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Memorial Day observed in Drew County



Photos by Melissa Orrell

By: MELISSA ORRELL

Citizens, local politicians and veterans gathered Monday, May 30, at the Drew County Courthouse to honor the men and women from Drew County who have given their lives in defense of our country.

The ceremony, which was presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, began with a welcome given by Veterans of Foreign Wars Vice District Commander Jim Lee, followed

by an invocation by Tommy King. Veterans James Thomas, Billy Edwards and Larry Gragg raised the flag before bringing it back down to half staff, while Lee led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speakers were Drew County Judge Robert Akin, Drew County Sheriff Mark Gober and Monticello Police Chief Jason Akers.

Tribute to the fallen was given with veterans Tony Lee, Joel Harper, Andy Broant and Melvin Veasey reading the names of the fallen from World War I, World War II, the Korean war and the Vietnam

War. Bell Ringers, veterans George Matthew and Fred White took turns sounding a bell for each of the fallen while members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 67 placed a flag in the Memorial Flag Board for each of the fallen as their names were read. A closing prayer was given by Tommy King, followed by Taps played by veteran Keith Jefferson.

For more photos from the May 30 event please see Page 5A.

AT UPDATE: THE ADVENTURES CONTINUE



By: STEPHEN COBURN

Nana and Pops are still on the trail. Last week we passed the 400 mile mark. We have been on the trail now for two months. Hard to believe it has been that long. It has been an amazing journey so far. The views have been outstanding. One view we experienced was on what is called Prospect Rock. From this spot we could see the skyline of New York City far in the distance. Prospect Rock is the highest point in New York on the Appalachian Trail. There was one slight encounter gave us pause. As we were walking up the trail we came face to face with another hiker. A black bear! The bear and I stopped looking at each other and Nana called out to the bear. After a moment, he wandered of the trail. We continued on, with one eye on the bear. Another time we saw a Momma and her cubs. We were more interested in them than they were in us.

We all kept our distance!

We are now in New York. The terrain has either been tranquil or steep. There are are number of times we literally climbed up the mountain! One hard climb was in Buchanan Mountain. At times we were on our knees moving up hoping the weight of our packs would not cause us to fall. The rough part of going up is knowing how steep the going down. But, so far we have been free of injury.

Hiking the trail is an obvious adventure, but it takes its toll on us mentally and physically. One mountain after another is exhausting. Not to mention the rocks! We have climbed rock cliffs using a rebar ladder only to arrive at what we thought was the top. The mountains seem to keep growing. One of the moments of celebration is when we get to the bottom and reach a highway with a great sense of

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Reputation helps Ag School cattle auction

By: LON TEGELS

“Knowing their cattle’s background, their quality, knowing the herd and where they come from helped make a decision to bring them into my herd,” said Jason Meier, Monticello cow/calf producer. Meier was the big bidder at the inaugural Aggie Auction held at the University of Arkansas at Monticello campus in April. Meier, who raises cattle as a hobby, purchased three Beefmaster Charolais heifers while his dad purchased a Beefmaster bull.

“When you go to a public auction you don’t always have the background. Most cattle guys can tell by looking at the cow, calf, or a replacement heifer what they are getting,” Meier said. “But it comforts me to know what exactly what I was buying.”

“This is a new thing that the university is doing here on the UAM farm. We’ve always done a traditional field day, giving educational talks, tour the farm, we’ve always done that,” said UAM farm manager Greg Montgomery. “In my mind I thought people want see cattle, they enjoy going to auctions. I also thought this might be an opportunity to showcase some of our genetics that we have developed here on the farm.”

On Saturday, April 23, Montgomery and the UAM Agriculture Alumni Association hosted a new event called the Aggie Comeback, giving agriculture alumni a chance to visit campus for some festivities. Events included a tractor farm tour, educational seminars, sheep herd introduction and steak dinner at the Ridge. The cattle production auction Saturday morning was one of the highlighted events of the Aggie Comeback. Montgomery put three of UAM’s genetically bred finest bulls and 10 heifers on the auction block. It was a small auction by any standard, Montgomery said, but also the college’s first.

Meier is 2003 graduate of UAM with a major in soil sciences. He is now a full-time product development manager for a chemical company. He consults farmers on chemicals for row crops and pastures. In addition to being a father, he also helps his dad operate a 65 head cattle farm just outside Monticello. He has known Montgomery since attending UAM agriculture classes with him back in 1998.

“When I ask Greg about these cattle, he said, ‘Yeah they’re good to go.’ I take his word for it. I can trust him. I know the work they’ve done. I’ve got full confidence in the advice they are giving me,” Meier

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DC school board meeting brings in crowd

By: MELISSA ORRELL

A new coach, seating the school board and recognizing Students of the Month for May, led to a packed house at the Drew Central School Board meeting Thursday, May 26.

Gary Lucas will continue to serve as the school board President, while Laura Whitaker will continue to serve as vice president and Renee Knowles will serve as secretary. Bruce Hackett and Curly Jackson will continue to serve as board members.

Following the seating of the school board, the board went into a private executive session before returning to the public forum where Drew Central School Superintendent Kimbraly Barnes announced the hiring of Coach Larry White as the Senior High Football coach, this past year White served as the Junior High Head Football Coach, High School Defensive Coordinator, assistant boys basketball and assistant track coach; as well as teaching in the ALE program, Career Orientation, and PE/Health.

The focus of the meeting then switched to the students with the Students of the Month for May being recognized. Elementary Students of the Month were: Hunter Dickey, Raelynn Weeks, Kensley Hammock, Cooper Carter, Gulliana DeLa Cruz, Gunnerr Booth,

Jase Walker, Adam Clowerss, Trent Dofflemyer, Ne’Riyah Hewitt. Middle School Students of the Month were Shelby Chalk, Paisleigh Thiele, Hailey Burnette, Cody Barnett, Alexis Bolden, Aiden Bottin, Addy West and Brayden Parks; Jordyn Allison was also recognized for her Student of the Month Award for April.

Cindy Luper briefed the board on the School Improvement Plan, pointing out that COVID-19 protocols and responses stalled progress on the school improvement plan reminding the board and audience of the unusual past three years with school districts having to cut short the 2020 school year when student were sent home to finish out the year, followed by the 2021 school year when school districts provided instruction for a hybrid schedule that allowed students to attend school on-line or in person. That was followed by COVID quarantines during the 2022 school year. Luper suggested the school continue with the school improvement plan that was in place prior to the COVID-19 upset in education. This includes character education and PBIS Tier I and II for the elementary school, along with local mental health providers for all students from Kindergarten to 12th grade. The middle school will continue to work

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Attention Baseball and Softball parents - deadline approaching:

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.

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UAM holds spring commencement exercises, announces 2022 Hornaday Faculty Award Winner and 60th Distinguished Alumnus

By KELSEY ENGLERT

The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) held its spring commencement exercises on Friday, May 13, in the Steelman Field House. Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, recognized graduates completing associate, baccalaureate and master's degrees during the ceremony.

Commencement was split into two ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The 10 a.m. ceremony included the College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources (undergraduate and graduate), the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences, the School of Nursing, the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Division of General Studies. The 2 p.m. ceremony included the School of Arts and Humanities (undergraduate and graduate), the School of Business, the School of Computer Information Systems and the School of Education (undergraduate and graduate).

Scott Jones, campus minister for the Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship, provided the invocation, and Scott Bearden, assistant professor of music, sang the national anthem and alma mater.

Dr. Donald Bobbitt, president of the University of Arkansas System, spoke during the ceremony. C.C. "Cliff" Gibson III, of Monticello, provided greetings on behalf of the University of Arkansas System Board of Trustees, where Gibson serves as chairman. UAM Board of Visitors member Gregg Reep, of Warren, was in attendance.

During the 10 a.m. ceremony, George Dunklin assisted in presenting graduate certificates in Waterfowl Habitat and Recreation Management to the first class of graduates from the new UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources graduate program. Dunklin is the owner of the Five Oaks Duck Lodge. In 2020, he established the Five

Oaks Ag Research and Education Center and partnered with UAM and the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture to create a waterfowl research and education program.

Dr. Doss congratulated the graduates and their families and friends, stating, "We share your joy and pride over the achievements of these hardworking students—our newest University of Arkansas at Monticello graduates." She also made special acknowledgments of graduates who were first-generation students, parents, active in campus organizations or members of the armed forces.

Crystal Halley, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, announced the finalists for the 2022 UAM Hornaday Outstanding Faculty Award: Dr. Suzanna Guizar, associate professor of exercise science in the UAM School of Education; Karen Hyatt, associate professor of nursing in the

UAM School of Nursing; and Dr. Jennifer Miller, associate professor of criminal justice in the UAM School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Dan and Charlotte Hornaday, both alumni of UAM, established the annual award in 2010 to recognize excellence in faculty teaching, research, scholarship and public service.

Halley named Dr. Guizar the winner of the 2022 Hornaday Award. Dr. Guizar has worked to make UAM's exercise science program competitive on a national level by applying for the program to become a National Strength and Conditioning Association Educational Recognition Program in Personal Training. To ensure that students have access to state-of-the-art equipment, Dr. Guizar has applied and received two Centennial Opportunity Grants from UAM. The first grant was used to purchase a SECA body composition analyzer. The second grant will be used to purchase

a 3-D biometric scanning device. During the ceremony, Halley noted, "Students describe Dr. Guizar as uplifting, relatable, encouraging and inspiring. She has a caring attitude and concern for the social, emotional and academic well-being of her students. Dr. Guizar's commitment to her students and profession is extraordinary. We are fortunate to have her as faculty."

Dr. Doss announced Crosssett native Randy Risher as UAM's 60th Distinguished Alumnus. Risher graduated from UAM in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in wellness leadership. He credits the supportive faculty and staff, especially Dr. Boyce Davis, for guiding his academic career. In 1994, he opened his first business as a personal trainer in Houston, Texas, and over the years, he has employed many UAM alumni. As a personal trainer, his most notable client was former President George H. W. Bush. Risher

trained President Bush for five years, and the former president became a friend to him and a great supporter of The Risher Companies. In 2021, the Houston Chronicle named The Risher Companies to a list of the top workplaces in Houston. Risher has been a generous supporter of UAM, including funding several UAM Foundation endowments and donating fitness equipment for the campus wellness center and athletic facilities. UAM has proudly recognized Risher's dedication over the years. He and his wife, Neela, have their names included on the UAM Centennial Clock Tower for their contribution to a campaign that raised one million dollars for the UAM Foundation Fund. In 2011, Risher received the UAM Alumni Award for Achievement and Merit, and in 2013, the new campus health building was named the Randy S. Risher Wellness Center.

SAU lists Spring honors 2022

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Southern Arkansas University has announced that 410 students earned a 4.0 GPA for the spring 2022 semester and have been named to its President's List:

Elizabeth Garcia is a senior Psychology major with a minor in Spanish from Monticello, and Logan Owens is a junior Accounting major from Monticello.

Molly Corrine Scriber earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in the spring 2022 semester, securing a reputable position on Southern Arkansas University's Dean's List. Scriber is a senior En-

trepreneurial Finance major with a minor in Spanish from Monticello. A total of 455 students were honored on this semester's Dean's List.

Southern Arkansas University provides students the complete college experience in a caring environment of service, innovation, and community. With more than 100 degrees in four distinct colleges and the School of Graduate Studies, SAU initiates new degree programs to fit the needs of career and professional trends of today.

Law enforcement and local pastors meet for roundtable

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Monticello Police Department hosted its annual anti-racial profiling and Race Relations round table discussion between Officers of MPD and local Pastors this weekend. The event was hosted and meals provided by Pauline Baptist Church.

Representatives from Morning Star Missionary Baptist, Pauline Baptist, The Revival Center, Oak Grove Assembly of God, The Word Church, Trinity Full Gospel Church and Mount Nebo Church were in attendance.

At the event, MPD invites local Pastors to attend the police department's course on racial profiling. Pastors offer suggestions on improvements in the training curriculum, discuss relationships between minority communities and law enforcement and discuss race

related topics effecting both law enforcement and the community as a whole.

MPD provides Pastors with statistical race related data on arrest numbers and citations issued by the Monticello Police Department as well as discuss current policies and trends.

The event has been held since 2019.

According to MPD Chief Jason Akers, "Monticello is blessed with churches and Pastors who care about our community. Working together for solutions to the issues we all face is the only way to make our town better. At every one of these events we hold, we solve one more common problem and get closer as a community. We open more lines of communication and that is the first step for positive and lasting change."



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Belle View Estates is having a rummage sale on Saturday, June 4th 7am – til ? All proceeds go towards activities.

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Nickolson elected to county office at Arkansas Boys State

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Jack Nickolson of Monticello from Monticello High School was elected as Justice of the Peace for Cotton County at Arkansas Boys State 2022, a summer leadership and civic engagement experience sponsored by the American Legion.

Nickolson was elected by his peers during county elections on Monday, May 30, as part of the 81st annual session of Arkansas Boys State, where students build a mock government structure, including eight different mock counties each with their own county judge, vice county judge, county sheriff, and justices of the peace.

"Counties are the primary municipal structures at Arkansas Boys State - and they're

what students identify with at the program and will inevitably talk to fellow alumni about in years to come," said David Saterfield, director of instruction for Arkansas Boys State. "From here, Jack will lead citizens in his county as they navigate simulations and county problems, working as their representative to develop and advocate solutions for their constituents this week."

Nickolson is one of more than 400 students from throughout the state attending Arkansas Boys State at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Students are mock citizens in eight different counties, sixteen cities, and two political parties.

"Being elected to county office is such a remarkable honor

for Jack because the counties are the cornerstone of the student identity at Arkansas Boys State," said Saterfield.

City elections were also held on Monday at Arkansas Boys State. On Tuesday, students will run for the House of Representatives and Senate and begin campaigning for statewide office.

Arkansas Boys State is an immersive program in civics education designed for high school juniors. Since 1940, the week-long summer program has transformed the next generation of leaders throughout the state and beyond. These men have become state, national, and international leaders, including Pres. Bill Clinton, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, former White

House Chiefs of Staff Mack McLarty and Jack Watson Jr., Sen. Tom Cotton, Sen. John Boozman and Arkansas Chief Justice John Dan Kemp. Learn more at arboysstate.org.

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

Spring Dean's List announced at SouthArk

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

South Arkansas Community College has released its Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester. To be eligible, a student must

have at least a 3.0 grade-point average for the semester, and be classified as full-time. The students from Monticello are Nicole Boykin, D'Arbonee Jhauntyq Forte, LaKaysha Foster, Anna Marie Funderburg, Lakeshia Matthews, John Ratliff, Veronica Regina Spencer, Emily Hope Thompson, Keyaira D. Williams.

Congratulations to All 2022 Graduates!

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Honoring fallen heroes

Arkansas native Brady Prewitt was recently laid to rest at his family's plot in Sharp County. His return to The Natural State was a long time coming. The Navy Seaman 2nd Class was serving on the USS Oklahoma when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

His remains were interred with other unidentified crew members at the National Member Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii until they were exhumed for forensic analysis in 2015. With the help of DNA testing, he was identified in 2019 and has finally



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been reunited with his loved ones after more than 80 years. Prewitt's cousin called his homecoming "very special."

Honoring our fallen heroes and continuously working to ensure they return home is part of our nation's commitment. As we commemorate Memorial Day,

we pay tribute to selfless and courageous individuals like him who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This is a humble reminder that our freedom is a privilege fought for and earned by brave men and women protecting the promise of our country and future generations of Americans. They have put others before themselves because they believed in what our country stands for and the beacon of light it represents worldwide.

Arkansas can be proud of the heroes from our state called to serve in uniform. My thoughts and prayers are with those from our state who laid down their lives, as well as their families whose support and understanding of the soldier's call to duty is one reason we enjoy the freedoms we do today.

Just as importantly, we must always care for the loved ones these heroes left behind.

That's why we need to modernize benefits for surviving family members. I'm proud to champion the Caring for Survivors Act of 2021 so we can continue to honor the promise we made to servicemembers and their loved ones. This legislation adjusts the earned monthly benefits provided to survivors of servicemembers who die in the line of duty in line with payments to surviving spouses of other federal employees, allowing us to better care for the loved ones of troops who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

While I'm committed to improving policies supporting families who have lost a loved one in service to our country and upholding their legacies, I'm pleased to see how these heroes continue to be an inspiration for Arkansans.

The Northwest Arkansas veteran-serving nonprofit Bo's Blessings regularly organizes volunteers to clean headstones at the Fayetteville National Cemetery. This labor of love is a simple yet meaningful way to honor the memories of the men and women who defended our freedoms and way of life. I was proud to participate recently to show my appreciation for those who wore our nation's uniform and are laid to rest on that hallowed ground.

May God Bless every man and woman we've lost in battle as they fought in defense of our ideals. Let us honor the willingness of all troops called to serve in our nation's uniform and always remember the brave individuals who have given everything for us to be the greatest, freest nation in the world.

I'm officially to old to go out on a Thursday

Last Thursday night, Superman and I had the opportunity to join some friends at the Murphy Arts District in El Dorado to see a 90's country music concert. Tracy Byrd, Tracy Lawrence and Clay Walker sang for several hours to thousands of fans and it was truly one of the best concerts I have had the honor of attending.

The weather could not have been more perfect. The sky was blue and the breeze was blowing. There were smiles in every direction. The show started promptly at 7:30 p.m. and a bunch of middle aged music lovers did "The Watermelon Crawl."

Tracy Byrd opened the show and in an instant, arms were in the air and hips were swaying. People gathered in tight spaces and there was no division among us. I think it is such a testament to how music is the universal unifier. After two years of limited human contact and large events, it seems as though everyone has a positive attitude about being together and enjoying a common theme. But really, who

doesn't love 90's country music?

We roamed the crowd a little, seeing many familiar faces. We talked, laughed, and danced like no-one was watching.

Tracy Lawrence and Clay Walker took the stage and a new energy came across the crowd. For me, it was like I was transported back to my adolescence. I have such vivid memories of listing to KSSN 96 every morning on the way to school. It hurt me to hear of Bob Robbins passing this month. I heard his and Paul Harvey's voice Monday-Friday around 7:15 a.m. for many years.

This is one of the things I appreciate about being a Southern American. There is a certain level of joy that comes across your body when you hear songs like "Texas Tornado" and "She Won't Be Lonely Long". At some point in our life, we all can relate to particular songs. Even when that specific stage of life has passed, the songs stay with us and remind us of how we overcame a trial or at least the emotion of joy from the first time we heard it. I don't know if that translates as well outside of sweet tea country.

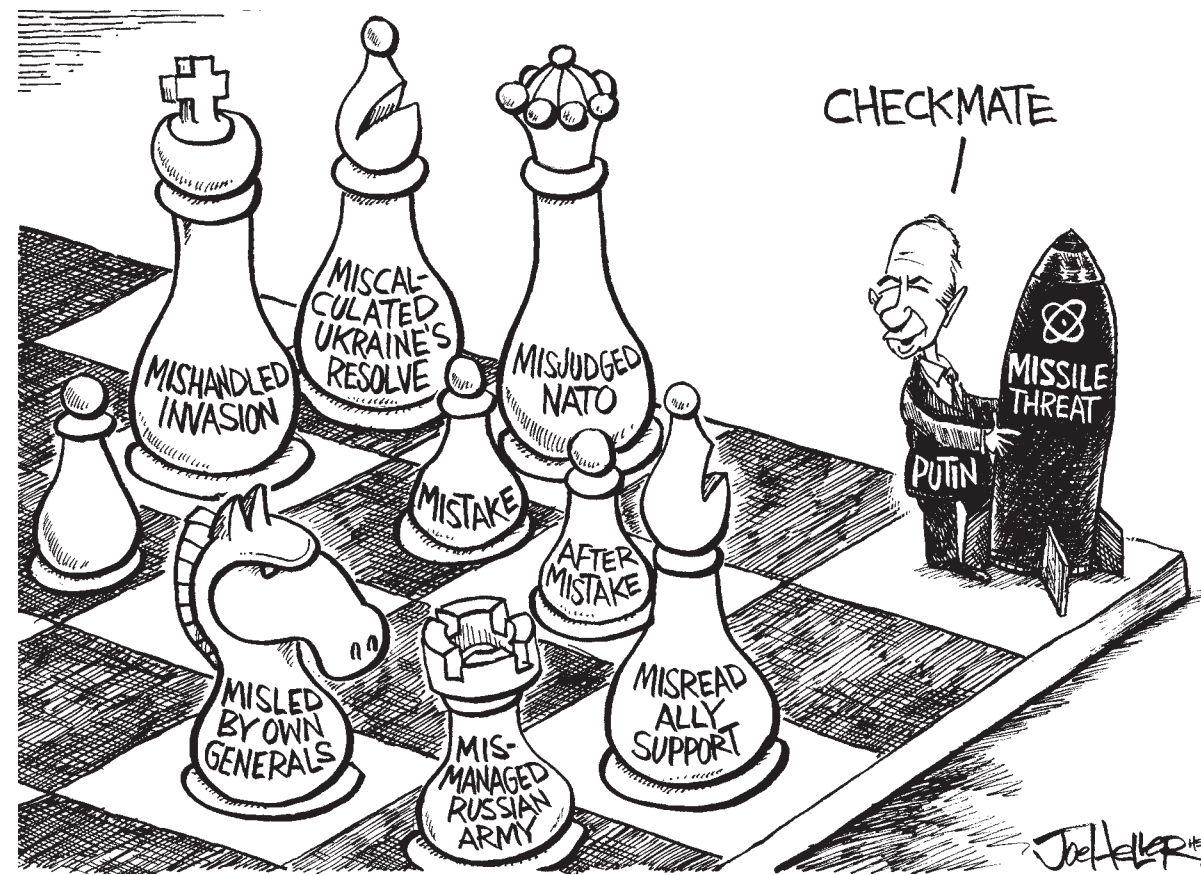
My childhood was filled with this type of music. We had a massive tape and CD collection and a stereo system that I remember

being as tall as me. I really thought I was something special when the sound system got moved from the living room in our house to my bedroom.

My cousins and I would listen and sing out to Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson and all the other great artists of the time. We knew every word to every popular song, even if we didn't always understand what they were singing about. I memorized every word to the classic "Fancy" by Reba McEntire. I had no idea why my momma wouldn't let me sing about the girl in the pretty red dress while at church when I was five years old.

The much older Ashley still loves enjoying music and we were on our feet dancing and clapping until midnight. My bedtime is a hard 8:30 p.m. every single night. I knew we would be out late but I did not dream it would be that late. Around 10:30 p.m., I noticed a pattern among the people in attendance that were my age or older. I stretched to my left and tilted to the right and every direction I faced, I saw other people doing the same. Stretching, bending, pulling on their arms, attempting to pop their backs, it was like an amateur Yoga class right there on the

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Remembering our fallen warriors

Monday is Memorial Day, and this week, hundreds of volunteers are placing an American flag in front of every gravestone in each of Arkansas's five military cemeteries.

We observe Memorial Day, which began shortly after the end of the Civil War, to honor the memory of those who died in service to the United States. The flags honor everyone who served in one of the five branches of our military – the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, and the Navy.

The three national cemeteries are in Little Rock, Fort Smith, and Fayetteville. The state's Veterans Cemeteries are in North Little

Rock and Birdeye.

On Wednesday, just five days before Memorial Day, the commander of all U.S. military special operations asked to visit the Fort Smith National Cemetery. It was General Richard Clarke, who is the 12th commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, and he wanted to visit the grave of General William O. Darby.

General Darby is a native of Fort Smith, and a graduate of Fort Smith Senior High and West Point. In 1942, the commander of the 34th Infantry Division promoted William Darby from captain to major and assigned him to organize an elite commando unit taken from all branches of the military. This was the start of the United States Army Ranger Battalion, sometimes called Darby's Rangers.

Major Darby fulfilled several assignments in the theater of war

and at the Pentagon. He returned to Europe in early 1945, and volunteered to take command of the Tenth Mountain Division. On April 30, 1945, as he outlined strategy for the next day, a German shell exploded in the midst of his meeting and killed him. He was 33.

So on May 25, seventy-seven years and 25 days after General Darby died in World War II, General Clarke visited General Darby's grave in Fort Smith.

Marshall Murphy, director of the national cemeteries in Fort Smith and Little Rock, stood by as General Clarke and Representative Womack visited the grave.

Mr. Murphy, a veteran who served in the Marines, says that General Darby is a patron saint for Army Rangers. He also noted that General Clarke carries on the tra-

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Forestry Division improve Urban Strike Force teams

The state Forestry Division is known for managing woodlands, helping control fires and supporting rural fire departments.

Not so well known is its work in cities and towns. In mid-May, the division hosted forestry professionals from across the Southeast for a training event designed to improve the skills of Urban Strike Force Teams.

Team members are certified by the International Society of Arbo-

riculture. They respond in areas that have suffered tornadoes, high winds, flooding, ice storms and other types of natural disaster. They evaluate the damage done to trees and assess the risks posed by damaged trees. They also help local residents recover from storm damage by applying for federal assistance.

Of course, the damage from severe storms isn't restricted to rural areas. Cities and towns experience tornadoes too.

The training exercise hosted by the state Forestry Division was at Trumann, where residents are recovering from devastating tornadoes last winter.

The strike force teams assess damage to trunks, branches and roots and recommend if any trees should be removed or trimmed for safety reasons.

More Arkansans are probably aware of the Division's work to train and equip rural fire departments. Since the legislature created the Rural Fire Protection Program in 1979, the program has provided more than 700 firefighting vehicles for rural fire departments.

The Division also makes available oxygen masks, generators, hand tools, tools for digging

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Recognizing Arkansans on Memorial Day

Arkansas is home to so many families of brave men and women who deserve our recognition this Memorial Day.

More than 2,183 Arkansans lost their lives fighting in World War I. During World War II, an estimated 194,645 Arkansans served the nation in the various branches of the U.S. armed forces, and more than 3,500 were killed as a result of combat.

Arkansans continued to answer the call to serve. There were 461 Arkansans who lost their lives in the Korean War and 588 lost their lives in Vietnam. We lost several of our own in Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and in Operation Enduring Freedom.

And today, there are thousands who willing put their lives on the line to protect our freedom. Arkansas has citizens in nearly every community serving our country.

Their sacrifice is a true expression of selfless service. Whether they were drafted, volunteered, or served during peacetime, they represent the best America has to offer.

As the first weekend of summer, Memorial Day is typically filled with barbecues or days at the lake.

As you make your plans for the weekend, we encourage Arkansans to consider how they can best pay tribute to the service members who have died in military service.

We can all honor the lives lost by remembering and retelling their stories.

In addition to placing flowers at veteran cemeteries, Arkansans can donate to charities that provide for their families.

We can recognize their sacrifices by taking care of their comrades who served. This could include volunteering at the VA Hospital or picking up the tab for the table with a soldier at a restaurant.

And we can honor the fallen every day of the year by committing to live a life worthy of their sacrifice.

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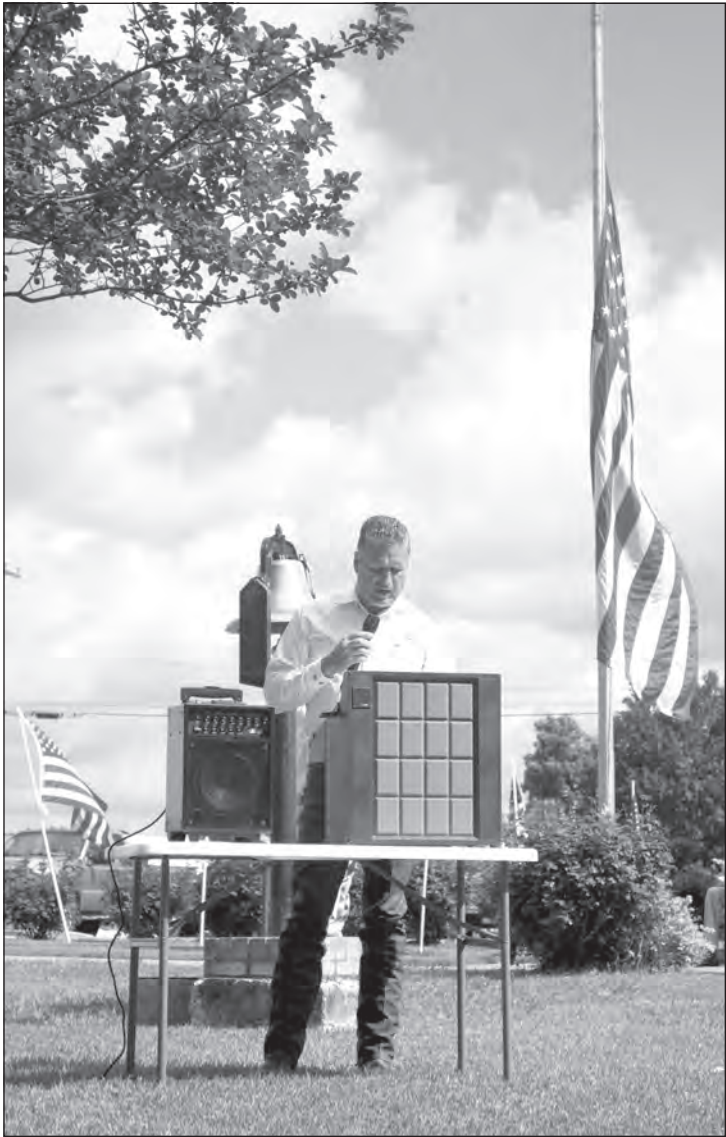
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Drew County honors the fallen on Memorial Day



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dition of General Darby with a quiet dignity. You would never guess by his words or manner that he commands all U.S. special forces, which perform the most dangerous, sensitive, and secret missions

around the world. This week in Fort Smith, General Clarke did what he always does – he led the way with his visit to honor General Darby. The volunteers who work in the cemeteries to place a flag at each grave-stone share in the General’s mission to remember our fallen warriors.

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astroturf. Then, it dawned on me. This is middle age. If we sit too long, we have to stand up and stretch our legs. If we stand too long, we have to sit down and rest our knees and hips. It is amazing what time and gravity will do to a once young, springy and flexible body. To my relief, I was far from

alone. We snapped, crackled and popped together throughout the night. I’m sure the day after called for ice packs and a nap, at least it did in my world. Either way, it was worth it. I danced all night with my husband, sang loudly with old and new friends and was reminded that age is just a number. Embrace the gray hair, find a good CBD cream for your knees and keep on dancing and singing.



GILMORE

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trenches, bandages and jacks that can lift heavy equipment. Interest free loans are available for rural fire departments in which more than 75 percent of the firefighters are volunteers. The Division also works with the U.S. Forest Service to help local firefighters obtain excess federal equipment, and will also help make any needed repairs or refurbishing. The Division has a program called Firewise that educates and trains home-

owners and civic leaders about preparation against wildfires. Arkansas cities and towns have grown, so more neighborhoods and houses now border woodlands. This increases the risk from grass, brush and forest fires. Fire professionals can help homeowners adapt their property by setting aside defensible areas between structures and forests. They can be effective within a range of 30 feet to 300 feet. The Division works with private landowners to improve the health of their woodlands with proven management methods. The Division regularly provides seedlings. Last

month it held a “Free Tree Friday” at 36 separate events and gave away 17,800 trees. Last October the Division held tree-planting ceremonies at 12 schools where the playgrounds lacked shade. Forestry Division staff chose tree types that are best suit-

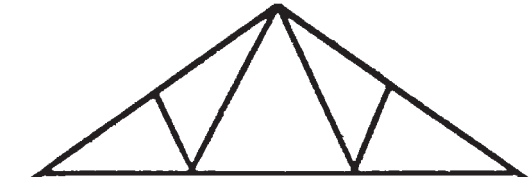
ed for the soil and regional climate conditions of the schools. Also, the Division awards grants to cities and towns for improving forest health and preventing erosion in parks and community areas. Healthy urban forests im-

prove air quality. Recently the Division announced the availability of its Pocket Guide to Arkansas Forest Health. It’s free at Division offices around the state. The guide lists the types of insects and diseases that damage tree health, and

has tips on how to recognize and prevent them. Arkansas is the nation’s ninth leading timber producer, according to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. About 55 percent of the state is forest.

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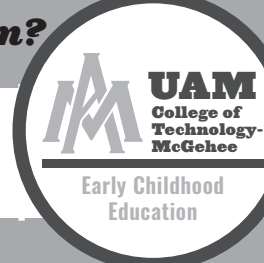
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Youth Money Camp to be held in June

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The S.A.F.E. Center, Inc., a non-profit organization, announces the 2022 Youth Money Camp to be held from 8:30 to noon, Saturday, June 25 at the Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, Monticello Branch, 114 W. Jefferson Avenue, Monticello.

This free Youth Money Camp is offered to youth ages 13 to 18 years old. Participants will learn wealth creation principles that will include investment education and basic money management skills. Participants will be provided a creative learning environment full of fun activities. They will receive snacks, special awards, and t-shirts.

The criteria for participation is the desire to learn how to create a better future for themselves and their families. Parents must register their children by Monday, June 20th. Participants will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis due to limited spacing.

The guest speaker is Pansy Johnson, a treasury management sales specialist

from Conway. Employed with Arvest Bank of Little Rock, she is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas at Conway in public relations. She was inspired to move into the field of banking during her internship. According to Johnson, her financial philosophy is, “Stay ready so you don’t have to get ready. Save money, educate yourself and set personal financial goals. This will keep you prepared to respond to unexpected life events.”

Registration should be submitted immediately to Clarissa Pace, founder, or Dr. Chris Allen, director, by calling 870-460-9192 or email: safecenterinc@gmail.com.

The Southeast Arkansas Financial Education Center, Inc. is a non-profit, faith-based entity and a public charitable organization. Its mission is to engage, enrich and empower families for financial success, fulfilling careers, healthy lifestyles, and well-balanced relationships.



Melissa Orrel/Advance Monticellonian
Drew Central Middle School Students of the Month for May 2022 Pictured (L to R) Jordyn Allison; Cody Barnett; Alexis Bolden; Pasleigh Thiele, with the Drew Central School Board members.

SCHOOL BOARD

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on strategic reading with designated times around lunch. The high school will have a lunch rotation that will

allow for a period of instruction with emphasis on ACT Aspire tests, and reading comprehension, with a desire to make the 2022-23 school year a “normal” year.

Next, the school board was briefed on the Special Education agreements

with no changes from previous years and a report that the department has been in compliance with Special Education regulations.

The Drew Central School Improvement plan can be found in full at drewcentral.org.

AT UPDATE

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accomplishment.

For today we are enjoying what is called a zero day. On zero days we get

a room in a near by town or village. It gives us an opportunity to take a shower, do our laundry and enjoy something other than dehydrated meals. For instance today we ordered two large delivery pizzas, one for Nana and one for Pops. In case you wonder,

there are never any leftovers!

Again, we are grateful that you are following along on this adventure with us. Life is good on the trail and the simplicity is refreshing. Until next time, stay present and be encouraged!

ANCRC awards UAM \$679,326 for restoration projects on historic properties

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On May 11, at its May funding meeting in Little Rock, the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) awarded the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) two grants totaling \$679,326 for the fiscal year 2023. The grants will fund restoration projects on two UAM-owned properties.

The ANCRC awarded UAM \$211,077 to fund the first phase of a two-phase project for the exterior restoration and interior demolition of the 1937 Facul-

ty House on the UAM campus in Monticello, Arkansas. The funding will be used to restore the exterior structure, including the installation of a new roof and repairs to existing gutters, downspouts, masonry and wood. The carport addition will be removed, and the original side porch will be reconstructed. In the interior, the added bathroom in the rear of the house will be removed and the rear entry will be restored.

The house was built in 1937 and served as faculty housing until 2018. It has remained un-

occupied since then. The structure, designed by Little Rock architect A.N. McAninch, is an early example of the Art Moderne style in Southeast Arkansas and is largely unchanged from its original construction. It is the last remaining structure from the original faculty village and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The ANCRC also awarded UAM \$468,249 to fund repairs to the UAM-owned Trotter House in Monticello, Arkansas. Repairs of historic exterior elements will include stained glass

windows, soffits, porch railings, porch flooring, siding and trim. After repairs are completed, the entire exterior will be cleaned and repainted with a historically accurate color scheme.

The Trotter House operates as a bed and breakfast and provides learning opportunities for UAM students in the hospitality program. Built in 1896, the Eastlake-style house was owned by prominent banker V.J. Trotter and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Paige Chase, mayor of Monticello, stated, “The Trotter

House serves as an anchor for the downtown historic district of Monticello. UAM does an excellent job of managing this asset, which functions as a point of convergence for many downtown parades and events, bringing residents together to build community.”

Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, thanked the ANCRC, stating, “The ANCRC’s tremendous support of the 1937 Faculty House and Trotter House restoration projects will ensure that these two important, historic properties are restored for the

benefit of our community. UAM is proud to serve as a steward of these properties, which stand as reminders of the impressive architectural legacy of Monticello and the broader region. We offer our thanks to the ANCRC and look forward to continuing this relationship in the future.”

Alex Becker, vice chancellor for Finance and Administration at UAM, and Sage Loyd, senior project manager and director of grants at UAM, prepared the grant applications. Dr. Doss presented the proposals to the ANCRC on May 11.

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said.

“When I showed up that morning I had already looked them in the corral, made my decisions on which heifers I wanted to buy, which ones I wanted to bring to my herd,” Meier said. “When the bidding started, I was kind of excited. All that excitement goes into it, you get an adrenaline rush when you start bidding. I was able to buy the first three right off the bat that I wanted. The price for me was awesome,” he said.

“It helped knowing where the money was going. To help the college out. To support the program, made it easier in my mindset when I was buying these cattle.”

The auction was held indoors by video in the conference room of the Ag Building. It was standing room only, with about 100 bid-

ders both local and regional in attendance. The auctioneer services were donated by Dale McKiever. Up for auction were 10 open heifers and three bulls.

“To my knowledge this is the first of its kind happening in here, in the state, happening on a university campus,” Montgomery said. If you go back a long time ago, we used to have a bull test here on the farm. We would test and sell those bulls in the auditorium of the Ag Building. With that mindset, I went back to when I was a kid and would come out here with my brother,” said Montgomery. “I thought it would be cool and people would engage. I thought we had a brand with the university and thought we could offer cattle buyers would be interested in.

“I was happy with the turnout, happy with the way the auction went. It was a good weekend, it sure was,” said Montgomery.



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Montgomery said the profits from the auction which will go back into the farm operations and continuing the breeding program.

“The end goal for the university, for the farm, is educational purposes for the students. We can increase the quality of the genetics and show students on how to do that. What better way to show students how to be profitable or

to manage cattle than to do it ourselves right here on this farm,” Montgomery said.

Meier said he hopes to come back to future auctions at UAM.

“I’m a third-generation cattle producer on a cow/calf farm. I grew up right next door on my dad’s farm,” said Meier. “I started out with one cow my grandfather gave me as a wedding present.

And over the years I built a herd. I was able to buy some from my neighbor, buy some from friends, and now some from the university program which I hope to continue to do. I built my herd up, I now have 17 momma cows,” he said. “It takes time. It’s not easy but well worth the time and investment.”

Meier credits his success in life and his growing herd to his time at UAM.

“I have to give credit; a lot of my success is due to U of A Monticello for what they’ve done. For the ag program especially. Getting me trained, qualified and ready to go out in the job market and be a good sought-after employee for these companies,” he said. “As you can see now, the success of their

ag program is now the success of my cow herd. For me, I’ll be going forward and buying more quality replacement heifers to keep my herd more profitable.”

The University of Arkansas at Monticello is a comprehensive system of postsecondary education in, Southeast Arkansas. UAM offers more than 70 distinct academic tracks for students seeking graduate, undergraduate and certificate programs. The Monticello campus offers associate, baccalaureate and selected master’s degrees. The UAM Colleges of Technology in Crossett and McGehee provide classes leading to certificates of proficiency, technical certificates, and associates of applied science degrees.

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UAM inducts seventeen students into National Honor Society

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello's Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society inducted seventeen new members during a recognition ceremony on UAM's campus on April 19.

New members include Grace A. Adams, business management major; Abbey Austin, psychology major; Alondra Cruz, nursing major; Brett Michael Cunningham, natural resources-forestry major; Alexia Gurnsey, biology major and biochemistry major; Kellye Hooks, nursing major; Ally Huitt, biology major and biochemistry major; Harleigh Livingston, psychology major; Jaxen Reese Morphis, mathematics-data science major; Angel Quiroga, criminal justice major; Ty Say, biology major and biochemistry major; Devyn Simpson, nursing major; Noah Lee Smith, mathematics-data science major; Samantha Stephens, mathematics major; Gabriel L. Wade, music-jazz major; Rylan White, business major; and

Cade Wilkerson, biology major and biochemistry major.

Alpha Chi National Honor Society was founded on February 22, 1922, as an organization designed specially to recognize scholarship and character. UAM's Zeta Chapter was constituted on April 27, 1956.

According to its website, Alpha Chi "is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, the nation's only accreditation association for university honor societies" and only invites the top ten percent of eligible college juniors, seniors and graduate students to join. Alpha Chi promotes student creativity and research, excellence and service in action, personal growth through diversity, equipping compassionate listeners and leaders, academic and professional mentoring and making scholarship effective for good.

Dr. Kate Stewart, professor of English and director of the MA English program at UAM, and Dr. Carol Strong, professor of political science at UAM,



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serve as faculty advisors for the Zeta Chapter. Dr. Stewart is also an at-large member of Alpha Chi National Council and serves as the secretary-treasurer for Region II.

During the ceremony, Dr. Stewart told inductees, "This society, as an organization, is composed of the best student intellectual life at this institution. Membership in this society is the highest academic honor to be achieved on this campus, and the spirit of scholarship at UAM will be enhanced and deepened through you as its official representatives."

For further information, please contact Dr. Stewart at 870-460-1878 or stewart@uamont.edu.

Environmental sustainability a focus of new University of Arkansas economist

By JOHN LOVETT
U of A System Division of Agriculture

A shift in thinking about environmental sustainability on the farm as a long-term risk mitigation factor is taking place in agricultural economics.

Lawson Connor, assistant professor of agricultural economics and agribusiness with the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas, is working to quantify the economic effects of sustainability practices such as cover crop programs and water conservation tactics. These results could then be translated into economic decision tools for farmers.

"We are focused on isolating the benefits of sustainability so farmers can quantify it for their operation," Connor said.

John Anderson, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, said Connor's work will help farmers identify practices that provide benefits in terms of both sustainability and profitability. The information is also "critical for policymakers as they try to develop policy

tools to effectively satisfy a wide range of stakeholder interests in the agriculture and food sector," Anderson added.

Connor said federal government incentives for incorporating sustainability practices are "minimal" and many target first-time adoption of practices. Also, many farmers have been hesitant to adopt more environmentally sustainable practices in their operations, if improved yields are the primary benefit, because they already see good yields.

"That is why we are trying to think of it from a risk mitigation perspective," Connor said. "We must think of agri-

culture as an entire system, as part of the ecosystem and not an industry unto its own. And we are seeing that more with global warming."

The other piece of the risk mitigation research looks at the supply chain side of the equation. Connor said they are doing a preliminary analysis to investigate who is creating demand and who will bear the brunt of the cost for any additional expense of adding environmentally sustainable practices.

Connor and economists with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division

of Agriculture, are also working on a study supported by a grant from the Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Board to investigate why the cost of crop insurance in the South is higher than in Midwest states.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency sets the rates for crop insurance based on risks such as natural disasters and crop yield history. Connor said his research has shown that rates for crop insurance in southern states can be more than double the rates in midwestern states, depending on the county. With irrigation and more resilient varieties for row crops developed by uni-

versity experiment stations in the South, some farmers feel the RMA's methods overemphasize outdated risks, Connor said.

About the researcher

Connor is a native of Antigua who joined the University of Arkansas in January after serving as an assistant professor with the Louisiana State University Ag Center for over three years. His research focuses on production economics, crop insurance and sustainable agriculture. In addition to work in research, he will also conduct outreach activities with the Cooperative Extension Service and teach a graduate-level agricultural

economics course. He earned his doctorate in economics at North Carolina State University in Raleigh in 2017 and conducted post-doctoral research at Ohio State University.

"Dr. Connor's work is producing valuable information for farmers, landowners, supply chain managers, and policymakers," Anderson said. "He is providing insight into the practical, relevant, real-world implications of sustainability initiatives that are too often only discussed in broad generalizations. We are fortunate to have Dr. Connor here to help make the University of Arkansas a leader in this important line of work."




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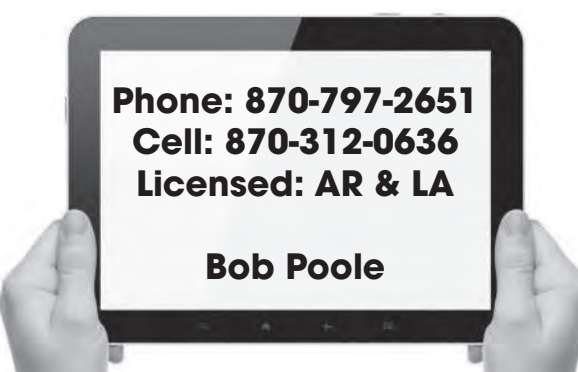


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Jack Steven Cash

Jack Steven Cash, 63, of Monticello, passed away Thursday, May 26, at his home. He was born February 22, 1959, in Aurora, Ill. to the late Donald Thomas Cash, Sr., and McDora Ann Meir. Jack was a retired dispatcher from the Monticello Police Department and a Veteran of the U.S. Army. He enjoyed spending time with his family and helping others. He also enjoyed working on vehicles, motorcycles, and four-wheelers. But most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandkids. Jack is preceded in death by one son, Jesse Cash, his parents, two sisters, and one brother.



CASH



VETERAN

He is survived by two daughters, McDora Cash and Becky Outlaw; two sons, Steven Cash and Jon (J.T.) Cash; two ex-wives, Lynn Cash and Brenda Waters; one sister, Eva Cash-Shantz; and ten grandchildren.

Visitation was held Monday, May 30, from 10 - 11 a.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Funeral services followed at 11 a.m.

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

Benjamin Lee Crossett

Benjamin Lee Crossett, 46, of DeWitt died May 29, 2022. He was born April 14, 1976, to Randy Crossett and Rachel Bowman Crossett.

Ben was a truck driver and worked as a first responder as a police officer, fireman, and an EMT over the years. He was a member of Hell's Lovers Motorcycle Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Randy and Rachel; and his grandparents Harry and Floy Mae Crossett.

Ben is survived his wife Jennifer of DeWitt; sons Austin Crossett of Monticello, and Donavan and Caleb Shield of DeWitt; brother Patrick Lewis of El Dorado; grandson Waylon Shield; and many other friends and family.

Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 1 at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, June 2 at Faith Baptist Church with burial in Thompson Cemetery by Essex Funeral Home. www.essexfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Bobbie Sue Garrison

Bobbie Sue Garrison, 81, of Monticello, departed this life to be with Jesus on May 27. Bobbie was born on November 27, 1941 in Manilla, to the late William H. Catt and Ruth E. Baker.



GARRISON

Bobbie worked for many years at Burlington Rug Mill. Bobbie married Lenard Garrison in March of 1975. They always spent time together camping and riding motorcycles all over the USA and Canada. Bobbie enjoyed knitting, sewing and spending time with her kids and grand kids. Bobbie's passion was cooking. When she cooked, you could bet the people were coming. Her

talents with food and the way it taste was so good, she could take a can of sardines and make it a 5 star dish in an expensive restaurant. Bobbie was a Pentecostal by faith.

She was preceded in death by both parents and her husband Lenard Garrison.

Survivors include a brother, Bill Catt (Linda) of Prairie Grove; three sons, Mark Burton (Lorna) of Searcy, Steve Burton (Kelly) of Monticello, Tony Burton (Tina) of Monticello; one daughter, Janice Nixon of Woodlawn; and one nephew Adam Catt of Kyoto, Japan, as well as 15 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Extreme special thanks to Greystone Nursing and Rehab for their love, care and compassion.

Graveside services were Tuesday, May 31, in Oakland Cemetery in Monticello, at 1 p.m.

Please sign Mrs. Bobbie's guestbook at www.Stephenson-Dearman.com. (Paid obituary)

Billie June Hampton Handly

Billie June Hampton Handly, 76, of Monticello, passed away at home May 28, 2022. She was born May 23, 1946 in Hot Springs to William H. 'Bill' Hampton and Rose Noles Hampton. Billie was a graduate of Wilmar High School and after pausing her college education to raise two girls, she resumed her classes and graduated UAM in 1985 and went on to achieve her Masters Degree. She taught American History at Lake Village, Dumas, and Star City High Schools respectively from 1986 until her retirement from Star City in 2011. She treasured her students and lovingly called

them 'her kids' and wanted each one to succeed and have happy lives. Some of her former students had a loving hand in her health-care during the last three years. She was always so proud when they realized who she was and thanked her for always believing in them. Billie was named Arkansas Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in 2008. She was the recipient of many teaching awards, state and national as well as numerous published works. She always said 'her kids' were the reason she enjoyed her teaching so much.

Billie loved spending time with her family, who meant the world to her. She enjoyed a good read, watching old movies and British TV shows. She was crafty and talented, loved to sew and crochet and she was a beautiful piano player. She loved flowers, so Jamie and Jordan always made sure she had beautiful flowers to look at out her window, in her room.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James Shelly Handly, and nephew Michael Hampton.

Left to cherish her many wonderful memories are her daughters, Stacy Scogin Spears (William) and Jamie Handly Branch of Monticello; brothers Richard 'Ricky' Hampton (Leeann) of Texarkana, and Mike Hampton (Becky) of Brandon Miss.; her grandchildren, Joy A. Gamewell, Catie B. Wilkerson, James Tristan Foreman, Jordan L. Branch, and a great-granddaughter Lily



HANDLY

R. Gamewell all of Monticello, nieces Beth and Rebecca of Oregon, nephews Allen Hampton (Bridgett) and Mitch Hampton of Stamps, Doug Hampton (Brandy) of Iowa; special bonus grands, Sierra Everett and Joe Dickey; Bonus great-grands Kori, Carter and Aiden; her special friends and fishing buddies Bessie Hampton and Nadine Connard.

The family would like to thank Hospice Home Care for their extraordinary care and compassion.

Graveside service will be Wednesday, June 1 at the Handly Cemetery, 499 Plantersville Road, Monticello. (Paid obituary)

Joy Dell Burton Akin Harris

Joy Dell Burton Akin Harris, 85, of Hamburg, went to be with her Lord Saturday, May 28, at her home. She was born October 19, 1936, in Monticello, to the late Stanley Burton and Dollie Fern Burton.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, James Edward Akin; her second husband, B.K. Harris; a sister, Margaret Jordan; three brothers, Stanley Burton, Jr. "June-Bug", William O. Burton, and James Burton; and a son-in-law, Jerry Vail. Mrs. Joy was a retired educator and a member of Southside Baptist Church where she served as pianist and organist. She loved singing, music, and playing Skipbo with her grandkids and never missed a hair or nail appointment.

She is survived by three daughters, Darlene Skender (Paul) of Crossett, Wendy Dailey (John) of Hamburg, and Tana Vail of Hamburg; one brother, Roma Gene

Burton of Monticello; six grandchildren, Brian Skender (Paulette) of Hamburg, Stephanie Hoops (Gator) of Hamburg, Kim Reep (Todd) of Hermitage, Tarrah Smithson (Richard) of Alpharetta, Ga., Tiffany Wilson of Cabot and Brittany Phillips (Dustin) of Monticello; and fifteen great-grandchildren, Cole Skender, Wyatt, Dalton and Garrett Hoops, Jaylon, Logan and Kenslie Johnson, Steele Smithson, John Parker and Cooper Wilson, Anna Claire, Ava and Addison Weeks and Kohl and Aiden Phillips. The family is forever grateful for the special people that made it possible for her to spend the last few years at home; Martha Horn, Patricia Jones, Alma Tolefree, Hazel Richardson, Lorraine Haynes, Faye Caruth, and Tammy Cypert.



HARRIS

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Brother David Newberry officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Brian Skender, Cole Skender, Wyatt Hoops, Dalton Hoops, Garrett Hoops, Jaylon Johnson, Logan Johnson, and Steele Smithson; Honorary Pallbearers are John Parker and Cooper Wilson.

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

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Little Miss Pink Tomato Pageant scheduled for June 11

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The 2022 Little Miss Pink Tomato competition will be held on Saturday, June 11 during the 66th Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival. The popular Little Miss pageant began in 1959 and will be crowning the 62nd Little Miss Pink Tomato during the Pink Tomato Festival in June.

The reigning Little Miss Pink Tomato is Mya Hernandez. Mya is the daughter of Randy and Taylor Hernandez and was crowned during the Pink Tomato Festival in 2021.

The 2022 Little Miss Pink Tomato pageant is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 11 and will be held in the Family Life Center of

Immanuel Baptist Church of Warren, located at 701 West Pine Street.

Contestants must be 4 or 5 years of age on June 1, 2022 and reside in Ashley, Bradley, Cleveland, Calhoun, Dallas, Drew, Lincoln or Union County. The deadline for entering the 2022 Little Miss Pink Tomato competition is Friday, June 3.

Entry forms and instruction sheets are available at the Bradley County Chamber of Commerce office or you may download an application at www.pinktomatofestival.com For an entry form or additional information, please call JeNelle Lipton at 501-416-7882 or Glenda Cross at 870-820-1682.

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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,
1302 Cumberland Street,
Little Rock, AR 72202.

This notice was first published on May 25, 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 Cheramie. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to serve upon Laura Beth Whitley, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children Services, 600 Hawthwood 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 PROBATE COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERI CAROL TAYLOR, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-55-4

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR

Last known address:
105 Tanglewood Drive, Monticello, Arkansas 71655.
Date of Death: August 16, 2021
The undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Jeri Carol Taylor, deceased, on May 19, 2022.
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This Notice first published on May 25, 2022.

Adam Todd,
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Attorney for Estate:
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Webb hired as new Assistant Basketball Coach for UAM

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Arkansas-Monticello's Head Women's Basketball Coach David Midlick announced the hiring of Marissa Webb as the newest coach for the Blossoms basketball team. Webb comes aboard as the newest Assistant Coach for Monticello's program after spending this past season as the Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at the Three Rivers College (NJCAA D1) in Missouri.

"I am so excited that Coach Webb will be joining us", said Midlick. "I was impressed with her even before I began looking for a coach to join me. She is a proven recruiter and floor coach. Just as important, she is a person of high integrity. She has a passion and enthusiasm for the game of basketball, and is a rising star in our profession. I'm looking forward to having the UAM community meet her."

While at TRC, Webb coached a pair of record breaking Lady Raiders teams. The Lady Raider had a combined 52-2 record

over two seasons. During the '21-'22 season, the team finished the regular season 27-0, and spent 6 consecutive weeks being ranked #1 in the nation (NJCAA D1 Poll). And finished in the NJCAA Sweet 16 at the National Tournament. Webb had 3 players sign to NCAA D-I schools: Stetson University, Utah State, and Old Dominion University. The Lady Raiders had a combined 22 NJCAA individual & team awards including: a 1st team All-American. The Lady Raiders were also the 1st back to back national tournament team, Region 16 Champs, and Central District Champs in program history.

During the 2021 season, the team finished 24-1, while reaching the NJCAA DI National Tournament Final Four, and was the school's first undefeated regular season team in its history. The Lady Raiders finished with a combined 19 individual and team awards. Webb coached one '20-'21 Ring of Honor Recipient at the Women's Basketball Hall

of Fame, one 1st team All-American, one 3rd team All-American (Myia Yelder), two National All-Tournament team picks, three Academic All-Americans, 5 All-Region players, 5 All-Conference players. The Lady Raiders also were Region 16 Champions, and District K champions.

The Lady Raiders finished top 10 in 7 different categories: points per game (83.2), points allowed per game (53.9), steals per game (16.4), 3pt made per game (9.8), opponents' field goal percentage (32.7), opponents' 3pt percentage (23), Total rebounds per game (46.9).

Prior to TRC, Webb coached at Doane University (NAIA D1) in Crete, NE. While at Doane, Webb served many roles including assisting with the varsity team, and being the head coach of the JV team. Webb served as the operations point of contact for both programs, was responsible for scheduling, recruiting, travel, and was the academic liaison.

Before Doane, Webb served

as an assistant coach at Southern Illinois College (NJCAA DI) in Illinois. During her time at SIC, she was part of rebuilding the program. After the team winning only 14 games the year before, Webb helped coach the team to a 23 win season. That season she coached one 3rd team All-American, the Region 24 Player of the Year, Freshman POY, and two All-Region players in her time with the Lady Falcons.

Webb began her collegiate coaching at Western Illinois University (WIU) in Macomb, IL. Webb served as the team's Graduate Assistant Coach. While at WIU, the Leathernecks finished with a 49-15 combined two season record. The team qualified for two post-season appearances: NCAA Tournament 2017 and the WNIT in 2018. At Western, Webb worked with the day-to-day operations of the program. In her first season with the Leathernecks, the team finished as the Summit League Regular Season Champi-

ons, Summit League Conference Champions (first in 11 years), and made the team's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1995. During her second season, the team knocked off top-ranked Stanford University, and made the WNIT.

She spent the 2018 and 2019 summers with the Stanford University's Women's Basketball Program under Coach Tara VanDerveer. With Stanford, Webb served as an Elite Camp Leader for both summers for multiple camps. Webb also spent the 2017 summer interning with the Missouri State University Men's Basketball program. Webb worked team camps and observed team / individual practices.

Webb received her Master's of Science in Kinesiology: Sports Management (2018) from Western Illinois University, her Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science (2016) from William Woods University, and her Associates degree in Pre-Sports Medicine (2014) from Three Rivers Col-

lege.

"I'm so happy to be at UAM!", said Webb. "I'm super excited to work with Coach Midlick. He's a legend in the women's basketball world. I'm probably most excited about the team though! All the returning and incoming athletes have been great so far, and so welcoming. These ladies are ready to work, and that's what I love to see. Coach Midlick's vision and plan of growing in the classroom, on the court, and in the community is literally second to none! I'm just beyond grateful to get the chance to be a part of this journey with this UAM family!"

Follow Blossoms Basketball This Fall!

The UAM women's basketball program will be back in action for the 2022 season. They open up the year in Fayette, Iowa as they travel to Upper Iowa University for a tournament opener against Lincoln Memorial University. The game is set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

UAM holds end of year awards ceremony

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Each year the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources (CFANR) celebrates the outstanding contributions and accomplishments of its students, staff, and faculty at the annual spring awards banquet. This year's awards were handed out at a the CFANR Outdoor Picnic at the Clippert Forest Resources Annex.

"Student awards were based on faculty votes of student performance in terms of academic performance as well as their fellowship with student peers," said Dean Michael Blazier. "Faculty awards were based on teaching, research, and service to CFANR. The junior faculty award was given to a faculty member at the assistant professor rank. The senior faculty award was given to a professor at the associate professor or professor rank." The college continues its tradition of recognizing award winners.

"We are blessed with con-

sistent quality and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff said Blazier. This is what defines our college, and that is why we recognize individuals for their commitment to excellence."

Outstanding Undergraduate Students

Minimum criteria to be eligible for this award includes the completion of 90 or more credit hours, and an overall GPA of 3.25 or greater. The award focuses on academic excellence as well as leadership, service, and other personal characteristics and qualities. Names of the students meeting the minimum criteria are distributed to CFANR faculty, and the faculty make the final selection. This year, CFANR award recipients are:

Zach Cater - Monticello-Natural Resources Management w/Geospatial Science option;

Mallory Kilcrease - Hamburg-Agriculture -Animal Science; Cole Whiteaker - Melbourne - Land Survey-

ing; and Brett Cunningham - Palmer, Texas - Overall Undergraduate- Natural Resources Management w/ Forestry option.

Faculty Excellence in Research Awards

The Faculty Excellence Awards recognizes exemplary contributions in research, teaching, and service for CFANR faculty.

The Senior Faculty Excellence award is awarded to faculty at the Associate and Professor ranks.

The 2022 honoree is Dr. Ben Babst, Associate Professor of Forest Ecology and Tree Ecophysiology.

The Junior Faculty Excellence Award is awarded to faculty at the Assistant Professor rank, and this year's honoree is Dr. Rocky Lindsey, Assistant Professor of Animal Science.

Support Staff Excellence Award

The Support Staff Excellence Award recognizes an individual for notable and outstanding contributions to the

success of the College, such as innovative problem-solving and personal growth in their appointment. The honoree is Lon Tegels, Communications Director.

Blazier says he and the College extend their congratulations to each of its award recipients.

Each honoree will receive an engraved award as recognition.

The College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Arkansas Forest Resources Center, a University of Arkansas System Center of Excellence, bring together interdisciplinary expertise through a partnership between the University of Arkansas at Monticello and the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. The College and Center are headquartered at the University of Arkansas at Monticello campus, but their programs range statewide with the mission of developing and delivering teaching, research and extension

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15U Padres and Dodgers end in 4-4 tie, Star City improves to 3-0

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The 15U Padres and Dodgers looked to improve their standings in the Monticello 15U Babe Ruth League on Thursday, May 26.

Coming into the contest, the Padres were undefeated in league play with a 2-0 record with the Dodgers looking for their first win of the season, sitting at 0-2.

The Dodgers would enter the contest as the visiting team and would bat first with the Padres taking the field.

For the Padres, Luke Hairston would take the mound and would allow one hit in the top of the inning.

The Padres would strike first in the bottom half of the inning after Gavin Jacobs reached on a double, stole third base, and scored on a passed ball to give the Padres a 1-0 lead.

The Dodgers would tie the contest, 1-1, in the top of the second inning after the lead off batter drew a walk and eventually scored.

The Padres would come back to score two runs in the bottom of the second inning to increase their lead to 3-1, but the Dodgers would take the lead in the top of the third inning, scoring three runs for a 4-3 lead.

John Luke Brotherton would sit the Padres down in order in the bottom of the third with all three batters flying out to the Dodgers second baseman.

Hairston would get the Dodgers out in order in the top of the fourth inning with Brotherton returning to the mound in the bottom half of the inning to strike out the side.

Hairston would get the Dodger leadoff batter to lineout to third base to start the top of the fifth inning followed by a fly out to center, and a line out to first for the final out of the inning.

Brotherton started the bottom of the fifth inning by getting Ed Ramos to ground out. Cole Dickerson would draw a walk followed by a walk to Parker Hill. Dickerson would score in the inning to tie the contest 4-4.

Hairston got the Dodgers out in order to start the top of the sixth inning.

Facing the Padres in the bottom of the sixth inning, Brotherton would allow three base-runners, but would not allow a run as the game would be called after the inning in a 4-4 tie.

In the second contest of the evening, the 15U Star City team would enter the contest as the visiting team against the Braves.

Star City would enter the contest with a league record of 2-0 with the Braves having a record of 0-2.

Cash Hargis would start things off on the mound for the Braves, allowing three baserunners in the inning but would not allow a run.

The Braves would get their leadoff batter on base after an error by the Star City second baseman, the runner would score in the inning to give the Braves a 1-0 lead.

Star City would come back in the top of the second inning to score two runs to take a 2-1 lead.

Star City would get the Braves out in order in the bottom half of the inning, but the Braves would hold off Star City in the bottom half of the inning, not allowing a run after Star City had advanced a runner to third base.

The Braves would get two runners in the top of the fourth inning but was not able to get any runs across the plate.

Hunter Griffin would enter the contest for the Braves in relief of Hargis. Griffin would get the lead off batter to ground out for the first out of the inning. The next Star City batter connected for a single with the next batter reaching first on an error.

Griffin would strike out the next batter and the Star City runner at second would get picked off to end the inning.

Star City would hit the Braves lead off better to begin the top of the fifth inning with the runner advancing to second on a fielder's choice.

Lucas Nichols would reach first base on a walk with the runner at second advancing to third on a passed ball. Nichols would reach second on a stolen base, but Star City got out of the inning, recording the final out of the inning on a strikeout.

Star City would get their lead off batter on base after an error by the Braves' second baseman. The runner would reach second on a passed ball. The next Star City batter would draw a walk and would advance to second on a stolen base with the runner on second advancing to third. The runners would advance bases on a passed ball with the runner at third scoring for a 3-1 lead.

After recording the final out, the game was called due time restrictions.

Current standings have Star City at 3-0, Warren with a 2-0 record, and the Padres with a 2-0-1 record.

The Dodgers are 0-2-1, the Cardinals at 0-2, and the Braves are currently 0-3.



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ED RAMOS would go 1 for 3 in Thursday's contest with the 15U Dodgers. Ramos would connect for a double in the bottom of the second inning.



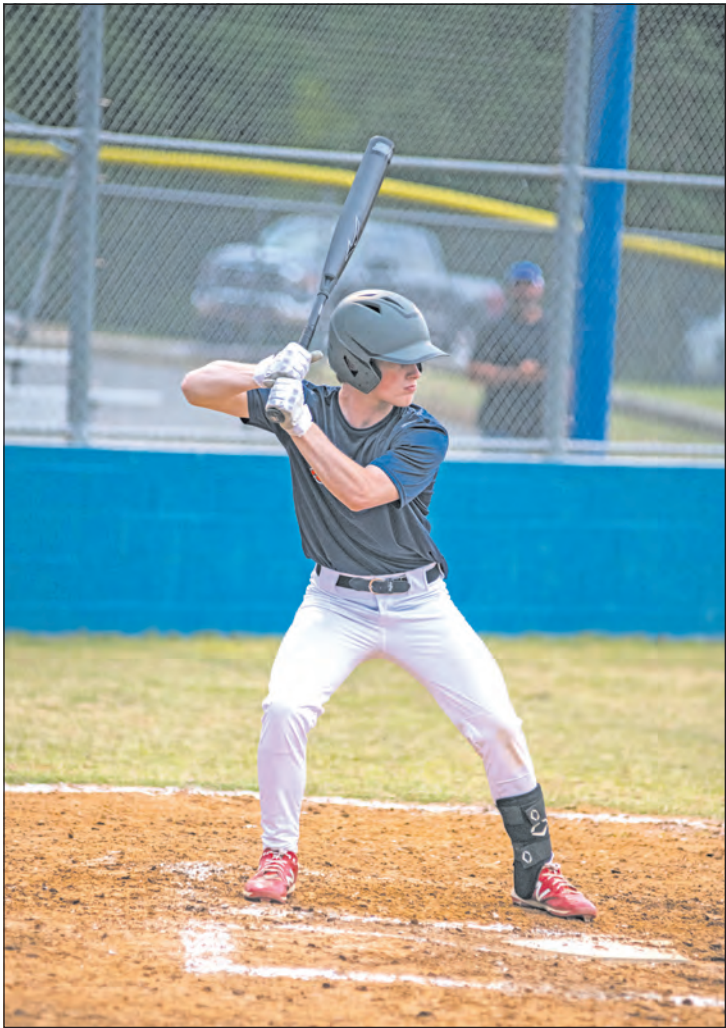
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JOHN LUKE BROTHERTON recorded eight strikeouts in the contest after coming in to pitch in the bottom of the second inning.



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CASH HARGIS got the start for the Braves on Thursday against Star City. Hargis would allow two runs in the 3-1 loss.



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TYLER GRANT reached base in each of his at bats against Star City. Grant had a single in the first inning and reached on an error in the fourth inning.

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DMHS hosts virtual dementia education event

By **ASHLEY HOGG**
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On Friday, Drew Memorial Health System held a virtual dementia educational event in the Allied Health Building in conjunction with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The object of the event was to help educate the public on how to help better care for the aging population that have been diagnosed with any more of dementia.

Pamela Leeper with the Transitions Outpatient Unit at DMH helped organize the entire event along with her staff.

The group conducts intensive

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

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

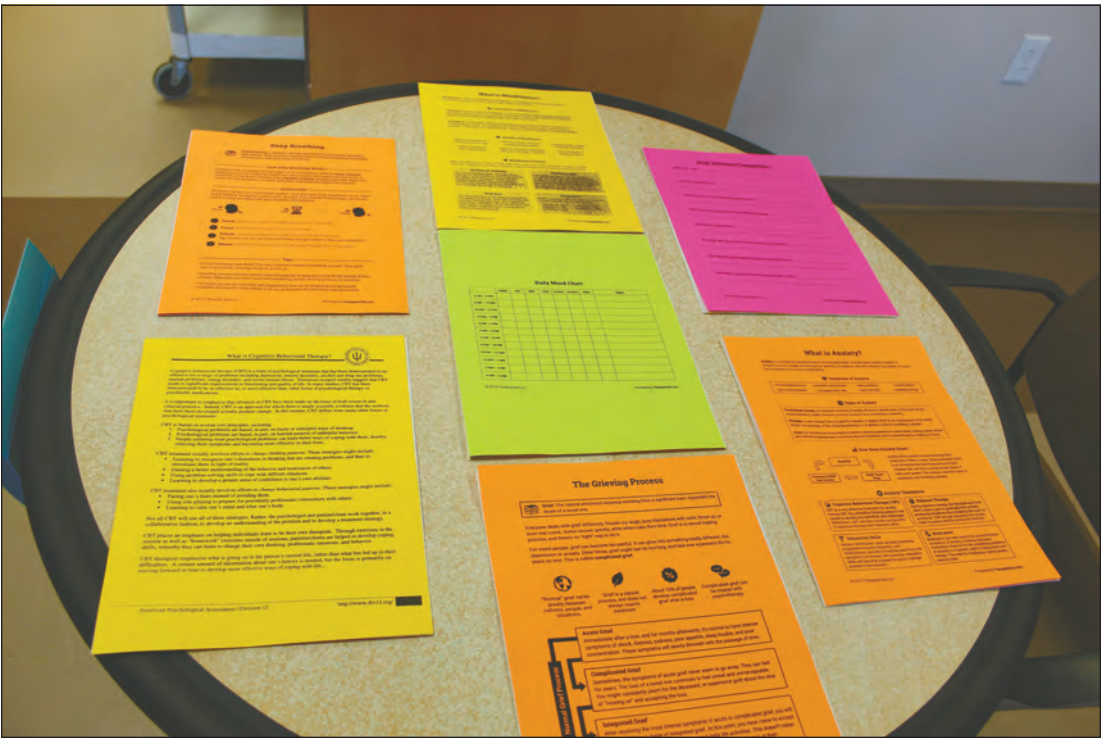
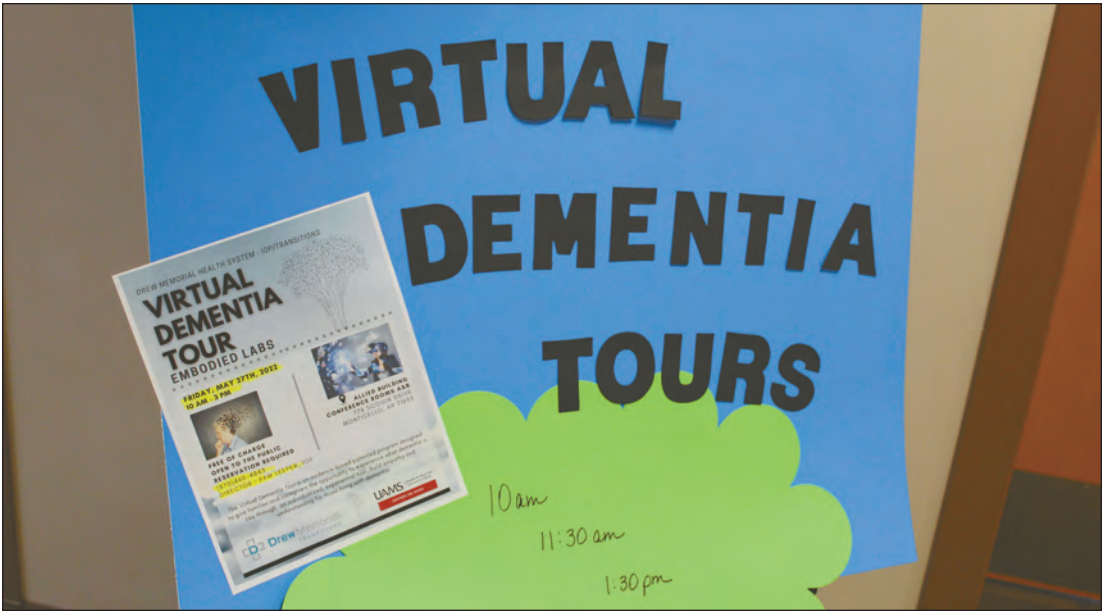
Guests were welcomed to the event with a tour of the Outpatient Transitions Facility. They

are equipped with lounges for patients, group therapy rooms and an easily accessible entrance to accommodate all types of patients.

The virtual event was held in the Conference rooms at the hospital.

The speakers from UAMS presented a slide show and “labs” that were fully interactive. Participants were able to put on a “VR Headset” and simulate what a day could be like in the life of a dementia patient.

For more information about these events or other like it, visit www.drewmemorial.org/TransitionsSeniorOutpatientCare.



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CHILDREN’S DEVOTIONAL

Talk to God about your fears

By Amy Becker

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. -2 Timothy 1:7

A few nights ago, one of my daughters had a bad dream. The dream shook her up pretty bad, but instead of talking to anyone about it she decided to keep it to herself. Sometimes talking about things can seem pretty scary, right? I'm sure you've been there. We all have. We have a fear and decide to keep it to ourselves because we think it's too scary to talk about or that somehow it will just go away. The problem is, when we keep our fears inside and don't let them out, they begin to grow.

I noticed one of my girls was wanting to sleep in her sister's room a lot. It was a little out of character, but I thought maybe she just wanted the company. Then I noticed she wasn't wanting to walk to the other side of the house by herself at night, and I started to see that

maybe something was worrying her. So we talked and she told me about the dream she had a few nights before and how she had been scared ever since. Immediately I had two questions: "Have you talked to God?" and "Why didn't you tell someone?"

She told me how it really scared her and she really just wanted to forget it, but after talking about it she realized that just saying it out loud made her feel better.

Scary things are like that, they try to plant themselves in your brain and create a garden of new fears, but it doesn't have to be that way. The Bible tells us that "God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of strength and of power, and of sound mind." But you have to remember two things when fears start to lurk in your brain: Talk to God and talk to a grownup that you trust. Believe me, God will give you strength and power and a sound mind, and getting it out almost always makes you feel better instantly!

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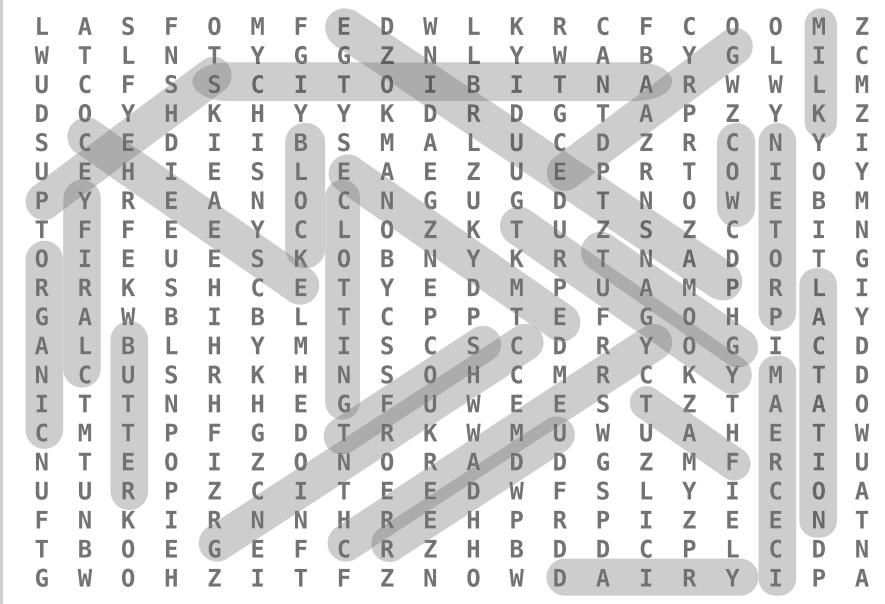
Puzzle answers

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ANSWER:

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3	7	8	2	4	1	5	6	9
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7	8	5	1	3	2	6	9	4
1	9	2	5	6	4	3	7	8
6	3	4	7	8	9	2	5	1

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

B	E	M	A			B	B	L		A	A	H	S					
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