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Menotti to be Marion Township Constable

By **ASHLEY HOGG**
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David Menotti, K9 officer for the Monticello Police Department, has been elected as the Marion Township Constable in a non-conventional run-off election.

In the May primary, three candidates were on the ballot for this position, David Menotti, Joshua Henley and Daniel Garrison.

According to Arkansas Secretary of State John Thurston, a candidate must receive 50 percent plus one vote to be declared the official winner.

At the end of the Primary election in May, none of the three candidates for Marion Township Constable had secured 50 percent of the vote, so a run off election was set for June 21 between David Menotti and Joshua Henley.

Earlier this month, Henley voluntarily withdrew from the

election. However, his name still appeared on the ballot.

Arkansas is just one of nine states in the country that utilizes the office of Constable. Although they are elected officials, most Constables are not paid from a government entity.

Arkansas Constables must live in the township in which they are elected and they serve a two year term. Their primary responsibility is to the residents of the township in which they live.

Prior to 2007, there was not a lot of regulation for Constables. Act 841 provides training standards, a uniform, identification and a minimum of 120 hours of training.

Constables with proper training have the right to make traffic stops, make arrests and keep the general peace in their township.

HEEHAW HOOTENANNY PRESENTED SATURDAY



Courtesy photo

Seark Concert Association presented “A HeeHaw Hootenanny” Saturday, June 18 at the University of Arkansas at Monticello Fine Arts Center. Two shows were open to the public at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. “A HeeHaw Hootenanny” drew in seasoned performers to Seark Concert Association and some fresh faces. To learn more about upcoming events, visit www.searkconcert.org.



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Pool time, family BBQ, picnic? Send us your photos to be published in an upcoming edition of the Advance! Post your photos to our facebook page or email them to editor@monticellonews.net.

BURKES OUTLET OFFICIALLY OPEN IN MONTICELLO; RIBBON CUTTING HELD ON JUNE 14



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Burkes Outlet is officially open for business in the North Park Shopping center on U.S. Highway 425. Store employees, members of the Monticello Economic Development Commission, and local residents gathered last Thursday morning to see the big red ribbon cut in front of the store. Burk's Outlet is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Monticello School introduces therapy dog

By **ASHLEY HOGG**
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In the wake of Covid, school shootings and social media pressures, students are under a tremendous amount of stress.

Behavior issues, social emotional problems, and attendance issues are very common in today's environment. Therapy animals help provide some relief.

Studies have shown that they build empathy skills, reduce stress and provide feelings of calmness. Therapy animals also help build rapport between the student and the adult working with them. They can also provide a reason for some students to look forward to coming to school.

“It is my hope that Bella will provide that extra support needed for all children in our building, especially the

ones that have specific social emotional needs,” said Monticello Intermediate School Counselor Regina Lanehart. “It is also my hope that we see an increase in attendance, and a more positive welcoming school climate and culture.”

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and Principal, the Monticello School Board voted to allow the Counselor to bring Bella, a Golden Retriever, certified therapy animal through Pet Partners, to the school a couple of days a week to assist students with social emotional issues and to use inside and outside of the regular classroom.

Time with Bella may be used for a reward for good behavior, calming students before a tests and more.

Students must have gone through training on what to expect with Bella and have parent permission to participate.



Courtesy photo

Regina Lanehart is seen above with Monticello School District's new therapy dog, Bella.

Juneteenth celebration held this weekend



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June Dinner 2022 was deemed a success by the Juneteenth Association and the residents of Wilmar. The June Dinner Parade kicked off at 1 p.m. Saturday with two former residents serving as the 2022 Parade Marshals, Colonel Erica Johnson Ingram, retired Arkansas National Guard and Master Sergeant Keith A. Lyles retired United States Army. Master Sergeant Lyles retired December 31, 2021 with 37 years of service from the 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Unit in San Antonio. He currently serves as an Addiction Therapist with the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Antonio. Colonel Erica Johnson Ingram retired from the Arkansas National Guard February 1, 2022 following more than 26 years of service. In 2018, she became the first African American Woman to be promoted to Colonel in the 215 year history of the Arkansas National Guard. This accomplishment was the just one of many firsts for Ingram. She currently serves as the Chief of Staff/Assistant Director for the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs. She resides in Little Rock. For more photos from this weekend's events, see Page 1B.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Holy Temple COGIC presents Youth Explosion!

Join us at 529 N Main St. in Monticello under the leadership of Superintendent/Pastor Rodney Henderson. All are invited to attend. The speaker for 7 p.m. the 23 and the 24 will be Minister Marcus Horton. Evangelist Jennifer Harris will be the speaker Sunday, June 26 during our morning worship service. Call 870-500-9904 for pickup.

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.

DC Class of 1954

The Drew Central High School Class of 1954 will meet at noon, Saturday, June 25 at Western Sizzlin in Monticello. Anyone who attended Drew Central in the 1950's is encouraged to come.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Church Homecoming

Lacey Methodist Church will host its annual Homecoming service beginning at 10:30 a.m., Sunday June 26. A worship service will start the festivities and a potluck lunch will commence at noon. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

Hospital Auxiliary sale

Beginning at 7 a.m., Thursday, July 7, the Hospital Auxiliary will hold a clothing and accessories sale in the conference rooms of Drew Memorial Health Systems. All proceeds will be donated to the hospital.

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.

MONDAY, JULY 25 THROUGH THURSDAY, JULY 28

SMArts summer theatre camp

Seark Concert Association presents SMArts Theatre Camp from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday, July 25 through Thursday, July 28. Registration is \$100 and the deadline to sign up in July 1. For more info, and to register, visit www.searkconcert.org.

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.monticellyouthfootballleague.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

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NOTICE

Due to the Fourth of July Holiday, The Advance will be CLOSED Monday, July 4th.

The deadline for classifieds, garage sales, legal notices and country/church news for the July 6 paper will be Friday, July 1 at 5:00 p.m., and all other paper ads will be Tuesday, July 5 at noon.

Senior Center LUNCH



June 22 - June 30

Wednesday: Roasted pork loin , mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pineapple upside down cake, roll

Thursday: BBQ baked chicken, rice, stewed tomatoes w/okra, cookies, roll

Friday: Fried fish, french fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, peanut butter bar

Monday: Texas cowboy stew, cornbread, brownie

Tuesday: Glazed ham, baked sweet potato, great northern beans, peach cobbler, roll

Wednesday: Smothered chicken, veggie rice, mixed greens, banana pudding, roll

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, fried okra, fruited jello, biscuit

Menu is subject to change. All lunches have a choice of sweet tea and milk. The Senior Center is now open and serves curbside and sit down lunch for citizens 60 and older for \$4; under 60, \$5, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., first come, first served. Rates for lunches were changed in January 2022 to those currently listed.



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Arkansas' MLK Commission partners with the city of Monticello to promote unity

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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 non-violence and equality among all citizens. Our community outreach projects are designed to promote education, and an appreciation for history, and to encourage youth to engage in positive leadership development and roles within

their communities. The Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and The City of Monticello, invites the public to attend the 2022 Monticello "Unity in the Community Festival," beginning at noon, Friday, July 1, 2022, at McCloy Park, 178 Henley Drive, Monticello. The goal of the festival is to mobilize, inform, and uplift everyday multigenerational citizens in a safe space to achieve new levels of economic empowerment, personal development, wealth creation, civic

engagement, and community leadership. The Unity in the Community Festival will also promote unity, education, community service, arts, family, culture, and the "Beloved Community" Dr. King mentioned in his writings. The event will be free and open to the public and will include free food at designated food vendors, a community vendor showcase, live entertainment, a kids' zone, and a homebuyers' workshop. Highlights will include a special appearance and ad-

dress from legendary R&B singer Eddie Levert, concerts by Steven Russell, former lead singer of TROOP, and Doug E Fresh, pioneering hip-hop artist. The Commission will also host "Human Beat Box" and "Teach Me How to Dougie" contests for the youth and the community. "Dr. King once said, "the aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community, says DuShun Scarbrough, Executive Director. In keeping with this vision, the Monticello Unity in the

Community Festival will allow residents to come together to create unity, promote community service, and honor the legacy of Dr. King by providing workshops on financial literacy and home ownership. The "Unity in the Community Festival" honors the collaboration, passion, and compassionate spirit that has served to raise up small communities. It is also important to host these events in the underserved, smaller towns across the state, particularly the Delta. It has been great

working with the city and the mayor on this project, I look forward to a continued partnership as we host this wonderful celebration before the Independence Day holiday." The Unity in the Community Festival is an outdoor event. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Program Partners include, The City of Monticello, Victory Over Violence, Union Bank, Power 92 Jams, The Praise Network, and KOKY.

MSD FACULTY MEMBERS RETIRE



Photo courtesy of Sandra Lanehart
Nine faculty members retired from the Monticello School District at the end of this semester. Pictured above (from left to right) Sisy McRae, Jane Kelly, Denise Owen and Verda Schell. Not pictured are Ruth Wylie, Judith Knight; Bobby Brown, Jonie Free and Nancy Funderburg. The Monticello School Board honored the retirees at the June school board meeting.

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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 Barka-

da Road, Wilmar, AR 71675.
VFW Auxiliary
Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993. Any relative of a veteran who served overseas in a foreign war is eligible for membership. Any past members who are still interested in the Auxiliary are also asked to contact Wanda or Melvin if they are still interested in being a member.
Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting
The Drew County Democratic Party is hosting monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of each month through November. The meeting location is the Wilmar Community Center 2506 Hwy 278 West. The venue is set up for social distancing and mask recommended. The meeting starts at 6pm . All interested parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact President Peggy Orr 870-224-2416.



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C&L Board reelects Cathey and Hudson to five year term

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C & L Electric Cooperative members have elected two directors to the system's board, it was announced at the organization's annual membership meeting June 16 at Star City. Tony Cathey of Bradley County was re-elected to serve a five-year term. Lawrence "Bubba" Hudson of Desha County was re-elected to serve a five-year term. C & L Electric, with general offices in Star City, serves approximately 22,549 homes, farms, businesses, and industries in parts of Bradley, Cleveland, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson and Lincoln Counties. Other members of the board are William "Bubba"

Humphrey of Jefferson County, Philip C. "Phil" Wilson of Sheridan, Frank Wilson of Cleveland County, Charles S. Searcy of Monticello, Robert Wilson Floyd of Lincoln County, Keith Griffin of Star City and John Ed Ashcraft of Rison. Greg S. Smith is chief executive officer and general manager. Statistics cited in the annual report showed system members used 357,436,231 kilowatt hours (kWh) during 2021. Members used an average of 1,321 kWh each month last year. The largest single expense for C & L Electric in 2021 was the \$26,665,336 paid for the electricity it distributed to

members. Wholesale power is purchased from Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) which is owned by C & L and 16 other electric cooperatives in Arkansas. Wholesale power costs accounted for nearly 58 percent of the system's total outlay. Approximately 71 percent

of C & L Electric's revenue was provided by its residential and farm members, with commercial and industrial accounts providing 29 percent. C & L Electric recorded margins of \$3,219,801 during 2021 and ended this year with total assets of \$139,600,893.

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Senate delivers help to Veterans living with the toxic wounds of war

I've been honored to serve on the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees to help craft policies fulfilling the promise we made to men and women who served in our nation's uniform by expanding access to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care, benefits and services.

We've achieved major enhancements this year. Just weeks ago the president signed into law measures I championed to modernize the VA's approach to breast cancer screening and treatment as well as increased accountability within the department. I'm pleased to build off this momentum with a comprehensive and bipartisan package the Senate recently passed to support veterans living with illnesses they experience as a result of burn pits and other toxic exposures during their military service.

The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022 will deliver toxic-exposed veterans of all generations their earned VA health care and benefits.

Exposure to toxic substances like burn pits is known to cause serious illness including rare cancers and respiratory ailments. Those suffering deserve to know they have not been forgotten and their voices have been heard. The legislation honors the promise our nation made to the men and women who served in these dangerous conditions.

The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act fulfills that promise and delivers immediate access to health care for toxic-exposed veterans, directs the VA to evaluate diseases for presumption of service connection, and streamlines the process for toxic-exposed veterans seeking disability compensation for their illnesses without overwhelming the VA system.

With this measure, we also continue to correct past failures at the VA to provide health care and benefits to previous generations exposed to Agent Orange.

These challenges have existed for decades and it's time we make good on our commitment to Vietnam War-era veterans once and for all.

This legislation updates VA policies to provide veterans like Bill Rhodes of Mena, Arkansas — a Marine who served in Thailand during the Vietnam War-era — access to the care he deserves.

I've been working with Mr. Rhodes for a number of years to educate my colleagues about the restrictions that have resulted in his claim being denied.

The VA accepts that herbicides were used along the perimeters of military bases in Thailand, but does not recognize the impact of the herbicides inside the perimeter. This current policy makes no sense and is unfair, preventing veterans like Mr. Rhodes from accessing benefits as a result of toxic exposure.

Importantly, once the bill becomes law it will eliminate the bureaucratic hurdles that have stood in the way of Mr. Rhodes and other veterans getting the care they earned.

In conversations with my office following Senate passage, Mr. Rhodes says he can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel after all the work he has put in to advance this measure. He has truly been a relentless advocate for veterans living with illnesses as a result of toxic exposure.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Rhodes, Veteran Service Organizations and families, the Senate passed this critical legislation and I am confident the House of Representatives will quickly take up this landmark bill and send it to the president's desk to be signed into law to deliver the help our veterans deserve.

Time flies when you are having fun

Y'all! We are at the Summer solstice, 2022 is halfway behind us.

Some of you may be saying, "Thank God!" Others, like me, might be sitting back wide eyed wondering where it all went.

I knew when Fred started school, time would move faster. I was not prepared for light speed.

I think back to everything that has been accomplished since January and I am astonished.

I look forward to all the awesome things that are coming in my life and I am beyond excited. Watching dreams come true in your own life is the most magical thing.

As you read this, I am out of town at the annual Arkansas Press Association editorial conference. I have been lucky enough to attend a few of these before and I always come away encouraged and a little more knowledgeable about this field.

As I have mentioned before, being a

reliable news source in a town the size of Monticello is a full time job. I get to bring you all the warm and fuzzy news and inform you about all the great things happening around us. The other side of that coin is, when something tragic happens, I am usually one of the first ones to have to break it to people. That is not always easy. By attending a conference with other people that are in my boat, it helps me remember that I am fortunate to have this responsibility. Get used to me, I'm not going anywhere.

I am thankful for a work environment that allows me to have time with Fred. I saw a post on Facebook that said something to the effect of "You only have 18 summers with them." It really hit me like a brick to the face when I read that. So, if you reach out to the office on a random summer day and I am not in, just know I am hanging out with Fred, gathering the next funny story to share with you!

Despite the sweltering heat, summertime really is wonderful.

I love seeing kids playing and families spending time together. The beach and lake pictures filled with smiling faces bring me

so much joy.

We would love to share your adventures and happy moments at The Advance. If you have fun summer photos that you would like to see in our Living section or on our website, please send them to editor@monticellonews.net.

We have to remember to soak up the sun while we can. Soon, school supplies will line the store shelves and it will be time for school again.

Even though Arkansas doesn't get much of a Fall, I enjoy it as much as the weather will allow. Fall is my favorite season for two reasons, my pumpkin addiction gets fed and November is a month long celebration at my house. My husband, myself and Fred all came into this world in November and he and I will celebrate our first wedding anniversary in November. Fred has even determined that our cat will celebrate his birthday in November so there will be a lot of cake and ice cream.

I say all this in an effort to remind you, the world can get heavy sometimes. Live in the moment but don't forget to plan things to look forward to.



JOHN BOOZMAN
U.S. SENATE REPORT



ASHLEY HOGG
EDITOR



Strengthening Arkansas's relationship with Israel

I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Israel Innovation Authority this week, and today I'd like to talk about what this means to Arkansas.

On Tuesday, my economic development team gathered with Dr. Ami Appelbaum, Chairman of the Innovation Authority, and Livia Link, Consul General of Israel. We gathered at the Melrose Hotel in Washington for the signing ceremony.

Dr. Appelbaum and I signed copies of the agreement in English and in Hebrew.

This agreement affirms the mutual interest of Arkansas and Israel to share ideas and to work together to produce technology

that will benefit our nations and the world.

In the official language of the MOU, the purpose of this agreement is to promote activities to foster mutual cooperation in the innovation and development of technology.

I met Dr. Appelbaum last year when I was in Israel for the Prime Minister's Smart Mobility Summit. This MOU is a logical next step to strengthen our robust relationship with one of the United States' most important allies. It affirms the deep friendship and mutual respect between Arkansas and Israel.

Our relationship with the Jewish community dates to 1823 when businessman Abraham Block and his family were the first Jewish family to take up residence in Arkansas. Mr. Block and his sons opened businesses in four Arkansas counties, in

New Orleans, and in Texas. The Blocks' home in Washington is a museum in Historic Washington State Park.

I have had the privilege of expressing our support of Israel by signing bills that allow Arkansas to invest in Israel bonds and that prohibit state and local governments from conducting business with companies that boycott Israel.

As Israel's ambassador said at the bill signing that day in August 2017, we were sending a message that Arkansas stands against hate and against anti-Semitism, and that Arkansas stands with Israel.

This agreement is a natural progression of our relationship with Israel.

My friendships within the Arkansas Jewish community have led to many personally enrich-

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Buffalo River celebrates 50 years

With more than 800,000 visitors a year, the Buffalo National River is one of the leading tourist destinations in Arkansas.



HOWARD BEATY
ARKANSAS HOUSE REPORT

This year, the Buffalo National River celebrates its 50th anniversary as a unit of the National Park Service. Former Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt and former Senators J. William Fulbright and John L. McClellan introduced the first Buffalo National River park legislation in 1967. The final park legislation was introduced in 1971, and hearings were held in late 1971. In February 1972, Congress voted to establish the nation's first "national river."

President Richard M. Nixon signed the law to put the river under the protection of the National Park Service 100 years after the establishment of Yellowstone National Park, the first national park.

It is one of the few remaining free-flowing rivers in the lower forty-eight states. It runs through Newton, Searcy, Marion, and Baxter counties.

The Buffalo National River is one of the state's and indeed the nation's premier rivers and is a source of scenic beauty, a unique habitat for local biota, and an agricultural resource to the state as a whole. It is essential that we preserve of this irreplaceable natural and cultural resource for future generations of Arkansans.

In the 2021 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed Act 785 which creates the Buffalo River Conservation Committee to establish measurable objectives and lead partnership projects to benefit water quality and resource management in the Buffalo River Watershed.

The committee is tasked with conducting an annual review of the watershed and making recommendations for updates of the plan to the

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ARKANSAS SENATE REPORT

in Uvalde, Texas, on May 24. The commission was originally created in 2018 after the mass murder

of 17 people at a school in Lakeland, Florida.

The newly created commission will review how thoroughly Arkansas schools have enacted its original set of recommendations, and will set forth new ideas based on more recent research.

In its original report of 124 pages the commission issued 30 recommendations, many of which have been put in place. For example, 20 percent of Arkansas school districts now have an armed officer on every campus during the school day, and 84 percent of districts have an armed officer on at least one campus.

Some districts hire private security guards and some rely on staff who have been trained how to use firearms. There are 460 school resource officers in 223 districts whose job is security.

Also, 45 percent of Arkansas school districts have implemented a system in which people can anonymously report suspicious behavior, and 28 percent have a team of staff trained in behavioral assessment.

The state commission reviewed the findings of two reports by the federal Secret Service.

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Turtles taking to the streets; don't box them in

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Turtles are on the move all over Arkansas, and many can be found alongside roads in rural and suburban areas thanks to a wet, relatively cool spring that created excellent foraging areas in ditches and grassy areas beside the hustle of daily traffic. Many turtles are finishing up their annual breeding and egg-laying cycles, which also puts them on the move.

The three-toed box turtle is one of the most common turtles motorists will encounter in The Natural State. Two species of box turtle occur in the state, the three-toed and the ornate, the latter of which is protected and is illegal to possess or collect. Box turtles get their name from the hinged plastron (lower shell). Many turtles can retract into their shells, but box turtles can lift their lower shell to completely seal out any would-be attackers, forming a snug “box” of protection. Most first encounters people may have with a box turtle they’ve disturbed will be a waiting game until the reptile decides it is safe to open up and take a look around.

This ingenious defense

makes adult box turtles impervious to attacks by many small predators, leaving disease and automobiles as the top causes of an individual turtle’s demise. It also endears it to curious children and adults, who often pick them up and bring them home as a wildlife pet.

While no current data is available to support any declines in three-toed box turtle populations in Arkansas, biologists at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission say movement of these animals may have impacts on population dynamics on a small scale.

Kelly Irwin, herpetological program coordinator for the AGFC, says three-toed box turtles often will stay within the same 10- to 25-acre range for their entire life and have a strong homing instinct. If they are moved outside of this area, they may spend the rest of their lives wandering, trying to reorient themselves, especially if turtles are already present in the area where they are placed.

“One recent study moved a number of box turtles to a new location and tracked their movements,” Irwin said.

“Only 47 percent of those moved established a home range in the new area. The rest wandered away or died.”

Irwin says the issue is compounded by the turtle’s relatively long time to reach sexual maturity.

“Box turtles can take between 5 and 10 years to become sexually mature, depending on their sex and the conditions where they live,” Irwin said. “They can have multiple clutches of 2 to 6 eggs per year, but the nest and young are susceptible to raccoons, skunks, foxes, snakes and many other small predators.”

Research by Kurt Buhlmann and Gina Coffman at the University of Georgia’s Savannah River Ecology Laboratory in 2001 also indicates that fire ants can have detrimental effects to turtle hatchlings as they emerge from their eggs. According to the research, ants could not penetrate turtle’s eggs unless there were imperfections on the egg’s surface, but did swarm on hatchlings as they began to break free of the egg.

Dr. Jenn Ballard, state wildlife veterinarian for the AGFC, says moving or concentrating

turtles also can introduce or distribute diseases or parasites to new areas, which can have far-reaching impacts on populations of turtles.

A number of viruses and bacteria can cause serious problems for amphibians and reptiles, including box turtles. With few options for treating animals in the wild, preventing the spread of these pathogens to new areas is important for protecting these species.

“Moving them around the state can increase the spread of disease, but having them in captivity with other wildlife pets can expose them to even more pathogens,” Ballard said. “If one animal has a disease, you’ve just increased the chances for all of them to contract it, and if they’re later released, you may be infecting a new area.”

If someone wants to release a turtle they’ve held in captivity, they must find a permitted rehabilitator to ensure the turtle is able to survive and does not pose a risk of spreading disease or parasites it may have picked up during its time as a pet. Ballard says there are some rehabilitators who specialize in turtles among the ones listed on the AGFC’s

website at www.agfc.com/rehab.

“I’d advise anyone to please contact these folks before trying to release a turtle on their own,” Ballard said. “Or better yet, think about this before they decide to take in a turtle from the wild. It’s just as enjoyable to watch them in their natural setting as it is to bring them home.”

Another common practice by budding nature lovers is to mark or cover a turtle’s shell in paint so it will be recognized upon future visits. Ballard says such practices may seem like harmless fun, but they can impact the turtle greatly.

Painting a turtle a bright color not only makes it easier for you to see, it makes it easier for predators to locate. Although most small mammals cannot get into a box turtle’s shell a persistent coyote can eventually work its way through to the turtle underneath.

“You’re really painting a target on the turtle’s back,” Ballard said.

Paints also can be toxic to turtles, depending on the type used. They can block UV light needed by the turtle through-

out its life cycle.

“The shell is a living part of the turtle,” Ballard said. “Hindering UV light absorption impacts Vitamin D production, which is vital to the turtle for bone and shell development.”

Irwin says enjoying reptiles and amphibians in the wild is one of the experiences that led him on the path to being a part of their conservation, and he encourages people to continue enjoying them in their natural setting.

“With the exception of venomous snakes, reptiles and amphibians are one of the few groups of animals someone could get close to and observe without fear or danger to them or the animals,” Irwin said. “I think it’s great that people enjoy these animals, and picking up an occasional box turtle, bullfrog or speckled kingsnake isn’t going to hurt things, but they do need to think about any consequences of moving them from the habitat where they were found. And doing things like painting them or marking them can only cause stress or make them more vulnerable to predation or disease.”

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The first, issued in 2019, concluded that the killers in 41 school shootings did not share the same clear psychological profile, although most of them shared some similar circumstances. Most of them had been victims of bullying, most had a history of being disciplined at school and most had experienced troubles in their home life.

The second report, issued in 2021, analyzed 67 instances when authorities were able to prevent a planned attack on a school. In those cases, school staff and teachers spotted warning signs in emotionally disturbed teenagers and

intervened.

The commission’s recommendations, and legislation enacted in 2019 and 2021, have resulted in more training of school counselors in mental health awareness.

School officials and local police forces are working to streamline communications, so that response times are faster during an emergency.

The Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute offers training for school resource officers, whose duties combine law enforcement with teaching, mentoring and counseling. The Institute also has a course in behavioral threat assessment in cases in which a school is the threatened target.

Unlike most other state task forces and commis-

sions, the School Safety Commission is on a tight deadline. Its first report will be delivered by August 1 and its final report is due by October 1.

During the meeting of the newly formed commission, members brought up the Westside Middle School shooting of March, 1998, when two boys, of 11 and 13 years of age, shot and killed a teacher and four students.

They had set up in a field next to the school, about two miles west of Jonesboro. The younger boy pulled a fire alarm. As students and teacher evacuated the building, the boys fired upon them. In addition to the five people killed, 10 others were injured.

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ing opportunities, such as participating in the annual Menorah lighting ceremony in Little Rock. I was equally enriched by the brief time

we spent with our friends from Israel on Tuesday.

As I prepared to sign the Hebrew version of the MOU, I suggested that I was going to use my Hebrew name, which brought some laughter. The joke, of course, is that Asa is a Hebrew name.

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UAM announces Dean’s List and Chancellor’s List for Spring 2022 semester

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello named 259 students to the Dean’s List and 188 students to the Chancellor’s List for the spring 2022 semester, according to Keith Chambliss, UAM’s registrar. Students from Drew County that made honors lists were:

Evan Benson Arrington, Julian Audibert, Nicholas Payton Barnard, Jaci G. Bates, John Booker, Annagail L. Boren, Kate Allyn Brown, Beau Robert Campbell, Zachary Harrison Cater, Candace Mary Cox, McKenzie Davidson, Kimberly A. De La Cruz, Raeleigh Brynn

Dendy, Megan E. Forrest, Kiara Nicole Franklin, Chase Matthew Gedak, Justin Ryan Glauser, Rebeca Sarai Gonzalez, Cairo Jeremiah, Zy’Kece Graham, Ty Hunter Henderson, Auston Grant Jeffers, Lewis Johnson, Anna Maria Jones, Samantha G. Lee, Gabriela Maldonado,

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Carlton M. Talley, Kiarra Tate, Sharon Meza Teutli, Kailley S. White, Kensley Jo Ryann Young, Justin T. Ferrell, Gabrielle Renea Searcy, Brice A. Stafford, Silvina Tinajero and Megan Lyn Wilkerson. Selection to the Dean’s List requires a student to earn a

grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on at least 12 semester hours of course credit at the 1000-4000 level. Selection to the Chancellor’s List requires a student to earn a grade-point average of 4.0 on at least 12 semester hours of course credit at the 1000-4000 level.

LOCAL PEO MEETS FOR FIRST PROGRAM POST COVID



The Monticello Chapter AB, PEO met Monday at First Baptist Church. This group provides scholarship opportunities to women who are returning to school.

Photo by Ashley Hogg

Pigott earns Doctor of Optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Cody Pigott, O.D., of Monticello, Arkansas, was among 134 students recently awarded the Doctor of Optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. Pigott graduated Summa Cum Laude and earned the Southwest Contact Lens Society Endowed Scholarship for \$1,000, which recognizes a student with a grade point average of more than 3.0 and who demonstrated excellence in contact lens care.

A native of Monticello, Pigott is the son of Kim and Steve Pigott and the grandson of Mary and Ed Hudnall and of Linda and Richard Wood. He is married to

Chloe Sellars Pigott and is a graduate of Monticello High School and Arkansas State University.

Optometrists are independent, primary health care providers who specialize in the examination, diagnosis, treatment and management of diseases/disorders of the visual system, the eye and associated structures, as well as the diagnosis of related systemic conditions.

About Southern College of Optometry

Southern College of Optometry was established in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1932. SCO is an independent, not-for-profit institution of higher education with more than 500 students and residents from

40 states. The Eye Center at SCO serves nearly 60,000 patients annually, helping make the college one of the top in the nation for clinical optometric education. SCO’s Community Outreach Program provides care at no cost to more than 5,000 patients annually through school-based vision screenings, on-site outreach programs and remote medical missions, among other programs. Additionally, SCO opened a second clinic, University Eye Care, on the campus of The University of Memphis in 2013, and a third clinic, FocalPoint at Crosstown Concourse, in 2017. For more information on SCO, please visit www.sco.edu.

Monticello Middle School announces Honor Roll

All A’s 6th Grade

KeShaun Allen
Andrew Bentz
Brody Burgeis
Mallory Burgeis
Juan Camarena
Emmy Chambers
Jacob Coburn
Hadley Cotton
Weston Courtney
Michael Fakouri
Elizabeth Ferguson
Peyton Garrison
Isabelle Gates
Ja’Niyah Goodman
Lillie Green
Eden Greene
Brandyn Guthrie
Allie Hall
Peyton Hall
Dustin Harris
Jacee Hays
Talyn Hoover
Caleb James
Dustin Johnson
Maleigh Johnson
Kaisen Jones
Tyler Jones
Della Knight
Zhixun Lin
Camarion McCullough
Abigayle Murphy
Caleb Norris
Monique Nowden
Aurora Osborne
Connor Pippin
Zaden Ridgell
Annslee Roberts
Kaleigh Roberts
Kameryn Rodriguez

Mia Scogin
Shelby Scott
Wyatt Smith
Colton Usry
Addison Weeks
Jonah White
Azaiah Wyatt
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Lou Andrade
Chloe Armbrust
Sophie Barrilleaux
Madelyn Boardman
Rylie Burris
Brayden Bussell
Allie Cantrell
Elaina Chisholm
Christopher Colwell
William Cox
Bailey Elkins
Jaci Foshee
Ryne Gosdin
Hannah Harrison
James Hill
Maryjoy Jones
Natalie Knight
Kallee Laudell
Juddson Meeks
Mario Meza
Samuel Pickens
Jaxon Rawls
Allie Regalado
Nora Rodriguez
Halle Ross
Atlan Savage
Trent Smith
Josiah Steen
Macey Stell
Daniel Tolbert
Keonna Tolefree

Silas Tucker
Ava Weeks
All A’s 8th Grade
Sidney Ballard
Eddy Birch
Stephen Bragg
Marisah Brewer
Janiyah Brown
Peyton Colwell
Margaret Fakouri
Lynley Fletcher
Kyra Hargis
Kaylee Horton
Adysen Jacks
Terrionna Lambert
Charles Lanehart
Ian Lee Kim
Adelyn Maxwell
Logan McAlpine
Annsley Oltmann
Sally Perez
Landon Reid
Carleigh Roberts
Anniyah Smith
Myla Smith
Gavin Todd
Presley Wagner
Ella Weaver
All A’s and B’s 6th Grade
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Zaylah Blackburn
Michael Brannon
Elisia Brown
Emily Castillo
William Will Crutchfield

Christopher Ellenson
Emma Ellis
KhMohra Figures
Braysen Garrison
Emily Garrison
Zaylen Gaston
Anaria Goodman
Ryan Grimes
Natalie Harden
Brock Harvey
Alanda Keith
Kayla Kuebler
Madison Maize
Rashad Marshall
Sa Riyah McCoy
Xadian McCray
Omar Miller
JyQuavious Perez
Dylan Prince
Noah Raney Smith
Luke Reid
Synia Rowlett
Khirsten Taylor
Sariya Thompson
Markeea Wainwright
Faith Walker
Elijah Walton
Karez White
Andre Williams
Seth Wilson
Liyah Young
All A’s and B’s 7th Grade
Joseph Accelus
Greyson Ashcraft
Kylie Berryman

Addison Bradshaw
Montre Burnett
Conner Chapman
Oscar Chavez
Niyyah Collins
Chynna Daniels
Aden Durant
Avery Hale
Kristianna Hall
Hudson Harvey
Thomas Holland
Megan Jackson
Madyson James
Kylen Jenkins
Christopher Loyd
Cornelius McCray
Colton McKee
Olivia Ouellet
Tristen Pamplin
Jude Parke
John Parker
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Emil Struckman
Averie Turner
Elijah Wever
JayRon Williams
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All A’s and B’s 8th Grade
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James Breedlove
Sanaya Burks
Parker Burns
Max Efid
Zariyah Gaston

Ja’Niaya Grandy
Derien Grant
Kenley Grant
Eli Gregory
Luke Hairston
Kasen Hale
Ryker Harvey
Rylan Harvey
Leslie Johnson
Alanni Keith
Adyson Kulbeth
Kiley Lane
Maci Liad
Rylan McDougald
Mason Montgomery
Trevan Nathu
Levi Owens
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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Brewster Davis

Dorothy Brewster Davis, 104, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 20, 2022, at her home in Monticello, surrounded by her family. She was born July 6, 1917, in Warren, to the late Robert A. Brewster and Lonnie Pearl Bradley Brewster. Dorothy was a homemaker and housewife who enjoyed working on the farm where she raised cattle even having



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a set of twin calves once. She loved to work in her garden, play cards (especially Skip-Bo) and she was an excellent cook, most well known by her family for her pot roast and fried pies. She was the oldest living member of Harmony Freewill Baptist Church in Rye.

In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband, Doyle "Red" Davis whom she married on June 25, 1939; daughters, Ann Willingham and Vicky Smith; sons-in-law, James Britton, Hugh Charles Smith and Robert Willingham; sisters, Opal Hobbs and Rene Holbrooks; and a brother, L.A. "Buddy" Brewster.

Survivors include her daughter, Sue Davis Britton of Dermott; grandchildren, Anna Smith Jones (Rick) of Monticello, Davis Hugh Smith of Dermott, Jason S. Britton (Elizabeth) of Warren, Amy Britton Smith (Brent) of Monticello; great-grandchildren, Alan Jones (Nadia), Aaron Jones (Sarah), Davis Smith, Jr. "Sonny", Laken Britton and Levi James Smith; a great-great-grandchild, Sterling Jones; one sister, Reba DeNoble of Reno; along with her special friends, Pat Staples, Bonnie Cruce, Sheila Gardner.

Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Tim Foreman officiating. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery at Rye. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Davis Smith, Jason S. Britton, Alan Jones, Aaron Jones, Davis Smith, Jr. "Sonny", Rick Jones and Brent Smith. Memorials may be made to Union Cemetery at Rye; C/O

Aaron Tooke; 22480 Hwy 35 S, Warren.

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

Abner Bruce Erwin

Abner Bruce Erwin, 75, of Dermott, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at his home. He was born June 22, 1946, in Drew County, to the late Ben Erwin and Maggie Hayden Erwin.

He was a cattleman and rancher, a United States Army Veteran and a Baptist. Abner loved riding horses, tending to his cows, playing his guitar and singing. He was a people person who



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never met a stranger and loved to visit. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one brother, Bill Erwin; and one sister, Jean Lochala. He is survived by his wife, Essie Harkins Erwin of Dermott; a son, Kevin Erwin (Debbie) of Dermott; one sister, Dot Williams of Dermott; two brothers, Bryce Erwin (Kay) of Florence and Willard Erwin (Harriett) of Hamburg; a step daughter, Brenda King of Dermott; and three step grandchildren, Josh, Robbie and Sam King.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jason Cater officiating. There was a visitation one hour preceding the service at the funeral home. Burial was in Tillar Cemetery.

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

Connie Louise Gereaux

Connie Louise Gereaux, 67, of Pine Bluff, went to be with her Lord and Savior at her home Monday, June 13, 2022. She was born December 21, 1954, in Longview, Texas, to the Late Mary Bennett. Connie was a graduate of UAM and a registered nurse for 40 years at Delta Memorial Hospital in Dumas, JRMC in Pine Bluff, and Baptist Hospital in Little Rock where she spent 20 of those years before she retired.

There were countless moments of care, service, and

love shown to her patients throughout those years. She had a heart of gold and made sure that she always took care of those that depended on her for care. Connie had a constant, enduring, and wholehearted love for her children, Courtney and Cole, that never faded through the years. Connie was sure to teach her kids to be kind-hearted and serve others just as she did. The love she had for her kids was passed down to her two grandsons, Wes and Cade whom she loved with her entire heart and then some. She told them all every day how much she loved them but more importantly, she showed them that the love was real and sincere. She is preceded in death by her mother and her son,



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Cole.

Connie is survived by her husband, Jack Gereaux; Daughter, Courtney Harp (Shane); two grandsons, Wes and Cade Harp; sister and brother-in-law, Donna and James Brazil; sister, Phyllis Hobbs; nieces, Shelley Brazil Pittillo and Mary Beth Lemons; nephews, Shaun Brazil and Michael Hobbs; and stepson, Steve Gereaux; as well as a host of family and friends.

Graveside services were Monday, June 20, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Watson Cemetery.

Visit www.stephensondearman.com to sign her online guestbook.

(Paid obituary)

Miles Whitaker Lowe

Miles Whitaker Lowe, 81, of Monticello, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2022. He was born January 23, 1941, in Drew County, to the late James Vernon Lowe and Naomi Whitaker Lowe.

He was a retired Drew Central school teacher, farmer and a Methodist.

Miles loved to travel, trout and crappie fish and visit with his friends at the McGehee Men's Club.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Ellen Cater Lowe; and a sister, Katherine Collier.

Miles is survived by two sons, Vernon Layton Lowe of Little Rock and Tillman Miles Lowe of Monticello; a granddaughter, Alex Lowe of Monticello; a sister-in-law, Elna Allen of Monticello; one niece, Ann Kelley (Rodney);

three nephews, Robert Allen (Rae), Freddie Collier (Selena) and Louis Collier (Jeanne Gale); two great nephews and one great niece.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Old Piney Cemetery in Monticello. Memorials are preferred to Old Piney Cemetery

Fund; Commercial Bank; PO Box 150 Monticello. You can sign Miles' guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

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Ella Myrl (Myrt) Myrick

Ella Myrl (Myrt) Myrick of Dumas, entered her heavenly home on June 18. She was born on April 28, 1932 in Monticello, to Thomas and Ruby Amanda Mitchell. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joe Myrick, two brothers, Pete and Pat Mitchell and two sisters Helen Bates and Louise James.

She is survived by three sons, Tommy Joe (Cheryl) Myrick, JW Myrick, and Mitch (Julie) Myrick; a daughter, Mandy (Kenny) Price; a sister, Gladys Youngblood; seven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren (with another due in December) along with a host of nieces and nephews.

She was a retired teacher of 31 years and longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church of Dumas and their ladies' auxiliary.

The family would like to thank Arkansas Hospice along with her precious caregivers who gave her excellent care at her home.

Visitation was on Tuesday, June 21 at noon with funeral services following at 1 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home. Internment will follow at Tyro Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be made to Calvary Baptist Church via Rev. Julius Carter, 113 N. John

St., Dumas.

(Paid obituary)

David Edward Wilkins

David Edward Wilkins, 85, of Monticello, passed away on Monday, June 6 in Little Rock. He was born June 30, 1936 in Columbia County, Arkansas to Jessie Ruth and Milton Wilkins.

David attended public schools in Macedonia and Magnolia, Arkansas. He received many honors while in school including being named to the all-County and District basketball teams and being selected most handsome. David graduated from Magnolia High School and received a basketball scholarship to Southern State University.

David served in the United States Air Force for three years and returned to Southern State to complete his degree in Industrial Management. He also pursued special studies in management at LSU, University of Kansas, Best Western International Inc., and Intercontinental Hotels Group.

David was self-employed and co-founded numerous businesses in Magnolia and Monticello during the late 1960's through the present. He co-founded the Columbia County Credit Bureau, Columbia Life Insurance of Magnolia, Pizza-Q Enterprises, and W Appraisal Company.

As President of Southeast Food Services, he developed operations of KFC franchises in Monticello, Warren, and McGehee. David built the first franchised motel in Monticello, The Best Western Inn, in 1978. As a certified hotel administrator he built and operated twenty-two hotels in a six state area.

David's passion for oil exploration began at an early

age.

He was a self-taught geologist and co-founder of J-D Oil Company and several other entities dedicated to oil and gas exploration and production.

David was very active in the community and First United Methodist Church. At various times he was a member of the Jaycees, Rotary Club, served on the boards of Magnolia and Monticello Chambers of Commerce, local banks and financial institutions. David especially enjoyed his FUMC Sunday school class.

David was an avid golfer, winning the Monticello Country Club Men's Golf



WILKINS

championship in 1983 and runner-up in 1984. He loved piloting his airplane for business and pleasure trips throughout the Country.

David is survived by his beloved wife Ginger Darden Wilkins, two daughters Sheri Carson (John) of Monticello and Vickie Collier (Wade) of San Antonio, a brother Gene Bentz (Theresa), and 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Memorial service was Monday, June 20 at 11 am at First United Methodist Church in Monticello.

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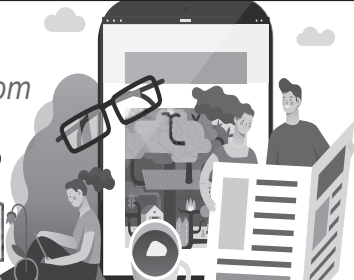
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

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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Legals

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE RADIOS AND COMPUTERS DESTROYED IN A LIGHTING STRIKE

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4. If any provision of this ordinance (including, but not limited to any provisions of the **Twelfth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget or appropriations in that amendment) are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance (and the amendment to the budget and appropriations) are declared to be severable.

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

ADOPTED: JUNE 13, 2022

APPROVED: 6/13/2022

/s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

Attest:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Steve Pigott, Frank Appleberry

ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE 2022-13

The **Twelfth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated June 13, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-13
Decrease Unappropriated Countywide 911 Fund (3020) \$37,429.23 and increase the Countywide 911 Fund (3020) Department (0501), Line (4004).

The Line item under Capital Outlay needs to be added to this fund.

4004	Machinery and Equipment	\$37,429.23
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Reason for Appropriations

- Emergency radios and computers

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$114.24.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-14

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO USE CARES ACT FUNDS FOR INCORPORATED TOWNS AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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

ARTICLE 2. The appropriations, sums, funds, accounts and demands as amended by said Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, filed with the County Clerk, are hereby appropriated to be paid from the designated funds and devoted to the payment of the specified demands for the year 2022 and those appropriations are hereby made by reference to that **Thirteenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget which is incorporated herein as though set out word for word. Provided, however, that payment from said appropriations is subject to prior approval by the Quorum Court of specific requests made by Cities and Fire Departments.

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

ARTICLE 4. If any provision of this ordinance (including, but not limited to any provisions of the **Thirteenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget or appropriations in that amendment) are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance (and the amendment to the budget and appropriations) are declared to be severable.

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

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

ADOPTED: JUNE 13, 2022

APPROVED: 6/13/2022

/s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

Attest:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Frank Appleberry, Donna Usry

ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE 2022-14

The **Thirteenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated June 13, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-14
Decrease Unappropriated Countywide 911 Fund (3020) \$90,000.00 and increase the Countywide 911 Fund (3020) Countywide Department (0501), Line (3103).

3020.0501.3103	Grant-In-Aid	\$90,000.00
For the Fire Departments of:		
Clear Creek	\$10,000.00	
Collins/Cominto	\$10,000.00	
Green Hill/Valley	\$10,000.00	
Lacey/Ladelle	\$10,000.00	
Monticello	\$10,000.00	
Selma	\$10,000.00	
Tillar	\$10,000.00	
Wilmar	\$10,000.00	
Winchester	\$10,000.00	

Decrease Unappropriated ARP Fund (1006) \$160,000.00 and increase the ARP Fund (1006) Grant-In-Aid (0116) Grand-In-Aid (3103)

1006.0116.3103	Grant-In-Aid	\$160,000.00
For the Cities of:		
Monticello	\$40,000.00	
Tillar	\$40,000.00	
Wilmar	\$40,000.00	
Winchester	\$40,000.00	

- Reason for Appropriations**
- Fire Department equipment, improvements, or repairs, subject to prior approval of specific requests by the Quorum Court
 - For City Water/Sewer improvements, or repairs, subject to prior approval of specific requests by the Quorum Court
- Total Cost of Appropriation Ordinance is \$250,000.00

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Three Monticello Billies participate in FCA All-Star Game



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DOERIAN ALLEN, CADE PIGOTT, and TUCKER BREEDLOVE were selected to participate in the FCA All-Star Game held in Texarkana on June 15. The three Monticello graduates were a part of the Arkansas team that was victorious over the Texas All-Star team. Pigott, Breedlove, and Allen were a part of this season's Billie team that advanced to the first round of the 4A State Championship tournament. Allen committed to continue his athletic career to play football at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, but has recently been offered a scholarship to play baseball at one of the top Junior College programs in the country in Arkansas City, Kansas for Cowley County. The Tigers finished the 2022 season with an overall record of 54-11 finishing as the runner-up in the Junior College National Championship game. Allen has fully committed to the Tigers.

UAM announces 2022 fall season golf schedule for Blossoms

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Women's Golf Team announced their schedule on Tuesday for the 2022 fall season. The team is set to compete in five tournaments in the first half of their 2022-23 season.

Head Coach Ken Hamilton will return for his second season as the head coach of the UAM Men and Women's Golf Teams.

"I have very high expectations for this team," said Coach Hamilton. "We did not have the Spring 2022 season we had hoped but, with a solid group of returners, who are still very young, and our new players we will be in a great position to better our tied for 5th place finish in the GAC last season. All seem to be having very nice summers and when they arrive in the fall, I expect them to be ready to compete at a very high level right from the start."

The schedule for the Blossoms includes only the first half of the season, including five tournaments for the fall. UAM will travel to Blue Springs, Missouri in the opener for the NCAA DII Women's Central Region Preview, hosted by Southwestern Oklahoma State University at the Adams Pointe Golf Club on Sept. 5-7. Tournament No. 2 of the fall season will come the next week with the NSU Women's Classic in Tahlequah, Oklahoma

hosted at the Cherokee Springs Golf Club (Sept. 11-13). Their third road trip of the fall is held at the Shawnee Country Club in Shawnee, Oklahoma as Arkansas-Monticello competes in the OBU Fall Invitational, hosted by Oklahoma Baptist University (Sept. 25-27). The Blossoms will wrap up the fall schedule with two events in October, being Henderson State University's sixth annual Battle for the Belt in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the Hot Springs Country Club Park Course (Oct. 16-18), and then the Tulsa Cup, hosted by Rogers State University, at The Club at Forest Ridge (Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Oct. 23-25).

NEAUX LIMIT LAKERS WIN TOURNAMENT



Photo courtesy of Tincy Jordan

The Neaux Limit Lakers were crowned senior division champions of the M40 Sports Game Changer Tournament held in Little Rock, June 18. This local team includes players from Monticello, Rison and Warren. Members (front left to right) Chandler Reeves, Tramond Miller Jr, Deuce Jordan, and Tra'Bennett Fuller; (back) LaJerron Jones, Antonio Jordan, Sha'Quan Reeves, Neon'Dre Thomas, and Christian Reeves. (Not pictured: Jordyn Ingram, Cody Weatherspoon and Head Coach: David Jordan).

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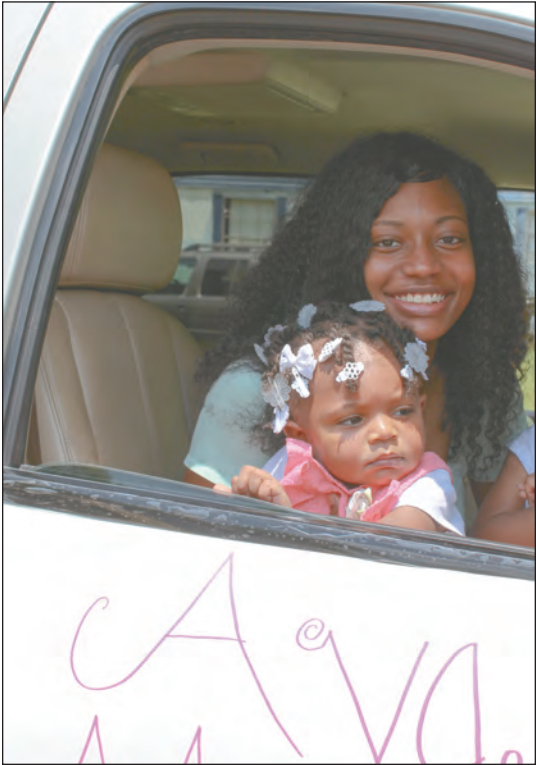
Juneteenth celebration alive and well in Wilmar



By Ashley Hogg
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The annual June Dinner celebration was filled with joyous faces this weekend in Wilmar. People lined the streets to watch the parade of pageant winners, politicians, ATV's, and other floats. Food vendors were set up near the June Dinner stage and there was something everyone could enjoy. Festivities began Friday and continued on into Saturday night with various contests and performances.

According to National Public Radio, Juneteenth, also known as "Emancipation Day" or "Freedom Day," commemorates June 19, 1865 when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas and gave word to enslaved African Americans that they were free — more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed.





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



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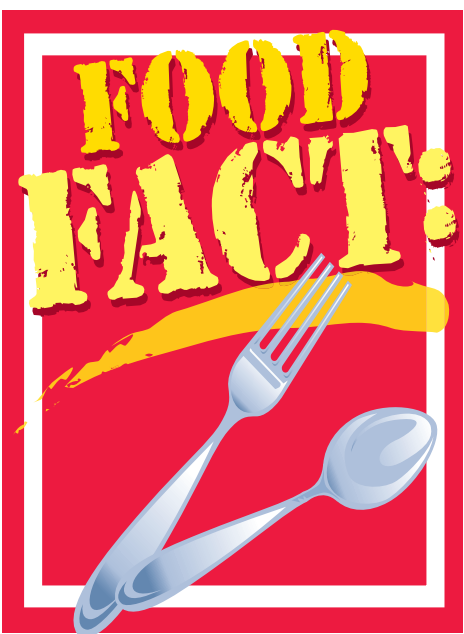


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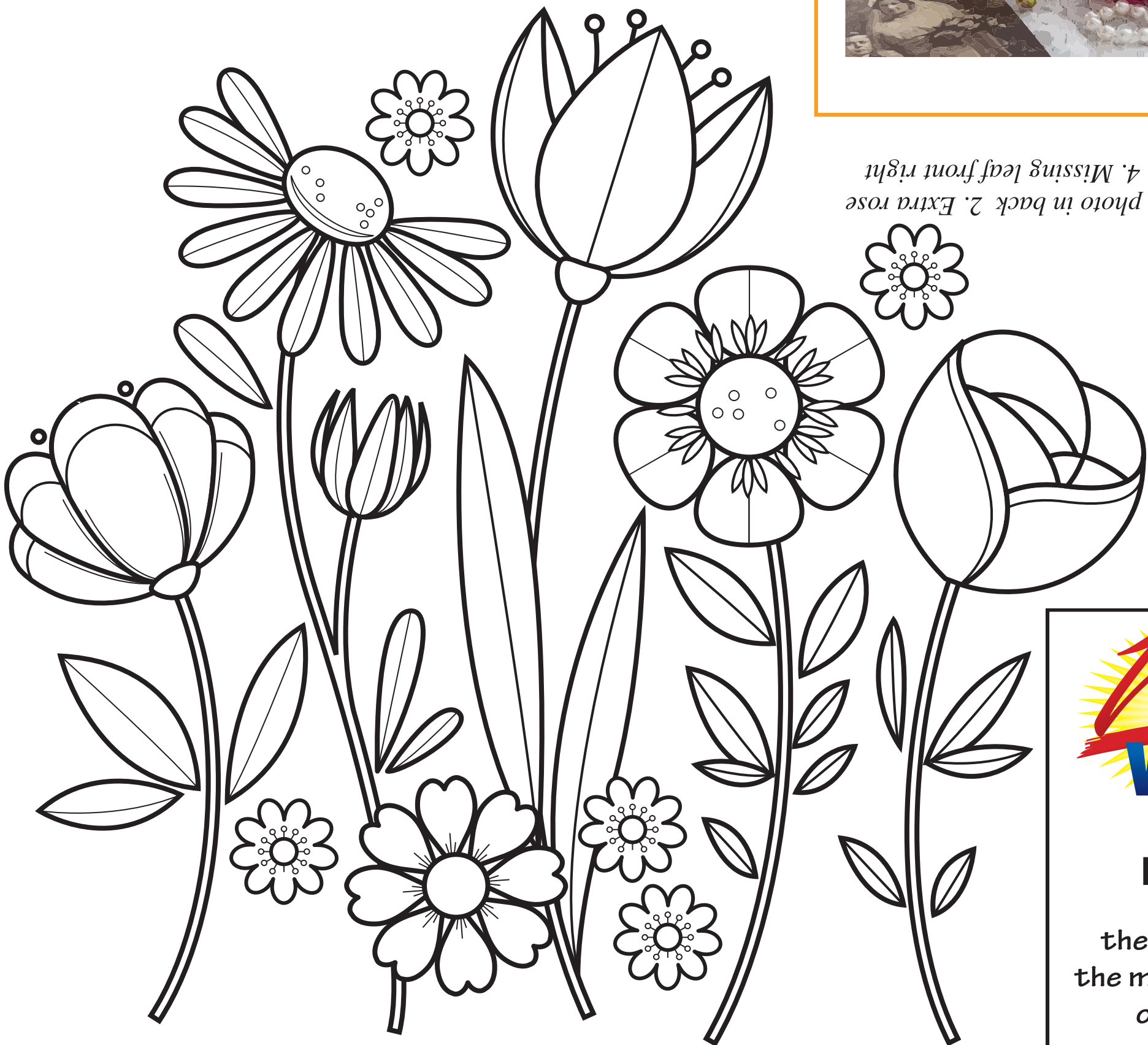
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Fun ways to keep kids occupied over summer break

Kids look forward to summer vacation every year. The last day of school gives way to less structured days when kids can spend more time outdoors and less time cracking the books.

Summer vacation can be a dilemma for parents, especially in households where both parents work full-time. A pandemic-related increase in remote working has made that problem somewhat more manageable, but even parents working from home must find fun way for kids to stay occupied until the new school year begins. No two kids are the same, so parents may need to try various activities on for size until they find something their children enjoy doing during the lazy days of summer.

- Day camp: Day camps provide much of the structure of school without all the homework or time spent indoors.

Many parks and recreation departments run summer day camps for kids. Camps can be generalized or specialized. For example, some may offer an array of activities, including sports and nature walks, in a given day, while others may focus on a single activity, like musical lessons or science-based programs. Camps run by local parks and rec departments do not typically last all summer long, which parents should keep in mind when enrolling youngsters.

- Reading: Parents may be surprised by how much their children enjoy a good book. A recent poll from the National Education Association found that 70 percent of middle school students read more than 10 books a year. The National Literacy Trust reports that roughly 45 percent of children between the ages of eight and 11 enjoy reading “very much.”

When suggesting to children that they read more this summer, parents can note the many ways that reading for pleasure differs from reading for school. Point out that kids won’t have to submit book reports and emphasize that they can choose their own books. Depending on children’s ages, introduce kids to a series like “Harry Potter,” which is a set of seven fantasy novels that has helped millions of young people across the globe discover and develop a fondness for reading. Weekly visits to the library, where kids can pick from hundreds of books, can get youngsters even more excited about reading.

- Play dates: Play dates are a great way to make kids happy and take a little off of parents’ daily plates. Arrange routine summer play dates with children’s school friends, neighbors and/or cousins. Parents can alternate hosting responsibilities

so they can get work done at home and enjoy a break when it’s not their turn to host.

- Find something free: Perhaps in recognition of the need for affordable, family-friendly fare, many communities now host free events for kids and their parents each week. Weekly movie nights under the stars and concerts in community squares are popular in many communities, but those same towns also may host events specifically for kids during the daytime. A simple internet



search of “free events near me” may unveil a host of activities that can keep kids happy and occupied on summer days when their schedules are open. Local libraries can be great resources for free events as well.

Summer vacation is a relaxing time for youngsters. Parents who don’t want that relaxation to turn into boredom can look to various activities to occupy their children’s time until a new school year begins.

Puzzle answers

Page 6B Sudoku

ANSWER:

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Melvin Rauls focuses on honesty, integrity

By: Kristie Nall
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Melvin Rauls, owner of Rauls Landscaping, Housepainting and Yardwork, has been around awhile. His business started out in 1996 in the Pine Bluff area, but he’s since moved to the Monticello area (around 2000). The business has two employees, Melvin and Aaron Rauls.

Mr. Rauls’ business philosophy is short but sweet: “A job done is a job well done.”

He attributes his company’s success to ‘staying with it.’ When life is sour or when life gives Mr. Rauls lemons he ‘makes lemonade.’

Melvin says that the greatest obstacle he’s had to overcome to make his business a success is not giving up and staying focused when money is low or business is slow.

Mr. Rauls hopes to see his business grow in the future. In the next year, five years or ten years, he wants to go from a small

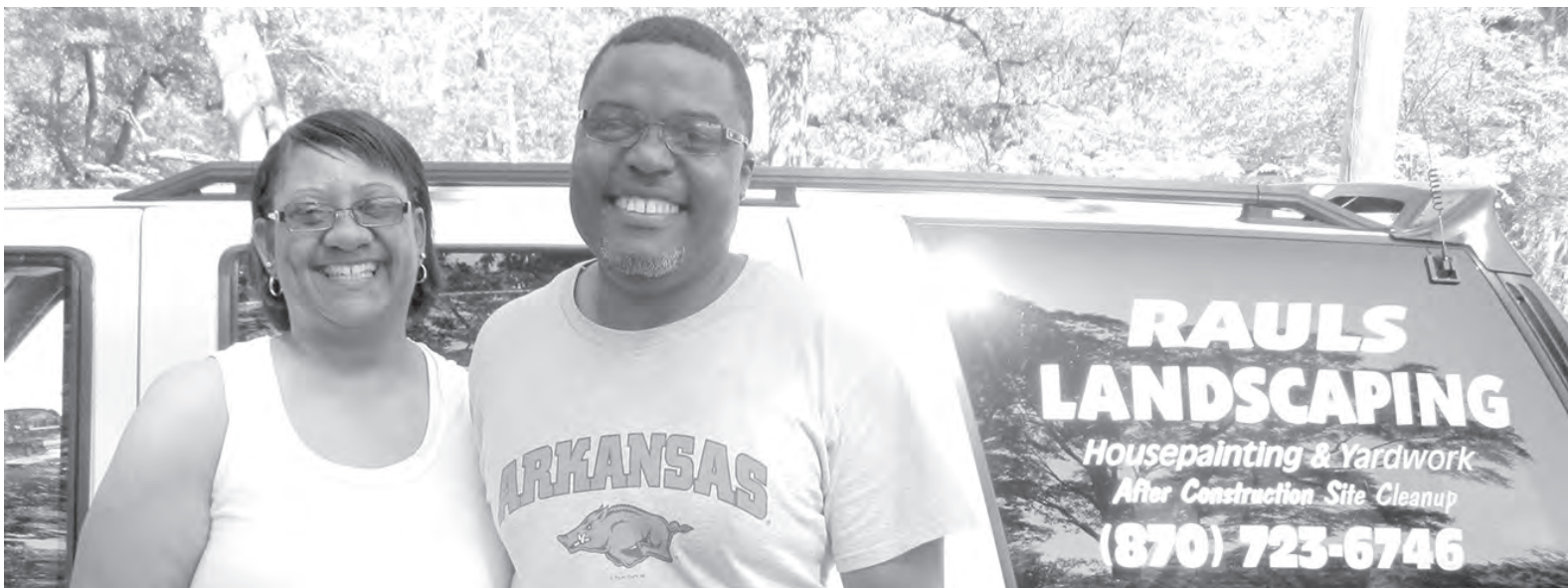


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Generation to generation

I'm just few days away from becoming a grandparent for the first time. It's a kind of anticipation I've never experienced before. Certainly not like becoming a parent but definitely similar. There's going to be the arrival of a brand new human that is going to have our last name. My wife and I are going to be the best grandparents we can be. It dawned on me recently not only are we excited to support our son and daughter in law however we can, I realized that a grand baby is going to be the ultimate test for what kind of job I did in raising this baby's dad. What kind of dad he will be will also be in part, my responsibility as well. That hit me like a ton of bricks.

Of course, too late now! His mother and I did the best we could. We are far from perfect and have made an untold amount of mistakes. But as we reflect back over these last 25 years, honestly I think we did pretty good. Our oldest has turned out OK and I think even despite me he's going to be a great dad. Like all parents we want to give to our children everything we may not have had. Usually that's material things. In and of itself that idea isn't bad. It's just incomplete. We should do our very best. After all, it's the most important job any of us will ever have. I can give my kids all the stuff I

could afford like shoes, clothes, money, etc.

But none of that will make it past my death. All of that, no matter how much and how valuable, will ever last. I will never be remembered by my children for the pair of shoes or the latest iPhone. I will be remembered by not by what I gave them but by whatever I have placed in them. My time, my attention, my love. The greatest inheritance that I could ever give my children and grandchildren will never have a dollar sign attached to it but will be more precious than gold and silver. He will be a person, not a thing. His name is Jesus.

See I think we've got the concept of an inheritance all wrong. The idea of inheritance is that it would be perpetual. I receive wealth from my father. I use it. But I also invest and add to it so that I have something to pass on to my children and they do the same. On and on.

If it lasts one generation then it's not much of an inheritance. The intention would be from generation to generation. After Mary the mother of Jesus found out she was pregnant in her song she said this in Luke 1:50 "And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation."

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

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dren present and our visiting preacher, Bro. Brandon Rice, was the youngest father present. Mr. Eddie would normally have won the oldest father present but he was under the weather and needed to stay home and rest.

Bro. Rice presented us a thought provoking Father's Day message, "Thankful for My Heavenly Father".

Please, remember, Mrs. Jerline McCarty, who took a fall this week and had to go to the ER. Thankfully, nothing serious resulted and she was able to come back home, although, still a bit unsteady on her feet.

I beginning to think this heat is affecting the hummingbirds. One would think they would be extra thirsty, but I've only seen a couple and then mostly in the cool of the morning. During times of extreme heat it is even more important that you keep your nectar feeders clean and with fresh nectar at least every other day. I know that seems like a lot of trouble. But, if you're going to feed them, do it right. Please, do not leave soured nectar and moldy feeders out. It will make them sick.

Corny Joke time: A person went to the doctor and was told they had Peek-a-boo disease. The doctor sent them straight to the ICU!

I would be remiss if I failed to mention my Daddy in this week's column. He's been

gone from this world over 13 years now and I miss him still to this day. So many memories but mostly I remember how he worked so very hard to make a home for us and was willing to help his neighbors with whatever needed fixing. He wasn't an educated man, as this world counts education, but he taught us kids about hard work, how to love your neighbor and how to love the Lord. Thank you, Daddy.

That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, stay cool, check on the elderly, pray for each other and be kind.

WILMAR

CHRIS RILEY

June Dinner 2022 is now history. What a good and hot time. I sold two goats, could've sold more. Didn't anyone come home for the occasion except Dennis, who lives in Warren.

Glad to see clifford Davis and wife Phillis who was here for the Jones reunion. Also Fred White and my niece Jan from Crossett spent the day with me and company June Dinner Day.

Sunday, June 19 was Father's Day and many wishes were given, personal, facebook, etc. Fathers step up to your expectations. I visited Yit on Father's Day after I attended the Jones family reunion.

I visited with Vivian Clifton and her daughter Odessa Shorter in her home, enjoyed it.

1st Baptist East-side was the place for worship Sunday. Pastor J. Simpson brought the word taken from 1 Samuel 18:9-14, subject: "Thank God I Won't Be That Man". Glad to welcome our visitor. Pastor Simpson's children were there, also his little great granddaughter and others. Pearlina's little great grand turned 5 on Sunday, June 19th.

Thelma Sheild and company came over June Dinner Day, said they really enjoyed. Sorry to know the late Ms. Genevieve Pruit's of McGehee daughter was among the fatalities in the accident in Tillar intersection recently. Her homegoing service was Friday by Strickland Funeral Home.

I was happily surprised with a call from Ms. Vinita James of St. Louis, Mo. She is 101 years old, and was calling in regard of James "Yit" Riley as she spent a few weeks in respite care and fell in love with "Yit". She said Chris, I'm old. I'm 101.4 months and 8 days. Who would think a person of that age would have a mind as sharp as this. She is the mother of one daughter, her son is a retired UAM professor, Dr. Louis "Lew" James. We love Ms. Vinita! She said I wish I could give James "Yit" a big hug.

Now until we meet again by paper and pen, have yourself a blessed and safe 4th of July. May God be with you.

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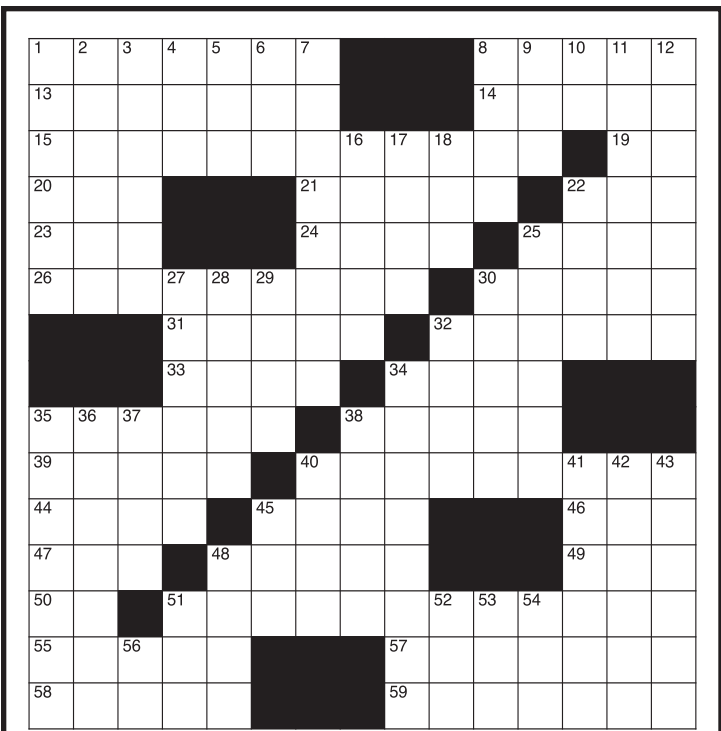
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8. Unnatural
13. Deep regret
14. Rogue
15. Took without permission
19. An alternative
20. After B
21. Partner to “flowed”
22. The best day of the week (abbr.)
23. Helps you hear
24. Egyptian river
25. Lake __, one of the Great
26. Make free from bacteria
30. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
31. Sanctuaries in Greek temples
32. Most unclothed
33. NJ senator Booker
34. Tibetan lake
35. Desecrate something sacred
38. John __, English educator 1467-1519
39. Obtains in return for labor
40. Views
44. Rugged cliff
45. Not quiet
46. Body part
47. Newt
48. German city
49. A way to save money
50. NBC’s Roker
51. Dire Straits frontman
55. Actress Lathan
57. Most meager
58. Poems
59. Companions

CLUES DOWN

1. Draws over
2. Recur
3. Current unit
4. Neither
5. Certified Radio Operator (abbr.)
6. Power of perception
7. Peace
8. Supplemented with difficulty
9. The last section or part of anything
10. Dorm worker
11. Bones
12. Most unnatural
16. Spanish island
17. The skill to do something
18. Where golf games begin
22. Untethered
25. Print errors
27. The sport of engaging in contests of speed
28. Ones to look up to
29. Stringed instrument
30. Gives whippings
32. Type of tie
34. Make more concentrated
35. Die
36. Part of a winter hat
37. Young men’s club
38. Bathrooms need it
40. U.S. president
41. American novelist
42. Take into custody
43. Hurts
45. Type of gibbon
48. American actor Lukas
51. Partner to cheese
52. Some are covert
53. Political action committee
54. To and __
56. Atomic #28

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

Answers can be found on Page 3B

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Level: Intermediate

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to roses.

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Answer: Bouquet

Guess Who?

I am an R&B singer born in Alabama on June 20, 1949. I founded several R&B groups and also played tennis on scholarship before making it big. In addition to my own hits, I co-wrote a song that raised money for Africa.

Answer: Lionel Richie

This week’s recipe: Master home-made graham cracker crust

Flaky pastry crusts may garner heaps of attention, with their fancy fluted edges or elaborate latticework on sweet and savory pies. But it’s hard to deny the appeal of the more modest homemade graham cracker crust. A home baker certainly can pick up a pre-made graham cracker crust from a nearby supermarket, but there’s something to be said for making one at home, especially since the crust only requires three ingredients. Furthermore, making a homemade graham cracker crust allows bakers to choose the desired thickness and the shape of the crust to fit a specific pan or plate. Graham cracker crusts complement everything from cheesecakes to cream pies, so having a trusted recipe in one’s culinary repertoires ensures home cooks that they can produce delicious treats at any time. Enjoy this version from the baking experts at Betty Crocker Kitchens.

Graham Cracker Crust

Ingredients (Makes one crust for a 9-inch pie)

- 1½ cups finely crushed regular or cinnamon graham crackers (24 squares)
1/3 cup butter, melted
3 tablespoons sugar



Directions:

Heat oven to 350 F. In medium bowl, stir all ingredients until well mixed. Reserve 3 tablespoons crumb mixture for garnishing top of pie before serving, if desired. Press remaining mixture firmly and evenly against bottom and side of pie plate. Bake about 10 minutes or until light brown; cool on cooling rack. Fill as directed in

desired pie recipe.

Kitchen tip: Graham cracker crust pairs well with any number of easy cream pies. As a fast treat, prepare instant vanilla pudding according to package directions. Pour into prepared graham cracker crust, and add slices of fresh strawberries and bananas. Top the pie with whipped topping or homemade whipped cream. Chill and serve.

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