent of all fatalities during 2019, a 10 percent increase over the previous year 2018, or 284 more fatalities. The distraction figure was the largest increase in causes of traffic deaths reported for 2019.

Millennials and Generation

Z are the most distracted drivers, often using their cell phones to talk, text, and scroll through social media while behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. According to NHTSA research from 2017, young drivers, 16 to 24 years of age, have been observed using handheld electronic devices while driving at higher rates than older drivers since 2007. During 2019, 9 percent of people killed in crashes involving teenagers (15 to 19 years of age) died when the teen drivers were distracted at the time of the crash. "Distracted driving has

become one of the leading causes of vehicle crashes on Arkansas roadways," said Colonel Bill Bryant, Director of

the Arkansas State Police and the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "Drivers know it's against the law, yet the distractions are significantly attributed to texting while driving."

Many drivers are guilty of a "double standard" when it comes to distracted driving. In its 2018 Traffic Safety Culture Index, the American Automobile Association reported that while nearly 96 percent of drivers believed it was very or extremely dangerous to read a text or email while driving, four out of 10 drivers admitted to doing so within the previous 30 days.

"These drivers give themselves a personal exemption to ignore the law while unfairly

putting others at risk," Colonel Bryant commented. "Beginning April 4th state troopers won't be issuing warnings, they'll be writing violator citations as part of the U Text and Drive, You Pay enforcement operation."

The Arkansas Highway Safety Office and NHTSA urge drivers to put their phones away when behind the wheel. If you need to text, pull over to a safe location. Drivers are encouraged to follow these suggestions to ensure a safe driving experience:

• If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Only after you are off the roadway and stopped is it safe to text.

· Ask your passenger to be a "designated texter." Allow the passenger access to your phone for responding to calls or messages.

• Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.

· Cell phone use while driving can easily become a habit. Consider activating your phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature while driving, or put the phone in the trunk, glove compartment, or back seat of the vehicle until arriving at your destination.

Texting while driving is dangerous and illegal. Help break the dangerous habit of distracted driving. Remember: U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

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GENE L. VEAZEY, SR., PLAINTIFF VS. JOHN FISHER AND WILLIE FISHER AND THEIR SPOUSES, IF ANY; JOYCE LAMBERT-EUBANKS AND HER SPOUSE, IF ANY; AND THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ANY UNKNOWN JUDGMENT AND OTHER LIEN HOLDERS AGAINST ANY OF THE DEFENDANTS HERETO AND/OR THEIR INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT LANDS; AND ANY OTHER PERSON, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION OR COMPANY CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT LANDS, DEFENDANTS

NO. 22CV-22-38

WARNING ORDER

TO: JOHN FISHER, WILLIE FISHER, AND THEIR HEIRS, IF ANY: You are hereby notified that a Petition to Quiet Title has been filed in the Circuit Court of Drew County, Arkansas, which may affect your rights. You are hereby warned to appear in this Court within 30 days of the first publication of this Warning Order and answer this Petition.

Upon failure of Defendants to do so, the Petition filed herein will be deemed to be admitted. The above mentioned Defendants or any person desiring to be heard concerning this action is hereby notified.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as Clerk of the Court on this 29th day of March, 2022.

/s/Beverly Burks Circuit Clerk L. Atkins Deputy Clerk Dates of Publication: April 6, 2022 April 13, 2022

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE HOOD SR., DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-32

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent: 2300 Barkada Rd, Monticello, AR 71655 Date of Death: February 1, 2022

An Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed on the 29th day of March. The estate to be collected contains real property, legally described as follows:

All of the NW¼ of the SW¼, and all of the W½ of the NW¼ except a lot bounded by a line beginning 250 feet East of the Southwest corner of the NW¼ of the NW¼ and running thence North 142 feet, to the public road there-found,thence Westerly with said road to the Section Line, thence South to Southwest corner of the NW¼ of the NW¼, thence South 400 feet, thence East 260 feet, thence North 400 feet, thence West 10 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING;all being in Section 13, Township 12 South, Range 8 West, and hereby conveying 117 acres more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT, the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼ of NW¼) of Section 13, Township 12 South, Range 8 West, Drew County, Arkansas.

FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT, the real property more particularly described in that certain Warranty Deed from Bobby Joe Hood et. ux., to Arkansas State Highway Commission, dated December 9, 2003, filed for record December 22, 2003, as Instrument No. 49818, in the Drew County Real Estate Records.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. This notice first published on the 6th day of April, 2022.

Bobby J. Hood II, Distributor Barton & Roper, PLLC P.O. Box 507Monticello, AR 71657 (870) 367-6288

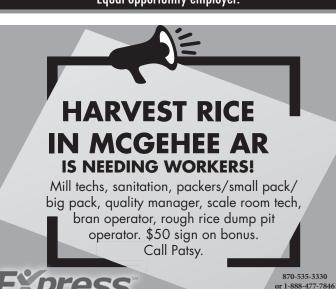
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APARTMENTS

NO. 22CV-22-38

NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Drew County, Arkansas, to quiet and confirm title in and to the following described property in Section 13, Township 13 South, Range 7 West in Drew County, Arkansas:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 13 South, Range 7 West, run South 00° 12'18" West along the West boundary of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 for a distance of 299.64 feet to the Northwest corner of that parcel of land conveyed to Joyce Eubanks by Quitclaim Deed filed as Record No. 52586 of 2004 of the Deed Records of Drew County, Arkansas; thence run South 84°55'51" East along the North boundary of said Eubanks parcel for a distance of 30.89 feet to a point intersecting a 3' chain link fence running Southerly, said point being the beginning point for the parcel of land hereby described; Thence, from said POINT OF BEGINNING, leave the North boundary of said Eubanks parcel and run South 03°35'21" West along said existing fence line for a distance of 4.04 feet to a fence corner therefound; thence run South 74°11'31" East along the Easterly running fence line for a distance of 182.85 feet to a point intersecting the East boundary of said Eubanks Parcel; thence run North 00°12'18" East along the East boundary of said Eubanks parcel for a distance of 38.75 feet to the Northeast corner of said Eubanks Parcel; thence run North 84°55'51" West along the North boundary of said Eubanks parcel for a distance of 179.11 feet to the existing fence running North and South and the point of beginning, containing 0.09 acres of land, more or less.

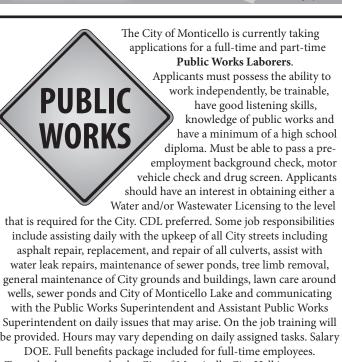
Any person claiming any title or interest of any kind to such property is hereby notified to appear herein on or before thirty days after publication of this Notice to assert hist title or interest in such property and to demonstrate why title to this property should not be quieted and confirmed in Gene Veazey, Plaintiff herein.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court this 29th day of March, 2022.

/s/Beverly Burks/LA Beverly Burks, Circuit Clerk 210 South Main Street Monticello, AR 71655

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SPORTS

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Billies defeat Warren 11-0 to move into first place in conference

BY: JEFF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies have moved into first place in 8-4A Conference play after defeating the Warren Lumberjacks Friday, April 1, 11-0.

The Billies got a non-conference win on Thursday, March 31, hosting the Stuttgart Ricebirds.

RJ Blackmon took the mound for the Billies getting the first batter of the game to pop out followed by allowing a double and a single before the Billie defense was able to get out of the inning on a double play after a hit to Brooks Harvey was thrown to to first baseman Tucker Breedlove who then got the runner out at third on a throw to Cade Pigott, but the Ricebirds was able to get a run home for a 1-0 lead.

Stuttgart recorded the first two outs with Pigott reaching base on a walk followed by a single by Breedlove. Brenden Brown hit into a fielder's choice to end the inning.

Monticello would only allow one runner in the top of the second inning with Monticello being set down in order in the bottom half of the inning.

Stuttgart extended their lead in the top of the fifth inning after allowing a leadoff walk and a double before the end of the inning to take a 2-0 lead.

Blaine Hayden led off the Billies in the bottom of the fifth with a double followed by a sacrifice ror that also allowed Hayden to score to cut the Ricebird lead to 2-1

After advancing to third, Harvey would score on a wild pitch to tie the contest 2-2.

The contest would go into extra innings with the Billies scoring the go ahead run in the bottom of the eighth inning after a single by Warren Pennington and a walk-off double that scored Pennington by Pigott for the 3-2 victory.

Monticello recorded five hits in 24 at bats with Warren Pennington going 1 for 2 with a run scored and two walks. Pigott finished 1 for 3 with a walk and an RBI. Breedlove was 1 for 2 with a walk, Brenden Brown was 1 for 2 with a walk, and Blaine Hayden finished 1 for 1 with a run scored.

RJ Blackmon completed five innings on the mound allowing two runs on six hits, three walks, and two strikeouts.

Jagger Hines closed out the contest on the mound for Monticello with three innings pitched allowing zero runs on two hits and a strikeout.

Coming into Friday's contest with the Warren Lumberjacks, the Billies and the Lumberjacks were tied for first place in the 8-4A Conference with matching 3-1 records.

Taking the mound for the Billies was Tucker Breedlove who struck out the first two Lumberjack batters before surrendering

by Harvey who reached on an er- a walk followed by a third strikeout for the final out of the inning. Doerian Allen led off the bottom of the first inning with a single and was advanced to second by a sacrifice bunt by Warren Pennington. Pigott would single to center, advancing Allen to

> third. Breedlove would double to left to score Allen and Pigott for a 2-0 lead.

Brenden Brown singled to shortstop to advance the courtesy runner, Evan Bealer to second. John Frost would single to score Bealer and advance Brown to second, but Warren would get out of the inning with a sacrifice bunt and a pop out.

Breedlove got the leadoff batter to ground out before recording two strikeouts to end the inning.

Monticello would extend their lead in the bottom of the third inning after a leadoff single by Pigott followed by a fly out to center by Breedlove. Brenden Brown would single to advance Pigott to third. Frost singled to second to score Pigott.

Brown and Frost would advance bases on a passed ball followed by a single on a bunt by Brooks Bowman that scored Brown, advancing Frost to third.

Kaleb Romero was hit by a pitch followed by Frost scoring the final run off the inning on an error to increase their lead to 6-0.

After shutting down Warren

in the top of the fourth inning, Warren Pennington would lead off the bottom half of the inning with a single. Pigott would single and Breedlove would be hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Brown singled to score Pennington followed by a single by Frost that scored Evan Bealer, Frost, and Pigott. Frost would score the final run of the inning after a ground out by Bowman to increase the lead to 11-0.

Breedlove closed out the contest striking out the first two batters before allowing a single and getting the next batter to fly out, sealing the game for the Billies.

The Billies would go 14 for 24 with 11 runs in the 10 after five sportsmanship ruled contest.

Cade Pigott, John Frost, and Brenden Brown led the way for the Billies with each going 3 for 3 with Pigott scoring three runs and Frost and Brown scoring two runs.

Frost would record four RBI and Brown would have an RBI.

Doerian Allen was 1 for 4 with a hit and a run, Warren Pennington was 1 for 2 with a run, Tucker Breedlove was 1 for 2 with two RBI, Brooks Bowman was 1 for 2 with two RBI, and John Michael Efird was 1 for 1.

Breedlove pitched the complete game allowing two hits in five innings and striking out 10 with two walks.

With the win, the Billies improved their conference record to 4-1taking over sole possession of first place in the conference. Monticello returned to face Watson Chapel on the road on Monday, April 4, traveling to Watson Chapel to face the Wildcats.

Chapel was able to get Monticello out in order in the top of the first inning.

Easton Byrd took the mound, allowing a single and a walk in the inning before recording the third out of the inning.

Monticello would get the first run of the contest in the top of the second inning after Breedlove led off the inning with a double. After recording the first out, Chapel would walk Frost and Bowman before Brooks Harvey would pop out for the second out of the inning.

Breedlove would score on a wild pitch before Trystan White struck out to end the inning.

Monticello would add two runs in the top of the fifth inning after Bowman would reach on a leadoff single.

John Michael Efird would connect on a two-run homerun to give the Billies a 3-0 lead.

Monticello would increase their lead to 5-0 in the top of the seventh inning with scores by Doerian Allen and Warren Pennington to set up the final score of 5-0 for the Billies second consecutive shutout of the week.

John Michael Efird was 1 for 1 with two RBI on a homerun, Doerian Allen was 1 for 4 with a run, Warren Pennington was

1 for 4 with a run, Cade Pigott was 1 for 3 with an RBI. Breedlove was 1 for 4 with a run, and Brooks Bowman finished 2 for 2with a run scored.

Easton Byrd pitched the complete game allowing three hits in seven innings with six strikeouts and three walks.

With the win, Monticello improves to 10-5 overall and 5-1 in conference play.

The Billies will travel to Crossett on Friday, April 8, to face the Crossett Eagles in 8-4A Conference action with a 5pm first scheduled pitch.

The Billies will host the Drew Central Pirates in a special Saturday showcase at home on April 9.

The Billies and Pirates look to duplicate last year's contest that was one the best baseball games between the two schools with Monticello edging out Drew Central in the contest.

Saturday's contest is set to begin at 1pm.

Monticello will travel to White Hall on Monday, April 11, in a non-conference contest at 5pm, and will travel to Star City to face the Bulldogs for the second game between the two of the conference season with a 5pm first pitch scheduled on Tuesday, April 12.

The Billies defeated the Bulldogs to begin conference play earlier this season on Thursday, March 10, in a 14-3 win at Monticello.

The Bulldogs are currently 9-4 overall.







Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian

WARREN PENNINGTON (left) has went 3 for 8 with three runs a two walk in the last three contests for the Billies including going 1 for 2 with a run against Warren. JOHN MICHAEL EFIRD (center) hit the Billies first homerun of the season on Monday night at Watson Chapel. Efird was 1 for 1 in the contest with two RBI. TUCKER BREEDLOVE (right) pitched the complete five inning contest against Warren on Friday Night. Breedlove struck out 10 Lumberjacks in the 11-0 victory.

Lady Billies top Lady Lumberjacks 9-2 in 8-4A conference play



MIA REGINELLI connected for a homerun against Hamburg on Tuesday, March 29. The Lady Billies lost to the Lady Lions 7-4 but bounced back to defeat Warren, 9-2, on Friday.

BY: JEFF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Lady Billies completed the week going 3-3 with a conference win over the Warren Lady Lumberjacks on Friday, April 1.

Hosting Hamburg on March 29, the Lady Billies would get on the board first against Hamburg after an Audrey Howard double scored Skylar Burns.

Hamburg came back to score two runs in the top of the second on a two-run homerun to take a 2-1 lead.

The Lady Lions would add four runs in the top of the third inning to extend the lead to 6-1.

Alaina Lyle would lead off the bottom of the third inning with a double and would score on a double by Howard.

Mia Reginelli would follow Howard with a two-run home run to left field to cut the lead to 6-4.

Hamburg would add a final run in the top of the fifth inning to set up the 7-4 final.

The Lady Billie would follow the loss to Hamburg with a non-conference loss to Morris, 5-1, on Thursday, March 31.

Returning home to face the Lady Lumberjacks on Friday, April 1, McLauren McGregor struck out the first two batters before allowing a base runner on an error. McGregor struck

out the next batter to close the inning.

The Lady Billies would go up 1-0 in the bottom of the second inning after Reginelli scored on a wild pitch.

Lyle would extend the lead to 3-0 after a two-run shot to center field in the bottom of the third inning.

Monticello added three runs in the bottom of the fourth to increase the lead to 6-0 and would add their final three runs in the bottom of the fifth to go up 9-0.

Warren would add a run in the top of sixth and one in the top of the seventh as Monticello would take the contest 9-2.

The Lady Billies would add two wins on Saturday, April 2, after a 7-2 win over Parker's Chapel and a 8-6 victory over Bradley.

Traveling to Magnolia on Monday, April 4, the Lady Billies would jump out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Magnolia added a run in the bottom half of the inning to cut the lead to 5-1.

Monticello added a run in the top of the fourth inning on a leadoff home run by Lyle to extend the lead to 6-1.

Magnolia would tie the contest 7-7 in the bottom of the sixth inning and would complete the comeback in the bottom of the seventh inning on a three-run homerun to take the 10-7 win.



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ALAINA LYLE connects for a homerun against Warren on Friday night. Lyle was 1 for 4 with one run scored and three RBI. Monticello improved their record to 6-4 with a 2-3 conference record.

BY: JEFF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Pirates split a pair of conference contests this past week to pull even in 8-3A Conference play with a 3-3 record and are currently holding the third position in the conference standings.

Travelling to McGehee to face the Owls on Tuesday, March 29, they got one base runner in the top of the first inning to begin the contest with Drew Burton reaching on a single to shortstop.

Burton would take the mound for the Pirate and struck out the side in the bottom half of the inning.

Tucker Standley would be the lone base runner for the Pirates in the top of the second inning after safely reaching first on an error by the third baseman.

Burton returned to the mound to strike out the side for the second consecutive inning and the Pirates would take a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning after a walk to Aiden Jones and a single by Burton that scored Jones.

Another solid inning in the bottom of the third inning for Burton as he got the leadoff batter to ground out followed by two strikeouts to retire the side.

McGehee would get their bats going in the bottom of the fourth inning leading off with a sin-

gle and a walk. The Owls would score five runs in the inning to take a 5-1 lead.

McGehee would add three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take an 8-1 lead.

The score would remain until the end of the contest with Mc-Gehee taking the victory.

Drew Burton led the Pirates at the plate going 3 for 3 with an RBI, Nate Cooper was 1 for 4, Aiden Jones was 1 for 3 with a run and a walk, Matt Barnard was 1 for 3, and Jacob Jones reached base on a walk.

Burton pitched 5.1 innings, allowing five runs on five hits while striking out 10.

Aiden Jones pitched .2 innings allowing three runs on three hits, striking out one.

Returning to Drew Central on Monday, April 4, to face Lakeside, the Pirates would send Aiden Jones to the mound. Jones got the first two Lakeside Beavers to strike out before retiring the side on a pop up to Will Watson.

Lakeside got the leadoff batter, Nate Cooper, to ground out to begin the bottom half of the inning before putting Aiden Jones on first when he was hit by a pitch. Lakeside would record the next two outs to get out of the inning.

Lakeside would get one base runner in the top of the second on a triple, but Aiden Jones would strike out the final two batters of the inning, stranding the runner on third.

Drew Central would take over the contest in the bottom of the second inning.

pop-up to first for a leadoff out. Matt Barnard would reach first after being hit by a pitch followed by a single by Jase Watt that advanced Barnard to third.

Jacob Jones was hit by a pitch as was the next batter, Wyatt Wood, that scored Barnard.

Cooper would double to score three runs followed by Aiden Jones reaching on an error. Cooper and Jones would score by stealing home.

Drew Burton singled followed by Taylor Burton being hit by a pitch and a walk to Watson and Burton scoring on a steal to home.

The Pirates would go on to score six more runs in the inning to take a 13-0 lead.

Aiden Jones would face four batters in the top of the third inning, striking out two. The third out came as the runner was caught stealing.

The Pirates would end the contest in the bottom of the third inning after adding six more runs to their total to take the 19-0 victory.

The Pirates as a team would go 7 for 14 from the plate.

Aiden Jones completed all three innings allowing one hit while striking out six.

The Pirates will be on the road for the next three contests.

Drew Central will travel to Hermitage to face the Hermits on Thursday, April 7, at 5pm followed by a trip to Smackover on Friday, April 8, for a conference match up before heading down the road on Saturday, April 9,

a special Saturday non-conference game.

Will Watson led off with a to face the Monticello Billies in scheduled for 4:30pm with the rival contest against Monticello scheduled to begin with a 1pm Friday's game at Smackover is pitch time.



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TAYLOR BARNARD gets hit by a pitch in Monday's conference contest against Lakeside. Barnard was 1 for 2 with two runs, an RBI, and one walk in the 19-0 victory.

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NATE COOPER has went 4-8 with one run and six RBI in the Pirates last

two contests. Cooper was 1-4 at McGehee and 3-4 with a run and 6 RBI

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Lady Pirates pick up conference win at McGehee, fall in three non-conference contests



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GRACIE CONNARD throws a Woodlawn Lady Bear out at first after making the play at shorts stop. Connard was 3 for 4 from the plate with a run and RBI



Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Lady Pirates dropped three non-conference contests, but picked up a 8-3A Conference win over McGehee to improve to 2-3 in conference play and are currently holding the fourth place slot in the conference.

BY: JEFF YOUNG

Travelling to Crossett on Monday, March 28, the Lady Pirates were not able to get their bats going as the team went 2 for 22 with the Lady Eagles enacting the 10 after five sportsmanship rule in the bottom of the sixth inning for a 13-3 victory.

Gracie Connard recorded both hits for the Lady Pirates with a double and a single with three RBI.

The Lady Pirates would travel to McGehee to face the Lady Owls on Tuesday, March 29.

Drew Central recorded eight runs in the top of the second inning with Ali Jo Cruce reaching first with a leadoff walk followed by Kennedee Love moving Cruce to third with a ball to the shortstop and an error.

Kynlee Graves reached first on a bunt, scoring Cruce. A walk to Zoe Johnson loaded the bases for the Lady Pirates followed by a walk to Bailey Chapman that scored Love.

Connard reached on an error that allowed Graves and Johnson. Mallory Jackson was hit by a pitch. Chapman scored on a wild pitch and Connard and Jackson scored on a single by Emma McRae. Aalanah Jones singled to score McRae for the final run of the inning giving the Lady Pirates an 8-0.

McGehee would score three runs in the bottom of the third inning, but Drew Central would score five more runs to put the sportsmanship rule into effect for the 13-3 victory.

Connard would lead the Lady Pirates at the plate going 2 for 4 with two runs and two RBI.

Jackson and McRae would split time on the mound with Jackson recording the win.

The Lady Pirates travelled to Hamburg on Thursday, March 31, to face the Lady Lions of Hamburg.

The teams were tied heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, 4-4, when Hamburg took the lead enroute to the 14-4 victory.

Drew Central would partici-

lawn Lady Bears.

Drew Central would have success early, holding a 5-1 lead, but Woodlawn scored 10 runs in the

top of the fifth inning and would conference play on Friday, April close out the contest to take a 17-8 victory.

8. travelling to Smackover to face the conference leading Smack-The Lady Pirates will return to over Lady Buckaroos at 4:30pm.

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ALI JO CRUCE connects for a double against Woodlawn. Cruce finished the contest going 1 for 4 with a run scored and was 1 for 3 with two runs at McGehee.

pate in their second consecutive non-conference contest on Monday, April 4, hosting the Wood-





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DCE celebrates reading

BY ASHLEY HOGG editor@monticellonews.net

Drew Central Elementary has embarked on a special project with students. An all-school club called DCE Reads One Book, had its kick off celebration in the Earl Willis Auditorium Friday morning.

Every student will receive a copy of the same book, with the first title being, "Trouble According to Humphrey" by Betty G. Birney. The school asks that the book be read together at home over the next few weeks.

"We are personally asking you to make time available for your family to participate in the special activity," DCE Principal Trudy Jackson stated. "Reading aloud at home is valuable because it prepares your child to be an effective reader. With

the DCE Reads One Book project, we aim to build a community of readers at our school."

Kindergarten through fourth grade entered the auditorium Friday to music playing and teachers dancing. Emcee Melanie Brotherton opened the assembly with a game. Students were given one beach ball per grade and were encouraged to keep it in the air as long as they could.

Each grade gave a presentation about their anticipation of the book.

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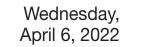






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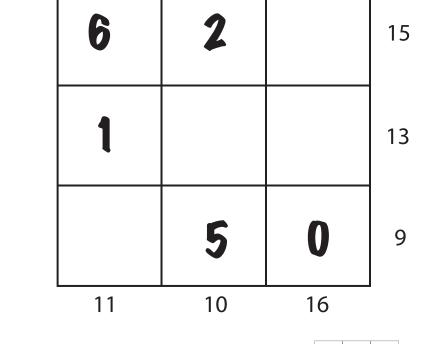
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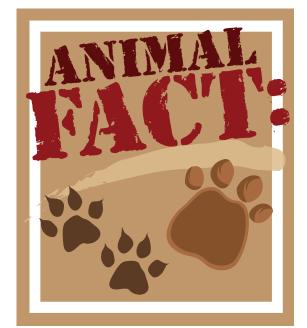
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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL Trust in God, He really does know everything!

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By Amy Becker

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zechariah 9:9

Long long ago (around 3,000 years ago), God spared the children of Israel from a horrible plague and rescued them from slavery in Egypt. After that, God's people had a festival to celebrate Passover every year remembering what God had done for them and in anticipation of a coming Savior. One year Jesus and his disciples went

to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

"As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." Matthew 21:1-3

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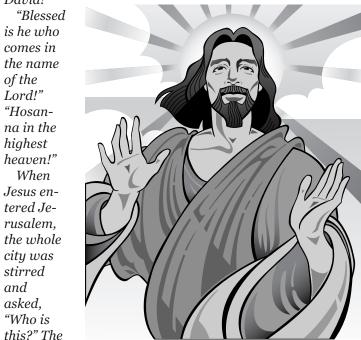
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Crowds formed because many people had heard of all of the wonderful things Jesus had down, and they wanted to see him for themselves.

"They brought the donkev and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

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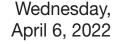


Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." Matthew 21:7-11

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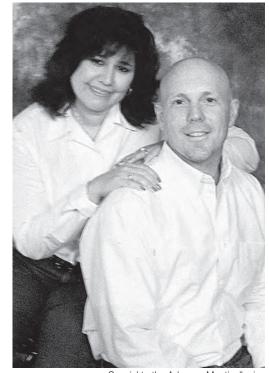
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We could not have asked for better weather than what we had this weekend. Unfortunately, we are supposed to have storms tonight. I do not think they will be that bad, though.

Shawn and I took Bettye Rial some fresh eggs. Our chickens are laying faster than we can eat them. Shana Wilson and Kay Ozment visited with Bettye and Shelly Wooten Saturday. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Crystal Wood and her friend Marla Howard went to see Journey last month in Little Rock. They had a great time!

A big welcome to the neighborhood to Chris and Amber Beard. Chris used to be a Barkadian a long time ago.

Annslee McDougald looked very pretty for her middle school dance this last weekend. My nephews Will Crutchfield and Seth Wilson and niece Carleigh Roberts also went. They looked very pretty and handsome!

I was very sorry to read of the passing of Mrs. Pat Stiles Carpenter. I was never lucky enough to have her as a teacher, but she was always a very sweet lady. Prayers for her family.

I am also sending thoughts and prayers to the families

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of Mrs. Peggy Hallman, Kim Burnett, and Joey Ryburn. May the Lord lift you up during this time.

Happy birthday to Tyler Harvey, Chase Sledge, Kanyon Calhoun, Charles Saffold, Carter Kohnen, Olivia Stafford, my Uncle Robert Martin, Summer West, my beautiful niece Ashley Crutchfield, Jim Ferrell, Stephanie Spencer, Tony Usry, Stephanie Lancaster, Corey Wright, Madeline Collins, Robert Cavaness, Kathy Taylor, Heather Cox, John Austin Hopper, Jeff Tucker, and Megan Gifford. I hope you all have or had happy birthdays.

Sorry I don't have much news. It is a slow news week. Please call 870.224.3383 with news or email wrightwoman_66@yahoo.com. No news is too small!

GREEN HILL WANDA PACE

Greenhill Community Baptist Church had a large crowd for Sunday morning worship service. Brother Caleb's message was titled " Sorrow & Betrayal in the Garden" from Matthew 26:36-58 KJV. Special music was sung by Anna and Dwyla. The Good Friday service is scheduled for April 15, 2022 at 7pm. Sunrise service at 7am on April 17 followed by breakfast and an Easter Egg hunt. You are all

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daughter.

Ryleigh Ingram attended

beautiful and I hope she had

a wonderful time. Ryleigh is

Miss Ann Bennett's grand-

and family went to Walt

Disney World for vacation.

London was able to celebrate

her birthday at Walt Disney.

made with her family. Happy

Verse of the week: "By this

everyone will know that you

are my disciples, if you have

Such wonderful memories

Birthday London!

Ms. Susie, Jackie, London,

the daddy daughter dance

on Saturday at Monticel-

lo School. She looked so

invited to join us.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Jesi Sturgis, Randy Hawkins, Gay Young, Carl Gifford, and London. I hope you all enjoy a blessed day.

The Arkansas Tri State singing was held at Shiloh Baptist Church in Fountain Hill on Friday and Saturday. Aunt Pepe, Aunt May, and Gay Young attended the gospel singing.

Monticello High School held their Senior Prom 2022 on Saturday. I saw so many pictures of beautiful young ladies and handsome young men on facebook. Jesi Sturgis you looked absolutely love for one another." John 13:35 KJV Have a safe and blessed week.

JORDAN PARK TRILISA MARSHALL

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

Her column will resume in next week's edition.

LACEY **IVANELL HANDLEY**

There is no Lacey news this week. Ivanell Handlev had other commitments.

Her column will resume in next week's edition.

POSSUM VALLEY **KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK**

Hello and welcome back. I hope that April Fool's Day wasn't too filled with pranks for you. The end of March was a mixture of beautiful, sunny skies and torrential rains. So, now I am looking forward to a flowery, birdy, sunny and warm April. Also, every time it rains, I think that each drop just brings us that much closer to a filled Lake Monticello.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

> Last Sunday afternoon, Rick and I drove to Jacksonville and spent Sunday evening with Meghann and Tim. My brother, Jim, came and joined us for supper and we enjoyed a great visit. Monday morning, we went to Burns Park to visit with Rick's daughters and two of his grandchildren. It had been a while since they'd been able to be together and it was a gloriously grand day.

Addie and Jason came over for a visit Monday evening. We hadn't been home long but no matter how tired, we're always up for a visit with children and grandbabies.

I saw my FOS Blue-gray See COUNTRY Page 5B

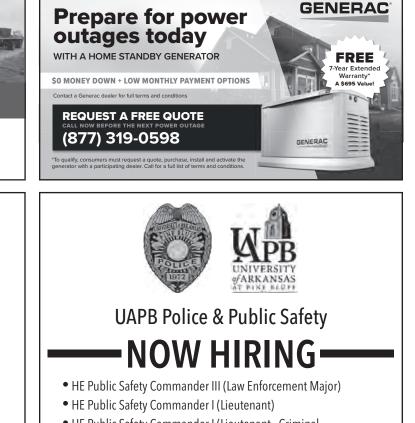






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The grass isn't greener

I like stuff. I've always liked stuff. Clothes, cars, latest gadgets, guitars. Receiving gifts is one of my love languages. Maybe it's the result of being raised an only child. Though we were not well off by any means, in fact as I reflect back on my childhood, there were times where "ends" did not meet, in fact there were times where the "ends" never knew each other! But my dad especially, did his best to make sure I had what I needed and even if it shortened the month, what I wanted. Not all the time and certainly not everything but he tried.

My parents did instill in me that whatever I had, I appreciated it. They made me say "please" and "thank you". My mother taught me to write a "thank you" note whenever I had received a gift. Through this I learned to be thankful for everything I had. As I've gotten older I've realized that when we are grateful for what we have we tend to not miss the things we don't have. We live in a culture where stuff equals happiness. Material wealth is an indication of success. But what we find is that stuff runs out, wears out, and never truly satisfies. The very last of the 10 Commandments says "You

shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

The basis for this commandment is that we would have an understanding that everything we have is from God and if it's from God then it's enough. It must be what we need, it must be sufficient for the plan He has for us. When we grab ahold of that then the grass won't look any greener than where we are. We'll achieve what the whole world is desperately chasing after. Contentment.

The apostle spoke to this in Philippians 4:11-12 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

Regardless of what where we are and what we have let's have the confidence to believe that if we put our hope and faith in Jesus Christ he has put us where He wants us and given us all we need.

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

COUNTRY

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Gnatcatcher and I've begun hearing white-eyed vireos and Black and White Warblers up in the trees.

My first hummingbird arrived last Thursday morning. I was so excited that I didn't want to go to work that day. But I'm hoping for plenty of time over the weekend to sit and watch him.

Our Saturday morning Women's Study is still being well attended and I'm enjoyed it more and learning more each time we meet.

Saturday afternoon, I spent quite a bit of time outside among the flowers and butterflies in our yard. I saw my FOS Silver-spotted Skipper, Dusted Skipper and a tiny blue Spring Azure. While walking along the road, I noticed that the recent warmer temps have awakened the dragonflies. I saw a Widow Skimmer dragonfly on Saturday in the ditch near the house. I also noticed that the wisteria that was always so prolific at the old home place, has begun to bloom.

Sunday morning, Bethel enjoyed another wonderful service. Bro. Steve Jacks preached the morning service. Bro. Jacks preached from Romans 7:15-20. His sermon outlined to us the three "R"s of Sin: 1. Sin will RESTRICT us. 2. Sin will RULE us. 3. Sin will RUIN us. He followed that by reminding us of the three "R"s of God. 1. God will RE-DEEM us. 2. God will REVIVE us. 3. God will REIGN in us. Sunday afternoon, after lunch, I walked around in the yard again. The Monarch butterflies were very active along with the Eastern Black Swallowtail. My little hummingbird must have several others local homes where nectar is being served because he only comes to our house a couple of times a day. At least he doesn't seem to want to come around when I'm out there. The pretty, purple Spiderwort flowers are beginning to spring up in the yard, too, along with the Henbit, Deadnettle and Spring Beauties. I also heard my FOS Hooded Warbler and can't wait to see them along with some Rose-breasted, Blue Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings, Yellow-breasted Chats and all the other Spring/Summer birds that make the seasonal changes even more interesting and fun. Jason and his family are in Conway this weekend where Bo's team is playing baseball. Baseball has been a big part of their lives for about eight years now and they seem to love it. I have been on Chloe duty again, this weekend. And I do enjoy visiting and playing with that little feisty kitty. At least until the grandbabies get back

home.

That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be happy, be careful, pray for each other and I think, now that Covid is on its way out, to start giving out hugs again. Or, at the very least, more smiles, to let folks know you care. God has given us all of His love. It's the least we can do to share it with others.

I'll close out with corny joke time... What kind of lizard tells jokes? A stand-up chameleon!

WILMAR **CHRIS RILEY**

I'm writing this news with teary eyes and a broken heart, as two of my most loved people have made their Earthly transition. Stephon Smith, a well known comedian from Memphis, Tenn. was a fatality in a car accident March 31st, and a loving, passionate educator, Pat Stiles Carpenter of Hamburg, formerly of Wilmar. To know them was to love them. Just know that Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal. Homegoing for Artie Faye Johnson McCoy was held Saturday at Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church. Our prayers are with this family. The roll is really being called. Lakeshia Riley "KeKe" celebrated her birthday Sunday evening at the Olive Garden in Little Rock with husband Corey Riley, daughter Claysha, Kevin & wife Francez, Tina Riley Johnson, Tekita Conley, Brie and Alris Goldsmith, Donald Riley and Chris Riley and two other friends. It was blessed. We all attended service at In His Presence Worship Ministries. Kevin Riley is pastor, prophetess Alisa Jackson was the speaker. Her message was on "Spirit of Perversion". It was very informative. The praise team brought selection of inspiration with musician Jansen Goodwin on keyboard and Corey Riley on the drums. It was 1st Sunday and communion.

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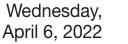
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A big birthday bash was held for Kevin Riley March 31st at Saltgrass Restaurant. Many attended and he received lots of gifts.

Helen Stillwater spent a few days in Bradley County Medical Center.

Like I can't write without reporting news such as this. We're crossing over swiftly, one by one. So don't let it catch you with your work undone.

To all who're ill, I'm praying your strength, for you who are grief stricken, I'm praying for you.

Now until we meet again by paper and pen, ask yourself this. Am I my brother's keeper? "Let's get busy" being a blessing.

This week's recipe: Pecans give these cookies extra appeal

Pecans are tasty offerings that are ideal in both savory dishes and desserts. Like fruits of other members of the hickory genus of trees, pecans are not truly nuts, but drupes. A drupe is a fruit with a single stone or pit surrounded by a husk. With pecans, the outer husk dries out and splits open, exposing the "nuts" inside. Georgia, New Mexico and Texas are the leading domestic producers of pecans, but Mexico grows nearly half of the world's pecans. Pecans are heart-healthy and rich in antioxidants, several vitamins and minerals. and a good source of healthy fat. In addition, one ounce of pecans provides 10 percent of the recommended daily fiber intake.

Cookies may never be considered "health food," but there are ways to make them more nutritious. The addition of beneficial ingredients like pecans can do just that. This recipe for "Cowboy Cookies" from "Live Well, Bake Cookies" (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye includes

oats, pecans and coconut in the mixture, adding flavor and nutritional appeal

Cowboy Cookies Ingredients (Makes 50 to 52 cookies)

2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled 1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon ground cinnamor

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened

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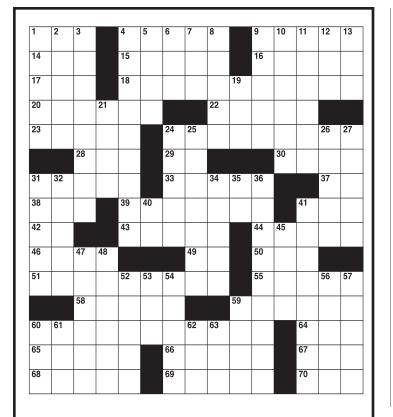
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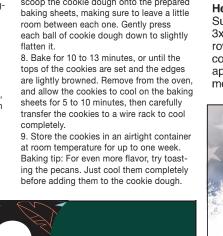
together the flour, baking soda, ground cinnamon, and salt until well combined. Stir in the old-fashioned rolled oats and set aside.

2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar together for 1 to $\tilde{2}$ minutes, or until well combined. 3. Mix in the eggs, one at a time, then mix in the vanilla extract until fully combined. making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. 4. Mix in the dry ingredients until just combined, then mix in the chocolate chips, shredded coconut and chopped pecans on low speed until fully incorporated. 5. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

6. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside. 7. Using a 11/2-tablespoon cookie scoop



scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Gently press each ball of cookie dough down to slightly



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Continued from Page 5B 1 cup packed light brown sugar

2/3 cup granulated sugar 2 large eggs, at room tempera-

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract 11/2 cups semisweet chocolate 3/4 cup sweetened shredded

1 cup chopped pecans (see baking tip)

Directions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk

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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Fun By The

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: 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,

Guess Who?

63. A place to stay

I am an actress born in California on April 6, 1976. I followed in the footsteps of my older brother and started acting as a child. I was on a popular show about a family in San Francisco being cared for by a dad, an uncle and a best friend.

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