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Trash, fraudulent checks among topics discussed at QC meeting

By: MELISSA ORRELL

A solution to Drew County's ongoing trash problem is on the horizon after the Drew County Quorum Court approved an ordinance on Monday, June 13, at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Drew County, along with nine other Southeast Arkansas Counties belonging to the Southeast Arkansas Development District, will begin hauling their trash to a waste to electricity recycling center near Lake Village. Once the facility is completed it will be able to process 500 tons of household trash a day. The trash will be turned into gas that will then be used to heat water and produce steam to create energy.

The agreement with the counties will allow Drew and other counties to pay a locked in \$45 per ton tipping fee, the amount will be locked in for 30 years with reviews of the rates every five years, according to Shane Knight, SEADD Deputy Director. As long as the rates still "work" the tipping fee will remain at \$45. However, for every ton of garbage from Drew County, the county will receive \$3.75 of unencumbered funds. Unencumbered funds are funds that can be spent in anyway the County chooses to use them. Once the facility is built it will be the first fully operational gasification plant in the United States.

Fraudulent checks are proving to be a problem for the County, as Drew County Treasurer Charlie Searcy, explained to the Court during the financial brief. While the checks, which were initially paid, were discovered and disputed in time for Drew County to recover the money from the bank, the checks presented did in fact contain Searcy's signature, which seems to prove that at least one legitimate check was obtained and enabled the thieves to reuse the signature

on the fraudulent checks. The banks have been notified, funds were returned and are being investigated. According to Searcy, this is an ongoing issue with banks and individuals, as well as other entities need to keep a close eye on their checks and checking accounts.

The Drew County Sheriff's Office is looking to upgrade their tasers and body cameras by purchasing body cameras and tasers that will automatically activate the body camera worn by any officer who uses his taser as well as any body cameras worn by other deputies in the vicinity. A question of bids was raised during the discussion and the DCSO will do research on if this particular type of camera and taser is available through more than one company, if so, the purchase will have to be open to bidding before a purchase is made. The issue was postponed until July's regularly scheduled meeting.

Cares Act funds were also approved in the amount of \$40,000 each for the cities of Monticello, Tillar, Wilmar and Winchester, with another \$10,000 each for the Fire Departments of Clear Creek, Collins/Cominto, Green Hill/Hidden Valley, Lacey/Ladelle, Monticello, Selma, Tillar, Wilmar and Winchester. The cities will be able to use the funds for infrastructure while the Fire Departments will be able to use the money fire department equipment, improvements and repairs.

The County also approved the go ahead for an engineer to assess the Court House and the HVAC system, which has been a need of the County's for some time. The County will pay a \$12,500 fee which can then be used as a credit if the County chooses to move forward with the project.

A run-off election for the

constable for Marion Township will be held with early voting beginning Monday, June 20. While the Courthouse will be closed in observance of June-teenth, the County Clerk's office will be present with the poll workers to run the election. Although Josh Henley has withdrawn from the race, the run-off, by law, must still occur between David Menotti and Henley. If a citizen voted in the earlier election, they must have voted on the Republican ticket in order to vote in the run-off. If a citizen did not vote, they can vote in the run-off. If for any reason, Menotti is unable to win the run-off a constable would have to be appointed or a new election would have to be held.

County Clerk Nancy White also reminded the court that the Nov. 8 elections will determine the Drew County Sheriff, Monticello, Winchester and Tillar Mayor.

Judge Robert Akin also advised the court the County is building an additional parking lot in front of the jail in order to provide more parking for the courthouse. He also pointed out the new parking space will also help with parking for downtown events such as the annual Fair and Christmas parades.

The last item of discussion was a sample ordinance Cliff Gibson sent to court members. The ordinance would address vicious dogs in the county. According to Gibson, the issue was brought to him by the deputy prosecution attorney. The members of the court will review the sample ordinance and discuss the possibility of the ordinance at the July regularly scheduled meeting.

Editor's note: Due to time constraints, a more thorough explanation of the waste to energy plant will appear in next week's addition of the Advance Monticellonian.



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Planning Commission Chairman Dan Boice. (Left, seated) listened intently along with other members of the Commission as Byron Hicks (Center, standing) explained the 15 year plan for the City of Monticello.

Planning Commission hears from engineers

By ASHLEY HOGG

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In the regularly scheduled monthly Planning Commission meeting, members heard from representatives of McClelland Engineers about the 15 year plan for the City of Monticello.

Over the past several months, McClelland has met with the various different departments at the City. They have discussed the needs of each department and attempted to prioritize the list based on urgency.

Infrastructure of the City of Monticello was a constant concern among all the departments and the citizens that attended the recent strategic doing workshop.

Mayor Paige Chase added that several infrastructure projects have already begun because the City

had some funds left over from Covid relief money.

Bids have been sent out for work on well houses around the city and surveying for the drainage project has begun.

Chase also noted that McClelland would be applying for grants from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission on behalf of the city.

Byron Hicks with McClelland urged the Planning Commission members not to get overwhelmed by dollar amounts at this time.

"This is a living document that needs to be revisited every year," Hicks stated. "We can reprioritize as needed. The water and sewer lines replacement projects in particular are not just one year projects. This is going to take time."

Agendas and meeting minutes for the Monticello Planning Commission can be found at www.advancemonticellonian.com.

Multiple agencies assist in arrest

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At approximately 7:30 a.m. June 6, 2022, agents of the Drew County Sheriff's Department, Arkansas State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Drug Task Force executed a search warrant on a residence in Collins. At the residence, the home owner Terrell K. Hackney Jr., 52, and Amanda S. Hoover, 40, were placed under arrest. During the search, agents discovered a white crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine, a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and three firearms. Terrell K. Hackney Jr. was

taken before Circuit Judge Laurie Bridewell on June 7 for a first appearance.

Hackney was issued a bond of a \$100,000 on the charges of Possession of methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance (marijuana) with the purpose to deliver, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Firearm by Certain Persons, Simultaneous Possession of Drug and Firearms, and four counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance.

Amanda S. Hoover was also issued a \$100,000 bond and was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), Possession of marijuana with the purpose to deliver, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Firearms by Certain Persons, Simultaneous Possession of Drugs

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Hikers get off the trail after more than 550 miles

By: STEPHEN COBURN

Do you remember playing on a jungle gym? Or, finding your way through a corn maze, with each step trying to maneuver your way around the obstacles?

Well, that is exactly what Nana and Pops did this past week. We are in Maine and made our way through the Mahoosuc Notch.

The Mahoosuc Notch is called, "the hardest mile on the Appalachian Trail". The notch is a deep ravine between two mountain peaks filled with boulders that create the notch. It is difficult to put in to words just how hard it is. For two hours and forty five minutes, we climbed over and under and around boulders with thirty five pounds on our back. After completing the notch, we then climbed "The Arm" up 3,200 vertical feet. To gain perspective, I encourage you all to Google the Mahoosuc Notch.

Some have asked why we are hiking the Appalachian Trail.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Gerry Largay, AT Trail Name "Inch Worm".

In addition to wanting the experience, there is a personal reason for Nana. In 2013, Nana and her hiking partner, Inch Worm, hiked the trail. While in Maine, Nana had to leave the trail to head home due to our daughter breaking her ankle. Inch Worm, Gerry Largay, continued on her hike. She soon got off the trail and was lost. To make a long story short, she survived 26 days before she died on the trail. Rescuers did not find her until two

and a half years later. Her story is documented in the book, "When You Find My Body". Nana wanted to return to the trail one more time in memory of Gerry and to celebrate her life.

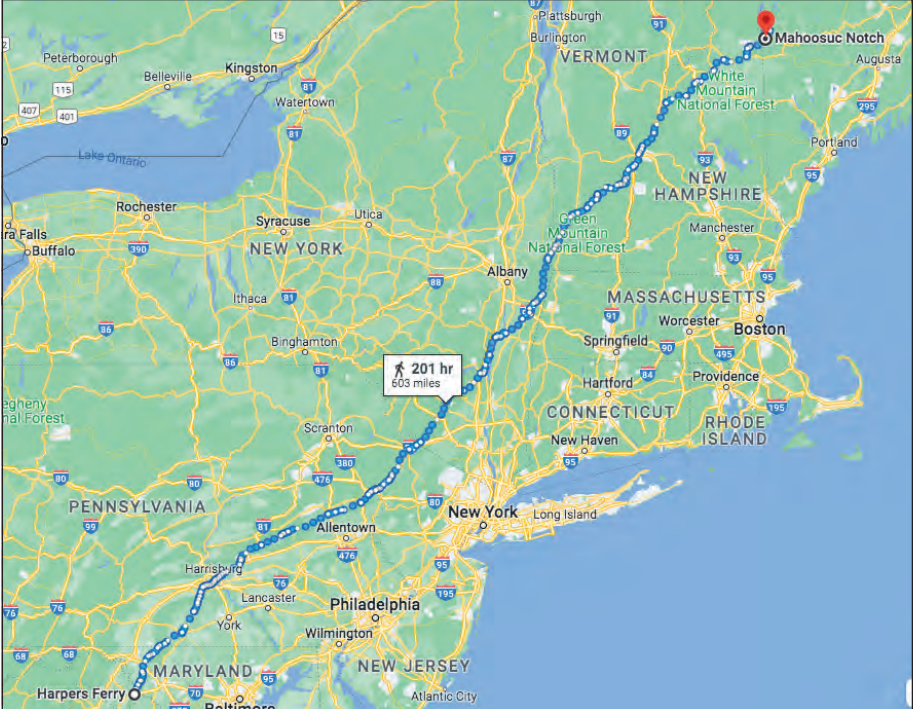
Now, after more than 550 miles on the trail, our bodies are exhausted. We have decided to end our hike. The experience has been a once in a lifetime experience. The people we have met, the places we have been will be with us for the rest of our lives.

We want you to know how grateful we are for each of you following along. Your words of encouragement have given us strength when we needed it.

So, Nana and Pops are off the trail and will spend the next month traveling toward home, stopping to see the sights and creating new experiences.

Thank you for sharing this adventure with us.

Stay present and be encouraged.
Nana and Pops



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UPCOMING

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
HEE HAW HOOTENANNY

The Seark Concert Association presents HEE HAW HOOTENANNY at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at the UAM Fine Arts Center. For more information, visit www.searkconcert.org or call 870-460-1888.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
Free Concert

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library will present a free concert featuring Ryan Harmon at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 25 at McCloy Park. This event is to celebrate the summer reading program. Bring a lawn chair. Food vendors will be on site.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Co-Ed softball tournament

The Monticello A&P Commission and Economic Development Commission will host a coed softball tournament beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 2 at the Monticello Sports Complex. Entry fee is \$25. There will be live music and fireworks.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

Campground Cemetery Association meeting

The annual meeting of the Campground Cemetery Association will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12 at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church. All members and interested persons are invited to attend.

ONGOING

Fair Board seeking volunteers

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

Monticello Youth Football League sign up

The Monticello youth Football League registration is now open. The deadline to register is July 15. Coaches are needed. For more information and to register, visit www.monticelloyouthfootballleague.com or call 870-466-8219.

City recycling guidelines

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

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

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

Monticello City Council Meeting

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

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

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

Information and referral outreach office now open

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

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

Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education Meeting

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

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

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


VFW Auxiliary

Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993. Any relative of a veteran who served overseas in a foreign war is eligible for membership. Any past members who are still interested in the Auxiliary are also asked to contact Wanda or Melvin if they are still interested in being a member.

Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting

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

June Dinner schedule of events



June 16: Bonfire starting at Sunset
Music by DJ Smooth

June 17: Food trucks and vendors starting in the afternoon
Old School Lip -Sync Performance at 7 p.m.
The William Staggers Trio at 9 p.m.

June 18: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Political candidates preview on the June Dinner Stage
1 p.m. June Dinner Parade 7th street in Wilmar
2 p.m.-6 p.m. Car Show registration with Judging at 6 p.m.
3 p.m. Motorcycle Burnout S. 8th Street with No Limit Bike Club
7 p.m. Up and coming talent with Sunny Side Click, Carl Best Jr, and other local talent
9 p.m. Sean Fresh and his Double Breasted Tour featuring Be'jou

June 19: Gospel singing 6-8 p.m. June Dinner Stage

Continued sounds from Gary Wilson's Production throughout the Juneteenth Celebration (Friday and Saturday)

Jones named to Harding University Dean's List

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Hannah Jones, a Sophomore studying apparel merchandising with an embedded marketing minor, is among more than 1,200 Harding University students included on the dean's list for grades achieved during the spring 2022 semester.

The dean's list is published each semester by Dr. Marty Spears, University provost, honoring those who have achieved high scholarship. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more hours with a 3.65 or higher grade-point average and no incompletes.

Harding University is a private Christian, liberal arts

university located in Searcy, Arkansas. 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 110 undergraduate majors; 14 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.

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Almost seven years without calling poison control

I feel like every parent goes through this at least once when their child is young. The dreaded call to Poison Control rang out from my house this weekend. At least we made it to almost seven years old before I had to dial the number.

It was a normal Friday afternoon with Fred. I was hanging out with her in her room and I laid down on her bed. We were playing and reading books and then I got still. That was the first mistake.

As I have gotten older, if I get the opportunity to be still for longer than a minute, I am most likely going to fall asleep. My normal operating speed is 96 mph at all times. I can multi-task like you wouldn't believe; however, once I sit down, you can count me out for the rest of the day.

It was too wet to go play outside Friday afternoon so I did the things inside the house I needed to, and decided to spend some concentrated time with Fred. Her attention span took her somewhere else that did not involve me and I accidentally fell asleep on her bed. She has fluffy pillows and every size and color of stuffed animal ever created on her bed. I got cozy and out I went.

I don't think I was asleep long when I woke up to Fred wiping her face with her shirt and a black liquid smeared across her face and clothes.

Want to wake up fast, have your first sight be your kid's tongue totally black. You will wake up and be fully alert in no time.

In what felt like a split second, I determined that my curious child had disassembled a new unicorn pen she had gotten from her grandmother and decided to see what ink tasted like. Needless to say, she was not a fan of the flavor.

Her tongue was black and she was hastily taking the collar of her shirt trying to scrape all the ink off. I angrily instructed her to go brush her teeth immediately.

While she was out of the room, I found the ink pen and was happy to see that a lot of the ink was still in the vessel. But there was ink on the side of the bed and the floor, and of course, all over Fred.

When she came back, I examined her mouth and it looked normal. That's when the panic set in. I had no idea how much she ingested or how toxic normal writing ink is so I called Poison Control while simultaneously texting my loved ones that work in health care.

This was my first time ever dealing with Poison Control and while they were nice and helpful, I have some suggestions for the box.

Typically, if someone calls the Poison Control hotline, the situation is emergent. There isn't time for the caller to answer a ton of questions at the beginning of the call.

The phone rang once, a pleasant voice answered on the other end and immediately wanted to know my demographical information.

I realize these are for statistical purposes but I feel like that could've waited until the end of the call.

I need to know if I need to rush my child to the hospital so she doesn't get ink poisoning, not tell you how to spell my last name.

We made it through the questions and thankfully, getting a small amount of ink in one's mouth is not a life or death situation. Now I know.

After I calmed myself a little, I asked Fred why she had taken the pen apart and put it in her mouth. As any parent knows, I got the standard "I don't know" answer.

I felt like a horrible mother for falling asleep and not preventing this event but Fred is crafty. I feel like a scenario like this would've happened sooner or later.

I feel like Fred learned her lesson and this particular event will not happen again. I hope she goes back to school and when the teacher asks "What did you learn on summer break?" I hope she says "not to put ink pens in my mouth."

Celebrating Arkansas statehood and longevity

The American flag has featured 50 stars since 1959, when Alaska and Hawaii joined the Union. That means over six decades have passed since the United States last expanded, which was well after Arkansas was admitted as the 25th state.

In fact, June 15 marks 186 years since The Natural State achieved statehood. Events during the nearly-two centuries since have profoundly shaped and influenced the history, culture and direction of our state. This week, as we celebrate the anniversary of this occasion, we have an opportunity to look back on how Arkansas's story has unfolded and to renew our hope in the promise of an even brighter future.

From the Quapaw tribe of Native Americans who inhabited the land when French and Spanish explorers discovered it – giving rise to the name Arkansas first as a reference to the indigenous residents and then to the territory itself – to the citizens who reside here today, we all understand how majestic

this place is and why it's so special.

That also partly helps explain the nicknames Arkansas has acquired over time, including The Wonder State, The Land of Opportunity and now The Natural State.

There's a clear and deep appreciation for the inherently beautiful geographical array it showcases. Over time, that reality has helped draw visitors from across the country and throughout the world to experience and appreciate what the state legislature formally described as the "unsurpassed scenery, clear lakes, free-flowing streams, magnificent rivers, meandering bayous, delta bottomlands, forested mountains and abundant fish and wildlife" readily found here.

But it's not just the land and natural resources that help set it apart. We know the people and communities here are equally integral features within Arkansas's story.

Like most other states, this land was once a frontier that presented promise and risk to settlers looking for a new start. That gave rise to a flourishing society which spread out to every corner of modern-day Arkansas. The demographics and population centers continue to change, but Arkansans stay true to our unique legacy and the wonderful traditions

that bring families, friends and neighbors together.

Folklore like the Arkansas Traveler and community celebrations like the Pink Tomato Festival in Bradley County or the Gillett Coon Supper demonstrate a shared sense of identity that unites us and invites people to be part of something bigger than themselves.

These events, and the towns and cities that host them, are proud of the rich heritage they represent.

The state is not the only entity marking a milestone this year. The communities of Lonoke, Judsonia and Brinkley all turn 150, while Joiner and Smackover mark their centennials in 2022.

There's never a shortage of opportunities to celebrate Arkansas and what sets it apart. The 186 years that have elapsed since it became a state are a testament to the resilience of our people and the institutions we have built. No natural disaster or man-made crisis has yet been able to conquer our spirit or bring us so low as to prevent us from getting back up.

As we look to the future, I am confident we will continue pursuing pathways that help

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ASHLEY HOGG
EDITOR



School Safety Center giving updates

This week, officials from the Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS) provided members of the House and Senate Education Committees with an update on school safety measures taken in recent years.

In 2018, the Governor created the Safe Schools Commission to assess the state of school security in Arkansas. That commission gave the General Assembly a list of 30 recommendations. The General Assembly has passed several pieces of legislation in recent years based on those recommendations.

One of the recommendations stated that all school districts should provide access to training in Youth Mental Health First Aid (YM-HFA) for all personnel who interact with students.

In 2021, we passed Act 620 and 648. These identical acts require all school counselors to complete YM-HFA training every four years. In addition, we passed Act 551 and 622. These acts requires all school resource officers to complete YM-HFA training every four years.

To date ACSS staff has trained 611 SROs and school counselors. Another recommendation by the commission stated that the Arkansas Department of Education should review roles and responsibilities of school counselors to provide increased time with students for counseling and social-emotional learning.

In 2019, the General Assembly acted on that recommendation by passing Act 190. This act requires school counselors to spend 90 percent of time with students.

The commission also recommended that the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training should study the feasibility of school districts being allowed to establish their own law enforcement agencies. As a result, the General Assembly passed Act 629 in 2019. This allowed school districts to form their own law enforcement agencies.

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Arkansas Boys and Girls State

Hundreds of high school students explored the halls of the Arkansas Capitol last week during the annual exercise in government known as Girls State and Boys State.

The week-long programs, which are sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, offer rising seniors the chance to form a government, run for office, and write and vote on legislation. At the end of the week, the students visit the Arkansas Capitol, where they conduct the business of state government in the place where it really happens.

During Boys State and Girls State, the students ran intense campaigns for office, negotiated and passed laws, and held a press conference to announce an economic development project.

On Thursday and Friday, in keeping with tradition, I vacated my office for the newly elected governors. This year, I lent my chair to Trinity Foster from Crossett as Girls State Governor and Pablo Velasco-Moya from Brinkley as Boys State Governor.

Let me assure you, they represent their community and state very well. And Pablo Velasco-Moya is the first Latino elected as Boys State Governor.

Arkansas Boys State began in 1940, and Girls State in 1942. The early days of the program were practically a boot camp. Boys and girls alike slept on cots in unair-conditioned four-person huts at Camp Robinson.

Bryan Rogers, who was elected Boys State president pro tem of the Senate in 1972, described the experience like this: "We marched like soldiers everywhere we went. We were up at 6 a.m. to salute the flag and do calisthenics. We ate in a mess hall."

For 81 and 79 years respectively, the programs have produced leaders in business, education, and politics. Some already showed promise as teenagers. Mr. Rogers recalls that Mike Huckabee "was already a polished and charismatic public speaker when he won Boys State Governor in a landslide."

Bill Clinton is another alumnus whose week at Boys State played a significant role in his career. The year he attended, his friend from Hope, Mack McLarty, was elected

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Help coming for child care centers

The economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic was especially hard for child care centers, so the Arkansas Department of Human Services is administering about \$286 million to help them cover expenses and remain in business.

So far, about \$110 million of the relief funding has been sent to child care providers, according to the department's Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education.

The relief funds go to providers that were licensed on or before March 11, 2021. In addition to helping centers cover expenses related to the pandemic, they are being used also to expand and improve child care. The Division director said that the funds should help them emerge from the pandemic stronger than they were before.

Some centers have used their grants to build new playgrounds, storm shelters and fencing. Grants may be spent on mortgage payments and utilities. Others have used grants to pay staff and update computer systems. Others have installed new flooring and added classroom space.

One purpose of the federal relief program is to eliminate gaps in the availability of child care in some parts of the state. A particular area may lack available care for toddlers and infants, or after school care. Existing child care providers that were licensed on March 11 of last year are encouraged to take advantage of grants to expand their range of services.

The Human Services Department administers the program,

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Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission kicks off Juneteenth federal holiday with commemoration at Arkansas State Capitol

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The mission of the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, a division of the Arkansas Department of Education, is to promote and preserve the life and legacy of Dr. King in our state; and to promote the principles of nonviolence and equality among all citizens. Our community outreach projects are designed to promote education, an appreciation for history, and to encourage youth to engage in

positive leadership development and roles within their communities.

Known as America's second Independence Day, Juneteenth is a special celebration for communities around the United States. A combination of "June" and "nineteenth," Juneteenth is a holiday that recognizes when slaves were informed that they were free two years after the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. On June 19, 1865, two

and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger, rode into Galveston, Texas with news the war had ended and the slaves in Texas were now free. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States.

In 2021, President Joseph Biden recognized Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

The Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission invites you to attend our commemorative program, "Juneteenth the Experience: A Moment in History," Saturday, June 18, 2022, 10 a.m., Arkansas State Capitol Steps, 500 Woodlane, in Little Rock. The Keynote speaker will be Broadway Joe Booker, a broadcaster for Power 92, who has been recognized for his contributions to hosting inaugural Juneteenth Celebrations in Central

Arkansas. The event is free and open to the public. Highlights will include commemorative reflections, artistic presentations by youth performing arts groups, and a theatrical presentation of the events leading up to Juneteenth.

"Juneteenth is a celebratory event however, we want to educate audiences, focus on the historical aspect, the significance of Juneteenth, why is Juneteenth a federal holiday, says DuShun

Scarbrough, Executive Director. This is our opportunity to educate the youth who will be in attendance and connect them to the history, legacy, and heritage of Juneteenth. We want attendees to walk away with an understanding of the Juneteenth holiday and why we are celebrating it."

For more information and to schedule interviews, contact the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission at 888-290-KING.

HISTORY MINUTE

A good man is always learning

By: **KENNETH BRIDGES**
Advance Correspondent

Sages and thinkers since the days of the first schools thousands of years ago have recognized the importance of education in shaping and informing the minds of students from their earliest lessons and throughout their lives. Leaders of schools and colleges play a special role in developing the culture of a learning community. One such education leader in Arkansas, John Brown Watson, became an important figure in shaping the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and strengthening its reputation as a college.

John Brown Watson's parents had been born into slavery. After the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of slaves, his parents settled near the East Texas city of Tyler. Watson himself was born in December 1869 and named after the controversial abolitionist John Brown, who had tried to spark a slave uprising in Virginia in 1859.

Like many important figures, Watson's path to success was never easy. He proved to be a very bright young man and attended school as often as he could. However, there were very few opportunities for any kind of education for African-Americans in East Texas at that time. In spite of his many talents, he

was unable to get an education past the junior-high level.

Even though he had not even attended high school, at the age of 17 in 1887, Watson passed a proficiency test from the Smith County school board to be able to teach in the county. Though his own education was poor, Watson used his passion for learning to help others.

After two years, Watson decided to finish his own education. He enrolled at Bishop College, then a small college prep academy located in nearby Marshall. Because of his own lack of funding and his own shortcomings in his education, he did not earn a high school diploma until 1898 at the age of 28. He spent the next two years teaching to save enough money to attend a full university.

Watson enrolled at Colgate University in New York in 1900 but soon transferred to the more prestigious Brown University in Rhode Island, an Ivy-League institution. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1904 and soon began work as a professor of math and science at Morehouse College in Atlanta. After four years, he took an administrative job with the Young Men's Christian Association.

In 1923, Watson was tapped to become president of Leland College in Louisiana. The college's original campus in New Orleans had been destroyed by a

hurricane in 1915, and the institution had been adrift since that time in search of a permanent home. The college relocated to the small community of Baker, not far from Baton Rouge. It was Watson's task to help Leland rebuild. Watson managed to secure a new campus for the college and rebuild enrollment. His efforts caught the attention of officials in Arkansas.

The Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College in Pine Bluff was looking for a new president as it attempted to build a new campus and expand its offerings. Trustees chose Watson to be the college's seventh president in June 1928.

The college had struggled for some time as neglect from the state level and administrative problems took their toll. As president, he oversaw the construction on the new campus and within a year, the college was expanded to become a four-year university. He founded a campus newspaper, The Arkansasawyer. Watson also pushed for the education of the community as a whole, offering free night classes in everything from math and sewing to woodworking and auto repair. While the Great Depression shuttered many colleges, Watson found new opportunities to expand. New buildings were steadily constructed, thanks in part from grants

federal New Deal programs, including a dorm for teachers, a gymnasium, two student dorms, and a new library. Debate teams and acting clubs began on campus. The first sports teams started under his leadership. By 1942, even with World War II sapping enrollment, there were nearly 500 students on campus and more than 60 people employed by the college. In 14 years, he had transformed the college from an institution flirting with closure to a vibrant leader in higher education.

Watson died at his home on the college campus in December 1942, just shy of his seventy-third birthday. His influence in saving the college was not forgotten. A dorm was renamed for him in 1958, while the new library was also named for him ten years later. AM&N College became the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 1972 and is now a doctoral-degree granting university of nearly three thousand students.

Dr. Ken Bridges is a Professor of History and Geography at South Arkansas Community College in El Dorado where he lives with his wife and six children. He is the author of seven books, and his columns can be found in more than 40 papers across Arkansas. Dr. Bridges can be reached by email at kbridges@southark.edu.

Master Sergeant Shepherd moves bases

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Master Sergeant Shepherd was an instructor assigned to the Elite 372 Training Squadron, Detachment 5 at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. He is being moved to Whitman Air Force Base in Missouri.

Shepherd teaches equipment systems and inspection procedures, administers written and criterion examinations, researches, and writes and revises documents. He supervises students and classroom activities, counsels, administers remedial or specialized training when necessary as well as assisting technicians in repair procedures.

Shepherd was born in 1981 in Monticello to Phillip and Linda Shepherd. He is a 2000 graduate of Monticello High School and enlisted in the Air Force on August 2, 2000. He graduated from Aerospace Ground Equipment Training school in Texas in 2001.

Sgt. Shepherd was assigned to the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan in 2001. In 2005, he was reassigned to New Mexico. Since 2007, he has been stationed at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana.

In 2018, he earned his



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CCAF Associate's Degree in Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology.

His decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Air Force Good conduct Medal with one oak leaf cluster; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Air Force Longevity Service Medal; NCO Professional Military Education Ribbon; and Air Force Basic Training ribbon.

Shepherd is married to his wife, Angie, and the couple have two children.

BEATY

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forcement agency. To date 16 school districts have been approved to do so.

Dr. Cheryl May with the

Criminal Justice Institute serves as the chair for the School Safety Commission. She told members this week that there is more work to be done including improving our anonymous reporting system and strengthening physical

security at access points on school campuses.

We will be reviewing the recommendations and will update you on developments. You watch all Education Committee meeting at www.arkansashouse.org.

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HUTCHINSON

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governor. Mr. McLarty later served at the White House with President Clinton. Mr. Clinton was elected Boys State senator, which qualified him to participate in Boys Nation in Washington, D.C.

That is where the president-to-be met President John Kennedy at the White House, and the photograph of that meeting became famous as President Clinton rose to national prominence.

Other Boys State alumni include four-star General Wesley Clark, and state legislators Eddie Armstrong, Jonathan Barnett, Shane Broadway, and Joe T. Ford; House of Representatives Parliamentarian Tim Massanelli; Jack Watson, who served in President Carter's administration; and U.S. Senators John Boozman and Tom Cotton. Both major party nominees for governor, Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Chris Jones, were delegates for Girls and Boys State.

Len Cotton, a cattle farmer

and a member of the 1962 class, is one of five commissioners who oversee Boys State. He usually speaks on the opening night of Boys State. “I always tell them, ‘You're going to meet people who are going to become elected officials. Or you could see a Bill Clinton.’”

Congratulations Girls State and Boys State's Class of 2022. You've got a great tradition at your back as you choose your path in life.

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GILMORE

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which is paid for with federal funding through the American Rescue Plan.

It is just one of several ways the state helps make child care available. Low-income families may qualify for financial assistance to help pay for child care. The level of benefits is based on a sliding scale, depending on your income.

People who work 30 hours a week, or attend school full time, may apply. If you are turned down, someone at your local DHS office can inform you why you did not qualify, and they can inform you about other programs

that may be available to you, such as food stamps, transitional employment assistance, Head Start and Arkansas Better Chance.


Child care has become extremely important in recent decades, because two-thirds of all children under five now live in homes where both parents work. In Arkansas, mothers make up 45 percent of the breadwinners in families, so staying home is not an option.

The average annual cost of placing an infant in child care centers is \$7,500 a year in Arkansas.

In Arkansas there are slots for 171,845 children in child care centers. In after school programs there are 26,297 slots.

On average, breakdowns in the availability of child care force parents to miss work between one and four days every six months. This not only has a negative financial effect on the parents, but also on the overall productivity of the national economy. When child care is affordable and readily available, parents can focus on improving their job skills and their productivity.

Most parents have to return to the work force by the time their newborn baby is four months old. High quality child care gives kids a solid foundation in math, literacy and social skills so that they are prepared for kindergarten and elementary school.

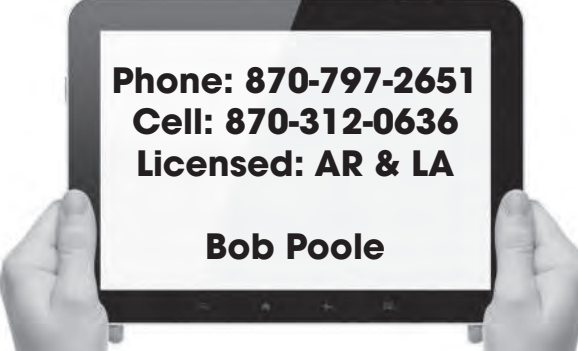


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Keep your cool as summer heats up

Avoid the burn of higher bills with simple energy-saving solutions

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Signs of summer are already here: longer days, fresh garden vegetables, road trips and blazing temperatures. The hot and humid weather can drive up your energy use, but you – and your electric bill – can avoid the burn without sacrificing comfort.

When there is a big difference between inside and outside temperatures, it takes more energy to maintain a pleasant climate in your home. Since heating and cooling costs make up about 55% of an average

customer’s electric bill, taking steps to save energy can help keep bills low when temperatures are hot. Keep your cool and save money with these easy tips from Entergy Arkansas:

- Make sure the air coming into your home is clean and healthy. Air filters on some air conditioning units require monthly cleaning or replacing. You can also get your A/C inspected to make sure your system is leak-free and operating as efficiently as possible. Entergy Arkansas customers can get incentives with a tune-up

through the Entergy Solutions program - entergy-arkansas.com/energy_efficiency.

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or the highest comfortable temperature. Every degree lower than 78 can raise your bill as much as 3 percent. If you crank down the A/C to a cooler 72 degrees, you’ve already increased your bill by 18 percent.
- Buy a programmable thermostat. As energy use rises, costs also rise. A programmable thermostat can help you manage those costs when you are away, whether for the day or

on an extended vacation. (Get up to a \$100 incentive on select advanced smart thermostats through our Entergy Solutions programs.)

- Use fans to cool off, but remember – fans cool people, not rooms. Ceiling fans, box fans and oscillating fans use very little electricity to circulate the air, which helps you feel several degrees cooler. Make sure ceiling fans are rotating in the right direction – counter-clockwise during summer – to push cooler air down into the room. To save more energy, be sure to

turn all fans off when you leave the room.

- Close blinds, shades and curtains to keep the sun out and the cool air in. Also, close air conditioning vents in rooms that are not in use.
- Seal cracks and holes around doors, windows and ductwork. Weather stripping and caulk will help keep the cold air in and the hot air out.
- Use the myAdvisor tool on myentergy.com to learn when you use the most energy. The usage and cost tool can compare your usage history by

month, day and hour.

- Visit entergy.com/save-money to access a variety of energy-saving tips and calculators that will help you determine the best cost-cutting scenarios to suit your needs.

Entergy Arkansas helps low-income, disabled and elderly customers through its customer-assistance fund, The Power to Care, which is funded by its employees, customers and shareholders, to help elderly and disabled customers with their bills.

ARREST

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and Firearms, and Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance of Methamphetamine. Both remain in the Drew County Detention Facility at this time.

Hackney was also given a first appearance on a Bench Warrant obtained by the Drew County Sheriff’s Department issued on

May 10 for the charge of theft of scrap metal, a class B felony. The charge stemmed from a complaint from a representative of the Midland Railroad Company that railroad iron that had been taken from property owned by Midland Railroad. During the investigation evidence led to a scrap metal yard in Lake Village where Hackney sold the railroad iron. According to the representative of Midland Railroad, the

estimated value of stolen iron was approximately \$10,000.

Circuit Judge Laurie Bridewell placed Hackney under the same and previous bond issued on the drug and gun charges

“I would like to thank all the agencies and personnel that participated in the operation regarding the execution of the search warrants,” Sheriff Mark Gober stated.

ADH warns of heat-related illnesses

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

As high temperatures continue in the coming weeks, the Arkansas Department of Health encourages people to practice heat safety.

Heat stress is heat-related illness caused by your body’s inability to cool down properly. The body normally cools itself by sweating, but under certain conditions sweating is not enough. People who have higher risks for heat stress or heat-related death include children under the age of four, seniors aged 65 or older, anyone overweight, and those who are ill or on certain medications.

Heat-related illnesses are preventable. Simple tips to prevent heat stress are:

- Stay in an air-conditioned area during the hottest hours of the day. If your home does not have air conditioning, consider public places like a library, senior center, or mall.
- Wear light, loose-fitted clothing.
- Drink water often. Don’t wait until you are thirsty.
- Avoid unnecessary hard work or activities if you are out-

side or without air conditioning.

- Avoid unnecessary sun exposure. Wear a hat and sunglasses when you are in the sun.
- Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher as directed and reapply as needed.

The most common heat-related illnesses are heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, sunburn, and heat rash. It is important for everyone to know the warning signs and what actions to take if someone experiences one of these illnesses.

Heat Stroke: Symptoms include high body temperature; hot, red, dry, or damp skin; a fast, strong pulse; headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; and fainting. For heat stroke, call 911 right away, move to a cooler place, and help lower the body temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath.

Heat Exhaustion: Symptoms include heavy sweating; cold, pale, and clammy skin; fast, weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; muscle cramps; tiredness or weakness; dizziness; headache; and fainting. For heat exhaustion, move to a cool place, loosen clothes, put cool, wet cloths

on the body or take a cool bath, and sip water. Get medical help right away if vomiting, dizziness, or if symptoms get worse or last longer than one hour.

Heat Cramps: Symptoms include heavy sweating during intense exercise and muscle pain or spasms. For heat cramps, stop physical activity and move to a cool place, drink water or a sport drink, and wait for cramps to go away before starting more physical activity. If someone is on a low-sodium diet, has heart problems, or if cramps last longer than one hour, they should seek medical immediately.

Sunburn: Symptoms include painful, red, and warm skin and blisters on the skin. For sunburn, stay out of the sun until the sunburn heals, put cool cloths on the sunburned areas or take a cool bath, put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas, and do not break blisters.

Heat Rash: Symptoms include red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin, usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases.

Identify and avoid six venomous snake types in Arkansas

By REBEKAH HALL

U of A System Division of Agriculture

As summer approaches in the Natural State, many Arkansans will take to hiking trails, campgrounds, lakes, rivers and favorite swimming holes to enjoy time outdoors. While doing so, it’s important to be aware of Arkansas’ native snakes – including six venomous species – and how to avoid them.

Arkansas has 39 native snake species. Six of these are venomous: the Eastern Copperhead, Northern Cottonmouth, Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake, Timber Rattlesnake, Western Pygmy Rattlesnake and Texas Gulf-coast Coral snake. Of these, only the Cottonmouth can be found in wetland habitats such as swamps, streams and drainage ditches. For a guide on identifying these venomous species and more information on native snakes, check out the Cooperative Extension Service’s Snakes of Arkansas fact sheet.

While many people fear snakes, deaths from venomous snakebites are rare. From 1983 to 2018, 68 deaths caused by venomous snakes were reported to Poison Control Centers.

Becky McPeake, extension wildlife specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said that while seeing a snake in one’s yard can be frightening at first, non-venomous snakes can be an asset to homeowners. They help control other wildlife on the property, preying on rodents, insects, toads, frogs, cray-

fish, minnows, and even other snakes.

“If you have a non-venomous snake in your yard, you should probably keep it instead of killing it because it could actually be defending its territory against the snakes you don’t want to be there,” McPeake said. “And it’s not going to harm you. As a matter of fact, it’ll be eating mice and other pests that might get into your home.”

McPeake said it’s important to remember that snakes are “more afraid of us than we are of them” and to treat them with respect. To be “snake aware,” follow these guidelines:

- Walk on paths with clear visibility and little ground cover. If walking at night, be sure to use a light source to brighten the path.
- Never step over logs or other obstacles unless one can see the other side. McPeake suggests carefully stepping on top of a log – after checking that there is not a snake resting atop it – and looking on the other side. “Snakes can hide underneath the log, right alongside where it meets the ground, waiting for prey,” she said.
- “Watch where you put your hands,” McPeake said. “Don’t put fingers under debris you intend to move. Flip with a wooden pole to make sure a snake isn’t hidden underneath.”
- Make noise and be watchful, particularly of where you are about to step.
- Carry a walking stick to clear away leaves, make noise, flip objects and keep balance when

peeking over logs or other obstacles before crossing.

- Wear close-toed shoes or boots, as many snakebites result when walking barefoot or wearing sandals around the yard.
- If you encounter a snake, step back and allow it to pass. Snakes usually don’t move fast, and one can retreat from the snake’s path.

Snakes are ectothermic, or “cold-blooded,” which means their body temperature is similar to their surroundings, so they seek particular locations to regulate their temperature. Most snakes prefer to maintain body heat at around 86 degrees Fahrenheit, though they are active in temperatures ranging from 50 to 104 degrees F.

During the hot summer months, snakes are more active at night and seek cooler shelter during the day.

Keep an eye out for snakes while swimming or boating. Cottonmouths are the only venomous snake found in water in Arkansas, and they’re more likely to swim in brackish water such as streams or swamps. McPeake said it’s important to stay alert for snakes in overhanging trees while canoeing or kayaking.

“Look up. If I’m in a canoe, I’m always mentally ready for a snake to drop down, then to pick up the paddle and scoop it out,” she said. “Don’t panic. It seems to me that right when a snake drops, it’s stunned. It will sit there for a second, and that’s

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Royal named Arkansas NRCS District Conservationist for Drew County

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Jessica Royal was recently named Drew County district conservationist for the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Monticello.

She began her career with NRCS in 2020 as a soil

conservationist in Jackson County, Ark. Prior to that she held various positions with conservation districts in Arkansas. She worked as a program support specialist in Jackson County, conservation technician assistant in Independence County and an

irrigation water management technician for Independence, Jackson and White counties.

Royal, a graduate of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro with a wildlife management/ecological sciences degree, grew up along the Strawberry River in Sharp

County.

"I look forward to meeting and actively assisting Drew County producers in my new role as a district conservationist," Royal said.

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help producers adopt a variety of conservation practices on their land. NRCS staff help producers with a conservation plan and provide funding to cover part of the costs for adopting the practices. These practices are designed to benefit both the species and the agricultural operation.

To learn more about assistance opportunities, landowners should contact their local USDA service center or for more information on NRCS, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov.

Team Green Package available now available

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Athletics Department is introducing the Team Green Package. The package will be limited to 78 total members and include a seat sponsorship for all UAM Athletics home games in the 2022-2023 school year. This will include football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball.

Each Package purchased will benefit Arkansas-Monticello's Athletic Performance Center Campaign. The campaign focuses

on enhancing the support of student-athletes through major facility improvements. The \$1.7 million project will overhaul the vacant space in Steelman Field House formerly home to an indoor pool. For more information on UAM PCC and how to donate, please visit <https://www.uamsports.com/sports/2022/5/19/uam-performance-center-campaign.aspx>.

Pricing for the Team Green Package will be \$300; giving fans a \$5 value for each home game, extending throughout the entirety of the 2022-2023 athletic year.

For Purchase: Contact the UAM Athletics Office at 870-460-1157 or Assistant Athletic Director, Garrianna Pace, by email at PaceG@uamont.edu for questions or more information.

The goal is to provide Weevil/Blossom fans the opportunity to sponsor a seat for all UAM sports in the 2022-2023 athletic year.

"We are excited about our Team Green Ticket package," said Hud Jackson, Arkansas-Monticello Director of Athletics. "This will allow fans who chose to purchase to have the best seats in each venue. The price is amazing and all proceeds go directly to our performance center campaign. It's limited to the first 78 people and it is a great way to help improve our facilities while getting premium seating for all of our home sporting events, so jump on board to be part of Team Green!"

Team Green pass holders will be required to show their pass when entering UAM Athletic facilities on game days. Once shown, they will be able to enter and take their seat.

UA Little Rock announces Spring honors

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Robert Collins of Monticello, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The Dean's List recognized more than 610 students with superior academic performances at the end of the semester.

Nyah Scott, of Monticello, has been named to the Spring 2022 Chancellor's List at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

UA Little Rock recognizes superior academic performance at the end of each semester. To be named to the UA Little Rock Chancellor's List, a student must have completed at least nine credit hours with a 3.9 GPA or higher.

More than 615 UA Little Rock students were named to the Chancellor's List for the spring 2022 semester.

To be on the Dean's List, UA Little Rock students must earn at least nine credit hours and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.

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.

University of Central Arkansas announces incoming honors scholars for Fall 2022

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Central Arkansas Honors College has selected 75 incoming first-year students as its newest class of Norbert O. Schedler Honors College Scholars and 27 incoming first-year students for its University Scholars Program.

The entering Schedler Honors College Scholars and University Scholars classes of 2022 have an average high school GPA above 4.0 and an average ACT score of 29. The Honors College class includes 94 students from Arkansas and

eight students from out-of-state. Chosen from more than 200 applicants, the selected students represent an exceptional group of students.

Students from Drew County include Sydney Fallon of Monticello and Madelyn White of Winchester.

Foundation accepting applications for grants

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas is currently accepting grant applications from public schools, governmental agencies and nonprofit groups across the Natural State. Grants of up to \$150,000 are available to support programs focusing on:

- behavioral health resources
- the social determinants of health
- maternal and pediatric health needs
- health equity

- whole person health
- medical condition innovation

Applications should be submitted to <https://blueandyoufoundationarkansas.org> by July 15. A video containing application instructions and frequently asked questions can also be found on the site.

Last year, the Blue & You Foundation funded 41 initiatives in Arkansas through grants totaling \$3,360,327. Those grants directly impacted 71 of Arkansas' 75 counties.

"Since the Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas was established, we've provided grants to organizations in every part of the state, funding projects that are improving the health of our communities," said Foundation Executive Director Rebecca Pittillo. "We are fortunate to live in a state where organizations are working so hard to find solutions to health issues that are plaguing the state and nation. The Foundation is interested in applicants that recognize the need to address

the social determinants of health, improve behavioral health in Arkansas, impact maternal and pediatric health, work to eliminate health disparities and address medical conditions in innovative ways to improve healthcare for Arkansans."

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your chance to get it out."

If one does get bit by a venomous snake, McPeake's advice is simple: go straight to the hospital without delay. For those venturing into more remote wilderness, it's important to prepare for such an emergency.

"If you're in a wilderness situation without reasonably close access to a hospital, I would say you need to educate yourself and learn what you need to have in case of a snake bite," she said.

If you're sure the bite is from a non-venomous snake, then treat it "just like any other bite or wound," McPeake said. Clean it, keep it bandaged, and watch it for signs of infection.

McPeake emphasized that though snakes can cause a fright, they will usually avoid a confrontation with people.

"We all may get a shock or surprise when you first see the snake, but you need to realize that the snake is not going to harm you," she said. "It's that old saying: it's as scared as we are.

You're the smarter being. Stay in control, get out of its path, and move on."



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OBITUARIES

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Joy Herring Reemes Burt

Joy Herring Reemes Burt, 92, of Monticello, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Belle View Estates Nursing and Rehab in Monticello. She was born October 29, 1929, in Drew County, to the late Travis Herring and Annie Mae Webb Herring.

She was a retired nurse, a Christian and a graduate of Wilmar High School. Joy was an amazing person with many talents including cooking, decorating and sewing. She was a caretaker who had a very kind and loving heart.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Harry Wayne Reemes; two daughters, Phyllis Reemes and Tammy Courtney; a son, Ricky Reemes; and brothers, Hugh, Paul, Doyle, Gerald, Lloyd and Wayne Herring.

Her survivors include two sons, Randy Reemes and Shawn Reemes; a brother, Wilbur Herring; two grandchildren, Bodie and Summer Courtney; five great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

(Paid obituary)

Elnor Rose Grays

Elnor Rose Grays, 75, of Wilmar, passed away Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Chapel Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Warren. She was born May 1, 1947, in Wilmar, to the late Henry Clifton and Norma Daniel Clifton.



GRAYS

She was a retired cook and housekeeper and attended Wilmar High School. She confessed her life at an early age at

Pentecostal Flame Church of God in Christ in Warren. When her health began to fail, she watched television services and spoke regularly with her Pastor Robert Marshall, Sr. who also paid her many visits.

Elnor has always been a homemaker. She loved to cook and wanted to feed everyone she saw. She cooked in various kitchens around Monticello. She also loved to fish and spend time with her family. Elnor is preceded in death by her husband, Burl Grays; daughters, Aline and Toni Grays; siblings, Laron Clifton, Lloyd Clifton, Agrone Clifton, Helen (Clifton) Gardner and Maureen (Clifton) McKinley.

She leaves to cherish her memory her only son, Calvin Grays of Monticello; five

daughters, Genetta Thorns and Pamela Grays both of Pine Bluff, Deborah Huds-peth of Flint, Mich., Maria Grays of Dallas, and Likey-shan Grays of Monticello; one brother, James Clifton of Monticello; 15 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She also leaves two family members that were her best friend, niece Patricia Clifton of Chicago, and cousin Mam-mie Jones of Wilmar.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Stephen-son-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Robert Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Wilmar Cemetery. There will be a visitation from 5-7 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home.

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

Virgil "Sonny" Hall

Virgil "Sonny" Hall, 82, of Monticello, went home to the Lord June 6, 2022, at Drew Memorial Hospital in Mon-ticello.



HALL

He was born August 21, 1939, in Monticello, to the late Johnny Hall and Estella Gragg Hall. Sonny was a

truck driver for many years before his retirement. He gave his life to Christ at an early age at Holmes Chapel Presbyterian Church. He married Annie Hall and they became members of Holy Temple COGIC.

Sonny is preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Margaret Freeman, Johnnie Collins, Alberta Walton, Dor-othy Block, Aquilla Higgins, and Helen Bell.

Sonny leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Annie of Monticello; children, Shalese Greenlee (Dwight) of Mon-trose, Brandon Landcaster (Stephanie) of Monticello, Johnny Hall (Patrice) of Monticello, Rachel Hall (Clif-ton) of Monticello, Shnequa Nolen (Anthony) of Conway, and Michael Hargraves of Monticello; a host of grand-children and great-grand-children; sister Vernell Binns of Detroit; and a host of niece, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Stephenson-Dearman Funer-al Home in Monticello. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery. Visit www.stephensondear-

man.com to sign the guest-book.

(Paid obituary)

Virgie Mae McCoy Haynes

Virgie Mae McCoy Haynes, 74, of Monticello, passed away Thursday, June 9, 2022, at The Blossom Health Center in White Hall. She was born August 6, 1947, in Drew County, to the late Robert McCoy, Sr. and Gussie Owens McCoy.

She was a retired seam-stress, Burlington Industries and Advantages of Monticello employee, and a member of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by three sisters, Patsy McCoy King, Lucille Prosper and Julia Walker; and four brothers, Robert McCoy, Jr., R.C. McCoy, William McCoy and Earl Lee Stanley.

She is survived by a daugh-ter, Denise Hanes Ambrose of Monticello; a grandchild she loved dearly, Danielle Ambrose of Monticello; one brother, Eddie McCoy of Monticello; eight sisters, Nellie B. McCoy, Artie Lucas, Minnie Cochran, Mattie Johnson, Georgia Fisher and Lorine McCoy all of Monticel-lo, Mary Barnes of Reed and Lois Jackson of Jonesboro; along with numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Fun-eral Chapel with Rev. Laron Woodard officiating. Burial will be in Union Ridge Cem-etery. There will be a come-and-go viewing from 3-5 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home.

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

Louise Mildred McPherson Barnett Palmer

Louise Mildred McPher-son Barnett Palmer, 99, of Monticello, went to be with her Lord and Savior Satur-day, June 4, 2022, at Bradley County Medical Center in Warren. She was born April 20, 1923, in Monroe, La. to the late William McPherson and Lula Doughty McPher-son McGhee.

She was a retired employee of Burlington Industries and a longtime active member of Second Baptist Church of Monticello.

In addition to her par-ents, she was also preceded in death by husbands, Onis

Noel Barnett and James Har-old Palmer; a granddaugh-ter, Kristi Lynne Miller; a son-in-law, T.O. Miller; her stepfather, J.W. McGhee; two step brothers and four step sisters.

Louise was a wonderful cook, enjoyed working in her yard growing beautiful flowers where she and her husband Harold received the Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month Award sever-al times. She also enjoyed traveling, especially camping in the Arkansas State Parks with the Good Sam's Club.



PALMER

In her later years, her sunroom was the place she sat and read her Bible, watched birds, watched

game shows on television along with doing word search books. Her family stayed busy supplying her with those books. Louise was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, a very devoted friend to many, loved her church and church family with all her heart, a prayer warrior and an im-maculate housekeeper.

She is survived by a daugh-ter, Rachel Miller (Abner) Pevey of Monticello; a son, James Palmer of Woodlawn; grandchildren, Kim Mash-burn (Dennis) of Bryant, Marty Noel Miller of Bryant and Jennifer Winkpleck (Brian) of Dewitt; and great grandchildren, Tyler Miller Mashburn, Danielle Lynn Mashburn, Emma Grace Winkpleck and Josie Raye Winkpleck.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Ray Hearron officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery. There was a visitation from 10-11 a.m. preceding the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church; 1032 Old Warren Rd. Mon-ticello, 71655. You can sign her guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.
(Paid obituary)

Gene Ross Radcliffe, Jr.

Gene Ross Radcliffe, Jr., 33, of Monticello, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022, at his home in Monti-cello. He was born November 15, 1988, in Eureka, Calif. to Gene Ross Radcliffe, Sr. and his late mother, Shelly. He was also preceded in death by his grandmother, Lorraine Pearl Radcliffe and his grand-

father, Lowell Radcliffe.

Gene was a dedicated United States Army Staff Sergeant proudly serving his country. He was loved by all of his Army buddies and his superiors had the utmost re-spect for him



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and what he stood for. Gene re-ceived many medals and commenda-tions from General's for his dedica-tion. He also loved playing games and was quite the gamer, enjoyed hunting and

fishing and loved traveling seeing the country.

He is survived by his father, Gene Ross Radcliffe, Sr. of Eugene, Ore.; an aunt, Darlene Radcliffe of Eureka, Calif.; two uncles, Daniel Radcliffe of Houston, and Kenny Radcliffe of White Thorn, Calif.; his great aunt and uncle who were his caregivers, Frances and Cecil Say of Monticello; along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins which included some very special cousins from Monticello.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Prairie Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Halley officiating. Burial was in Lone Sassafras Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Cecil Say, Jr., Pete Say, Bryan Say, Brett Say, Kyle Trantham and Ty Say.

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

James Raymond Strickland

James Raymond Strick-land, 74, of Monticello, passed away Monday, June 13, 2022. He was born September 18, 1946, to Oland Raymond Strickland and Melba Jane Pounders Strickland. He worked for Ashcraft Logging as a cutting machine operator for many years. James was a member of Old Union Southern Bap-tist Church for 55 years where he was a deacon. James had a passion for his work, his church, and most of all his family. He had supper every night with his 91-year-old mother and visited about their day.

James is preceded in death

by his father; his brother Bennie Strickland; and his nephew Kenneth Williams.

James is survived by his mother, Melba Strickland of Monticello; his children, Samantha Berry (Wade) of Monticello, Shelia Brunt (James) of Monticello, Selena Collier (Fred) of Watertown, S.D.; stepchildren, Amy Beggs (Jimmy Dale) of Pine Bluff, David White (Autumn) of White Hall, Daniel Wood, and Samantha Pruitt; a brother, Donald Strickland (Glenda) of Monticello; Paula Pulliam (Dirk) of Ft. Smith, Linda Strickland Mitchell of Monticello, Steve Strickland (Tina) of Monticello; Grand-children, Courtnei Flemister (Brandon), Joshua Etheridge (Meredith), Morgan Marin



STRICKLAND

(Oscar), Ryan Rogers (Megan), Christian Gipson (Beaux), Elise Col-lier, Larsen Collier; great grandchil-

dren, Kinsley and Emersyn Flemister, Gage Etheridge, Allen Etheridge, Carmin Marin, Suede Gipson, as well as a baby due in August; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Visitation will be Thurs-day, June 16, 2022, from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Chapel. Funeral Services will be Friday, June 17, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Old Union Southern Baptist Church in Monticello with Rev. Jason Cater officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Springs Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Old Union Southern Baptist Church, 2077 Florence Rd, Monticello.

(Paid obituary)

Lois M. Ruff

Lois M. Ruff, 75, of Water-loo, Ill., died June 12, in Pine Bluff.

She is survived by her children Christine (Jeff) Felts and Kevin (Tara) Ruff; grand-daughters Adalynn Felts and Alexis Ruff; sisters-in-law Gladys Ruff and Shirley Ruff; nieces; nephews; and cousins.

Lois is preceded in death by her husband James A. Ruff; and her parents Elmer H. and Martha H. (nee Ewald) Storck.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at Quernheim Funeral Home in Waterloo, Ill.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS
CIVIL DIVISION

BRITTANY WASHINGTON, PLAINTIFF VS. VALERA'S INVESTMENT, LLC., DEFENDANT

Lot No. 10, in Block No. 1, of Edgewood Addition of a part of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2 of NW1/4) of Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 7 West, in the City of Monticello, as shown on the plat of said addition recorded at Page 399 of Book 39, of the Deed Records of Drew County, Arkansas.

NO. 22CV-22-61

NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Drew County, Arkansas, to quiet and confirm title in and to the above described real property in the heading of this case.

Any persons claiming any title or interest of any kind to said property is hereby notified to appear herein or before the 5th day of July, 2022, to assert their interest in said property and to demonstrate which title to this property should not be quieted and confirmed in and to Brittany Washington.

/s/Beverly Burks
Beverly Burks, Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BENNY JEFCOAT, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-74

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:
2195 Barkada Road, Monticello, Arkansas
Date of Death: October 8, 2011

An Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed on the 9th day of June with the Clerk of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Drew County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. 28-41-101.

The legal description of the real property listed in the Affidavit is as follows:

Approx. 17 acres of land situated in Section 13, Township 12 South, Range 8 West in Drew County, Arkansas

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate. This notice first published on the 15th day of June, 2022.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEBORAH KAY
ROGERS, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-67

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:
420 Loveless Lane
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Date of Death: April 20, 2022
An instrument captioned “Last Will and Testament of Deborah Kay Arrington” dated August 30, 1984, was on the 2nd day of June, 2022, admitted to probate as the last will of the above-named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed Co-Executors thereunder. A contest of the probate of this will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published the 8th day of June, 2022.
Melissa Reid and Russell Arrington, Co-Executors
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
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PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LOU
WALLACK, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-69

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:
522 North Main St., Monticello, AR 71655
Date of Death: February 11, 2022
An instrument captioned “Last Will and Testament of Mary Lou Wallack” dated July 9, 2018, was on the 5th day of June, 2022, admitting to probate as the last will of the above-named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed Executrix thereunder. A contest of the probate of this will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published on the 8th day of June, 2022.
Mary Lee Caine, Executrix
Barton & Roper, PLLC
c/o Whit Barton, Attorney
P.O. Box 507
Monticello, AR 71657
(870) 367-6288

#104059 6/8 6/15

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDY K.
PHILLIPS, SR., DECEASED

NO.22PR-22-59

NOTICE

(To Creditors Re: Appointment of Administrator and Filing of Claims)
Last known address of decedent: 111 Dreams End
Monticello, Arkansas 71655
Date of Death: July 24, 2020
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published the 8th day of June, 2022.
Casey Stephenson, Administrator c/o Whit Barton
Barton & Roper, PLLC
P.O. Box 507
Monticello, AR 71657

#104060 6/8 6/15

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TIM GATEWOOD,
DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-60

NOTICE

(To Creditors Re: Appointment of Administrator and Filing of Claims)
Last known address of decedent: 1032 N Cooper St #B13
Monticello 71655
Date of Death: January 8, 2022
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published the 8th day of June, 2022.
Gwendlyn Leonard, Administrator c/o Ben Barton
Barton & Roper, PLLC
P.O. Box 507
Monticello, AR 71657

#104061 6/8 6/15

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OTHA LEE
RIDGELL, DECEASED

NO.22PR-22-65

NOTICE

Last known address of decedent:
1272 N. Chester, Monticello, AR 71655
Date of Death: August 31, 2009
An Affidavit for Collection of Small Estate by Distributee was filed on the 2nd day of June, 2022. The estate to be collected contains real property, legally described as follows:
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IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST
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QUARTER SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST
QUARTER WEST ONE-THIRD OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER
OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER.
LESS AND EXCEPT:
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PAGE 365 OF BOOK 426 OF DREW COUNTY REAL ESTATE
RECORDS.
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 8th day of June, 2022.
Kevin Ridgell, Distributee
Barton & Roper, PLLC
P.O. Box 507
Monticello, AR 71657
(870) 367-6288

#104062 6/8 6/15

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DREW COUNTY,
ARKANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA JEAN
WAGNER, DECEASED

NO.22PR-22-68

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTOR

Last known address: 1960 Hwy 425 N, Monticello, AR 71655.
Date of Death: March 21, 2022.
An instrument dated October 12, 2018, was admitted to probate on June 5, 2022, as the Last Will and Testament of the above named decedent, and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. Contest of the probate of the will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published on June 8, 2022.
Michael Hershel Wagner
Executor of the Estate of Martha Jean Wagner
P.O. Box 354
Monticello, AR 71657

Attorney for Estate:
John A. Singleton, Jr.
HASHEM LAW FIRM, PLC
437 W. Conrad
P.O. Box 739
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Applications will be accepted through June 17, 2022.
Applications may be picked up at 168 West College in Monticello, or by accessing our website at www.advantageseak.org.

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NOTICE

The City of Monticello is taking sealed bids for the masonry work for the 33’ x 30’ addition at the Central Fire Station. Interested parties can call 870-367-5433 for more information about the project. Bids will be opened June 27, 2022 at 2pm in City Hall.
Paid for by the Monticello Fire Department in the amount of \$16.52.

#104054 6/8 6/15

NOTICE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold, dismantled or destroyed in fifteen (15) days unless claimed at Reggie’s Lock & Key LLC, 1065 Highway 278 West, Monticello AR 71655, PH: (870) 723-6898.
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2003 Ford F-150 VIN 2FTRF072X3CA14689

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NOTICE OF SALE

On Saturday, July 2nd at 9:00 a.m., University Self Storage will offer at Public Sale for cash the contents of the following units for the collection of storage charges to wit:
Location: 103 Bowser Rd., Monticello, AR 71655
Units: E8, F10 (10X5); D16 (10x10); G1 10x15);
Sale will be held in front of the units on the premises at the designated time.
*Attention: Renters have until June 27th to pay bill in full and claim belongings.

#104073 6/15

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Yamaha Guitar G-231 Nice. \$450 or make offer. Call 870-500-8515 4pd 6/25

Mr. Johnny is buying precious metals. Gold, Silver, Copper etc. 421 Ambrose Street M-F 8am to 4:30 pm call 870-308-1025 4pd 6/25

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The Advance Monticellonian and the FTC.

PETS

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Mark Your Calendars!

JUNE



JUNE 22ND - Express Employment will be taking applications in **Monticello at the Workforce Center from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon** and in **McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M..**

JUNE 29TH - Express Employment will be taking applications in **Dumas at the Workforce Center** and in **McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

*Applicants must have I-9 documentation that proves your identity and eligibility to work, and able to pass a drug screen. Come see us and get ready to go to work!!!

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Monticello hosts softball tournament and swim meet



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian
NATALIE LAWSON heads towards first base after connecting on a pitch. Lawson, a Drew Central student, plays for the Impact out of Crossett.

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

It was a busy Saturday for Monticello Youth Sports. USA Softball was on hand for the Monticello Sizzle softball tournament held at the Monticello Sports Complex and at the Monticello High School Softball Field. In order to prepare for the softball tournament, tournament hosts and parents worked most of the night Friday after severe weather came through the area earlier in the day in order to prepare the fields for play. The tournament hosted age groups 8U through 16/18U, featuring teams from Monticello, Rison, DeWitt, Star City,

Fordyce, Alexander, White Hall, Crossett, Hamburg, El Dorado, Sheridan, Sparkman, Pine Bluff, Junction City, and Farmerville, La. At the city park, the Monticello Marlins hosted the first of two swim meets of the season. The meet featured 92 events with the Marlins placing second in team combined scores with a score of 574.5 behind the Warren Waves Summer Only with 695.5. The Magnolia Dolphins placed third with a score of 509.5. The Marlins will next compete on Saturday, June 18, in Arkadelphia. The Marlins will host their second swim meet on Saturday, July 9.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian
LUKE PACE displays his ribbons that he won during Saturday's swim meet. Pace earned two first place ribbons, a third, and a fourth.

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Legals				
DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS				
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT				
CASH BASIS				
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2021				
	General Funds	Road Funds	Other Funds in the Aggregate/ Debt Service	
Beginning Cash Balance - 01/01/2021	5,011,843.13	7,805,174.53	1,348,735.34	
Ending Cash Balance - 12/31/2021	5,502,510.11	9,406,579.21	2,829,694.96	
REVENUE				
State Aid	463,970.98	1,755,035.14	221,711.99	
Federal Aid	556,270.00	0	1,769,413.50	
Property Taxes	434,801.69	188,986.53	624,999.84	
Sales Taxes	2,329,434.80	2,503,779.81	0	
Fines, Forfeitures, and Costs	227,564.75	0	101,561.62	
Investment Income	26,265.79	38,871.41	7,874.57	
Officers' Fees	15,407.04	0	112,018.86	
911 Fees	0	0	325,013.79	
Jail Fees	147,907.00	0	89,630.38	
Sanitation Fees	0	0	694,783.86	
Collector's Commission	468,277.36	0	0	
Assessor's Salary and Expense	367,199.09	0	0	
Other	486,662.79	105,849.49	546,086.28	
TOTAL REVENUES	5,523,761.29	4,592,522.38	4,493,094.69	
LESS: COMMISSIONS	72,853.10	89,885.24	43,238.89	
NET REVENUES	5,450,908.19	4,502,637.14	4,449,855.80	
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	1,565,797.10	0	493,044.25	
Highway and Streets	0	2,940,671.75	85,529.19	
Health	47,232.05	0	596,076.22	
Law Enforcement	2,219,896.95	0	649,021.32	
Public Safety	47,579.97	0	314,770.66	
Recreation and Culture	15,215.91	0	210,000.00	
Sanitation	0	0	993,170.11	
Social Services	164,493.66	0	3,392.26	
TOTAL CURRENT	4,060,215.64	2,940,671.75	3,345,004.01	
DEBT SERVICE				
Note Principal	0	0	11,017.08	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,060,215.64	2,940,671.75	3,356,021.09	
EXCESS OF REVENUES				
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,390,692.55	1,561,965.39	1,093,834.71	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	1,342,268.47	0	253,477.28	
Transfers Out	-1,551,528.00	0	0	
Bond Proceeds	0	0	597,137.89	
Audit Adjustment Due Accounts	0	0	0	
Audit Adjustment From Accounts	0	0	0	
Other Checks Paid	-490,201.19	0	-468,128.75	
TOTAL OTHER				
FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-699,460.72	0	382,486.42	
EXCESS OF REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES				
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES				
AND OTHER USES	691,231.83	1,561,965.39	1,476,321.13	

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UAM alumni gather for Arkansas Travs game

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

Dickey Stephens Park was filled with Weevil fans Thursday night as the University of Arkansas at Monticello Alumni and Friends gathered to watch the Arkansas Travelers play the Wichita Wind Surge.

Due to a rainout on Wednesday, fans were treated to a double header on Thursday.

UAM fans cheered on the Travs and enjoyed a buffet style supper.

The Wind Surge took the first game but the Travs rallied and took home the victory in the second game.





KIDS' CORNER

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



TRUE OR FALSE?
IT TAKES ROUGHLY 20 MINUTES OF REGULAR DAILY ACTIVITY (WALKING, SWEEPING, ETC.) TO BURN 100 CALORIES.

ANSWER: TRUE

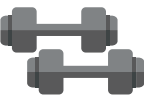
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- ITALIAN: Forma fisica
- FRENCH: Forme physique
- GERMAN: Fitness

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: ELLIPTICAL MACHINE



Answers: 1. Girl on left side had extra hair window 4. Girl in orange has taller socks
2. Water bottle on floor 3. Missing panes on

Puzzle answers

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ANSWER:

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CHILDREN’S DEVOTIONAL

Trust in God when things seem to spin out of control

By Amy Becker

“As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.”
1 Samuel 17:48-50

When all is right in the world, my dad loves to say, “The world is spinning in greased grooves.” Well, what’s the opposite of greased grooves? I’m not sure, but oftentimes it seems that the world has



gone mad, it’s spinning out of orbit, like two people are playing keep away with a bouncing Earth. Right? You may be young, but you know that this place is a far cry from heaven, and some-

times that can seem unfair or even scary, but today I want to offer you a big heaping tablespoon of good news! We have a powerful God who sees everything we’re going through, and he

has everything under control even when it feels like things are shaky, so we have no need to worry.

You can tell a lot about the character of God by looking at what things he has done for his people. So let’s take a look. God rescued Noah and his family from a flood that filled the Earth. You can find his story in Genesis. Daniel was cast into a den of lions, yet God kept him safe, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were cast into a fiery furnace and walked out without a singed hair on their heads. You can read about both stories in the book of Daniel. Because of God’s help a young boy named David killed a giant with one stone when His

people were threatened. 1 Samuel tells that story! God split the sea so the Israelites could cross and escape the Egyptians trying to capture them and you can read all about it in Exodus. He sent his son to this earth to heal the sick, help the poor, bring the dead back to life, die on the cross for our sins, and was brought back to life proving that God has the final word in this world. Open the New Testament to the first book and start reading. You’ll learn all about it!!

We have a tool at our disposal, and that’s the Bible. It is sharper than any two edged sword and we have got to use it. We will all need reminders of who’s in control, and learning

that time and time again God has been faithful to his children will help build our confidence in him. So take some time to get to know God through His Word today!

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28

This world is not perfect, that’s true. But God is in control. So when things seem a little out of orbit, remember to trust The One who can shut the mouths of Lions and raised the Saviour of this world from the dead. He is working every thing out for the good of those who love Him.

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Spotlight

Quality pest control service at reasonable price

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

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

The Lawrences have one key business philosophy: treat customers the way they would want to be treated. It may seem like a simple idea, but it’s one that has brought the

company success over the last 20 years. Bill attributes some of that success to having quality technicians who value their customers.

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

These are qualities that have served them well over the last two decades. Delta Pest Control specializes in residential and commercial pest control.

“Delta gives you quality service at a reasonable price,” Bill said. “We value our customers.”

Delta Pest Control is located at 302 Owl Street in McGehee.



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

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The economy of faith

It's on the mind of almost everyone these days. Inflation. The rising cost of goods and services based on higher demand, lower supply and lower wages. You see the effects of this everywhere. From the gas pump to the grocery store. It's disheartening when your hard earned money doesn't go as far as it used to. The stock market is lower, retirement accounts are lower all the while the cost of living gets higher.

It's very easy to look at the TV and social media, get discouraged and wonder out loud, "What are we going to do?" We can play the blame game and point our fingers this way and that. That might make us feel good and in control for a moment but it does not change the current reality. In fact, many of our grumbling and complaining, though not unjustified, can just make the situation worse.

The normal reaction would be to view this world through the lens of cynicism and hopelessness. But for the believer in Jesus Christ it's an opportunity. An opportunity to see our faith in action. 2

Corinthians 5:7 That we walk by faith and not by sight. Faith is a difficult concept for the 21st century American. Because faith has typically not been required. We have all we need and then some. Good jobs, good money. Shelves were fully stocked.

Faith is a currency. Now a currency has to be based on something valuable. This is the currency we spend in the economy of our life. For many of us our faith is based on the bank or our employer. Our faith may based on the government and even family. The problem of course is all of these things are unstable. They rise and fall. They delight and then they disappoint. So we must base our faith on Jesus Christ. Because HE never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Despite governments, economies and people who change with the wind. Our Savior is stable and steadfast. Put your faith and trust in Him today.

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

This week's recipe: Dad's Day dining he's bound to love

Father's Day is an opportunity to shower Dad with extra love and attention. Special outings and heartfelt gifts typically are part of the celebration. Some children may want to go above and beyond by whipping up a meal that Dad is sure to enjoy — particularly a father who spends his fair share of time by the stove or in front of the grill. Individuals may be quick to think steaks or chicken when considering grilled fare, and these foods certainly can be delicious offerings. However, juicy and flavorful lamb also tastes great when cooked on the grill. This recipe for "Lamb Chop Lollipops with Jalapeño Mustard" from "Jon Bonnell's Texas Favorites" (Gibbs Smith) can be eaten by hand right off the bone when tailgating with Dad or served more traditionally at home with the family.

Lamb Chop Lollipops with Jalapeño Mustard Ingredients (Serves 6-8)

- 2 frenched* racks of lamb (8 bones each)
- 1 sprig fresh rosemary
- 2 tablespoons Chinese hot mustard
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Jalapeño Mustard

- 1 sprig fresh rosemary
- 8 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 fresh jalapeño, seeded and diced
- Juice of 1 lemon

* Frenched refers to meat cut away to expose part of the bone.

Directions:

Rinse the racks of lamb lightly under cold water. Pat dry with paper towels, then cut into individual chops by cutting between the bones. Strip the rosemary leaves from the stem and chop; discard the stem. Combine the hot mustard with the garlic, salt, pepper, oil, and half of the chopped rosemary. Rub the lamb chops with this mixture and let them marinate in the fridge for 2 hours before grilling. Grill or broil the lamb chops quickly to desired doneness. Serve hot with Jalapeño Mustard as a dipping sauce.

For the Jalapeño Mustard: Strip the rosemary leaves from the stem and chop; discard the stem. Combine the rosemary with the Dijon mustard, jalapeño, and lemon juice.



COUNTRY

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given. Next Saturday, June 18th, a parking lot rummage sale will be held at In His Presence Worship Ministries (benefit sale) starting at 7 a.m. Be there. All kinds of items. Also June Dinner will kick off June 16 with a bonfire, other activities will follow. The motorcycle burn out will be on 8th St. past my house where you can get goat, pork, water, sodas and homemade ice cream. Yummy yum. The just mentioned parking lot sale will be on 27 Pershing Blvd, North Little Rock. Hope to see you at both events. Your participation will be gratefully and very much appreciated.

I've spent the past week in Bryant with my daughter Tina and family, also others. Corey was home. As you know he is an over the road driver. Glad to see my son Donald, and Kevin who is pastor of In His Presence worship Ministries. Happy and blessed birthday to my youngest brother Otis L. Wright of Ft. Worth, Tx., June 20th and to Bobbie J. Nelson and in memory of Maryland Allen, June 20th.

To the bereaved Louise Bolar family, Rose Grays, and Johnny Hall family, and all who are bereaved, may God strengthen you in times as this.

Now until we meet again by paper and pen, we wish all fathers a blessed and happy day and to mothers who made them fathers.

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