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Updates coming to local cable and internet system

BY ASHLEY HOGG editor@monticellonews.net

Vyve Broadband has been in Monticello since 2019 when they acquired Community Communications, formerly Cablevision.

Vyve is a largely non-urban cable community in sixteen states. They offer an extensive range of broadband, fiber connectivity, cable television and voice services for commercial and residential customers.

At the April Monticello City Council meeting, representatives from the local and regional Vyve office spoke to the council members to inform them of ongoing upgrades.

Lloyd Walker, Head of Technical Operations in the local office and Jeff Beck, Regional General Manager, addressed the Mayor and council members and informed them that major upgrades are now underway within the area. They expect the project to be complete in approximately six months, depending on weather and supply chain issues.

The pair advised the people that this could be a time where customers could experience "growing pains" and there may be scheduled outages as upgrades go live. Vyve is working daily to make sure their customers get the most up to date information about outages and have new ways to be notified such as email and text messaging.

Vyve has also made their presence known within the community. Employees have participated in local golf tournaments and sponsored various events.

"Our goal is to make our systems future ready," Jill Arbet, Senior Vice President of Marketing said. "We have been doing upgrades since day one in hopes to make this a fiber rich environment."

By building a "fiber ring", Vyve intends to make their networks more stable which will cause less down time should an interruption in service occur.

To sign up for mobile notifications, check on special promotions, or to learn more about Vyve, visit www.vyvebroadband.com or go by the local office at 1920 U.S. Highway 425 N in Monticello.

DMH IOP to host dementia event

By ASHLEY HOGG

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Drew Memorial Hospital's Transitions/IOP (Intensive Outpatient - Behavioral Health) services will conduct a

said.

"Our Transitions Program is designed for the senior population, approximately 60 years or older. While dealing with change is difficult at any age, it can be especially challenging for older adults. Our program is set up to help manage the major life changes often faced by seniors. Improving their quality of life through the process of group sessions and individual sessions. Participants may be dealing with the death of a loved one, mobility or independence change, depression, anxiety, or adjusting to new living situations. You may be feeling: social withdrawal, poor concentration, loss of energy or interest in normal activities, sadness, isolation, irritability or agitation or feelings of worthlessness. Our group activities will allow you to connect with others experiencing similar challenges."

Congratulations to the Class of 2022



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

MOVING THE TASSEL Drew Central High School, Monticello High School and the University of Arkansas at Monticello have all conducted their 2022 graduation ceremonies. Students from each institution worked hard to complete the necessary tasks to make it to graduation day. See inside the Advance-Monticellonian for a special section featuring local graduates.





dementia information event on Friday, May 27. The public is encouraged to attend to learn how to better care for dementia patients.

The group conducts intensive outpatient mental health therapy Monday through Thursday with their transitions group and individual therapy sessions on Friday with Transitions patients. Most patients come two to four days a week for group therapy.

"We are dedicated to the belief that "It is never too late to improve your quality of life." Our program provides support, encouragement, friendship and counseling in a group setting. Our patients have a group motto "We are a family of friends." Dr. Althea Conley

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LOCAL HIKERS STILL ON TRAIL, COVERING MORE STATES

BY: STEPHEN COBURN

Imagine for a moment a sea of rocks as far as you can see. Not just small rocks, but boulders. Step by step you make your way across each jagged edge. With each step your ankles ache and your feet are bending in ways contrary to creation. On the Appalachian Trail we call that Pennsylvania. The good news is you finally leave the tortuous Pennsylvania rock field behind and enter the more tranquil landscape of New Jersey.

We are now in New Jersey and approaching 350 miles of hiking. Crossing the Delaware River into New Jersey was a welcomed change. Spring is coming to life all around us. The rhododendrons are preparing to bloom, the trees are in full green splendor, and before long wild blackberries will be plentiful. As the warmer weather awakens,



so do the snakes and tell you if Pops sees a snake he will "squeal black bears. With each like a girl." She is a step now you listen inreally smart Nana! tently for the rattling There are also reports sound that stops you of a very aggressive in your tracks. There black bear on the have been multiple trail. Waking up hunreports of rattlesnake gry can make a bear a sightings. Not for us bit cantankerous. No yet and I hope it stays See AT UPDATE Page 6A that way. Nana will

Brown elected to Arkansas Optometric Association Board of Directors

Photo courtesy of Holly McDonald

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Dr. Barrett Brown of Monticello was elected to the Arkansas Optometric Association board of directors on April 23, 2022.

A native of Monticello, Arkansas, Dr. Barrett Brown received his Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Dr. Brown went on to graduate Cum Laude from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee. He returned to his hometown and is the owner and optometric physician of SEARK Eyecare in Monticello. Dr. Brown completed the inaugural class LEAD leadership program in 2019 and received the Hayes Center for Practice Excellence from Southern College of Optometry in 2020. Dr. Brown and his wife Meri Whitney have two children, Oliver and Ruby.



DR. BARRETT BROWN

Dr. Brown is a member of Monticello First Baptist Church and is actively involved in the community.

"I feel honored to be selected to serve on the Arkansas Optometric Association Board of Directors and grateful for the opportunity to continue serving Southeast Arkansas as your leading eyecare and eyewear specialist," Dr. Barrett Brown stated.

Photo courtesy of Kelsey Engler

The Arkansas Optometric Association represents Arkansas optometrists. Improving the quality of eye care and vision health and increasing its availability to all Arkansans are the primary objectives of the association. The association makes a concerted effort to educate the public on how to take care of their eyes and maintain good eye health and vision. The Arkansas Optometric Association is an affiliate of the American Optometric Association. The vision of ArOA is to be the trusted resource in eye health and vision care.







COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Spaghetti Fundraiser

The Monticello Arkansas Firefighters Association will host a spaghettie lunch fundraiser on Friday, May 20. Plates may be picked up at 114 W. Wood St. Contact any local fire fighter for tickets.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Church Homecoming celebration

Pleasant Springs Baptist Church will hold its annual homecoming service at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 22 at 601 Pleasant Springs Rd. The guest speakers will be Bro. Ben Leonard with special music by Charles Graham and Bill Burchfield. Everyone is invited to attend. **Memorial and Cemetery decoration**

Union Cemetery and Enon Cemetery in Rye will observe the Annual Fourth Sunday in May Memorial and Cemetery decoration on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 10:00 am at Union Methodist Church in Rye. All families and friends are invited to attend. If you can not attend and would like to donate to the upkeep of the cemeteries, you can mail donations to: Karen Gage, 1202 Hway 278 West, Monticello, AR

71655.

FRIDAY, MAY 27 Virtual Dementia Tour

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

June Dinner pageant

The annual June Dinner pageant will be held at 5:30 p.m., Friday, June 3 at the Wilmar Community Center. Applications can be found on the Walmar Juneteenth Facebook page. The deadline to register is May 23. For more information, contact Seneca at 870-224-2779, Sandra at 870-723-8038 or Dion at 870-723-8284.

ONGOING

Fair Board seeking volunteers

The Drew County Fair will be held the first week of October. The Fair Board is seeking volunteers in all capacities. For more information, contact the County Extention office at 870-460-6200.

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

NEWS

May 18- May 25

Wednesday: Smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes, cabbage w/onions, cake, roll

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, pea salad, garlic toast, pudding

Friday: Sausage hot dog, tots, veggie salad, fluff

Monday: *Pimento cheese sandwich, veggie soup, tropical fruit*

Tuesday: Italian chicken, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans,

pudding cup, roll

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, stewed potatoes, black eyed peas, biscuit

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.

If your money is safe so are your plans for it!





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.

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Find every AGFC fish attractor with your phone or fish finder



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Last month Jon Stein, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission fisheries biologist in northwest Arkansas, had the opportunity to present AGFC commissioners to and the public the highlights from the latest large-scale habitat project at Beaver Lake. Biologists created 145 new fish attractor locations during the project, but it's only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to habitat and fish-attracting cover the AGFC has placed in the last five years. Thanks to the AG-FC's interactive map, you can get the exact GPS location of each fish attractor to load to your smartphone or fish finder to get a head start on the search for more fish.

According to Jason Olive, AGFC assistant chief of fisheries, AGFC staff have added 7,335 new fish attractor sites across the state during the last five years.

"We added 735 sites in large-scale projects where we brought many hands together during a short win-



Fish attractor locations as well as fishing access points to most lakes and rivers in the state can be found through the AGFC's interactive map www.agfc.com/maps. at Click on the Interactive Map tab and zoom in to the areas that pique your interest. Fish attractors are labeled with a symbol of a white fish inside a blue square. Zooming in closer may reveal multiple attractors within the location. Clicking or tapping on the fish icon will open a box that describes the attractor's location and construction materials. The latitude and longitude may be copied and pasted to your GPS device or Courtesv photo

Google Maps on your phone to take you to the attractor you are interested in. If you have a good cellular data signal where you fish, you can also click the "locate me" pin button in the upper left portion of the screen to place a blue dot where you are on the map.

For people who have a GPS-enabled fish finder, the entire list of all fish attractors for each lake the AGFC manages also is available for downloading and easy navigation. Visit www.agfc. com/fishattractors from your home computer and you will be able to download data files compatible with most major fish finder and GPS units. A list of videos on the AGFC's YouTube page can walk you step-by-step through the download process to help you get on the fish faster than ever before.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for KEITH BATES

Will be held on May 22 at the Centerpoint Cemetery, S. Cominto Rd, **Dermott (Drew County)**

ENTS MOVE TO



Photo courtesy of Alice Lindsey

Instructor Alice Lindsey (center, seated) with Hospitality Culinary Students in the new department on the main campus in Monticello. The culinary program is part of the College of Technology offered by the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

UAM students participate in colloquium in Bentonville

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

During the spring semester, two students from the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) participated in the colloquium, "The Road to Freedom and Prosperity," co-sponsored by the Center for Faith and Flourishing at John Brown University and the Arkansas Center for Research in Economics at the University of Central Arkansas.

Dorian Manuel, a sophomore exercise science major at UAM, and Carl Owens, a sophomore political science and criminal justice major and current president of the UAM Student Government Association, represented UAM at the conference held at 21c Museum Hotel Bentonville in downtown Bentonville, Arkansas, on February 25 and 26.

Joining faculty and under-

graduate and graduate students from the University of Central Arkansas, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, John Brown University and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Manuel and Owens, who are also student athletes who play for the UAM Boll Weevils football team, participated in a series of public lectures and seminars to hear and discuss the legacy and state of Black capitalism.

The colloquium-delayed for two years due to the pandemic-was intended to be hosted on the 100th anniversary of the 1919 Tulsa Race Riot, in which the fabled Black Wall Street of downtown Tulsa was destroyed in one of the era's worst racial massacres. Featured speakers included Wilfred Reilly, Ph.D., associate professor of political science at Kentucky State University, and Theodore

Johnson, senior fellow and director of the fellows program at the Brennan Center for Justice at the NYU School of Law.

John Kyle Day, Ph.D., professor of history at UAM, accompanied Manuel and Owens to the colloquium. Day said, "I am very proud of performance of Dorian Manuel and Carl Owens, who participated with both upperclassmen and graduate students from institutions of higher education across the Natural State. They performed very well in the reading seminars and served as first-class ambassadors for our university. In special extracurricular events such as this, I am always reminded of the high quality of students right here at UAM."

For further information, contact John Kyle Day, Ph.D., at 870-460-1887 or day@uamont.edu.





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Honoring and applauding law enforcement officers

On behalf of all Arkansans, I'm honored to mark National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day by paying tribute to our law enforcement officers in The Natural State and across our country.

These men and women who swear an oath to protect and serve their communities are committed to keeping us safe and upholding the law. They take on tremendous risks and are always willing to run toward danger when the rest of us are running away from it.

That requires a special kind of strength and character. It's what sets them apart and gives



us hope that there's never a situation so dire as to keep them from doing their job. Arkansas is blessed. In

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towns and cities across our state, our police departments are filled with humble, dedicated and courageous public servants who exude professionalism and compassion under tremendous pressure.

The 10 Arkansans whose names will be added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial's Roll Call of Heroes this year - Scott Hutton, Hasain El-Amin, Christopher Cummins, Joshua Pierson, James Gardner, Frank Ramirez Jr., Danny Guynes, Kevin Apple, Lesley Green and Malachi Thacker – all fit that description.

Two of these fallen lawmen perished last year while on the job, protecting the public.

Independence County Sheriff's Deputy Frank Ramirez Jr. made the ultimate sacrifice in an early morning car crash that occurred while he was responding to a call for help. Pea Ridge Police Officer Kevin Apple lost his life in the line of duty when he was struck by a suspect's vehicle as the driver attempted to flee from police.

Their stories remind us why we are so grateful for those who wear the badge, patrol our streets, secure our communities and answer calls for help without regard for their own well-being.

So, this week especially, we pause and take the opportunity to say thank you to our law enforcement officers for doing a tough job so well and for their willingness to serve as beacons of light in times of crisis and darkness.

We appreciate them, and all they represent.

Time to break out the extra stick of deodorant

Summer weather hit us with both fists last week. It quickly changed from pleasantly spring to hot as satan's toenails outside. I, like most everyone I have talked to, was in no way prepared for the shift.

Don't get me wrong, Winter is my least favorite season. I hate the dreary, gray days

where sunshine is only a thing of the imagination. I was not built for cold. When the chill of a Winter wind blows, it seems to cut through right to my soul. But as I age, the Summer heat and humidity are not my friends. I lose energy so quickly and have no desire to do anything that will cause me to sweat. Watching Fred play for hours outside

reminds me of when I was a kid. My cousins and I would spend all day outside playing on the slip-and-slide and not think twice about the heat. Not anymore, Ashley.

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EDITOR

Before lunch Saturday, we were tasked with helping assist someone move into their first apartment. We were happy to help and participate in the celebration of success,

until the third trip up the steep flight of stairs. Second story apartments should have cheaper rent.

The first few loads of bags and boxes were alright. But once we got to the heavy stuff at the end, we were all drenched in sweat and panting. The humidity was about 97 percent and while the outside temperature said 89 degrees, the "feels like" temperature was reading 100 degrees.

Thankfully, there were plenty of hands on deck to help and we were able to take breaks and work in shifts. By the end of the process, we got it all moved in and we were all sufficiently soggy and tired.

The hour or so ride back home gave time for the sweat to dry and make my skin feel gross. There was no point in taking a shower though, as soon as we got home, it was time to head to an outdoor birthday party.

We arrived and kids were happily playing, each of them with faces as red as a tomato.

Parents let the kids swing and jump but made sure to make time for appropriate water breaks. At one point, Fred came up for a drink of water and a snack and she smelled like a musky goat. She was having a great time, so I let her be.

We returned home, with no other plans to leave the house for the day, thankfully.

Sitting on the couch and resting in the cool air conditioning made me thankful for modern conveniences such as A/C and deodorant.

I have sent out "calls to action" before and I feel like this is an important enough topic to do it again.

We live in Arkansas. It is hot and the humidity is worse. Please, oh please, do not leave your place of residence without first putting on deodorant. It is sold in every store in town and it comes in every flavor scent imaginable. There is truly some for everyone and we all benefit when everyone uses it.

There is no shame in sweating. It's hot down here, we all perspire to some degree. It is how we handle it that matters.

When Fred is whiney and asks why she has to take a shower everyday, I do not hesitate to tell her it is because she cannot be the stinky kid in class.

I love y'all and summertime does not excuse hospitality. However, if you want a hug from me, you must be wearing deodorant. Stay hydrated, friends.



Celebrating Law Enforcement Week

From patrolling morning rush hour to responding to a domestic call late at night, we ask a great deal from our men and women in law enforcement. We cannot thank them enough for their selfless service.

The Governor issued a proclamation declaring May 15-May 21

HOWARD BEATY ARKANSAS HOUSE REPORT

as National Police Week. Sunday, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor the service and sacrifice of law enforce-

It is inspiring to watch them carry out their duties without much fanfare, but with determination and discipline.

That's exactly what earned Arkansas State Trooper Spencer Morris recognition earlier this year when he was named the National State Trooper of the Year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, State, and Provincial Division. Trooper Morris exhibited incredible bravery when helping the U.S. Marshals Service apprehend an armed fugitive. He was shot in the chest after attempting to pull the suspect's vehicle over, returned fire and called for backup, leading to the shooter's apprehension.

His story is like so many others among our law enforcement ranks – looking past danger and setting self-preservation aside to keep the peace, ensure safety and protect communities.

Understanding that reality is what motivates me to support policies that acknowledge how much our law enforcement officers are needed, provide the funding and resources necessary for them to do their jobs properly, and create harsh penalties for those who would target them with violence because of their profession.

And it's why I encourage you to join me in expressing publicly what we feel all year: we cannot thank them enough for their service and sacrifice.

Arkansans must always share how much we appreciate the members of the Thin Blue Line. May God bless them as they continue working in our communities with heroism and skill. We applaud them and commit to always Back the Blue.

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ment officers killed in the To the Class of 2022

The graduation season is upon us, so today I am congratulating the members of the Class of 2022 who overcame the expected difficulties of high school and college and then surmounted the totally

unexpected challenges of a worldwide pandemic.

COVID-19 forced you to do many things differently. You attended some classes virtual-

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activities such as music programs, competitive sports, and clubs.

For all that you missed, you also learned some lessons that you wouldn't have otherwise.

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You watched leaders at all levels of health care and government assess the medical information and decide how to combat COVID-19 and how to keep Americans safe. We witnessed robust debate about the intersection of science, medicine, public opinion, and emotion. I imagine that these are lessons many of you will take into your careers, whether you are in public service or the private sector.

In Arkansas, we went virtual in our schools for a short time. We knew the best outcome for our students was to return them to in-classroom instruction as soon as possible. And we did. Our Department of Education worked with school districts all over the state to implement procedures and protocols to ensure in-classroom learning continued. Secretary of Education Johnny Key and edu-

cators in all corners of Arkansas sometimes worked seven days a week to support our teachers and students.

As we come out of the pandemic, we are enjoying all of our traditions, including graduation. I join you in your success as I imagine the sights and sounds as you walk across the stage, receive your diploma to the tune "Pomp and Circumstance," your caps flying in the air as you finish one era of your life and head into the next.

Graduation time is a good time to pause and reflect on the challenges and what you have learned to overcome the next challenge.

As you look to the next stage of your life, don't forget the people who helped you get to this point: your family, your friends, your

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line of duty. The proclamation directs that the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff on Sunday as an expression of public sorrow. There are an estimated

7,000 officers are protecting and serving 3 million Arkansans. We recognize that a single week is not a sufficient amount of time to honor their continually sacrifices. We hope the legislation enacted in the most recent session helps to support them and their families throughout the year.

In the most recent fiscal session, we passed an appropriation providing a one-time stipend of \$5,000 to full-time certified city and county law enforcement officers, as well as probation and parole officers. It also provided for a \$2,000 one-time stipend for state troopers.

We also increased the budget for Arkansas State Police by \$7.4 million increase to assist in raising the salaries for state troopers. In the 2021 Regular Session, we passed Act 714, which requires a city of first-class to establish a city police department and provide the department with proper resources.

We also addressed the mental health of our officers by passing Act 747. This bill states law enforcement agencies must assist a law enforcement officer involved in a critical incident in obtaining services that may help the officer recover from psychological effects.

We passed legislation that See **BEATY** Page 5A

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BDG is recommending fiber optic technology, in spite of its Last year the state hired a consultant firm, Broadband De-

velopment Group (BDG), to develop a master plan.

The Advance-Monticellonian welcomes letters to the editor.

reserve the right to edit letters or to not publish certain letters.

When submitting a letter, please include the writer's name, address and

phone number. The phone number is for verification purposes only. We

The firm's chief GILMORE technical officer made a lengthy SENATE REPORT presentation to the legislative Joint Performance Review Com-

potentially higher costs, because it would "future proof" the system. In other words, it may be faster and cheaper to install wireless

cells in rural areas, but the dramatically growing demand for high speed Internet would soon overburden the capacity of wireless

systems, he said. The demand for greater Internet capacity has been growing by 50 percent a year, he said. As networks build more capacity, telecommunications companies tend to offer products and services that require more capacity.

The new services include holographic displays, lengthy videos in high definition and real time telephone connections that include video as well as audio.

As broadband speed increases, new applications are developed that demand more speed and the circle creates its own momentum. Thus, a minimum standard for broadband capacity is a moving target.

Wireless is good for mobile phones and satellite connections in automobiles, but BDG's mission is to recommend technology for







First Responder Day held for MES students



Photo courtesy of Jason Akers

MPD and MFD, along with local ambulance and first responders held a First Responder Day with Monticello Elementary School. All the students at MES got to tour the Police Vehicles, see K9 Cezar work and see the MFD ladder truck along with SEEMS ambulance. Kids received anti-bullying bracelets, badges, hats, stickers and pencils made possible by donations from local businesses through the Child Safety Program.

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was recommended by the

Governor's Task Force to Advance the State of Law Enforcement in Arkansas.

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households, the executive told legislators.

Nationally, the consensus is that a minimum speed of 100 megabits per second is a good household standard.

For a typical family, a minimum capacity of 100 Mbps would allow two children to do online schoolwork, to allow another family member to stream a show on a platform like Netflix and for another family member to attend a Zoom meeting, all at the same time. A drawback to wireless is that new satellites are not in a stationary orbit above the earth. They are lower to the

Act 218 limits a law-enforcement agency to two part-time officers for every full-time officer. The task force report noted that the higher ratio of full-time officers would strengthen inhouse training and enhance

ground and move constantly. Satellite dishes must constantly search for the satellite that is moving overheard, and to do that the dish must have a clear view of the horizon. Trees and hills block signals, and in Arkansas there are lots of trees and hills, the executive said.

A current estimate of the cost is about \$550 million. The federal government has several large grant programs ongoing. The most recent one is just getting underway. Rules will be written in June. It should provide \$1 billion to Arkansas, he said. The state will have to decide how best to subsidize installation of new fiber networks, for example, whether to award private companies a

ing never ends, and as you

already have experienced, life will be a hard taskmaster. But

never give up, because your

greatest victories will come

My Number 1 goal has been

out of your greatest trials.

to make Arkansas an even

greater place to live, work,

and raise a family. Many of

to far-away places to chase

you in the class of '22 will go

your dreams. I wish you God-

speed. But wherever that may

lead, I hope your path even-

tually brings you back home

to join us in making Arkansas

stability.

And we passed legislation making sure K-9 units get the necessary medical services they need if injured in the line of duty with Act 790 titled Gabo's Law. We will continue to

flat fee, such as 75 percent of project costs, or whether to guarantee a minimum rate of return on investment.

BDG recommended a detailed application process for Internet providers to follow if they wish to participate. It also recommended allowing a broad diversity of companies to apply, such as utilities, electric companies, munici-

explore ways to support our law enforcement. We encourage Arkansans to take this week as an opportunity to say thank you and show your appreciation to those who keep your communities safe.

palities, Internet service providers and cable networks.

Asked by a senator if it would be good to allow two or more providers to compete in a certain area, in order to increase options and enrollment, the BDG executive replied that "most people in the telecom business like having a monopoly, if they can."

Unbuckled be warned: Two week long Click It or Ticket enforcement plan scheduled

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Now is the time to change an unsafe practice. Beginning Monday, May 23, law enforcement will have patrols across Arkansas watching closely for motorists not using their seat belts. The stepped-up enforcement operation will continue through June 5th as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Click It or Ticket defined enforcement action plan which spans the Memorial Day holiday period.

The Arkansas Highway Safety Office reminds drivers and their passengers that the regular practice of using seat belts is a proven lifesaver.

"The objective is to change the ways of so many drivers and passengers who never use their seat belts," said Colonel Bill Bryant, Director of the Arkansas State Police and the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "We want the act of buckling up to become instinctive for everyone anytime they get in a car or truck to travel."

As a part of the Click It or Ticket plan for 2022, NHTSA has asked authorities in every state to participate in the kickoff event, Border to Border (B2B), a 4 hour national seat belt awareness event coordinated by participating state highway safety offices and their respective law enforcement liaisons scheduled for May 23rd. The B2B program is intended to increase law enforcement participation by coordinating highly visible seat belt enforcement involving drivers at heavily traveled, highly visible, state border locations.

"During the Click It or Ticket campaign, we'll be working with our fellow law enforcement officers across local and state lines to ensure the message is getting out to drivers and passengers," Colonel Bryant said. "Buckling up is the simplest thing you can do to limit injury or save your life in a crash, and it's the law."

According to NHTSA statistics from 2020, there were 10,893 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. More than twice the number of males died in crashes as compared to females. Additionally, the use of seat belts was lower among males. More than half the males who died in motor vehicle crashes (55%) were not wearing a seat belt. Among females who died in crashes during the same reporting period, 43% weren't buckled up.

The 2020 statistical analysis indicates 58% of passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes at night (6 PM - 5:59 AM) were not wearing seat belts which has led to additional attention to be directed by troopers and other law enforcement officers to seat belt enforcement seat belt enforcement during the evening hours during the upcoming campaign.

Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night.

More information about the Click It or Ticket mobilization can be found at https://www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/click-itor-ticket or by calling the Arkansas Highway Safety Office at (501) 618-8136. News and facts about Arkansas' ongoing Toward Zero Deaths campaign to eliminate preventable traffic fatalities can be found at https://www.tzdarkansas.org/



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teachers and professors, and your mentors. You can thank them in person, and you can thank them by passing on their good work in your life when it's your turn to mentor and lead.

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This program offers easy access and extra services to make sure all types of patients are reached. Transportation is provided, physician assessments are conducted, family education and counseling is offered, nutritionally balanced meal and medication management, structured therapeutic activities, individualized treatment plans, psychiatric assessment, disease education and management, group and individual therapy are all part of the program.

On staff, is a psychiatrist, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, mental health techs, two licensed therapists, and a Certified Dementia Practitioner Transitions' Open House you (CDP).

The open house for the transition unit and virtual dementia tour will be held on Friday, May 27 at the Allied Health Building. UAMS South Arkansas Center on Aging from Eldorado will be conducting the Dementia education events. The Virtual Dementia Tour/Embodied Labs is an evidence-based patented program designed to give families and caregivers the opportunity to experience what dementia is like through an individualized, experiential tour. The goal is to build empathy and understanding for those living with dementia.

Please call soon and reserve your spot at 870-460-4843 for the tour, space is limited. At

will get the opportunity to tour the Transition Unit, meet staff, and gain education on services offered.

We are gathering information also to form a NEW Community Dementia Caregiver support group. We will have a sign-up sheet to gather information on people interested in the support group. The support group would be for family and professional caregivers needing support. More information to come.

If you have questions or would like to send a referral to our Transitions Unit or outpatient behavioral health appointments to see Dr. Althea Conley please Call 870-460-4840 and ask for Pam Leeper, director of IOP. No PCP referral is required.



Pictured left to right - Odell Davis (driver); Betty Ollison (health tech); Kimberly Boykin (therapist); Sabrina Hampton (therapist); Carol Wilson (RN); Pam Leeper (IOP director) Bottom row: Rachel Hall (driver and health tech); Lewis

Local students nominated to attend Arkansas Boys State 2022

Rafter (driver).

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Local students were nominated to represent their community and school at Arkansas Boys State 2022, an immersive leadership and civic engagement experience sponsored by the American Legion.

The following local students will join more than 475 young men attending the program's 81st session at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway from May 29 to June 3.

Dakota Forrest, Drew Central High School; Jack Nickolson, Monticello High School; Logan Hairston, Monticello High School; Johnny McClendon, Monticello High School and Isaiah West, Monticello High School.

"Arkansas Boys State is a legacy program that has produced remarkable local, state, national and international leaders," said Lloyd Jackson, executive director of Arkansas Boys State. "That these students were nominated to attend speaks volumes to their character, pursuit of excellence, and desire to make their community stronger."

During their week at Arkansas Boys State, students will be assigned a political party, city, and county. Throughout the week, they will administer, from the ground up, a mock government as if it were real: run for office, draft and pass legislation, solve municipal challenges, and engage constituents.

"We like to say that Arkansas Boys State is a week that shapes a lifetime, and our tens of thousands of alumni can attest to that," said Jackson. "We're thrilled that these outstanding students are joining us and will experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Students at Arkansas Boys

State will be guided through their experience by more than 50 volunteers who serve the program. The staff of volunteers includes college students and career professionals with interests and expertise in education, finance, industry, politics and government, journalism, and more.

The week's activities, including keynote speakers, general assemblies, and election speeches, will be streamed live by Arkansas PBS on their Arkansas Citizens Access Network: https://www.myarkansaspbs. org/arcan.

Arkansas Boys State is an immersive program in civics education designed for high school juniors. Since 1940, the week-long summer program has transformed the next generation of leaders throughout the state and beyond. These men have become state, national, and international leaders, including Pres. Bill Clinton, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, former White House Chiefs of Staff Mack McLarty and Jack Watson Jr., Sen. Tom Cotton, Sen. John Boozman and Arkansas Chief Justice John Dan Kemp. Learn more at arboysstate.org.

During their week at Arkansas Boys State, delegates are assigned a political party, city, and county. Throughout the week, delegates, from the ground up, administer this mock government as if it were real: they run for office, draft and pass legislation, solve municipal challenges, and engage constituents. By the week's end, the delegates have experienced civic responsibility and engagement firsthand while making life-long memories and friends - all with our guiding principle that "Democracy Depends on Me."

Windgate Foundation awards UAM \$205,415 grant for scholarships, nursing and lab upgrades

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) is pleased to announce that the Windgate Foundation has approved a multiyear grant totaling \$205,415 for the university.

The funds are designated to support three areas at UAM: need-based scholarships, nursing instructors and lab upgrades. The grant period will run from April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024. The funds are designated as follows: \$100,000 for need-based scholarships, \$55,000 for nursing instructors and \$50,415 for lab upgrades.

The partnership is the result

and chief of staff, Crystal Halley, vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Mark Spencer, associate vice chancellor for program development, assessment and distance learning.

This is the second grant that the Windgate Foundation has awarded to UAM. In 2020, UAM received a \$50,000 grant to support visual arts. The grant funded the construction of a graphic design lab at UAM that allowed the university to develop a minor in art with an emphasis in graphic design.

Dr. Peggy Doss offered thanks to the foundation and stressed the importance of its support of UAM, stating, "We are grateful to continue to grow UAM's important relationship with the Windgate Foundation. The grant funding

provided in 2020 was essential for the creation of the graphic design lab and the graphic design art minor emphasis. The current grant awards will allow UAM to continue its commitment to supporting students through need-based scholarships. The funding for nursing instructors will provide additional clinical nurses for the UAM School of Nursing, and the UAM School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences will benefit from the funding for necessary lab equipment upgrades. We offer our sincere thanks to the Windgate Foundation for its support of UAM, and we look forward to working together in the coming years."

AgHeritage Farm Credit Services announces 2022 scholarship recipients

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

AgHeritage Farm Credit Services is proud to invest annually in the education of the next generation through our scholarship program. In 2022, 11 scholarships are being presented - nine \$1,000 Customer Scholarships, one \$2,000 University Scholarship and one \$1,000 Ken Shea Memorial Scholarship. We offer our congratulations to one of this year's scholarship recipients, Megan Stephens of Monticello High School. The Customer Scholarship Program,

which was established in 2001,

is open to dependent children





of a grant proposal submitted on behalf of UAM by Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, Jeff Weaver, vice chancellor for advancement

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bear sightings for us just yet, but my camera is ready. With a telephoto lens, of course.

With each day, our legs are getting stronger and our feet more tired. Both of us have already had to replace our hiking shoes due to wear and tear. But hey, who doesn't like a pair of

stop in the nearest town for food re-supply. We roam the store aisle picking up Cliff bars, coffee, Mac and cheese, and whatever looks good. Which is usually everything! The good news is that we have more food. The bad news is that we have to carry it. The day after is usually a hard hiking day due to the extra weight.

We continue to be amazed by the raw beauty of the outdoors and the spirit of friendship and

The Windgate Foundation was established in 1993 and is a private, family foundation based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

community of the trail. And so,

we hike on not knowing what is

before us. With each step, turn,

mountain and new friends we

are on an adventure. Thank you

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for following along with us!

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and grandchildren of AgHeritage Farm Credit Services stockholder customers. This year's recipients were chosen for their outstanding academic performance and school-related extracurricular activities. Ken Shea Memorial Scholarship Program: Mary Mencer of Monticello High School is the recipient of the \$1,000 Ken Shea Memorial Scholarship. The Ken

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Shea Memorial Scholarship is open to dependent children and grandchildren of AgHeritage Farm Credit Services Southern Region stockholder customers. Mercer was chosen for her outstanding academic performance and involvement in school-related extracurricular activities. AgHeritage Farm Credit Services is a financial cooperative with owned and managed

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assets of approximately \$2.02 billion as of December 31, 2021. The company provides credit and related services to more than 6,300 farmers, ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products in 24 Arkansas counties. Branch offices are located in Batesville, Brinkley, Lonoke, McGehee, Newport, Pine Bluff Pocahontas, Searcy and Stuttgart.





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Randy L. Crossett

Randy L. Crossett passed away on Saturday, May 7, at his home in Benton, at the age of 66 years.

He was born in Monticello on March 24, 1956, to Harry E. Crossett, Sr. and Floy Mae Studdard Crossett. On April 16, 2005, he married Kathy



and he was a member of Life Church of

Little Rock. He was formerly a member of Hot Springs First Assembly of God Church where he met and married his wife.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Kathy Crossett of Benton; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harry and Becky Crossett of Batesville, and Jim and Cookie Crossett of

Monticello; one sister, Brenda Carothers of Monticello; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ben and Jennifer Crossett of Little Rock, and Patrick and Carmen Lewis of El Dorado; one daughter, Hannah Box of Benton. He has eight grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. Randy was devoted to his

family, and he delighted in spending time with his grandchildren. Fishing was one of his favorite activities. He enjoyed outsmarting bass on Lake Ouachita whenever he got the chance. In the evenings he would entertain his family by singing and playing his guitar. His passing has left a hole in the hearts of his

family that will be impossible to fill. He will be missed by all who loved him.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at Life Church of Little Rock at 9415 Stagecoach Rd., Little Rock, AR 72210.

Online guestbook: www. arkansascremation.com. (Paid obituary)

UAM Political Science students and professors present at state conference

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Political science undergraduate students and faculty participated in the 2022 Arkansas Political Science Association Conference on March 3, 2022. This virtual conference brought together faculty and students interested in the study of political science from across the state of Arkansas. UAM seniors Chase Marra of Branson, Missouri, Vanessa Rangel of Dayton, Texas, and Angela Smith of Monticello, Arkansas, and junior Bailey Groom of Texarkana, Texas, made up the

four-person student delegation from UAM.

Additionally, Dr. John Davis, associate professor of political science in the UAM School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, who served as discussant for one of the undergraduate student panels, was a participant in a roundtable panel discussion titled, "The Politics of Continuity and Change in Arkansas." Dr. Carol Strong, professor of political science in the UAM School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, participated in a political theory roundtable panel discussion that considered

Wendy Brown's 2019 book, "In the Ruins of Neoliberalism: The **Rise of Antidemocratic Politics** in the West."

Each UAM student participated in one of a series of undergraduate panels that brought together student scholars from UAM, Lyon College, John Brown University, Quincy University and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Each student gave a 15-minute conference presentation of their individual, original political science research paper followed by a question-and-answer session. Marra, a senior with a political science major, presented a paper titled, "Political Violence in America." In this paper, he considered the increased use of political violence by Americans when making political points.

Rangel, a senior with a political science major and a communications minor, presented a paper titled, "Human Nature, the State and Power: Assessing the Critiques of Modernity by Rousseau, Marx and Havel." In this paper, she considered the interaction between human nature and power in modern society through the lens of political theory.

Smith, a senior with a political science and business finance double major, presented a paper titled, "The Impact of the 14th Amendment and Lingering Injustice." In this paper, she considered whether the 14th Amendment applies equally to all American citizens in practice.

Groom, a junior with a political science major, presented a paper titled, "Political Protest and the Law." In this paper, she considered the complicated nature of applying legal precepts to protest events.

very proud and excited to have these students presenting papers at a conference. They are all excellent students who are passionate about their work. Their involvement in undergraduate research, which brought them to this event, speaks to the competitiveness of UAM students, the strength of UAM programs and the marketability of UAM graduates."

For more information, please contact Dr. Carol Strong at strong@uamont.edu or Dr. John Davis at davisjc@uamont. edu.

Strong commented, "I am

Understanding the infant formula shortage and tips for impacted families

BY REBEKAH HALL

U of A System Division of Agriculture

A nationwide shortage of infant formula is impacting families across the United States. For mothers who rely on formula to provide critical nutrition for their newborns, it's important to proceed with caution for their child's health and safety.

Bryan Mader, extension professor and health specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said there are three primary reasons for the formula shortage: A recall of several brands of infant formula by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, over-buying of formula during the COVID-19 pandemic and strict FDA policy.

Starting in February, the FDA recalled several brands of infant formula due to potential contamination from a foodborne pathogen called Cronobacter, which can be deadly to newborns. "This pathogen was the catalyst for the recall, and a particular formula production facility in Michigan was temporarily shut down while the FDA investigated the contaminated product," Mader said. "This facility was one of the largest manufacturers of formula in the country, so this halt in production im-

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mediately reduced the amount of available formula across the United States."

Mader also said families over-buying infant formula in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic affected supply chains. By purchasing much more formula than they could use at one time, families triggered a perceived lull in demand once their shelves were stocked - causing manufacturers to reduce their output in response.

"It's a classic supply and demand scenario," Mader said.

Retail stores have now placed limits on the amount of infant formula customers can purchase at one time.

A third important reason for the shortage is the FDA's "extremely strict policy when it comes to infant formula, primarily due to health and safety concerns for children," Mader said. Because this policy is so strict, it also prohibits the import of infant formulas from other countries that do not meet the FDA's guidelines. Mader shared four important health and safety recommendations for parents using formula with their infants:

er electrolyte intake in infants.

• Do not try to make formula at home, and do not use formula made by friends or family. "Infant formula is a very complex product that requires specific nutrients for your child," Mader said. "Avoid formula recipes found on the internet, as these have not been tested by the FDA and may cause your child harm. Also avoid formulas that have been made in other countries, since they may not be safe or may not contain the correct nutrients for your child."

 Do not purchase more formula than a child can consume in two to three weeks. This exacerbates the shortage and may lead to other families not being able to find enough formula.

Mader said there are two more contributing factors to the shortage. The first is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, which is commonly known as WIC. Mader said this program purchases the "vast majority of all infant formula in the United States," resulting in a relatively small

recall or a temporary facility closure – the United States is not really equipped to ramp up production of formula or divert formula from WIC, due to requirements to provide this nutrition for women and children in the WIC program," Mader said.

A second contributing factor to the shortage is a "declining percentage of new mothers who can or who choose to breastfeed their newborns," Mader said.

"This puts an increasing amount of pressure on the supply of infant formula, further pushing the availability and access to formula away from those who are trying to find it," Mader said.

Mader said there are many reasons why breastmilk is not necessarily the answer or "even a viable solution" for families impacted by the formula shortage.

the decision to supplement or completely supplant with infant formula."

"Without this supplementary nutrition, newborns can suffer from jaundice, low blood sugar, and a general primary organ stress that can increase the likelihood of serious illness or death," he said.

In addition, the socio-economic, cultural, emotional and physiological pressures of being a mother, compounded by balancing work, school or other familial responsibilities – plus a lack of clean, safe spaces for breastfeeding mothers outside of the home - all interact to create many challenges for mothers.

How it's going

For families struggling with the formula shortage, Mader provided three steps to take: · Contact one's pediatrician

• If there is a stock of formula available that is not one's regularly-used formula, it is okay to switch to a different brand – or even a generic one – since most formulas are similar across different brands. However, avoid switching from cow milk protein-based formula to a soybased type unless directed by a pediatrician.

• Call smaller stores, such as family-owned pharmacies and convenience stores, to check their stock of infant formula.

Mader said there are "several strategies being deployed" to help alleviate the shortage, including authorizing the WIC program to help supply chain issues by allocating a portion of their formula supply to retailers. He said the FDA is also currently in discussions with national retailers to determine "how best to help them meet the soaring demand." On May 13, President Biden said the FDA is working with manufacturers to facilitate importing formula from abroad, including from Europe, to get formula back on U.S. shelves

"Infections, medications, genetic conditions, thyroid disease and many other physiological conditions may make it difficult or even impossible for mothers to feed their baby with breastmilk," Mader said. "Newborns require a very specific balance first. "They may have samples of formula that you can use to supplement what you're able to purchase from the store," Mader said. "Pediatricians may also have a stock of specialized formulas that regular stores don't within the next few weeks. carry.'



REMINDER TO ASSESS

Drew County Assessor Cheri Adcock would like to remind all taxpayers who have personal and/or business property to assess it prior to May 31, 2022. A 10% late penalty will be added after that date. Persons may assess by calling the office at 870-460-6240, or online at http://www.actdatascout.com. However, commercial assessments must be done either in person or online. They cannot be done over the phone. If residents own their home and if it is their primary place of residence, they may qualify for a Homestead Tax Credit of up to \$375. They should let the assessor's office know if they will turn 65 by December 31, 2022, or if they have become disabled.

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSINGS AND TRASH SCHEDULE

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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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN **ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2022-11 FOR FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE.**

ARTICLE 1. The Tenth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated May 9, 2022 and is filed with the County Clerk, is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

ARTICLE 2. The appropriations, sums, funds, accounts and demands as amended by said Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, filed with the County Clerk, are hereby appropriated to be paid from the designated funds and devoted to the payment of the specified demands for the year 2022 and those appropriations are hereby made by reference to that Tenth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget which is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

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

ARTICLE 4. If any provision of this ordinance (including, but not limited to any provisions of the Tenth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget or appropriations in that amendment) are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordi-

of newborn and size 6 diapers We are open to receive donations Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday

Hope Place

Hope Place in Monticello is in need

HELP WANTED

ABBOTT SUPPLY COMPANY IN MCGEHEE CURRENTLY HAS POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES THAT ARE WILLING TO PERFORM MANUAL LABOR AND WORK OVERTIME AS NEEDED. APPLICANT MUST BE ABLE TO PASS PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TEST. RANDOM DRUG TESTING IS ALSO PERFORMED ON ALL EMPLOYEES. APPLICANT MUST HAVE VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE. WE OFFER COMPETITIVE WAGES, HEALTH **INSURANCE & RETIREMENT BENEFITS.**

APPLY IN PERSON ABBOTT SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. 3106 HWY 65 **NORTH** MCGEHEE, AR



ABBOTT SUPPLY COMPANY, INC 3106 HWY 65 N P.O. BOX 170 MCGEHEE, AR 71654 PH: (870) 222-5056 FAX: (870) 222-6828



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

The Advance classifieds are online! See CLASSIFIEDS Page 10A

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, PUBLIC have good listening skills, knowledge of public works and WORKS have a minimum of a high school diploma. Must be able to pass a preemployment 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.



nance which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance (and the amendment to the budget and appropriations) are declared to be severable.

ARTICLE 5. This Tenth Appropriation Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget shall be effective immediately upon passage by the quorum court and approval by the county judge. (See 2016 ACCG \$14-14-907 3(f))

> ADOPTED: May 9, 2022 APPROVED: 5-9-2022 /s/Robert Akin Robert Akin, Drew County Judge ATTEST: /s/Nancy White Nancy White, Drew County Clerk Sponsors: Joe Williams, Jr., Carole Bulloch

ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE 2022-11

The Tenth Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated May 9, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-11

Maintenance Position

Position #22 in the Road Department, a Full-Time Maintenance position to have the salary of \$29,547.36 appropriated between several departments. See attached letter. This appropriation is for 8 months for a total appropriation of \$32,994.81

Decrease Unappropriated Countywide 911 Fund (3020) \$659.90 and increase the following line items:

2% Countywide 911	
3020.0501.1001 Salaries	\$393.96
3020.0501.1006 Social Security Matching	\$30.14
3020.0501.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$60.36
3020.0501.1009 Health Ins. Matching	\$137.53
3020.0501.1010 Workmen's Comp.	\$31.91
3020.0501.1011 Unemployment	\$6.00
± V	\$659.90

Decrease Unappropriated General Fund (1000) \$18,807.04 and increase the following line items:

5% District Court	
1000.0409.1001 Salaries	\$984.91
1000.0409.1006 Social Security Matching	\$75.35
1000.0409.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$150.89
1000.0409.1009 Health Ins. Matching	\$343.82
1000.0409.1010 Workmen's Comp.	\$79.78
1000.0409.1011 Unemployment	\$15.00
	\$1,649.74
20% Health Dept.	
1000.0300.1001 Salaries	\$3,939.65
1000.0300.1006 Social Security Matching	\$301.38
1000.0300.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$603.55
1000.0300.1009 Health Ins. Matching	\$1,375.26
1000.0300.1010 Workmen's Comp.	\$319.11
1000.0300.1011 Unemployment	\$60.00
	\$6,598.96
33% Courthouse Maintenance	
1000.0108.1001 Salaries	\$6,500.42
1000.0108.1006 Social Security Matching	\$497.28
1000.0108.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$995.86
1000.0108.1009 Health Ins. Matching	\$2,269.19
1000.0108.1010 Workmen's Comp.	\$526.53
1000.0108.1011 Unemployment	\$99.00
	\$10,888.29

Legals continued on Page 9A

Decrease Unappropriated Road Fund (2000) \$13,197.92 and increase the following line items:

40% Road Dept.	
2000.0200.1001 Salaries	\$7,879.30
2000.0200.1006 Social Security Matching	\$602.77
2000.0200.1008 Noncontrib. Retirement	\$1,207.11
2000.0200.1009 Health Ins. Matching	\$2,750.53
2000.0200.1010 Workmen's Comp.	\$638.22
2000.0200.1011 Unemployment	\$120.00
1 2	\$13,197.92

Reason for Appropriations

• Full-Time Maintenance position #22, slot at \$32,994.81 for 8 months.

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$247.24.

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

MONTICELLO CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2078 HWY 425 N., MONTICELLO

SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 103 HWY 172, MONTICELLO

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

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 tee or distributee's attorney is: 870.460.6260

COUNTY DREW BOARD OF **ELECTION** COMMISSIONERS #103916 5/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY ARKANSAS **PROBATE DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. **READICKER, DECEASED**

NO. 22PR-22-40-2

NOTICE

Last known address of Decedent:

1350 Hwy. 425 S., Apt #147, Monticello, AR 71655

Date of Death: 12/25/2021

The undersigned was appointed Executrix of the Estate of the above named Decedent on April 21, 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. Claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the Decedent shall also be filed 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 such Estate.

This Notice first published the 18th day of May, 2022. Lisa Plumb 200.75 feet; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 04 seconds West parallel with the South boundary of said N 1/2 SW 1/4 for a distance of 1,399.90 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.385 acres, more or less. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney with 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:

H. Murray Claycomb Haley & Claycomb, P.A. Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 970 Warren, AR 71671 870-226-2681

#103925 5/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID LEE HAMPTON, DECEASED

06PR-22-34

NOTICE

Name of Decedent: David Lee Hampton

Last known address: 154 Bradley 144 Road, Jersey, Arkansas 71651

Date of Death: October 24, 2017

On April 28, 2022, an Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of David Lee Hampton, Deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Bradley County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributees or their attorney, within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distribu-

John A. Singleton, Jr. Hashem Law Firm, PLC P. O. Box 739 Monticello, AR 71657 (870) 367-4223

This notice first published the 11th day of May, 2022. #104038 5/11 5/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEGGY HALLMAN, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-49

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:

133 Sandy Creek Lane

Monticello, AR 71655

Date of Death: March 30, 2022

An Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributees was filed on the 28th day of April. The estate to be collected contains real property, legally described as follows:

Lot No. 10, of Sandy Creek Subdivision of a part of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (NE¹/₄ of SE¹/₄) of Section 11, Township 13 South, Range 6 West, Drew County, Arkansas, as shown on the plat of said subdivision made by E. Wesley McCoy, Registered Land Surveyor, dated October 27, 1978, and found or record at Page 62, of Plat Book No. 1, found in the Office of the Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Drew County, Arkansas. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that this conveyance is hereby made expressly subject to (1) any and all easements and rights-of-way which affect any part of this real property and which are of record or discoverable upon reasonable examination of the premises, and (2) any and all mineral interests in this real property which are outstanding (i.e., not owned by the grantors herein). PROVIDED, FURTHER, that Grantor conveys to Grantee all of Grantor's right and interest in and to all oil, gas, gravel, and mineral interest related to the above-described land and their right and interest only. Grantee does not warrant the nature or the extent of the Grantor ownership warrant in said oil, gas, gravel and mineral rights.

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 Lieutenant Governor Attorney General Leslie Rutledge Senator Jason Rapert Chris Bequette Greg Bledsoe Doyle Webb Secretary of State Secretary of State John Thurston Eddie Joe Williams **State Treasurer** State Representative Mark Lowery Senator Mathew W. Pitsch **County Judge** Jessie Griffin County Judge Robert Akin **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

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870 367 2438

c/o Paul W. Keith

P.O. Drawer 447

Monticello, AR 71657

AR Bar No. 94008

GIBSON & KEITH, PLLC

NOTICE

The Drew Central School District will be accepting bids for milk and bread products for the 2022-2023 school year. Sealed bids will be accepted at the below date, time, and place. Date: June 16, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: 250 Ûniversity Drive, Monticello, AR 71655

Please write "MILK or BEAD BID" on the outside of your envelope. Sealed bids may be dropped off at the Administration Office:

Drew Central Schools

Attn: Meredith Shirey 250 University drive Monticello, AR 71655 Or mailed to: **Drew Central Schools** Attn: Meredith Shirev

250 University drive Monticello, AR 71655

The bid winner will be announced at the below date, time, and place.

Date: June 23, 2022 Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: Drew Central board Room, 250 University Drive, Monticello, AR 71655

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call or email the Child Nutrition Director at (870) 367-5369 or Meredith.Shirey@drewcentral.org.

#103924 5/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS **PROBATE DIVISION** IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLARD SAM CARTER DECEASED

CASE NO. 06-PR-21-80-2

NOTICE

Last Known Address Of Decedent: 225 Carter Road, Wilmar, Arkansas Date of Death: March 12, 2014 On April 8, 2022, An Affidavit For Collection Of Small Estate By Distributee was filed with respect to the Estate of Willard Sam Carter, 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 real property listed in the affidavit is as follows

A parcel of land in the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N 1/2 SW 1/4) of Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 8 West Drew County, Arkansas and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the N 1/2 SW 1/4 of said Section 5; then North 00 degrees 59 minutes 13 seconds West along the West boundary for a distance of 195.42 feet; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 53 seconds East parallel with the North boundary of said N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW for a distance of 1,446.24 feet to the centerline of Drew County Road 361; thence South 12 degrees 21 minutes 38 seconds West along said centerline for a distance of

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. This notice first published on the 18th day of May, 2022.

Jessie Dodson, Walter Dodson, and Keena West, Distributors Barton & Roper, PLLC P.O. Box 507Monticello, AR 71657 (870) 367-6288

#104039 5/18 5/25

NOTICE

TOMMY ANTHONY CHERAMIE

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights as to Sarah Michelle Cheramie. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to serve upon Laura Beth Whitley, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children Services, 600 Hearthwood Court, Cookeville, Tennessee 38506, (931) 644-6147, an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Tennessee Department of Children Services, within thirty (30) days of the last day of publication of this notice, and pursuant to Rule 39(e)(1)of the Tenn. R. Juv. P. you must also appear in the Juvenile Court of Fentress County, Tennessee at Jamestown, Tennessee on the 10th day of August, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., for the Hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n) and Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Jamestown, Tennessee.

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

Free hay, you must harvest. First come first served. call 870-224-6858 or 870-510-0635 5/18

GARAGE SALE

5 FAMILY **GARAGE SALE!**

2339 Hwy 425 North. Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21, 8:00 to 12:00 each day (please note the starting time!) Furniture, Pioneer Woman brand name items, clothing, books, DVDs, pots & pans, household items, crystal, hunting clothing & accessories, bed & mattress set, double axle trailer, toys, & a little bit of everything! 5/21 pd

MISCELLANEOUS

Ladies Western dress shirts, long sleeve, like new, size M-L \$10 each call 870-623-0530 1f 5/21

Cherry Curio Cabinet \$50 call 870-224-1250 1f 5/25



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

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

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OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

1100 SQ FT CLASS A OFFICE SPACE UTILITIES PAID 419 WEST GAINES (USDA BLDG), CALL 870-723-3534. TFN c11/28

OFFICE FOR RENT

For information, call 870-723-4996. TFN. mt-bm #101799

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For rent 3 bedroom, 2 bath Mobile home at 1553 Old Warren Road . Please call 870-723-3309 for more information. 4pd 6/4

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

For sale by Owner. (to be moved off property by buyer) 2015 Clayton Mobile Home 80 x 16, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Large Living Area, Skirting and meter loop. Call 870-918-0371 4pd 6/8

Taking applications on an all elec-

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House for rent. 600 W. Jackson Street. 3 bdrm, call 313-770-7183 4pd 5/28

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CLASSIFIEDS

RESALE SHOP

ination call HUD toll free at 1-800race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or 669-9777. The toll free telephone number for the hearing impaired is an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. 1-800-927-9275. Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of Blane's Resale. Household goods, children under 18. This newspaper movies, furniture, and games. Also will not knowingly accept any adbuys household furniture and unvertising for real estate which is in wanted storage buildings. Open Friviolation of the law. Our readers days and Saturdays. 708 N Gabbert are hereby informed that all dwell-Street. For weekdays Call 870-220-

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FOR SALE

TIMBERLAND FOR SALE

Sealed-bid sale opening bids May 26, 2022

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We fix Power Washers, Hot or Cold,, Forced Air Kerosene heaters and Generators. Give us a call or

come by. 4pd 6/11

Pressure Washing: Driveways, sidewalks, campers, houses, etc. 870-308-2047. TFN.

Brewer's Lawn Care

Contact Maurice or Edwin at 870-See CLASSIFIEDS Page 12A

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Estamos buscando gente motivada, dependiente trabajadora para turno completo.

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Maxwell Hardwood Flooring Attn: Human Resource Manager 190 Wilson Mill Road • Monticello, AR 71655 We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.



for day and night shifts. Employee will be responsible for maintenance and operation of machinery; therefore, must be mechanically inclined, detail oriented, and safety

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- Profit sharing Paid vacation
- Insurance (health, dental, vision, and life)
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PETS

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. 5/28 1tf

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

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

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APARTMENTS

Cedar Hill Apartments

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Drew Central honors athletes with Senior All-Sports Banquet

BY: JEFF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central School District honored the participants of the 2021-22 sports season with the annual All-Sports Banquet held on Tuesday, May 10.

The banquet is designed to honor all athletes that participated at the senior sports center throughout the year.

The banquet started with a dinner for parents, coaches, staff, athletes, and guests followed by opening remarks by head girls' basketball coach and Athletic Director Michael Goad.

Coach Goad would open the banquet with an overall review of the sports year for Drew Central.

This past season, the Pirates and Lady Pirates produced 32 All-Conference selections, eight All-State selections, and sent eight teams to postseason play.

Drew Central also have several players being looked at to continue their athletic careers at the next level with Aiden Jones having a commitment to Arkansas Baptist for baseball and Antonio Remley having a commitment for football at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Presenting the first awards of the banquet was head tennis coach and girls head softball coach, Becca Greenwood.

For tennis, Nate Cooper was the conference singles champion and was top eight in the state. Drew Central was the 8-3A Conference Champions as well as having the conference doubles champions in Kaleb Love and Michael Herman. All three advanced to the state tournament and won their opening round matches.

Next up was head football coach Matt Gonzales. Despite finishing with an 0-10 record, coach Gonzales is excited for the coming season despite losing some key seniors off this year's team.



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Special to The Advance

JAILA BUNN and AIDEN JONES have been selected for the Ms. Pirate and Mr. Pirate Award. The award was give to the student athlete that not only excelled in sports during the school season but also excelled in the classroom and in behavior. Each award is based on a point system with the highest point totals being named the honorary award winners. Bunn and Jones will also be the featured Pirate and Lady Pirate pictured on Drew Central's website, www. dcpiratenation.com, for the 2022-23 school year.





For those players that were selected as All-State selections in any sports category meant that they were selected by the coaches across the state and are only one of four players chosen as an All-State selection in their sport.

In the final showcase of student athletes of the night, the 2022 Drew Central Track and Field were honored.

The Drew Central Track and Field team captured multiple top five finishes in district and in the State Meet. The team also saw top finishes at the Meet of Champions.

On the boy's side, Aiden Jones placed in the top five in three events during the district championship meet. Jones placed third in the 100-meter dash and second in the 200-meter dash and high jump.

Gabe Butcher had a fifthplace finish at district in the 400-meter dash.

Sam Bostian placed first in the 800-meter run, first in the 1600-meter run, and second in the 3200-meter run.

The Pirates placed fourth in the 4x800 meter relay.

In the girl's district events, Jaila Bunn placed first in the 100-meter dash, first in the 200-meter dash, and fourth in the high jump.

Edriana Hunter placed third in the 100-meter dash, fourth in the 200-meter dash, and first in the 400-meter dash. Kalyiah Miller placed fifth in the 100 meter and 200-meter dash, and second in the long jump.

Kaisa Orr placed first in the 300-meter hurdles and third in the high jump. Ali Jo Cruce placed first in the 3200-meter run, first in the discus throw, and second in the shot put.

The Lady Pirate relay team placed first in the 4x100 meter and second in the 4x200 and 4x400.

Moving on to the 3A State Meet, Jaila Bunn captured State Championships in the 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash. Edriana Hunter placed fifth in the 400-meter dash. Drew Central's relay teams would win a State Championship in the 4x200 meter relay and second in the 4x100 meter relay after finishing first in the prelim race. Drew Central had 10 runners selected to the All-District team with Kaliyah Miller, Edriana Hunter, Meleri Herman, Ali Jo Cruce, Sayveiona Durden, Aiden Jones, Sam Bostian, Kaisa Orr, and Gabe Butcher. Also being selected to All-District was Jaila Bunn who concluded her career at Drew Central. In her career, the senior runner has amassed seven State Championships in the 1x100 meter dash, 1x200 meter dash and as a part of the Drew Central relay team. Bunn and the relay team also qualified for the Meet of Champions that was held at Russellville High School on Wednesday, May 11. In the Meet of Champions, Bunn would place third in the 100-meter dash and eighth in the 200-meter dash with the relay team placing 12th in the 4x200 meter relay. After the announcement of the track awards, Coach Goad would take the podium for the final award presentation of the night, the male and female Student Athletes of the Year also known as Mr. Pirate and Ms. Pirate awards. The basis of the awards not only involves the athlete's participation in their prospective sports but also involves their overall performance in the classroom as well as their overall attitude and discipline during the school year. The award is presented to an outgoing senior each year with the participants being the feature photo on the Drew Central website, www.dcpiratenation. com, for the next school year until the next Mr. and Ms. Pirate are crowned.

Gonzales announced that assistant and offensive coordinator, Daryl Scott, would be departing Drew Central to take the head coaching position at Mountain Pine.

For the Pirates, there were five players selected to the second team All-Conference with those players being Ashton Kelly, Cade Kling, Parker Cruce, Brayden Millett, and Luke Phillips.

The Pirates also produced two All-Conference First Team selections with Kade Bodiford and Antonio Remley.

Moving on to basketball, head boys' basketball coach CJ Watson gave an overview of this past season's accomplishments with the Pirates finishing with an overall record of 20-10 finishing third in conference.

The Pirates were the runners-up in the annual Holiday Classic and were also the runners-up in the 3A Region 4 Tournament after entering the tournament as the fourth seed from the 8-3A. With the runner-up placement, the Pirates qualified for the 3A State tournament for the sixth consecutive season, the only 3A team that has accomplished the feat over that time frame.

The Pirates had four All-Conference selections with Drew Burton, Tralon Miller, Kade Bodiford, and Tristian Butler receiving the honors and Kade Bodiford being selected as an All-State selection and Butler being named to the State Tournament team.

For the Lady Pirates, the team finished with an overall record of 23-11 and went 11-1 in 8-3A Conference play becoming the regular season 8-3A Conference Champions.

The Lady Pirates finished as the Holiday Classic runner-up and were victorious in their opening game of the 3A Region 4 Tournament the Lady Pirates became the first Lady Pirate team to qualify for the 3A State Tournament in four or five sea-

MICHAEL GOAD, head girls basketball coach and Drew Central Athletic Director makes opening remarks to begin the 2021-22 All-Sports Banquet held on Tuesday, May 10.

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LADY PIRATE TRACK TEAM shows off their medals after the 2022 State Track Meet. The seven members of the Lady Pirates all qualified for the State Meet.

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GAVIN WEAR (left) and TUCKER STANDLEY (right) were named as the Pirate Pride award recipients by head baseball coach Aaron Goad. Standley and Wear were members of the Pirate Baseball and Football programs this season.

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The Lady Pirates had five All-Conference selections with Hannah Meeks, Jaila Bunn, Gracie Connard, Edriana Hunter, and Kaisa Orr receiving the honors.

Connard would also be selected as an All-State selection. It would be her second All-State selection in her career at Drew Central for basketball.

Sayveona Durden was selected as a part of the 3A All-Tournament team.

Kelsey Jackson and Emily Howard, who coached this

season's Drew Central cheer teams came to the podium to announce the cheer participants and to hand out individual awards.

It will be the final season as cheer coach for the two teachers.

Becca Greenwood returned to announce the softball awards. The Lady Pirates were able to advance to the 3A Region 4 Tournament to end the season, it was the first appearance for the Lady Pirates in the tournament in a couple of seasons.

The Lady Pirates had several

young ladies receiving All-Conference honors with Zoe Johnson, who was also nominated to the Junior Classic; Bailey Chapman, who recorded 47 hits; Kinnlee Graves, who recorded 34 hits; and Mallory Jackson, who recorded 45 hits. Gracie Connard was also an

All-Conference selection as well as an All-State selection. Connard also received the Golden Spike, Golden Glove and Silver Slugger award after recording 55 hits and striking out 45 batters as a pitcher. Connard was also nominated to the 3A State

All-Star team.

Aaron Goad, head baseball coach, was the next presenter, as the Drew Central Pirate baseball team also had an appearance in the 3A Region 4 Tournament and had five All-Conference selections and one All-State selection.

Nate Cooper, Jase Watt, Aiden Jones, and Drew Burton were selected as All-Conference selections. Jones has also committed to Arkansas Baptist to play baseball.

Drew Burton was selected as an All-State selection.









UAM Football hires Tre' Williams as new linebacker coach

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello's Head Football Coach / Director of Athletics Hud Jackson announced the hiring of Tre' Williams as the newest coach for the Weevils Football team. Williams comes aboard as the newest linebackers coach for Monticello's program after

spending this past season as a family!" Graduate Assistant at the University of Central Florida.

"Tre' comes to us with experience as a coach and as a player from the power 5 level", said Jackson. "He will be a great fit here. He is a detailed person who wants and will build strong relationships with his players! We are happy to welcome him to our

Williams is a former Auburn linebacker who earned second-team All-Southeastern Conference honors in 2017.

His career included 188 tackles, 3.5 sacks, two fumble recoveries and a pair of pass breakups. During the 2020 season, he joined the Thompson High School football staff in Alabaster,

and develop freshman linebackers, as well as help assist with the varsity team.

He also signed with the Detroit Lions in 2019, had stints with two other NFL teams, and played with the LA Wildcats in the XFL. He's a former Alabama prep All-State player from Mobile.

"My wife and I feel very bless-

Alabama. His role was to coach ed to call Monticello our new not for any of these people." home", said Williams. "We are so excited for this opportunity and look forward to being a catalyst for change. This football program has a bright future and I'm thankful to be a part of what's ahead. I would like to thank God first, my family and my previous leadership. I wouldn't be as prepared as I am to serve this team if

The UAM football program will be back in action for the 2022 season on Thursday, September 1.

They open up the season in Bethany, Oklahoma as they travel to Southern Nazarene University to face the Crimson Storm. The game is set to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Monticello Billies' baseball season ends with first round loss to Robinson

BY: JEFF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies 2022 baseball season came to an end on Thursday, May 12, in the first round of the 4A State Baseball Championship Tournament held in Nashville. The Billies advanced to the state tournament after a second-place finish in the regional tournament the following week.

Facing the Robinson Senators, the Billies found themselves down early in the contest after the Senators scored two runs in the top of the first inning highlighted by a solo home run by pitcher Jack Cleveland in the second at bat of the contest.

Cleveland was able to get the first two Billie batters out to begin the bottom of the first inning before Cade Pigott got the first Billie hit in the contest, a single to left field. It was the only Monticello base runner of the inning.

Robinson would return in the top of the second inning to score eight runs in the inning

with Jackson Ward putting an exclamation on the inning with a two-run home run to give the Senators a 10-0 lead.

Monticello's John Frost would reach base on an error for the only base runner in the bottom of the second inning for the Billies. Robinson retired the next two Billie batters to end the inning. Robinson would extend the lead in the top of the third after scoring one run for an 11-0 lead.

Monticello would once again have only one base runner in the bottom of the third inning after a single by Dorian Allen victory. to right field.

Robinson added four runs in the top of the fourth inning highlighted by a three-run home run by Peyton Nelson to give the Senators a 15-0 lead.

Monticello's Frost was the only player to reach base in the bottom of the fourth inning after being hit by a pitch. The Billies would get the Senators out in order in the top of the fifth inning with Robinson getting Monticello out in order in the bottom half of the inning to end the contest with a 15-0

For the Billies, the team would go 2 for 18 at the plate with Allen and Pigott recording Monticello's only hits of the contest. John Frost would reach base twice, once on an error and once being hit by a pitch.

Tucker Breedlove would be awarded the loss for the Billies allowing 15 runs on 14 hits with 11 of those runs being earned. Breedlove would throw for 3.2 innings striking out one and walking once. Jagger Hines came in for relief, pitching 1.1

innings allowing zero runs on zero hits.

The Billies finished the season winning their final six conference games. After leading the conference for most of the season, two losses dropped the Billies to third in the conference before Monticello won six consecutive contests to claim the outright conference title.

The Billies ended the season with an overall record of 20-11, was the 4A Region 4 runner-up, 4A State Tournament appearance, and was the 8-4A Conference Champions.

Ja'Corrian Love earns honors at CP3 camp

BY: JEFF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

Drew Central Junior Pirate, current eighth grader, Ja'Corrian Love had the opportunity to par-

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Love, a current member of the Drew Central Junior Pirate basketball team, as well as a member of the Drew Central Junior Pirate football team, and has been awarded the Special Teams MVP

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in football, the Pirate Pride award NBA Superstar Chris Paul, who in basketball, All-District in Junior High Track and Field, and was also the junior Boys High Point award winner in track.

Love is also a member of the Spartans Blue program that helps to build young men not only in sports but also off the court.

Love travelled to Mount Laurel, New Jersey to participate in the CP₃ Combine on May 13 through May 15 to participate in the national event that saw players and coaches from across the country.

During his time at the combine, Love would be scoring in the top 40 at the camp, making the All-Star team.

The combine is associated with

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currently plays for the Phoenix Suns and has been a part of the NBA since 2005 when he was drafted to the New Orleans Hornets. Paul is a 12-time NBA All-Star and was the All-Star Game MVP in 2013.

The combine helps to promote young talent early in their careers, helping to put the young men on the radar of college coaches across the nation at all levels.

Love will return to the Junior Pirates next season. The 2021-22 Junior Pirates are coming off a very successful season, having captured the Conference Championship.

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JA'CARRION LOVE traveled to Mount Laurel, New Jersey to participate in the CP3 National Middle School Combine. Love's performance at the combine earned him a top 40 ranking and was named to the All-Star team. Love performed in front of coaches and players from across the country.

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Mudbugs and music for Seark Miracle League

BY ASHLEY HOGG editor@monticellonews.net

The smell of crawfish filled the air south of town Friday night as countless pounds of crawfish were cooked and served at The Ridge on Wilson Mill to benefit the Seark Miracle League.

The annual fundraiser, formerly known as Deck the Diamond, has been on pause for two years due to Covid-19. This year, the event was back and in full swing.

The Miracle League of South-east Arkansas is a non-profit organization that is focused on providing individuals with disabilities a chance to play baseball and experience the magic of team sports. They also have an inclusive playground that is adjacent to the Miracle League Field. This playground allows children and adults with disabilities to play with their able-bodied peers and families. The SEARK Miracle League is continuously looking for programs or ideas to better serve our community for people with disabilities. The Miracle League of Southeast Arkansas works with it's local communities to educate and advocate the needs for individuals and their families with special needs. The Miracle League removes the barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's favorite pass time.

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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL Trust in God even through disappointments

By Amy Becker

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring *health to your body and* nourishment to your bones." Proverbs 3:5-8

When disappointing things happen to you, what's your reaction? Maybe you didn't make the team you tried out for or plans got canceled. You might have gotten sick before some really cool event or couldn't go because other plans got in the way. Our disappointments can range from very small to very tall.

They can be minor enough to forget quickly or major enough to change our lives. However, how we handle our disappointments says something about how much we trust God. So here's the question... how much do you trust God?

If you're not sure how much you can trust God or even why you should, I want to challenge you to search the page of the Bible. Each story that unfolds reveals God's faithfulness to those who love him. Find a picture Bible even and read the stories of Moses, Daniel, Jonah, and Joseph and you'll see that what people would look at as a complete failure, God turned into a masterpiece in the end.

Listen, things will not always work out the way that you hope for them to but that's because our minds for the most part are set on what's best for us and we really aren't looking at the whole picture. God sees it all though. He sees how one thing effects the other and he has a plan in everything he does.

If I know one thing about God. it's that He can be trusted, and although it's normal to get disappointed when something doesn't happen the way we think it should what we do with that in the long run speaks to how at peace we are with the fact that we trust God's plan. This is a big concept, but let's look at it in things that you might

face.

When plans get canceled, do you remember that God has something else in store for you that day? If your parents have to work instead of taking you to a place you really wanted to go, do you honor them and move on? What about if a friend makes a team but you don't? Are you happy for them?

God knows you. He knows exactly what you need all the time and will take care of each of your needs, but we have to remember that what we see and what God sees are two very different things. So trust in him when disappointing things come your way. He may have something bigger in store for you than you could ever imagine!





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Quality pest control service at reasonable price

By: Melissa Cason reporter@monticellonews.net

Delta Pest Control, Inc. has turned into one of the largest pest control businesses in the state thanks to their customer service. When Bill, Doris and Lindsey Lawrence purchased the business in 1984, they had only a few trucks serving only McGehee.

"We have expanded from only five trucks in the McGehee area into one of the largest family owned pest control businesses in the state," Bill said. "We plan to continue that expansion in the future."

The Lawrences have one key business philosophy: treat customers the way they would want to be treated.

It may seem like a simple idea, but it's one that has brought the company success over the last 20 years.

Bill attributes some of that success to having quality technicians who value their customers.

When it comes to giving others advice about how to run a successful business, the Lawrences advise business owners to "be very frugal, work long hours, be honest and save for a rainy day."

These are qualities that have served them well over the last two decades.

Delta Pest Control specializes in residential and commercial pest control.

"Delta gives you quality service at a reasonable price," Bill said. "We value our customers." Delta Pest Control is located at 302 Owl Street in McGehee.



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DELTA PEST CONTROL BJ Knowles, formerly of Save A Lot, is pictured above with his wife Robin in front of a Delta Pest Control truck. BJ is the head technician/salesperson and has been with Delta Pest Control for a number of years.

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BARKADA **JANA WRIGHT**

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

Her column will resume in next week's edition.

GREEN HILL WANDA PACE

Greenhill Community Baptist Church enjoyed a wonderful Sunday morning service. Brother Caleb's message was titled "The Warning His Faith Believed" from Hebrew 11:7. The youth trip to Monroe, La. was on Sunday afternoon. There will be showers for Alli and Scott on May 25th at 6:30 p.m. and Kieth and Haley Chambliss on June 12th at 2 p.m. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 5-10, 2022.

Aunt May has a doctor's appointment in Pine Bluff this week. Praying she gets a good report.

Delbert and Sylvia Farrar visited with Aunt May and Aunt Pep on Saturday evening.

The market in the park offers fresh home grown vegetables such as squash, zucchini, onions, and cucumbers on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. I always look forward to this time of year.

Happy Birthday Heavenly Grace McDaniel. She celebrated her 4th birthday on Tuesday, May 10th. Grace is my great niece and loves to ride horses.

Wayne Smith hasn't been feeling well and could use some prayers. I hope you feel better soon.

Verse of the week: "You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2. Have a safe and blessed

week.

Green, May 19, Pear Byers, May 20, Quetta Jacobs, FaShunda Clemons and James Nelson, May 21. Happy birthday to each of you. Enjoy your special day.

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Linda Miller, her funeral services was at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at Cromwell Funeral Chapel in Hamburg. Interment following at Mt. Pelium Cemetery. I was also sorry to hear about the passing of Jimmy Harris. I haven't heard when his funeral was held, but prayers are going up for both families. You all have my condolences and may God comfort and strengthen each of you.

Enjoyed Sunday school, you learn so much. Our lesson was on, "The Good Shepherd", coming from John 10:7-18. God appoints and equips good leaders for His people. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr's message was on "Jesus is the good shepherd, coming from the same text. Jesus the good shepherd, always has the best interests of His sheep in mind at al times. Our Tuesday Bible study lesson was on prayer gives courage to continue, coming from Nehemiah 4: 6-9. Opposition can serve as an antidote to prayer.

I want to thank Lou Lambert, my two sisters, Katie Jacobs and Trina Clifton for checking on me and seeing if I needed anything. I also got a phone call from Bennie Walton, Brenda Freeman, Dorothy Foster, Myrtle Burks, Gwen White, Dorothy McDowell and Genette Grays. Everyone was doing well and its a blessing to know that someone is thinking about you. I also enjoyed my neighbor, Jean Trentham. She is always checking on me and sometimes, we just sit outside and watch my grandson run and play.

Scripture for the week is Romans 8: 28, "And we know that for those who love

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a Good Inheritance"; Background Scripture, Galatians 3:18–29. The pastor blessed us with an inspiring message, his thought was "Better Days are Coming", St. Luke 15:17-18. God is blessing and adding to the church attendance; we were blessed with two visitors, Garry Williamson of Hamburg and Jack Suber of Monticello. Sister Mary Junior was missed; she and her daughter went to Atlanta for her nephew's graduation.

Congratulations to all those who are graduating and best of luck to each of you during this next phase of your life. Our niece Kara Franklin graduated from the University of Arkansas at Monticello and our nephew DJ Franklin graduated from Texas A & M University at Texarkana this past week. This weekend, our grandson, Camryn Xavier Jones, will be graduating from Sylvan Hills High School; he will be attending the University of Arkansas in the fall.

On Friday, Rowena Calico invited Amanda, Tracy, Tina, Ann, Ruthie, Camila, Rick and I to her home for lunch. Rowena made all the food herself and her grandson made a delicious punch. I won't try and name all the wonderful dishes but I will say it was all delicious! We had such a good time eating and talking the afternoon away.

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Mrs. Tiner, I haven't heard from you in a while, I tried calling but I didn't get an answer. I hope you are doing well. I visited with my brother John Franklin on Saturday; they were cooking out and celebrating Kara and DJ's graduation.

Happy Birthday to: Rose Gardner, Tom Miller, May 21 May; Eddie Withers, May 24 and Jodie McCree, May 25. I hope each of you has a fantastic day!

Prayers for Angelia Dominique, John Franklin, Dwight O'Neal and others that are sick and shut in. Sympathy and prayers to families that loss a loved one.

Thought for the week: May our week ahead be filled with blessings of good health, strength, friendships kindness, compassion and love. May God bless you and your love ones and keep you safe. (Author Unknown). Have a great week!

POSSUM VALLEY **KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK**

Hello and welcome back, y'all. Friday, I took my bestie, Wanda, out for a lunch to celebrate her birthday. I won't disclose her age. But all I can say is she is gettin' on up there, y'all! LOL! (I love ya', sis). I know I am being naughty by picking on her. I'll be the big 6-6 this year, so I ain't got much room to talk. Anyway, I took her to lunch at the Marketplace Café, where we enjoyed some really yummy Reuben sandwiches, and a surprise piece of Neapolitan birthday cake complete with candle and some good ol' girl time.

It sure feels like summertime out there, doesn't it? What in the world has happened to the cool, mild Spring temps we were having? And blackberry winter, for goodness sake, what happened to it? The wild blackberries have been quite abundant this year and I was fairly confident we would experience some cold temps again before May was finished. Unfortunately, that has not been the case. Alas, alack, that's Arkansas weather for you.

Early mornings, most days last week, I detoured through Old 16th Section Rd. One day I saw a pair of Wood Ducks perched high in a dead tree guarding their brood in an old woodpecker hole. I've mostly been seeing Summer Tanagers and Indigo Buntings while still hearing Prairie Warblers and Yellow-breasted Chats.

Sunday morning, Bethel enjoyed another wonderful time of learning and worship.

Bro. Steve Jacks filled our pulpit again bringing a message about church evangelism from Acts 1:8,9 and Matthew 28:18-20.

Sunday afternoon, after church, I planned to sit on the porch for a while, but the heat put a quick stop to that notion. Later, as I was standing at the kitchen window, I got a good look at a Yellow-billed Cuckoo moving through one of the oak trees. Of course, my cam-

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era was in the car. And as skittish as they are, I knew by the time I went to the car and came back, the bird would be long gone. So, I just enjoyed the view instead of worrying about taking a photo.

Jason and his family were in Conway most of the weekend and I was on Chloe duty while they were gone. The Bat Attack didn't have a great weekend and they ended up getting home early Sunday afternoon. I hate they lost but glad they were home in time to get some rest before the work/school week begins.

Another reason I was happy they came home early is because the kids got to go to evening church services with me. Our BTC lesson was about being comforted by God's presence at all times. Our faith in that promise was soon tested because toward the end of our lesson, we heard and felt a keen pop of thunder and shortly after the tornado siren started blasting. I immediately dropped my book and went running to find my grandbabies. We got all the kids and piled in the prayer room, which was the safest room in the building. The wind was blowing, and the rain was coming down hard. I figured that was a good time for a prayer and we were all comforted when Bro. Justin prayed for our safety and God's peace during the storm. As soon as the rain let up, the kids and I ran to the car and lit a shuck for home.

Here's another corny bird joke: What steals from you while you're in the bathtub? A robber ducky!

That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be safe, be happy See COUNTRY Page 5B

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Congratulations to all the 2022 graduates of Monticello, Drew Central, the University of Arkansas at Monticello and Head of the Class. Lots of love and hugs and may your journey be full of Gods blessings.

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Everyone have a safe, blessed and cool rest of the week and remember, in all you do, keep God first. Much love to you all.

LACEY **IVANELL HANDLEY**

Hello readers, the Lord has blessed me to see another day and I'm so glad about it!

We were blessed with a wonderful Sunday School; the subject was "Receiving

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Be encouraged!

Recently I have started a journey to getting healthy and losing some weight. Just like so many of us, I have been on a self-imposed health roller coaster, up and down, on the wagon, off the wagon. After what I thought was a pretty good week of eating right, drinking more water and getting some exercise I stepped on the scale. After going through all the usual excuses, like "this scale is off, let me take my shoes off, the devil is a liar!" etc, etc. I began to feel that old familiar feeling. Discouragement. This one emotion I believe might be the greatest barrier to breakthroughs we can have in our life.

Maybe you're like me, when I begin a journey to improvement, whether it be weight loss, finishing school or just a project for the house the moment I encounter things not going as I planned I get discouraged. It's here where I will reconsider the whole thing. Should I even be attempting this? Maybe this means it's not God's will for my life, on and on. Yet if I go back to the decision making process I bet I can recall feeling pretty convinced that it was the right decision, or I did believe it was God's will for my life. I was even excited about it. Yet, the first disappointment would derail God's

plan for my life? Certainly not.

Whatever in the world would ever make you and I think that God's will and plan for our life would be easy? It had always been God's purpose for the children of Israel to have the promised land. There was never any doubt. Yet it did not change the fact that there were still giants there. How disappointing would that have been. To come all this way to grasp the promise only to be met with 9 feet tall problems. The problem doesn't cancel the promise. It merely confirms its value.

How do we deal with discouragement you might ask? Friends and family are good. A positive attitude of course is great. But the reality is you won't always have a team of smiling Christians to pick you up when you're low and honestly, my attitude more often than not, is going to be subject to my circumstance so there has to be something more.

In the Old Testament David was going through a rather difficult time as a leader. He had experienced a stinging defeat and those who were with him were threatening him. 1 Samuel 30:6 says this, "...But David encouraged himself in the Lord." He is all we need. Be encouraged!

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

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and be thankful to God for His many blessings.

WILMAR **CHRIS RILEY**

This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. We're now in the latter part of May.

Thank God for His continued blessings.

Sorry to hear of so many deaths. CC Butler attended the last rites for Rosalyn "Roz" Dickens Moore, held at Montrose Cemetery with Minister Charles Graham officiating.

Funeral service for Simon Bious will be held Saturday at the Morning Star Church at 10 a.m.

Congrats go to Minister Ervin Block and fiance upon your union Saturday at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, time 2 p.m., Pastor D.J. Buffington officiating.

Sunday school at 1st Baptist East Side was well attended with Lady Janice Simpson teacher. Lesson subject: "The Lord Got This" in conjunction with Pastor Graylin Wilson assisting. It was a holy ghost thing. We enjoyed our visitors and welcome them to come again.

Note: If we say we are a Christian, we ought to show some sign, not by talking but our daily living should reflect it. We can't say one thing and then live another, a saint by night and a devil under cover. God is watching, lest we forget.

Glad to hear John Hammock is better after being ill.

Happy belated birthday to Wendy Hammock Shorter, May 17th of Texas, formerly of Wilmar.

I talked with my coworker Ollie Mayes of Euporia, MS and my nephew Milton McCoy of Laporte, IN, and my brother Otis of Texas this past week.

Sympathy to the bereaved and get well to the sick and shut ins. Now until we meet again by paper and pen, Lord help me to be a beacon and walk upright so others may see Jesus in me. Amen.

This week's recipe: Healthier salad makes barbecues better

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Warm weather beckons people outdoors. Al fresco dining offers a chance to spend even more time outdoors, and many people will attest that no outdoor gathering is complete without the requisite grilled fare and complementary sides that are staples of spring and summer dining. Potato salad is one such food that turns up regularly this time of year in many shapes and forms. Traditional potato salad is delicious, but it may not be so great for health-conscious individuals, as it's typically swimming in mayonnaise. A lighter version featuring Greek yogurt in the dressing is ideal for those who want to eat healthy. Greek yogurt also adds gut-healthy live active cultures to the recipe, which may provide gastrointestinal benefits. Enjoy this recipe for "Greek Yogurt Potato Salad" courtesy of The Diabetes Council and Pitchfork Foodie Farms.

Greek Yogurt Potato Salad Ingredients (Serves 6)

2 pounds potatoes (Yukon Gold or red potatoes) 1/2 onion 6 eggs 1 cup plain Greek yogurt 4 tablespoons sour cream 1 tablespoon vinegar 2 tablespoons yellow mustard 3/4 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1/2 teaspoon celery seed 1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed or 1 teaspoon fresh

1/2 cup dill pickles, chopped Paprika, for garnish (optional) Parsley, for garnish (optional)

Directions:

1. Peel and dice potatoes and onions. Put them and a teaspoon of salt in a pressure cooker and cover with an inch of water. Close valve. Set pressure cooker to high pressure. Set timer for 5 minutes, cook and quick release when it's done. Drain potatoes. Cool until just warm. (If you don't have a pressure cooker, boil potatoes in a pot of water on the stove until tender.)

2. Set eggs on a rack in the pressure cooker. Add 1/2 inch of water. Close valve, set to high pressure for 5 minutes. Cook for 5 minutes, quick release, and leave lid closed for 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, take lid off. Drain eggs and cover with ice water to stop the cooking process. Let sit in ice water bath for about 5 minutes, then peel eggs. (If you don't have a pressure cooker, hard-boil eggs according to your favorite recipe.)

3. Add Greek yogurt, sour cream, mustard, vinegar, salt, pepper, celery seed, and dill weed to a large mixing bowl. Stir until smooth. You can taste test to see if you need to add ingredients.

4. Add cooled, diced potatoes, pickles and hard-boiled eggs. Gently stir until potatoes are coated with dressing. Adjust seasonings to taste. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Notes: Yukon Gold or red potatoes hold their shape best in potato salad. White distilled vinegar is classic in potato salad, but you also can use cider vinegar, white wine vinegar or even lemon juice.



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