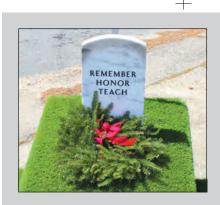
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Political Campaign Signs Not Permitted on Highway Right of Ways

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ARDOT reminds candidates for political office and their supporters that it is unlawful to place campaign signs on highway right of ways in Arkansas.

"There are several Arkansas statutes addressing encroachment and the placing of signs or other objects on highway right of way," stated ARDOT Director

Laws permit only official directional, informational and regulatory highway signs on state-owned highway property; the local Area Maintenance Office removes all other signs.

ARDOT personnel will remove any "yard" signs placed on the right of way and will contact owners of large "billboard" signs. Owners can pick up the signs during normal business hours at the nearest ARDOT Area Maintenance Office.

"The Arkansas Department of Transportation encourages everyone to follow the right of way laws to keep the roadsides clear and ensure our highways are as safe as possible," Director Tudor said.

Small fire quickly extinguished



The Monticello Fire Dept. was dispatched to a structure fire at the Monticello High School baseball field concession stand at 8:52 p.m. on Thursday, April 7. Upon arrival, we saw a small fire burning up the wall behind a drink cooler. The fire also burned across the ceiling above the cooler. The fire was quickly extinguished and the building was ventilated. The fire was caused by an apparent short in the drink cooler. Thankfully, Coach BJ Jackson was leaving the softball field and noticed the smoke and called 911. This prevented the fire from spreading too much and the building from being a total loss.

TE FORUM HELD TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

Last Sunday, many candidates for public office met at the Sadie Johnson Building to have an open forum. Candidates were encouraged to tell audience members about themselves and discuss their platform. Candidates present were Rene Knowles; Keith Wells; Demetria Edwards; Robert Akin; Andrew Pritt; Curley Jackson; Jesse Griffin; Stephanie Chisom; David Menotti, Jr. Bart Gregory and Quincy Ross.



Golf tournament fundraiser a success



LOOK OUT BELOW! Golf balls fell from the Pafford Air One Helicopter Friday afternoon onto the Monticello Country Club driving range. This event was in conjunction with the Drew Memorial Health Foundation annual golf tournament fundraiser. More than 200 golf balls were purchased to raise money for the Health Foundation. The golf ball that landed closest to any of the five targets on the driving range received a cash prize. Jimmy Price won three, Cliff Joyner won one and Michael Efird won one. All of the winners donated the cash back to the health foundation.

Premium pay ordinance discussed in April meeting

By Melissa Orrell

A short agenda for the Drew County Quorum Court regularly scheduled meeting Monday, April 11, saw little discussion when the Court passed Premium Pay Ordinance 2022-10. The Ordinance allows the County to issue checks to employees who worked during the early stages of the pandemic who were not included in the County's original premium pay ordinance.

When the Court first approved the premium pay for employees who worked during the early stages of the pandemic out of federal funds received by Drew County, employees who had

retired or since left county employment were not included in the pay. At the time there were questions regarding how a payment to retirees would affect their retirement, after the ordinance was passed, final guidance for how the money could be spent, as well as questions about premium pay and retirement were answered. Former employees brought the issue back up to the Court during the regularly scheduled March meeting of the Court. During the March meeting Drew County Judge Robert Akin promised the Court an ordinance to vote on with final costs that would be incurred if the Court voted to pay the employees who had been left out of

the first ordinance. He delivered on his promise and with almost no discussion, the Court passed the Ordinance.

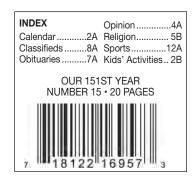
Former employees may call their respective former places of employment to see if they are owed money and how much, they will then be told when the checks will be available for pick up at the Drew County Clerks Office in the Courthouse. County Clerk Nancy White asked the Court to giver her office until the end of next week to have the checks readv.

The last day to register for the Preferential Primary, May 24, will be Mon-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Candlelight Vigil

The Children's Advocacy Center of South Arkansas will host a Candlelight Vigil at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 16 on the square in Monticello. April is child abuse prevention month. Everyone is invited to attend.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Easter Service

Easter Service and Community Breakfast, Sunday, April 17th at Lacey United Methodist Church. Breakfast (provided) - 8:00 a.m. Easter Service - 9:00 a.m. All are welcome and invited to attend! Come celebrate with us!

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

UAM Rodeo

Weevil Stampede Collegiate Rodeo - Thursday, April 21st-Saturday, April 23rd 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.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Political Debate

County Judge political debate Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. in the UAM Forestry Building.

THURSDAY, MAY 5 AND FRIDAY, MAY 6

Assessor's Office closed

The Assessor's Office will be closed for Continuing Education on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6. We will be back in the office Monday, May 9 at 8:00. Sorry for the inconvenience.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Drew Co. Master Gardeners plant sale

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

ONGOING

City recycling guidelines

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

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

Monticello City Council Meeting

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

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

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

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

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

Information and referral outreach office now open

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions Community Development Organization announces the opening of its Information and Referral Outreach Office, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office will be open Tuesdays only. Services will include but are not limited to, COVID-19 relief information, pharmacy assistance referrals for free and reduced prescription medications, help with disability applications and other health and human services needs.

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

Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education Meeting

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

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

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

VFW Auxiliary

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

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

Senior Center April 14-20



Egg Roll and Sugar Cookie

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Wednesday: Chicken & Dressing, Mixed Greens, Gravy, Cranberry

Sauce, Peach Cobbler, Roll

Thursday: Spaghetti Bake, Italian Veggies, Brownies and Garlic Toast

Friday: Chicken Sandwich, Tater

Tots and Pumpkin Cake

Monday: Sliced Turkey with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Tropical

Fruit and Biscuit

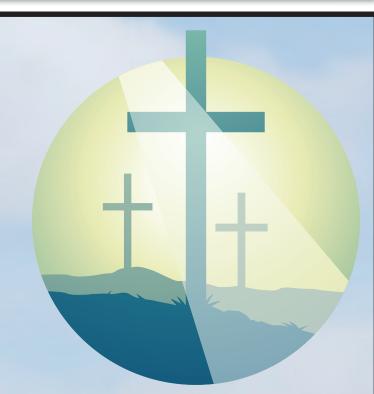
Tuesday: Ham and Beans, Spinach,

Pear Cobbler and Cornbread

Wednesday: Sweet and Sour Chicken, Rice, Oriental Veggies,

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

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DCHS Students 'Get Real'



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Students in Mrs. Penny Vance's Family and Consumer Sciences Classes at Drew Central High School, recently participated in "Get Real-Here's the Deal." This is a hands-on financial simulation that gives young people the opportunity to experience real life. Students are encouraged to make wise financial choices similar to those that adults face each month. As youth move from station to station, students make decisions based on their pretend

family size and affordability based on their income from their jobs. Members of the community man each station. Prior to the simulation, these students completed a financial literacy unit. Students obtained skills in budgeting, check writing, and in balancing a transaction register. Students calculated taxes and other deductions taken from their gross income. "Get Real Here's the Deal" is sponsored by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension

EHC announces scholarship

By: Dr. Kay J. Walter

570 W. Conrad

The Drew County Extension Homemakers Clubs will be offering financial support in the form of a scholarship for the 2022-23 school year to a student who is a Drew County resident and will be attending University of Arkansas at Monticello. This scholarship will be available at the rate of \$1000, paid as \$500 per semester and may be applied to tuition, books, and/or room and board. Drew County EHC may fund other secondary scholarships if they

recognize extraordinary student potential and find that they have extra funding available. Payments will be made to UAM in parts upon proof of registration for each semester. Application forms for this scholarship are available from the counselors' offices at Monticello High School, Drew Central High School, and the Financial Aid Office at UAM. Forms can also be obtained from the Drew County Extension Office in the Drew County Courthouse. All matriculating and current UAM students

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are eligible to apply regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Applications must be received by Hazelene McCray, Drew County Extension Agent by Monday, May 16, 2022. For more information, contact Drew County EHC Education Co-Chairpersons: Claudia Horton at 870-723-2662 or Dr Kay Walter at walter@uamont.edu.

School of Education. Memo

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Thursday, April 8 was declared Inez Lindsey Day in Monticello by Mayor Paige Chase. Lindsey is a resident of Grand Manor and enthusiastically told the crowd that she was 101 years old and four months. Lindsey's family and other residents of Grand Manor joined the group to congratulate Lindsey on a wonderful life legacy.

UAM awarded grant for Special Education Resource Teacher Academy

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On March 30, Johnny Key, commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) announced in an ADE Commissioner's Memo that the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has partnered with six universities in Arkansas, including the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM), to offer Special **Education Resource Teach**er Academies.

The UAM partnership is a result of a grant proposal submitted on behalf of the UAM School of Education in March 2022 by Dr. Kim Level, dean of the UAM School of Education, and Deborah Givhan, special education coordinator and instructor in the UAM

The ADE Commissionexplained,

"The purpose of the Special Education Resource Teacher Academies is to provide current licensed public school educators in Elementary K-6, 4-8, or 7-12 ELA, Math, or Science the opportunity to earn an additional Special Education Resource Endorsement and participate in job-embedded professional development while receiving graduate school credit hours, at no cost to them. Additionally, educators obtaining this endorsement will be able to provide special education services within the general education classroom, as supplementary supports, or in special education classrooms. This will expand the district's ability to consider and offer a variety of special education service delivery models. With the growing emphasis

on inclusive practices, this opportunity will assist in providing Arkansas school districts with the skilled staff needed to lead the nation in student focused inclusive education."

Givhan expressed excitement after receiving the grant, stating, "I'm thrilled that UAM has the opportunity to enhance the capacity of teachers prepared to work with diverse populations of students. As the state of Arkansas strives to increase the inclusion of students with special needs in our general education classrooms, I feel that this training will be instrumental in the success of all students. And it's free to eligible teachers."

Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, emphasized the importance of bringing the academy to the univer-

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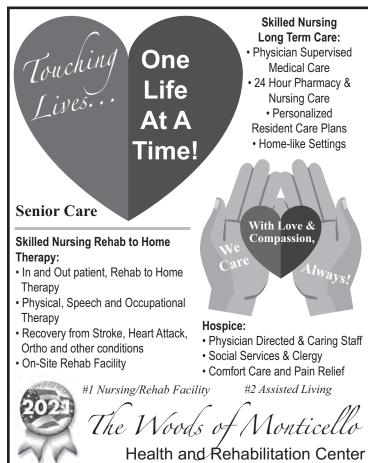


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but I didn't care

I was lucky enough to host a crawfish boil at my home this weekend. It was a fabulous

I was worried when I woke up Saturday morning and saw spots of frost on the ground. Thankfully, the sun came out and it turned into the perfect day.



HOGG **EDITOR**

My co-workers and I have been planning this shindig for a few weeks and everyone was excited the day had finally arrived.

I had been to the store and purchased all the necessary items to cook the crawfish and every delicious accompaniment.

My Superman husband and I spent some time in the yard making sure everything

was nice and clean and ready for guests. Then we ventured out and loaded tables, chairs and ice chests into the back of his truck and set them out in the back yard. Even though he can't fly, he is still Superman, or at the very least, knight in pollen covered pick-up truck.

My sweet Mama even joined in to help. Everyone knows she makes the best desserts around. It's pretty evident considering all the kids she raised are, lets just say, not a

As we discussed what type of dessert we would want with our crawfish dinner, it hit me. Mom's banana pudding would be perfect to help cool us down.

I asked nicely and she of course obliged. My mom has been making sweet treats for me and my friends since I was in kindergarten. I can vividly remember her walking into the classrooms at Drew Central with a big tray or cupcakes or cookies or whatever. That was of course back when dinosaurs roamed the Earth and you could still have parties and snacks at school. I would get so excited when my classmates would say, "Hi Ashley's mom!" I always knew the party was about to start when I heard those words.

The wind was blowing and pollen was visible in the air but that didn't stop us from having a great time and eating a little too much Saturday afternoon.

The water went to boiling and there was laughter in the sunshine. A friendly game of Baggo took place with a male versus female team. The guys won that one but I think Kristie and I will come back with a ven-

Once the food was ready, a silence came over the yard and the only thing you could hear was chewing and shells hitting the

We stood around together, talking, laughing and eating. It was everything a nice spring day should be. Everyone pitched in and cleaned up and before I knew it, my yard was back to normal.

We waddled into the house, full bellies, burning lips and happy hearts.

Get outside, do things with people and eat good food. I promise, you won't regret it.

Letter to the Editor: An Easter poem

In The Early Morning Mist

In the early morning mist Judas betrayed Him with a kiss Peter hung his head in shame, Denied he ever knew His name As the cat-o-nine-tails Across His back and shoulders fell He was betrayed and denied Unloved and crucified

In the early morning mist, a fallen hammer breaks the still

As the laughter of the people, echoes down

Calvary's hill And the shadow of a cross, silhouettes the

morning skies In the early morning mist, the Rose of Sha-

ron fades and dies

-James E. Brown

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Covered in pollen, Building a better Arkansas through service

Arkansans are unfortunately familiar with the devastating impacts of tornadoes. I've seen the damage left in their powerful wake

and talked with homeowners, businesses and local leaders about the challenges they face in getting things back to normal. In the face of these trials, I have also seen the resolve of citizens determined to rebuild and the care of **IOHN** those who offer hope through **BOOZMAN** words and deeds to friends and neighbors experiencing U.S. SENATE some of the greatest hardships

of their lives. Natural State residents have a long and proud history of opening their hearts to help others. Support thrives in our communities beyond the aftermath of a natural disaster.

I've met with people from all corners of the state who have answered the call to serve, making connections and tapping into the resources and knowledge of others who have the same desire.

I'm constantly inspired by Arkansans who are identifying problems, rolling up their sleeves and getting to work on real, innovative

solutions. These problem solvers are working in communities across the state alongside elected officials and civic groups like boys and girls in scouting as well as veteran service organizations. And these efforts are noticed.

Across the state, communities have built a solid foundation to inspire and grow a passion for service and giving back to others. Thanks to the encouragement of organizations like EngageAR, which aims to empower service and volunteerism at the municipal level, these communities can continue to spread kindness in our state's time of need.

I was proud to recently recognize the newest recipients of EngageAR's Community of the Year Award; Osceola, Vilonia, Maumelle, Fayetteville, Siloam Springs, North Little Rock and West Memphis. They have demonstrated the value of civic engagement through efforts like citywide cleanups, training volunteer firefighters, cultivating gardens to feed the food insecure and expanding foodbank operations.

Volunteering gives people the opportunity to put their talents to use on behalf of others. It's a powerful and rewarding experience and the involvement of citizens in these communities has made a positive impact.

As Arkansas Municipal League Executive

Director Hayes says – local people solve local problems best.

For instance, the Disabled American Veterans chapter in Mountain Home recognized the need to take action to reduce and prevent veteran suicides. Its members launched an outreach program to connect with veterans who are outside of the VA system - and it worked. There was a significant decrease in veteran

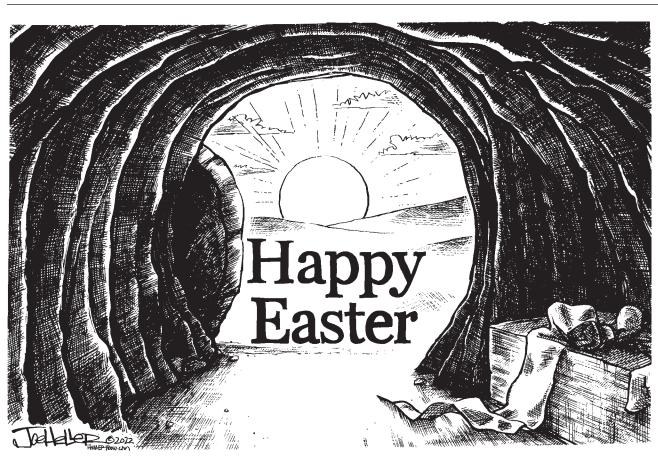
In order to build on this success and the positive results of other veteran-serving non-profits and community networks, I authored the IMPROVE Well-being for Veterans Act to create a grant program to leverage these efforts so we can help bridge the gap existing in VA outreach.

This new strategy harnesses the ideas of community advocates into sound policy so they can continue the great work they're already doing.

I'm proud Congress passed this legislation and we're working with the VA right now to ensure it's implemented as we intended.

One of the things I learned early on as a Member of Congress that has continued to

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Combatting violent crime

Today, I would like to talk about the national increase in violent crime, and what we are doing to combat that here in Arkansas.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world



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felt like it came to a halt while we dealt with the issues of public health. But violent crime did not slow down. In fact, violent crime actually increased since 2018. Homicides in Arkansas were 224 that

year, but in 2020. the number was 310, an increase of 38 percent. All this is according to data from the Arkansas Crime Information Center.

Government has no greater re-

sponsibility than to assure public safety, and at the state level, we are taking several measures to address this increase in crime and the current threat to public safety.

First, we have tangibly shown our support of our law enforcement.

I signed into law a \$5,000 bonus for every certified full-time police officer in the state. We raised the salaries of our state troopers and have expanded the number of positions at the Arkansas State Crime Lab to accelerate rape-kit testing. Finally, we also allocated money to enlarge the prison at Calico Rock.

The prison expansion is necessary because our local court system does not have enough flexibility or adequate space in the county jails due to the lack of space in our prison system.

This last week, based on recommendations by Secretary Solomon Graves and the Division of Community Correction, I announced the expansion of the Intensive Supervision Program.

This expansion will add officers to a team dedicated to providing a higher level of support and supervision to those who pose a higher risk of violent crimes.

These are those that have spent time in prison and were released on parole. We want them to get a second start in life, and our ultimate goal is to help them do that. But you have an element of those who pose a greater risk than others, and the design of the **Intensive Supervision Program** is to focus on those high-risk offenders.

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A look at average teacher salaries in 2020

Average teacher salaries in Arkansas ranked 47th in the nation in 2020, down from 46th in 2019 and 44th in 2018.

> Legislators on the Senate and

House Education Committees heard a lengthy salary comparison last week, written by legislative staff.

average teacher salary in 2020 was \$64,133. In

Arkansas it was \$50,546. The top average teacher salaries

Nationally, the

were paid in New York, California,

Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. The cost of living is highest in those states, according to an economic index cited by staff.

When average teacher salaries in Arkansas are overlaid with a standard cost of living index, we move up to 28th in the nation in 2020. In 2018 and in 2019 they ranked 22nd and 25th, respectively.

The Southern Regional Education Board compiles education data from 16 southern states. The average teacher salary in the 16 southern states was \$55,205 in 2020. Arkansas teacher salaries ranked 13th, but when adjusted for cost of living they moved up to

The average teacher salary was \$51,819 in the six states that share a border with Arkansas. When adjusted for the cost of living, average salaries in Arkansas ranked fourth, which was exactly in the middle of the rankings.

Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee ranked first, second and third. Missouri, Mississippi and Louisiana ranked fifth, sixth and seventh.

Legislators pay attention to disparities in teacher salaries within the state. For example, last year the Fayetteville School

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Don't miss voter registration deadlines

An important deadline is approaching if you plan on voting in the May 24 Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan General Election.

If you have not already registered to vote, you have until April 25 to file your voter registration application with your county clerk. If you sub-



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follow up with your county clerk before Election Day. You can check your voter registration

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status and find your polling location at www.voterview.org. On the website, you can also

find a list of who will appear on the ballot. If you do not see that information listed by May, call your County Clerk's office.

Due to redistricting changes, we encourage you to review your ballot before heading to the polls. The boundaries of voting districts for state legislators shifted to reflect population changes in the 2020 Census. Districts were also renumbered. You may have the same lawmaker listed on your ballot but your House or Senate number may be different than what you're used to.

Early voting for the primary and nonpartisan general election will begin on May 9. Early voting is available between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, ending at 5 p.m. on the Monday before the election. Off-site early voting hours may vary by county.

At the voting site, an election official will ask you to state your name, address, and date of birth. The election official will request you provide an approved form of I.D.

In a primary election, you must state the party primary in which you wish to vote. If you don't wish to cast a party ballot, you may choose to vote in the nonpartisan races only (which may include judicial and prosecuting attorney races, and other local issues such as tax increases).

The General Election and Nonpartisan Runoff Election will be held on November 8.

You can find more information about voting in Arkansas at www.sos.arkansas.gov.

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Letter to the Editor: Easter: The Crucifixion

BY VAN YANDELL

Matthew 27:35 "And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots".

I fear we have heard said, "Christ died for our sins." to a point we begin to form an attitude about the crucifixion of Christ that trivializes His suffering. Children hear that statement and receive Christ and do not begin to fathom the magnitude of the horror. Young children do not need to hear the details of crucifixion but at some point in life, Christians should hear of this extreme and ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for mankind.

His suffering is beyond comprehension. If we have severe injuries, we are immediately given pain killers. Jesus had no pain killers. To cause suffering was the goal of the Roman soldiers. In today's world we are not allowed to feel pain. I'm aware some reading this will disagree, but compared to crucifixion, we are mostly protected from

The Bible provides us very little information about the crucifixion of our Lord. We are

told in Matthew 27: 35, "And they crucified Him." Several of the Old Testament writers described His suffering or that He was to be crucified.

Psalm 22: 14-15 "I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. "My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. King David described what Jesus would feel; the misery of His suffering.

Psalm 22: 17 "I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me." This seems to indicate Jesus's bones were exposed from the flogging. Historians tell us of many cases of crucifixion where this was the case.

Pilate first had Him flogged or scourged. Flogging by the Romans was much more severe than by the Jews. Roman scourging was so severe, the law did not allow Roman citizens to suffer such a punishment. A whip was used called "a cat of nine tails." Strips of leather, usually about three feet long were tied to a handle. Pieces of sharp rock or bone were attached to the ends. The whip was also called a flagrum. The whip master was highly skilled in administering the flogging. It was his job to inflict pain and cause extreme bleeding. After the first few lashes, the victim usually became incontinent. Many victims had feces smeared in the wounds to cause infection and increase suffering.

The victim was tied to a post or tree. The beating was given from the shoulders to the lower legs. The whip was slung with as much power as possible by the whip master with the intention of burying the pieces of rock and bone on the ends deep into the victim's flesh. It was then ripped out with great power. Tremendous wounds were inflicted. Cuts were made into veins and arteries and even into organs. Victims were known to have been disemboweled.

Many victims of scourging died before being crucified from shock or blood loss. Jewish (Old Testament) law called for forty lashes less one, Deuteronomy 25:3.

Crucifixion was a method of execution used by the Romans for over 600 years. Finally after 600 years, in 336 AD, Emperor Constantine, when he became a Christian, abolished crucifixion calling it cruel and unusual punishment.

At one time the Romans had

six thousand Jews nailed to crosses on the road between Jerusalem and Damascus. Any statement a Jew made sounding the least like insurrection resulted in him being nailed to a cross. The Romans lived in constant suspicion of a revolt by the Jews and crucifixion was their way of dealing with that fear. Crucifixion was used as a deterrent by the Romans. The purpose was not only to inflict pain, but to cause humiliation as the victim was usually nailed to the cross stripped of all clothing. In many cases, dogs were allowed to eat the flesh of the victim before death. Depictions of a cross being high in the air are not necessarily

After Jesus' flogging He was forced to carry His cross on the Via Dolorosa. What we might call an alley, in places the passage is very steep and the large stones make walking difficult.

At Calvary, Jesus' body was literally thrown down on the cross. A Roman soldier slammed His forearm on to the cross beam and held it in place with his knee. The nail was about three-eighths inch in diameter and probably about eight to nine inches long. It had most likely been

used before. Then the nail was driven through His wrists and ropes placed around His arms to hold Him on the cross until it was raised to a vertical position.

The Roman knew there was a place in a wrist and if he could hit it, terrible pain would be experienced. We now know a large nerve runs through the wrist. Jesus's feet were probably pulled to the sides of the cross and nails driven through His heels. Many believe, His feet were bent down and one nail was driven through the tops of both feet. An archeological dig in 1968 near Jerusalem found a heel bone with a bent nail still through it.

Then the cross was raised and dropped into a hole. Can we even begin to imagine the shock on His body when that upright post of the cross hit the bottom of that hole?

Death is finally caused by suffocation. Jesus had to hold Himself up on the nails to breathe. The stretched arms pull the body to make breathing impossible. The agony as described was unimaginable. After the death of the victims, most were left on their cross so vultures could feed on their flesh. After a few days, only a skeleton remained. Jesus'

body was removed from the cross because of the Passover.

For six hours, our Jesus hung on the cross, from the third hour until the ninth hour (9 am until 3 pm). Time was measured from daylight, which would have been around 6 am. Finally He gave up the ghost (Luke 23: 46), but before He cried out, "My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?" At that point the sins of the entire world were upon Him. I often see people wearing crosses on chains around their necks. Many have no idea the great significance of the cross.

There is no gratitude, no works, no words; nothing we can do to express the worth of what He did for all mankind. Matthew 22: 37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Worship Him, Reverence Him, Honor Him and Glorify Him.

Christianity and eternity came at a high price. Never, ever trivialize the crucifixion. Never, ever, forget or take for granted what He did. Jesus is God (Colossians 1: 16) and HE IS ALIVE! Matthew 28: 6 "He is not here for He is risen."

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sity, stating, "Special education is an academic critical shortage area, and UAM, as one of the main suppliers of teachers in the region, is dedicated to providing service to Southeast Arkansas and beyond to address the teacher shortage. UAM is well-positioned to assist general education teachers to access professional development opportunities and gain the tools necessary to provide student-focused, inclusive special education instruction in general education and special education resource classrooms. We thank Dr. Kim Level, Ms. Deborah Givhan and the DESE for bringing the Special Education Resource

Teacher Academy to UAM." UAM has received a grant to sponsor 36 teachers to obtain their K-6 or 7-12 Special Education Resource Teacher Endorsement. This includes full tuition and fees for 12 hours of graduate credit, all books and materials, the cost of one application of the Praxis exam and a \$100 stipend to help cover the travel cost to the face-to-face meeting.

The opportunity is open to all licensed Arkansas teachers K-6, ELA (4-8 or 7-12), math (4-8 or 7-12) and science. The first faceto-face meeting will be held on Saturday, May 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the UAM campus. This is a mandatory meeting. The four required courses are 100% online and run Summer I: May 31 to June 29; Summer II: July 5 to July 27; Fall I: August 17 to October 6; and Spring I: January 11 to March 2, 2023.

Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2022, and will be processed on a first-come, first-served ba-

All candidates must attend the mandatory faceto-face meeting on May 28, 2022, successfully complete all courses and successfully complete the Praxis exam on the first application. All requirements must be met by the end of May 2023.

For more information, contact Deborah Givhan at givhan@uamont.edu.

Letter to the Editor: Education for "all" children

When I entered the teaching profession, I did so with the intention of setting high expectations and helping "all" students succeed in and out of the classroom. Recently, there has been discussion regarding changes in special education. In previous years, students in middle school and high school that receive special education services have been in resource classes, and they have not been in the general education classes with their peers. Although some find this beneficial, it does not meet the standards for inclusion, and will no longer be allowed for high school graduation.

According to Bui et al. (2010), "Over 20 years of research has consistently demonstrated that the inclusion of students with disabilities in general education classrooms result in favorable outcomes." These students are exposed to the grade level curriculum, gain instructional time, and see an increase in the quality of their Individualized Education Program, or IEP. Don't we want that for our students?

There are also fears from educators regarding the inclusion of these students into the general education classrooms. How will the teacher modify the material as needed for each student? Will behavior problems increase if students don't understand the curriculum? Will there still be special education teachers?

Teachers, you are amazing. You have the training to help all of your students succeed. Many elementary schools across the state implemented inclusive classrooms years ago. These teachers have experience modifying the grade-level curriculum. They are a wonderful resource. There will still be special education teachers in your classroom that will help you and your students. Some schools are also going to place more paraprofessionals into the classroom. Others are going to implement co-teaching, which is not a new concept to education, and it has been found to be very effective when done correctly. Keep your head held high and don't be afraid to ask for help. Jon Gordon once said, "Love the process, and you'll love what the process produces."

Brandie Everett, Ed.S., is a lifelong resident of Monticello, Arkansas. She is a fourth grade teacher at Drew Central Elementary where she serves as the Family and Community Engagement Facilitator and Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Coach. She is a 2021-2022 Arkansas State Teachers Association (ASTA) Advocacy Fellow and has

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I have asked the General Assembly to approve \$1 million in funding for this initiative. It will cover new positions at a five-county area in Central Arkansas. This initiative will help keep our streets safer and curb

violent crime.

It is a dangerous but important time to be in law enforcement as violent crime is on the increase. Our need to support the men and women who put their lives at risk increases every day.

I want officers to know we support them, and we want to make their job as safe as it can be.

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serve as inspiration for my work in Washington, is that you can get a lot accomplished if you don't care who gets the credit. That's the same mentality I've seen across our state as communities do what they always do in times of need: bring people together to achieve what can't be done individually.

There's nothing more fulfilling than seeing Arkansans from all walks of life who share the same goal - helping their neighbors. I encourage all Arkansans to stay true to the spirit of service and selflessness that helps make us all better.

GILMORE

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District paid average salaries of \$61,682 and the Dermott School District paid an average of \$39,263.

Generally, schools in cities pay higher salaries. The average salary in urban school districts last year in Arkansas was \$54,912. In rural school districts the average was \$47,238.

David Watkins - Owner

The disparities in salary exist in charter schools too. Haas Hall Academy in northwest Arkansas paid average salaries of \$52,732 and the Imboden Charter School District paid an average of \$35,600.

Charters generally paid lower average salaries than regular public schools. Although disparities exist between the salaries paid by individual charter schools, there was not a pronounced

disparity between urban and rural schools. Urban charter schools paid teachers an average salary of \$43,472 and rural charter schools paid an average of \$44,759.

The legislature does not mandate salaries except for minimum levels. Act 170 of 2019 mandates minimum

salaries of \$33,800 for a teacher with no experience. The minimum salaries go up for teachers with a master's degree and for teachers with experience in the classroom.

On average, schools pay more than the state-mandated minimum salary. Last year the average minimum salary

was \$35,799.

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Last year 97 Arkansas school districts had minimum salaries at the state-mandated level of \$33,800, and 138 districts paid minimum salaries that were higher than the state mandate.

The Springdale School District had the highest minimum salary level, which was \$48,242.

Act 679 of 2021 creates a teacher salary equalization fund for school districts where the average minimum salary is below statewide averages. The goal is to bring up salaries in those districts to \$51,822.

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Union Bank & Trust Co. donates \$50,000 to UAM for Athletic Performance Center Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On April 4, the University of Arkansas at Monticello received a \$50,000 check from Union Bank & Trust Co. for UAM's Performance Center Campaign (PCC). John McClendon, chairman of Union Bank, and Dave Dickson, president and CEO of Union Bank, presented the check to Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, Hud Jackson, director of athletics and head football coach at UAM, and Garrett May, director of major gifts and university initiatives at UAM, during a presentation on the university's Monticello campus.

Dr. Peggy Doss thanked Union Bank for its commitment to the university, stating, "Union Bank is an incredible community partner, and this is another example of its long-time support of UAM. The Athletic Performance Center is necessary to modernize the university's athletic strength facility and keep UAM student-athletes competitive in the Great American Conference. We thank Union Bank's leadership for their contribution and hope training area.

that their generosity inspires additional support for the campaign."

In reference to the photograph taken during the presentation of the check, Dave Dickson said, "We have a long history of supporting UAM, and this picture is evidence of that. Every Union Bank staff member pictured here attended UAM, so not only do we have a business connection to this university but also a personal relationship as well. This university means so much to this community and to Southeast Arkansas as a whole, so we are excited to be able to give back and see UAM succeed."

The PCC was first announced during the UAM Homecoming football game on October 16, 2021. The campaign focuses on facility improvements in Steelman Field House, specifically in the vacant pool room. Ultimately, the \$1.7 million-dollar facility will be transformed into a space that will include a 4,000-square-foot weight room and a 3,000-square-foot athletic

"UAM Athletics is so grateful for the generous donation from Union Bank to our Performance Center Campaign," Hud Jackson said. "Union Bank has always been a huge part of our growth as an athletic department and as a university. This will help us to move our department forward and help our student-athletes to become bigger, stronger and healthier so they can compete at a high level."

As the preparations for the construction of the Performance Center begin, UAM continues to accept donations for the campaign. All gifts are tax-deductible and can be made electronically or by mail. Donations can be made by texting WCAMPAIGN to 41444. Checks made payable to UAM Athletics can be mailed to the UAM Office of Advancement, University of Arkansas at Monticello, PO BOX 3520, Monticello, AR 71656.

For more information about the PCC, contact Garrett May at 870-460-1128 or MayM@uamont.edu.



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GROWING THE COMMUNITY Union Bank of Monticello recently donated \$50,000 to the University of Arkansas at Monticello towards their new athletics facility. Pictured above are (front row) Coach Hud Jackson, Chancellor Peggy Doss and Union Bank President Dave Dickson. Behind are employees of Union Bank that graduated from

Senator Gilmore and Representative Beaty announce the creation of the Forestry Caucus of the Arkansas General Assembly

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

State Senator Ben Gilmore (R- Crossett) and State Representative Howard M. Beaty Jr. (R - Crossett) announced today the creation of the Forestry Caucus of the Arkansas General Assembly. Senator Gilmore and Representative Beaty will serve as co-chairs with Senator Charles Beckham (R - McNeil) and Representative Jeff Wardlaw (R - Hermitage) serving as vice chairs. "I am encouraged by the many legislators who have decided to join the Forestry Caucus. Forestry plays a significant role in Arkansas' economy, especially in our rural communities It is critical we advance policies that will help our state's most important industries – forestry.

This past session we were able to advocate for the creation of the Center for Forest Business at the University of Arkansas at Monticello's College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources," said Senator Gilmore. Upon creation of the Forestry Caucus, Representative Beaty stated, "It is past time we have a Forestry Caucus that will look toward passing more legislation to help economic development efforts and expand the growth of our forestry sector in our state. Arkansas' forests cover 18.9 million acres, or 56 percent of the state, and has more than 1.2 billion tons of standing timber."

Leaders in the forestry industry weighed in on the creation of the Forestry Caucus:

• "As the only forester in the United States Congress, I understand the importance of well-managed forests and their impact on our environment, our community, and our economy. Forestry is a vital industry in the great state of Arkansas, and I am glad the Forest



Caucus will provide an avenue for the state legislature to discuss the economic and environmental impacts of proper forest management, the need for sustainable forestry, and innovative ways to incorporate forest products into daily life. I am grateful for the efforts of State Senator Ben Gilmore and State Representative Howard Beaty to bring this caucus to life, and I am confident this will be a valuable forum to discuss policies that promote working forests, our nation's number one renewable resource."

– U.S. Congressman Bruce Westerman (AR-04)

• "The creation of a forestry caucus within the Arkansas General Assembly has the potential to be one of the most important and effective tools I've seen in my more than 30 years in the timber and forest products sector," said Max Braswell, executive vice president of the Arkansas Forestry Association. "Our ability to work together in Arkansas is known nationwide. The support and part-

nership of our legislative leaders will only enhance the multitude of opportunities we have to make working forests a 'part of the solution' - whether it's as a natural climate solution, economic driver for rural communities or in keeping our natural state natural. These are exciting times and AFA fully supports the creation of a forestry caucus."

- Max Braswell, Executive Director, Arkansas Forestry Association

• "Our state's forestry industry ranks third in the nation and annually contributes nearly \$5 billion to the Arkansas economy, making it an incredibly important part of our agriculture portfolio. We look forward to working with policymakers to expand an industry so crucial to our state."

- Rich Hillman, President, Arkansas Farm Bureau

• "Timber Harvesters are part of a sector dedicated to growing sustainable forests that support communities, jobs, and the thousands of products we use every day. Active forest management keeps acres in trees – providing a range of environmental, conservation, and climate values for generations to come. Good things can happen when we shop up, take on leadership roles, and work collaboratively to sustain and promote one of the State's most economically important agricultural industries."

- Larry Boccarossa, Executive Director, Arkansas Timber Producers Association

"We appreciate all the support from our friends in the forestry industry and from Congressman Westerman who has been a leader on agriculture on the national level," said Senator Gilmore and Representative Beaty.

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day, April 25. Testing of the voting machines will occur in the Courthouse Club Room on May 20. The Public is welcome to attend. The ballots have been drawn and can be viewed at the Courthouse. Absentee ballot applications are now being accept-

Cheri Adcock, County Asses-

sor, announced the Assessors Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6 for continuing education. The office will reopen on Monday, May 9, at 8

COVID cases have waned in the County and Drew Memorial Health System is seeing the results with no COVID hospitalizations in the past couple of weeks, according to Scott Barrilleaux, DMHS CEO.

Arkansas Press Association Selects Column as Tech Partner

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

We are delighted to welcome our 14th association and 16th state to be represented in the Column Partner Program — the Arkansas Press Association.

The Column team will be working with the APA on a redesign of their statewide public notice website, making critical improvements to the accessibility of their site as well as adding improved search and alert functionality for the public. Since the launch of our Partner Program in 2020, we have worked hard to deploy exceptional technology that strengthens the industry's approach to these statewide resources for citizens.

"As we work to preserve public notice in Arkansas, it's imperative we have a strong tech partner to make them even more accessible to our state's citizens. Our association found that in Column." shared Ashley Kemp Wimberley, executive director of the APA.

"While we remain steadfast in our belief public notices should remain in printed newspapers, adding a cutting-edge website that aggregates all of the notices in one location allows Arkansans to easily search for any notice published."

Arkansas joins Column114 alongside associations representing Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Idaho, Kansas, Florida Maryland New Mexico Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

Column's Founder & CEO, Jake Seaton, commented, "We are big fans of Ashley at the APA. Since our earliest days as a company, she has routinely provided constructive feedback on how we can build a tool and form partnerships that best serve the industry. We look forward to working with APA and their member publications to help modernize public notice in Arkansas."



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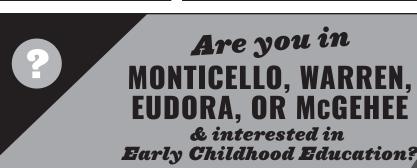
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OBITUARIE!

Ashley Hogg, Edition editor@monticellonews.net

Connie Efird

Connie Efird, 70, of McGehee and Monticello passed away on Sunday, April 10, at Arbor Oaks. She was born July 7, 1951, in Murfreesboro, North Carolina. Connie worked as a compliance officer at the Arkansas Department of Corrections. She was a member of First Baptist Church in McGhee. Connie was a great cook and enjoyed being with her grandkids. Other than her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Tipton Toney Efird; son, Jason Efird and siblings, Charles "Bubba" Martin Warren, Diane Whitmore and Ginger Sue Gardner.

Survivors include her son, Michael Efird (Jodie) of Monticello; daughters, Allison Efird Miles (Joe) of Little Rock; brother, Dean Warren (Mary Lee) of Suffolk, Va.; sister, Nancy Jones of Suffolk, Va.; grandchildren, John Michael Efird, Max Efird, Eli

Miles, Brooklyn Miles, Beau Warren, and Morgan Fowler (Dalton); great grandchildren, Gentry and Bentlee Fowler; sister-in-law, Susan Smoke and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Friday, April 15 at 1 p.m. at Lower Antioch Cemetery with Bro. Cameron Highsmith officiating. Pallbearers are Will Scott, Alan Smith, Joel Reynolds, Adam Hasley, Dr. Joe Miles, Shawn Zeno, Mike Ward and Beau Beard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Home Care at www.hospicehomecare.com.

Arrangements are by Regency Funeral Home. You may sign the guest book at regencyfuneralhome.com. (Paid obituary)

John William "Bill" Gossman

John William "Bill" Gossman, 92, of Pine Bluff, departed this earthly world

and went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, April 6, finally being able to reunite with Jean, the love of his life and wife of 43 years. He was a devoted and caring husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather who will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Bill was born March 27, 1930, to William James and Anna May(Swackhammer) Gossman in Crooksville, Ohio.

> He married Wilma Jean Helvey on May 29, 1952 not long after meeting her, telling his family that it

was "love at first sight".

Proudly serving in the military for 22 years, Bill joined the US Army in 1947 at the age of 17 so that he could help provide financially for his family. He was active in the Korean Conflict (Chosin

Reservoir) and Vietnam War by beginning his career as a military policeman then later serving counterintelligence. He retired in 1969 as a sergeant first class.

While serving in Korea, he was awarded numerous medals including the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Merit Unit Commendation, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), five Bronze Service Stars to Korean Service Medal, Letter of Appreciation, June 3, 1959, United Nations Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal (6th award). While in the Vietnam War, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (1st leaf oak cluster) and Vietnam Campaign Medal. After retiring from the military in 1969, his love of trains led him to work

for the Cotton Belt Railroad as a switchman-brakeman for 15 years, retiring in 1986. Bill attended Pines Vocational School to become a skilled furniture and cabinet craftsman. He created beautiful furniture that will long be cherished by his family. While stationed in Okinawa, Bill along with his wife Jean, enjoyed playing competitive bowling. Upon the death of his beloved Jean, Bill found a new passion and became an avid golfer and had a keen eye for helping other golfers correct their swings. He also enjoyed listening to all types of music, especially Big Band, Country and Western, and Gospel music.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Wilma Jean Gossman, and sisters, Joanne Barrett, Eileen Stickdorn; and a great- grandson, Isaac Brian. Survivors include his three children, a son, Richard Gossman of Grapevine,

Texas, a daughter Jeanne Stephens of Pine Bluff and son David (Angie) Gossman of Monticello; four grandchildren, Mack (Malorie) Gossman, Conner Gossman, Candida Stephens, and Jerry Wayne Green Jr,(Heather) and six great-grandchildren, Naomi Thompson, Rebekah Tucker, SharonRose Brian, Hayden Green, Emma Green, Ellorie Gossman, and one great-great granddaughter, Laura Thompson; a brother-in-law Richard (Carolyn) Helvey, and a niece Teresa (Bill) Charlton. He was also survived by many more nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 11, in the Chapel of Ralph Robinson and Son. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation was Monday, 9:30 a.m. until service time, at Robinson's.

Online register: www.RalphRobinsonandSon.com

Two UAM nursing faculty nominated for Arkansas' 2022 Outstanding Nurse Educator Award

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

UAM School of Nursing faculty members Anita Shaw, MSN, RN, and Joy Stringfellow, MS, RN, have been nominated as two of twenty-five nurse educators statewide for the 2022 Outstanding Nurse Educator Award.

The winner of the award will be announced in May 2022.

For the past eight years, Publishing Concepts, Inc., the nation's largest publish-

er of state board of nursing journals, has honored Arkansas' outstanding nurse educators through a statewide nomination process.

Dr. Brandy Haley, dean of the UAM School of Nursing, stated, "Our nursing programs are stellar because of our nursing faculty. Ms. Shaw and Ms. Stringfellow have a wealth of nursing experience that makes them highly qualified to instill the ethical standards needed in

our nursing students."

Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, stated, "We congratulate Ms. Shaw and Ms. Stringfellow on their well-deserved nominations and thank them for sharing their knowledge and passion with students. Nurse educators are the driving force in developing and supporting the next generation of nurses, and the excellence demonstrated by the faculty in the UAM School of Nursing en-

sures that students are highly prepared for their future careers."

Anita Shaw is an alumna of UAM where she earned an Associate Degree in nursing (ADN) in 1981. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 1992 and a Master of Science in nursing (MSN) degree from the University of Central Arkansas in 1994. She began teaching at UAM in 1992.

Joy Stringfellow is also an alumna of UAM where she earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) degree in 2010. She earned a Master of Science with a focus on nursing education degree in 2020 from Excelsior College. She began teaching at UAM in 2018.

For more information on the nursing program, contact the UAM School of Nursing at (870) 460-1069.



Experiential learning at UAM: Fire Management

By LON TEGELS

College of Forestry, Agriculture and Nat-

University of Arkansas at Monticello's first Forester for the Future Scholarship winner, Shylee Head has shown that she can take the heat.

Head and 16 other students were on the front lines of UAM's Fire Management Course prescribed burning exercises on 20 acres of the West Block Forest, a portion of the university's forestland that adjoins the campus. The class spent the semester planning the safest and most productive way to conduct the burn.

"We had to come in and look at where and what we are burning," Head said. "The challenge in our group is that we had several big trees down that we couldn't burn. It would have made the fire way too hot, and too big of a fire to control, so we had to plan around that. We studied lots of weather precautions."

Head grew up on forestland, spending time with her dad on land primarily used for hunting.

"I've never been on a controlled burn before," Head said. "I was at the ignition point. But for this fire, I moved further up to where they started the head fire. It was really, really hot. I was backing up far as I could,"

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said Head.

The freshman said this is the most challenging courses of her academic career. "It A year after becoming the worked out really nice. I got to burn a forest, and did it safely and successfully," said

> Head is attending UAM on the Foresters for the Future scholarship, a generous opportunity to study handson forestry. The scholarship is funded by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division. Applications for this year's recipient are being taken through June 15. Students interested in the scholarship can find more information on the UAM website at uamont.edu/academics/CFANR/index.html.

Months of planning

The class began planning the burn in the classroom in January, trying to calculate all the factors that go into a prescribed burn. While setting fire in a forest may seem destructive, prescribed burns are a management tool that emulates the fires that are naturally a part of forest ecosystems. It helps clear fuel such as leaf litter and clear out underbrush, allowing seeds to produce new generations of trees.

"You don't want smoke heading to smoke-sensitive areas like schools and hospitals," Head said, as she and her classmates studied area elevation levels, fuels on the land including deadwood and pine needles, as well as

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temperature, humidity, and wind.

Leading the classroom charge is UAM Associate Professor of Forest Health, Dr. Mohammad Bataineh.

"The core fire class is taught every spring semester. Most years it culminates with a prescribed burn," he said. "What we aim to do with the class is offer handson experience as much as possible, where the students gain confidence in applying fire on the landscape.'

"Fire is a core course in the curriculum," said Bataineh. "Fire management is used in wildlife habitat, timber resources management, and used in restoration ecology. Fire is the building block that we use to teach natural resource management at this college."

Divide and conquer

The 20-acre forest targeted for the fire was composed of loblolly pines. The block was divided into four units, and each unit was assigned to a group of five or six students.

"The goal of the exercise is to implement the fire plan they have written," Bataineh said. "They are going to practice igniting and implementing the fire plan. They will decide on the fire technique given the weather conditions and site conditions that we have," said Bataineh.

The students, clad in bright yellow fire-resistant Nomex, helmets, and other safety equipment, chose to burn

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Bob Poole

in ring pattern, using drip particular fire pattern to and how it's controlled. It's torches for ignition. Their burn was expected to reduce fuel on the block by a third.

Firebreaks

Before the first flame is ignited, UAM Forest Manager Bobby Webb, works with students to establish fire breaks to keep the fire contained. The fire breaks were created back in the early 90s, Webb

"My student workers and I over the period of a few days installs the fire break around the burn area perimeter and then subdivide the area for a little better control in case something happens," he said.

The crew uses a bulldozer to comb the brush and needles off the firebreak and expose the soil to help contain the fire within the targeted forest area.

The fire proved to be a

good teacher. "Communication is a big part of everything," said Ethan Lum, a junior was also on the front lines. "We were a little bit lacking on that at first. We also learned which choose for the area." he said.

Assistant Professor Elena Rubino, who specializes in human dimensions of wildlife and natural resources communications, was on site to witness the prescribed burn. She studies the interaction between people and events such as these.

"There is slowly some recognition that fire is important," Rubino said. "Smokey [Bear] did a great job promoting this idea that fires are bad and to put them out when you see them. Here's a great example of a prescribed fire, why it should be here, an activity we like to see."

This particular stand had been burned four or five years ago, said Bataineh. Nearly every tree has burn scars, but the trees remain healthy.

"Each tree is growing and has a healthy crown," he said. "These trees have been maintained and [have been] growing 60 to 70 years. The fires we are conducting underneath are not killing trees by any means. The whole point of the burn is to make the forest healthier."

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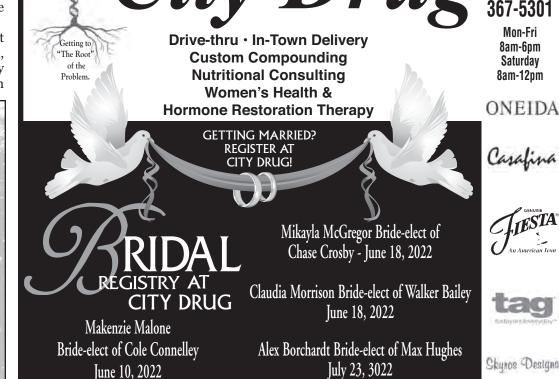
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Legals

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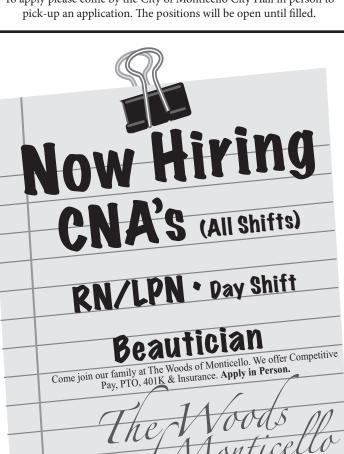
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Legals

ORDINANCE NO. 834

AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING CITY WARDS

WHEREAS, cities have an obligation and a responsibility to insure that wards are of substantially equal population, and serve the public's best interest; and

WHEREAS, a population analysis of each city ward utilizing 2020 Census block data indicates the need for ward redistricting;

WHEREAS, Arkansas law vests city councils with apportionment and redistricting authority; and

WHEREAS, a redistricting plan has been prepared that equalizes ward population and insures compliance with state statutes and equal protection requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. That the ward redistricting plan as shown on the map which is attached hereto, marked as Exhibit "1" and made a part hereof, be and is hereby adopted, with said map to serve hereafter as the Official Ward Map for the City of Monticello, Arkansas, (being Option No: 2)

SECTION 2. That all previous ward maps and boundary descriptions are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That a duly certified copy of said Map shall be filed with the Drew County Election Commission, and filed in the Office of the Drew County Clerk.

Section 4. That an emergency is hereby declared to exist; in this ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of March, 2022.

/s/Jess Hylton City Clerk/Treasurer Attest: /s/Paige Chase Mayor

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Full color map can be found on Page 14A

ORDINANCE NO. 835

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES REGARDING COMPETITIVE BIDDING

WHEREAS, City of Monticello local law requiring competitive bidding is codified at Section 2-106 of the Monticello Municipal Code;

Code;
WHEREAS, said existing local law requires bids when the amount of any expenditure for any purchase or contract that exceeds the sum of \$10,000.00 (except for the purchase of used

automobiles);
WHEREAS, it is reasonable and in the best interest of the City of Monticello to increase the bid limit from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 IT IS, THEREFORE, by the City Council of Monticello, Arkan-

sas, ordained as follows:

1. That Section 2-106(b) of the Monticello Municipal Code is Amended to read as follows, to wit:

(b) When required, general. Except as defined otherwise in this section, the Mayor or his designated representatives shall use competitive bidding, as defined in this section, when the amount of any expenditure for any purchase or contract authorized in Section 2-106 exceeds the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

2. That the exception for used vehicles as codified at Section

2-106(c)remains in effect.3. That all prior ordinances conflict herewith or amended

(END OF ORDINANCE)
ADOPTED on this 29th day of March, 2022.

/s/Jess Hylton City Clerk/Treasurer Approved on this 29th day of March, 2022 /s/Paige Chase Paige Chase, Mayor

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$63.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 836

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS:

DEFINING THE TERM "SINGLE TRANSACTION;" PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Monticello, Arkansas(the "City"), has passed on March 29, 2022, Ordinance No. 836 providing for the levy of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax within the City(the "Sales and Use Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the Sales and Use Tax shall be levied and collected on the gross receipts, gross proceeds, or sales price from each single transaction on the maximum amount allowed from time to time

under Arkansas law; and WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to call a special election on the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax, and to define the term "single transaction";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Monticello, Arkansas:

Section 1. That there be, and there is hereby called, a special election to be held on August 9, 2022, at which election there shall be submitted to the electors of the City the question of the levy of the Sales and Use Tax.

Section 2. That the question of levying the Sales and use Tax shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form:

Vote on measure by placing an "X" in the square opposite the measure either for or against:

asure either for or against:

FOR adoption of a 1% local sales and use tax within the

AGAINST adoption of a 1% local sales and use tax within the City of Monticello, AR......

The sales and use tax shall be levied and used for (a) financing public infrastructures, capital improvements, youth activities and economic development and for other lawful purposes, and (b) providing for the securing and repayment Of bonds approved by the voters and issued from time to time by the City to fund capital improvements. The sales And use tax shall go into effect following the expiration or termination of the Existing City sales and use tax. The sales and use tax shall expire on December 31, 2037, so long as any bonds to which such tax has been pledged have been fully retired or funds are available for their retirement, and if such bonds have not been retired on the earliest date on

which such tax can be terminated.

Section 3. That the election shall be held and conducted and the

vote canvassed and the results declared under the law in the manner now provided for municipal elections unless otherwise provided in Title 26, Chapter 75, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated (the "Authorizing Legislation") and only qualified voters of the City shall have the right to vote for the election.

Section 4: That the results of the election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor, and his Proclamation shall be published one time in a newspaper published in the City and haveing a general circulation therein, which Proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty days after the date of publication.

Section 5: That a copy of this Ordinance shall be given to the Drew County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall also be provided to the Commissioner of Revenues of the State of Arkansas as soon as practical.

Section 6: That the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City, be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to call and hold special election as herein provided and, if the levy of the Sales and Use Tax is approved by the electors, to cause the Sales and Use Tax to be collected in accordance with the Authorizing Legislation, and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary to carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance.

<u>Section 7:</u> "Single transaction" is defined according to the nature of the goods purchased as follows:

A. When two or more devices in which, upon which or by which any person or property is, or may be, transported or drawn, including but not limited to, on-road vehicles, whether required to be licensed or not, off-road vehicles, farm vehicles, airplanes, water vessels, motor vehicles or non-motorized vehicles and mobile homes, are sold to a person by a seller, each individual unit, whether part of a "fleet" sale or not, shall be treated as a single transaction for the purpose of the Sales and Use Tax.

B. The charges for utility services, which are subject to the Sales and Use Tax, and which are furnished on a continuous service basis, whether such services are paid daily, weekly, monthly or annually, for the purposes of the Sales and Use Tax, shall be computed in daily increments, and each such daily charge increment shall be considered to be a single transaction for the purposes of the Sales and Use Tax.

C. For sales of building materials and supplies to contractors, builders or other persons, a single transaction, for the purposes of the Sales and Use Tax, shall be deemed to be any single sale which is reflected on a single invoice, receipt or statement, on which an aggregate sales (or use) tax figure has been reported and remitted to the State of Arkansas.

D. When two or more items of major household appliances, commercial appliances, major equipment and machinery are sold, each individual unit shall be treated as a single transaction for the purposes of the Sales and Use Tax.

E. For groceries, drug items, dry goods and other tangible personal property and/or services not otherwise expressly covered in the Section, a single transaction shall be deemed to be any single sale which is reflected on a single invoice, receipt or statement, on which an aggregate sales tax figure has been reported and remitted to the State of Arkansas.

In the event the Arkansas General Assembly shall define "single transaction," the General Assembly's definition shall replace the definition set forth herein.

definition set forth herein.

Section 8. That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict here-

with are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9. It is hereby ascertained and declared that there is a great need to establish a stable source of revenue to finance vital municipal services in order to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and its inhabitants. It is, therefore, declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety shall be in force and take effect immediately from and after its

passage. PASSED

Approved on this 29th day of March, 2022.

/s/Paige Chase Mayor ATTEST: /s/Jess Hylton City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Monticello, Arkansas, hereby certifies that the foregoing pages are a true and perfect copy of Ordinance No. 836, passed at a regular session of the City Council, held at the regular meeting place of the City Council at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 29th day of March, 2022, and that the Ordinance is of record in Ordinance Record Book No._____, Page

___, now in my possession.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 1st day of April, 2022.

/s/Jess Hylton City Clerk

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$352.52.

ORDINANCE NO. 837

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, YOUTH ACTIVITIES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,

SECURING AND REPAYMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSE AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Monticello, Arkansas(the "City") is a City of the first class duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "1997 Tax) and re-authorized and approved in 2007 (herein the "City Sales Tax") is currently levied in the City and is dedicated to public infrastructure, capital improvements, youth activities, economic development and for facilities for other uses selected by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Sales Tax will expire on December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City has determined that there exists in the City a need for (a) immediate improvement of public infrastructure, capital improvements, youth activities, economic development and a stable source of revenue to finance such needed municipal improvements and for other lawful purposes, and/or (b) to secure and provide for the repayment of bonds approved by the voters of the City and issued from time to time by the City to fund capital improvements including a new City Hall, Recreation Facility, Fire Station, Police Station and related support facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has further determined that the best source of revenue is the levy of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "2022 Tax"), which sales and use tax will not be a increase in the total rate of sales and use taxes in the City but which will take the place of the 2007 Tax as soon as the 2007 Tax expires or is terminated; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated 26-75-201 et seq. (The "Authorizing Legislation") provides for the levy of a one percent (1%) city-wide sales and use tax to finance the capital improvements and for other lawful purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to levy the 2022 Tax for the purposes of (a) financing public infrastructure, capital improvements, youth activities, economic development and for other lawful pur-

poses, and (b) providing for the securing and repayment of bonds approved by the voters and insured from time to time by the City to fund capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Tax shall expire on December 31, 2022 so long as any bonds to which such tax have been pledged have been fully retired or funds are available for their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Monticello, Arkansas:

Article 1. Under the authority of the Authorizing Legislation, there is hereby levied a one percent (1%) tax on the gross receipts from the sale at retail within the City of all items which are subject to the Arkansas Gross Receipts Act of 1941, as amended (Arkansas Code Annotated 26-52-101, et seq.), and the imposition of an excise (or use) tax on the storage, use, distribution or other consumption within the City of tangible personal property subject to the Arkansas Compensating Tax Act of 1949, as amended (Arkansas Code Annotated 26-53-101, et seq.), at a rate of one percent (1%) of the sale price of the property or, in the case of leases or rentals, of the lease or rental price (collectively, the "2022 Tax"). The 2022 Tax shall be levied, and the net collections received after the State of Arkansas deducts its administrative charges shall be used for the purposes of (a) financing public infrastructure, capital improvements, youth activities economic development and for other lawful purposes, and (b) securing and providing for the repayment of bonds approved by the voters and issued from time to time by the City to fund capital improvements. The 2022 Tax shall be levied and collected on the gross receipts, gross proceeds or sales price from each single transaction in the maximum amount allowed from time to time by Arkansas law.

Article 2. The 2022 Tax shall go into effect following the expiration of the City Sales Tax, or its termination by ordinance adopted by the City Council.

Article 3. The 2022 Tax shall expire on December 31, 2037 so long as any bonds to which such tax has been pledged have been fully retired, or funds are available for their retirement, as evidenced by a certificate filed by the Trustee for any bonds outstanding as of January 1, 2037. Such certificate shall be filed by the Trustee in such manner and at such time as is required by Arkansas law in order to terminate the tax on December 31, 2037, or as soon as funds are available for the retirement of the bonds.

Article 4. All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Article 5. This Ordinance shall not take effect until an election is held on the question of levying the 2022 Tax at which a majority of the electors voting on the question shall have approved the levy of the 2022 Tax.

PASSED
Approved on this 29th day of March, 2022.
/s/Paige Chase
Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/Jess Hylton
City Clerk

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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 (NW1/4 of NW1/4) of Section 13, Township 12 South, Range 8 West, Drew County, Arkansas.

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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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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

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April 13, 2022

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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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

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 BEGIN-NING, 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS

SECOND DIVISION DEANDRIA HARRIS, PLAINTIFF VS. KEENAN **CLIFTON, DEFENDANT CASE NO. 22DR-21-268**

WARNING ORDER

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WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Drew County, Arkansas, this 7th day of April, 2022.

/s/Beverly Burks CIRCUIT ČLERK

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EFFIE BRADEN MUELLER,

> DECEASED NO. 22PR-22-34

NOTICE

(To Creditors Re: Appointment of Administrator and Filing of Claims) Last known address of dece-

2399 Hwy 425 North, Monti-

cello, Arkansas Date of Death: August 17,

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the

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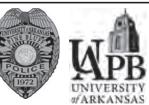
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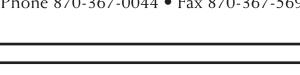
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Breedlove's 3-run homerun sparks Billie comeback over Pirates

By: JEFF Young Advance Correspondent

In a special Saturday attraction, the Drew Central Pirates travelled to Monticello on April 9, to face the Monticello Billies.

RJ Blackmon got the call to start the contest on the mound for the Billies and was able to get the leadoff batter, Nate Cooper, to ground out.

Aiden Jones would single for the Pirates and would be advanced to second on a single by Drew Burton. Taylor Barnard would single to score Aiden Jones followed by a single by Will Watson to load the bases.

Jase Watt connected for a double to score Burton and Taylor Barnard to give the Pirates a 3-0 first inning lead.

Aiden Jones took the mound for Drew Central giving up a leadoff single to Doerian Allen to start the bottom half of the inning. Warren Pennington would fly out to Taylor Barnard followed by a walk to Cade Pigott.

After getting Tucker Breedlove to strikeout, Brenden Brown would single to score Allen to cut the Pirate lead to 3-1.

Blackmon returned to the mound for the Billies to get the first two Pirate batters out to begin the inning.

Aiden Jones would single followed by a double by Burton to extend the Pirate lead to 4-1.

Aiden Jones would start the bottom half the inning, getting

the first two batters to ground out. Brooks Harvey would reach first on an error to Center Field. Allen would single to score Harvey to cut the lead to 4-2.

Will Watson would lead off the Pirate inning with a single followed by Watt reaching on an error by the Monticello shortstop. Jacob Jones was hit by a pitch followed by a single by Wyatt Wood that scored Watt and Jacob Jones to extend the Pirate lead to 6-2.

Monticello would get two runs in the bottom half of the inning after a walk to Breedlove followed by a single by Brenden Brown and John Frost to score Breedlove. Brooks Bowman drew a walk followed by a walk to Blackmon to score Brown.

Brooks Harvey would pop up to Jase Watt who threw to Burton for an inning ending double-play.

Burton would lead off the Pirate inning with a single followed by two consecutive outs.

Watt singled with Matt Barnard following with a single to score Burton to give the Pirates an 8-4 advantage.

Matt Barnard would replace Aiden Jones on the mound for the Pirates and would start the inning with a walk to Allen. Warren Pennington advanced to first after being hit by a pitch followed by Pigott loading the bases after being hit by a pitch.

Allen would score on a passed



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HEAD COACHES Scott Johnson, Monticello, and Aaron Goad, Drew Central, shake hands before Saturday afternoon's contest between the Monticello Billies and the Drew Central Pirates.

ball to make the score 8-5. Jase Harvey hitting a triple to score Watt would replace Matt Barnard on the mound.

Tucker Breedlove cleared the bases on a three-run homerun to left field, scoring Pennington and Pigott to tie the contest at 8-8.

Brenden Brown would be the first out of the inning for the Billies after grounding out to second, John Frost would connect on a single followed by a walk to Brooks Bowman. Watt would get the next batter to strikeout with

Frost and Bowman.

Allen singled that scored Harvey and Pennington would connect for a double to score Allen. Pigott would single to score Pennington to give the Billies a 13-8

Brendon Brown would take over on the mound for Monticello and got Wyatt Wood to fly out to Brooks Harvey. Nate Cooper would draw a walk with Aiden Jones advancing Cooper to second on a single to third base.

Brown struck out Burton. Nate Cooper and Aiden Jones would advance bases on a wild pitch. Copper would score on another wild pitch by Brown to cut the Billie lead to 13-9.

Wyatt Wood replaced Watt on the mound for the Pirates, giving up a leadoff single to Bowman. Blaine Hayden flew out to third in foul territory. Brooks Harvey walked followed by Allen being hit by a pitch to load the bases.

A walk to Warren Pennington would score Bowman. Pigott was hit by a pitch to Harvey.

Aiden Jones returned to the mound for the Pirates, giving up a double to Breedlove to score Pennington. Allen had scored on a previous pitch that got past the catcher.

Brenden Brown drew a walk followed by a game-ending double by John Frost that scored Pigott and Breedlove to secure the 10 after five sportsmanship rule for the 19-9 victory.

As a team, the Billies finished the contest going 15 for 28, scoring 19 runs with 17 RBI and 10 walks and striking out two.

Doerian Allen was 3 for 3 with four runs and two RBI and a walk.

Tucker Breedlove was 3 for 4 with three runs scored and four RBI and a walk.

John Frost went 3 for 5 with one run scored and three RBI, Brenden Brown finished 2 for 3

from the plate with one run and an RBI with two walks, Warren Pennington was 1 for 3 with three runs scored and two RBI with a walk, Cade Pigott was 1 for 2 with two runs, two RBI, and a walk, Brooks Bowman was 1 for 2 with two runs and two walks, and Brooks Harvey went 1 for 3 with three runs, two RBI, and a walk.

RJ Blackmon completed four innings for the Billies allowing eight runs on 12 hits while striking out three. Brenden Brown pitched one inning allowing one run on one hit.

The Billies connected for three doubles with Breedlove, Frost, and Pennington each having one, Brooks Harvey connected for a triple, and Breedlove hitting the only home run of the contest.

For the Pirates, the team was 13 for 28 with nine runs, eight RBI, two walks, and four strike-

Drew Burton was 3 for 4 with two runs and RBI, Aiden Jones was 3 for 4 with two runs, Will Watson went 2 for 4 with a run, Jase Watt was 2 for 3 with a run and two RBI, Nate Cooper was o for 3 with a run, an RBI, and

Taylor Barnard was 1 for 3 with a run and an RBI with a walk.

Mathew Barnard was 1 for 2 with an RBI, Jacob Jones was o for 2 with a run, and Wyatt Wood was 1 for 3 with two RBI.



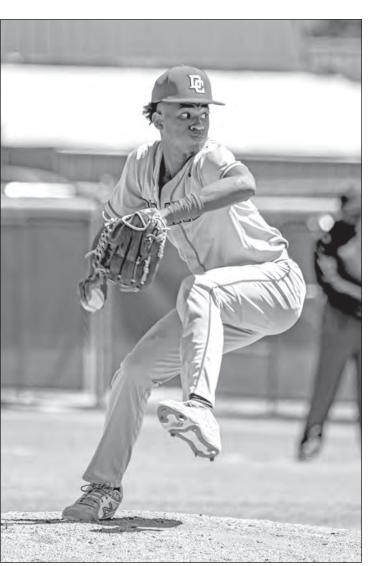




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DOERIAN ALLEN (left) singled to lead off the contest against Drew Central and would finish the contest going 3 for 3 with four runs scored and two RBI and a walk. RJ BLACKMON (center) pitched four complete innings against the Pirates allowing eight runs on 12 hits, striking out three batters. TUCKER BREEDLOVE (right) connected for a three-run homerun in the bottom of the fourth inning to tie the contest 8-8. Brrediove also recorded a double in the contest going 3 for 4 with three runs scored and four RBI and a walk.







WYATT WOOD (right) went 1 for 3 in Saturday's contest at Monticello. Wood had two RBI in the contest to extend the Pirate lead at that point in the contest to 6-2 on a hit past second base. AIDEN JONES (center) pitched three innings allowing five runs on seven hits, striking out one and walking five. Jones was 3 for 4 with two runs scored. DREW BURTON (left) slides into home plate. Burton was 3 for 4 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Blossoms' conference record falls to 10-14 after losing seven straight

SPORTS



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KYLE LEM, UAM Blossom head softball coach, makes a visit to talk to his pitcher, Averie Gunther, alongside catcher, Madison Gardiner, during Satuday's contest against Ouachita Baptist.



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HALEY CORNELL finished the past seven contests for the Blossoms going 6 for 18 with two runs scored, seven RBI, two doubles, two homeruns, and

By: JEFF Young Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Cotton Blossoms' Great American Conference record took a hit over the past several contests.

The Blossoms have currently lost seven consecutive conference games including being swept in consecutive series by Harding University and Ouachita Baptist University.

Travelling to Searcy to face Harding University, the Blossoms were only able to muster one run in the opening game of the series on Friday, April 1.

Harding scored the first run of the contest in the bottom of the first inning. UAM came back to tie the contest with a run in the top of the fourth inning. Harding would score seven runs in the bottom of the fourth to set up the 8-1 victory.

Returning for the second game of the scheduled Friday double-header, the Blossoms would take a2-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Averie Gunther would reach on a single and would be driven home after a Haley Cornell connected for a two-run homerun.

Harding added a run in the bottom half of the inning to cut the lead to 2-1.

After a scoreless inning for the Blossoms, Harding would score a run in the bottom of the second and would take a 5-2 lead after scoring three runs in the bottom of the third inning.

The Blossoms recorded two straight strikeouts in the top of the fifth inning before Gunther would reach base on an error. Grace Neal would hit a single to left field and Cornell would clear the bases with a three-run homerun. It was Cornell's second of the contest.

Harding would break the 5-5 tie in the bottom of the fifth after scoring two runs and followed with three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 10-5 victory.

In the third and final game of the series, held on Saturday, April 2, the Blossoms got on the board first after a double by Cornell that scored Gunther.

Harding would score a run in the bottom of the inning to tie the contest 1-1.

UAM broke the tie in the top of the third inning after doubles by Hannah Holdbrook and Grace Neal that scored Alexis Pevehouse and Hodbrook for a 3-1

The Blossoms added another run in the top of the fourth inning after a walk to Cornell scored Sam Stephens.

Harding would come back in the bottom half of the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings to score a single run in each inning to take a 5-4 victory.

The Blossoms returned to Alvy Early Softball Field on Friday, April 8, to host Ouachita Baptist University.

Ouachita would take a 4-0 lead after scoring a run in the top of the first inning and three runs in the top of the fourth inning.

UAM would cut the lead to 4-2 after a two-run homer by Maddie Pfleging scored Caroline Tedder. It would be the only runs of the game for the Blossoms as Ouachita took the 4-2 victory.

In the first game of a scheduled double-header on Saturday, April 9, Ouachita would score runs in the top of the first and second innings and would add three runs in the top of the sixth inning to hold a 5-0 lead.

The Blossoms would stage a comeback in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Cornell led off with a walk followed by a single by Gunther. Tedder singled to center to score pinch runner Maddie Chalenburg.

Grace Neal grounded out but scored Gunther. Alissa Suarez singled to score Tedder, but the rally ended after a game-ending fly ball with the score in favor of Ouachita 5-3.

Ouachita took an early 1-0 lead in the second game of the double-header after scoring a run in the top of the second inning.

Madison Gardiner tied the contest on a solo homerun in the bottom of the third inning, but Ouachita came back in the top of the fourth inning to score five runs to take a 6-1 lead.

Caroline Tedder would open the bottom of the fourth inning with a double.

Sophie Wood pinch hit for Summer Perkins and recorded a



ALISSA SUAREZ has went 7 for 20 with 11 RBI and two doubles in the last seven contests.

double that scored Tedder.

an error that scored Wood to cut the lead to 6-4.

After a scoreless sixth inning and the Blossoms holding Ouachita scoreless in the top of the seventh inning, the Blossoms would get one run in the bottom half of the seventh.

Tedder would single to center followed by a single by Pfleging to advance Tedder.

With two outs, Alissa Suarez would single to score Tedder before Ouachita recorded the final out of the game to take the 6-4

The Blossoms would host a make-up contest on Tuesday, April 12, against Southern Arkansas University. The contest was originally scheduled for April 5.

Southern Arkansas would score a run in the top of the first and would add a run in the top of the second to take a 2-0 lead.

After a scoreless third and fourth innings, Southern Arkansas would score three runs in the top of the fifth inning to take a 5-o lead.

After a lead off strikeout for the Shae Shoquist would reach on first out of the inning, Lauryn Davies would draw a walk followed by a walk to Gardiner.

After a ground out to advance the runners, Ouachita would load the bases with a walk to Cornell and a walk to Neal would score Davies to cut the lead to 5-1.

Southern Arkansas would add two runs in the top of the sixth inning to increase the lead to 7-1.

The Blossoms added two runs in the bottom half of the inning after a single by Holdbrook, a double by Pfleging, and a single by Suarez to score Holdbrook and Pfleging to cut the lead to 7-3, but Southern Arkansas would score two runs in the top of the seventh to set up the 9-3 final.

With the losses, the Blossoms are now 10-14 in GAC play and are currently in seventh position in the conference.

The Blossoms will return to action at Alvy Early Softball Field on Friday, April 15, hosting Southern Nazarene for a double-header starting at 1pm.

The final game of the series will be Saturday, April 16, at 1pm.

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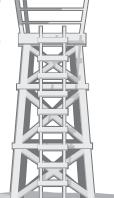


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JORDAN JOHNSON continues to add to his career numbers. Johnson is currently first all time in career homeruns at UAM with 51 and is one homerun away from tying his single season career mark at 12

Katrina English named as UAM Volleyball's sixth head coach

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On April 1, Arkansas-Monticello's Director of Athletics Hud Jackson announced the hiring of Katrina English as the sixth head volleyball coach in program history. English will lead Monticello's program after spending this past season as the Head Men's and Women's Volleyball Coach at Kentucky State University.

"We are extremely excited about Katrina leading our Blossom Volleyball Program." said Jackson. "She has valuable experience in the sport that will push our program to new levels. She will bring high energy and passion that her players will thrive from. She is a strong believer in developing the total student-athlete. Her teams will be productive community members. It is very important to her to bring more attention to volleyball in our region. She already has dates set for her clinics for the youth of our region. Please help us to welcome Katrina to our beautiful community of Monticello and to Southeast Arkansas!"

English returned to at Kentucky State University in Spring 2021 as the Head Men and Women's Head Volleyball Coach. She led the Men's Program through their Spring 2021 Covid-19 season and in the Fall 2021 season the Women's Team finished tied for second in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with a 15-3 record. In her initial year in 2017, she won the 2017 SIAC Women's Volleyball Tournament Conference and earned the Tournament Coach of the Year honor. The team honors consisted of players receiving the Tournament MVP Player, Tournament Setter of the Year, three All-Conference honors, and four All-Conference Academic players. The Women's team secured a spot in the 2017 NCAA Division II Regional playoffs. English was named Kentucky State University's 2017-2018 Coach of the Year.

"I am enthusiastic and focused about the opportunity to build with the UAM Family and welcome her to Weevil Nation!"

Community." said English. "I am looking forward to fortifying a foundation of winning and all that entails. I would like to thank the many individuals that were patient and supported me in this decision; and much appreciation to the UAM Athletic Family for such champion civility in this journey."

Before her initial arrival at Kentucky State University, was the Head Coach at NJCAA Division I Temple College from the 2013-2017 seasons. During that time, her teams advanced to the NJCAA Region V Conference Tournament annually and honored in 2013 and 2014 as the NJCAA Region V Conference Runner-up.

In 2021 she also held the responsibility of being the inaugural Head Coach of the Men's Volleyball Team at Kentucky State University.

English had stints at St. Gregory's University and Long Island University.

She is a native Texan and completed her collegiate career at Houston Baptist University in the early 2000s, as she was named All-Region Team in 2002 and All-Conference Team in both 2002 and 2003. In 2005, she graduated from HBU with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and English. She also has a master's degree in Health and Human Performance for The University of the Southwest.

"We are thrilled to welcome Coach English as our next coach of UAM volleyball." said UAM Chancellor, Dr. Peggy Doss. "From our first meeting, I was confident that she would bring quality and experience as a very capable coach and recruiter. Coach English is the right person to lead our volleyball team to the next level. She will be a great role model for our players, both on and off the court and will show them how to not only be successful student-athletes but also successful people in life. We

Weevils currently ninth in conference standings

Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Baseball Weevils currently sit in the ninth position in the Great American Conference standings after falling in series at home against Harding and on the road in Arkadelphia against Ouachita Baptist.

Hosting Harding on Friday, April 1, the Weevils and Bison would play four scoreless innings until the Weevils scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Grant Shepherd opened the inning with a double followed by a two-run home run by Hudson Hopkins to give the Weevils a 2-0

After a Nick Fakouri walk, Jalyn Williams singled to center. Cade Thompson drew a walk to load the bases and Jordan Johnson would single to score Williams and Fak-

UAM would score four more runs in the bottom of the seventh inning after a double by Chase Cripps followed by a two-run home run by Cade Thompson.

Reece Reading would score on a single by Hudson Hopkins and Grant Shepherd scored on a passed ball to make the score 8-o.

The Weevils would add the final two runs of the contest in the bottom of the eighth inning after scores by Thompson and Cripps on a single by Reading for a 10-0 victory.

Harding would come back to take both games in the Saturday double-header to win the series.

In game one, the Weevils would go up 8-1 after sixth innings highlighted by home runs by Johnson,

Cripps, and Thompson.

Harding would take the lead 10-8 after nine innings with the Weevils adding a run in the bottom of the inning in the 10-9 loss.

In game two, the Weevils would get one run as Harding scored four over seven innings to take the series win.

Travelling to Arkadelphia to face Ouachita Baptist on Friday, April 8, to begin a three-game se-

Ouachita Baptist would score 15 runs over seven innings to defeat the Weevils 15-5.

Returning to the field on Saturday, April 9, for a double-header, the Weevils would go up 3-0 in the top of the first inning after a tworun home run by Jordan Johnson that scored Chase Cripps and a solo shot by Reece Reading.

UAM added two runs in the top

of the third inning after scores by Cripps and Thompson gave UAM a 5-0 lead.

Nick Fakouri added one run in the top of the fourth with a solo homerun, but Ouachita scored three in the bottom half of the in-

ning. UAM would go on to take the contest by the score of 8-7.

Returning for the final game of the series, Ouachita Baptist would score three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to shut out the Weevils 3-0 to take the series.

UAM will return to the diamond on Friday, April 15, traveling to Bethany, Oklahoma to face Southern Nazarene University with a 2pm start time and will conclude the series on Saturday in a double-header starting at 12pm.

UAM will return home Tuesday to face UT-Tyler at 3pm.

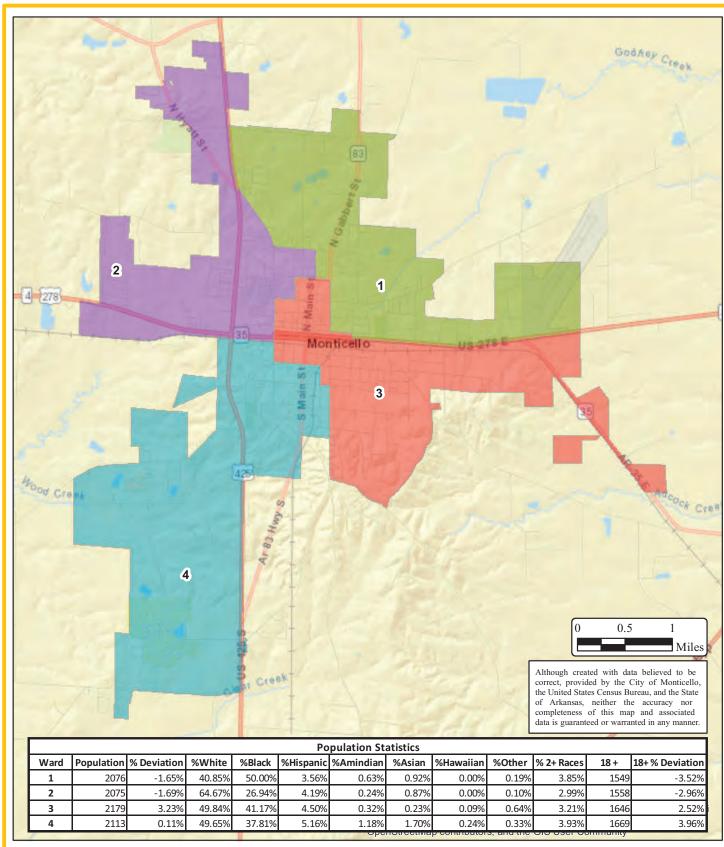
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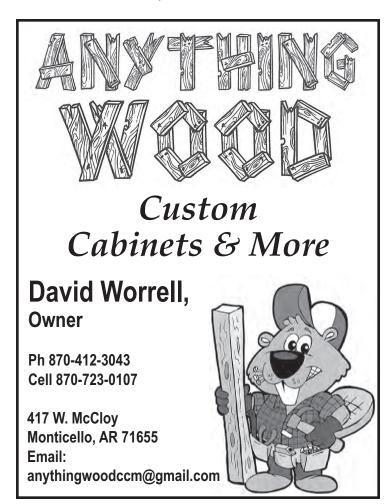
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Mobile Military Exhibit sees large turnout in Monticello

By Ashley Hogg editor@monticellonews.net

Beginning at noon, Sunday, April 10, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars building and sur-

rounding parking lots, were full of visitors that had come to see a Mobile Military Exhibit. A large truck and trailer were

parked by the Barbara Abston Senior Center and patrons could take a tour of the museum at their leisure.

This event was put on by the local VFW, American Legion and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Museum curator Stefan Braun, spoke to visitors about Wreaths Across America.

Since 1992, wreaths have been placed on the head stones of veterans across the country and the world. Last year alone, more than two million wreaths were placed. At each stone, a wreath

is respectfully placed and volunteers vocally say, "Thank you."

The local Boy Scout Troop #67 was present and conducted a flag retirement ceremony with VFW and American Legion members.

The DAR has plans to host a wreath placing event on December 17 at Oakland Cemetery.

If interested persons would like to sponsor a wreath at Oakland Cemetery, please visit www.wreathsacrossamerica. org/AR0074P.

This link goes to the COL David Love Chapter, DAR, sponsorship site for Oakland Cemetery. More information about this event will be published as it becomes available.

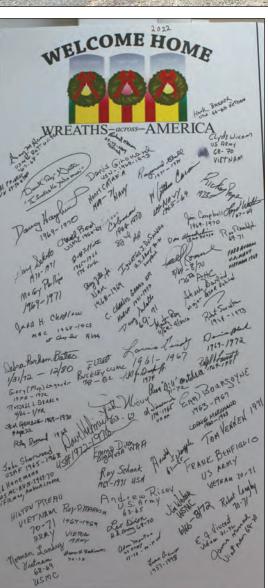
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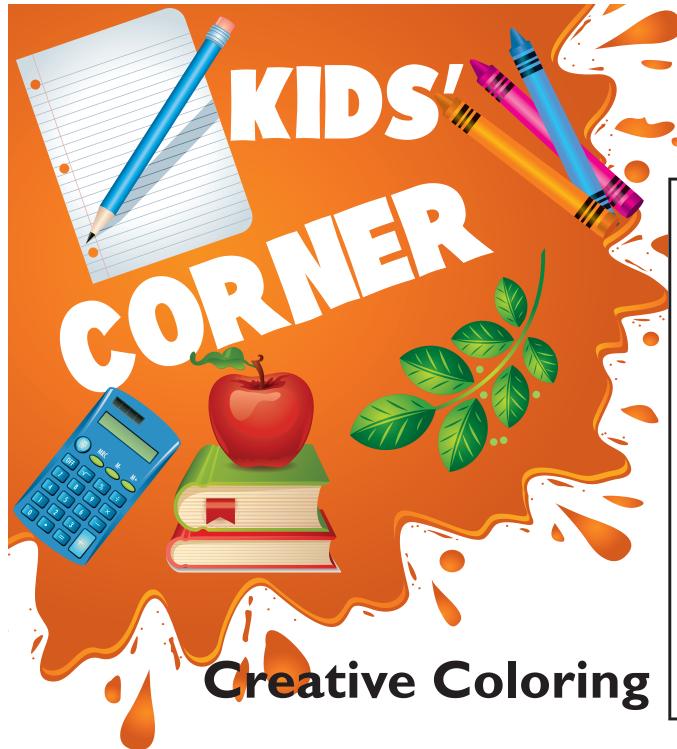












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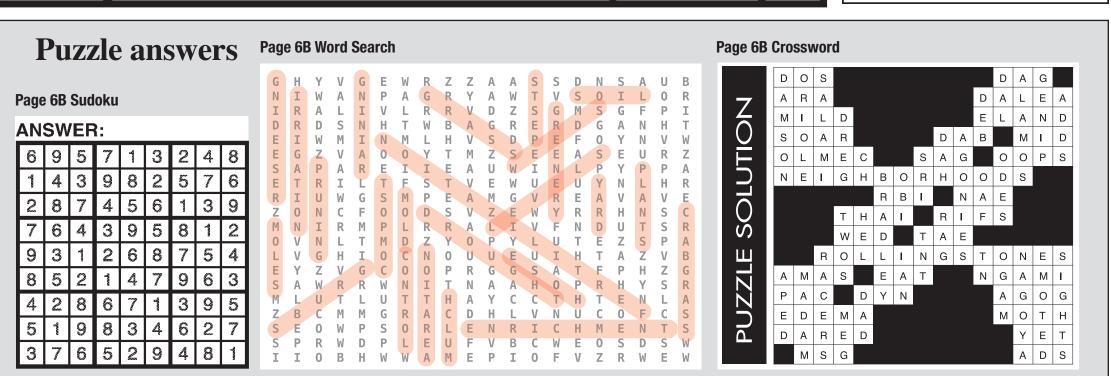
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This Easter, we celebrate Jesus, the one true king

By Amy Becker

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

This Sunday we celebrate Easter! Chances are, most of us will dress up, get a basket filled with goodies, and maybe even go on an Easter egg hunt, and while all of those things are fun and sweet ways to celebrate, we can't forget the only reason we celebrate Easter in the first place, Jesus!

Jesus is God's only son. Jesus came to this earth to make a way for all of us to live in heaven one day with God. In heaven there is no sickness and no death, no tears and no fighting, and without all the

bad stuff, everything is perfect. While Jesus spent his time on Earth he did many miracles like calming storms, making the blind to see, and even bringing the dead back to life!

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 4:17

Because Jesus was preaching about being king of a new kingdom, many of the religious leaders and teachers in his time became very angry. They did not believe that Jesus was who he said he was and they made a plan to kill him because of it. They even got one of his disciples, Judas, to betray him and turn Jesus over to them for a small payment.

One night as Jesus was praying in a garden, Jesus was arrested. After he was arrested, he faced a government leader named Pilate, who could find no fault in what Jesus had done. Even though he could see that Jesus had done no wrong, an angry crowd convinced Pilate to have Jesus crucified by the Roman soldiers.

After he was given over to the Roman soldiers, Jesus was beaten, spit on, and hurt in ways that are hard to even tell you. Jesus was nailed to the cross, a crown of thorns laid on his head. At about noon, darkness came over the whole land and the sun stopped shining completely. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his

last breath. Seeing what had happened a soldier who saw this, praised God and said, "Surely this man was the Son of God."

A man named Joseph took Jesus' body and laid him in a tomb. For three days Jesus followers were so sad and thought they had no hope! On the first day of the week though, very early in the morning, the women who cared for Jesus' body saw that the stone in front of the tomb had been rolled away! Suddenly, two angels came to the women and told them not to be afraid because Jesus had risen from the dead! Quickly they went to tell Jesus' other followers and friends everything they had seen and heard!

Jesus is alive even today! Be-

cause of the perfect life he lived and because of the sacrifice he made that day on the cross, we can join him one day and be part of that new kingdom Jesus was talking about! Romans 10:9 says, "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. you will be saved."

Have you made that decision vet? Talk to someone about all that Jesus has done for you. If you haven't accepted Jesus as your savior, there is no time like the present. Talk to a teacher, a preacher, or a friend if you have questions.

What better way to start Easter than for you to start following the one true king, Jesus!











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BARKADA **JANA WRIGHT**

I sure hope we do not get this bad weather that we are predicted to get the next couple of days. The weather men are saying it may be similar to the storm system that caused a lot of damage in 2020. Be prepared just in case.

Shawn, Beaux Swain, and I attended the 123rd anniversary of the Wilmar Baptist Church Sunday. It was a really nice service. Mrs. Wanda Reaves did a great job putting everything together.

Kaylei and Amanda Calhoun sang a beautiful duet at the service. Thank you for sharing your talent with us!

Prayers for my Aunt Janie Nicholson. She recently found out that she has cancer again. She really needs to be lifted up. I visited with her, my Aunt Nellie Ferguson, Wayne Nicholson, and Rebecca Harlow Sunday. We had a nice visit.

I took Bettye Rial a fish dinner Saturday night. Shawn cooked us some fish, fries. and hush puppies. Bob West came to eat with us, too. It was delicious!

Mrs. Mary Lasiter's brother-in-law Owen Rushing could use some prayers. He was in the hospital for some tests on his heart.

I am glad that Kathy Taylor is doing okay after her health

I saw something rather strange on my way to work this morning. A stray cow was loose on 530. Hopefully, it will find its way home.

Second Chance Fur Dogs is having a dog wash to raise money on May 7 at Monticello Coffee Company from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. Come out and support a good cause. \$15 for big dogs, \$10 for small dogs, and \$5 for a nail trim.

Happy first birthday to Jaxson Tucker! I hope you had a

great birthday!

Happy birthday to Jeff Tucker, Megan Gifford, Tammy Albrecht, Lindsey Cunningham, Cecile Blucker, Dane Loveless, Patricia Jackson, Mrs. Molly Flemister, Jamie Andrews, and Penny Sturgis. I hope you all have or had happy birthdays.

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Joy Huskey Knight. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Please call 870.224.3383 with news or email wrightwoman_66@yahoo.com. No news is too small!

GREEN HILL WANDA PACE

Greenhill Community enjoyed a wonderful Sunday morning service. Brother Caleb's message titled "What Took Place On Passover" was from Matthew 27:15-26. Friday, April 15, 2022 at 7pm we will have a Good Friday service. You all are invited.

Aunt May had a doctor's appointment last Thursday. Her report was not as good as she had hoped for so please keep her in your prayers. Billy Ray Hobbs called Aunt May to check on her and visit one day last week.

Mark and Chris Pace visited with Aunt May and Aunt Pepe on Sunday. Eugene Gifford also stopped by one afternoon to see them.

Sympathy and prayers for the Betty Pace family. Her sister, Joy, passed away and Miss Betty hasn't been feeling well. Prayers of comfort for the loss of your loved one and a speedy recovery.

Aunt Pepe attended the Second Sunday singing at Greenhill Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon.

Please keep Miss Ann Bennett and Leighanne Tucker in your prayers. Miss Ann hasn't been feeling well and

Do you have any community tidbits?

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

Leighanne is in the hospital. They have been blessed with visits, food, and phone calls from Cheyenne Phillips, Angie Henry, Sandy Smith, Gay Young, Brother Caleb, and me. Many of their friends have reached out to me for an update on both of them. Prayers for a speedy and full recovery.

Ethan Reed made the Drew Central Elementary Honor Roll! Congratulations Ethan, keep up the good work!

Karleigh, Ryleigh, Gracee, Maverick, Skylar, JoJo, Chase, Dillon, and Jessica visited with me on Sunday afternoon. I am so blessed to have family and friends that check on me and share their time.

Verse of the week: "So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." Hebrews 13:6

Have a safe and blessed week.

JORDAN PARK TRILISA MARSHALL

Greetings, everyone. I haven't written anything in a few weeks. Been going back and forth to the doctor's in Little Rock and it kind of tired me out. At the same doctor's office, my husband and I got to talk and visit Mrs. Jean with Mr. Walton Green.After my doctor's appointment we enjoyed visiting with my baby sister Trina Clifton and her

two grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with my youngest daughter, Keturah Rucker at her home. My husband enjoyed getting in her kitchen cooking for us while we were there, and Preston enjoyed running from room to room and playing with the toys Keturah got for him.

This Sunday, April 17, 2022, all praises to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it will be Easter Sunday and from my family to yours, we are wishing everyone a blessed Easter Sunday. Enjoy spending time with your family, friends and loved ones. Easter Sunday marks our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's resurrection. Who His own self bared our sins in His own body on the cross that we might have eternal life. Got expects us to accept His Son the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He expects us to give our lives to Him, and in doing so, we develop the character of Christ.

I'm missing my dad so dearly. His birthday was on April 12th, and on this past Saturday my sisters, my brother and myself and all our families honored him by going to the cemetery and prayed, put flowers on his, my mother's and other family members' graves and did a balloon release. After that, we all went back to my dad's home and all of us fixed and had dinner there. Thanks to my niece Laquanda Lewis for

doing the barbecuing for us. Everything was so good, and it was a beautiful warm day as well. We all enjoyed sitting outside watching all daddy's grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren all there. RIL/ RIP Daddy Agrone Clifton, happy heavenly birthday. Miss and love you!

Happy birthday shout out this week goes to my wonderful, loving husband/ Pastor Robert Marshall Sr., his birthday is also April 12th. He said he is feeling old. His bones are aching. He turned 59 years old. Also happy birthday this week to my oldest daughter, DeBorah Rucker, April 16. I know she is going to turn up in her cowgirl boots. Happy birthday baby, love you. Also, happy birthday shout out goes to: Johnnie Ingram, April 11; Melvin James and Krystal Prosper, April 12; Curtis Brooks and Ruby Lopez, April 13; Don Franklin and Michelle Evans, April 14; Roosevelt Robinson, Sarah Smith and James Rucker, April 17. Happy birthday everyone, enjoy your special day.

Great Sunday school lesson. Our lesson was on: "The Living Word" coming from John 20:1-10, 19-20 (KJV). The disciples responded to Jesus' death and resurrection. And Pastor Robert Marshall Sr's message was on: "All Day/All Night Prayer" coming from Acts 12:1-18 (KJV). While Peter was in prison,

the church prayed very earnestly for him. And our Tuesday Bible Study lesson was on: "Effects of Praying" coming from 2 Chronicles 7:14; James 5:13-18; Mark 11:22-26; and Kings 18:42-45 (KJV). Always remember that the prayers of the righteous moves God; and some things He will change.

Happy Easter everyone, enjoy your Easter weekend. And remember in all you do, keep Christ first in your life.

Scripture for this week is: 1 John 3:5 (KJV), "And you know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin".

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and may He bless you with all the love, joy, and happiness that life has to offer. Happy Easter, everyone! Blessings!

LACEY **IVANELL HANDLEY**

Hello evervone, sorry I missed vou last week! It's another week and a new month; time is truly flying by! We were blessed with a great church service at Mt. Olive Methodist Church, Lacey. The Sunday School was lesson was "The Passover with the Disciples", Matthew 26:17-30; key verse, Matthew 26:29 "I tell you, I will

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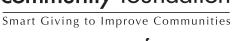
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I love Christmas. Who doesn't? Gifts, time with friends and family. We go big on Christmas. And we should. There's a lot to celebrate. The miraculous conception and advent of our Savior Jesus Christ. The celestial announcement of angels and stars. What a glorious day. Yet our faith as believers does not rest on the advent. It is certainly the beginning, the first "bookend" of our faith. It is necessary for the believer. Yet we must examine the purpose.

The ultimate purpose of Christmas is Easter. The reason Jesus came as a baby was so that He would have the human experience. Completely God being completely man. It was necessary for God

to come in humanity so that he would be the only ever perfect human. Void of sin. Spotless. Blameless. Perfection was necessary so that a perfect sacrifice could

The Old Testament law required an animal sacrifice to atone for sin. The animal had to have been a first born male. Spotless and without blemish. Due to the propensity and inevitability of human sin for all of time God knew that the blood of bulls and goats would never be sufficient. There would have to be an ultimate sacrifice. The Cross.

Yet our faith doesn't rest on the cross either. The cross was necessary. But if that was the end of the story then it would have just been a tragic story of a good man dying. Good men die everyday. So our faith as a believer in Jesus Christ does not rest on the birth, nor on resurrecting power of Jesus Christ. His

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not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom". Pastor Robinson's message was from Matthew 21:1-7 and 9; her thought was "Glory to the King". The children also had their Easter program, the did a fantastic job. Bridgett Harris and Ann Spencer hid eggs for the children and they also gave gifts to this in attendance. Pastor Ephriam Johnson, Promise Land was a guest.

Belated birthday wishes to: Vicky Jacob, (March 31); Shirley Benton, (April 10); Yolanda Handley-Jones, (April 11). Happy Birthday to: Jennifer Johnson, Larla La Cole White, Walter Strong, and Ivanell Handley, (April 15); Rhea LaGrone, and Amanda Killingsworth, (April 16); and Greg Junior, (April 19). I hope everyone enjoys their special day!

Last weeks conversations: I chatted with Sister Mary Junior on Wednesday. Jerry and Deloise Franklin stopped by to visit with John Franklin on Thursday. I went to check on him on Friday. Floyd stopped in to see him on Saturday he also visited with his nephew Earl Collins; Earl is doing fine.

This weeks conversations: I spoke with Wanda Wilson, and Shirley Spencer. I saw Wayne and Barbara Young from a distance, I blew the car horn and waved at them. I tried to catch them before they went into the store but I missed them. I called to check on my Aunt Mary. Glad to hear that Rowena Calico received a good report from her doctor. Please keep her husband Ben in your prayers. Wanted to let Joyce know that we miss her at the pool and we are praying all is well.

Prayers for John Franklin and others that are sick and shut-in. Sympathy and prayers to the families of Artie F. McCoy and others that lossed a love one.

Thought for the week: "Remember that you are powerful beyond measure and that you are capable of pretty much anything you are willing to work for. You could change your life"! Author Unknown.

Have a Blessed week!

POSSUM VALLEY **KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK**

Hello, everyone, and welcome back. You may recall that each year I take off work every Wednesday in April in hopes of seeing some nice Spring migrants. Rick has been ill this week, so, on the first Wednesday of the month, I stuck close to home but was still able to get some birding done in and around the yard and while walking up and down the road. I did get a first look at a Hooded Warbler this week. I could hear him out in the woods and was able to call him up using an app on my phone. Unfortunately, he wouldn't sit still for a photo. But he sure was pretty.

Saturday morning, us ladies met again for our "A Woman After God's Own Heart" study. We had a few out because of the 5K Color Run/Walk hosted by Drew Central Schools, which is a worthy cause to raise funds for new playground equip-

With our valley covered and the air filled with a yellow miasma of pollen, everyone has swollen eyes and sniffly noses. But the outdoors is still where I love to be. Saturday was a beautiful day and when I be made.

His death but on His Resurrection!! This is the defining moment of our faith. The eternal life gives us ours.

This is Easter!

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

wasn't indoors caring for my poor, quarantined Rick, I was outside chasing butterflies. It seems I'm having more luck with them than birds. There are still several Monarchs flittering around and I also saw my FOS Common Buckeye butterfly.

Saturday afternoon, the pups and I went for a short foray and very quickly found that this year is going to be a bad year for gnats. Those tiny fiends were tormenting the pups relentlessly, especially Ozzie and Scarlett. I suppose they love the darker colored dogs best. Time to dig out the old gnat net.

Over the last few days, I've been suspecting there was a second hummingbird in the area. At times I could see, what I thought was, a second bird swooping by. At one point I swear I could hear the zooming sound of the male hummingbird's mating display making it likely a female bird was in the area. Finally, this morning (Sunday) a female hummingbird visited the feeder.

This week's weather forecast doesn't look good for me getting out much on Wednesday for birding. I may have to spend it sitting on the porch watching my little family of hummingbirds and that will be fine with me. Hopefully, one of the last two Wednesdays of this month, I will have the opportunity to go either to Warren Prairie or Boyd Point. I sure miss Lake Monticello this time of

Bethel celebrated another wonderful time of learning about Jesus and hearing His word preached. This week, Bro. Noah Rogers from Woodlawn, brought our message. His message, "What Every Christian Needs", was taken from Joshua 1:1-8.

Since Rick and I couldn't make Bo's ballgame this week, (we had intended to since the games were in Little Rock) I was happy to learn that Meghann went Sunday afternoon and watched a couple of games.

Here at the ponderosa, it was as Winnie the Pooh would say, "A very blustery day". So blustery that the butterflies nor the birds were very active. But all in all, it was a wonderful weekend. Rick is feeling better and that's the best news to me.

That's my news for this week. Until next time, smile, pray for each other and show God's love to every-

one you meet. Corny joke time: "What's the difference between the bird flu and the swine flu? One requires tweetment and the other an oinkment."

Have a great week!

WILMAR **CHRIS RILEY**

This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. Although we're grief stricken, I still will rejoice. Today is Palm Sunday. Getting ready for the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Oh what a memorial. He did it all for us. How much do we owe Him? We can never repay. We can show love, for love is what He exemplified, when He went to the cross. And that is the least we can do by loving each other. Remember: Jesus paid it all, all to Him we owe. Sin has left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow. Have a blessed Easter on Resurrection Day.

Since my last report, Alice Pickett and Rickey Courtney have quit the walk of life. Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to these families. God will mend your broken hearts. Trust Him

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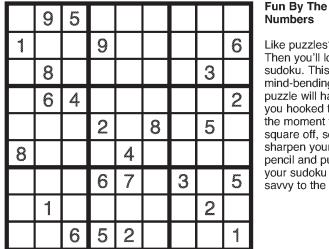
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His word. I spent some time in Bryant with my children and attended Sunday School and worship at In His Presence Worship Ministries, where my son Kevin Riley is pastor. Bro. Melvin White brought

the word Sunday. Text came from Luke 18:11-25, Subject: "A Work In Progress". I sang a solo entitled "Even Me". We all had a glorious time in the Lord giving praises and glory to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The praise team sang selections lifting up the name of Jesus, for in His word He said if I be lifted up from the Earth will draw all men unto me, we lift Him up

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