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SERVING DREW COUNTY SINCE 1870

Lindsey family named Drew Co. Farm Family of the Year

By ASHLEY HOGG
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Farming and agriculture are major drivers in the economy and lifestyle of Southeast Arkansas. Each year, Drew County chooses one family as the recipient of the Farm Family of the Year award. This year's winner is the Lindsey Family of Wilmar.

Now owner Dr. Rocky Lindsey, is a third generation farmer as well as a Veterinarian and Professor at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Peyton Place Farms, started by J.S. Gibson, Lindsey's maternal grandfather, is now the home to sheep, goats, guardian dogs, cattle and timber. In previous years, Peyton Place also held chicken houses.

"Protecting the environment is important to our sustainability," Lindsey stated. "Through the use of small ruminants we have greatly reduced our need

for chemicals. The goats have cleared much of the undergrowth in our set pines. Sheep prefer forbs. So much so, that we have used virtually no broad-leaf herbicide in the 70 acres (50 acres of pasture) in which they are fenced. The government programs that have been put in place to help with the feral hog population has made a large difference to our farms, greatly reducing the damage to our pastures. Planting winter annuals such as ryegrass has allowed us to finish beef on grass only. The ryegrass also competes with winter weeds decreasing the use of herbicides where they are planted."

Peyton Place operates today with Alice (daughter of J.S. Gibson and mother to Rocky Lindsey), Rocky, Alicia, Isaac and Jonah Lindsey.

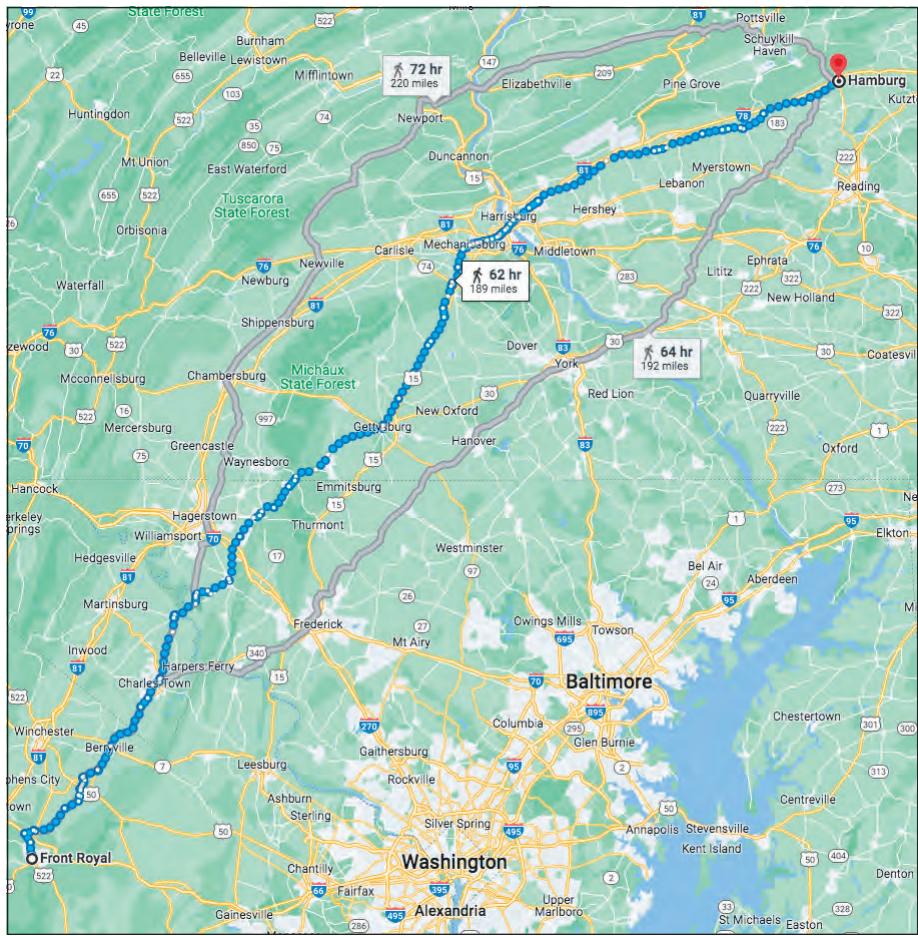
The annual Farm Family edition with full coverage of the Lindsey's and their farm operation will publish in June.



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THE LINDSEY FAMILY Pictured above (from left to right) Isaac Lindsey, Dr. Rocky Lindsey, Alice Lindsey, Alicia Lindsey and Jonah Lindsey.

AT update: Local hikers still on the trail



Google Maps photo

By: STEPHEN COBURN

As I write this, we have now covered 240 miles. One of the questions I often receive is, "Where do you sleep?" Along the trail you will find a variety of shelters and campsites. We prefer the shelter because it is easier at end of a long day. Shelters are built and maintained by Appalachian Trail Clubs. Sections of the trail are kept by the clubs. Some of the shelters are small sleeping 4-6 people. Other shelters are bigger sleeping up to 16 people. Sharing such a small space is interesting to say the least. You encounter loud snores, late night conversation, early morning wake ups, and food ideas. These shelters provide cover in bad weather and help create communities.

We are often asked by non-hikers about our food. What do you eat on trail? We typically carry 3-4 days of food. Dehydrated meals are common on the trail. Our favorite is chili mac with Fritos! We eat a lot

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DREW CO. REPUBLICAN PARTY SPONSORS DEBATE



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Last night, the two candidates for Drew County Judge met at the University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Forestry and Natural Resources. The Drew County Republican Party sponsored the debate. Pictured above are (left) Judge Robert Akin, (center) Dr. Carol Strong who moderated the debate and (right) Jesse Griffin. The room was packed with members of the Republican Party, former Justice of the Peace of Drew County and undecided voters. Since both candidates have filed as Republican, the Judge's race will be determined in the May primary. Early voting begins May 9.

SEARK EDUCATIONAL COOP PRESENTS AWARD



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The Southeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative held a reception at McCloy Park Thursday, April 28. They honored the local "Foster Grandparents" that work in area school districts. The family of the late Roselyn Busby were in attendance to present the first Roselyn Busby Volunteer of the Year Award to Fannie Mae Collins. The Foster Grandparent program is accepting volunteers age 55 years and older and meet a federal income guideline. For more information, call 870-367-4818.

First mural on Gaines St. complete



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COMPLETED WORK The first installation of murals on Gaines Street is finished. University of Arkansas at Monticello art students, along with Professor Tom Richard, finished the mural, which was sponsored by Union Bank, last week. For photos of the art process and more information, see the April 27 edition of the Advance-Monticellonian.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

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.

Miracles and Music Fundraiser

Seark Miracle League will host a live and silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, May 13 at The Ridge on Wilson Mill. There will be live music and crawfish. Tickets are \$50. Contact Gay Pace at 870-723-6466 or Amanda Killingsworth at 870-224-6162 for tickets.

SUNDAY, MAY 15
Church Homecoming celebration

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church will host its 90th year homecoming at 11 a.m., Sunday, May 15. Bro. Alvin McMahon will hold service and there will be music by Kelley Payne. A pot luck lunch will follow. Everyone is invited to attend.

FRIDAY, MAY 27
Virtual Dementia Tour

Transitions/IOP at Drew Memorial Hospital is hosting an Open House of Transitions/IOP and an educational event (Virtual Dementia Tour) to the community. The Virtual Dementia Tour is free and open to everyone. We are encouraging professional and family care givers to attend. We are offering 3 sessions (10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) that day and individuals need to call ahead to reserve a spot before they are filled.

ONGOING
City recycling guidelines

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

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

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

Monticello City Council Meeting

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

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, Monticello Branch, 114 West Jefferson Avenue, is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Masks are required while entering, exiting or walking around the library. Masks may be removed while seated. Social distancing of 6 feet between individuals. Hand sanitizer is available upon entering the building and at the front desk. Call the library at 870-367-8583. Fax, copying and printing services are available. Public WiFi is available inside and from the parking lot. The password is books2015.

Information and referral outreach office now open

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions Community Development Organization announces the opening of its Information and Referral Outreach Office, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office will be open Tuesdays only. Services will include but are not limited to, COVID-19 relief information, pharmacy assistance referrals for free and reduced prescription medications, help with disability applications and other health and human services needs. Delta Solutions is a non-profit organization, serving residents in Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha and Drew counties. It's primary focus is Education, Housing, Health and Wellness, Economic Development, Community Development, Housing, Food Insecurity, and Financial Literacy.

The office is located at Revival Center Church's Business office complex. For service, please use the front entrance at 311 South Pine in Monticello. For questions or to schedule an appointment, one may call Mrs. Linda Austin at (870) 740-1093.

Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education Meeting

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

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

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

VFW Auxiliary


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

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

Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting

The Drew County Democratic Party is hosting monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of each month through November. The meeting location is the Wilmar Community Center 2506 Hwy 278 West. The venue is set up for social distancing and mask recommended. The meeting starts at 6pm. All interested parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact President Peggy Orr 870-224-2416.

Senior Center LUNCH



May 4 - May 12

Wednesday: *Roasted pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, lima beans, lemon cake, roll*

Thursday: *Baked chicken, wild rice, broccoli, biscuit, pudding cup*

Friday: *Cheeseburgers (lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle), tots, cookie*

Monday: *Veggie beef soup, cornbread, brownie*

Tuesday: *Sweet-sour chicken, rice, broccoli, eggroll, cookie*

Wednesday: *Pot roast w/ carrots & potatoes, purple hull peas, peach cobbler*

Thursday: *Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, fried okra, cookie, roll*

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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Monticello Police Chief Jason Akers announces candidacy for Mayor of Monticello

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Akers has been in public service as a law enforcement officer for over 28 years, where he currently serves as Chief of Police in Monticello. While at MPD, Chief Akers has led with a proactive and progressive approach. Akers implemented the Department's first policy and proce-

dure manual, written/skills testing for hiring and promotions to ensure fairness and led Monticello to having one of the few state accredited police departments. As Chief, Akers established a multitude of successful programs including K-9, Search and Rescue drone, computer equipped patrol vehicles,

food programs for those in need and free security training for local churches. Most programs were possible all or in part using grant or previously available



AKERS

funds. Chief Akers was recently recognized by the Secretary of Defense as a Patriotic Employer and represents the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police as an appointee to the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council. Akers also serves on the Board of Options, Incorporated Domestic Violence Shelter for Women.

"All of MPD's accomplishments are due to teamwork and coalition building between officers, the community, city council members, and the Mayor's Office," Akers said. "When we are all working together with a shared vision and willingness to

listen to each other, we will solve problems together and get things done. I believe our citizens deserve that level of leadership and dedication from their public officials. With your vote in November for Mayor, I will continue to press the fight to move Monticello forward on all fronts for all of our citizens".

Wells announces intent for re-election to School Board

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Keith Wells of Monticello is seeking re-election to the Monticello School District school board zone 2. Wells stated, "I have served the children of Monticello, their parents, and this community for 12 years. It is my intention to continue because there is a lot more work to get done." Wells stated that he was instrumental in passing three millages of which will be used to erect a new Monticello Billie gym. Wells is a husband, father and businessman. His son, Keith Wells Jr., has signed an intent to play as a Boll Weevil at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He stated, "This direction shows the care that I



WELLS

have for this community, including on the college level. These children are my heart. I am sentimental about my job because it was Monticello Schools and its leaders who gave me a chance to be who I am today. I want to pass those chances on to these beautiful children of our town." Accumulating over 200 hours in ASBA hours, Wells was awarded outstanding board member in 2011, Master board member in 2012, and the Pinnacle award in 2019. Wells continues to progress in

leadership as he was instrumental in becoming a liaison between the school district and the community to launch character building days. "I am not just another board member; I am involved and I am not afraid to speak when necessary for my community. My work speaks for itself." "My work goes beyond the school district so that I can help my school district. I work on a state level and attend workshops and events that will help me, help others. I believe a vote for Keith Wells is a vote for progress!" he concluded.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

In America today, approximately 1 out of 5 Americans is suffering with a mental health issue; and approximately 1 in 25 adults is experiencing a serious mental illness that substantially interferes with one or more major life activities. The pandemic has further compounded the impact on mental health. Admissions to ERs have increased by 24 percent; the rate of suicides has increased; fatal overdoses have increased. Seventy-six percent of workers have indicated they are struggling with mental health challenges, up from 59 percent in 2019.* Left unaddressed, the negative impact will increase. The

time to act is now. As CEO of The BridgeWay, my staff and I have the privilege of serving many members of our community who are experiencing some of the most challenging times of their lives – mental illnesses that are often invisible to the casual observer in ways that physical illnesses are not. As a behavioral health industry, we must build capacity to serve the need attracting new providers, expanding our workforce, investing in prevention, and reducing barriers to care. May is Mental Health Awareness month, providing an opportunity for reflection and collective action to address the stigma prevent-

ing individuals from getting the care they need. The good news is that there is hope and available resources for recovery. Today, positive outcomes are not only possible, they are experienced every day. Like chronic physical illness, mental illness can be diagnosed and effectively managed. Individuals who were once in despair can go on to live their best lives. This is highly rewarding and one reason I chose to work in this field. What can we do within our communities to recognize the signs of mental health challenges and assist those in need of care and treatment? See **MENTAL HEALTH** Page 6A

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Arkansas' Example for Workforce Development Success

During the in-state work period I had the opportunity to travel across the state and meet with hardworking Arkansans, small business owners and local leaders. No matter where I was, the topics of concern were the same: border security, skyrocketing inflation, high cost of energy and labor shortages. These economic challenges gripping the nation are impacting families, businesses and communities and we're all making adjustments.

Small businesses are increasingly facing staffing shortages. According to a recent report by the National Federation of Independent Business, vacancies are most prevalent in the transportation, construction and manufacturing industries where many of the positions require specialized training and skills.

The good news is Arkansas has already created a strong foundation to produce a pipeline of skilled laborers. It's happening all over the state. Manufacturers are partnering with local schools to promote the trade skills required among businesses in the area and customizing training to meet those needs.

In El Dorado, I toured the Charles A. Hays Manufacturing Center at South Arkansas Community College and saw the instructional tools used to provide students with the training they need for successful employment in the region. Well-paying jobs are available. Employers are anxious to hire. Learning skills to seamlessly transition from the classroom to career is mutually beneficial.

This is the model for success to attract and train the next generation of skilled laborers. It's just one example of the collaboration between the business and education communities in Arkansas. Similar partnerships exist all across the state.

The Peak Innovation Center in Fort Smith connects high schools students with training and technology so those who join the workforce after graduation are qualified to fill these in-demand jobs. It also provides specialty training and classes for credit toward advanced degrees. In addition, the city recently celebrated the opening of the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Center for Economic Development as another place where community members can hone their skills and explore new careers.

In Russellville, the Arkansas/Oklahoma Carpenters Training Center is helping close the existing gap in carpentry and machinery careers. The training that will be offered at this new location aims to promote hands-on experience with the tools and equipment common on modern jobsites for successful careers in construction.

The statewide Be Pro, Be Proud initiative, a mobile center offering young Arkansans the ability to explore their interests and how they correspond with technical-skilled careers has been successful in opening doors to well-paying careers.

I'm proud to support workforce development initiatives like these. Rather than focusing on the labor shortage at hand, the Biden administration has remained inflexible and continues to pursue policies like canceling student loan debt that will only serve to increase the burden of inflation and do nothing to prepare the next generation workforce our communities need right now.

Thankfully, in Arkansas we have leaders who have already been creating workforce development opportunities for skilled labor. I will continue to push for solutions to help spur economic growth and development so Arkansas families have the tools and skills for success and job creators find the employees right here in their backyard to meet their demand and lay the groundwork for future growth.

Being a mom to Fred is never dull

As Mothers Day is upon us, I think about how incredibly blessed I am to have birthed a child like Fred. She is tenacious, outgoing, smart and very loving. As some of you may remember, it was quite the journey getting



ASHLEY HOGG
EDITOR

her here safely. Each Mothers Day, I am reminded of my fortune and I remember and pray for all the ladies out there who are trying to become mothers.

For more than three years, Fred's father and I experienced infertility. We had multiple tests done and I underwent two surgeries. Y'all know, being in the hospital is my literal least favorite thing in the entire world. To say it was a tough time for us, would be a major understatement.

I can remember crying and begging for an answer. Why me? Why us? We had done everything right, in the right order and were equipped to take care of a child. So many tears were shed during that time period.

As I began to share my story with people, I found that I was not alone. Countless other



women were experiencing similar situations to mine. While that brought me a little peace in knowing I had people I could express my sadness and anger to, I was still not a very pleasant person during this time.

Then one day, it happened. I vomited in the shower out of no where at only three weeks gestation. After so many disappointments, I hesitated to even take a test. I wasn't sure my heart could handle another negative result.

After the second time I vomited and felt no other kind illness, I broke down and quite re-

luctantly bought the white and pink box with two tests in it.

When I saw those pink lines, the shock that filled my body is indescribable. I told Fred's father and he dropped the full laundry basket he was holding. Uncontrollable tears of joy ran down my face for the next 12 hours. After that, I started vomiting again and basically didn't stop until she was born.

I stayed sick the entire 39 weeks. I lost so much weight and I was so scared my baby was going to be so small and malnourished.

Thankfully, God knows what he is doing and he kept Fred healthy the entire time. It was just me that looked like a weird, skinny but somehow swollen vampire. I still owe Dr. Jeff Reinhart and his staff a major Christmas present for dealing with me and keeping me healthy and mostly sane during that period.

I've managed to keep Fred alive and she will be seven this year. Time really does fly. I could never have done it without my own mother and the incredible tribe of people that love Fred.

I will never win Mother of the Year but, I
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The importance of free speech

The freedom of speech is one of the bedrock principles upon which our country was founded. The purchase of Twitter by the world's richest man this week has reignited the discussion surrounding free speech, and I'd like to share my thoughts on the importance of this freedom.



ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Social media censorship has been a concern of many Americans for years. While platforms like Facebook and Twitter are privately owned companies that

set their own rules for the service they provide, the concern over the spread of misinformation and disinformation on these sites is one shared by millions of Americans.

There is equal concern over how these private companies censor or ban certain speech, and the argument is that the platforms are, in essence, the public square where speech should not be limited.

These worries have led some elected leaders to call for increased censorship, while others have called for a hands-off approach.

Throughout our nation's history, especially in times of war and turmoil, Americans have spilled a lot of ink about what speech, if any, should be limited by the government. The government plays a necessary role in ensuring public safety and protecting its citizens from violence. In other words, no one should be allowed to shout "fire" in a crowded theater.

Since the advent of the internet and social media, bad actors, such as violent terrorists who wish to

harm us, have used these platforms to stir up unrest and recruit others to join their causes to harm others. This has been seen throughout the world, especially since the September 11th attack on the United States. In the wake of these horrific events, organizations like al-Qaeda, ISIS, and the Taliban have used the internet and recruited and radicalized citizens around the world to commit acts of terrorism in their home countries or join their fight overseas.

These are legitimate threats that can interfere with the government's commitment to ensure domestic tranquility and to provide for the common defense. It is important for these social media platforms to assure they do not cross the line into advocating violence.

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Crime Victims Reparations Board doing good things in Arkansas

The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board is one of the smallest and least known state agencies, but it helps thousands of people every year.



BEN GILMORE
ARKANSAS SENATE REPORT

Last year the board awarded claims to 1,900 crime victims, 1,335 were victims of sexual assault and 565 were victims other crimes.

When a crime victim applies for financial help, it takes about six months to grant an award. It didn't used to take as long, but the

board's staff was reduced from seven to five a couple of years ago.

The investigator who verifies sexual assault claims has more than 1,200 pending applications pending. There are 335 claims pending from victims of other crimes, the board told legislators on the Joint Performance Review Committee.

Examples of payments made last year include help with funeral expenses for murder victims, help with medical expenses for women abused by their husbands and help with medical expenses for people injured in car wrecks caused by drunk drivers.

Help paying funeral expenses is the largest category of claims paid

out by the board. Almost half of the payouts last year for were for funeral expenses. The board can award up to \$7,500 for funeral expenses.

Legislators questioned the second largest category, for forensic exams, which made up almost 36 percent of payouts. While agreeing that victims should not have to pay for forensic exams.

The exams are part of the evidence kit that has to be presented at criminal trials, and legislators questioned whether the payouts should be considered reparations to victims.

If other law enforcement agen-

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Teachers are the heart of our educational system

They inspire hope and instill a life-long love of learning.

The week of May 2 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. It's a perfect time to show our appreciation to the 41,000 teachers in our state



HOWARD BEATY
ARKANSAS HOUSE REPORT

who lend their passion and skills to educate our students.

The commitment and innovation of our teachers have helped lead our schools through one of the most challenging times for education in recent years.

There are many ways Arkansans can show their appreciation such as participating or planning events with your PTA, sending heartfelt cards and messages, or offering discounts at your place of business.

Making sure our teachers feel valued and want to continue the profession are important factors in determining funding for education. The House and Senate Education Committees are currently conducting the Educational Adequacy Study. This study evaluates the entire spectrum of public education to determine whether students receive equal opportunity for an adequate education. Members spend a great deal of time reviewing teacher salaries and recruitment as part of the study.

In 2019, the General Assembly passed legislation increasing the minimum pay for teachers. In the most recent Regular Session, we passed Act 680 which seeks to raise the average salary by creating the Teacher Salary Equalization Fund. The bill outlines a statewide target average salary of \$51,822 for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. This bill would direct the Department of Education to disperse money from the Equalization Fund to districts whose average teacher salary falls below \$51,822.

The General Assembly is also consistently reviewing ways to recruit more qualified teachers. In the 2021 Regular Session we passed ACT

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Letter to the Editor: Help each other

By: BRANDIE EVERETT

In recent years, teacher shortages have become an increasing concern in education. The covid pandemic helped bring out these issues as more teachers began leaving the classroom. A Japanese proverb stated, “Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.” Students need great teachers! So, how do we recruit and retain great teachers?

Let’s begin by promoting our profession in the high school setting. Students should be provided the opportunity to work in classrooms and help current teachers at all grade levels. Teachers should encourage students to create or be members of future educator clubs, such as Teachers of Tomorrow. Invite colleges into the high school to further student interest and develop a relationship between the students and

their education programs. I recently asked teachers in a poll what they needed to stay in their profession. The most common answers were, “smaller class sizes and support from administration.” In smaller classrooms, the teacher can pull students and work with them in small groups or provide more one-on-one instruction. Smaller classes can also help prevent behavioral disruptions, which allows for more instructional time. Any teacher that has had seventeen or less students would agree that they could accomplish much more than having twenty or more. Administrators, remember what it is like to be in the classroom. There was a time when you needed help from your administrator, too. If you haven’t been in the classroom in several years, try your best to get into them as much as

possible. Teachers are doing the best that they can. Trust your teachers and be approachable. They should feel comfortable coming to you and seeking advice because as a leader, you are also a coach. Teachers, let’s help each other! Build one another up. Share ideas with one another. Ask others for help. And most importantly, know that YOU are making a difference. *Brandie Everett, Ed.S., is a lifelong resident of Monticello, Arkansas. She is a fourth-grade teacher at Drew Central Elementary where she serves as the Family and Community Engagement Facilitator and Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Coach. She is a 2021-2022 Arkansas State Teachers Association (ASTA) Advocacy Fellow and has served in education for ten years.*

BEATY

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646 which provides that by August 1, 2022, each public school district and open enrollment public charter school in the state shall

prepare a three-year teacher and administrator recruitment and retention plan. The act provides that the Department of Education shall set goals for increasing the number of teachers and administrators of minority races and ethnicities in this

state. We will continue to explore ways to recruit and retain teachers in the months ahead. Meanwhile, let’s all take a moment this week to let our teachers know how valuable their work has been in our communities.

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am OK with that. Fred is perfectly normal, but most

importantly, healthy and happy. Being a mother has been the most all consuming adventure of my life. I can’t believe I got Fred, but I am so thankful I did.

Remember your mothers this week, without them, you wouldn’t be here. And if you are in the infertility process, please know I am praying for you.

GILMORE

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cies paid for the forensic exams, the board would have more funds to make true reparations to crime victims. Other questions from lawmakers concerned mental health. The board pays up to \$2,500 each for in-patient and out-patient counseling,

but according to crime victims who spoke to the committee, the typical six-month delay in awarding claims can be too late for victims who need immediate mental health services. The board also makes payments to victims who lose income because they cannot work. In homicide cases the board can help pay for cleaning up the crime scene. Also

in homicide cases, the board can make payouts to dependents of murder victims for loss of financial support. Claims are not awarded for attorneys’ fees, pain and suffering or property damage. The board is a payer of last resort, and is not a substitute for federally subsidized health programs like Medicaid or Medicare. The total amount in claims

2022 Arkansas Century Farm Applications due May 31

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 2022 Arkansas Century Farm program. This program recognizes Arkansas families who have owned and farmed the same land for at least 100 years. “Arkansas Century Farm families have persevered for at least ten decades and have contributed greatly in making Arkansas agriculture the success story that it is today,” said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. “As Arkansas’s largest industry, agriculture contributes \$19.4 billion to the state’s economy annually and provides one in six jobs.” To qualify, Arkansas farms must meet the following criteria:

- The same family must have owned the farm for 100 years by Dec. 31, 2022. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings, and nephews or nieces, including through marriage and adoption.
- The farm must be at least ten acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

Online and printable applications are available at agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture-services/arkansas-century-farm-program/. Ap-

plications must be received via email or postmarked on or before May 31, 2022 to be eligible for designation as a 2022 inductee. There is no cost to apply for the program. Qualifying Arkansas farms will receive a personalized Arkansas Century Farm certificate and metal sign listing the farm name and year established. Contact Beth Moore at 501-539-4027 or beth.moore@agriculture.arkansas.gov with questions. Arkansas is home to more than 42,200 farms, of which 96 percent are family owned and operated. Since the program began in 2012, 526 farms have been certified. Find a list of previously inducted Arkansas Century Farm families at agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture-services/arkansas-century-farm-program/. The Department is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HUTCHINSON

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But there is a difference between citizens engaging in speech directly intended to cause violence that is illegal and those engaging in speech we may not agree with. In his dissent in the 1929 case of U.S. v. Schwimmer, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes noted, “If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively

calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought — not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate.” The American Ideal calls for us to live in a nation where we can agree to disagree with our neighbors, have robust debate, and still live peaceably. The Bill of Rights identifies rights that the government may not infringe; it prohibits government from interfering with

these rights that are essential to our freedoms, the rule of law, and our democracy. I often see negative and hateful comments on social media. But despite this negativity, I am grateful to live in a nation where the rights of those who disagree can voice their opinions freely and without persecution. Whenever I check my Twitter account, I’ll be appreciative of the protection of freedoms we’re blessed to experience in this country.

paid last year was close to \$1.6 million. Next year the board will have about \$2.5 million to pay claims, because its members asked the legislature for a steady source of revenue and it receive \$2.3 million in general revenue.

The board also gets revenue from court costs and restitution paid by convicted offenders, but those sources of money are not steady. Restitution usually brings in from \$85,000 to \$90,000 a year, and revenue from court

costs have declined over the past several years. The board gets federal grants, and the governor and the attorney general have allocated money from special funds.



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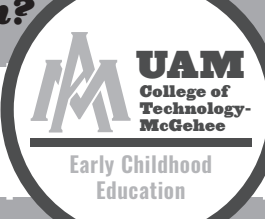


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Monticello Elementary School combines literacy and behavior with a book vending machine

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Monticello Elementary School students and teachers are excited about the Book Vending Machine recently acquired for their campus. Students can earn a token from teachers and adult staff on campus by exhibiting

“Billie Behavior.” Billie Behavior students practice good listening skills, paying attention to their teacher, following instructions and showing kindness toward classmates. “Each book choice requires only 1 token” according to Mrs. Kelly Hudson, MES Li-

brarian. Mrs. Hudson presented the idea, taken from a Facebook group, of purchasing the Book Vending Machine to Mrs. Cindy Hilburn, MES Principal. “Mrs. Hilburn was very open to the benefits of the Book Vending Machine for the students as a

fun alternative to promote interest in literacy while increasing positive behavior” according to Mrs. Hudson.

“I absolutely love the book vending machine! This is a great way to help build up our students and their family home

libraries. The look of excitement when that coveted gold coin is placed in their hand is priceless! I try to find students that are making positive choices, doing their best, and who may not have books like this already at home to enjoy. It’s wonder-

ful how the whole school is involved and anyone can give any child a gold coin for a reward. Thank you, Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Hilburn, for this amazing opportunity!” Said Laura Clampit, Kindergarten teacher.

MMS announces Honor Roll

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A's and B's 8th Grade

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All B's 8th Grade:

Ava Hargis.

Sounding The CALL for National Foster Care Awareness Month

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Each May, since 1988, National Foster Care Month has raised awareness for millions of Americans across the country. Today, National Foster Care Month continues to broaden aware-ness, uniting individuals and organi-zations through strong support and recruitment programs nationwide. This month, The CALL will focus on ways YOU can get involved, whether as a foster or adoptive parent or by uti-lizing your gifts and talents to benefit families and children.

For a child or youth in foster care, life is uncertain. While their parents work to address the needs of the home and restore the family unit, children and youth need a safe, loving place where they can heal from the trauma they have experienced. The CALL mobilizes local churches to raise up and support families to serve local children and families by providing children and youth in foster care what they need

most – a family.

"Fostering can be isolating, but it's not meant to be done alone. The CALL helps to fill in all the gaps that make taking care of these kids what it's sup-posed to be!" The Fouraker Family

The need for more families to open their homes to fostering is great. Cur-rently, there are approximately 4,628 children in foster care statewide and 1,690 foster families open to care for them. On average, 20 children across Arkansas are removed from their homes and placed in the foster care system every day. More than 7,000 children spend time in foster care in Arkansas each year. Arkansas needs 2,500 more foster homes to have more than enough families waiting to care for these children and youth during their time in foster care. When parents cannot keep their children due to cri-sis, neglect, or abuse, these children enter the foster care system needing safe homes with loving arms to take

them in and care for them. In 2021, The CALL had over 774 foster homes serving through their ministry that cared for 3,275 children and youth.

"We began fostering in 2009 be-fore we had The CALL in our county. We have fostered with the support of The CALL and without. The difference is night and day. The CALL gives my family the extra support we need to continue fostering. Whether its clothes for the kids, essential baby and child gear, or a meal for our family, The CALL is there to meet our ever-chang-ing needs and is such a blessing to our family." The Foster Family

This month, The CALL is launching a campaign to highlight “Why Foster Care?” focusing on the need for addi-tional foster families and how every-one can get involved to serve these children and families.

For more information on how you can become a hero to a child in foster care, contact The CALL.

SEARK Reading Council hosts meeting

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Members of SEARK Reading Coun-cil nominated literacy leaders from Southeast Arkansas to be honored at this year's Celebrate Literacy Spring meeting that was held April 25, at Bel-la Luna Restaurant. Latanza Atkins, Vice-President, presented awards to this year's recipients. Kallee Laudell, a 7th grade Monticello Middle School student placed second in the Arkansas Literacy Association state writing con-test.

SEARK Reading Council also hon-ored and recognized two educators who were nominated by their peers and co-workers as Literacy Educator Leaders in Southeast Arkansas: Kari Newton, Principal at Jimmy Brown Elementary School in Star City and Melissa Grantham, high school En-glish teacher at Dewitt High School. Both educators have gone above and beyond throughout this school year to promote literacy within their school and district.

Lastly, Karen Robinson, K-12 Liter-acy Specialist at the Southeast Coop, was given the Educator in Literacy Award for her work throughout South-east Arkansas in Literacy.

SEARK Reading Council is proud to present these recipients awards and honors for all of their hard work in helping the students of Southeast Arkansas become lifelong readers. SEARK Reading Council meets three times per year and has the primary



Photo courtesy of Cindy Flemister

SEARK Reading Council Vice President Latanza Atkins, (left) presents the Educator in Literacy award to Karen Robinson (right) at the recent Celebrate Literacy Meeting.

goal of getting books into the hands of children in Southeast Arkansas. If you are interested in becoming a mem-

ber of SEARK Reading Council, visit arareading.org and click on the join tab to join online.

MENTAL HEALTH

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- Listen and show understand-ing: If you suspect a loved one is struggling, offer to listen and en-courage them to seek professional help.
- Share the Lifeline number (800-273-TALK) – a 24/7, free and confidential support line. Military veterans may press ‘1’ for dedicated support.
- Learn about the implementa-tion of the new 988 crisis line in your community this summer.
- In case of acute emergency, dial 911 or go to the nearest emergency

room. Suicide is often preventable when people at risk receive the sup-port that they need.

- Our schools should encourage students to pursue careers in men-tal health fields, whether through nursing, medical or vocational pro-grams. We need to inspire the next generation of talented profession-als.

Our community must align for the best outcomes to support these vulnerable individuals. Working together, we can improve the lives of Americans suffering with men-tal health concerns, not just during this month, but every month in ev-ery community across the country.

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of Ramen Noodles! Some of the meals are hit and miss, but aren’t too bad. You do get

hungry and enjoy when you can stop at a restaurant. One night I ate about 5000 calories at Wendy’s! Snacks during the day are also important to main-tain energy and strength. Trail mix, energy bars, snickers, and

Oreo’s keep us moving.

We are currently about half way through Pennsylvania. We hope to enter New Jersey in a couple of weeks. But first, we have to navigate through boul-ders in “Rocksylvania”. The

rocks are relentless! So there are days it is a slow go, at least for us. It is important to not get caught up in the miles others are hiking. Hikers say, “hike your own hike.”

We are still on course to ar-

rive in Maine in late July or early August. Until then, we keep walking! Every morning Jane asks me, “What are we going to do today?” I respond, “ We get to hike the AT!” So, we hike on! We are amazed by

the beauty and grateful for the opportunity to experience and explore this great country. You can also follow our adventure on Facebook @SCoburnImag-es. Stay present and be encour-aged!

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Connie Jane Saxon

Connie Jane Saxon of Wilmar, was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She left this world suddenly on April 10, at the age of 67.

She was preceded in death by her parents Otis and Mamie Sherrill and two brothers Glen Sherrill and Joe Sherrill. She is sur-



SAXON

Davidson (Len Odom) and Karrie Johnson (Brandon), step-daughter Kimberly Saxon and step-son Darrell

vived by her greatest love, her husband Bobby Saxon, the loves of her life, her twin daughters Kimberly

Davidson (Len Odom) and Karrie Johnson (Brandon), step-daughter Kimberly Saxon and step-son Darrell

Saxon, five grandchildren, Whitney Clardy (Michael), McKenzie Davidson, Jaxon Davidson, Piper Johnson, Brooks Johnson, and two great granddaughters Ada and Vera Clardy, two sisters Linda Gerard (Oscar) and Debra Holder (Johnny) and numerous nieces and nephews and her two fur babies, that never left her side, Indy and Sophie.

Connie was born in Dumas. She graduated high school from Watson, and worked at First Arkansas Insurance in Dumas as an insurance agent. Connie loved being outdoors working in her flower beds and in her yard. She loved spending time with her girls and grand-babies. Connie will be missed dearly by everyone that knew her. She touched

the lives of many with her fun-loving southern charm and a smile one will never forget.

No formal funeral services will hold. The family will have a celebration of life for Connie at 2 p.m., Saturday May 7, 2022 at their family place on Belco Lake in Watson. Family and close friends are all invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please

make a donation in honor of Connie Saxon to one of her favorite charities: the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org, the Humane Society at www.humanesociety.org/memorial or St. Jude's Hospital at http://giftfunds.stjude.org/Connie_saxon

Arrangements have been entrusted to A Natural State Funeral Service. www.anaturalstatefuneralservice.com

UAM celebrates Arbor Day

By: LON TEGELS

Arbor Day is traditionally recognized on the last Friday of April. This year is special because it also recognizes the 150th Anniversary of the tree-planting holiday. As a Tree Campus Higher Education, University of Arkansas at Monticello held its Arbor Day recognition last Thursday. Chancellor Dr. Peggy Doss opened the ceremony by describing the history of the first Arbor Day and why University of Arkansas at Monticello participates in the Tree Campus Higher Education program.

Forestry Professor Emeritus Dr. Lynne Thompson educated attendees on selecting a tree planting site and what species might work best with specific geographic locations.

Mr. Harold Fisher with the Arkansas Forestry Division gave an in-depth demonstration of how to plant a tree. Fisher, along with several forestry students from

the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, planted an American elm tree, filled in the hole, covered it in mulch, and finished with a good healthy drink of water. Fisher wrapped up his presentation with a discussion of how to care for trees after planting in terms of watering and pruning.

Forest Health associate professor Dr. Mohammad Bataineh then taught attendees about how the American elm they planted is a remarkable achievement because much of the species has been lost to Dutch elm disease. A large research effort in tree breeding led to American elms that are now resistant to the disease.

With the assistance of forestry students, Dr. Thompson proceeded to plant two more trees after the ceremony at the UAM Museum. Thompson said the Pin Oak and Chinkapin Oak saplings and the Amer-



Photo courtesy of UAM

ican elm tree were donated by the Arkansas Forestry Division. The species will be used to help improve the variety of trees used on campus for plant identification classes. Thompson said the university was lacking those species of trees.

The University of Arkansas at Monticello is a comprehensive system of postsecondary education in Southeast Arkansas. UAM offers more than 70

distinct academic tracks for students seeking graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs. The Monticello campus offers associate, baccalaureate, and selected master's degrees. The UAM Colleges of Technology in Crossett and McGehee provide classes leading to certificates of proficiency, technical certificates, and associates of applied science degrees.

Local FFA Member Named Finalist for the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Emma Miller from the Alma FFA Chapter was named a finalist for the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute at the 95th Arkansas FFA State Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, April 25-27.

Miller's paper focused on sustainable agriculture in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She discussed the removal of trees without harming the environment.

Miller is the daughter of Anna and James Miller. Her FFA advisor is Brittany Leek.

The Arkansas Youth Institute was held on the University of Arkansas

campus April 7. During the institute students discussed global challenges with experts, local leaders and their peers.

FFA is an integral part of the Agricultural Education division in the Arkansas Department of Career Education. The Arkansas FFA Association has more than 15,900 members and 229 chapters. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. To learn more about the Arkansas FFA, visit arkansasffa.org.

MPD completes Duty to Intervene Training

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

According to Monticello Police Chief Jason Akers, the Monticello Police Department completed its annual training on the department's Duty to Intervene Policy last Saturday.

Chief Akers enacted this policy shortly after the George Floyd incident in Minneapolis, Minn. when a Minneapolis officer knelt on Floyd's neck for 8-9 minutes, contributing to Floyd's

death.

The MPD policy requires officers to intervene if they see another law enforcement officer using excessive or unnecessary force. Officers who disobey the policy can be terminated and charged criminally.

MPD's policy differs from similar departments policies, as it is more stringent and states MPD officers are to intervene if they see ANY officer from ANY depart-


ment using excessive force or refusing to provide medical aid to an individual in need.

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Frank Spain conducted the course for the police department, which is taught annually by MPD.

"MPD strives to set the example for professionalism, transparency and accountability," Akers stated. "Our citizens deserve the best trained department possible

and we intend on continuing to give them that".

The course was held at Pauline Baptist Church.



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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Church Sale: Pentecostal Church of God in Christ 111 East Briarcliff Street in Monticello. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. has for sale: Ashley sofa in excellent condition, 4 good tires for a car 17inch, Two sets of camo sheets, 1 gallon of transmission fluid, small two drawer night stand (black), One set of new crutches, one right leg boot (for injured leg), Tucker wear trays, Cups & Saucers and plates, One queen size bed, One large 12 x 12 rug, One cash register., Baseball pants for boys (size 8 to 12). School pencils. Two pair of boots , mens or boys (size 8). For the ones that are truly interested in any of these items please call Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. at 870-281-4863. Located in the Market Place parking lot every Saturday. 4tf 10/25

Hope Place

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

Fight Hunger

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

Historical Preservation Funds Needed For Enon School

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

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

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

The Advance classifieds are online! www.advancemonticellonian.com. Log on now and click on the E-Edition. You can also place your classified ads online or by calling 870.367.5325.

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 5/28

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GARAGE SALE

May 6 & 7 8AM - 2PM 243 Whitetail Lane Monticello 1pd 5/7

HELP WANTED

Faith Missionary Baptist Church accepting bids for a groundskeeper (mowing, weed eating, etc.) To place bids and for specific details, call Charlie Barnard at 870-820-8155. 1 pd 5/7

MISCELLANEOUS



For sale: Ampeg SVT-450 bass amplifier and 4-10 cabinet. Really good shape. \$550. Call 870-224-5646. 5/21 4tc

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 5/28

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

PETS

Free to a good home, male kitten. call 723-4920 1f 5/7

If you have deer meat you aren't going to use, please donate it to my cat Purrcy, 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

See **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 10A

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION

**2022 PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HERE GIVEN THAT BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN US BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY, NON-PARTISAN AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS, ON **TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022** BETWEEN THE HOURS 7:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M. AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING PLACES:

ABSENTEE.....COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE OPENED, PROCESSED, CANVASSED AND COUNTED IN THE COURTHOUSE CLUBROOM BEGINNING AT 1:30 P.M. ON MAY 24, 2022.

EARLY VOTING.....COURTHOUSE CLUBROOM
EARLY VOTE: MAY 9, 2022 – MAY 20, 2022 MON-FRI 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
SAT. MAY 14 AND MAY 21 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, MON. MAY 23 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

ELECTION DAY, MAY 24, 2022
VOTE AT ANY LOCATION 7:30 AM – 7:30 PM
ETHEL HAWKINS LIFE CENTER, 527 E. MCCLOY, MONTICELLO

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 915 HWY 425 N, BUILDING B, MONTICELLO

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 821 N MAIN, MONTICELLO

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 317 SOUTH MAIN, MONTICELLO

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TILLAR CITY LIBRARY, 106 EAST B. ST., TILLAR WILMAR SCHOOL, 2546 HWY 278 W, WILMAR

THE PURPOSE OF THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NON-PARTISAN, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IS TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATES IN THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, FOR NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL CANDIDATES, FOR SCHOOL MILLAGE RATES, AND FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES.

TO VIEW YOUR BALLOT ONLINE GO TO www.voterview.ar-nova.org

Sample ballots are also available in the County Clerk's office. Below is a list of the candidates for each ballot contest.

Non Partisan Judicial State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 2
David Sterling
Judge Chris Carnahan
Supreme Court Associate Justice Robin Wynne
State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 6
Supreme Court Justice Karen Baker
Judge Gunner DeLay
Circuit Judge District 10, Division 4, Subdistrict 10.1
Demetria L. Edwards
Circuit Judge Quincey Ross
Unopposed Non Partisan Judicial Candidates
State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 7-Supreme Court Justice Rhonda Wood, Circuit Judge, District 10, Division 05, At Large- Judge Teresa French, Prosecuting Attorney, District 10-Frank Spain

Republican Primary
U.S. Senate
Jake Bequette
Jan Morgan
Heath Loftis
Senator John Boozman
Attorney General
Leon Jones Jr.
Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin
Governor
Francis "Doc" Washburn
Sarah Huckabee Sanders
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Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
Senator Jason Rapert
Chris Bequette
Greg Bledsoe
Doyle Webb
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Secretary of State John Thurston
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General Labor

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County Clerk
Stephanie Chisom
Hannah Adcock
Constable-Marion Township
Joshua Henley
Daniel Garrison
David Menotti
Constable-Saline Township
Shiloh Jordan
Steven Paul Sturgis
Unopposed Republican Candidates
U.S. Congress District 04-U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman, Auditor of State-Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan, Commissioner of State Lands-Tommy Land Commissioner of State Lands, State Senate District 1-Senator Ben Gilmore, State Representative District 93-Representative Mike Holcomb, State Representative District 94-State Rep. Jeffrey Wardlaw, County Sheriff-James Slaughter, County Assessor-Cheri Adcock, County Collector- Tax Collector Tonya K. Loveless, County Treasurer-Treasurer Charles Searcy, County Coroner-Charles F. “Chuck” Dearman Jr., County Surveyor-Doug Harton, Justice of the Peace: District 1-Orlando Jones, District 2-Ben Higginbotham, District 4-Heath Loveless, District 5- Steven H. Pigott, District 6- Donna F. Usry, District 8-Frank Appleberry, District 9-Zachary Hill, Constable: Clear Creek Township-Jessica Moore, Collins Township- John W. Beatty, Cominto Township-Michael Frisby, Springhill Township-Casey Walker, Veasey Township-Scott Chapman
Democratic Primary
U.S. Senate
Jack E. Forster
Dan Whitfield
Natalie James
Governor
James “Rus” Russell, III
Jay Martin
Supha Xayprasith-Mays
Anthony “Tony” Bland
Chris Jones
Secretary of State
Josh Price
Anna Beth Gorman
State Representative District 94
Curley Jackson
Andrew C. Pritt
Unopposed Democratic Candidates
U.S. Congress District 04-John White, Attorney General-Jesse Gibson, Auditor of State-Diamond Arnold-Johnson, Commissioner of State Lands-Darlene Goldi Gaines, Lieutenant Governor-Kelly Ross Krout, State Treasurer-Pam Whitaker, State Senate District 08-Senator Stephanie Flowers, County Sheriff-Sheriff Mark Gober, County Circuit Clerk- Circuit Clerk Beverly Burks, Justice of the Peace: District 3-Roger D. Harris, District 7- Justice Joe Williams Jr., City of Wilmar: Mayor-Toni A. Perry, Ward 1 Position 1- Deborah K. West, Ward 1 Position 2-Charles Saffold, Ward 2 Position 1-Shirley McNeary, Ward 2 Position 2- Marvin Hopson Sr.
Annual School Election
Monticello School Board Zone 2
Keith E. Wells Sr.
Angelia Y. Anderson
Drew Central School Board Zone 2
Rene Knowles School Board Member
Keith Alexander
School millage rates:
Drew Central 39.90 mills
Dermott School 41.81 mills
Dumas School mills 42.00
McGehee School 40.46 mills
Unopposed School Board Candidates
Monticello Zone 1- Wil Maxwell, Monticello Zone 3-Andrew Hilton, Monticello Zone 4- Curt Preston, Monticello Zone 5- Joseph M. Fakouri Jr., Dermott Zone 3-Lanette Britt, Dumas Zone 1- Jared McDonald, McGehee Special Zone 6- DeWayne Toby Young
A list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found, beginning May 3, 2022, at the Drew County Clerk’s Office, 210 South Main, Monticello, AR 71655.
TABULATION WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 PM ON ELECTION DAY IN THE COURTHOUSE CLUBROOM
THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THIS PRIMARY ELECTION WAS APRIL 25, 2022.
FOR QUESTIONS CALL THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE 870.460.6260
DREW COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

#103916 5/4

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA E. FORREST, DECEASED

NO.22PR-22-33

NOTICE
Last known address of decedent:
2399 Hwy 425 N Monticello, AR 71655
Date of Death: September 28, 2020
The undersigned was appointed as Personal Representative of this estate on 15th day of April, 2022. 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 on the 27th day of April, 2022.
Michael Shawn Forrest, Administrator
c/o Barton & Roper, PLLC
P.O. Box 507Monticello, AR 71657
(870) 367-6288

#103905 4/27 5/4

THE CITY OF MONTICELLO
REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR AUDIT SERVICES
AUDIT PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS: this is a Request for Qualifications to provide a 2021 Federal Funds Audit for the City of Monticello, AR for the year ending December 31, 2021.
Proposals must be received by 2:00 pm, Thursday, May 12, 2022 to the City of Monticello City Hall - Attention: Vickie Norris.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 505, Monticello, AR 71657
Physical Address: 203 West Gaines, Monticello, AR 71655
SCOPE OF WORK: The audit must be completed according to Single Audit Act (OMB Circular 2 CFR Subpart 200 E & F); Standards for Audits of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions (“Yellow Book”); and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, “Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards”. Please indicate if your company has had training on the CARES Act audit requirements.
PROPOSAL CONTENTS: The proposal must include information sufficient for the grantee to evaluate the competence of the firm, i.e., experience with prior Federal audits, qualifications, etc. A fixed price must also be included with the proposal.
For more information contact Vickie Norris at City Hall 870-367-4400 extension 223.
The City of Monticello reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$60.20.

#103907 4/27 5/4

NOTICE
The following vehicle(s) will be sold, dismantled or destroyed in fifteen (15) days unless claimed at Rod’s Towing and Recovery, 1010 Hwy 425 South, Monticello, AR 71655, 870-367-1700.
2008 Hyundai Santa Fe Blue Vin # 5NMSG13DX8H216524
1999 Toyota Corolla Gray Vin # 1NXBR12E1XZ279230
2012 Buick Lacrosse White Vin # 1G4GB5ER6CF193099

#103908 4/27 5/4

NOTICE
The City of Monticello is accepting bids for electrical work in Well #4 located at N. Conley Street. The bids should include the following:
Demo of existing components
3 lights with switches, 3 continuous powered outlets, and 2 pump-controlled outlets
3 50 watt led wall pack lights on photo eye
Exhaust fan on/off switch
8 circuit breaker box and 7.5 KVA transformer
Junction box for wall controls and surge protector
150 hp soft start with new wiring to motor
Outdoor rated 400 amp disconnect, and fuses mounted where the existing underground conduit meets building and dig it up and reuse wiring and mount it at that location
All work must be completed within 3 months of bid acceptance.
The City of Monticello reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
All bids should be sealed and submitted to City of Monticello, 205 E Gaines, Monticello AR 71655 by noon of May 26th. Bids will be opened at 2:00 pm in City Hall.

Paid for by the City of Monticello in the amount of \$49.28.

#103911 5/4 5/11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS, PROBATE DIVISION – 2ND DIVISION.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT WILLIAM BAUGHN, DECEASED,
NO. 22PR-22-44.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AS CO-ADMINISTRATORS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
160 Center Drive, Monticello, Arkansas 71655;
DATE OF DEATH: March 31, 2022.
The undersigned were appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Robert William Baughn, Deceased, on April 26, 2022. 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 on the 4th day of May, 2022.
MARSHALL BAUGHN and FLORENCE RICE BAUGHN, Co-Administrators.
By: Allison J. Cornwell, #95184, FRIDAY, ELDREDGE & CLARK, LLP, 400 W. Capitol Ave., Suite 2000, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3522,
Direct Phone: (501) 370-1452,
Direct Fax: (501) 244-5365,
e-mail: cornwell@fridayfirm.com, Attorneys for the Estate

#103913 5/4 5/11

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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CIVIL DIVISION
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/s/Beverly Burks
Beverly Burks, Circuit Clerk


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HARVEST RICE IN MCGEHEE AR IS NEEDING WORKERS!
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HELP WANTED
TREATMENT/INFECTION CONTROL NURSE (PREFERRABLE RN)
FULL TIME 12 HOUR SHIFT LPN/RN NURSE
CNA - All Shifts

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

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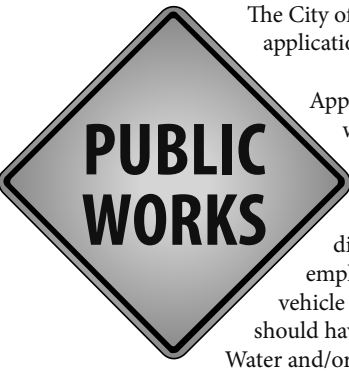
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID BARHAM, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-48


NOTICE
Name of decedent: John David Barham
Last known address:
102 Cottonboll Lane, Winchester, Arkansas 71677
Date of death: March 12, 2022
On April 27, 2022, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of John David Barham, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Drew County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.
The legal description of the real property listed on the affidavit is as follows:
Lot 3, Block 39, Original Town of Winchester, Drew County, Arkansas.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate.
The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or distributee’s attorney is:
Gibbs Ferguson, Attorney at Law,
209 W. Oak St.,
McGehee, Arkansas 71654
(870) 222-6660

This notice first published May 4, 2022.

#103914 5/4 5/11


The City of Monticello is currently taking applications for a full-time and part-time **Public Works Laborers**.
Applicants must possess the ability to work independently, be trainable, have good listening skills, knowledge of public works and have a minimum of a high school diploma. Must be able to pass a pre-employment background check, motor vehicle check and drug screen. Applicants should have an interest in obtaining either a Water and/or Wastewater Licensing to the level that is required for the City. CDL preferred. Some job responsibilities include assisting daily with the upkeep of all City streets including asphalt repair, replacement, and repair of all culverts, assist with water leak repairs, maintenance of sewer ponds, tree limb removal, general maintenance of City grounds and buildings, lawn care around wells, sewer ponds and City of Monticello Lake and communicating with the Public Works Superintendent and Assistant Public Works Superintendent on daily issues that may arise. On the job training will be provided. Hours may vary depending on daily assigned tasks. Salary DOE. Full benefits package included for full-time employees.
To apply please come by the City of Monticello City Hall in person to pick-up an application. The positions will be open until filled.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE
CDL DRIVERS NEEDED: Openings available for CDL Class A and B drivers in Pine Bluff, McGehee and Warren. Local runs, good driving record - Great Pay!! Call Patsy - 870-535-3330

EXPRESS IS LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:
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FORKLIFT DRIVERS/LABORERS NEEDED
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILABLE – Must have good computer skills, be able to file, answer phones, take messages, set up appointments, schedule interviews, all office type duties. \$\$\$ DOQ.

WELDERS, FORKLIFT DRIVERS, UTILITY WORKERS Needed in the Dumas/McGehee area. Great \$\$\$.


LOOKING FOR experienced applicants in the Warren/Monticello/Fordyce area for jobs in the Warren area. Must be able to work shift positions. Verification of past employment will be completed for employment. Call Patsy.


Mark Your Calendars!
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Billies capture 8-4A Conference Championship with 4-1 win



JEFF YOUNG/ADVANCE MONTICELLONIAN
EASTON BYRD pitched five innings in the complete game 12-1 win over Watson Chapel. Byrd allowed one run on two hits, striking out four.



JEFF YOUNG/ADVANCE MONTICELLONIAN
BROOKS HARVEY beats the tag from the Watson Chapel catcher after running to home on a passed ball.

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies climbed back through the 8-4A Conference rankings after falling out of first a few weeks ago to third before finishing the regular season winning six consecutive games including a 4-1 win at home over the Crossett Eagles to take the outright 8-4A Conference Championship.

With wins over Magnolia, Camden, Hamburg, and Warren, the Billies would continue to climb in the rankings with a dominant 12-1 victory at home over the Watson Chapel Wildcats.

Monticello would send Easton Byrd to the mound, and the Billie pitcher was able to get Watson Chapel out in order to begin the contest.

Doerian Allen would lead things off for the Billies with a leadoff single and would advance to third on a sacrifice bunt by Brooks Bowman. Cade Pigott would draw a walk and Allen would score on a sacrifice fly by Tucker Breedlove. With the run the Billies took a 1-0 lead.

Byrd got the leadoff batter to groundout to begin the top of the second inning and would follow up with two consecutive strikeouts to end the inning.

Brooks Harvey would leadoff for Monticello by being awarded first base after being hit by a pitch and would score on a passed ball before Trystan White walked in the next at bat. Evan Bealer would take over on the basepaths for White and would score on a single by Allen. Bowman drew a walk before the first out of the inning by Pigott on a ground ball. Breedlove would double to left to score Bealer and Allen. John Frost grounded out for the second out of the inning, advancing Breedlove to third and would score on a passed ball to give the Billie a 6-0 lead.

Another three up, three down inning pitched by Byrd in the top of the third inning, the Billies would continue to add runs in the bottom half of the inning. White would start the inning being hit by a pitch but would be picked off at second base after a walk to Allen. Bowman advanced Allen to second after a grounding out to second. Pigott drove in Allen on a triple and would score on a wild pitch before a walk to Breedlove. John Frost singled followed by a single that scored Breedlove and Frost by John Michael Efird.

Efird scored on a wild pitch and a Brooks Harvey single would score RJ Blackmon to give

the Billies a 12-0 lead.

Watson Chapel would get their only run of the contest in the top of the fourth inning to set the final score in five innings of 12-1.

Easton Byrd would pitch the complete game, throwing for five innings allowing one run on two hits, striking out four and walking one.

The Billies would have eight hits in 17 at bats with Doerian Allen leading the way going 2 for 3 with three runs scored, one RBI and a walk. Cade Pigott, Tucker Breedlove, John Frost, John Michael Efird, RJ Blackmon, and Brooks Harvey each had one hit in the contest.

Returning to play Crossett in a Saturday contest with the 8-4A Conference Championship up for grabs, the Monticello Billies sent Tucker Breedlove to the mound to face the Eagles. Breedlove would allow a walk and a double in the first inning, but the Eagles could not get the runs across in the inning.

Doerian Allen led things off for the Billies with a triple and would score on a Cade Pigott double and would score on a wild pitch to give the Billies a 2-0 lead.

Monticello would get their final two runs of the contest in the bottom of the third inning. Allen led off with a pop out to third followed by Warren Pennington drawing a walk. Pigott was hit by a pitch, after Crossett getting the second out of the inning, Brenden Brown connected for a double that would score Pigott and Pennington to give the Billies a 4-0 lead.

Crossett's only run of the contest came in the top of the seventh inning with Monticello taking the game and the outright conference title.

Breedlove would pitch 6.2 innings allowing one run on eight hits with five strikeouts and a walk. Jagger Hines closed the contest facing one batter to get the final out.

The Billies recorded five hits in 21 at bats with Allen, Pigott, Brown, Frost, and Bowman all recording hits.

With the win, the Billies advance to the 4A South Regional Tournament in Malvern and will be the number one seed from the 8-4A and will face the four seed from the 7-4A, the Bauxite Miners, on Thursday, May 5, with a start time of 10 am.

If successful the Billies will return to the field on Friday, April 7 at 12 pm, to face the winner of Fountain Lake and Camden Fairview. The final of the regional tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at 2:30 pm.



JEFF YOUNG/ADVANCE MONTICELLONIAN
JOHN MICHAEL EFIRD gets hit by a pitch during Thursday's contest against Watson Chapel. Efird reached base on two occasions by being hit.



JEFF YOUNG/ADVANCE MONTICELLONIAN
EVAN BEALER gets instructions from head coach Scott Johnson after reaching third base.

Lady Billies finish regular season with 10-4 conference record

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Lady Billies have secured their place in the 4A South Regional Tournament after playing three conference contests without allowing a run.



JEFF YOUNG/ADVANCE MONTICELLONIAN
ALAINA LYLE pitched a one-hitter on Wednesday against Crossett. The Lady Billies defeated the Lady Eagles 4-0 to secure their spot in the 4A South Regional Tournament.

The Lady Billies would get the first win of the week after traveling to Warren on Tuesday, April 26, to shut out the Lady Lumberjacks 11-0 before returning home to face the Crossett Lady Eagles on Wednesday, April 27.

The contest with Crossett was

critical in determining playoff positions in the conference with a loss possibly putting the Lady Billies out of the regional tournament.

Alaina Lyle would get the starting nod in the circle for the Lady Billies, shutting the Lady Eagles down in order to begin the contest.

Lyle would be the only baserunner for the Lady Billies in the bottom half of the inning, reaching base on a single to left field.

After a three consecutive out inning, the Lady Billies would get two baserunners in the bottom of the second inning with McLauren McGregor reaching on a single and Ashlynn Snow reaching on an error. Monticello was not able to get the runners to home during the inning.

After another scoreless inning from Crossett, the Lady Billies were able to break the scoring stalemate in the bottom of the third inning after Kate Morgan reached base on an error and advanced to second then to third on a wild pitch. Lyle would fly out with Morgan tagging up to score the run for a 1-0 lead.

Monticello would extend the lead with their final runs of the contest in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Skylar Burns reached on an error followed by a single by Kate Morgan. Lyle would connect for a double that scored Burns and Morgan. Audrey Howard would ground out to shortstop with Annika Nichols, who was pinch running for Lyle, scoring on the play to give the Lady Billies the 4-0 lead and the win.

Lyle would pitch the complete game allowing only one hit and no runs striking out eight.

The Lady Billies were 5 for 24 from the plate with four runs and four RBI with Lyle going 2 for 3 with three RBI and McLauren McGregor going 2 for 3. Kate Morgan contributed the other hit in the contest.

The Lady Billies returned to action on Thursday, April 28, in a three-inning contest that had the Lady Billies enforcing the 15 after three sportsmanship rule against Watson Chapel.

The Lady Billies would score 10 runs in the first inning, four runs in the second, and one in the third to close out the contest with a 15-0 win.

The Lady Billies would go 10 for 18 from the plate with Mia Regnelli going 2 for 2 with a homerun.

McLauren McGregor pitched three innings, striking out eight and allowing one hit.



JEFF YOUNG/ADVANCE MONTICELLONIAN
MADELINE STANLEY makes an over the shoulder catch on the edge of the infield in Wednesday's contest against Crossett.

With the win, the Lady Billies finished the regular season with a 10-4 conference record along with Hamburg and Camden Fairview.

The Lady Billies will advance to the 4A South Regional Tournament in Malvern on Thursday, May 5, as the third seed and will face the second seed out of the 7-4A, the Bauxite Lady Minors at 12:30 pm.

If successful, the Lady Billies will return on Friday, May 6 to

face the winner of the Hamburg and Mena with a scheduled start time of 12 pm.

The Regional Championship is set for Saturday, May 7 with a 2:30 pm start time. The third-place game is set to begin on Saturday, with a 12 pm start time.

Hamburg is the number one seed with Camden at number two, Monticello finished as the three seed with Crossett finishing as the fourth seed.

Weevils take series from #6 Southern Arkansas University

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello closed out the 2022 regular season with a series win over the #6 ranked Southern Arkansas Muleriders in a three-game series over the weekend. Originally scheduled for a single game on Friday, April 29, and a double-header on Saturday, April 30, the schedule had to be adjusted because of the chance of inclement weather that was predicted to move through Monticello over the weekend. The double-header was moved to Friday with an early start time of 12 pm and the second contest of the day following and the third and final game of the regular season being at 12 pm on Saturday. In the opening contest of the series, the Weevils got their first base runner of the day after Jordan Johnson was hit by a pitch and advanced to third base on a single to center field by Reece Reading. Johnson would score on a single by Grant Shepherd to give the Weevils a 1-0 lead. UAM added to their lead in the bottom of the second inning.

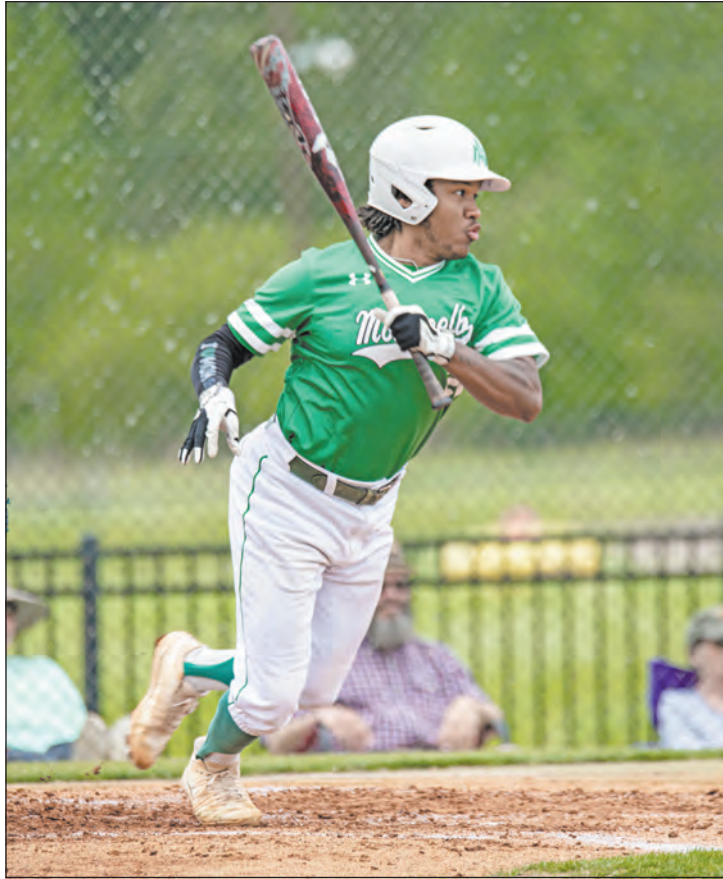
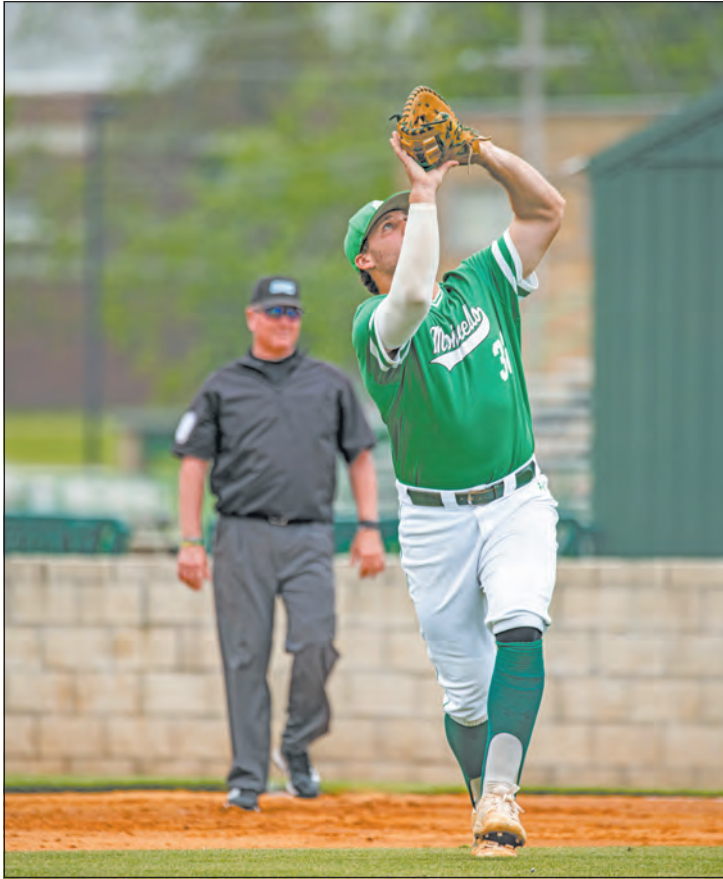
Hudson Hopkins led the inning off with a solo homerun. Nick Fakouri drew a walk followed by a single by Deshuan Cordova. Fakouri would score on a ground out by Cade Thompson to give the Weevils a 3-0 lead. After two innings without a run, the Weevils increased the lead after a four-run inning in the bottom of the fifth. Reading reached base on a single followed by a single by Shepherd. David Reyna connected for a double to score Reading and Shepherd. Hopkins reached on an error and Reyna would score after a single by Fakouri. Cordova hit a single to load the bases and Hopkins would be driven home on a Chase Cripps fly out for a 7-0 lead. The final runs of the contest came in the bottom half of the seventh inning after Reyna led off with a single but would be out at second base on a fielder's choice with Hopkin's reaching first. Fakouri connected for a home run that scored Hopkins. Cordova reached on an error and would

score the final run of the game on a double by Thompson to give the Weevils a 10-0 victory. Derek Potts pitched the complete game for the Weevils allowing zero runs on two hits, walking three and striking out eight. With the win, Potts improves his record on the season to 6-5. Returning for the second game of the day, the Muleriders would get a run in the top of the first inning, but the Weevils came back in the bottom half of the inning to take the lead after scoring three runs. Cripps led off with a single, Thompson drew a walk. Jordan Johnson doubled to score Cripps. Cripps scored on a ground out by Reading and Jordan scored on a ground out by Shepherd for a 3-1 lead. Southern Arkansas would tie the contest in the top of the sixth inning after scoring two runs and would retake the lead in the top of the seventh inning after scoring four runs to give the Muleriders a 7-3 victory. As a team, the Weevils finished the contest with three hits with Cripps going 1 for 3, Johnson go-

ing 1 for 3, and Cordova going 1 for 2. Mason Philley pitched 5.2 innings allowing three runs on five hits, walking three and striking out seven in the no-decision. Trent Bunting earned the loss in the contest. Bunting pitched .2 innings, allowing four runs on three hits. With the loss, Bunting's record on the year falls to 2-1. Jacob McDaniel also saw action from the mound, pitching .2 innings allowing no hits and no runs, striking out two. Returning on Saturday in the final game of the series of the regular season, the Weevils would honor the Weevil Seniors before the two teams would take the field. Those seniors that were honored were Hudson Hopkins, Grant Shepherd, Trevor Rugg, David Reyna, Spencer Johnston, and Jordan Johnson. UAM would take a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning after Reading led off with a single and advanced to second on a single by Shepherd. Fakouri would hit into a dou-

ble play with Reading advancing to third. David Reyna singled to score Reading. Hopkins would draw a walk followed by a single Cordova that allowed Reyna to score on the play. The Weevils added a run in the bottom of the third inning after a leadoff walk by Cade Thompson. Thompson would steal second base during the next at bat and advanced to third on the second out of the inning. Grant Shepherd drew a walk and stole second with Thompson stealing home to give the Weevils a 3-0 lead. Southern Arkansas got a run back in the top of the fifth inning on a solo homerun. UAM added their final run of the contest in the bottom of the seventh inning. Cordova doubled down the right field line and advanced to third on a ground out by Cripps. Thompson reached first after being hit by a pitch. Cordova scored on a ground out by Johnson to give the Weevils a 4-1 lead. Southern Arkansas got on run in the top of the eighth inning to

set up the final score of 4-2 giving the Weevils the series victory over the #6 Southern Arkansas and solidifying their invitation to the Great American Conference Championship Tournament. Senior Spencer Johnston got the call for the start and produced a career day on the mound, throwing the complete game, allowing two runs on four hits, striking out 13 without allowing a walk. The Weevils recorded five hits in the contest with Reece Reading going 1 for 4, Grant Shepherd 1 for 3, David Reyna 1 for 3, and Deshaun Cordova leading the Weevils at the plate going 2 for 3. With the win, the Weevils improved their overall record to 23-22 and the GAC record to 17-16. The Weevils will now move on to the GAC Championship Tournament beginning on Saturday, May 7. The Weevils will enter the tournament as the #7 seed and will face the #2 seed, the Henderson State Reddies with a start time scheduled for 3:50 pm at Majestic Park in Hot Springs.



SPENCER JOHNSTON (left) closed out his senior regular season with a complete game win against the #6 Southern Arkansas University. Johnston recorded a season high 13 strikeouts in the contest. **JORDAN JOHNSON (center)** completes his senior season as the all-time leader for the Weevils in homeruns with 51, doubles with 51, hits with 263, RBI with 213, and runs scored with 194. Johnson was the 2018 Freshman of the Year and his career homeruns, hits, and RBI rank first in the GAC All-Time records. **DESHAUN CORDOVA (right)** led the Weevils at the plate in Saturday's contest against SAU. Cordova was 2 for 3 with a run and an RBI.

Blossoms qualify for Great American Conference Championship Tournament

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Blossoms have qualified for the Great American Conference Championship Tournament. The Blossoms record dropped to 17-31 overall and to 11-21 in GAC play in the month of April as the Blossoms only one a single game in the month, going 1-14 in the month. The Blossoms final series at home of the season began on Friday, April 15, with a double-header against Southern Nazarene University. In game one, the seniors were honored on Senior Day before the first pitch. Honored seniors were Jamie Franks, Caroline Tedder, Haley Cornell, and Sum-

mer Perkins. The Blossoms took an early lead in the bottom of the first inning after a walk to Hannah Holdbrook and Averie Gunther being hit by a pitch. Alissa Suarez would reach on an error that scored Holdbrook and Gunther for a 2-0 lead. The score would remain 2-0 until the top of the fourth inning when the Crimson Storm got on the board with a single run and took the lead in the top of the fifth inning, scoring three runs to set up the final score of 4-2. Sam Stephens recorded the loss for the Blossoms, pitching 4.1 innings allowing four runs on seven hits and striking out six. Maddie Chalenburg threw for 2.2 innings allowing two hits and a walk. The Blossoms recorded two

hits in the contest with Gunther going 1 for 2 and Lauryn Davis going 1 for 3. The Blossoms only win in the month of April came in game two of the series with SNU. The Blossoms would get three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Haley Cornell led off and reached first on an error. Holdbrook singled to advance Cornell to second. Maddie Pfleging reached on a fielder's choice with Holdbrook being out at second and Cornell advancing to third. Pfleging would steal second and Gunther drew a walk. Suarez reached first on a fielder's choice that scored Pfleging and Cornell. Gunther would score on a Grace Neal ground out to give the Blossoms a 3-0 lead. The Crimson Storm cut the lead to one run in the top of the

second inning after hitting a two-run home run to cut the lead to 3-2. UAM added a run in the bottom half of the inning after Tedder scored after Madison Gardiner reached on an error. SNU came back to tie the contest 4-4 in the top of the fourth inning, but the Blossoms retook the lead in the bottom half of the inning after scored by Cornell and Holdbrook to give the Blossoms a 6-4 lead and after two and a half scoreless innings, the Blossoms would earn the 6-4 win. Gunther was awarded the win, improving her record to 4-2 on the season. The Blossoms would get eight hits in the contest with Haley Cornell and Hannah Holdbrook each going 2 for 4, Caroline Ted-

der was 2 for 3, Alissa Suarez was 1 for 3, and Sophie was 1 for 1. UAM third game of the series with SNU was cancelled due to weather and was not made up. The Blossoms would return to action on the road in Shawnee, Oklahoma in a three-game series with Oklahoma Baptist University. In the first game of a double-header on Friday, April 22, the Blossoms would fall behind 1-0 in the bottom of the first inning but would take the lead in the top of the second inning, but Oklahoma scored a run in the bottom of the sixth and won the contest with a run in the bottom of the seventh for a 3-2 win. In the second game of the day, Oklahoma took a 4-0 lead after scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning and a run in

the bottom of the second. UAM would score three runs in the top of the fifth inning highlighted by Cornell's RBI double and a two-run home run by Grace Neal but Oklahoma would hold on for the 4-3 win. In the final game of the series, Oklahoma would allow UAM one run going on to defeat the Blossoms 8-1. The Blossoms final series of the season was in Weatherford, Oklahoma, facing Southwestern State Oklahoma State University with the Lady Bulldogs sweeping the Blossoms in three games. The Blossoms will enter the GAC Championship Tournament as the eighth seed and will face the number one seed, Arkansas Tech, on Thursday, May 5, at 1:30 pm in Bentonville, Arkansas.

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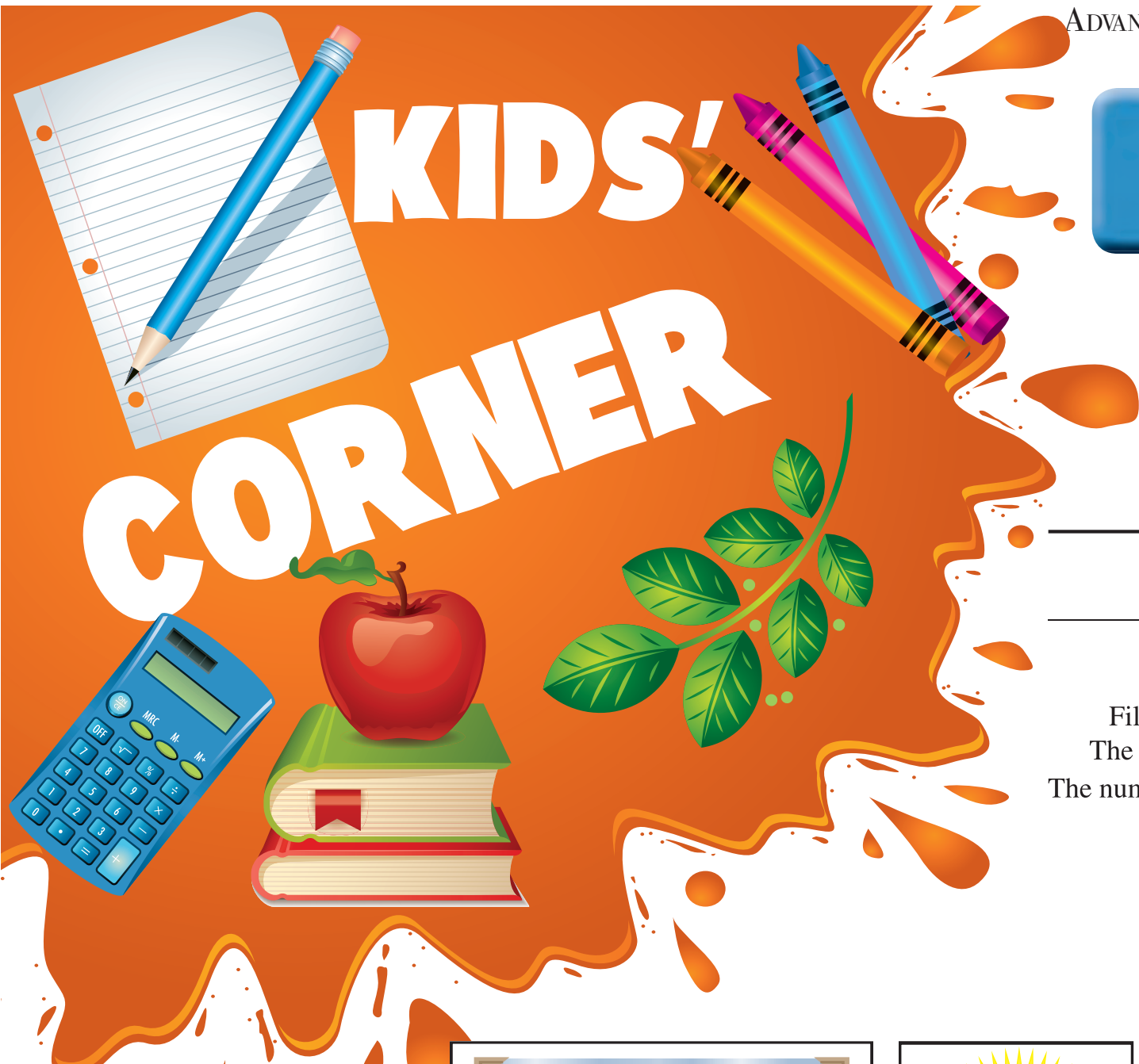
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Answer: Party Time

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10.
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ANSWER: TACOS

New Word

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ANSWER: CINCO DE MAYO

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: May (month)

SPANISH: Mayo

ITALIAN: Maggio

FRENCH: Mai

GERMAN: Mai

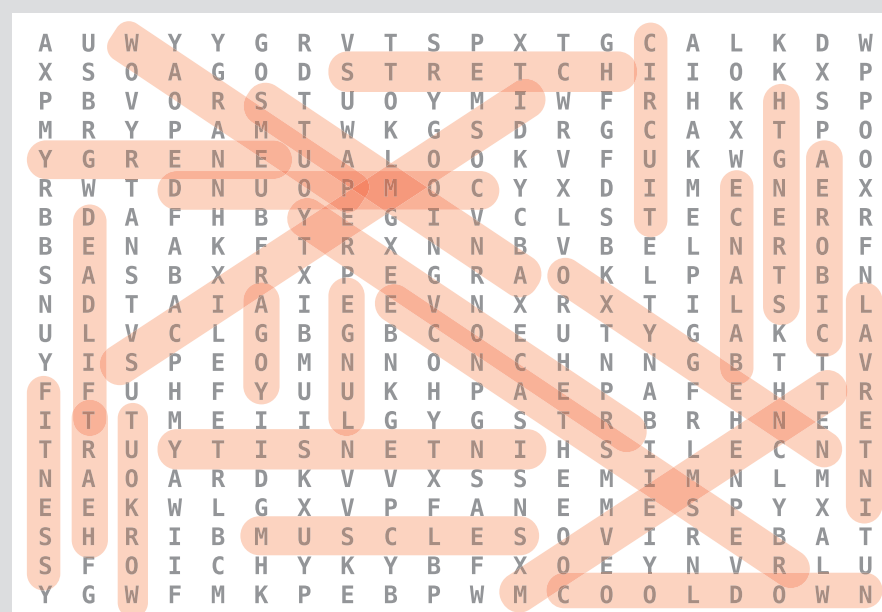
Puzzle answers

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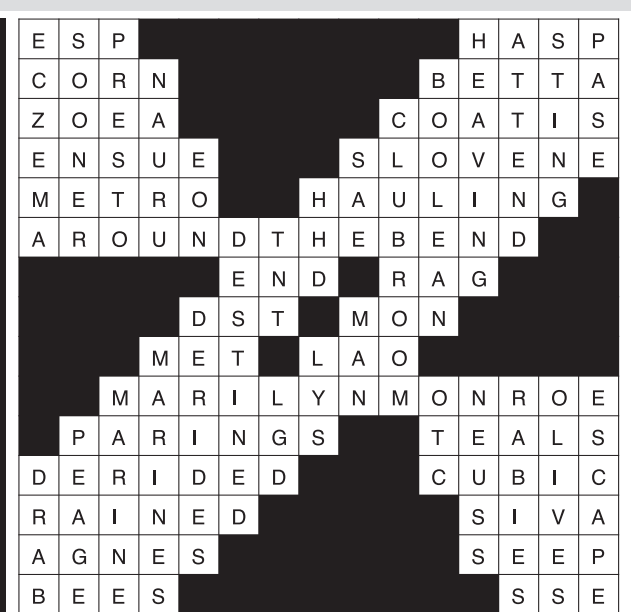
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PUZZLE SOLUTION



Make it home to your Mom this Mother’s Day

NHTSA is reminding drivers to slow down and move over



SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Mother’s Day is May 8, and if you’re hitting the roads to celebrate, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 7, consisting of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, is reminding everyone to slow down and abide by posted speed limits and move over for emergency vehicles. NHTSA is working with respective law enforcement to ramp up enforcement to raise awareness about the dangers of speeding. This is part of NHTSA’s Slow Down Move Over enforcement effort from May 6 - 8, 2022.

Nationally in 2020, 30 percent of all crash fatalities were related to speeding. According to NHTSA, a road with a speed limit of 65 mph or greater is more than twice as likely to result in a fatal crash than with a speed limit of 45 or 50 mph and nearly five times as likely with a speed limit of 40 mph or below.

“Our region loses too many lives each year in speeding-related crashes, and we are determined to change that,” said



Regional Administrator Susan DeCourcy. “In 2020 alone, 787 lives in our region were lost due to speeding. That’s why we’re reminding drivers to stay alert, to watch for and obey all posted speed limits. We want to make sure everyone can celebrate together for Mother’s Day.”

In 2020, more than 11,200 lives were lost across America in speeding-related traffic crashes – a 17 percent increase from 2019. Any time drivers speed, they put themselves, their passengers, and other drivers and pedestrians at risk.

Speeding significantly reduces the driver’s ability to slow a vehicle when necessary or to steer safely around an unexpected curve, another vehicle, or hazardous object in the roadway. NHTSA hopes that drivers keep their mothers in mind when visiting over the weekend.

NHTSA’s mission is to save lives. The roadways can be a dangerous place and the speed limits are designed to protect everyone – drivers, passengers, pedestrians – everyone!


Also remember Move Over law which helps emergency vehicles, law enforcement, and tow trucks by requiring all drivers to move over a lane or, if they are unable to do that safely, slow down when they see flashing lights.

This Mother’s Day as you get behind the wheel, please remember to Slow Down Move Over. For more information, please visit www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/speeding.

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as well as other organization’s certifications. Applying their years of experience along with their advanced knowledge, Carpet Medics Restoration’s owners and technicians have assisted home and business owners at their times of need whether dealing with flooded structures or fire/smoke damaged buildings. Owner Randy Phillips states that their goal is to solve the homeowner’s problem and serve their needs first. “Although the majority of our restoration work is billed directly to insurance companies, we are there to serve the home or business owner. It is their property and we work for them. Our own home burned in 2007, so we can certainly empathize when someone is dealing with a catastrophe, big or small, in their home.” Carpet Medics Restoration’s sister company Phillips Mgmt & Svcs, Southeast Arkansas’ premier commercial cleaning service, provides a strong resource of cleaning experts to rely on which is critical in the restoration of flooded and smoke damaged buildings. Phillips says “We have trained staff on hand at all times ready for whatever situation comes our way. If your house floods or you have fire & smoke damage, we hope you’ll let us help you get through a difficult time.”

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JANA WRIGHT

There is no Barkada news this week. Jana Wright had other commitments. Her column will resume in next week's edition.

GREEN HILL
WANDA PACE

Greenhill Community Baptist Church's guest speaker for revival is Travis Lane. Revival will be held 7 p.m. nightly, Sunday-Wednesday. Everyone is invited to attend. Aunt May went to the doctor last Thursday and received a good report. She hasn't been feeling well so please lift her up in prayer. I would like to wish all the special ladies a Happy Mothers Day. A day of honoring motherhood and the special lady who cares for her family, guides her family and is the glue that holds it all together. Verse of the week: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Proverbs 31:28 KJV If you have any news to share please call 367-9635.

Have a safe and blessed week.

JORDAN PARK
TRILISA MARSHALL

Mothers Day is this coming Sunday and I want to wish all the mothers a beautiful, blessed and wonderful day. I hope your special day is blessed with sunshine and smiles, laughter, happiness and God's blessings. Happy birthday shout out this week goes to my aunt Rose Grays, May 1, Marcus Jacobs, Vivian Thomas and David Lambert, May 2, James Green, May 5, Gloria Ollison, May 6, Helen Nixon, May 7, Lem Green and Linda Johnson, May 8. Happy birthday everyone, enjoy your special day. Arkansas' third jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Michael Jones will be having the 29th annual women's convention and crusade May 4-6 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The theme is, Holy women call to minister to a deeply depressed and troubled world, Acts 26:15-18. Bishop Jones will be speaking May 4, Amanda Glass May 5 and 6. There will be a workshop and the

Do you have any community tidbits?

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

theme will be icing after the pandemic. Lou Lambert will be the workshop dean May 5, Clarissa Pace will be speaking on surviving financial impact. May 6, LaShundra Jackson will be speaking on "For Better or for Worse Spiritually". Many prayers go to the family of Joel Lewis Jr. His funeral was held Saturday, April 30 at the Monticello Middle School auditorium. Interment was at Oakland Cemetery. My prayers go to the family of Roosevelt "Teddy" Hellum Jr. His funeral was also Saturday, April 30 at Pilgrim Rest AME Church with interment at Oakland Cemetery. Praying for both families and so sorry for your loss. You all have my condolences and may God comfort and strengthen

everyone of you. Awesome Sunday school lesson on Healing the blind man, coming from John 9:1-17. Jesus ministered to people by meeting their needs. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. gave a message on, God's Words Save, coming from John 3:11-21. God sent His son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through His son Jesus Christ. Our Tuesday Bible study lesson was on Samuel received favor from God through prayer, coming from 1 Samuel 7:3-13. Prayer changes for the betterment. God desires us to intercede for those around us who are in need. Scripture for the week is Proverbs 31:30, "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but woman that feareth the

Lord. She shall be praised. Giver her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates." Everyone have a blessed, safe and wonderful rest of the week and Happy Mothers Day to all the beautiful mothers. Every day is a mothers day. Set aside this day and enjoy the special lady in your life. My mother passed away in February 2004. Happy heavenly mothers day, mom. Much love and blessings to all!

LACEY
IVANELL HANDLEY

There is no Lacey news this week. Ivanelle Handley had other commitments. Her column will resume in

next week's edition. POSSUM VALLEY KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK Welcome back, y'all! I hope your week has been wonderful. The weather, except for a day or two, was much better. One could almost say it was summery. On the bird front, Saturday morning I saw my first of season Gray Catbird on one of my backyard feeders. I normally don't see them at feeders, so it was a nice surprise. Rick and I attended Addie's dance recital Saturday morning. Poor baby wasn't feeling well but she still danced her heart out and we're all so proud of her.

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Seventy times seven

I must have been 7 or 8 years old. I had been playing outside with my good friend Carlos. We were riding bikes most of the day and just doing what little boys back in the 80’s did. Not much but having a good time anyway. As is usually the case when friends spend a little too much time together you get on each other’s nerves. That’s what happened with me and Carlos. What started as some disagreement ended with me saying some pretty awful things. We both ran home crying.

When I came home I ran into my mother’s arms sobbing. Not because of our argument or what Carlos said or did, I was overcome by remorse. I felt awful for the things I had said. I can still remember that feeling. Her instruction has been invaluable to me even to this day. She said, “Well, you need to say you’re sorry”. I couldn’t stand it any longer. I picked up the phone (the one attached to the wall with the mile-long cord) I called Carlos and told him I was sorry and asked for his forgiveness. By the end of the day we were back outside on our bikes like nothing had happened.

I wish that we could forgive like children. They place so much trust in those powerful two words. I’m sorry. Yet as we get older, forgiveness becomes more

and more difficult because our offenses get worse and worse I suppose. The hurts hurt more and the disappointments are deeper. The consequences of withholding forgiveness are greater as well. There is a steep price to pay to not extend or receive forgiveness. Bitterness, resentment, even a physical toll such as sickness and anxiety.

Yet for the believer in Christ forgiveness is not an option. See the door of our faith literally hinges on it. Jesus dying on a cross for the forgiveness of the sin of humanity. So if you and I have received such an incredible gift of forgiveness, which we did not deserve, who are we to reject or deny forgiveness regardless of the offense? There is no offense beyond the boundary of forgiveness. That doesn’t mean it’s easy or quick. In fact for some of us forgiveness will be a deliberate choice every day, relying on faith and grace.

The apostle Peter asked Jesus in the book of Matthew 18:21-22 “Lord how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, I do not say to you seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”

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

COUNTRY

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We met at Chik-Fil-A afterward and enjoyed a nice lunch and visit.

After a bit of a rest, we went to Mrs. Jerline’s 90th birthday bash Saturday afternoon at the church. There was a very good turnout. It was great to see Douglas, Doris Kay, Denise, Dwyla and all the grands and great-grands in attendance along with many relatives, friends and family.

Sunday morning dawned nice and refreshed after a thunderstorm passed during the night. Bethel enjoyed a nice service this week. Bro. Steve Jacks filled the pulpit again and brought us a message about prayer from Matthew 6:5-13. His points were: Who should pray? How should we pray? Where should we pray? and What should we pray for?

Jason, Leigha and Addie went to Clint and Miranda’s after church so the girls could play together.

After lunch, I went out and sat on the swing to review the material for our Sunday evening study. During this time, I heard a bird ruckus out near the road where I saw a Rat Snake attempting to climb a tree. There were, again, several species of bird making attempts at distracting the snake. I ran in the house to get my camera and by the time I got back out there, the snake was on the ground and the birds had dispersed.

I have a family of Carolina Wrens in a birdhouse located on a porch post. Over the last couple of weeks, I’d watch as the parents frantically fed their babies. Sunday afternoon, I was privileged to witness the four babies fledge from the nest. It was a sight to behold. I sure hope that snake stays away from those babies.

Corny joke time: “My friend said she knows all the best bird puns. But I told her that ‘toucan’ play at that game.”

Next time you’re out and about, take the time to observe the wild-flowers, bees, dragonflies, butter-

flies and all of the creatures that God has populated His creation with. It can be a great stress reliever. Unless, of course, you run across a snake. But even they are fascinating creatures...from a distance.

That’s my news for this week. Until next time, please, be safe, be happy and always know that God is there to comfort you whenever you need it. I find comfort in this verse: “, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:39 NKJV

WILMAR CHRIS RILEY

Another new month the Lord has allowed us to see. So much sadness is still on the horizon. “Teddy”, son of Clemie Russ, made his Earthly transition, as well as Aleen McCoy. You all have my prayers and sympathy.

My heart was glad when I read Chelsa Rhodes was chosen Lady Basketball Coach in Miss. Daughter of Hardy and Veronica Rhodes.

We at In His Presence Worship Ministries in Little Rock where Kevin Riley is pastor, witnessed a glorious time in the Lord with guest speaker Evangelist Alisa Jackson speaking on the spirit of pervision, the last chapter, the Praise Team sang songs of inspiration. Communion was served.

Happy birthday wish to Javier Lawson, May 1 and to Donald Riley, May 6, and in memory of Chris and James Riley Anniversary, May 5, as James is no longer here, and Oleta and Howard “Candyman” Trotter.

C.C. Riley treated her family to catfish at the Diner in Star City then to bowling. It was much enjoyed. Javier was the honoree.

Well well, guess what. Sunday, May 8 is Mother’s Day and until we meet again by paper and pen, Happy Mother’s Day and be blessed.

This week’s recipe: Treat mom to a classic pasta dish

Moms often work tirelessly to care for their families, with many juggling careers and time spent at home. It’s a balance that is sometimes tricky to manage, and at times mothers need to have their loads lightened. Children or spouses who learn to cook can take some pressure off of Mom. Mother’s Day is a prime opportunity for other members of the household to spend time in the kitchen. Pasta dishes generally are easy to prepare and can feed a crowd. Such is the case with this recipe for “Carbonara” from “Rachael Ray: Memories and Meals From a Sweet and Savory Life” (Ballantine Books) by Rachael Ray.

Carbonara Ingredients (Serves 4)

- 1/4 cup approximately EVOO
- 1/3 pound chunk of meaty pancetta or guanciale, cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 4 large cloves garlic, thinly sliced or chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 cup white wine
- 6 large egg yolks
- 1 cup grated Pecorino Romano, plus more to pass
- Salt

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