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Attention Baseball and Softball parents:

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Advance-Monticellonian, official group photos of this year's baseball and softball teams will not be made available for the annual Play Ball publication. To ensure that we continue tradition and highlight our community youth, we are asking for your help. Please send your photos of your child playing ball to editor@monticellonews.net, share them to our Facebook page, or drop them by the Advance office at 314 N. Main St. by Friday, June 3rd. Help us recognize our young athletes! For additional information about the Play Ball publication, call 870-367-5325.

Jessie Griffin wins Judge's seat



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

New Drew County Judge Jessie Griffin stands in the Courthouse with his wife Linda after unofficial election results are posted. Griffin will take office in January of 2023.

By: MELISSA ORRELL

Drew County will see a new face in the Courthouse in 2023 as challenger Jessie Griffin narrowly defeated sitting Drew County Judge Robert Akin during the 2022 Primary election Tuesday, May 24. With only 26.39 percent of registered voters in the county turning out to cast their vote. Griffin showed a slight lead throughout the night as precincts reported, ending with 52.1 percent of the vote over Akin's

46.78 percent. In the end, it came down to a less than 100 vote difference in the contest.

"I look forward to working for Drew County and am eager to work with the different organizations and municipalities to find solutions," Griffin said of his victory.

Also on the republican primary ticket was the competition between Stephanie Chisom and Hannah Adcock for County Clerk, a position that is currently filled by Nancy White. White was appointed when Lyna Gulleddge resigned from the position due to a family relocation early in her term. Chisom won the match with over 58.9 percent of the vote while Adcock captured 35.61 percent of the vote, a difference if close to 500 votes.

Saline Township Constable was awarded to Steven Paul Sturgis who defeated Shiloh Jordan with 68.99 percent to Jordan's 24.68 percent of the vote.

Two school board positions had competition with Rene Knowles securing another term on the Drew Central School Board for Zone 2 with 56.9 percent of the vote compared to Keith Alexander bringing in 38.25 percent Keith Wells Sr. Will serve on the Monticello School Board for Zone 2, beating challenger Angelia Anderson with 60.96 percent compared to her 33.56 percent.

A Drew Central Millage rate of 39.90 mills was defeated in the election.

Unofficial Drew Co. election results

With approximately 2905 ballots cast, the unofficial results are in for the 2022 Primary election.

Drew County Judge

Jessie Griffin 52.12 percent
Robert Akin 46.78 percent

Drew County Clerk

Stephanie Chisom 58.9 percent
Hannah Adcock 35.61 percent

Marion Township Constable (runoff June 21st*)

David Menotti* 35.93 percent
Joshua Henley* 25.31 percent
Daniel Garrison 25.16 percent

Monticello School Board Zone 2

Keith Wells 60.96 percent
Angelia Anderson 33.56 percent

Drew Central School Board Zone 2

Rene Knowles 56.9 percent
Keith Alexander 38.05 percent

Drew Central Millage

AGAINST 50.39 percent
FOR 43.49 percent

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Simmons Bank Gifts \$10,000 to Endowed Scholarship at UAM



Photo courtesy of Kelsey Englert

Pictured left to right: Brian Hargis, Dr. Peggy Doss, Tommy Jarrett, Jeff Weaver, Roxanne Smith

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On April 14, Tommy Jarrett, regional community president of Simmons Bank, and Brian Hargis, Monticello community president of Simmons Bank, presented a check for \$10,000 to Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, Jeff Weaver, vice chancellor for advancement and chief of staff at UAM, and Roxanne Smith, accounting specialist for the UAM Foundation. The contribution will be added to the Simmons Bank Scholarship at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM).

Dr. Peggy Doss thanked Simmons Bank for its commitment to the university, stating, "Simmons Bank is a tremendous supporter of UAM, and we thank its leadership for continued support of the Simmons Bank Scholarship. The private scholarships in the UAM Foundation are incredibly important for maintaining affordable education for our students, and we hope that Simmons Bank's generosity inspires additional support for the UAM Foundation."

"Simmons Bank has proudly supported the communities we serve for more than 100 years," said Brian Hargis. "It's an honor for us to add \$10,000 to the existing Simmons Bank Endowed Scholarship to benefit a student from our region. We believe investing in our students and their education provides a bright future full of opportunity."

Tommy Jarrett explained the origin of the donation, stating, "Our South Arkansas team recently won an internal contest throughout all the Simmons Bank community divisions. Our region ranked the highest in a number of bank metrics including customer satisfaction. To celebrate our team's success in 2021, Simmons Bank gave this donation for our associates to allocate to the organization of our choice. We agreed to provide this gift to UAM to increase our current endowed scholarship."

The Simmons First Bank of South Arkansas

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City holds May Finance and Council meeting

By ASHLEY HOGG
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The Monticello City Council had all members present at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday night. A Finance Committee meeting was held just before the Council meeting began. Money for repairs to the Monticello Economic Development Commission building were discussed heavily. The City of Monticello owns the old post office building beside City Hall where the MEDC holds office space.

During the council meeting, regular reports were given by Department Heads.

Meal delivery at the Barbara Abston Senior Center are up from previous months and the em-

ployees are working hard to stay within budget despite rising food and fuel costs.

According to Charlie Hammock, Public Works Department Head, 22 leaks were fixed around the City this month and poles were placed at the lake in preparation for the installation of the water curtain.

Police Chief Jason Akers noted that the Police Department building had been struck by lightning in one of the recent storms and Fire Chief Eric Chisom stated that the construction at the Fire Department was going well.

MEDC Director Nita McDaniel addressed the council with a report of how much grant mon-

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Arrest made at kindergarten graduation

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According to Monticello Police Chief Jason Akers, Jason Carson, age 33, was arrested Friday during kindergarten graduation at a local school after witnesses observed him in a school bathroom snorting suspected narcotics.

A Drug Task Force Agent was present at the school and responded, detaining Carson. A search found Carson was in possession of methamphetamine, hydrocodone, klonopin, suboxone and drug paraphernalia. Carson was also found with a stolen wallet.

A straw believed to have been used to snort narcotics was found in the bathroom stall and was recovered by law enforcement on scene.

Carson has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of hydrocodone (schedule 2), possession of klonopin (schedule 4), possession of drug paraphernalia and Endangering the Welfare of a minor. Carson will also be charged with theft of property for the stolen wallet.

MPD Officers took Carson in to custody and transported him to the Ashley County Jail where jail bed space was available.

Carson appeared before Judge Bruce Anderson and a \$25,000 bond was set. Carson has sense bonded out of jail.

MPD Chief Jason Akers thanks the Drug Task Force for their quick response in recovering the narcotics and securing the scene.

Woman arrested on multiple charges

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On May 19, Drew County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to Knight Avenue in Wilmar in reference to an individual being struck by a vehicle that was driven by Shaquille Robinson.

Witnesses at the scene told deputies that Robinson arrived at the residence after a brief verbal exchange with other present. Robinson began ramming another vehicle which was parked at the residence. Witnesses stated Robinson then drove her vehicle toward the residence, hitting the victim as she struck the residence. Robinson then left the area. While deputies were on

scene, Robinson drove by the residence. Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but Robinson refused to stop until she arrived at her residence. Robinson was taken into custody at that time.

The victim suffered a broken leg and remains hospitalized.

Shaquila Robinson was charged with Battery 1st Degree, Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree, and fleeing. She appeared before Judge Robert Gibson for a first appearance and her bond was set at \$500,000.

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Rogers announces Mayoral candidacy

Joe Rogers, former Mayor of Monticello, has announced hi candidacy for Mayor in the upcoming election in November.



NAME

Rogers is a native of Monticello and resident of Drew County for 58 years. He ha been the manager of hi family business, Rogers Men’s Wear for the past 44 years. Rogers was elected Mayor in 2007 and served to 2010 and again for five months as interim mayor in 2014. He was the Arkansas State Baseball Commissioner for 20 years and has served on the southeast Arkansas Workforce Investment Board. He is married to Steph-

anie Rogers and they have two children, Dr. Zach Crossett and Maggie Hand. “Monticello is facing a number of challenges and desperately needs a mayor that has the experience and ability to meet these challenges,” Rogers said. “When elected, I will serve the whole community honestly with integrity and respect. My door has always been open and I will continue to listen and appreciate input from all our citizens. I have a vision for Monticello and with your help we can bring that vision to reality and a bright future. I appreciate your vote for Mayor of Monticello.”

Summer heat, drought may be on the way

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting potentially warmer, drier weather throughout the summer this year. Current predictive maps show a fair chance of warmer weather across the state for June through September with temperatures returning to normal sometime during the August, September, October period, Dr. David Fernandez, Extension livestock specialist and interim dean of graduate studies and continuing education for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, said.

“Drier weather is predicted across most of the state from June to August except in easternmost Arkansas, which should see normal levels of precipitation,” Dr. Fernandez said. “Precipitation returns to normal for the period between July and September and through October for all the state. The high plains are expected to be warmer and drier throughout the entire summer.”

With continuing dry conditions in the plains, and warmer, drier conditions in Arkansas, even for a short period, hay and feed availability may decline and prices may rise, he said. Now is a good time to prepare for the possibility of mild to moderate drought this summer.

“Secure good quality hay and feed for your livestock,” Dr. Fernandez said. “While local conditions for hay and feed production may be good, if high plains producers continue to require supplemental feed after the drought this year, local supplies may be sold to distant producers.”

Be sure to test the hay you buy for quality. You should think about purchasing hay in terms of pounds of nutrients purchased rather than tons of hay, he said. Poor quality hay has fewer nutrients to maintain cows, ensure rebreeding and keep calves growing. It also produces more heat while it is being digested, which is a benefit in the winter, but not helpful in the heat of summer.

“Your local county Extension agent can show you how to collect a good hay sample,” Dr. Fernandez said. “They will also test your hay for a nominal fee. You can use this information to limit feed for your livestock while still meeting their needs in case hay supplies run low. The knowledge gained can make a difference between livestock that performs well and livestock that loses money.”

Hot livestock spend more time loafing in the shade, drink more and eat less. Make sure clean, preferably cool water is available, Dr. Fernandez said. Cattle should not have to walk more than 800 feet to water to keep them from walking off pounds of beef.



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Saline Township Constable
Steven Paul Sturgis 68.99 percent
Shiloh Jordan 24.68 percent

Circuit Judge
Quincy Ross 62.88 percent
Demetria Edwards 29.72 percent

Democratic candidate for State Representative District 94
Curly Jackson 84.25 percent
Andrew Pritt 13 percent

Statewide elections:
Non-partisan Judicial
Supreme Court Associate Justice Robin Wynne
State Supreme Court Justice Position 6
Supreme Court Justice Karen Baker
Circuit Judge District 10, Division 4, subdistrict 10.1
Circuit Judge Quincey Ross
Unopposed Non-Partisan Judicial Candidates
State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 7
Supreme Court Justice Rhonda Wood
Circuit Judge, District 10, Division 5, At large
Judge Teresa French
Prosecuting Attorney District 10
Frank Spain
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U.S. Representative Bruce Westerman
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Pam Whitaker
Auditor Of State
Republican Nominee
Treasurer of State
Dennis Milligan
Commissioner of State Lands
Republican Nominee
Tommy Land
Democrat Nominee
Darlene Goldi Gaines
State Senate District 1
Senator Ben Gilmore (R)
State Senate District 8
Senator Stephanie Flowers (D)
State Representative District 93
Representative Mike Holcomb (R)
State Representative District 94
State Representative Jeff Wardlaw (R)

Forestland owners: Get paid to complete first tree thinning

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Forestland owners can get paid to complete their first tree thinning, said Joe Friend, forester for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service initiative to help prevent the spread of southern pine beetles – the most damaging insect pest of pines in the eastern U.S.

“As a forest stand grows, it needs periodic thinning to maintain plenty of growing room, which allows the trees to get enough moisture and nutrients,” he said. “Most thinning operations are income-producing. However, the first thinning doesn’t generate much money per acre, so some landowners neglect to complete this important step.”

To encourage landowners to complete their first thinning in a timely matter, they can receive incentive payments through the Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) Prevention Program. In addition to the revenue they receive for their harvested timber, they will be paid \$50 per acre through the program.

For harvests less than 40 acres, the program will also pay the logger a \$2,000 bonus. This is to offset the expense of moving logging equipment to small acreages that do not generate as much income as larger areas.

Friend said the southern pine beetle is only about the size of a grain of rice, but it can devastate acres of pine forest if conditions are right.

“Southern pine beetles, like all bark beetles, bore through the bark of trees and lay their eggs in the cambium layer,” he said. “After the eggs hatch, the larvae feed on the cambium layer making S-shaped galleries under the bark and cutting off the tree’s nutrient and moisture supply.”

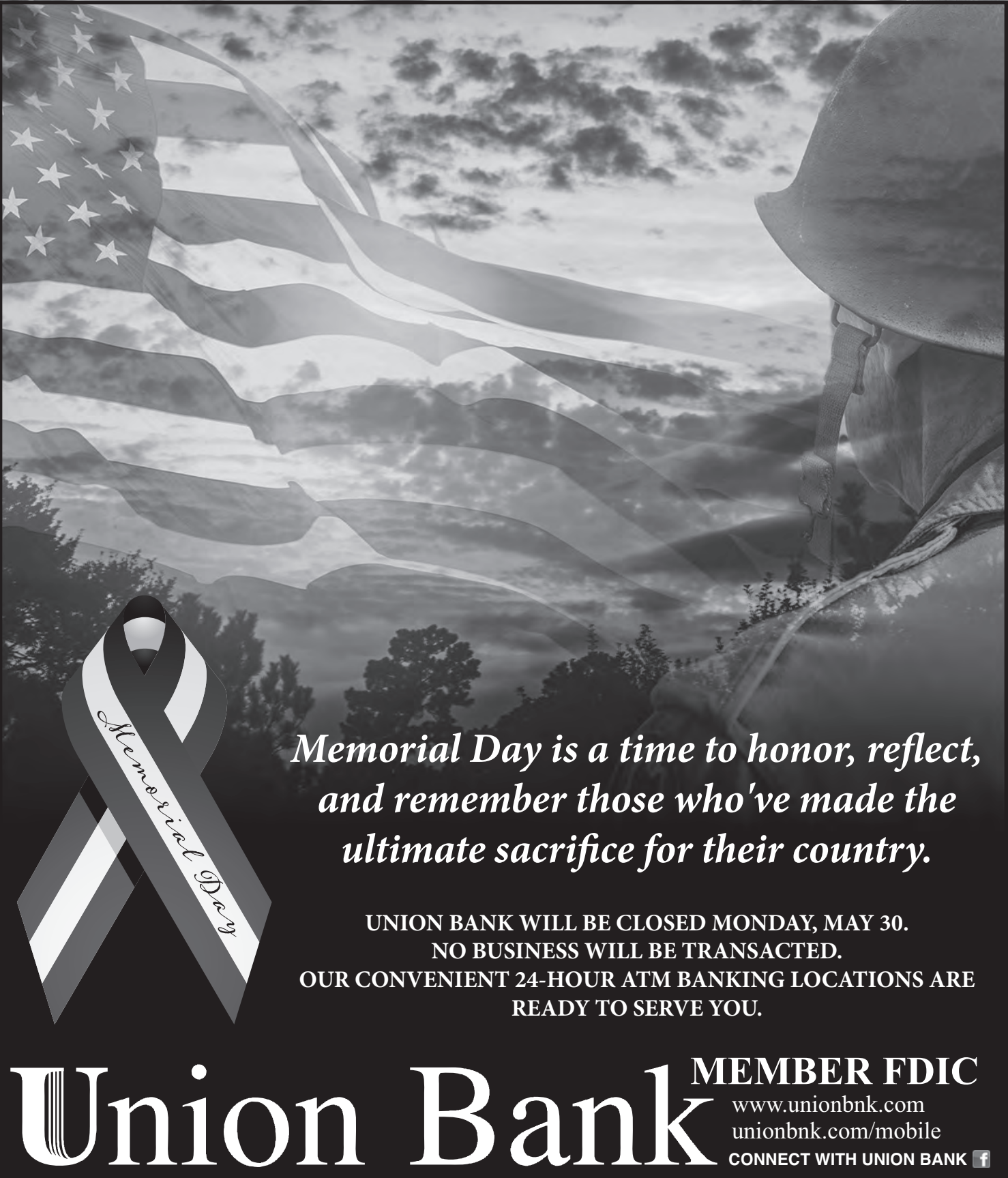
Friend said healthy pine trees are able to protect themselves from bark beetle attacks by producing a sticky resin called “pitch,” which floods beetle entry holes and stops the invasion. However, trees that are stressed by overcrowding or drought may not be able to produce enough pitch to fight off a bark beetle attack.

“This is why it’s so important that forestland owners thin their tree stands regularly,” he

said. “This will help ensure the health of the forest and prevent the spread of the southern pine beetle.”

To sign up for SPB Prevention Program incentives, contact your local county forester. You can find a directory of county foresters on the Arkansas Department of Agriculture website at [www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/forestry/](#).

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Delivering improved benefits and services for Veterans

As a senior member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I've been blessed to play an active role in updating Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) policies including expanding access to health care, improving suicide prevention efforts and eliminating barriers for women veterans to receive VA care and services. I'm continuing that commitment to the men and women who served in uniform. In recent days, the House of Representatives approved a trio of legislative initiatives I championed that are now headed to the president's desk to be signed into law.

With two of these bills modernizing breast cancer screening policies and providing the delivery of lifesaving care for women veterans, these significant legislative developments signal a major win for women veterans.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women. For women veterans and service members, the incidence of breast cancer is estimated to be up to 40 percent higher than the general population. Given the dangerous environments in which military members serve and additional risk factors associated with these locations, it's long overdue for the VA to update its policies for administering mammograms.

We know early detection is crucial to preventing and treating breast cancer, so making sure those who are more vulnerable receive screenings at a younger age is not only reasonable, but critical.

Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas was unaware of the increased risk she faced as a result of her deployment to Iraq. That's why she was surprised to hear her doctor's recommendation to undergo a mammogram at age 38. That exam subsequently led to her diagnosis of stage 4 breast cancer.

She spent her final years fighting to modernize VA's policies so other veterans don't experience the same struggles. Sadly, she passed away before realizing her dream of passage of legislation to accomplish this.

We honored her activism with the Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas Supporting Expanded Review for Veterans in Combat Environments (SERVICE) Act. It will broaden veterans' access to mammograms and also require the VA to compile data regarding the rates of breast cancer among members of the veteran and the civilian populations so we can continue improving procedures to better treat breast cancer patients. We can be proud Congress unanimously advanced this bill.

This was just one critical proposal to help advance breast health. Congress is also sending the Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans Act to the president's desk to expand access to high-quality breast cancer screenings, improve imaging services in rural areas and allow clinical trials through partnerships with the National Cancer Institute.


The VA is uniquely positioned to be a leader in the prevention and treatment of breast cancer. Taking full advantage of the department's unique capabilities, resources and outreach will help deliver the lifesaving care veterans deserve.

Additionally, Congress expanded the VA watchdog authority strengthening VA oversight by advancing the Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021, an initiative to provide the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) the authority to subpoena testimony from former VA employees who have left federal service and others relevant to its inspections, reviews and investigations. Empowering the OIG with this ability will help ensure accountability and transparency.

It is unique for a senator to have several bills sent to the president's desk to be signed into law in the same week. I'm pleased Congress has prioritized the needs of veterans with broad support of the measures I've championed. My colleagues and I will continue working to improve the services our former service members have earned and urge the president to quickly sign these into law.

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Kindergarten graduations are tough

I held it all together Friday and watched Fred walk across the stage at the Earl Willis Auditorium during Kindergarten graduation. I cannot believe I have managed to keep this child alive for this long.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that she sang as loudly as her little lungs would

allow and she never broke her smile. Performing could be in her future. I wonder where she gets her flair for the dramatic?

Adorned in a white gown and glittery red shoes, she pranced onto the top row of the risers alongside her classmates. For a group of over 100 six year olds, they did really well staying in line and keeping mostly quiet.

They said the pledge, sang their songs and each child walked across the stage to receive their rolled up faux diploma. It was so interesting to watch all the different personalities of the children. Some, like Fred, were happy to be in the spotlight and loved the attention as their name was called across the stage.

Others, were obviously ready to be out of the white gown and doing almost anything else.

Fred is fortunate and, as someone on Facebook said, she has a fan club. Her loved ones took up an entire row of seats, plus some. Needless to say, there were lots of hugs and pictures as we exited the building.

We let Fred choose our lunch spot. A chocolate shake from Ray's was her selection. I tried my best to get her to eat some real food before the ice cream but, she had grandparents there and I was badly outnumbered.

We sat around the table and laughed and ate and in that moment, all the world was right.

As the real world goes, after the morning merriment, it was time to head back to work. Keeping Drew County informed with factual information is an ever flowing task.

I had just gotten sat down and into my normal work flow when a press release came in from the police department.

The first line read "Man arrested for Narcotics Possession at Kindergarten Graduation". Naturally, this got my attention. A million things started rolling through my mind. I was at the Kindergarten graduation. I didn't hear

any commotion. How did I miss an arrest? Was I that laser focused on my child that the entire world was blocked out? I really kind of was extra focused but to my relief, I was quickly informed that both school districts held their Kindergarten graduation ceremonies at the same time last Friday. The arrest took place at the one I did not attend.

As I read the release, I briefly was in disbelief. Someone was caught actively doing drugs on a school campus while attending a Kindergarten graduation. What? How? Why?

Then I remembered the type of world we exist in and the shock was gone.

I was thankful that a law enforcement officer was present and handled the situation swiftly and without incident. Kids don't deserve to be put in harms way and most of the people there just wanted to watch their little one waltz across the stage.

My normal philosophy is "live and let live." If you aren't harming me or Fred, I really don't care what you do. If you make choices to ruin your life, that is on you, pal. Just keep Fred and I out of it. However, when you bring

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Your vote matters

If you're not convinced that every vote counts, consider the race for one of the U.S. Senate seats in Pennsylvania. At last count, the difference in the totals

was 31.2 percent to 31.1 percent – two tenths of a percentage point difference.

Closer to home, in our neighboring state to the south, the new mayor of Pineville, Louisiana, won by five votes. If only six of the loser's sup-

porters had voted, he would have won by a single vote.

In the 2020 election, the candidates for a school board seat in California tied. So the winner, as

the law requires, was decided by a roll of the dice. The challenger rolled snake eyes, and the incumbent threw a three. Even with the dice, the winner won by only one.

Stories such as those are interesting. Since they are rare, we may be inclined to overlook the one fact that each race had in common: The winner was chosen by the slimmest of margins. That slim margin will determine who will make consequential decisions that affect voters.

Arkansas's 2022 election may be one of the most consequential in a decade. We have redrawn the state's legislative boundaries, which the law requires every ten years after the U.S. Census. Although many legislators will be re-elected, we are in a sense electing a brand-new general assembly.

Thanks to Arkansas's term-limit law, we also are electing a new governor, attorney general, lieutenant governor, and treasurer; the incumbent Republican secretary of state has a challenger in the primary and will face a Democrat Party challenger in the general election. The incumbent land commissioner will have an opponent in the general election, and three people are running in the general election to become auditor. We will be choosing three associate justices of the Arkansas Supreme Court, four court of appeals associate judges, sixteen circuit judges, twenty-eight prosecuting attorneys, and one district court judge.

Our four representatives in the United States House are running

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Manufacturing growing in the Natural State

Two strengths of Arkansas manufacturing are in the aviation and defense industries.

Both sectors will become even stronger, thanks to a commitment recently announced by Lockheed Martin and Airbus.

Executives of the two companies announced that western Arkansas would be the location of a new plant to manufacture the LMXT strategic tanker boom refueling system for

the U.S. Air Force.

The system will install the most up-to-date technology on airplanes with large tanks of jet fuel that is siphoned through a boom into other Air Force jets. The refueling is done in midair.

An exact location was not announced, but the facility will hire 60 to 100 people.

Lockheed Martin has had a manufacturing plant in Camden since 1978. It employs 1,030 people at its Camden Operations plant which is a manufacturing and final assembly facility. It also has testing and storage facilities.

The LMXT aerial refueling

system represents the first time Airbus has opened a manufacturing facility in Arkansas.

Aerospace and defense are thriving industries in Arkansas. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission lists these notable aerospace manufacturing companies in the state: Dassault Falcon Jet, which established its largest facility in central Arkansas, Lockheed Martin, Aerojet Rocketdyne, and General Dynamics.

The Air Force chose Ebbing Air National Guard in Fort Smith as the location for an F-35 Lightning

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Human trafficking still a problem

The House Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee met jointly with the Senate Children and Youth Committee this week to hear from groups actively working to combat human trafficking.

The Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) testified that there were 13 arrests for human trafficking charges in Arkansas in 2021.

In 2022, there have been 4 arrests.

Since the year 2000, there have been 14 convictions for individuals facing

human trafficking-related charges in Arkansas.

Representatives for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) also testified in the committee.

In 2021, the organization received more than 17,000 reports of possible child sex trafficking. The organization estimates that 1 in 6 of the children reported missing to NCMEC who had run away were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

Boys made up 6 percent of the child sex trafficking cases reported to NCMEC.

The committee also heard from organizations helping survivors recover from abuse.

Members will review the information presented to determine if there is a need to strengthen existing laws.

In the 2021 Regular Session, we passed a number of acts addressing human trafficking in Arkansas.

Act 798 provides heightened conditions for release on bail for persons accused of human trafficking and human trafficking-related offenses.

Act 1106 establishes an affirmative defense for victims of human trafficking accused of certain offenses.

Act 1098 creates the offenses of grooming a minor for future sex trafficking and traveling for the purpose of an unlawful sex act with a minor.

Child sex trafficking victims often are unable to self-identify as victims or disclose their abuse because of fear, shame, or loyalty to their abuser(s). It is not a child's responsibility to ask for help. It is up to the professionals

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Letter to the Editor: A Memorial Day poem

Submariners

By: ROBERT HARRISON

*There are stories told about knights of old and the shooting of Dan McGrew
And the classic tale of the great white whale still thrills us through and through.
There is Farragut and John Paul but the saltiest of them all
Were the boys in blue from World War II who answered Freedom's call.
Now I won't boast so I'll drink a toast to the boys who went down under;
With Navy pride they fought and died when their boats were ripped asunder.
They learned their trade, our debt they paid in the world beneath the sea
And there they sleep in waters deep, a part of history.
Those noble ships with sonar blips once fought their way to Glory
And the men inside, because they died, left none to tell their story.
Proud Argonaut, you had your shot, you and the Amberjack,
Twas near Rabaul you gave your all and never more came back.
Pompano, you and Runner, too, were lost in forty three,
Your gallant crew went down with you, defending liberty.
The Pickerel too, the sleek Wahoo, the Grampus, and the Herring,
The Albacore, all lost in war, have taken their last bearing.
So many more, subs by the score, went to their watery grave,
In silence deep, they lie asleep, the young lads and the brave,
But this I know, somewhere below lie those who paid the price,
Our debt is paid because they made, the final sacrifice.*

LIBRARY HOSTS POET; SEES LARGE TURNOUT FROM COMMUNITY



Name Name/Advance Monticellonian

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Monticello Branch recently hosted Poet Ashley J. There was a large turnout from the community. The Library would like to thank Prime 2 Excel and the Friends of the Monticello Branch Library for sponsoring this event.

College scholarships available for conservation-minded students

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is offering scholarships for any student interested in a conservation career. Applications will be accepted until June 15 for the fall 2022 semester.

Scholarships are available for any Arkansas resident paying in-state tuition with a declared major related to conservation or agriculture. A complete list of approved majors is available at [www.agfc](#).

[com/en/education/classroom/conservation-scholarship](#).

Leah Moseley, Scholarship Program coordinator for the AGFC, said scholarships are available for all levels of college students.

“We distribute 25 scholarships to each class from freshman to graduate student,” Moseley said. “So each semester, we’re awarding up to 125 scholarships.”

Moseley said all 25 freshman-level scholarships are

available for the fall semester, but the number of scholarships available for new applicants varies for the spring semester and for classes beyond the freshman class.

“Each semester we will have scholarships open up because someone did not send in their renewal application, or no longer qualifies for the scholarship because they did not maintain the scholarship’s minimum requirements,” Moseley said. “We may have a dozen scholar-

ships in a particular class open up, or only three, it depends on the students who have their scholarship maintaining their status.”

Each scholarship grants \$1,000 per semester for freshmen and sophomores, \$1,500 per semester for juniors and seniors and \$2,000 for graduate students, based on continued eligibility. Each awardee is eligible for up to eight semesters of funding. Applicants must submit a renewal appli-

cation each semester. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the college or university.

Students must have a 2.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale to qualify for the scholarship and must maintain that standard to retain it.

“It’s a competitive selection process with a limited number of scholarships available,” Moseley said. “The minimum qualifications may be lower than some scholarships, but academic performance still

matters a lot.”

The Conservation Scholarship Program uses funds from the sale of conservation license plates to let students reach their potential and create tomorrow’s conservation professionals. The program, now in its 22nd year, has awarded more than \$8 million to Arkansas students.

Applications must be completed online by 11:59 p.m. June 15. Successful applicants will be notified by July 15.

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

In 2020, an estimated 52.9 million adults aged 18 or older lived with mental illness in the U.S., according to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). That is one in five adults living with mental illness. Also, one in five children in the U.S. have experienced a mental illness, and one in 25 Americans live with a severe mental illness such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or depression.

“As we embrace the month of May, mental health is a concerning topic of discussion,” according to Teresa Henson, Extension specialist-program outreach coordinator for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff’s School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences. “This is excellent because mental

illness stigma is slowly but surely coming to the forefront and getting the awareness it deserves.”

With mental illness, there is no one single root to the problem; there are many risk factors that may contribute to mental illness, according to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Risk factors include:

- Chemical imbalances or biological factors in the brain
 - Use of alcohol or drugs
 - Experiences dealing with ongoing (chronic) medical conditions such as cancer or diabetes
 - Feelings of isolation or loneliness
 - History of traumatic life experiences (child abuse, violence or sexual assault)
- The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention explains that people can experience different types of mental illness or disorders, which can often occur at any time.

“Mental illness can happen within a short period or in episodes,” Henson said. “This lets you know that mental illness comes and goes and can be ongoing or long-lasting.”

There are several resources available to help friends, family and loved ones who are suffering from mental illness. Sources include:

- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Arkansas- [https://afsp.org/chapter/arkansas](#)
- 24/7 Crisis Hotline: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](#)
- 1-800-273-TALK (8255) (Veterans, press 1)

- How Right Now Finding What Helps: [https://www.cdc.gov/howrightnow/index.html](#)

- Suicide Prevention- [https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/suicide-prevention](#)
- Crisis Text Line
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UAM Kids’ University set for July 11-14, registration now open

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

UAM Kids’ University will be held from Monday, July 11 through Thursday, July 14, 2022. The summer enrichment program carries out a mission of serving capable and motivated students who are entering 1st through 6th grades in the fall. The day camp aims to cultivate new interests, expand knowledge and spark imagination and creativity in children in a non-graded environment. The morning session is for students entering grades 1–3 and will be held from 9

a.m.–12 p.m. The afternoon session is for students entering grades 4–6 and will be held from 1–5 p.m. An early drop-off option is available for both sessions.

Early registration is open now and runs through May 31. If you sign up and pay by May 31, the registration fee is \$80. If you sign up and pay between June 1 and June 21, the registration fee is \$100. If you sign up and pay after June 21, the registration fee is \$125. The fee includes a T-shirt and all supplies.

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for re-election, as is one of our U.S. senators.

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we elect will have a direct effect on many Arkansans. Voting in Arkansas is easy. Early voting continues Saturday and until 5 p.m. Monday. On Tuesday, Election Day, the polls are open from 7:30 in

the morning until 7:30 p.m. That gives every voter twelve hours to cast a ballot.

Even with a one-hundred percent voter turnout, the outcome of a race could be razor thin. But a large turnout

at least gives us the assurance our government reflects the authentic voice of voters. The United States is a free nation because many worked and fought to give us freedom. Our vote is a note of thanks.

GILMORE

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II training center for foreign military sales. Its estimated economic impact in Arkansas is about \$1 billion a year.

Also in the past couple of years, other companies such as SGL Carbon, Radius Aerospace, CoorsTek, and Aerojet Rocketdyne have expanded facilities in Arkansas.

Aerospace and defense companies employ more than 14,000 people, whose average

wages were \$62,875 in 2017, according to the AEDC.

Part of the growth in aviation jobs is due to national and international business trends, but state government has done its part to take advantage of those trends. One effort is to strengthen education standards in the STEM fields – science, technology, engineering and math.

Two-year colleges and four-year universities are offering a wider variety of training programs that equip graduates with the job skills

most in demand by aerospace facilities.

Airbus has an extensive presence across the southeastern part of the United States, with locations in Alabama, Mississippi and Florida where aerial refueling systems are built for the Air Force. Military veterans make up 30 percent of the workforce.

The announcement of the Arkansas facility follows an expansion by Lockheed Martin and Airbus in Alabama and Georgia.

Revenue Report State government collected a surprising amount of tax revenue in April. Net available revenue was 44 percent greater than in April of last year.

For the first 10 months of the current fiscal year, net available revenue is up 19 percent over last year. That is \$988 million more than budget forecasters had predicted.

The three major sources of state revenue are sales taxes, individual income taxes and corporate income taxes.

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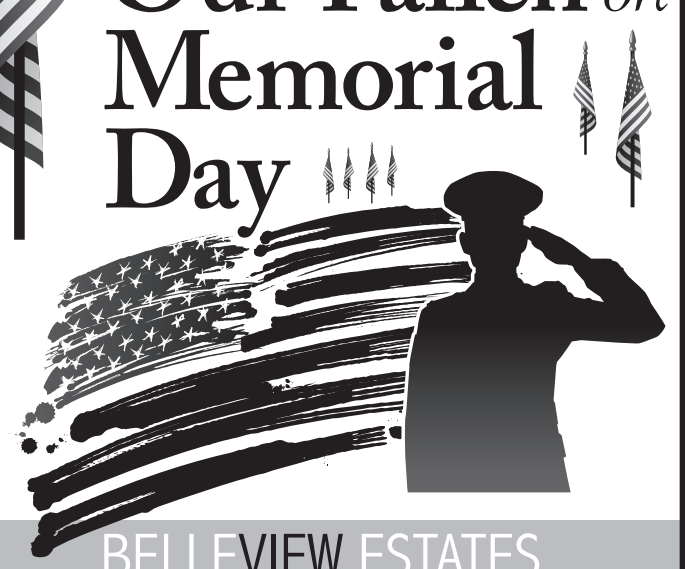
REMINDER TO ASSESS

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.



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UAM inducts five students into National History Honor Society



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SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello's Alpha-Nu-Zeta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society inducted five new members on May 2. New members include Brittney Bostian, history major; Dakota Boysen, history major;

Diego Cendejas, exercise science major; Matthew Outlaw, history major and political science major; and Katherine Vermilyea, history major.

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society was founded at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1921 and to-

day has nearly 900 chapters at schools of higher education across the country. The Alpha-Nu-Zeta Chapter has won the Best Chapter Award multiple times, as well as the prestigious Nels Cleven Fonders Award, the highest distinction bestowed by Phi Alpha Theta.

Dr. John Kyle Day, professor of history, and Dr. Sharon Silzell, assistant professor of history, serve as co-advisors for the Alpha-Nu-Zeta Chapter.

For further information, please contact Dr. Day at 870-460-1887 or Dr. Silzell at 870-460-1847.

Arkansas turkey harvest inches up

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Natural State turkey hunters saw an uptick in checked birds during this spring's three-week turkey hunting season, which ran from April 18 to May 8. Hunters checked 7,578 turkeys, an 8 percent increase from last year's 7,013-bird total.

That number also includes harvest totals from the state's youth hunters who enjoyed a preseason youth hunt April 9-10. Despite high winds and a cold snap in most of the state, youth hunters set the tone for the upcoming season for a weekend harvest of 887 birds, an increase of 8 percent over the previous year's youth hunt total of 821.

Only 253 jakes (immature gobblers) were checked, which was roughly 3.3 percent of the overall harvest. (Youth hunters are allowed one Jake in their two-bird bag limit.) This is in line with the average of 4 percent Jake harvest since the "No Jakes Rule" was put in place. From 2000-2010, all hunters had been allowed one Jake as part of their harvest, which resulted in up to 25 percent of the harvest being immature birds. Before that, jakes could make up a hunter's entire bag limit for the season, and 40 to 60 percent of the annual harvest was made up of

these first-year gobblers.

This year's uptick was expected according to Jeremy Wood, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Turkey Program coordinator and other biologists who track turkey reproduction through annual brood surveys and observation surveys throughout the state.

"The surveys indicated good reproduction in 2020, which is when the majority of gobblers harvested this year were likely produced," Wood said. "We were cautiously optimistic that we would see a better harvest this year, and the harvest result was a good indication that the metrics we use continue to be good indicators of the population's status."

The news comes as a pleasant surprise to many turkey hunters who saw lower success rates last year. Wood said the decrease and rebound can be explained by a few factors, some within the AGFC's control, but the vast majority of which are outside the control of public land managers.

"We put a lot of conservative regulations in place in 2021, which were designed to balance hunting pressure with the turkey population and help turkeys get some breeding done before people entered the woods and dis-

turbed breeding activity," Wood said. "But there were other factors that likely had greater contributions to last year's decline."

Another factor that played into last season's dropoff was poor reproduction in 2019 due to rainfall during the peak of hatchling season.

"Turkey poults can't thermoregulate for their first few weeks of life, so they are dependent on the hen to keep them out of the elements," Wood said. "Four of the five lowest reproductive years on record occurred in the last decade, all of which saw similarly poor weather conditions at this critical time of a poult's life."

The large increase in hunters and hunting effort during 2020 as a result of COVID-19 likely compounded the issue.

"We saw an increase in 2020's harvest, but that had more to do with the perceived increase in hunter effort masking the effects of poor reproduction two years prior," Wood said. "That large harvest on the decreasing population was another factor that likely led to the decrease in 2021."

Wood is hopeful that this year's stabilization of turkey numbers continues into next season as well.

"Through the annual brood

surveys, we estimated that 2021 also had decent reproduction, and many hunters have commented to biologists and land managers that they called up a lot of jakes this season," Wood said. "Those birds will hopefully result in another good season next year when they are mature enough to harvest."

Wood says it's too early to tell if this year's breeding season was successful, but encourages all hunters and wildlife watchers to help with the monitoring effort.

"This year's hatch will be peaking from now through early June, and weather conditions during these next few weeks will be critical," Wood said. "One of the best ways the public can help is by contributing to the annual turkey and quail population survey. They can visit agfc.com/turkeysurvey and record sightings. They can also download the app Survey123 to their phone. When they see a turkey, whether it's a gobbler, single hen or hen with poults, simply add it to the survey. This helps fill the gaps in data and enables biologists to continue making informed decisions on the state's turkey management."

Additional funds aid efforts to remove feral hogs from Arkansas

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that additional funding has been made available to assist with feral hog eradication efforts in Arkansas. Senator John Boozman was instrumental in securing \$650,000 in federal funding through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 for the Arkansas Department of Agriculture to implement additional eradication efforts across the state. Additionally, the Buffalo River Conservation Committee (BRCC) allocated \$74,960 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (USDA Wildlife Services) to expand eradication efforts within the Buffalo River watershed.

"We appreciate the efforts of Senator Boozman and the BRCC to provide additional resources that will enable the Department and our partners on the Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Task Force to expand efforts to remove more feral hogs from Arkansas's croplands, pastures, forests, and wetlands," said Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture. "We appreciate the efforts of Senator Boozman and the BRCC to provide additional resources that will enable the Department and our partners on the Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Task Force to expand efforts to remove more feral hogs from Arkansas's croplands, pastures, forests, and wetlands," said Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture. "

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture will use the federal funds to work with USDA Wildlife Services to implement a statewide feral hog management plan. These efforts will supplement ongoing removal activities, including eradication efforts in 12 Arkansas counties funded through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program.

USDA Wildlife Services will use the funding from the BRCC to purchase additional traps and other equipment to expand trapping efforts within the Buffalo River watershed.

Approximately 30,000 feral hogs have been removed from the state by members of the Feral Hog Eradication Task Force (Task Force) since January 2020. The Task Force was created by the Arkansas legislature in 2017 to create a plan for the eradication of feral hogs in Arkansas and is made up of 21 federal and state agencies and non-government organizations.

Feral hogs are an invasive species that are especially destructive to agricultural crops, native wildlife, and young domestic livestock. In Arkansas, the latest survey by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimated that feral swine cause at least \$41 million in agricultural damages every year, including \$34 million in damages to soybeans, corn, cotton, wheat, hay, pecans, and rice, and \$7.3 million in damages to livestock. Landowners experiencing feral hog damage are encouraged to call USDA Wildlife Services at (501) 835-2318 for assistance.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. Visit agriculture.arkansas.gov to learn more.

ARREST

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Robinson also had an arrest warrant in Hamilton County, Fla. for Manslaughter 1st De-

gree. According to the affidavit filed in the Floria case, a grand jury indicted Robinson, alleging on or about October 15, 2018, Robinson stabbed a man in the leg with a knife, resulting in his death.

MEETING

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ey the MEDC has been responsible for obtaining since 1999. \$14,054,371.54 has been obtained for various infrastructure improvement, career opportunities, and more.

In her monthly report, she stated that Burkes Outlet is

scheduled for a grand opening in June and she is continuing to work with a prospect for the Intermodal Facility.

Diana Shelton with the Arkansas Martin Luther King Commission was present to inform the council of a "Unity for the Community" event scheduled for July 1 at McCloy Park. The event will begin at noon and there will

be fun for all ages and there is no admission fee. As more information becomes available, the Advance-Monticellonian will publish a list of events and times.

Two bids were sent in for repairs to the old post office building where the MEDC holds office space. A resolution to accept a bid from Arkansas Strong Roofing, LLC for \$11,925.00 was ac-

cepted. This job is for interior repairs to the building that were caused from the previous leaking roof. Repairs to the roof have been completed.

"I am going to vote for this expenditure tonight but I recommend moving forward that we do not spend any additional funds on that building until we get an understanding of what

we are going to do between this office and that office," Council member Mark Tiner stated. "It is a big building. We need space here. The Police Department needs space. This administration needs space."

Craig McRae made a motion to accept the resolution. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Permission was granted to

advertise bids for the lake trail project, a new meter at well No. 9 and to get Baffle System at the East plant.

A resolution declaring 604 Florence Rd. A nuisance was approved unanimously. City Inspector Brian Rodgers said he had received many complaints about over grown grass and trash and has had a busy month.

KIDS' U

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Checks made payable to "UAM Kids' University" can be mailed to Attn: Rebecca Newton, PO Box 3608, Monticello, AR 71656. Payments may also be made over the phone by contacting the UAM

Cashier's Office at 870-460-1043.

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For additional information and questions, contact Rebecca Newton at kidsu@uamont.edu or call 870-460-1596.

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UAMS graduates 942 health care professionals

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Degrees and certificates were conferred to 942 graduates of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' (UAMS) five colleges and graduate school last week.

Degrees were awarded to 162 in the College of Medicine, 182 in the College of

Nursing, 91 in the College of Pharmacy, 67 in the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, 382 in the College of Health Professions and 58 in the Graduate School.

From Monticello, Lauren Elizabeth Roark received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Christopher C.

Kelley received a Doctorate of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree, Danielle Elizabeth West received a Master of Health Administration and Sidney Danielle Sizemore received a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.

Degrees and certificates conferred include the doc-

tor of philosophy, doctor of medicine, doctor of pharmacy, doctor of nursing practice, master of science, master of nursing science, bachelor of science in nursing, master of public health, doctor of public health, master of health administration, postbaccalaureate certi-

cate in public health, master of science in health care analytics and a variety of degrees in allied health disciplines including certificates, bachelor of science degrees, postbaccalaureate certificates, master of communication sciences and disorders, master of physician assis-

tant studies, doctor of audiology and doctor of physical therapy.

The listed graduates of the five UAMS colleges and graduate school have authorized the release of their name and hometown.

UALR announces winners of 2022 Student Research and Creative Works Expo

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Kevin Davidson, of Monticello, is one of the winners of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's 2022 Student Research and Creative Works Expo.

More than 90 undergraduate and graduate students showcased their academic and creative work and community projects at the Student Research and Creative Works Expo.

Davidson received second place for the project, Restoration of Fluid Circuit Apparatus, in the Creative Work

category.

This year's event took place outside between the Ottenheimer Library and the Cooper Fountain on April 8. It was the first in-person student expo that UA Little Rock has hosted in three years.

With about 9,000 students and 100 programs, UA Little Rock offers learning, research, service, social and career opportunities that can only be found at a metropolitan university located in Arkansas's capital city.

Local students graduate from Harding University

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

More than 700 students received diplomas and were recognized as Harding University graduates for Spring 2022 during a commencement ceremony on May 7, 2022.

Jessica Jackson of Monticello, received a Master of Science in Nursing and Andrew McKeown of Wilmar, received a Doctorate in pharmacy.

University President David Burks recognized the candidates as they were recommended by the faculty for graduation.

Harding University is a private Christian, liberal arts university lo-

cated in Searcy. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, it is the largest private university in the state. Harding's student body represents students from across the U.S. and more than 50 nations and territories. The University offers more than 100 undergraduate majors; more than 15 preprofessional programs; more than 40 graduate and professional programs; as well as numerous study abroad opportunities including locations in Australasia, Peru, England, Greece, Italy and Zambia. For more information, visit [harding.edu](#).

SCHOLARSHIP

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Scholarship was established at UAM in 2001 and became fully endowed in November 2002. In 2015, the bank's name was changed to Simmons Bank. To reflect this, the scholarship was changed to the Simmons Bank Scholarship.

The scholarship can be for any major. The recipient(s) must be from Ashley, Chicot, Desha or Drew County and

have a strong academic background, a GPA of 2.5 or better, a strong work ethic, good personality traits and display excellent professional potential.

In 2021, the UAM Foundation awarded 1,400 privately funded scholarships totaling over \$500,000, empowering many students to obtain college educations.

For more information about the Simmons Bank Scholarship or the UAM Foundation, contact Jeff Weaver at 870-460-1127.

LOCAL NURSING STUDENT ACCEPTS SCHOLARSHIP



Courtesy photo
Samari Anderson of Monticello, a nursing major at South Arkansas Community College, has accepted a Mabel and Emon Mahony Endowed Scholarship to attend the school this fall. The scholarship is funded through the SouthArk Foundation.

Arkansas Tech announces spring 2022 Dean's List

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Arkansas Tech University has announced its Dean's List for undergraduate students on its Russellville campus for the spring 2022 semester.

A student must achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher

and complete at least 12 hours of college-level coursework to be named to the Dean's List.

A total of 1,624 Arkansas Tech students achieved that distinction during spring 2022. Included in the spring 2022 Dean's List are 738 students who achieved a

4.0 grade point average.

Lucas Anthony Babst (4.0), Anna-Marie Pesaresi, Aileen Lesley Rivera, and Quinn Joseph Reynolds (4.0) were listed as local student that made the Dean's List in the spring semester.

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NOTICE

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, The Advance will be CLOSED Monday, May 30. The deadline for classifieds, garage sales, legal notices and country/church news for the June 1 paper will be Friday, May 27 at 5:00 p.m., and all other paper ads will be Tuesday, May 31 at 11am.

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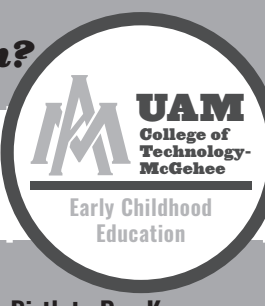
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Jason Lee Adair

Jason Lee Adair, 48, of Monticello, passed away Saturday, May 7, in Monticello. He was born January 31, 1974, in Ft. Campbell, Ky. He was a self-employed construction worker and member of Second Baptist Church. He graduated from Drew Central in 1992. Jason enjoyed hanging out with friends and singing in the school and church choirs in his younger years.



ADAIR

He was preceded in death by Raymond Parnell; his father.

He is survived by his children, Madison Fletcher (Trevor) of Monticello and Bailey Adair of Morrilton; his grandson, Carson Fletcher; his mother, Barbara Parnell; Kenneth Adair (Vanessa); siblings, William Adair, Kenneth Adair, Jr., Melissa Adair, Amy Frost, Amanda Frost, and Alie Shae Frost, all of Monticello; a nephew, J.C. Adair and niece Caroline Adair; as well as a host of other family and friends. Memorial services were at 3 p.m., Monday, May 16 at Stephenson Dearman Funeral Chapel.

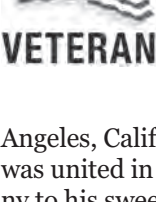
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Simon Peter Byous, Jr.

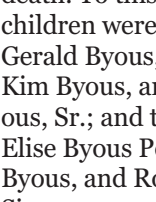
Simon Peter Byous, Jr. was born November 21, 1930, in Bolivar County, Cleveland, Mississippi, to the parentage of Rev. Simon Peter Byous, Sr., and Effie Clifton Byous. Simon was next to the youngest of six other siblings, who all preceded him in death. During Simon's early childhood years the Byous family migrated from Mississippi to St. Joseph, Louisiana, Tensas Parish.

Simon was reared by Loving, Strong, God-fearing parents who instilled the word of God into their children. Embracing this concept, Simon accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Personal Savior and united with the Pilgrim Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Louisiana. Simon also received his formal education at Tensas Parish Training School (Rosenwald High School) in St. Joseph, Louisiana.

In 1951 Simon enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for two years. He served in the Korean Conflict in Okinawa, Japan, subsequently receiving an Honorable Discharge upon separation in 1953. He then moved to Los Angeles, California, where he was united in Holy Matrimony to his sweetheart, Delores Diggs, who preceded him in death. To this union seven children were born; four boys, Gerald Byous, Keith Byous, Kim Byous, and Dewayne Byous, Sr.; and three girls, Linda Elise Byous Perkins, Charey Byous, and Rosslyn Byous. Simon was a diligent worker doing his best to provide for his family.



BYOUS



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After moving to Los Angeles, California, Simon was united in Holy Matrimony to his sweetheart, Delores Diggs, who preceded him in death. To this union seven children were born; four boys, Gerald Byous, Keith Byous, Kim Byous, and Dewayne Byous, Sr.; and three girls, Linda Elise Byous Perkins, Charey Byous, and Rosslyn Byous. Simon was a diligent worker doing his best to provide for his family.

Later, Simon married Cleopatra Harper and was instrumental in the rearing of four other children; two boys, Levester Lewis and the Late Lafayette La Dean Harper; and two girls, Chrysanthemum Lewis and Yolanda Hawkins Shelton. Simon embraced his new family with a loving heart. He was a good husband and father. He worked many jobs to ensure that he could adequately provide for his family. Simon was a good family man, and as it says in Genesis 9:7 "Be fruitful and multiply". Simon certainly took it to heart because the size of the family

did increase. Now during the course of this marriage, Simon received information about a daughter he had from his younger years spent in St. Joseph, Louisiana. He was very blessed to connect with her after many years. Her name is Elaynne Washington. Elaynne and her dad Simon established an unbreakable bond of love for each other and cohesiveness. Elaynne was readily engrafted into the Byous family and introduced to her other siblings. She was welcomed with warm hearts full of love for her. Once again the family mutlipiles.

It has been said, "The Third Time Is The Charm". Well after the death of Cleopatra Harper Byous, Simon continued to move forth and he caught the eye of a younger, vibrant, hard-working, loveable, Christian woman by the name of Teresa Reed. After a season of dating, Simon found himself at the altar again. Yes, he married a third time to Teresa Reed, and he received her two sons with open arms, Dalanza Reed and Jawan Reed. He effectively communicated with them giving them sound advice and words of wisdom. Although Dalanza and Jawan were both grown men, he respected and encouraged them. They love and adore Simon because they felt his love for them and they realized he was there for them if need be. Genesis 9:7 "Be fruitful and multiply", Simon really took it literally, here again, he multiplied the family.

My husband Simon, whom I call Boo, was a wonderful husband, loving, kind, respectful, enjoyable, supportive, giving, and a Godly man. Boo not only took Genesis 9:7 literally but he also exemplifies the scripture in Ephesians 5:25-33. I thank God for blessing me with a husband that uplifted me, encouraged me, a protector and defender, and I am proud to be his wife. Simon united with First Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California, where I was already a member, because he loves God and believes in the unity and wholeness of family. Simon was faithful to the ministry and loved his pastor and the membership explicitly.

Simon retired from Los Angeles city after 33 years of outstanding service and he also retired from Los Angeles County after 20 years of remarkable service. After retiring from both jobs, Simon could not sit still, so he worked part-time with the Compton Meals on Wheels program for several years. He loved keeping busy and enjoyed meeting and helping people.

In 2017 Boo and I, (Teresa) both being retired relocated to Monticello, Arkansas, where we could live our lives free from the hustle and bustle of the city, the noise of the city, and definitely the traffic in the city. We wanted to enjoy the quiet, peace, and tranquility that the small town of Monticello, provided. God blessed us to achieve our goal by being here in Monticello a few years before Simon (Boo) made his transition from this earthly life on May 13, 2022, going on from Labor to reward. Naturally, our hearts are filled with sorrow, and the tears will flow when our loved ones are taken from us, but we should still our grief long enough to think of what this Homegoing means today. 91 years, 6 months, and 8 days of toils, and burden bearing were exchanged a few days ago for the repose of Heaven. "Cares all past, home at last... Heaven to Rejoice."

Having departed from his earthly tabernacle, he leaves to cherish his memories; his loving wife, Teresa Reed-Byous; thirteen children, Gerald Byous, Linda Elise Byous Perkins (Art), Keith Byous, Kim Byous (Sonya), Charey

Byous, Dewayne Byous, Sr. (Johnnie), Rosslyn Byous, Elaynne Washington (Gary), Levester Lewis, Chrysanthemum Lewis, Yolanda Hawkins Shelton (Lawerence), Dalanza Reed, and Jawan Reed; sixteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren four brothers-in-law; seven sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 21, at 10 a.m. at Morning Star Baptist Church, in Monticello. Visitation was Friday, May 20, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel, in Monticello. Burial followed the funeral services in Oakland Cemetery.

Please sign Mr. Simon's guestbook at www.stephensondearman.com.
(Paid obituary)

Leon Faulkner

Leon Faulkner, 82, of Monticello, passed away Thursday, May 19, at his home in Monticello. He was born February 26, 1940, in Lake Providence, La. to the late Joseph Walter Faulkner and Cora Harris Faulkner.

He was retired from the City of Monticello and a Baptist. Leon loved to hunt and fish but his greatest love was his family and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.



FAULKNER

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Fuller Faulkner of Monticello; two daughters, Jeanette Minchew and Nancy Faulkner both of Lake Village; three sons, David Faulkner, Michael (Red) Faulkner (Michelle) and Steve Faulkner (Lea) all of Monticello; a special daughter, Wanda Hadwin of Bossier City, La.; two brothers, James Faulkner (Doris) of Washington and Bruce Faulkner (Linda) of Monticello; one sister, Mary Venable of Monticello; ten grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren.

Graveside services were at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at Oakland Cemetery with Rev. Monty Meek officiating. There was a visitation from 3-5 p.m. Saturday evening at the funeral home. You can sign Leon's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Jimmy Ray Harris

On December 27, 1952, Jimmy Ray Harris was born to George Harris Sr. and Marvastine Ridgell in Monticello. He was the eldest of three children born and raised in Monticello, where he received his education. Jimmy attended Drew and Monticello High School and graduated in the Class of 1971. In high school he was a star basketball player. Jimmy enlisted in the USAF after graduating from high school. He was assigned to Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. During his Air Force career, Jimmy was an exemplary airman along with being a stand-out basketball player on the base team, traveling around the country. If you know Jimmy, you know that he had no problem showcasing his pride and telling everyone he was the best player ever to play the game of basketball. Basketball was his favorite but Jimmy loved all sports and would attend all high school and college basketball, football and track events. After his enlistment contract with the Air Force, Jimmy returned to his beloved hometown of Monticello to take care of his grandmother. During that time, he enrolled in classes at the University of Arkansas at

Monticello. Jimmy graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He subsequently received a coveted spot as a United States Army Commissioned Officer assignment to the Field Artillery Branch at Fort Sill, Okla. He completed two tours of duty with the Air Force and Army with a total of over 10 years of active-duty service. At the time of his death, Jimmy was a bus driver for Watson Chapel School. He loved driving the bus and his Toyota cars. He bragged about putting over 500K miles on his Toyota and keeping his cars well maintained like his women; so they would last a long time. Every day



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Jimmy would read the newspaper and discuss current events, politics and sports. He was a social butterfly and party animal. No one could out-talk Jimmy. He got loud, emotional and had to have his way and last word at any cost. While assigned to Bolling AFB, Jimmy met and married Sheree Washington and the union was blessed with two boys: Jamie and Jason Harris. Jimmy is preceded in death by both of his parents, George Harris Sr. and Marvastine August (Ridgell). He leaves to cherish his memories his life partner of more than 40 years, Rose Jordan; two sons Jamie Harris (Adrienne) of San Francisco, and Jason Harris (Kathleen) of Aurora, Co.; three grandchildren Sage Martin Harris and Shaheed Martin Harris and Alena Harris; one adopted daughter and grandson, Keisha Ridgell and her son "June Bug"; five sisters Maryland Johnson, Anna August, Yvette Harris, Karen Harris Holloway (Dexter), Jacqueline Harris Cary (Carl); one brother George Harris, Jr.; one special aunt, who Jimmy upgraded his relationship to a sister, Mary Ann Hudspeth (John); Eleanor Ridgell and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Jimmy mentored and coached so many around Southeast Arkansas that there's not enough space to name everyone. If he was your cousin, Jimmy wanted to be called Uncle Jimmy and he took special care of all his family and adopted nieces and nephews. Jimmy was a pillar in his family. To God be the glory!

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10
(Paid obituary)

Linda Ann Jones Huskey

Linda Ann Jones Huskey, 75, of Wilmar, passed away Sunday, May 22, at Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff. She was born December 13, 1946, in Fordyce, to the late Virgil G. McCullough and Sarah Pauline Spears McCullough.

She was the widow of Joe Huskey, a housewife and homemaker and member of Green Hill Baptist Church. Linda had many hobbies including doing arts and crafts, quilting, sewing, cooking, yard selling, canning and doing puzzles. However, her greatest passion was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Glen McCullough.

Survivors include three daughters, Susan Hartsfield (Gene) of Pine Bluff, Donna Robinson (Dennis) of Jefferson and Enola McDonald

(Rick) of Alma; a sister, Paula Beadle (Bill) of White Hall; five grandchildren, Joe Clark, Whitney and Kyle McDonald,



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companion, Bobby Bostian; several special nieces and nephews that she loved dearly; along with her special pet, Rufus.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with burial in Green Hill Cemetery. There will be a visitation from 12:30-2:00 p.m. preceding the funeral service at the funeral home. You can sign Linda's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.
(Paid obituary)

Howard Eugene "Gene" Kemp

Howard Eugene "Gene" Kemp, 82, of Monticello, passed away Wednesday, May 18, at Drew Memorial Hospital in Monticello. He was born June 3, 1939, to the late Edwin Kemp and Ruby Aldridge Kemp.

He was a retired Industrial Engineer, entrepreneur, and business owner, United States Air Force Veteran, and member of First Baptist Church of Monticello. Gene had many hobbies and interests including fishing, playing golf, dancing, reading, restoring antique cars, training squirrel dogs and hunting, studying the Bible and teaching Sunday School, restoring airplanes and piloting, cooking and grilling, and studying World War II. He was also a stock car racer in his younger years. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two daughters, Natalie Kemp Graves and Rebecca Socia.

Gene is survived by his wife, Linda Ann Kemp of Monticello; a son, Tommy Woods of Monticello; grandchildren, Matthew Dunn of Hampton, Haley Woods Chambliss of Star City, and Jordan Socia Nolan of Banks; two brothers, Paul Kemp (Judy) of Madison, Ind. and Tommy Kemp (Carolyn) of Hanover, Ind.; one sister, Marcia Cranfield of Kentucky; great-grandchildren, Trevor, Conner, London, John Haze, and Luke (on the way); numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and many brothers and sisters in Christ.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Monday, May 23, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Kelly Jones, Rev. Gary Carter, and Rev. Kenny Worthington officiating. There was a visitation from 6-8 p.m. Sunday evening at the funeral home. Burial will be in Campground Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made to your favorite charity.

You can sign Gene's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.
(Paid obituary)

Mary Louise Holdcraft Murray

Mary Louise Holdcraft Murray, 68, of Monticello, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday, May 5, at Belle View Estates Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Monticello. She was born June 24, 1953, in Monticello, to the late Edgar Braxton Holdcraft and Irma Ruth Hice Holdcraft.

She was a retired mail carrier in Dumas, and was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Mary



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loved cooking for her family, fishing, gardening, traveling and sharing her knowledge of the Bible with everyone she met.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, James Edgar Holdcraft; and a sister, Irma Jean Harrison.

She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Ricky H. Murray of Monticello; her son, Ricky B. Murray (Megan) of Monticello; her daughter, Lisa Thomas of Monticello; seven grandchildren, Joy Everett (Ty Faulkner), Wyatt Thomas, Coleman Murray, Autumn Murray, Ricky William Murray, Anna McArthur and Madison McArthur; and two great granddaughters, Yanni and Scarlett.

Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel.

There was a moment of visitation with the family after the memorial service. You can sign Mary's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Herman Arvin Norris

Herman Arvin Norris, 90, of Monticello, went to be with his Lord and Savior Saturday, May 7, at Chapel Woods Nursing and Rehab in Warren. He was born April 15, 1932, in Harrell, to the late Everett Norris and Annie Smart Norris.

He was a retired farmer, United States Navy Veteran and member of Tabernacle of Faith Church. Herman enjoyed traveling, gardening, fishing, camping and doing his churches maintenance. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his first wife, Rebecca Austin;



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and a son, Mitchell R. Norris. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Norris of Monticello; a daughter, Debbie and Ron Newberry of Mt. Ida; a son, Terry (Margaret) Norris of Monticello; step children, Janet and Tommy Vinson of Magnolia, Ronnie and Angel McTigrit of Star City, Patsy and Denny Hurst of El Dorado and Gary McTigrit of El Dorado; two sisters, Linda Aldridge and Carolyn Norris both of Bryant; grandchildren, Josh and Jamie Newberry, Summer and Chase Riehn, Hayley and Bart Russell, Heath McTigrit, Trent Vinson, Eli and Amie

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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.

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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 Cherie. 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
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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 (NE¼ of SE¼) 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.

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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, PROBATE.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT BROWN,
DECEASED, CASE NO.: 60PR-21-2283.

**NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED
AFFIDAVIT OF SMALL ESTATE
ADMINISTRATION**

Name of Decedent: Robert Brown;
Last known address: 7723 Impala Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas;
Date of death: June 3, 2014.
On February 11, 2022, an Amended Affidavit of Small Estate Administration was filed with respect to the small estate of Robert Brown, deceased, with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. §28-41-101. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate. The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee's attorney is:

Chris Oswalt,
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JERI CAROL TAYLOR, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-55-4

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This Notice first published on May 25, 2022.

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Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan Leaves Legacy of Transparency

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan was the first treasurer to have been elected following former Treasurer Martha Shoffner's conviction of bribery and taking kickbacks from brokers. "I looked at this as an opportunity to clean up her mess and restore public trust," Milligan said. "Such a vital function of state government should be taken very seriously."

The State Treasury receives about \$70 million each day in deposits from local, state and federal agencies and is responsible for balancing the state's ledger daily. It is also responsible for an investment portfolio of roughly \$6 billion.

"Early on in my tenure, I was approached by a company offering me an all-expenses-paid Hawaiian vacation and I turned them down. I said, 'That's not the way we're going to conduct the state's business,'" Milligan explained.

One of the first systems Milligan created was an online public auction for Treasury CDs, or certificates of deposit. Historically, Treasury investment staff would manually call banks to try and negotiate the highest possible rate of return for the Treasury. That consisted of several hours' worth of time spent on the phone and had the potential for favoritism.

"Not only was it inefficient, but there was no possible way to be fair to smaller banks who would like to have competed for our CDs," Milligan said.

To promote both fairness and efficiency, he developed the Arkansas Transparent Treasury Auction program (ATTA). The program is an online auction by which banks bid anonymously on Treasury CDs. The auctions can also be watched by the public.

"The intention of the program was to provide transparency and fairness to all Arkansas banks, but an added benefit to the taxpayers is that we were able to increase our rate of return significantly," Milligan said.

Another effort toward total transparency was a complete overhaul of the Treasury's website. Every financial report that is available may be found on the website at www.artreasury.gov.

Those reports include daily cash flows; brokers the Treasury does business with; securities purchased and their rate of return; the tax and aid amounts distributed to municipalities; and assets for programs the Treasury administers, such as the Arkansas Brighter Future 529 Plan and the Arkansas ABLE Plan for people with disabilities.

"I ran for this office to restore public trust and improve transparency within the State Treasury," Milligan said. "I pledged to do what was best for the state of Arkansas and the Treasury."

Arkansas Brighter Future Plan Celebrates '529 Day'

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Brighter Future 529 Plan, along with other 529 plans across the country, is celebrating 529 Day during May by encouraging families to open and contribute to a plan to begin saving for their loved one's education.

"May 29th is a day dedicated to showcasing the importance of saving for a child's education," said Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan, whose office administers the Arkansas Brighter Future 529 Plan. "The Arkansas Brighter Future 529 Plan offers Arkansans up to \$10,000 in state tax deductions for contributions they make to their loved one's Arkansas 529 account."

A 529 account is an investment account that has the potential to grow over time. 529 funds can be used for tuition at college or trade school, as well

as textbooks, computers and other supplies such as tools for a trade. Additionally, funds can be used for tuition at private K-12 schools, apprenticeship programs and student loan repayment.

"The Arkansas Brighter Future 529 Plan is designed to help your loved one have a brighter future – whatever that may look like," Milligan said. "The money can be used at schools nationwide. Plus, the plan is flexible in that the funds can be transferred to another family member if the initial beneficiary doesn't use them."

As of December 2021, more than \$480.3 billion had been invested for education around the country in 15.7 million 529 accounts, according to the College Savings Plan Network.

"We've had a great history with the Arkansas 529 program," Milligan said. "We've

grown the plan's assets under management by 120% since I came into office in 2015. We've promoted the plan heavily and have been diligent about keeping the plan up-to-date with federal law concerning the expenses that can be covered with a 529 plan."

An account can be opened in as little as 10 minutes with a minimum of \$25, he added. To open an Arkansas Brighter Future 529 account, visit BrighterFutureDirect529.com or call 501-682-1406.

"The gift of an education is an investment that can have generational impact," Milligan said. "The earlier you start saving for a child's education, even if it's just a little at a time, the better. No amount is too small."

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OBITS

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Vinson, Jennifer and Jeremy Bradley, Holly and Kelly Ray Persons; and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Tabernacle of Faith Church in Monticello with Rev. Terry Norris and Rev. Ron Newberry officiating. Burial was in Walnut Lake Cemetery in Dumas. There was a visitation from 5-7 p.m. Monday evening at Tabernacle Church. You can sign Herman's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)
Aundry Sue Collins Paschall

Aundry Sue Collins Paschall, 97, went to be with the Lord, Sunday, May 8, at Stella Manor Nursing Home, in Russellville. She was born April 3, 1925, in Tyro, to the late Clifton Richard and

Ruby Sue Sheiron Collins. Aundry was a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, at the time A & M, in 1961 and a retired schoolteacher. In her 37 years of teaching, she touched many lives at Selma and Drew Central Schools. After retiring, Aundry tutored many students and continued to support education and Drew Central Basketball. Aundry was a faithful member of Northside Baptist Church and a member of the Drew County Retired Teachers Association. She received the Drew Central Schools Distinguished Service Award.


Aundry is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Louis Garland "Pat" Paschall; her sister, Betty Owens; and her brother, Richard Collins.



PASCHALL

Aundry is survived by her children Shirley Clements (Kenneth) of Dardanelle, Brenda Bittle (Chuck) of Bay, and Ray Paschall (Misty) of Monticello; six grandchildren, Paul Clifton Clements (Allison), Justin Thad Clements (Anna), James David Clements (Diana), Silas Wade Clements, Katherine Lynn Paschall, and Chelsea Brook Paschall; and three great-grandchildren, Chaney Clements, Annabel Clements, and Mirabel Clements. Aundry will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, attentive hostess, Godly servant, and one of the best teachers a student could have.

Funeral services for Aundry were Thursday, May 12, at 10 a.m. at Stephens-Dearman Chapel. Visitation was Wednesday, May 11, from 5 - 7 p.m. Please sign Aundry's guestbook at www.stephensondearman.com.

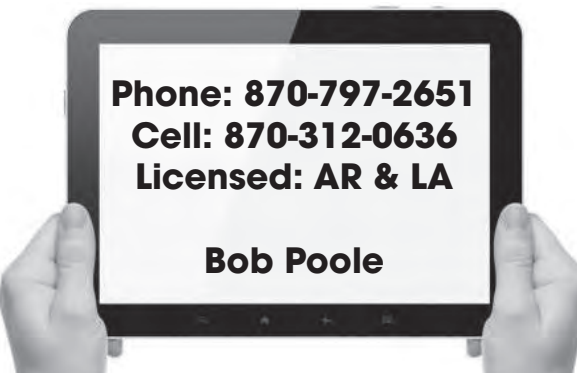


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Monticello Babe Ruth Season officially underway at Burlington Field

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The 2022 15U Babe Ruth Season has gotten underway at Burlington Field.

Having to wait until the official end to the high school baseball season to allow the players at the high school level that fall into the age category to begin play, rules state that they cannot play both at the same time.

Beginning the season on Monday, May 16, the season began with the Padres defeating the Cardinals over six innings with a

6-0 shutout.

In the second game of the night, Star City was able to hold off the Braves for a 13-9 win.

Returning on Thursday, May 19, the Padres would start the night off with an 11-2 victory over the Braves to pick up their second win of the season.

In the second contest of the evening, Warren would edge the Dodgers 3-2.

Warren would get their second win of the season on Friday, May 20.

Warren would defeat the Braves 10-2 over six innings.

Star City picked up their second win of the season with a 15-1 victory over the Cardinals.

After two games being played by each team in the league, the current standings show a three-way tie at the top and three teams even at the bottom of the standings.

The Padres, Warren, and Star City currently have a 2-0 record with the Braves, Cardinals, and Dodgers all having records of 0-2.

Games will resume on Thursday, May 26, with two games on the schedule.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian

HUNTER GRIFFIN pitches to a Padres' batter in Thursday's game at Burlington Field. The Braves were defeated by the Padres 11-2.



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GAVIN JACOBS reached base in the first inning after being hit by a pitch in his first at bat.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian

JAX RAWLS keeps his eyes on the ball during his first at bat during Thursday's contest against the Braves. The Padres defeated the Braves 11-2.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian

REN REEP pitched the complete game against the Dodgers on Thursday, May 19, picking up the win for Warren. Warren defeated the Dodgers 3-2.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian

RYKER HARVEY studies the pitch from Ren Reep on Thursday night. Warren scored a run in each of the first three innings to defeat the Dodgers 3-2.

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Market in the Park open for business



By **ASHLEY HOGG**
editor@monticellonews.net

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CLUES ACROSS

1. English river

5. Particular part of something

11. Cool!

14. Welsh for John

15. Given name meaning “great spirit”

16. Wrath

17. Social occasion

19. Mechanical belt

20. ___ de la ___

21. Commands

22. Body part

23. Caught sight of

25. Funeral car

27. Skin infection

31. Sometimes they “burn”

34. Russian river

35. Famed soap opera character Kane

38. Pic ___ mode

39. Endangered

41. Socially inept person

42. Romanian river

44. Swerve

45. Monetary unit of Samoa

46. A type of approach to please

49. Form of Hebrew name for God

51. “Carry On My Wayward Son” rockers

55. A team’s best pitcher

56. A woody climbing plant

60. Long, edible marine fish

61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)

62. Data

64. Corporate bigwig

65. Climbs

66. Relating to the ear

67. Commercials

68. You need it to eat

69. Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military)

2. Asserts to be the case

3. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers

4. Foes

5. Rheumatoid arthritis score

6. Ruler of Iran

7. The top of the head

8. Lilly and Manning are two

9. Purchase attire for

10. Glittering with gold or silver

11. The bank of a body of water

12. Regions

13. Makes tractors

18. Adult beverage

24. Force unit

26. Swiss river

28. Cater to

29. Woody climbing plants

30. Seems less impressive

31. Consume

32. Boxing’s GOAT

33. Southwestern farmers

36. Beverage holder

37. A way to deteriorate

39. Judge

40. Norse explorer ___ the Red

43. Farm resident

45. One who helps to govern

47. Plant-eating ground bug

48. History Finnish county

49. Conifer native to Jamaica

50. Longed

52. Small Japanese city

53. Arum family plant

54. Puts together in time

57. From a distance

58. ___ contendere: no contest plea

59. Region

63. Mountain Standard Time

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

Answers can be found on Page 5B

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cycling. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = E)

A. 15 9 26 20 8

Clue: Beaten path

B. 11 1 11 8 17

Clue: Ride a bike

C. 2 17 18 26 8 6

Clue: Power a bicycle

D. 17 3 17 9 11 20 6 17

Clue: Fitness activity

Answers: A. trail B. cycle C. pedals D. exercise

This week’s recipe: Make eggs the main course

On those days when home cooks are searching the cupboards and refrigerator for some culinary inspiration, they need look no further than the egg carton. Often relegated to breakfast time, eggs can be the main ingredient or stars of meals any time of the day. In fact, they’re a common component of quiches, fritatas and souffles. People may have mixed feelings about eggs because the nutritional debate surrounding eggs’ seems ever-changing. It was once thought that eggs had to be avoided due to concerns about cholesterol. But many experts now say that eggs can be a part of balanced diets. This recipe for “Spinach Pantry Souffle” from “Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Cookbook” (RDA Enthusiast Brands, LLC) by the editors of Taste of Home features egg whites and only two egg yolks in the recipe. Additional low-fat ingredient help make the final product some-

Spinach Pantry Souffle Ingredients (Serves 6)

- 6 egg whites
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 can (103/4 ounces) reduced-fat, reduced-sodium condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded reduced-fat Mexican cheese blend
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 2 egg yolks, beaten

Directions:

- Let egg whites stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Coat a 2-quart souffle dish with cooking spray and lightly sprinkle with Parmesan cheese; set aside.
- In a small saucepan, combine the soup,

- cheese blend and mustard; cook and stir over medium heat for 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Transfer to a large bowl; stir in spinach. Stir a small amount of soup mixture into egg yolks; return all to the bowl, stirring constantly.
- In a small bowl with clean beaters, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. With a spatula, stir one-fourth of the egg whites into spinach mixture until no white streaks remain. Fold in remaining egg whites until combined. Transfer to prepared dish.
- Bake at 375 F for 30 to 35 minutes or until the top is puffed and center appears set. Serve immediately.

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Stay alive! Don’t drink and/or take drugs and drive! Think ahead and always have a safe designated driver! Keep the people you love safe. Do not let anyone drive impaired!

Guess Who?

I am a retired football player born in Tennessee on May 28, 1986. I struggled to find food and shelter as a child. I was adopted by a loving family who helped me start my football career. My life inspired a book and subsequent movie.

Answer: Michael Oher

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BARKADA

JANA WRIGHT

Welcome to Arkansas where one day it is 97 degrees and the next day 64 degrees. Too bad I decided to do lawn work on the 97 degree days. I am not ready for summer!

Dustin Barnett came home from Hope to help us with some yard work. Taylor and Beaux Swain also came down for a visit. Later that evening, Shawn, my uncle Bob West, cousin Jessie Beatty, Dustin, and I had supper. We had a good visit!

Congratulations to Olivia Stafford on graduating high school. Good luck with your bright future! I can't wait to see where it goes!

Congratulations to our grand baby Beaux Swain on his preschool graduation.

Mrs. Mary Lasiter had a visit from her niece Donna and "chosen" great grandchildren Nola and Jaxson. Later, her great nephew-in-law Chad and Billy Huskey popped in for a quick hello!

Mrs. Ruth Hunter celebrated a late Mother's Day with her family. Jeff and Lexi Meeks grilled steaks for her and the rest of the company. Mrs. Jane Meeks, Jon Meeks, Randy Castleberry, Ginger Hammil, Judd and Rylee Meeks and a friend of Rylee's were all there. They really enjoyed their visit!

Congratulations to JJ and Koby Bayliss on the purchase of your new home!

Kaylei Calhoun was treated to a girls' weekend in honor of her impending marriage. Those attending were Nicole Boykin, Caitlin Dupwe, Lexy Saunders, Amanda Calhoun, Lindsey Bryant, Mary Bradberry, Haley Voerster, Alisa Harris, Crystal Wood, and Brittany Leek. They all had a wonderful time.

Jeff, Sheena, Jeremy, Brooke, and Jaxson Tucker took a vacation to Gatlinburg, Tenn. They toured Dollywood, did some cave spelunking, played golf, ice skated, and did a little go cart racing.

Thank you to our neighbor C.J. Harris. We are trying to restore my dad's shop that he built in 1966. We are getting concrete poured. Come to find out, there was a huge root going from one side to the other. C. J. helped Shawn get it out!

Prayers for Debbie Brewster. She had a pretty complicated surgery last week and needs some prayers for speedy healing!

Happy third anniversary to Jeremy and Brooke Tucker. I wish you many more

Do you have any community tidbits?

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

years of happiness!

Also happy anniversary to Bradley and Brittany Sears (my niece and nephew) ! I love you guys and wish you many more happy years together.

Happy birthday to our grand baby Beaux Swain, Addi Stafford, Aubrey Arrington, Rebecca Newton, Donna Hill, Angie Rawls, Alison Barnes, Kat Sturdivant, Susan Davis, Debbie Walls, Chris Chambers, Kaylei Calhoun, Jace Bates, Bobby Faulkner, Bailey Melton, Jaci Pennington, Melissa Humphrey, Rachelle Mann, and Sonia Potter. I hope you all have or had wonderful birthdays!

Please call 870.224.3383 with news or email wright-woman_66@yahoo.com. No news is too small!

GREEN HILL

WANDA PACE

Greenhill Community Baptist Church's Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30am with Sunday School at 9:30am. You are all invited to join us.

Aunt May had a doctor's appointment in Pine Bluff and received a good report. And Aunt Pepe went to the doctor for an ear infection. I hope you both are feeling well.

Happy 12th Anniversary Dale & Karla Pace. Wishing you many more years of health and happiness.

Happy Birthday Roger Donaldson. Roger has been taking good care of Tressia since her foot surgery. I pray you have a full and speedy recovery.

Happy Birthday Alison Barnes. I hope you had a wonderful and blessed birthday.

Are you ready for some fresh vegetables? Visit the market in the park on Saturday morning. Jeff Paces Greenhill Grocery store or Roger Paces produce shed. The squash, cucumbers, onions, and zucchini are ready for picking and eating.

Verse of the week: "Apply your mind to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge." Proverbs 23:12

Have a safe and blessed week.

JORDAN PARK

TRILISA MARSHALL

Congratulations to all the 2022 graduates, and you all believe, achieve, and succeed. As Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me". You all just trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path.

I was sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Jimmy Harris. His funeral was held Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Stephenson Dearman Chapel and interment was at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Monticello. Also, I was sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Simon P. Byous Jr. His funeral was held Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Morning Star Baptist Church and interment was at Oakland Cemetery in Monticello. Praying for both families, you have all my prayers and condolences and may God comfort and strengthen both families.

Happy birthday shout out this week goes to: Dwanda Simpson and Earlene Anderson, May 23; Jody Jordan, May 25; Siuna Ferrell and Ginger Penn, May 26; Calvin Davis Jr. and Shirley Deshazer, May 27; Akeelah Jordan, May 28; Peggy Fisher, Orlando Jones, and J.J. Clifton, May 29. Happy birthday everyone, enjoy your special day.

A great and awesome Sunday school lesson, it was on: "The Resurrection and the Life" coming from John 11:17-27 (KJV). Jesus is the resurrection and the life, Jesus promised that those who believe in Him will even though they die have a new relationship with God. It was my Sunday to speak, and my message was on: "All Praises Belong to the Lord" coming from Psalm 150:1-6 (KJV). The Bible commands us to give praises and thanks in everything

NOTICE

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, The Advance will be CLOSED Monday, May 30. The deadline for classifieds, garage sales, legal notices and country/church news for the June 1 paper will be Friday, May 27 at 5:00 p.m., and all other paper ads will be Tuesday, May 31 at 11am.

we do; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us. And our Tuesday Bible Study lesson was on: "Prayer of Thanksgiving" coming from Psalm 100:1-5; John 4:23-24; Revelation 4:11 and Psalm 150:1-6 (KJV). Thinking of God first in everything should be our priority.

Praying all have a safe and blessed rest of the week and in all you do, keep God first. And the scripture for the week is: Revelations 22:14 (KJV), "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates to the city".

Much love and blessings to all, take care, everyone.

LACEY

IVANELL HANDLEY

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

Her column will resume in next week's edition.

POSSUM VALLEY

KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Hello, hello! Welcome back everyone. I had been bemoaning the fact that the weather had totally skipped Spring and gone straight to brutal Summer. But oddly enough, about Friday, the day I took off work for a short vacation, the temperatures began to moderate. Rick and I left early Friday to drive over to Hope for a night away. Why Hope, you might ask? Because just a short jaunt from Hope if Rick Evans Grandview Prairie where I can usually see plenty of wildflowers, butterflies and birds. We arrived and went into the headquarters to talk to the staff there. One of the ladies told me that she had seen some Indian Pink flowers on the trail surrounding the pond. The first time I had ever seen Indian Pinks was on this prairie, but it was only a few. She led me to believe there were many of them. I needed a good leg

stretch after driving so far and took the opportunity to get in a hike and find the flowers. I grabbed my cameras and binoculars and set off. Right off I saw several dragonflies and butterflies although the brisk breeze made it difficult to photograph them. I continued on enjoying all the sights and sounds of the outdoors. Just when I thought I would never find the Indian Pinks, I rounded a corner and there they were. Among all the detritus of the forest after a prescribed burn, were hundreds of the beautiful flowers I sought. If you have me on Facebook, then you know I took several photos of them. I made it to the end of the trail and went back to Rick and the car then off we went. We spent about three hours driving, stopping, photographing and spending priceless time together. On Saturday, we went to B'ois D'arc Lake then on to Millwood State Park. I had seen on Facebook where another photog/birder had seen Roseate Spoonbills at B'ois D'arc but all I saw were hundreds of Cattle Egrets and a few Purple Gallinule. Before I end this account of our weekend, I must express how thankful I was for GPS during trip. If my Rick GPS (Gentle, Patient, Sweet) had not been with me I most likely would have gotten lost or involved in a wreck. I can say this though, never gain will I drive across the dam at Millwood State Park! Thanks, Rick, for driving us back across.

We got back home late Saturday afternoon, tired but refreshed, if that makes any sense. It was a great weekend.

During the night, refreshing thunderstorms came through and when morning came the temperatures were

almost cool. Wonderful!

Sunday morning, Bethel enjoyed a wonderful service. Many of the Eubanks clan were in attendance in honor of Eddie and Leona who were celebrating both an anniversary and a birthday for Mr. Eddie. A couple of their granddaughters, Jessica and Kelsea, sang specials then most of the Eubanks children and grandchildren sang "Count Your Blessings". Bro. Justin Hewitt then blessed us with a message, "Excuses", taken from Luke 9:59-62. Afterward, we retired to the James Glenn Fellowship Hall where we enjoyed a delicious lunch of baked potatoes with all the fixings and delicious desserts. I must thank Barbie and her girls whom I am fairly certain did most of the decorating and cooking. Eddie and Leona are truly blessed. The only thing that would have made the celebration better would have been if Momma and Daddy had been there.

Sunday afternoon, Addie wanted to come over. Of course, we agreed. Our baby girl will be graduating from pre-school this week and she will turn five in July. She is growing up so quickly. Sweet, sassy and stubborn but we love her beyond measure.

Corny joke time..."What do you call a funny chicken? A comedi-hen!

That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be safe, be happy, respect each other and remember, this world is not our home, we're just a passing thru, our treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. Christians can find comfort in the promise that our God has prepared a home for us after this life is over.

WILMAR

CHRIS RILEY

What can I say? Awesome, awesome, awesome is my reply as Tina, Dar, Keita and me traveled to Fort Worth, TX to see my youngest brother Otis "Nuck" whom I haven't seen since the

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Can you stand the heat?

Have you heard the old saying, “If you can’t stand the heat then get out of the kitchen”? It’s a way of saying, listen if you can’t handle the discomfort that comes with the a particular situation in life then remove yourself. But what I’ve always taken away from the phrase is that good things happen in the kitchen. Good things are produced in the kitchen. Good things that are baked, roasted, sautéed, fried. Those methods will produce something that will be both pleasant to my mouth and needed for my body.

But in order for the baking, roasting and frying to happen heat must be generated. So the kitchen is going to have a warmer climate than the rest of the house. It’s going to be hot. But if you leave the kitchen, if you choose to not be part of the process you may miss out on the product!

Victories have to have a battle. Testimonies have to have a trial and miracles never happen unless there’s a problem. When things go the wrong way you get friction and pressure and both by nature produce heat. The question is how much heat can you stand? We see an amazing example of this in this very familiar Old Testament scripture in Daniel 3:19-23.

Therefore, because the king’s command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those

men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

The three Hebrew young men were being obedient to God and doing their best to serve Him and adversity still came there way. Yet they remained steadfast and determined to serve God even when the heat was turned up. Seven times to be exact. But what we see in the climax of the story is what can fill us with hope when the pressures of life go from uncomfortable to unbearable. Three men were thrown in the fire but they were not alone. There was a fourth.

No matter how difficult life becomes we are never alone. We are never forgotten or forsaken. Jesus stands with us in those moments providing grace, protection and strength.

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

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funeral of our sister Liz Ingram Boswell 3 1/2 years ago. It was such a joy, and then on to a 60th surprise birthday celebration for Wendy Hammock Shorter at the city office in Dallas. Her and John W. Hammock and her sister and in-laws, nieces and nephews were there from Wilmar. Colors were black and gold. Tina did a special rendition of Happy Birthday and many roasts and toasts were given me for one as a neighbor. It was an awesome (like

I said) affair including the food and cake. Sharon Shorter was hostess with the mostest and the party was given by who else? Her own hubby, Elmo Shorter Jr. Thank God for safe travel to and from Texas. Oh yes, we also visited with Tina’s son Eric Ramon Stien and family and had a good time. All was well!

In memory of my son Jimmy R. Riley, he transitioned May 31, 2012. It’s been hard but God will see you through if you trust and keep the faith. Miss you son, love you more now.

Until we meet again by paper and pen, keep on believing God is!

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