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## Weevil Stampede attracts top regional cowboys

By: LON TEGELS

College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources - The University of Arkansas at Monticello

The annual Weevil Stampede is here. The UAM Rodeo Team is proud to host its 16th annual collegiate rodeo on April 21-23. Nearly 16 teams from the region will compete in nine events. Each region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association is allowed to produce 10 rodeos a year, and Monticello is one of those sites. The forecast calls for all three days to be sunny for the Weevil Stampede, with highs in the low 80's and rain chances of less than 10 percent. UAM Coach Rusty Jones says between 260-270 students will compete for a chance to go the National Championship Rodeo held in Casper, Wyoming in early June, which is the biggest stage for these competitors. Jones said he has several athletes that are still in the running to win the region or place in the top three and make the College National Finals. A good finish would help them get closer to a trip

to Casper. Out of Jones's 12 years as UAM Rodeo Coach, he has taken competitors to nationals 10 of those years. He says UAM has had a moderate amount of success there.

Jones says most team members have been involved in rodeo their whole lives. They get to come to school and bring their horses with them. The rodeo team works as an incentive to help them keep their grades up, finish their degrees, and enjoy their college experience a little bit more by doing something they are passionate about. Jones has recruited from all over the country from Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Indiana, in addition to a good number being from Arkansas. "If we have their degree option and provide a coach interested in advancing their skills in the rodeo arena, they are interested in coming to UAM," said Jones. There are 13 members on this year's team.

"These college athletes are not riding

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Photo courtesy of UAM

### Vote Centers come to Drew County

The Drew County Election Commissioners have voted to consolidate polling sites. All polling sites that are listed below will now be called "Vote Centers." Any Drew County Registered voter may chose to vote at any one of the vote centers.

Holmes Chapel Church - Ethel Hawkins Life Center  
527 W. McCloy St.

First Assembly of God  
915 U.S. Highway 425 N

First Presbyterian Church  
821 N Main St

First United Methodist Church  
317 S Main St

Shady Grove Baptist Church  
103 Hwy 172

Tillar City Library  
106 East B St.  
Tillar, AR

Wilmar School  
25466 Hwy 278 W  
Wilmar, AR

Monticello Church of Christ  
2078 U.S. Highway 425 N

Vote Centers are where a voter can go to any of the listed polling sites above to vote on Election Day.

The voter has the option to early vote for a special election one week prior to the special election date. For primary and general elections, voters have two weeks prior to vote before Election Day.

Voters have the option to absentee vote, if they are unable to vote on Election Day. Call the Drew County Clerk's office at 870-460-6260, to request an absentee ballot application.

## Second AT update from local hikers

By: STEPHEN COBURN

Since our last update Pops and Nana have hiked a portion of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The weather has been as unpredictable as the Appalachian Trail terrain. Today, for example, it is snowing. Pretty crazy for the day after Easter. So far, we have hiked roughly 140 miles up mountains, crossing creeks, and through open fields.

The views and sights have been amazing! One interesting historical sight was seeing the Washington Monument. No, not the one in Washington DC. Did you know the first Washington Monument built to honor George Washington can be found near Boonesboro, Maryland. Built by the towns people of Boonesboro, the monument was celebrated on July 4, 1827. The monument was used in the Civil War as a lookout station by the Union Army.

We continue to meet people from around the country on the trail. Currently we are hiking with new friends new friends, trail names Last Minute and Why Not, from Rhode Island. On the trail there is a community that forms and the hike and life is shared.



Little things make a difference on the trail. Hot coffee, warm blankets, and dry socks are celebrated. The trail is teaching us how simple life can be. We are learning what is a necessary

and what can be eliminated. You learn that life doesn't have to be so complicated.

Life is good! Enjoy the little things. Stay present and be encouraged!

### KFS invests \$30K for UAM grad student fellowship

By: LON TEGELS

College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources - University of Arkansas at Monticello

Kingwood Forestry Services is again giving back to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, establishing a \$30,000 endowment to help University of Arkansas at Monticello graduate students with their forestry studies.

Kingwood, based in Monticello, provides consultancy to private landowners, including investment, appraisal, site preparation, planting and economic advice. The owners, John McAlpine of Monticello, and Carl Herberg of Texarkana, Texas, said the \$30,000 endowment will provide one scholarship per year.

"We expect it to be \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year going toward the student," McAlpine said, adding that the funds will be determined by the UAM Foundation on how much will be available depending on the return.

"John and I are both second-generation foresters," said Herberg. "His dad was a forester; my dad was a forester. When I started in Monticello, it was apparent to me how much UAM was feeding into Kingwood Forestry Service. To this day it feeds a lot of hires and that's been very beneficial to us as a company."

Kingwood Forestry Services is a private landowner consultant. The company provides professional forestry

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## Public bear surveys can help bear conservation in Arkansas

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is proposing to expand bear-hunting opportunities in The Natural State, and the public can help biologists fill some critical data on the species, thanks to the social media site iNaturalist.

Anyone who sees black bears while enjoying the outdoors in Arkansas is encouraged to log the sighting to help biologists get some baseline information on populations and general locations to follow up with during future scientific research on the species as hunting seasons move forward.

Myron Means, AGFC large carnivore program coordinator, says game cameras and mobile technology have really made it possible for the public to take an active role in helping manage certain wildlife species.

"We receive images and reports of bears in feeders all the time, and we know the bears are expanding into new areas,"

Means said. "This survey will help us gather location information as well as basic biological information such as sex, recruitment and relative age class to supplement our other methods of tracking the population."

Participating in the survey requires a free account with iNaturalist.org, which takes less than 5 minutes to set up. Once you have established an account, you may join the "Arkansas Bear Survey" project to enter sightings as you come across bears in The Natural State.

The best information will be photos with date and time stamps, so biologists can compare the animals being submitted. However, observation information without a picture can be entered to supplement the data, particularly if the sighting is recorded with an exact time and approximate location.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

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 Cattleman's meetings - 5:30 p.m (after Farm Tour).

Night of Poetry

Local author Dr. Judith L. Bynum will be at the Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Monticello branch at 5 p.m. Friday, April 22 for a reading from her books of poems, "For Thou Art With Me."

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.

Drug Take Back

The annual drug take back event will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30 in the WalMart parking lot. This event is hosted by the Drew County Sheriff's Department and the Monticello Police Department. Unused medication returned to this event will be submitted for destruction.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

New Hope Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held at New Hope Independent Assembly at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 1. Rev. Gerald Lewis will be the speaker. A pot luck will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Senior Center Cake Walk

The Senior Center will be doing a cake walk May 13. Get your tickets at the Senior Center. \$.50 per ticket for a chance to win some of grandma's cakes, cookies, or pies. (870) 367-2434 for more information.

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](mailto:mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com) or 870-723-4993.

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

# Senior Center LUNCH



April 20-27

**Wednesday:** *Sweet & sour chicken, rice, oriental veggies, egg roll, sugar cookie*

**Thursday:** *Meatballs w/gravy, wild rice, California blend veggie, mandarin oranges, roll*

**Friday:** *BBQ chicken sandwich, tots, coleslaw, peaches*

**Monday:** *Chicken gumbo, rice , greens, cornbread, sugar cookie*

**Tuesday:** *Baked ham, sweet potatoes, sweet peas, cake, roll*

**Wednesday:** *Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peach cobbler*

**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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# Summit Utilities Arkansas commits to helping Arkansans with utility payment assistance

## SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Summit Utilities Arkansas (Summit) has committed to supporting the Watershed Human and Community Development Agency of Little Rock with a \$5,000 grant for Arkansans who qualify for utility payment assistance.

As a community-oriented company, Summit strives to be a good community partner and neighbor. Summit's steadfast commitment to safety for the communities we serve makes the partnership with the Watershed Human and Community Development Agency of Little Rock ideal. Summit is honored to be a part of the Watershed's mission

of helping people address their greatest need.

"Summit is dedicated to stepping up and helping our community whenever possible," said Cindy Westcott, Vice President of Operations at Summit. "We understand families in Arkansas aren't immune to the rising cost of living, which is why we are eager to partner with agencies who offer assistance to our customers and community members who need a little extra help."

The Watershed Human and Community Development Agency assists qualifying households with utility assistance up to three times per year, up to \$200 each time. Income-qualified house-

holds must include someone age 60 or older or a child with disabilities living in the home. For more information, call the Watershed Human and Community Development Agency at 501-378-0176.

Summit urges customers struggling to pay their bills to call their customer service department as soon as possible to learn more about payment assistance options including payment plans, budget billing, energy efficiency rebates, and information about heating assistance programs offered by the state and municipality. Customers should call 800-992-7552 or visit <https://www.summitutilities.com/PaymentAssistance> for more information.

Background on Summit Utilities, Inc.'s Recent Acquisition: Summit finalized its acquisition of CenterPoint Energy's distribution assets in Arkansas, Oklahoma and the Texarkana, Texas area on January 10, 2022. The gas distribution systems included in the transaction serve approximately 525,000 customers in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, and include 17,000 miles of gas main pipeline across those three states. As part of the acquisition, Summit has welcomed nearly 600 CenterPoint team members to the company.

Throughout 2022, Summit and CenterPoint will work together to migrate all operations and

services to Summit. During that transition period, CenterPoint will continue to provide certain services to customers on behalf of Summit including aspects of billing, customer support and marketing.

Background on Summit Utilities, Inc.

Summit Utilities, Inc. owns natural gas distribution and transmission subsidiaries that operate in Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. The company provides safe, clean and affordable natural gas to businesses and residents in six states through Arkansas Oklahoma Gas, Colorado Natural Gas, Summit Natural Gas of Maine,

Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Summit Utilities Arkansas, and Summit Utilities Oklahoma. Each of Summit's natural gas distribution and transmission subsidiaries constructs and installs natural gas distribution systems with the goal of supporting economic development by providing clean-burning, safe and reliable natural gas to residential and commercial customers through exceptional customer service and commitment to community. Overall, Summit entities serve approximately 625,000 customers and operate more than 23,400 miles of pipeline.

# May 11 event to provide matchmaking for buyers, minority- and women-owned businesses

By REBEKAH HALL  
U of A System Division of Agriculture

New customers are the lifeblood of any business. A May 11 matchmaking event at Heifer International headquarters will provide minority- and women-owned businesses a chance to meet potential clients.

The Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Matchmaking Event runs from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. There is no cost to participate, but registration is required. The event keynote is Sidney Moncrief, a five-time NBA All-Star, former Arkansas Razorback, motivational speaker, author and founder of Moncrief One Team and Moncrief Game Changer, Inc., which works to provide unique experiences to enhance student learning.

The annual event will have 15-minute matchmaking appointments where business owners can discuss possible contracts for their goods and services. Business owners will be matched with buying representatives based on information provided during registra-

tion.

The event is presented by a partnership among the Arkansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center, or Arkansas PTAC, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and the Arkansas District Office of the Small Businesses Administration. Arkansas PTAC is part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service.

Liz Russell, an Arkansas PTAC counselor for the Division of Agriculture, is also offering a May 5 webinar from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. with tips for navigating the matchmaking event. Topics include the role of certifications, vendor registration sites, market research sources and marketing tools specific to the government marketplace. Like the May 11 event, there is no cost to participate in the webinar, but registration is required.

Helping underserved small businesses

Melanie Berman, Arkansas PTAC program director for the Division of Agriculture, said

the event provides important tools for small and minority-owned businesses.

"Underserved small businesses have traditionally faced barriers in accessing credit, capital and other tools needed to grow," Berman said. "They are often located in inner cities and rural areas and often include people of color, women, veterans, tribal groups and others. Participating in the annual Minority and Women-Owned Business Matchmaking event will enable business owners to network with government buyers, small business support organizations, such as Arkansas PTAC, as well as other area businesses."

Arkansas PTAC counselors will also teach a Govern-

ment Contracting 101 class at the event, which will focus on selling to both the state of Arkansas and the federal government.

Berman said past event attendees have emerged with new contracts and promising connections.

"Businesses who meet with buyers leave the event with government contracting opportunities," she said. "Those who were unable to sign a contract for goods or services as a result of the matchmaking event have at the very least met with a government buyer and know what they are seeking as it relates to the small businesses' industry. This helps them be better prepared the next time."

## DREW CO. STUDENTS ATTEND CHAMPIONSHIP



Photo courtesy of Lynn Lanthrip

Five Drew County 4-H students recently attended the Senior Shooting Championship in Little Rock where they competed in a variety of shooting sport competitions including archery, .22 rifle, shotgun, muzzle loader, and hunting skill challenges. The team which included Bentley Stout, Sy Lanthrip, Adrian Ratliff, and William Lessie placed second in hunting skills challenge. Lessie placed second in individual archery. All Drew County contestants are active members of the Shooting Sports club. If interested in this club or 4-H in general contact the Drew County Program Assistant Lynn Lanthrip at 870-377-7709.



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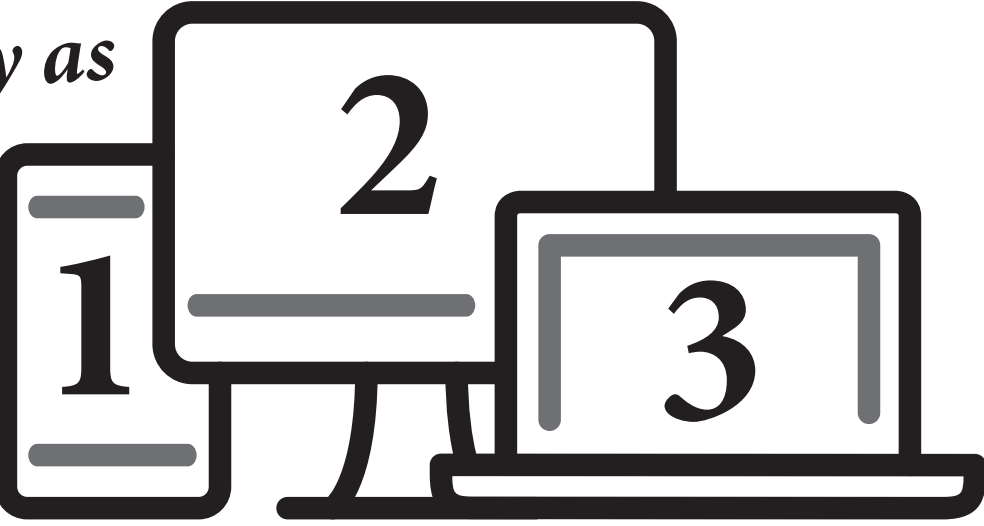
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## Celebrating a Buffalo National River milestone

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Buffalo National River's designation as our country's first national river. Enjoying wildlife and the outdoors is a way of life for residents of The Natural State and the Buffalo National River has helped countless Arkansans do just that. As we commemorate National Park Week, we celebrate this milestone and all of Arkansas's national treasures.

Congress formally afforded the Buffalo River federal protection on March 1, 1972 to preserve its 135 miles of free-flowing river and conserve natural, scenic and scientific features like the deep valleys, towering bluffs, rugged wilderness and beautiful



JOHN BOOZMAN  
U.S. SENATE REPORT

landscapes of the Ozark Mountains. That Act of Congress has helped safeguard one of Arkansas's most prized gems for five decades.

The federal designation was the result of the leadership and vision of Congressman John Paul Hamerschmidt, the longtime representative of the 3rd Congressional District. Using his position on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he helped protect the Buffalo River and preserve it as an enduring symbol of natural splendor.

This incredible attraction welcomes Arkansans and travelers from all over the world to experience our state's abundant natural riches. From Big Bluff and Hawksbill Crag, to its famous herd of elk, images of the area are instantly recognizable.

The Buffalo National River provides something for everyone. Outdoor enthusiasts come to enjoy the excitement of the river, take in the beauty and serenity of the surrounding wilderness and experience the friendliness Arkansas warmly offers. This unique, natural treasure has also been a steady source of economic growth and a staple of our tourism industry for years. Helping to grow businesses and communities, the Buffalo National River has contributed to the betterment of the state in countless ways.

I am grateful for all the people who have worked over the years to make this national river what it is today and helped maintain it for all Arkansans to enjoy. It is because of these dedicated individuals and organizations that future generations will be able to experience the river's beauty and inviting atmosphere just as we do today.

In celebration of this historic milestone, an incredible group of park and community workers and volunteers has planned some great events throughout the year and I'm excited to follow along. On behalf of all Arkansans, I congratulate all those, past and present, who have helped conserve and protect this iconic natural resource that has helped define and differentiate Arkansas for the last 50 years and will continue to do so for many more into the future.

We can be proud of the preservation of the scenic and historic beauty in Arkansas. The thermal springs in Hot Springs have attracted folks to the area for generations. In 1832 Congress designated it the first federal reservation before making it a National Park officially in 1921. Today it offers an opportunity to undergo a traditional bath at the two remaining operational bathhouses.

I was proud to support the Senate-passed resolution recognizing National Park Week as April 16-24. This is a time to promote awareness about the unique landscape across the country and remember we've been afforded many outlets to connect with nature. As an avid outdoorsman I encourage all Arkansans to explore the lands of our national parks and the waters of our national rivers.

## I'll try to stop complaining about humidity

Last week, I dubbed my husband as "Superman" and much like it did with my daughter, "Fred", the name has stuck. I guess that makes me Lois Lane.

We took a short trip to Denver this past weekend. Clark Kent and I flew United Airlines, sans his cape.



ASHLEY HOGG  
EDITOR

We had good visibility on the flight West. Kansas really is flat, flat, flat.

We exited the airport and the first inhale I took was tough. At almost one mile above sea level, the air in Denver is thin. We travel a lot but I am very used to the air being as thick as my accent when I get tired. Colorado air is crisp and at times, difficult to breathe.

The wind cut right to my soul and my face was red and dry by the end of the second day. It was quite the change from the dense and heavy air here at home. There was absolutely no sweat at any moment but in a completely different way, breathing could be a chore.

I love adventuring and I am glad I got to

visit Denver, it had been on my bucket list for a while.

We ended up in Colorado for two reasons: Neither of us had ever been there and I bought him tickets to see his favorite baseball team in Denver for Christmas. Two games of Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado Rockies were the main items on the agenda.

I hadn't been to a Major League Baseball game in about 15 years and it had been a while for him as well. We were happy to celebrate Jackie Robinson Day at Coors Field. All the players were adorned with 42 on their jersey. It was a great tribute.

We ate salty peanuts, a funnel cake and ball park hot dogs. We cheered loudly, frowned some, and talked a little trash with surrounding guests. It was an experience to remember.

We saw the Rocky Mountains in the distance, avoided Rocky Mountain Oysters successfully, and tried fresh Coors beer.

I was surprised to find Denver does not have a signature dish but advertisements for Rocky Mountain Oysters were everywhere.

As we trolled around the city, we heard accents we recognized and many languages

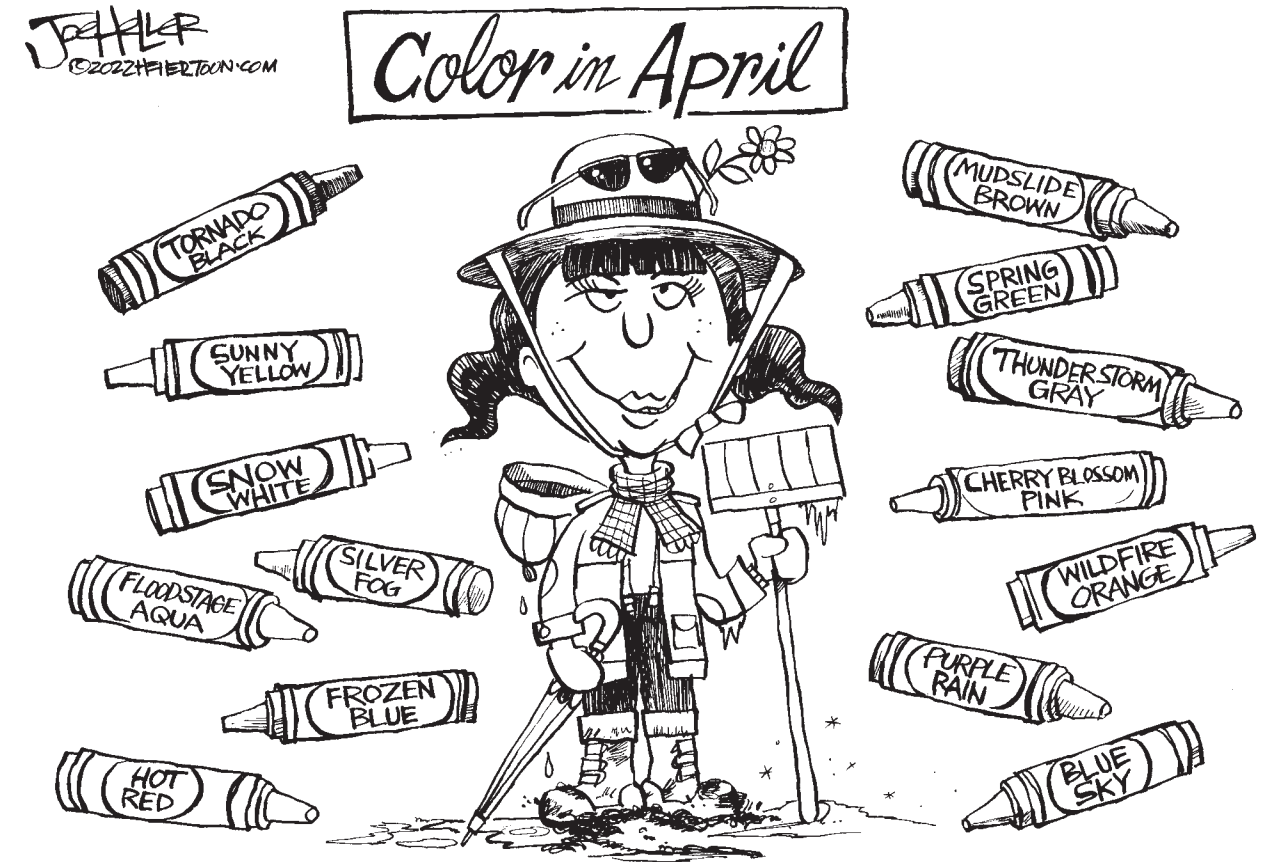
we didn't. Like most bigger cities, Denver was a beautiful melting pot of all types of people.

We had an interesting experience on public transportation and one Uber driver that must have thought he was Dale Earnhardt in training.

We met a nice couple from England who were going to the baseball game and recognized the team's logo on my husband's shirt and stopped us to ask about the social protocols of the game. We saw them again later in a sports store. They were really diving into the American Baseball experience by purchasing jerseys and foam fingers.

The food was good but, I'm spoiled. Nothing beats Southern cooking, and no, it's not up for debate.

All in all, Denver is a cool place and I am glad we get to scratch that off the list. I am beyond thankful to have seen so many cool places in my lifetime but nothing beats coming home to your own bed, your familiar shower settings, the hugs of Fred and the gentle purrs of Carl, the spoiled rotten house cat.



## After the storm

This week, I declared Washington County a disaster area in the wake of an EF3 tornado that damaged more than 350 homes and businesses and demolished the gym at George Elementary in Springdale.

The process that led to the declaration officially began at 5:34 a.m. on March 30th when the director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management notified me a tornado had touched down about 4 a.m.



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GOVERNOR'S REPORT

In the weeks since then, leaders of local and state emergency agencies have joined investigators from FEMA to inspect homes and structures in order to estimate the dollar amount of damage.

The tornado stayed on the ground for eight minutes and cut a strip through Washington County that was as wide as the length of nearly four football fields.

Fewer than ten people were injured, and we were blessed that no one died

in this storm.

Within hours of the storm, volunteers from Springdale and nearby communities, members of church-based disaster-relief teams, and representatives from nonprofit agencies appeared to help the county dig out.

In my seven years in office, I have declared too many areas a disaster after they have been flattened by a tornado or washed away by a flood. I have flown over houses without a roof or have been flattened altogether. I have seen automobiles lying upside down far from the place where the wind picked them up. I have seen fields of soybean, corn, and cotton overtaken by the rushing water of historic floods, which also sometimes tear out chunks of the levees that protect towns and farms along our rivers.

My role in these events usually starts the same way, with a telephone call from my Director of Emergency Management. Sometimes it's a call from the Corps of Engineers in another state, which notified me on a beautiful spring morning in 2019 that water from Oklahoma soon would engorge the Arkansas River and threaten our state all the way to Little Rock.

While management of the response to a natural disaster is one of the most difficult tasks that falls to a governor, it's also one of the most rewarding because I witness the best in people that emerges in the worst of times.

I see firsthand the kindness and personal sacrifice of Arkansans who ignore risks to their personal safety to help their neighbors. First responders run to the danger to ensure everyone is out safely. Employees of power companies climb ice-encrusted poles in sub-freezing weather to restore electricity. Doctors, nurses, and other medical profes-

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## Update coming for people with developmental disabilities

At their first meeting scheduled after Easter, lawmakers will hear an update on new rules and new funding that will eliminate a waiting list for services for people with developmental disabilities.



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Officials of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services are scheduled to present an update on Medicaid waiver services. They will report to legislators on new waiver slots that over the next three years will be

sufficient to add 3,204 clients who have been on the state waiting list.

The waivers allow clients to remain in their homes, rather than live in an institution. Eligible clients have been diagnosed with autism, cerebral palsy, seizure disorder or epilepsy, Down syndrome and Spina bifida. Also on the eligibility list are people diagnosed before the age of 22 with a significant intellectual limitation accompanied by deficits in their adaptive behavior.

Currently, 5,400 children and adults receive Supportive Living services, which brings support staff to their homes and communities.

The program is called the Com-

munity and Employment Supports (CES) waiver. It costs about \$300 million a year, with the federal government paying 71.62 percent and state government paying 28.38 percent.

Division officials estimate that after three years, when all the new slots are filled, the annual cost of the program will be \$442 million.

During the 2022 fiscal session earlier this year, legislators voted to dedicate an additional \$37.6 million for the CES waiver program, with the intention of eliminating the current waiting list for services.

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## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

It is a time to raise awareness and inspire collective action so that every child can lead their best life.

In the 2021 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed Act 920 which created the Blue Ribbon Task Force to End Child Abuse. Child Abuse Hotline operators in Arkansas



HOWARD BEATY  
ARKANSAS HOUSE REPORT

receive thousands of calls every year. In 2020, more than 5,500 cases were investigated by authorities.

The task force is charged with

reviewing child abuse data in the state and the state's options for adopting or revising policies, procedures, programs, and services to assist in identifying and eliminating child abuse. The task force will file a final report with the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth.

The General Assembly also passed Act 975 which directs the Children Advocacy Centers of Arkansas to review and track reporting from the Department of Human Services relating to the alleged abuse or neglect of a child in order to ensure a consistent and comprehensive approach to providing services to a child and the family of a child who is the victim of alleged abuse or neglect.

In addition, the General Assembly passed Act 556 which makes all full-time and part-time employees of public and private schools mandated reporters of child abuse.

We all can help to prevent abuse by supporting families in our communities. Parents who have support from family, friends, and neighbors are more likely to provide safe and healthy homes for their children.

You can also help prevent further abuse by reporting suspected maltreatment. If you see something that concerns you or just doesn't look right, we encourage you to say something!

If you need to report child maltreatment, it's easy. Just call the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline at 1-844-SAVE-A-CHILD.

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# Arkansas Grown School Garden of the Year contest entries accepted through June 5

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Entries are being accepted for the ninth annual Arkansas Grown School Garden of the Year Contest, sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and the Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas. Applicants may be any school, early childhood education facility, or alternative learning environment that had a school garden during the 2021-2022 school year or is planning to start a garden in the 2022-2023 school year.

“School gardens are valuable educational tools that help students develop healthy eating habits, learn about Arkansas agriculture, and participate in hands-on learning,” said Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture. “We are grateful

for the generosity of Farm Credit and their continued support of this program.”

Entries for the contest will be accepted through June 5, 2022, and the application can be found at [cognitofarms.com/ArkansasAgriculture1/ArkansasGrownSchoolGardenOfTheYearContest2022](http://cognitofarms.com/ArkansasAgriculture1/ArkansasGrownSchoolGardenOfTheYearContest2022). Winners will be announced in the fall of 2022.

“As a farmer-owned cooperative, we are excited to continue our support of teachers and projects that engage Arkansas students in food production and agricultural sustainability. Through these partnerships, we can ensure that the valuable role of Arkansas agriculture remains top-of-mind for the next generation,” said Farm Credit Midsouth President

& CEO, James McJunkins, on behalf of the Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas.

Applicants are eligible to apply for the following categories:

- Best Start-up School Garden Proposal - \$500 Award
- Best Education Based School Garden - \$500 Award
- Best Harvest Partnership School Garden - \$500 Award
- Best Community Collaboration School Garden - \$500 Award

- Best Overall School Garden - \$1000 Award
- Champion of School Garden Sustainability - \$1000 Award

More information about the Arkansas Grown School Garden of the Year Contest can be found at [agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture-programs/farm-to-school/school-gardens/arkansas-grown-school-garden-of-the-year-contest/](http://agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture-programs/farm-to-school/school-gardens/arkansas-grown-school-garden-of-the-year-contest/) or by contacting Erica Benoit, Farm to School and Early Childhood Education Pro-

gram Coordinator, at [erica.benoit@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:erica.benoit@agriculture.arkansas.gov).

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## SPRING BREAK ADVENTURE FOR THE TRAVEL CLUB



Photo courtesy of Eva Arrington

In conjunction with Education First Tours, The Travel Club logged 9,433 miles during spring break. First, students flew to London and explored famous sites like Piccadilly Circus, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, witnessed changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, and rode The Big Eye. Next, they toured the quaint town of Canterbury. Then, they crossed the English Channel to Normandy by ferry. Students showed their respect to our fallen soldiers from WWII D-Day at the American Cemetery and held a moment of silence on Omaha Beach. After a stay in St. Malo, they visited the Mont Saint-Michael. Last, students took in the sites of Paris including the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Notre-Dame Cathedral, and Champs-Elysees. The ten days educational experience culminated when students rode to the 1,024 foot high top of the Eiffel Tower and viewed the glittering lights of Paris under the night sky. The next enrollment for 2023 education tours to Italy: Rome, Pompeii, and Isle of Capri and another to Belize will be at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 26. Students from any district are eligible to attend and home school students. Family members are eligible as well. Contact The Travel Club group leader Eva Arrington for information about the April meeting. 870-224-6545.

## 2022-23 DREW CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS ANNOUNCED



Jr. High Cheerleaders (left photo) Front row: (from left) Co-Captain- McKinzie Adcock, Co-Captain- Kelsi McDougald; Middle row: (from left) Kylee Goudy, Natalie Lawson, Gracelyn Perez, Lorelei DuBreuil, Alayna Boone; Back row: (from left) Toni Fuller, Mariah Rowlett, Amari Lucas, Kenna Lloyd, Lillian Brown. Sr. High Cheerleaders (right photo) Front row: (from left) Carlee Lloyd, Lana Boykin, Co-Captain- Ashton Berry, Captain- Trinity Colbert, Kaylee Phillips, Aalanah Jones; Back row: (from left) Kynlee Graves, Maddie DuBreuil, Gracie Dison, Courtlyn Harrison, Brooklen Forrest, ReKena Block, Kalyiah Miller. Not Pictured: Allison Durham.



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Other changes that Division officials will discuss with legislators include using more monitoring systems, such as alarms and sensors, which are appropriate and safe when the person with disabilities is sleeping.

Another change affects the relatives of people with developmental disabilities. Currently, family members who are not legal guardians can be paid as direct care staff, as long as they meet certain requirements. The Division will discuss with legislators the possibility of adding legal guardians and any “legally responsible person” as care providers.

Another change is in response to workforce shortages caused in part by the Covid-19 pandemic. It would increase from four to eight the capacity of group homes.

The changes in rules and waiver programs is on the agenda of the House Children and Youth Permanent

Subcommittee of the Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee, which is scheduled to meet on April 18.

Forestry Caucus

A majority of legislators have joined the newly created Forestry Caucus, which will work to pass legislation to expand forestry and promote economic development. The impetus came from legislators representing south Arkansas, the dominant timber-growing area of the state.

In the 2021 session the legislature created the Center for Forest Business at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, within its College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. Also, the legislature put \$841,000 for the center in the state budget for Fiscal Year 2023, which begins on July 1.

In related news, the state Agriculture Department and the university at Monticello are offering scholarships of \$4,000 per semester to attract students to the campus’s forestry programs.

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sionals report for duty to back up staff already on the job.

We hold our breath when we hear that severe weather is likely, and when the black, low-hanging clouds blow in as they did again this week, we wonder where the storm will go and how it will end.

We can only guess at what’s about to happen, but we always can be certain of one thing after every calamity. We know that after every single storm, Arkansasans will emerge by the hundreds to rescue and comfort the victims and to start rebuilding without regard for their personal

inconvenience.

So today, I am expressing thanks to the hundreds of volunteers and the disaster-relief organizations that respond in a crisis. These include the Red Cross and multiple faith-based organizations and churches.

I am also announcing today the allocation of \$100,000 in individual assistance that will be available to cover part of the loss to homeowners.

The Small Business Administration will make available low-interest loans to impacted businesses.

One of the many things on my list of bragging rights is the compassion and courage of Arkansasans.

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# New jasmine-type aromatic rice line released by Arkansas Rice Breeding Program as demand heats up

By: JOHN LOVETT  
U of A System Division of Agriculture

A new jasmine-type aromatic rice called ARoma 22 has been released by the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station amid rising U.S. demand for aromatic rice.

ARoma 22 offers increased aromatics and color consistency over its predecessor, and equals several qualities looked for by consumers of imported Asian aromatic rice, sensory tests show.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, a sharp increase in imported rice over the past few years from Asia has been driven by jasmine-type rice from

Thailand.

"Considering the high competition from Asian and South American suppliers and the stagnant export prospects for U.S. long-grain rice, aromatic rice represents an opportunity for U.S. farmers to expand production and lower the dependency on aromatic rice imports," said Alvaro Durand-Morat, assistant professor of agricultural economics and agribusiness for the experiment station, the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

The experiment station's Rice Breeding Program added the aromatic breeding program in 2010 to fill a growing niche market. The Division of Agriculture's

Foundation Seed Program has seen aromatic rice orders double over the past few years. In 2020, the program sold 1,249 bags of seed. For the 2023 growing season, growers have pre-ordered 2,565 bags. A bag contains 50 pounds of rice seed.

ARoma 22 was developed by emeritus professor Karen Moldenhauer and Debra Ahrent Wisdom of the Arkansas Rice Breeding Program based at the Division's Rice Research and Extension Center in Stuttgart.

"The goal is to meet the consumer and grower demands of developing high-quality, high-yielding aromatic rice lines," Wisdom said. "The growers who have produced aromatic

rice would like to have more seed to grow as they are finding more markets available."

Wisdom has been an assistant breeder specializing in jasmine-type aromatic rice since 2010. She is also the accounts manager for the Foundation Seed Program, which sells the rice and soybean seed developed and released by the Division of Agriculture.

Wisdom noted that the consumers who have tried ARoma 22 are "very happy with the flavor and quality of the rice."

Sensory tests conducted in February at the experiment station's Sensory Science Center found ARoma 22 to compare favorably to other jasmine-type

varieties.

After consulting with the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board, the variety was submitted for restricted public release, where purchasers of foundation seed sign a non-exclusive, non-royalty bearing license agreement before purchasing seed.

ARoma 22 averaged 167 bushels per acre with high milling yields in five Arkansas Rice Variety Advancement Trials. ARoma 22 reaches 50 percent heading at 88 days with "excellent" straw strength, according to data collected from the Arkansas Uniform Rice Regional Nursery and reported in 2020 research trials. It is moderately susceptible

to blast, sheath blight, bacterial panicle blight, and susceptible to false smut.

Arkansas continues to be ranked first in the nation in rice production. More than 1.4 million acres are harvested annually in over 40 counties, according to the 2021 Arkansas Agriculture Profile (<https://bit.ly/2021Ark-AgProfile>). Commodity production and value in 2020 for Arkansas rice was nearly \$1.3 billion.

A total of 16 rice varieties have been developed by the Rice Breeding Team and released to Arkansas rice growers during the past 10 years. Three of those have been aromatic lines to meet a growing niche market, Wisdom said.

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services such as investment, appraisal, site prep and planting, hunting leases to and economics advice for private forest landowners.

"We're very excited about the development of this Kingwood Forestry Fellowship," said Michael Blazier, dean of UAM's College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources. "This fellowship will provide some additional financial aid for our graduate students who are coming into do research on topics relevant to the forest industry."

"Kingwood's relationship with the College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources is a really tight one and we are really grateful for their support and encouragement," said Blazier. "They already provide a scholarship for our undergraduate students. They have always been very facilitating in helping with our teaching."

**Serving South Arkansas**

Kingwood Forestry manages nearly 400,000 acres in southern Arkansas.

"UAM is a good school because it serves all of south Arkansas which is the core of where a lot

of our management tracts are," Herberg said. "Our headquarters his here in Monticello and it's important to us to reinvest where it's going to be most beneficial to the region and the market that serves both Kingwood and the folks in the area that are going to school here."

Herberg said forestry is attractive to students for many reasons.

"You can be either inside or outside. You can do both urban forestry; you can be in the woods primarily," he said. "There are state jobs that allow jobs in research, whether you're a numbers or science person, whether you're from Chicago or Pine Bluff, Arkansas."

"Our big word is silviculture. The definition of silviculture in short is timber management," said Herberg. "It's the art and science of managing a forest. If you're not big on the science and math part, there is also the art part. It gives you opportunity from both sides of the fence."

**Investing in the future**

"As a company we like to invest in people. We would like to hire nice sharp people to come and work for us, but even if they go somewhere else in the profession, it helps the overall pro-



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fession," McAlpine said. "That's why we like to invest in education of students who can contribute to our profession."

McAlpine said he and his wife are both graduates of UAM and his daughter is a UAM student.

McAlpine joined Kingwood Forestry right out of college 24 years ago.

"One of the biggest things we see with this fellowship is to be able to give back to the university and help draw students to this profession," he said. "This is a profession that we need more deep-thinking graduates; undergraduates as well as graduate

students, to help advance and tell the good story that were doing in forestry in the state."

McAlpine, a first generation UAM student said that "this is a university where anybody can come and succeed if they are willing to put forth the effort."

The Kingwood Forestry Fellowship should have enough equity that it will be available by the fall of 2022, said McAlpine. Interested students can apply for the fellowship through the College for Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources at CFANR@uamont.edu or call 870-460-1052 for more information.

## STAMPEDE

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on lower-grade livestock. Our stock contractor, Universal Pro Rodeo," said Jones, "is the same Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association stock you see on any given weekend." Jones said, "these cowboys are getting on the same bulls if they were going to a professional rodeo next weekend. They are professional caliber livestock here in Monticello at a college rodeo instead of pro rodeo in another town."

There will be nine events at the Weevil Stampede. Team roping is open to both men and women. Women compete in four events; men will have six. Events for men include saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, and team roping. Women's events include barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway roping, and team roping.

The top 10 from Thursday and Friday will move to the finals Saturday at 2 p.m. Jones said, "I have a great group of athletes that I enjoy being around. They are going to work hard and going to try and put on a rodeo that we can be proud of, the town can be proud, and the university can

be proud," said Jones.

The main event Thursday and Friday begins at 7 p.m., while the Saturday finals start at 2 p.m. The event takes place at the Drew County Fairgrounds.

"We're glad that we can bring these people to town and support the people who sponsor us all year. We couldn't do this without our local sponsors that help us host this rodeo and without the support from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. We are happy for the opportunity to showcase our athletes," said Jones.

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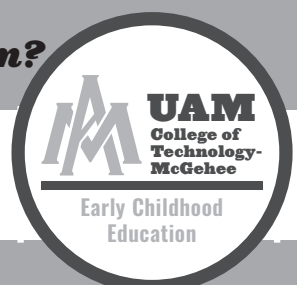
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**Terry Lee Binns, Sr.**

Terry Lee Binns, Sr. 79, of Wilmar, passed away April 13, at Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff. He was born August 16, 1942, to the late H.B. Binns and Rebie Folk in Monticello, Arkansas. Terry confessed to Christ at an early age and was a member of Kennedy Boulevard Church of Christ of Monticello. He was also a Mason Brother. Terry worked for Burlington Industries for thirty-four years where he held many different job titles.



BINNS

He finally retired from Burlington in 2002. After retiring from Burlington, he would not sit down and enjoy his retire-

ment, so he began to work at Wal-Mart for several years. Terry owned his own trucking business “T Binns Trucking” for several years. He was a volunteer at the SEAHDC as a foster grandparent for twelve years until his health declined. In his early years of life, he loved to fish and hunt. When his health began to decline, he would sit in his recliner for hours ready to watch any football, basketball, or baseball game that was coming on. He loved sports. Terry also loved watching the news and keeping up with the happenings of the world.

In addition to his parents, Terry is also preceded in death by one son, Terry Lee Binns, Jr.; one daughter, Karen Binns; one stepson, Anthony “Tony” Hopson; and two brothers, Willie White, and James White.

Terry is survived by his wife, Debbie Ann Binns of Wilmar; six daughters, Talisha “Kitty” (Calvin) Augurson of Wilmar, Linda (David) Shepherd of Monticello, Marchantia (Logan) Ivey of Shalimar, Fla., Nydra Binns of Wilmar, Marilyn West of Monticello, and Carla Sanchez of Monticello; two step daughters, Nicole (Robby) Turner of Hot Springs, AR, and Tina Johnson of Monticello, AR.; two sons, John Kent Jones of Omaha, Neb., Jose’ Strickland of Wilmar; one stepson, Wyvette “Budd” Broughton of New Edinburg; four sisters, Barbara “Sista” (Richard) David of Pine Bluff, Joyce (Fredrick) Lewis of Monticello, Janice Ridgell, and Faye Jenkins both of Monticello; five brothers, Jerry (Jerline) Binns of Milwaukee, Wis., Herman Folk, Percy White, Larry White, and Curtis White all of Monticello; fifteen grandkids, one of which, Quanterious “Wooda” Bell, whom he raised; twenty-one great grandkids, two more, Averi “Pooh-Pooh” Bell and Kaiden “Dooda” Tatum, whom he cherished and loved deeply; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Visitation will be Friday, April 22, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be Saturday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at Kennedy Boulevard Church of Christ in Monticello. Burial will follow in Kennedy Boulevard Cemetery. To sign Terry’s guestbook please visit [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com).

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**Rickey Rochell Courtney**

Rickey Rochell Courtney, 62, of Monticello, passed away Wednesday, April 6, at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock. He was born May 27, 1959, to Joyce (L. Edward Sawyer) and Julius (Lillie Wherry) of Monticello. Preceding him in death were his parents and grandpar-

ents, Babe and Carrie Courtney and his uncle, Thomas Courtney.

Rickey was a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church where he was a trustee and choir member. Rickey graduated from Monticello High School in 1977. He enjoyed playing basketball and running track while in school.

Rickey spent 20 years as a mechanic at Burlington Industries. Later, he accepted employment with Advantages of Southeast Arkansas, Inc., where he served as a mentor/caregiver. In the Monticello area, Rickey served as a foster parent for over 20 years. Rickey spent a huge portion of his earthly time serving others.

Courtney, along with Al Peer sponsored and held the first “Back to School Extravaganza” for the youth of the Monticello in 1992. Rickey also organized the “Babe Courtney Softball League” in Monticello. With the help of his good friend, Dennis Johnson Sr., they sponsored this softball tournament for several years, which drew old and young adult men out to the field. With so many teams participating, some of the games had to be played late into the night.

On June 6, 1995, at Morning Star Baptist Church, Denise Yvonne Ridgell joined Rickey Rochell Courtney at the altar to pledge their wedding vows together. On February 26, 1991, the couple was blessed with a precious baby girl, whom they named Michel’e Rickel Courtney. A few years later, Rickey and Denise shared their home, life, family, and love with two special and cherished daugh-



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ters: Marisha Levine (Euphrates) and Shelby Mays, just a few years later, Shelby’s daughter Kimani Leggs, was born and became the apple of Rickey’s eyes. Rickey was so elated to witness Marisha and Euphrates’ wedding. Through the years, Rickey got to spend a lot of time with some of his neighborhood nieces and nephews: Corey, Donald, Eric, DeNesha, CJ, Jacorious, and Renaldo. Rickey stayed connected with all of his nieces’ and nephews’ endeavors and accomplishments no matter how far or near.

In the Monticello community, Rickey equipped himself to serve as a father figure and a coach to a number of young youth, especially those who played on his PeeWee Basketball team, Little League Baseball team, or AAU team(s). Rickey spent time picking up his players for practice and again to play ball and returning them back home. Along the way, he fed them and gave them a sense of belonging. He taught them team respect and good sportsmanship.

Rickey was extremely proud of the “A’s Team”. This was the year that Rickey was able to coach two of his nephews and also won the championship that year. Rickey also took pride in coaching his first peeewe basketball team of girls called the “JAZZ”. Rickey spent a lot of time teaching them the fundamentals and lessons of life.

Rickey also found time to showcase his skills to his family and friends with his cooking talents. On many days, you could find Rickey in the family’s kitchen mixing, beating, blending, or whipping up a pound cake, lemon icebox pie, baked beans, Mexican cornbread, dressing, or ribs and chicken which were some of his favorite dishes to

prepare.

Rickey was the owner of “Simply The Best BBQ” and it was just that, Simply The Best BBQ. On the right day, you could count on getting a taste of some of those delicious foods that were prepared on a regular basis for employees of the Monticello Police Department and the Burlington Industries, as well as for community supporters who loved good food. Ricky also enjoyed watching Saturday morning cooking channels.

In support of relaxation, Ricky found time to watch Family Feud with Steve Harvey and Swamp People. He enjoyed fishing with his buddies, visiting with his good friends, Bo Ferrell, Tommy Daniels, and many more. His overall passion was spending time with his family.

Ricky is survived by his loving daughters: Michel’e Courtney of the home, Marisha Levine (Euphrates) of Little Rock and Shelby Mays and her daughter, Kimani Leggs of Little Rock. Ricky is further survived by his devoted and cherished wife, Denise Yvonne Courtney of thirty-six years; siblings, Becky Daniels of Monticello, Beverly Thomas of Little Rock, Rev. Dewayne Courtney (Essie) of Little Rock, Rev. Sam Wherry (Dorothy) of Little Rock, and John Wesley Hubbard of Monticello; his aunts: Eartha Veasey, Monticello, Doris Davis, Warren, JoAnn Weaver, Little Rock, Alice Williams (Alex) of Tulsa, Okla. and Jacqueline Thompson, McKinney, TX; one uncle, Bobby Courtney (Jewelette) of Pine Bluff; a brother-in-law: Charles Ridgell, Jr. Monticello and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors, class of 1977, co-workers, and mentees that he served.

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**Raymond Dawson**

Raymond Dawson, 65, of Monticello, went home to his Lord and Savior, Saturday, April 16, at his home in Monticello, surrounded by his family. He was born October 26, 1956, to the late Lebirda Brewer Dawson and Robert Dawson, in Thebes. Raymond worked for the Arkansas State



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Highway Department until his retirement. He confessed his life to the Lord at St. Peter under Rev. Eugene Mitchell and

was a member of First Baptist Church in Montrose. Raymond loved his family and loved listening to his music.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Tabitha Dawson; sister, Cynthia Dawson.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Dawson; his daughter, Kimberly Miller (Adrian); grandchildren, Braylon and Bayleigh Dawson.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Sign his guestbook at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com).

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**Myrtle Edna Kellum Smith Farley**

Myrtle Edna Kellum Smith Farley, 85, of Monticello, passed away Sunday, April 17, at Belle View Estates Nursing and Rehab in Monticello. She was born August 20, 1936, in



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Drew County, to the late Clyde Kellum and Ellie Inez Harrison Kellum. She was the widow of John R. “Bobby” Far-

ley, a homemaker and a lifetime member of Oak Grove Assembly of God Church of Monticello. Myrtle was a

devout Christian and a gifted seamstress. You could give her a sewing machine and material and she could make anything. She was an avid reader and a huge Arkansas Razorback basketball fan. She and her husband, Bobby loved to travel on motorcycles and toured all 48 United States Continental States and Southern Canada. In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by a son, Donnie Farley; a grandson, Michael W. Hair; brothers, Leo and Otis (Hot) Kellum; and a brother-in-law, James Young. The family would like to issue a special thank you to the staff of Bellevue Estates for the love, care, and companionship given to our mom. She loved you all like family!

She is survived by a son, Steven Smith; daughters, Theresa (David) Hair, Gayla (David) Worrell, and Patricia Farley; daughter-in-law, Marisia Farley; grandchildren, Christopher (Jennifer) Hair, John (Melissa) Worrell, Jason (Sarah Sayyar) Worrell, Autumn Smith, John D. (Corky) Farley, Leigha (Jason) Craig and Anna Huff; great-grandchildren, Rebekka McIlvoy, Emma Mitchell, Levi Hair, Naomi Hair, Asher Hair, Bo Hammock, Addie Craig, Kaytlin Huff, Jewelia Huff, Madilyn Cortez, and Michael Cortez; a brother, Parnell (Lucille) Kellum; a sister, Deloise Young; sisters-in-law, Betty Kellum and Jo Kellum; along with many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Wednesday, April 20, from 1 - 2 p.m. at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Graveside services followed at 2 p.m., at Oakland Cemetery in Monticello. You can sign Mrs. Myrtle’s guestbook page at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com).

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**Willie Mae Gregory Hobbs**

Willie Mae Gregory Hobbs, 96, of Monticello, passed away Friday, April 15, at the Woods Nursing Home in Monticello. She was born April 7, 1926, in Drew County to the late Eshroum Manuel “E.M.” and Mae Bryant Gregory.

She was a member of Second Baptist Church of Monticello and enjoyed going to church services until she was no longer physically able to do so.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her son, Bobby Lee Dye; her brothers, Robert Gregory and Lee Gregory; her husbands, Albert Hobbs and Roy Uptigrove. She is survived by a granddaughter, Tonya Loveless of Monticello; a daughter-in-law, Awana Dye of Cabot; a nephew, David Gregory of Dallas; a niece, Kay Stanley of Dallas; two nieces by marriage, Kay Gregory of Tyler, Texas, and Sherry Gregory of Monticello, and a host of great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Monday, April 18, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tues-

day, April 19, at Green Hill Cemetery with Rev. Heath Bryant officiating. Please sign Ms. Willie Mae’s guestbook at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com)

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**Carl Jeffery King, Sr.**

Carl Jeffery King, Sr., 66, of Monticello, passed away Monday, April 4, at the VA Hospital in Little Rock. He was born July 3, 1955, in Monticello, to the late Roosevelt King, Jr. and Ella Wea Witherspoon King.

He was a truck driver who loved to drive big rig Freightliners, a United States Army Veteran, a Baptist and was a man who loved people and never met a stranger.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Diane King of Monticello; two sons, Carl King, Jr. of Little Rock and Kevin King of Wyn-

ne; a granddaughter, Devyn Nicole King of Wynne; six brothers, Benny King (Betty) and Bufus King of St. Louis, Roosevelt King, III, Tommy King (Ann), Richard King and Michael King, Sr. all of Monticello; and four sisters, Ruby King of St. Louis, Marie King of Fairfield, Calif., Mary L. Ware of Oakland, Calif. and Brenda King of Monticello; along with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Burial with military honors was in Green Mount Cemetery in Coleman. There was a visitation from 4-6 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home. You can sign Carl’s guestbook page at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com).

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**Lynda Beth McDaniel**

Lynda Beth McDaniel, 65, of Monticello, passed away Wednesday, April 6, at her home. She was born Decem-



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ber 13, 1956, in Dermott, to the late James R. Mosley and Marsha Kersh McDaniel.

She was a retired Licensed Practical Nurse and member of Oak Grove Assembly of God Church. Beth enjoyed her work with the nursing home and going to church. She led a quiet, peaceful life and loved spending time with her grandkids. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a daughter, Amy McDaniel; and a brother, Joe

Paul McIntyre.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Danny Joe McDaniel of Monticello; one son, Matthew McDaniel (Ravyn) of Benton; one sister, Libby Arrington of Bismark; two step-brothers, Marty and Phil McIntyre of Florida; and grandchildren, Aden, Myles, and Braxton McDaniel along with a soon-to-be, Saylor Kate McDaniel.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Bobby Spencer officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery in Monticello. There was a visitation Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. You can sign Beth’s guestbook page at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com).

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**Alice Marie Thomas Pickett**

Alice Marie Thomas Pickett was born on January 4, 1941, to the late Margaret and William Thomas. “Ball” was the eldest of nine siblings and was the Matriarch of the family. She professed her faith in Christ at an early age and was a member of the Church of God in Springfield, Tenn.

“Ball” attended the public school system in Springfield Robertson County, Tenn., and was a graduate of Bransford High School, Class of 1958. Later, she received her cosmetology license from Kimmer’s School of Cosme-



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tology. She, and her devoted, loving late husband, Billy Ray Pickett were married in Springfield, Tenn.

on April 3, 1962. Years later, they and their four children moved to Wilmar, where Billy Ray was born and raised, and she resided there until her passing.

Alice was loved so much by people in the community. She was a member of the Pentecostal Flame Church of God in Christ, where she served on the Mother’s Board. She had the gift of giving and gave generously to others. Alice always opened her home to anyone in need and ensured they were well-fed. She loved everyone and had a beautiful, radiant smile with those big, brown eyes. She was not as mobile in her later years, but she kept up with her family and friends on Facebook. Alice always had kind, loving words for her family and friends.

Alice entered into eternal peace on April 4, at the age of 81. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Maria Antoinette Thomas; sisters, Donna, Erisine and Linda; and brothers, William, Jr. and Richard.

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She leaves to cherish her precious memories with very dedicated children, Bruce (Rena) Thomas of Wilmar, Ronald (LaNita) Pickett of Albuquerque, N.M., Michael (Shameka) Pickett of Wilmar, and Derek Pickett of Albuquerque, N.M.; 17 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren; siblings, Danny (Susie) Thomas of Burke, Va., Michael (Maria) Thomas of Springfield, Tenn. and Dortha Chatman of Antioch, Tenn.; stepmother, Theresa Thomas of Chicago; half-siblings, Kevin Thomas, Timothy (Debra) Thomas, Dorian (Lesley) Thomas, Cynthia (Marshall) Cooper, Celestine (Raphael) Diaz, Cornelia (Ray) Upchurch; life-long and devoted best friend, Genelle Washington Burr of Springfield, Tenn.; two loving godchildren; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with burial in Wilmar Cemetery. There was a viewing/visitation from 4-8 p.m. Friday afternoon at the funeral home. You can sign Mrs. Alice's guestbook page at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com).

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**Margaret Rose Thrower**

Margaret Rose Thrower, 70, of Monticello, passed away Wednesday, April 13, at Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff. She was born February 14, 1952, in Pine Bluff, to the late Arlee Cater and Carmma F. Cater.

She was the widow of Harold Lee Thrower, a retired Potlatch/Clearwater employee and a Baptist. Margaret loved fishing and spending time with her family, friends and her cat, Axel.

She is survived by a daughter, Kimberly A. Thrower of Monticello; granddaughter, Courtney D. Thrower-Stults (Mark) of Monticello; three brothers, five sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were Monday, April 18, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Monticello. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m.



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Sunday evening at the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home. You can sign Margaret's guestbook page at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com). (Paid obituary)

**Leron Veasey**

Leron Veasey was born February 8, 1962, to the late Curtis Lee Veasey and Johnnie Maxine Stanley-Veasey. Leron transitioned to his heavenly resting place on April 10, at the VA Hospital in Little Rock.

Leron accepted Christ at an early age and joined Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church where he served as Usher. He also joined the Eastern Star with the guidance of his grandmother, the late Earnestine Stanley. He continuously served the church throughout his life providing food, lawn equipment and any other materials the church needed. He was a faithful member and attended regularly despite being paralyzed. He invited many pastors to his home.

Leron was formerly married to Willie Jean Daniels. He loved his children and helped rear Emery Riley, Meko Riley, Madison and Megan Jackson. Also Kennedy Jackson, who was a devoted caregiver to Leron.

Leron was a very outspoken person who built an empire from his bed. His legacy was built on hard work, which actually caused his accident as a logger. He loved cars, of which he owned over 30. He also owned over 150 hats, clothes and many suits from his favorite store Super Bad. He also had many animals (dogs, chickens, hogs, goats and horses). During his early years, Leron loved to fish, hunt and play basketball. After his accident, he loved to travel. He traveled all over the United States. He also loved a good cookout and crawfish boil. He joined the United States Army in 1980 and served his country for three years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Curtis Lee Veasey; his sisters, Shalane Denise Veasey-McCoy and Carolyn Ann Stanley; a brother, Stephen Tyrone Veasey; his paternal grandparents, Sterling Veasey and Clara Daniels Veasey; his maternal grandparents, John Lee Stanley and Earnestine Ashford Stanley.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Johnnie Maxine Cotton Veasey of Monticello; siblings, Marylin Simmons of Monticello, Melvin (Wanda) Veasey of North Little Rock, Darrell Lee Veasey of Corning, NY, Kirby (Elaine) Veasey of Monticello and Raymond Veasey of Elmira, NY; 15 nieces, six nephews and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. There was a visitation from 2-4 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home.

Burial with military honors was in Union Ridge Cemetery. You can sign Leron's guestbook page at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com). (Paid obituary)

**Larry Duhon**

Larry Duhon, 71, of Dermott, passed away on April 6. He was born on February 25, 1951, to Edith Marcell Duhon. Larry was a welder by trade. He is preceded in death by his mother.

Larry is survived by his niece and caregiver, Ashley Wood (Bobby) of Dermott; nephew, Donald Dofflemeyer (Shelby) of Monticello; niece, Edith Faulkner (Justin) of Monticello; one sister, Jean Dofflemeyer of McAllister, Okla.; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

**William Byron Leggett**

William Byron Leggett, Jr., 87, of Monticello, died Saturday, April 16. He was born June 28, 1934 in Warren, to the late William Byron Leggett, Sr. and Marie Miller Leggett.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Laster Leggett, daughters Lola West (Sammy) of Warren, and Jana Adcock (Lee) of Hot Springs Village, five brothers; one sister; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Monday, April 18 at Andrews Chapel Cemetery by Frazer's Funeral Home.

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UAM students win statewide academic awards at FBLA-Phi Beta Lambda Conference

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Five University of Arkansas at Monticello School of Business students won academic awards in a statewide FBLA-Phi Beta Lambda competition. The competition was held during the 2022 Arkansas FBLA-Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference from March 31 through April 2 in Little Rock.

All five UAM students who competed won awards in their respective events. The students are all majoring in business administration or accounting at UAM.

David Hunter Selvey, a junior from Watson majoring in business administration with an emphasis in general business, placed first in Arkansas Phi Beta Lambda Logo Development and second in Project Management.

Hannah Taylor-Gresham, a senior from Rison majoring in business administration with an emphasis in marketing, placed first in Marketing Concepts and placed second in Administrative Technology.

Caroline Tedder, a senior from Forney, Texas, majoring in business administration with an emphasis in management and an emphasis in marketing, placed first in Sports Management and Marketing and placed first in Contemporary Sports Issues.

Hope Wells, a sophomore from Rison majoring in accounting, placed first in Computer Applications.

Anna Wynn, a senior from Star City majoring



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in accounting and business administration with an emphasis in management, placed first in Spreadsheet Applications.

Dr. Marsha Clayton, dean of the UAM School of Business, offered congratulations to the students for their success, stating, "The School of Business is proud of our PBL students and their accomplishment. One hundred percent of the UAM students competing this year placed first in an event, with some placing first or second in another event. This is the second consecutive year the UAM PBL chapter has competed and placed in the statewide academic awards conference. We appreciate the efforts and

dedication of the PBL members and their faculty sponsors."

At the state leadership conference, students compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills. Top state winners are eligible to compete for national awards at the 2022 FBLA-Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference held in Chicago, Illinois, from June 24 through June 27.

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Deadline to apply for this job is April 30, 2022. Applications can be picked up at City Hall Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:30 pm. For more information contact Human Resources at City Hall - 870-367-4400.



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

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

Monticello 2nd Chancefurdogs is in need of supplies: Dog pens, kennels and crates, dog houses, 20x20 plastic tarps, dog feeders, dog and puppy food ALWAYS needed. If you would like to donate, please contact: Monticello2ndChancefurdogs@yahoo.com or find us on facebook. TFN

### AUTO SALVAGE

Mr. Johnny's Auto Salvage at 421 Ambrose Street has good used tires starting at \$10 and up. Come on by 421 Ambrose Street or call 870-308-1025 4pd 4/30

Mr. Johnny Will buy junk cars run-

ning or not. 421 Ambrose Street Open M-F 8am to 4:30 pm call 870-308-1025 4pd 4/30

### BUYING JUNK CARS

**New Year .. New Prices**  
\$200 and up on complete vehicles  
Please call 870-224-1750 8pd 6/14

### WE BUY JUNK CARS



We buy Junk cars! Will haul them away. 870-723-9698. TFN mt-bw

### CAMPER

2020 16' Coleman camper, used once, \$18,000. 870-692-5274. 4tpd 4/23

### CARPET CLEANING

**NOT JUST DISASTER RESTORATION**  
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**24/7 Emergency**  
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## RUMMAGE SALE RATES

**Option #1**  
Includes date, time  
and location of sale **\$10**

**Option #2** Includes date, time,  
location and brief description of  
items. Also includes a bold heading. **\$15**

WE MAKE IT EASY TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED ADS. CALL THE ADVANCE AT **870-367-5325** OR  
SUBMIT YOUR AD ONLINE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK AT **WWW.ADVANCEMONTICELLONIAN.COM**.

### CHILD CARE

Good Shepherd 203 E. Trotter Avenue, Monticello (870)460-0503 Educational child care, after school care and summer programs. Open Saturdays from 7 am to 5 pm. Come in for a free trial day and see what makes us different. 50% off first week. We are bilingual and accept vouchers. #81546 TFN mt-bw

### COMMERCIAL TRUCK

'94 Ford Truck, price reduced \$6500. Good for loader truck, logging, and farm to market truck. Call 870-692-1152. TFN mtbw

### FREE

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

### MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale tires for a log truck. Please call 870-723-8093 4pd 5/11

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

**Call the Federal Trade Commission to find out how to avoid scams. 1-877-FTC-HELP. Never give any personal or financial information to unfamiliar websites without researching those sites. Even those sites listed in**

See **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 10A

# Legals

## DREW COUNTY QUORUM COURT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO.

**2022-10**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING "PREMIUM PAY" TO PREVIOUS EMPLOYEES.**

An Ordinance Authorizing "Premium Pay" from the funds received from the Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Resue Plan Act; Amending the Annual Operating Budget for the Calendar Year 2022, and For Other Purposes. Premium Pay Incentive for all eligible essential employees who worked during the time period June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan, Public Law No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) was adopted into law and provided States, Cities, Counties and Tribal Governments Funds for the purpose of addressing the various adverse impacts of Covid-19 upon these governmental units and society, including premium pay for essential workers defined by Interim Final Rule definitions, in pertinent part, as any work performed by a county employee involving regular in-person interactions or regular physical handling of items that were also handled by others;

WHEREAS, 31 C.F.R. Part 35, the US Treasury Interim Final Rule, sets forth the authority and need for providing premium pay to assure support for essential workers and public functions;

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Drew County recognizes the need to provide resilience to our local government and provide premium pay including retroactive pay back to June 1, 2020 to County Employees as authorized by the American Rescue Plan and guidance by the United States Treasury;

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Quorum Court of the County of Drew, State of Arkansas:

**ARTICLE 1.** The Ninth Ammendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated April 11, 2022 hereby approves "Premium Pay" for eligible workers who were previously employed by Drew County at any time during the period beginning June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.

Each eligible previous Drew County employee shall be provided \$3.03 per hour worked premium pay but not to exceed \$5,200.00 for that time period from which all applicable payroll deductions shall be deducted.

**ARTICLE 2.** Appropriation Ordinance No. 2021-17 the "Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the Calendar year 2022" is hereby amended buy this Ninth Ammendment and the respective sums shall be allocated directly from the American Rescue Plans Funds allocated to Drew County and to Fund #1006 the American Rescue Plan Fund, to the following Departments in the amount set forth in the attachment.

**ARTICLE 3.** The Ninth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget and the amendments to the budget and appropriations adopted and made therein shall be effective for the calendar year of 2022.

**ARTICLE 4.** If any provision of this ordinance (including, but not limited to any provisions of the Ninth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget or appropriations in that amendment) are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance (and the amendment to the budget and appropriations) are declared to be severable.

**ARTICLE 5.** Pusuant to Arkansas Code Annotated Section 14.14.907, the Appropriation Ordinanec 2022-10 shall be effective immediately after its passage by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the Drew County Quorum Court and approval by the Drew county Judge.

Dated this the 11th day of April 2022

APPROVED:

/s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

Date Approved: 4-11-22

ATTEST:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Joe Williams Jr., Orlando Jones

VOTES FOR 9 VOTES AGAINST 0

ABSTENTIONS 0 ABSENT 0

## ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

### ORDINANCE 2022-10

### DATED APRIL 11, 2022

Decrease Unappropriated ARPA Funds (1006) in the amount of \$132,352.56 and Increase the following Fund 1006 with the following Departments and Line Items.

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## CUSTOMER SERVICE POSITION

Local office hiring for the position of Customer Service. Very busy front desk includes all aspects of office administrative & secretarial work including professional business correspondence. Must be familiar with internet based programs, organized, self-motivated, able to complete online training which includes testing, and pass a back ground check. Paid vacation, sick leave, and holidays. Position could be part time or full time with opportunity for advancement. Please send resume with a cover letter to: **Customer Service, P.O. Box 486, Monticello, AR 71657**

## JOB OPPORTUNITY



**Drew County  
Road Department  
Competitive  
Salary and  
Excellent Benefits!  
Heavy Equipment  
and County Vehicle  
Mechanic Needed**

**Must have CDLs and ability to work on diesel engines, trash trucks as well as large and small county equipment Must be able to pass a drug test.**

**Applications may be picked up at 295 Airport Road Monticello, AR 71655**



**JOB OPPORTUNITY IN SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS.**  
Delta Family Center, a psychiatric residential treatment center for adolescents, is looking for qualified individuals to work as a

• **BEHAVIOR COACH** •  
**INCREASED PAY SCALE**

Qualifications: Must be 21 years of age, pass state police and child maltreatment background checks, and possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

**Applications may be obtained at:**  
**815 East St. Louis St. • 870-853-4224 • Hamburg, AR**  
Equal opportunity employer.



**THE ROAD TO A NEW  
JOB STARTS WITH ESA!**

**Check out these opportunities:**

**Star City area:**  
Sewline Operator

**Dumas area:**  
Welders

**McGehee area:**  
Class A CDL Driver

Receiving Tech

Mill Tech

Sanitation

QA Tech

**Warren area:**  
Production Labor  
2nd and 3rd shift

General Labor



870-367-2727

310 W. McCloy  
Monticello



1006.0101.1001 Salaries	\$10,595.91
1006.0101.1006 Social Security Matching	\$810.59
1006.0101.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$1,623.29
1006.0101.1010 Workman's Comp	\$31.79
1006.0101.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$13.77
<b>Total County Clerk</b>	<b>\$13,075.35</b>
1006.0105.1001 Salaries	\$1,693.77
1006.0105.1006 Social Security Matching	\$129.57
1006.0105.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$259.49
1006.0105.1010 Workman's Comp	\$5.08
1006.0105.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$2.20
<b>Total Assessor</b>	<b>\$2,090.11</b>
1006.0109.1002 Salaries	\$4,532.73
1006.0109.1006 Social Security Matching	\$346.75
1006.0109.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$694.41
1006.0109.1010 Workman's Comp	\$13.60
1006.0109.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$5.89
<b>Total Early Vote/Commissioners</b>	<b>\$5,593.39</b>
1006.0109.1002 Salaries	\$1,863.45
1006.0109.1006 Social Security Matching	\$142.55
1006.0109.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$285.48
1006.0109.1010 Workman's Comp	\$5.59
1006.0109.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$2.42
<b>Total Nov. 3, 2020 Poll Workers</b>	<b>\$2,299.50</b>
1006.0400.1001 Salaries	\$10,697.42
1006.0400.1006 Social Security Matching	\$818.35
1006.0400.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$1,638.84
1006.0400.1010 Workman's Comp	\$32.09
1006.0400.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$13.91
<b>Total Sheriff</b>	<b>\$13,200.62</b>
1006.0418.1001 Salaries	\$23,751.70
1006.0418.1006 Social Security Matching	\$1,817.01
1006.0418.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$3,638.76
1006.0418.1010 Workman's Comp	\$71.26
1006.0418.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$30.88
<b>Total Jail</b>	<b>\$29,309.60</b>
1006.0419.1002 Salaries	\$2,836.08
1006.0419.1006 Social Security Matching	\$216.96
1006.0419.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$434.49
1006.0419.1010 Workman's Comp	\$8.51
1006.0419.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$3.69
<b>Total Coroner</b>	<b>\$3,499.72</b>
1006.0500.1001 Salaries	\$774.92
1006.0500.1006 Social Security Matching	\$59.28
1006.0500.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$118.72
1006.0500.1010 Workman's Comp	\$2.32
1006.0500.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$1.01
<b>Total Countywide 911</b>	<b>\$956.25</b>
1006.0200.1001 Salaries	\$19,635.96
1006.0200.1006 Social Security Matching	\$1,502.15
1006.0200.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$3,008.23
1006.0200.1010 Workman's Comp	\$58.91
1006.0200.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$25.53
<b>Total Road Department</b>	<b>\$24,230.77</b>
1006.0104.1002 Salaries	\$549.95
1006.0104.1006 Social Security Matching	\$42.07
1006.0104.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$84.25
1006.0104.1010 Workman's Comp	\$1.65
1006.0104.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$0.71
<b>Total Collector</b>	<b>\$678.64</b>
1006.0700.1001 Salaries	\$8,677.92
1006.0700.1006 Social Security Matching	\$663.86
1006.0700.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$1,329.46
1006.0700.1010 Workman's Comp	\$26.03
1006.0700.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$11.28
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$10,708.55</b>
1006.0701.1001 Salaries	\$5,200.00
1006.0701.1006 Social Security Matching	\$397.80
1006.0701.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$796.64
1006.0701.1010 Workman's Comp	\$15.60
1006.0701.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$6.76
<b>Total Landfill</b>	<b>\$6,416.80</b>
1006.0418.1001 Salaries	\$5,200.00
1006.0418.1006 Social Security Matching	\$397.80
1006.0418.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$796.64
1006.0418.1010 Workman's Comp	\$15.60
1006.0418.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$6.76
<b>Total Detention Facility</b>	<b>\$6,416.80</b>
1006.0501.1001 Salaries	\$6,054.47
1006.0501.1006 Social Security Matching	\$463.17
1006.0501.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$927.54
1006.0501.1010 Workman's Comp	\$18.16
1006.0501.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$7.87
<b>Total Countywide 911</b>	<b>\$7,471.22</b>
1006.0416.1001 Salaries	\$5,190.39
1006.0416.1006 Social Security Matching	\$397.06
1006.0416.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$795.17
1006.0416.1010 Workman's Comp	\$15.57
1006.0416.1011 Unemployment Comp	\$6.75
<b>Total Prosecuting Attorney</b>	<b>\$6,404.94</b>
<b>Total for all Departments</b>	<b>\$132,352.26</b>

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$491.96.  
#103903 4/20

## NOTICE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold, dismantled or destroyed in fifteen (15) days unless claimed at Reggie's Lock & Key LLC, 1065 Highway 278 West, Monticello AR 71655, PH: (870) 723-6898.  
2007 Pontiac Torrent VIN 2CKDL63F876046889  
2006 Ford Fusion VIN 3FAFP07Z46R165171

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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 decedent:  
2399 Hwy 425 North, Monticello, Arkansas  
Date of Death: August 17, 2003

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

This notice first published the 13th day of April, 2022.

Michael Forrest, Administrator  
c/o Whit Barton  
Barton & Roper, PLLC.  
P.O. Box 507  
Monticello, AR 71657

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## NOTICE

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

### Large Room

Fix sheetrock as needed  
Paint 2 coats on walls  
East Exterior brick wall, repair plaster and paint

Remove counters

### Back Office

Fix window  
Fix sheetrock and plaster walls as needed  
Install Rubber Base Boards  
Paint all walls, bricks stay as is, door and trim stay as is

### Halls

Fix sheetrock and paint wall  
Fix base boards  
Large Back Office  
Fix sheetrock  
Repair plaster on walls and ceilings  
Paint walls and ceilings

The above numbers will be available for questions. Bids will be due by Thursday April 28th at 2:00 p.m. Send bids to 203 W Gaines Monticello, AR 71655 ATTN: Vickie Norris. The city has the right to reject any and all bids.

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$50.68.

#103901 4/13 4/20

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

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE MARY ROBERTS, DECEASED NO. 22PR-2022-38-2

Last known address: 104 Kays Lane, Monticello, AR 71655

Date of death: December 25, 2021

An instrument dated February 6, 2020, was on the 14th day of April, 2022, admitted to probate as the last will of the above named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed executor thereunder. Contest of the probate of the will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

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

This notice first published April 20, 2022.

/s/William Deeb

WILLIAM DEEB, Executor  
c/o R. Victor Harper  
Attorney for the Estate  
717 South Lincoln Ave.  
Star City, AR 71667

#103904 4/20 4/27

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS SECOND DIVISION

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

## WARNING ORDER

KEENAN CLIFTON

4101 CARVER ST.

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, 71109

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF DREW

The Defendant, Keenan Clifton, is hereby notified that Deandria Harris, Plaintiff, whose representatives are Audrey Weber, Rule XV Law Student, and Suzanne Penn, Supervising Attorney, with the UA Little Rock Delta Divorce Clinic, 1201 McMath Avenue Little Rock, AR 72202, has filed a Summons and a Complaint for Divorce. Defendant Keenan Clifton is warned to appear in this Court within 30 days, or 60 days if incarcerated, from the date of first publication of this Order and answer the Complaint for Divorce filed against him by the Plaintiff, Deandria Harris. Failure to file a written answer within 30 days, or 60 days if incarcerated, may result in an entry of judgment by default against you or otherwise bar you from answering or asserting any defense you have.

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 CLERK

#104010 4/13 4/20

### 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

## NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION

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

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 13 South, Range 7 West, run South 00° 12'18" West along the West boundary of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 for

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

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

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

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

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

### CEDRIC LEONARD, PLAINTIFF VS. LARRY WAYNE BURNETT AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING INTEREST IN: All lot No 2 in Block No 3 of Unit No 1 of Sherwood Forest Subdivision; as shown on the plat of said subdivision, now appearing of record at page 56 of Plat Book No 1 in the office of the Circuit Clerk and Ex-office Recorder of Drew County, Arkansas, DEFENDANTS NO. 22CV-22-41

## 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 above described real property in the heading of this case.

Any persons claiming any title or interest of any kind to said property is hereby notified to appear herein on or before the 15th day of May, 2022, to assert their interest in said property and to demonstrate which title to this property should not be quieted and confirmed in and to Cedric Leonard.

/s/Beverly Burks  
Beverly Burks, Circuit Clerk

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# CLASSIFIEDS

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**classified ads here. A message  
from The Advance Monticello-  
nian and the FTC.**

## PETS

If you have deer meat you aren't going to use, please donate it to my cat Purrry, who is allergic to all other meats. Call 367-5852 after noon. 4/23 1tf

Monticello 2nd Chancefurdogs is in need of supplies: Dog pens, kennels and crates, dog houses, 20x20 plastic tarps, dog feeders, dog and puppy food ALWAYS needed. If you would like to donate, please contact: Monticello2ndChancefurdogs@yahoo.com or find us on facebook. TFN

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

## REAL ESTATE

## APARTMENTS

For Lease: Now taking applications for a 2 bedroom 1 bath apartment Central heat and air, fridge and stove are furnished, washer and dryer hookups. 1 year lease required .Call 870-367-2846 4pd 4/23

## Cedar Hill Apartments

Newly renovated. Veteran units available. New appliances and interior. Income restrictions apply. Washer/dryer in each unit. 839 S. Gabbert St. 870-367-3394. TFN oc-11/28

## PARKHILL APARTMENTS

Newly renovated 1 and 2 Bedrooms, CH/A. All electric, water paid. Call 367-6241 from 9 am to 5 pm. #61104 TFN mt-bw

## Weevil Run Apartments

Choose 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom or 1 bedroom, 1 bath. All feature stove, refrigerator and dishwasher, hook-up for washer/dryer. Adjacent to UAM campus. Email: weevilrun@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook. Phone: 723-2342. #52703 TFN mt-bw

Westside Manor Apartments. 2 BR, 1 BA. Refrigerator & stove provided. Washer/Dryer hookups. (870) 853-5345 or 870-818-6702. #80594 12/19 TFN mt12w

## COMMERCIAL

For rent: 1,700 sq ft warehouse with 300 sq ft office/showroom. Address 155 Market St. Monticello, AR. Contact 870-723-9439. #102370 1/2

## OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

1100 SQ FT CLASS A OFFICE SPACE UTILITIES PAID 419

See **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 11A

# WE ARE HIRING!

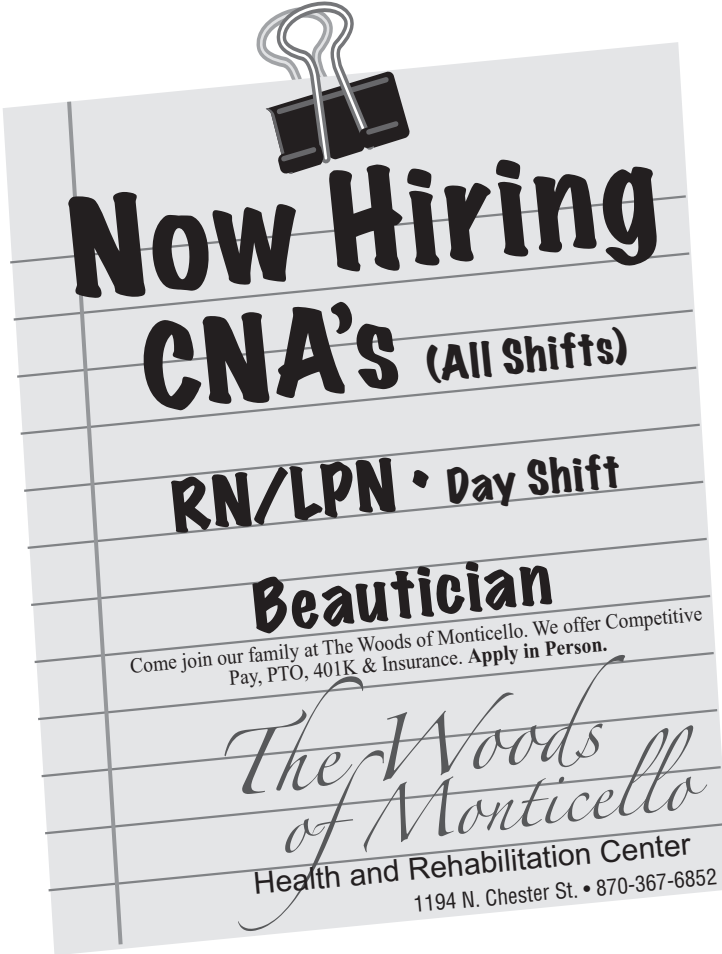
**Maxwell Hardwood** in Monticello is looking to add a few **positive** and **hardworking** individuals for full-time employment for night shift. We are a strong, **safety-driven** Flooring Mill that has been here for over 25 years and take pride in the work we do.

### Here are some of the great benefits we offer!

- Night Shift Premium Pay
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- \$500 sign on bonus

**Apply in person or send applications to:  
Maxwell Hardwood Flooring, Attn:  
Human Resource Manager  
190 Wilson Mill Rd, Monticello AR 71655**

**MAXWELL®  
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# Summit Utilities Arkansas encourages resident safety during National Safe Digging Month

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

At Summit Utilities Arkansas, the safety of our customers and the communities we serve is our number one priority. In observance of April as National Safe Digging Month, Summit is reminding community members to avoid accidents and utility interruptions by calling 811 to have underground utility lines marked before beginning any outdoor projects.

“This is a fun time of year when people enjoy tackling those outdoor DIY projects,” said Cindy Westcott, Vice President of Operations at Summit. “Because Summit is committed to never compromising the safety of our customers, we’re reminding residents that they must call 811 before they dig. This free and simple precaution will help homeowners prevent service disruptions, serious injuries, and expensive repairs.”

As part of National Safe Digging Month, Summit encourages everyone to take the following steps when planning any digging project:

- Contact 811 over the phone or online at least two business days before digging.
- Confirm that all lines have been marked.
- Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.
- Visit Call811.com for more information.

For your safety, you are required by law to call 811 at least two working days before you plan to dig so your underground utility lines can be marked. Everyone who contacts 811 a few days before digging is connected to a local one call notification center. Then, at no cost, professional locators will the visit the dig site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines with spray paint, flags, or both.

Once an area has been fully marked by all utilities, it is safe to begin digging around those marked areas.

In the event a gas line is struck or ruptured outside of a home or business:

- Step 1: Leave immediately on foot! Do not use electric switches, telephones (including cell phones), start or drive a car or anything that could cause a spark. Move in an upwind direction away from the leak or vapor cloud where you can no longer smell gas and maintain a safe distance.
- Step 2: Go directly to a safe location and call both 800-992-7552 and 911.
- Step 3: Warn others to stay away from the leak. Abandon any equipment being used in or near the area.

Background on Summit Utilities, Inc.’s Recent Acquisition:

Summit finalized its

acquisition of CenterPoint Energy’s distribution assets in Arkansas, Oklahoma and the Texarkana, Texas area on January 10, 2022. The gas distribution systems included in the transaction serve approximately 525,000 customers in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, and include 17,000 miles of gas main pipeline across those three states. As part of the acquisition, Summit has welcomed nearly 600 CenterPoint team members to the company.

Throughout 2022, Summit and CenterPoint will work

together to migrate all operations and services to Summit. During that transition period, CenterPoint will continue to provide certain services to customers on behalf of Summit including aspects of billing, customer support and marketing.

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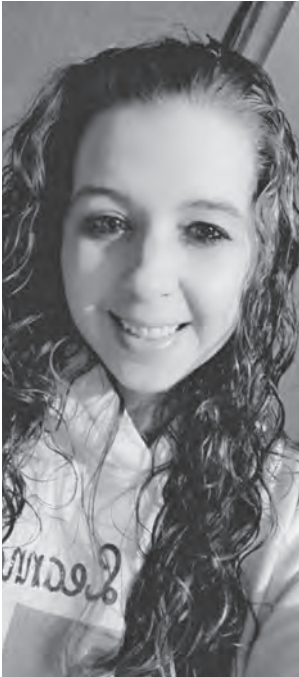
Kim has 2 boys and 1 girl with one on the way. She enjoys playing with her kids, hunting, and fishing. She loves taking care of the residents and seeing them smile.

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# Pirates currently ranked second in 8-3A Conference standings

By: JEFF YOUNG  
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Pirates have worked their way up in the 8-3A Conference standings to currently being ranked in the second position in the rankings.

Travelling to Smackover to face the Buckaroos on Friday, April 8, the Pirates would get one base runner in the top of the first inning after Aiden Jones reached base on an error.

Drew Burton would take the mound for the Pirates in the bottom half of the inning allowing a double and a walk but striking out two and getting the final batter to fly out to end the inning.

The Pirates would get on the board first in the top of the fourth inning. Burton would lead off the inning with a single followed by a pop out by Taylor Barnard. Will Watson singled followed by a single by Jase Watt to score Burton.

Matt Barnard would single to score Watt and Watson to give the Pirates a 3-0 lead.

Drew Central added a run in the top of the sixth inning after Watson reached on an error followed by a single by Watt and a single by Matt Barnard. Watson would score after a wild pitch got past the catcher to give the Pirates a 4-0 lead.

Smackover came back to cut the deficit in the bottom half of the inning after scoring two runs in the inning to make the score 4-2 and after getting out in the top of the seventh, Burton would set the Buckaroos down in three batters to close out the contest.

As a team, the Pirates went 7

for 29 with four runs scored, the RBI with a walk and a strikeout.

Jase Watt finished the day going 2 for 3 with one run and an RBI. Matt Barnard was also 2 for 3 with two RBI. Nate Cooper was 1 for 3, Drew Burton was 1 for 4 with a run, and Will Watson was 1 for 3 with two runs.

After dropping a non-conference contest to Monticello, the Pirates returned to conference play on Tuesday, April 12, hosting the 8-3A first place team, Camden Harmony Grove.

Harmony Grove got the first run of the contest in the top of the first inning after a solo homerun to give the Hornets a 1-0 lead.

Drew Central would come back in the bottom half of the inning to tie the contest 1-1 after a double by Aiden Jones and Burton reaching on an error to score Aiden Jones.

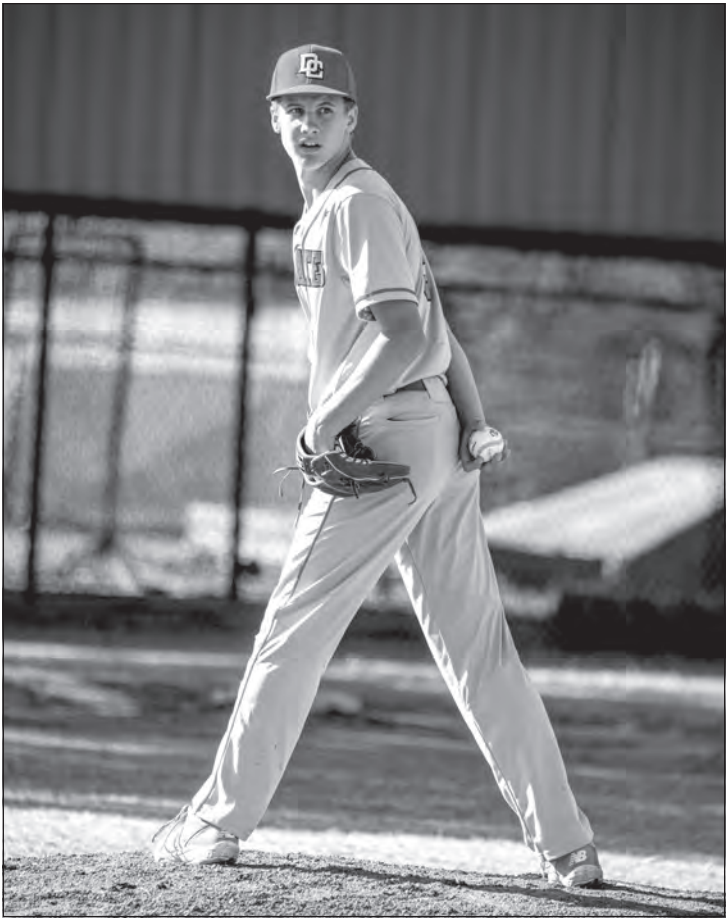
Camden would take the contest in the seventh inning after scoring one run to take the 2-1 victory.

Drew Central was 4 for 23 from the plate, walking three times and striking out 11 times.

Aiden Jones led the Pirates going 2 for 3 with a run scored. Will Watson and Matt Barnard record the only other hits in the contest, with each going 1 for 3.

In non-conference play, hosting the Hampton Bulldogs, on Thursday, April 14, the Pirates would find themselves down in the first inning after the Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead in the top of the inning.

Nate Cooper led off the bottom half of the inning with a single followed by Aiden Jones



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**JASE WATT** checks a runner at first base during the Pirates non-conference contest against Hampton. Watt pitched the complete seven innings striking out 10 batters.

reaching on an error. Drew Burton was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Watt reached on an error, scoring Cooper to tie the contest 1-1.

Jase Watt would face three batters in the top of the second inning, giving up a single, but the Pirate defense would turn a double play followed by a ground out to end the inning.

The Pirates would add a run in the bottom of the fourth inning

after Matt Barnard reached on a single. Jacob Jones reached on an error followed by Wyatt Wood drawing a walk.

Matt Barnard scored on a wild pitch to give the Pirates a 2-1.

Aiden Jones led off the bottom of the fifth inning for the Pirates with a single and would advance to second on a wild pitch followed by a steal of third base. Jones would steal home for a 3-1 lead. Taylor Barnard flew out to

center which allowed Will Watson to score for a 4-1 lead.

The Pirates would add the final two runs of the contest in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Matt Barnard led things off with a single. Jacob Jones drew a walk. Barnard would score on a wild pitch before the Hampton defense would roll a double play.

Nate Cooper drew a walk followed by a single by Aiden Jones and a walk to Drew Burton. Cooper scored on a wild pitch to set up the final score of 6-1.

Matt Barnard led the Pirates going 2 for 3 with two runs. Aiden Jones was 2 for 4 with a run scored, Nate Cooper finished 1 for 3 with two runs, and Will Watson was 1 for 3 with a run. Jase Watt recorded the only RBI in the contest. Watt also pitched the complete game allowing six hits, one run, one walk, and striking out 10.

Returning to conference play on Friday, April 15, in a game that was moved from Rison to Drew Central with the Rison Wildcats remaining as the home team.

Nate Cooper led off the contest with a single followed by a single by Aiden Jones.

Drew Burton connected for a triple to score Cooper and Aiden Jones. Jase Watt singles to score Burton.

Will Watson drew a walk. Taylor Barnard singled to advance Watt to third with Watson being thrown out at second.

Matt Barnard would ground out with Watt and Taylor Barnard scoring on errors to give the Pirates a 5-0 lead.

Rison came back in the bot-

tom of the first to cut the lead to 5-3 after scoring two runs on a triple and a run on a ground out.

The Wildcats added a run in the bottom of the third to cut the Pirate lead to 5-4.

Cooper led off the top of the fourth inning with a double and would score on a Burton single to increase the Pirate lead to 6-4.

Rison would take the lead in the bottom half of the inning after leading off the inning with two singles, a walk, and a double to tie the contest at 6-6, followed by a single for a 7-6 lead.

Drew Central retook the lead in the top of the sixth inning.

Cooper, Aiden Jones, and Drew Burton would all single for two runs and an 8-7 lead.

Jase Watt doubled to score Burton, and Will Watson singled to score Watt. Matt Barnard grounded out to score Watson to give the Pirates an 11-7 lead.

The Pirates would add the final run of the contest in the top of the seventh inning on a double by Burton that scored Aiden Jones for a 12-7 victory.

The Pirates would finish the contest going 13 for 37 with 12 runs and 11 RBI, three walks, and five strikeouts.

The Pirates will have their final home contest of the season on Friday, April 22, hosting the McGehee Owls.

The Pirates final contest of the regular season will be held on Monday, April 25, travelling to Lake Village to face the Lakeside Beavers.

The 3A Region 4 post season tournament is to be held in Ash-down on May 5-7.



**MATT BARNARD (right)** connects on a pitch from the Hampton pitcher. Barnard finished the afternoon going 2 for 3 at the plate with two runs scored. **AIDEN JONES (center)** reached first in his first at bat of the day after beating the throw on an error by the Hampton catcher. **NATE COOPER (left)** opened the first series at the plate for the Pirates with a lead off single. Cooper scored later in the inning to tie the contest 1-1.



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# Monticello Billies fall to third in conference after pair of road defeats

By: JEFF YOUNG  
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies came into their contest on Friday, April 8, against the Crossett Eagles on the road in first place in the 8-4A Conference having only lost in one contest in conference play to Magnolia.

Leading off for the Billies in the top of the first inning was Doerian Allen, who led off with a double to right field. Warren Pennington would follow Allen with a single, but the Eagles would get the next three batters out to end the inning, but Allen was able to score on a wild pitch to give Monticello a 1-0 lead.

Tucker Breedlove took the mound for the Billies and only allowed a single in the inning, getting the Eagles to strike out, ground out, and hit into a fielder's choice to end the inning.

The Eagles would sit the Billies down in order in the top of the second inning and would come back in the bottom half of the inning to tie the contest at 1-1 after a leadoff double and a single.

Monticello retook the lead in the top of the third inning.

After a lead off strike out, Al-

len would single followed by a single by Pennington. Trystan White replaced Allen on the base paths and would score on a single by Tucker Breedlove that also scored Warren Pennington for a 3-1 lead.

Crossett would get four runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a 5-4 lead.

Brenden Brown got the Billies started in the top of the fourth inning with a single and would score later in the inning on a Kaleb Romero single to pull the Billies within one run, 5-4.

Crossett would extend their lead in the bottom of the fourth inning, scoring three runs in the inning to take a 8-4 lead.

John Frost led off the top of the fifth inning with a double to right field followed by Allen being hit by a pitch.

Cade Pigott would reach on a walk and Brenden Brown would single to score three runs to cut the Eagle lead to 8-7 but the Eagles would add three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to set up the final score of 11-7.

As a team, the Billie would go 11 for 28 with seven runs and six RBI, a walk, and seven strikeouts.

Warren Pennington was 3 for 4 with two runs scored, Doerian Allen was 2 for 3 with a run, Brenden Brown was 2 for 2 with a run and two RBI, Kaleb Romero was 1 for 3 with an RBI, Brooks Harvey was 1 for 2 with a run, and John Frost was 1 for 1.

After a non-conference win over Drew Central on Saturday, April 9, the Billies would travel to White Hall on Monday, April 11, to face the Bulldogs in non-conference action.

Monticello would get out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning after singles by Allen and Pennington. Allen would score on an error and Pennington would score on a ground out by Cade Pigott.

Monticello would add a run in the top of the fourth inning after Evan Bealer scored on a fielder's choice.

White Hall came back to have a big inning in the bottom of the fifth, scoring 10 runs in the inning to take a 10-3 lead and would close the game out in the bottom of the sixth adding three runs to end the contest on a 10-run rule.

Monticello was 4 for 21 in the contest with Allen, Pennington,

Breedlove, and Brown recording the Billie hits.

Returning to conference play on Tuesday, April 12, travelling to Star City to begin the second half of the conference season.

Star City retired the first two batters of the top of the first with Cade Pigott recording the only hit of the inning on a single. Star City would take a 1-0 lead in the bottom half of the inning.

Monticello would get singles from Brenden Brown and John Frost to begin the top of the second inning, but the Billies could not get the runners home before the final outs of the inning.

Star City would add two runs in the bottom of the inning after scoring both runs on a double to take a 3-0 lead.

Star City tacked on another run to their lead in the bottom of the fourth inning to extend the lead to 4-0.

Brooks Bowman would lead off the top of the fifth inning with a walk followed by a single by Brooks Harvey.

Romero would advance the runners on a sacrifice bunt with Bowman scoring on an Allen groundout. Pennington reached on an error that also scored Har-

vey to cut the lead to 4-2.

Monticello would tie the contest 4-4 in the top of the sixth inning with Star City adding the final run in the bottom half of the inning for a 5-4 win, handing Monticello their second straight conference defeat.

The Billies would get back in the win column in conference play on Friday, April 15, in a 1pm game at home against Magnolia. Magnolia would take a 1-0 lead in the first inning and would allow a leadoff double to Doerian Allen in the bottom half of the inning before getting the next three Billie's out in order to end the inning,

The Panthers would add another run in the top of the second inning, but that would be all the Billie defense would allow in the inning after turning a double-play to leave Panther runners on the bases.

Brenden Brown led off the bottom of the second with a walk, and after the first out of the inning, the bases would load with Brooks Bowman being hit by a pitch and a walk to Brooks Harvey.

A third walk in the inning would get the Billies on the board

after a score by Brown made the score 2-1.

Monticello would take the lead in the bottom of the third inning after Pigott was hit by a pitch and a two-run home run by Tucker Breedlove gave the Billies a 3-2 advantage.

The Billies would put the game away in the bottom of the fifth inning, scoring six runs in the inning to take a 9-2 lead. Magnolia would add one final run before the contest ended in the seventh inning for the final score of 9-3.

Leading the way for the Billies was Tucker Breedlove going 2 for 3 with two runs scored and three RBI.

Jagger Hines would pitch the final 4.2 innings of the contest for Monticello allowing six hits, one run, and striking out four. Easton Byrd was the starting pitcher for the Billies, throwing 2.1 innings, allowing two hits, two runs, a strikeout, and five walks.

The Billies are now third in conference play behind Camden Fairview and Star City.

The Billies will travel to Hamburg on Thursday, April 21, to face the Lions in conference action with a 5pm start time scheduled.



# Baseball Weevils take series on the road over Southern Nazarene

By: **JEFF YOUNG**  
Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Baseball Weevils traveled to Bethany, OK for a three-game series with Southern Nazarene University over a two-day period.

Playing in a scheduled double-header on Friday, April 15, the Weevil offense came alive in game one as the Weevils scored 18 runs in the contest.

Chase Cripps led off with a double and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Cade Thompson would double to right center to score Cripps for the first run of the contest.

SNU came back to take the lead in the bottom of the first inning on a leadoff home run and scored on a double later in the inning for a 2-1 lead.

SNU would increase their lead to 3-1 after a solo homerun in the bottom of the second inning.

UAM would reclaim the lead in the top of the sixth inning.

Nick Fakouri led off with a homerun. David Reyna reached on a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt.

Cripps reached first on an error, scoring Reyna on the error. Thompson would hit into a fielder's choice with Reyna being out at second. Jordan Johnson was hit by a pitch followed by Reece Reading scoring Thompson. Grant Shepherd would connect for a three-run homerun to give the Weevils a 7-3 lead.

The Weevils added two runs in the top of the fifth inning on two solo home runs by Reyna and BJ Lee for a 9-3 lead.

SNU would get a run back in the bottom half of the fifth inning af-

ter a leadoff homerun cut the lead to 9-4.

UAM came back in the top of the sixth with five runs highlighted by Fakouri's second home run of the game.

SNU added a run in the bottom of the seventh inning with UAM adding four runs in the top of the eighth with SNU adding a run in the bottom half of the inning with the Weevils taking the contest 18-6.

UAM would get an early lead in the second game of the double-header after Hudson Hopkins scored a run on a fly out by Reyna for a 1-0 lead.

SNU would take the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning, scoring four runs to take a 4-1 advantage.

Reece Reading led off the top of the fourth inning for the Weevils with a solo home run followed by

a score by David Reyna single that scored Hopkins to cut the lead to 4-3.

SNU would score six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to increase the lead to 10-3 with UAM adding three runs in the top of the sixth and SNU adding one in the bottom half of the inning to take an 11-6 win.

Returning to the field on Saturday, April 16, for the final contest in the three-game series.

After a scoreless first inning, the Weevils would get on the board first.

Reading would lead off with a single. After the first out, Fakouri would single as Reading advanced to third. Reyna reached on a fielder's choice to score Reading for a 1-0 lead.

SNU came back in the bottom half of the inning to tie the contest 1-1.

UAM would get two runs in the top of the third inning.

Cripps would single for the first base runner of the inning followed by a double by Thompson. Jordan Johnson would single to score Cripps and Thompson to take a 3-1 lead.

SNU would pull within a run in the bottom of the sixth inning, scoring a run off double to cut the lead to 3-2.

The Weevils added two runs in the top of the seventh inning.

BJ Lee led off with a single followed by a single by Cripps. Thompson singled to load the bases with Jordan Johnson contacting for a single up the middle to score Lee and Cripps for a 5-2 lead.

The Weevils would add a run in the top of the eighth inning to extend the lead to 6-2 after Lee grounded out to score Reyna.

Reyna reached base after drawing a leadoff walk.

The Weevils scored the final runs of the contest in the top of the ninth inning.

Jordan Johnson led off the inning with a single to centerfield. Reading would triple to score Johnson.

After the first out of the inning, Fakouri would single to score Reading to set up the 8-2 final.

With the series win, the Weevils are now 18-20 overall and 13-14 in Great American Conference play and are currently eighth position in the conference standings.

The Weevils will return to Weevils Field on Friday, April 22, hosting Oklahoma Baptist University with a 2pm start time. The Weevils and Oklahoma Baptist will conclude their three-game series on Saturday, April 23, with the first game scheduled for 12pm.

## New UAM Basketball head coach hired

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Arkansas-Monticello's Director of Athletics Hud Jackson announced the hiring of David Midlick as the new head women's basketball coach. Midlick will lead Monticello's program after coaching at both NCAA Division I and Division II levels.

"We are extremely happy about our new Women's Basketball Coach David Midlick," said Jackson. "David brings a ton of experience as a player and a coach. He has been a part of and has led several programs to championship levels. We feel like we have hired an outstanding coach but more importantly, an outstanding person. He is a family man that looks at his teams as part of his own. He will bring an attitude of hard work on the court and off. He will demand that his players represent our university in a positive light. David is a great fit for UAM and a great fit for our Athletic Department family. Help us to welcome David and Leslie to Monticello and the Southeast Arkansas region! Go Blossoms!"

David Midlick most recently served as an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Southeastern Missouri (SEMO) in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

His coaching experience also includes serving as Head Coach of the Austin Peay University Women's Basketball team (where he first served as a volunteer assistant for Austin Peay Men's Basketball from 2003 through 2006 to start his college coaching career). He led the Governors to 18 regular-season wins in 2019-20, which is the most regular-season wins in program history since the 2003-04 team won 20 regular-season games.

Midlick's Governors broke the Austin Peay single-season team three-point record twice. The 2019-20 squad buried a program record 267 three pointers, which led the OVC and ranked 14th nationally.

Prior to leading Austin Peay, he served as the Associate Head Coach at the University of Memphis and the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi.

He led the Lady Statesmen to consecutive Gulf

South Conference regular season championships and two NCAA Division II South Region appearances that included a Sweet 16 appearance.

He also was an assistant coach at Tennessee State from 2006 through 2010, where he coached posts and forwards, along with performing scouting, recruiting, eligibility, admission, and scheduling duties. While at Tennessee State, Midlick helped engineer a turnaround for the program, helping the Tigers go from a win-less squad to OVC contenders.

He has also coached at the high school level and was a physical therapist before he pivoted to the basketball coaching profession.

"I want to thank Dr. Doss, Coach Jackson, and the search committee for this opportunity and with trusting me with the UAM WBB program," said Midlick. "I want our fans to be proud of the team in the classroom, on the court, and in the community. I am looking forward to this journey with a great group of student athletes."

He graduated from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in Biological Science in 1991 and earned his Bachelor's in Physical Therapy from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1994.

As a player, he was a three-year letter winner at Ole Miss under head coach Ed Murphy from 1988-91.

The Rebels played in the NIT in 1989, with Midlick leading the team in free-throw percentage and three-point field goal percentage and were Southeastern Conference tournament finalists in 1990.

He is a native Memphian, growing up in Memphis, Tennessee and graduating from Christian Brothers High School.

His family consists of his wife Leslie and their two boys, Will and David Jr.

"We are thrilled to welcome Coach Midlick as the new head coach for the UAM women's basketball program," said UAM Chancellor, Dr. Peggy Doss.

"His leadership style, coaching and recruiting ability, and commitment to excellence on and off the court make him a perfect fit to lead a strong and competitive program."



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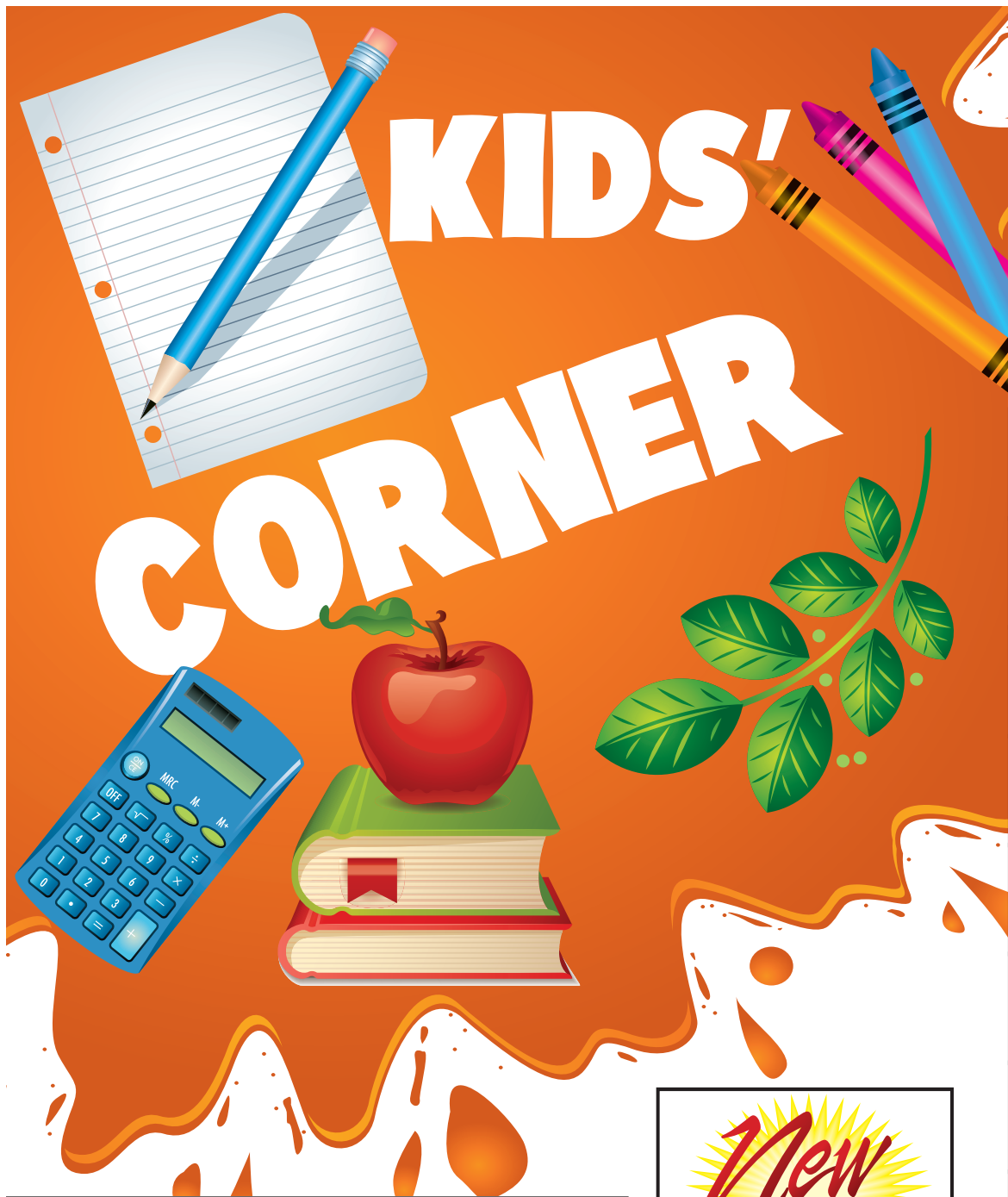
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Here are some fun activities for our younger readers to enjoy!

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New Word

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ANSWER: MATH

How they say that in...

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ITALIAN: Fare le sottrazioni  
FRENCH: Soustraire  
GERMAN: Subtrahieren

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CALCULATOR

ACROSS

- 1. Good in math
- 5. Male adults
- 6. Heap of things
- 7. Symmetrical, three-dimensional shape
- 8. Educator

DOWN

- 1. Math values expressed by a symbol
- 2. Treatment of the hands
- 3. State where power is held by the people
- 4. Mechanical lift

Down  
1. Numbers 2. Manicure 3. Republic 4. Elevator

Across  
1. Numerate 5. Men 6. Pile 7. Cube 8. Teacher

Answers:



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CHILDREN’S DEVOTIONAL

Jesus is calling to us, all we have to do is listen

By Amy Becker

“When daybreak came, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus. “Friends, Jesus called to them, “you don’t have any fish, do you?” “No,” they answered. “Cast the net on the right side of the boat,” he told them, “and you’ll find some.” So they did, and they were unable to haul it in because of the large number of fish. The disciple, the one Jesus loved, said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer clothing around him and plunged into the sea. Since they were not far from land, the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net

full of fish.” John 21:4-8 Every year around Easter we dig into the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection, but did you know the story of what Christ did on earth doesn’t end with the empty tomb? No way! In fact, Jesus spent 40 days with the disciples after he rose from the dead and appeared to many people during that time. The gospel accounts of Luke and John tell us about the time between Jesus’ resurrection and his ascension into heaven, and if you haven’t read those stories you’re really missing out! One of my favorite stories in all the Bible happens during that time. It’s the last recorded miracle that Jesus

performed in the Bible and is found in the book of John. Some of Jesus’ followers had gone out to the sea to fish. They stayed all night but had no luck. When the sun was appearing, they noticed a man on the shore, but didn’t recognize him. He called out to them and asked if they had caught any fish. When they

answered that they hadn’t (he knew the answer already by the way), he told them where to cast their nets. When they pulled it up, it was so full they could barely hold on to the net. They hauled it in and spent time with Jesus on the shore. Isn’t that incredible? In a place where the disciples nev-

er would have dreamed Jesus to be, he’s waiting on the shore and calling out to help them. I think that’s a lesson for you and I as well. Jesus is calling to us in every difficult situation and trial we ever face. “Hey! Have you tried this?” I imagine is what he’s saying. We just have to be willing to listen to his instruc-

tion. Are you listening for his call? Reading our Bibles and praying will give us ears to hear his instruction, and then we just have to wait to see where the net should be cast. Jesus is there for us. Always. He wants to help us overcome our struggles and solve them in a way that would be

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By: **Melissa Cason**  
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company success over the last 20 years. Bill attributes some of that success to having quality technicians who value their customers. When it comes to giving others advice about how to run a successful business, the Lawrences advise business owners to “be very frugal, work long hours, be honest and save for a rainy day.” These are qualities that have served them well over the last two decades. Delta Pest Control specializes in residential and commercial pest control. “Delta gives you quality service at a reasonable price,” Bill said. “We value our customers.” Delta Pest Control is located at 302 Owl Street in McGehee.



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**DELTA PEST CONTROL** BJ Knowles, formerly of Save A Lot, is pictured above with his wife Robin in front of a Delta Pest Control truck. BJ is the head technician/salesperson and has been with Delta Pest Control for a number of years. (Service Spotlight is a weekly advertisement highlighting local services. For more information on how to advertise, call our advertising representatives at 367-5325.)



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# DEVOTIONAL

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Don't quit!

I've come into my church office many Monday mornings and I've quit. Some Mondays I have fired myself. Only later in the day to reinstate myself. My wife and I have four kids. Ages 12 to 24. This parenting thing is hard and sometimes it's just not near as rewarding as I heard it was going to be. So I sat on the edge of my bed and quit. Only to get up a few minutes later and change a diaper, kiss a boo-boo or make a PB &J.

We contemplate quitting all the time. Our jobs, our teams, our churches, our marriages. There is an allure to quitting. When life just gets too difficult or the disappointment seems more than we can bear it's a comforting thought to just quit. The problem with quitting however is that it's like an oasis mirage in the desert.

You've seen in the movies when someone is crossing the desert and they've run

out of water and the sun is beating down on them. In the distance the mirage looks like refreshing cool water and palm trees. Yet the further they go towards it, it's still out of reach. They never get to it because it isn't real. Quitting only delays disappointments that need to be experienced in order to learn the lesson that is in the difficulty.

My friends, whoever you are reading this allow me to be honest. You don't have the luxury of quitting. Pastor Tommy Barnett once wrote, "Extraordinary men are just ordinary men who didn't quit." There is too much at stake. Too many people are going to benefit from your perseverance. Philippians 1:6 "...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the of Jesus Christ."

Don't quit!

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

## COUNTRY

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### LACEY IVANELL HANDLEY

Hello readers! We've settled into another week and I'm doubly thankful because the Lord has blessed me to see another birthday! I'm so grateful and I thank God for sparing me to see another year. I hope everyone had a blessed Easter!

The Promised Land Sunday School lesson, along with the class discussion were awesome! The subject was "The Unforgettable Leader". Key verse, Matthew 26:29 "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom". Pastor Johnson's message was from John 3:16 and his thought was "Jesus is the Reason for the Season", it was a very good message. Our visitor were: Pastor Taylor and Mrs. Taylor of Hamburg, and Regena Handley, of Sherwood.

Happy Birthday to: Joyce Daniels, April 20; Lisa Mitchell and Pat Glennon, April 21; and Linda Grays, April 24. I hope everyone enjoys their special day!

Last Friday was my birthday, my sister Patricia stopped by Thursday to wish me an early happy birthday

and my brother Jerry Franklin called me on Friday. Regena came down to celebrate with me; Yolanda, my son-in-law, grandsons and granddaughter weren't able to be here but they called all throughout the day and sent their love along with some amazing presents. Regena took me to Beech St. Bistro for my birthday dinner Friday afternoon. The food was delicious and the customer service provided by our waiter, AJ was wonderful! Floyd was to tired to go but we brought his dinner back with us. I'm so appreciative and thankful to everyone for the phone-calls, gifts, and cards I received. I don't want to miss thanking anyone so I won't call individual names but please know your thoughtfulness means the world to me! Joyce Brown from California called to check in on Charlie Smith.

Prayers for John Franklin, Betty Hardin and others that are sick and shut-in. Also prayers for Ruth Phillips, I hope you are feeling better; we miss you at the pool and want you to hurry back!

Thought for the week: "Love yourself enough to set boundaries. Your time and energy are precious and you get to choose how you use it. You teach people how to treat you by deciding what you will and won't accept! (Anna Taylor).

Have a Blessed week!

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Page 6B Sudoku

ANSWER:

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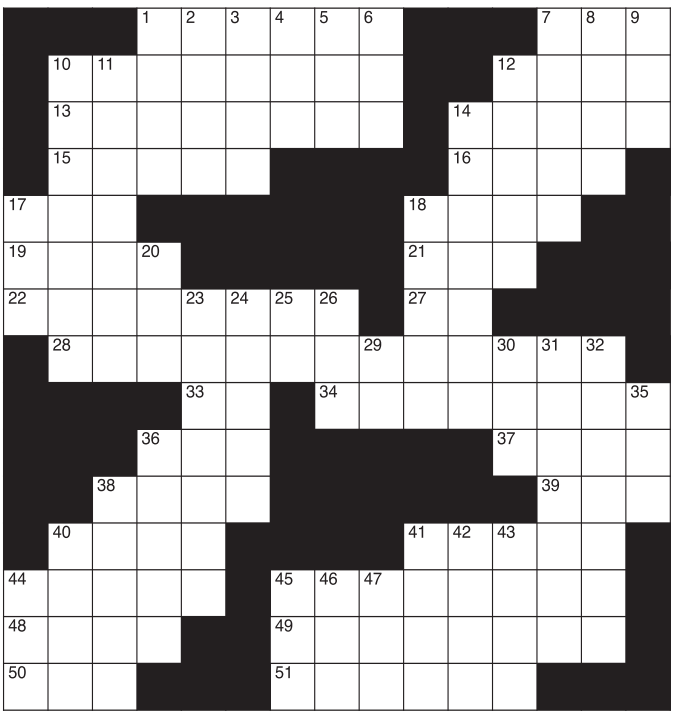
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CLUES ACROSS

1. A woman of refinement

7. Body part

10. One who imitates

12. Tropical Asian starlings

13. A type of delivery

14. W. Australian capital

15. Many wombs

16. Wings

17. Expression of amusement

18. Brews

19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese

21. Mild expression

22. Solitary

27. Distance to top

28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)

34. Begrudged

36. Popular sports league

37. Autonomous republic of Russia

38. Double-headed drum

39. Type of light bulb

40. Czech River

41. Male servants (Span.)

44. Previously

45. Minor

48. Metrical foot

49. Days that follow Mondays

50. Small European viper

51. News shows have one

CLUES DOWN

1. Inspiration

2. Resembling wings

3. Form of Persian

4. Consumed

5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

6. Sea eagle

7. Jaguarundis

8. Poker stake

9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

10. South American nation

11. A colorless, odorless gas

12. Disturbance

14. Artist's tool

17. Polish peninsula

18. Ottoman military leaders

20. Bird-like dinosaur

23. Drinking glass

24. Central Florida city
25. One's mother

26. To do it is human

29. Atomic #10

30. Used to write

31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear

32. Adversaries

35. Have already done

36. One of conspicuous wealth

38. It flies over sporting events

40. Geological times

41. Net

42. Musical phrase

43. Chadic dialect

44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)

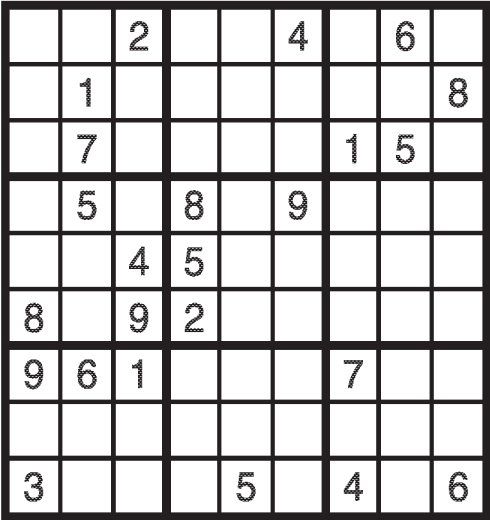
45. Lizard genus

46. Woman of the church

47. Having ten

Answers can be found on Page 5B

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U L I S F V H V F I E Y T A M F G L U J  
Y S L S S R Y E T K T R E R R I P O G I  
Y L W E E V D I S S I A E G U G T F I J  
S V M R B A N E T I B T M I S N F T T R  
H I Y S A G S B H J H M T M S Y W S A L  
F C I L O D G E T D A K O A A T S U F V  
V K N C G W I U G F A T H M R L I S T L  
S H F H K B Y C K Y P B L E M R F C L E  
W T E A E D Y T U M C I W H W G K N M  
E N C Y N A E S Y L S T J T F Y H A I S  
L I T V Y I D S S F O E U Y A J T F Y K  
L O I S N D P A B A M P C R C T V O O S  
I J O V L D M E C Y R C A E M R K S G B  
N S N R H D T V L H P G R T H N D H C E  
G V K I G I K Y D E I T D H C M B T N  
G J S D T I L U C S A V S K O Y T S L F  
H I Y H H S A R T U W O O D E D M N O K

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

COUNTRY

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POSSUM VALLEY  
KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Welcome back, y'all. Last Monday morning, I left home a little bit early so I could detour through old Sixteenth Section Rd., hoping to spy some Spring migrants. I stopped at the first clear-cut area and was quickly rewarded with a sighting of my FOS Common Yellowthroat and Orchard Oriole. I could hear a Prairie Warbler off in the distance, too. This area has always been good for migrants, but the trees have gotten so tall that it's difficult to see birds anymore. Also, the clear-cutting has everything looking as if a bomb was dropped but the birds seem to be adjusting.

Wednesday, I was off work and because of the storms, I did not go far afield to bird watch. Thankfully, the sun appeared between storms and the pups, and I were able to walk to the pond and back. I didn't want to walk too far with the threat of rain being imminent. This time of year, even close to home, the woods and fields are alive with birds, butterflies and insects. Unfortunately, some of those bugs are not very pleasant. As we drew near to the pond, I heard my FOS Great-crested Flycatcher and later, after returning home, I saw it. Butterflies are not active on cloudy days but once, when I was out on the porch, I saw movement among the Henbit and upon closer inspection, I saw a Hummingbird Moth. I rushed back inside to retrieve my camera and, par for the course, the moth was gone when I got back outside.

Thursday morning, I detoured through Sixteenth Section again. It was very

foggy so I couldn't see much, but the air was filled with a cacophony of bird song. I think I could hear a Yellow-breasted Chat off in the distance. I did see my FOS Prairie Warbler and was able to get a few pics. I made another foray through there on Friday and was rewarded with a FOS Eastern Towhee and an American Bittern.

We got up early on Saturday, because Rick had to work, then I went back to bed for a short nap. I had hoped the rain would hold off so I could do a little mowing since the yard flowers are fading. But no such luck. In between making pies, I sat out on the porch watching it come a toad strangler, deluge, rain cats and dogs and any other synonym for pure-dee pouring down rain one can think of. But before all the rain began, I did hear my FOS Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Summer Tanager and Brown-headed Nuthatch. Hopefully, once the rain stops, they'll come out in the open for me.

Saturday evening, Leigha invited us to join them for supper at the restaurant in Johnsville. We met them, along with Leigh's mother, and enjoyed a wonderful meal and family time. Thankfully, by then the rain had stopped. As a friend of mine said, she was beginning to see animals gathering two by two to enter an ark. If the old saying about April showers bringing May flowers holds true, we should have an abundance of beautiful flowers, which will be just fine with me.

Sunday morning dawned a little less wet, which gave us all a chance to get to church in time for early breakfast without getting soaked. Thanks to Barbie, Mark and their family for a wonderful 'cook to order' breakfast. We were then blessed with an ex-

tended song service presented by pretty much the entire Eubanks extended family. At one point, I think every grandchild and great grandchild of Eddie and Leona Eubanks stood together and sang an old hymn. I know Eddie and Leona were proud, but I know that Shorty Glen-non would have been proud, too, and would have been crying through the entire hymn. There is no doubt the Eubanks' legacy of faith and loyalty to God will be continued for years to come.

Justin then blessed us with a message from John 20: 1-18, 24-29 with some worship music and topped off with Justin praying over each family to end the service.

Rick had to work that afternoon so after he took me home and went to work, I spent time sitting on the porch, cleaning out the refrigerator and even mowed a little bit until I ran out of gas (myself and mower). All-in-all it was a wonderful, wet weekend.

Time for a corny joke. Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honeycombs! Ha ha!

That's my news for this week. Until next week, please, be safe, be happy and always be thankful to our God for His many blessings. He Lives!

WILMAR  
CHRIS RILEY

Wow, what a somber and blessed resurrection day Sunday. At First Baptist East Side, we were blessed with Sunday school at 10 a.m. taught by Janice Simpson. The lesson was titled, The Eternal Hope, from Matthew 28: 1-10.

Pastor Grayllin brought high points and the children brought out points at the 11 a.m. worship and Easter

program by the young people. I sang a solo and Pastor Simpson brought the word coming fro Philippians 3: 10-13, talking about our crucified and risen savior. There was a good attendance.

I talked to my children in Bryant. They did the last seven sayings of Christ. This was the first Easter I was not with my children but our love has no limits or boundaries.

Sorry to hear about the transitioning of Michael McCoy, Lou Lambert's brother and Terry Binns. We are really crossing over. But, we must e aware this present world is not our home. Make preparations for our new home. Our prayers and sympathy go. Out to all who are bereaved.

Joyce Shepherd Daniel was honored with a beautiful black and gold 60th birthday celebration at the Wilmar Center on Saturday. The sun rise breakfast held Saturday at the school cafeteria went well in spite of the weather.

I conversed with Joe Jones recently, who is in a Little Rock hospital. He was in rehab. His granddaughter April and other family was with him. Love will keep us together. I was glad too see Courtney Griddine who was home. She is in the Air Force and was one of my Head Start babies. She was a sweet little girl, its good to see them after they've grown up and have good careers.

Happy belated birthday to my cousin, Bertie Rowlett Leonard, April 16.

In memory of my son, Larry Lee Riley, his birthday would be April 23. I miss mama's boy and in memory of Bessie Orr, April 24, gone but not forgotten.

Now, until we meet again by paper and pen. Remember, sorrow looks back, worry looks around but faith looks up.

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