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## Readers' Choice voting decides Drew County's best

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It is that time of year again. For the next six weeks, the Advance-Monticellonian will run the annual Readers' Choice ballot in the newspaper and on our newly updated website, [www.advancemonticellonian.com](http://www.advancemonticellonian.com).

Citizens are encouraged to take a moment and vote for the best of the best in Drew County.

This year, there are 154 categories to vote on. Everything from best burger to best hair stylist is listed and we want to know who you think is the best in Drew County. The rules for entries are below.

Paper ballot entries: Must be submitted on official newspaper entry ballot. Photocopies will not be accepted. Only one paper ballot entry per household per day will be counted. At least 60 of the categories must be filled out to be considered. Entries must be received by 5 P.M., Friday, August 12, 2022. Mail to: Readers' Choice Awards, c/o The Advance-Monticellonian, P.O. Box 486, Monticello, AR 71657, or bring by The Advance at 314 N. Main. Entry forms are available in each edition of The Advance-Monticellonian through August 10, 2022.

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## Unity in the Community draws big crowd to park



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Last Friday, McCloy Park was filled with people attending the Unity in the Community event hosted by the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, a Division of the Arkansas Department of Education.

This event was free to the public and it included a ventriloquist act, musical guests, Covid screening, food trucks, financial literacy workshops and much more.

The stands were filled with citizens, young and old who laughed and interacted with the performers.



## OFFICER INSTALLATION AT MONTICELLO ROTARY CLUB



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

New officers were installed for the upcoming year at the Monticello Rotary Club meeting last Thursday. Exiting President John Davis (left) passed the gavel to incoming President Brandon Hogg (left center). Hogg then installed the two new Vice Presidents Bryan Diffie (right center) and Eric Pritchard (right). The Rotary Club meets Thursday at noon in the Caucus room at UAM.

## SeaArk participates in clean water events with major league fishing

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

SeaArk Boats was honored to assist Major League Fishing Fisheries Management Division in partnership with Costa Clean Water Program in completing the first two FMD Costa Clean Water Matters events. The first event took place May 10th on the James River at Osborne Landing. SeaArk supported the Costa Clean Water Program by deploying the Correct Craft Lake Clean Up Boat at the projects. This innovative boat, built on a SeaArk Hull, provided the ability to capture solid floating debris from the waterbody that can't be reached from the shoreline using vacuum technology. Waste items frequently on lake water are bottles, Styrofoam, and other plastics that can harm birds and other wildlife. Two of the college anglers jumped

on the Clean Up Boat to collect trash found floating in the coves around the shoreline. After over four hours of work, the crews' combined efforts on the shoreline and by water allowed the volunteers to collect 14 bags of trash, a water-logged boat dock float, and two boat trailers worth of bunk boards. Some Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit anglers that attended this event include Miles Burghoff, Randy Despino, Takayuki Koike, Terry Luedtke, Jimmy Reese, and Skeet Reese, as well as MLF Marketing Promotions Manager Scott Ellison. The second event took place June 15th on the Lake of the Ozarks at Osage Beach. MLF FMD directors Steven Bardin and Gary Klein were joined by Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit anglers Miles Burghoff, Randy Despino, Takayuki Koike, Terry Luedtke,

Jimmy Reese and Skeet Reese, as well as MLF Marketing Promotions Manager Scott Ellison. In addition to these volunteers, SeaArk provided their Correct Craft Lake Cleanup boat. The SeaArk boat cleaned four miles of James River while shoreline volunteers covered the rip rap around the marina, walking trails, a playground, and parking lots of the Osborne Landing. SeaArk President Steve Henderson states, "The clean boat was a fun project for our team to tackle. It's great to do our part in keeping our environment clean, and we love to partner with different organizations who have that same goal in mind."

The next Costa Clean Water Matters shoreline clean-up will take place on Lake Champlain

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**UPCOMING**

**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.

**SATURDAY, JULY 16**

**Enon Baptist Church VBS**

Enon Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 16 at 2952 Hwy 35 E. Preschool age through 6th grade are invited to attend. The closing program will be at 5 p.m.

**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](http://www.searkconcert.org).

**EFFECTIVE MONDAY, AUGUST 1**

**Medical Records Public Notice**

Dr. K Shrum will be moving his practice to Mainline Health Systems in Monticello. Patients desiring to transfer their care to Mainline are required to complete a medical record release. Forms will be available at Dr. Shrum's current clinic until its closure on July 29.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**

**Our Festival**

Beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 27, Our Festival will take place at McCloy Park. There will be local music, a car show, a hot dog eating contest and much more.

**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](http://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. Its 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](mailto: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.

**ADH confirms first monkey pox case in Arkansas**

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) announced today that the first case of monkeypox has been identified in the state.

"Arkansas has been monitoring cases of monkeypox in the U.S.," said Dr. Jennifer Dillaha. "While this news is concerning, monkeypox is not as contagious as other viruses, like COVID-19. We encourage any-

one who feels they may have been exposed to monkeypox to please contact their health care provider and be tested."

The symptoms of monkeypox include fever, headache, muscle pain, and a painful rash that occur seven to 14 days after exposure. It is transmitted through direct skin contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids and contaminated items, such as

clothing. It can also be transmitted through respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact; however, it is not an airborne illness. It can be prevented through vaccination. Antiviral drugs and immunoglobulins are available for treatment against the illness.

The first case of monkey pox in the U.S. was detected in early May.

**Senior Center lunch menu: July 6 - July 13**

**Wednesday:** Italian baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, spinach, fruited Jello, biscuit

**Thursday:** Sliced turkey w/gravy, stuffing, black eye peas, pudding cup

**Friday:** Hot dogs/sausage, tots, relish, cookie bar

**Monday:** Tuna salad w/crackers, pasta salad, fluff

**Tuesday:** Garlic & herb baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, cream corn, sherbet, roll

**Wednesday:** Pinto beans w/sausage, mixed greens, tomato & okra, cornbread, banana pudding

**Menu is subject to change. All lunches have a choice of sweet tea and milk. The Senior Center serves 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. If you need any information on our senior center, please call 367-2434. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.**

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# House of Representatives passes Recovering America's Wildlife Act

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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Director Austin Booth applauded the passage of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act recently by the U.S. House of Representatives. Booth compared HR 2773 as the modern-day equivalent of the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts. These two pieces of legislation have funded the conservation efforts that fueled the greatest comeback story for wildlife management in the history of the world, Booth said.

"The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation has proven that, with the commitment of outdoorsmen, hunters and anglers, we can reverse the trend of many declining game species," Booth explained. "RAWA is a once in a generation opportunity to increase funding for all species, game and nongame alike. It is our duty to our children to leave our wild places better than we find them, so that they can one day tell us about how valuable conserva-

tion is to their lives as well."

Each state has developed a wildlife action plan to identify species in need of additional efforts to prevent further population declines, but most states don't have adequate funding to implement the strategies. Some species, such as eastern collared lizards, diana fritillary butterflies (Arkansas's state butterfly), and a variety of songbirds, may not be recognizable by most Arkansans and often get left out of wildlife management conversations, but they actually are very important ecologically and serve as indicators of good habitat. When these species thrive, so do many others that are more recognizable, such as quail and turkeys.

Other species on Arkansas's Wildlife Action Plan include game animals such as northern bobwhite and the American black duck. The plan also includes many pollinator species essential to agricultural crops throughout The Natural State. According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, three-fourths of

the world's flowering plants and approximately 35 percent of the world's food crops depend on animal pollinators. Good habitat benefits a whole host of wildlife species and provides other benefits such as improved water quality.

Rep. French Hill, who voted in favor of this bipartisan legislation, explained that the legislation will dedicate money to state fish and wildlife agencies to conserve rare and declining species.

"To me, being a conservationist means protecting our natural environment through reasonable and realistic means, and this bipartisan bill will provide funds to support state agencies like the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in state- and locally-led conservation efforts for wildlife and habitat," Hill said. "June is Great Outdoors Month, and I can think of no better way to celebrate than by supporting this bill that builds on previous successes like the Great American Outdoors Act President Trump signed into law in 2020."

# Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund continues its support for the National Archery in the Schools Program with \$100,000 grant

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund is proud to award a \$100,000 grant to the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®). The program supports more than 1 million students across North America, and the grant funds will continue to expand that reach by covering equipment costs for schools that join the program.

NASP® embodies the efforts of noted conservationist and Bass Pro Shops founder, Johnny Morris, to introduce new audiences to the outdoors. Historically, when a school begins the program, more than 100 students annually are introduced to the sport, with two-thirds of them being first-time archers.

Educators love what NASP® does, with 58 percent of participants saying they feel more connected to their school, and 40 percent attributing the program as a motivational factor to perform better in the classroom.

With an unblemished 20-year safety record, NASP® is carrying out its goal of growing

the sport of archery, assisting with the mission of educators, and promoting and helping the growth of shooting sports. This landmark Outdoor Fund grant, made possible by the generosity of Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's customers rounding up purchases at the register and online, is the sixth annual \$100,000 contribution to NASP® since 2016. The collective \$600,000 grant total has provided outdoor gear for NASP® programming that directly impacts thousands of students nationwide.

NASP® President Tommy Floyd said, "We are delighted with our ongoing partnership with Johnny Morris and the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's family. Like past awards, we will utilize 100 percent of these award dollars for equipment kits in schools. We know the kind of positive impact that these funds have on schools and students. Our ability to help grow the sport of archery is greatly enhanced through this partnership!"

"NASP® is a proven program introducing youth of all back-

grounds to the exciting sport of archery," said Bob Ziehrer, Senior Director of Conservation for Bass Pro Shops. "Archery teaches many positive benefits of self-discipline, dedication, teamwork and persistence to set and accomplish goals. We are proud to partner with the National Archery in the Schools Program."

Guided by the visionary leadership of Bass Pro Shops founder Johnny Morris, the Outdoor Fund empowers Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's 200 million annual customers to support conservation efforts by rounding up their purchases. By rallying passionate customers alongside dedicated team members, industry partners and leading conservation organizations like the National Archery in the Schools Program, Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's is creating North America's largest conservation movement to collectively shape the future of the outdoors and all who love it for generations to come.

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at the final stop of the Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit. About SeaArk Boats: With over 63 years of experience in boat building, SeaArk Boats (owned by Correct Craft) is the industry's premier aluminum fishing boat known for outstanding product quality and excellent customer service. Mostly known for heavy-duty aluminum boats built specifically for cat-fishing, SeaArk also builds bass- and crappie-fishing boats, jon boats,

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About Correct Craft: Celebrating 97 years of excellence in the marine industry, Correct Craft is a Florida-based company with global operations. The Correct Craft family includes Nautique, Centurion, Supreme, Bass Cat, Yar-Craft, SeaArk, and Bryant boat companies, Pleasurecraft Marine Engine Group, and Aktion Parks. For more information, please visit [www.correctcraft.com](http://www.correctcraft.com).

# Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Partners with Goats on the Go - Fort Smith

Special to the Advance

As an energy provider, socially responsible business and good neighbor, Arkansas Oklahoma Gas (AOG) is committed to being a partner in building a sustainable energy future in the communities it serves. To help AOG reach that future, AOG continually looks for ways to reduce its carbon and methane emissions and promote sustainable and efficient energy use. One specific way AOG is working towards this goal is by partnering with Goats on the Go - Fort Smith.

Goats on the Go - Fort Smith is a sustainable and environmentally responsible way for AOG to clear weeds and brush from

areas in its service territories using a method called "targeted grazing." Targeted grazing is the application of a specific kind of livestock (goats) to accomplish defined vegetation or landscape goals. It is also known as "conservation grazing," or "prescribed grazing." Targeted grazing controls problem vegetation without erosion, chemicals, or the disruption and burning of fossil fuels that comes with mechanization. The goats stay in the targeted area for just a few days, or until their job is done.

"AOG is committed to conserving natural resources, helping to solve environmental challenges, and our impact on the environment through energy efficiency,

pollution reduction and forward-thinking innovation," said Tony Parker, Director of Operations at AOG. "Our partnership with Goats on the Go - Fort Smith is just one way we are making good on our promises."

To keep the goats contained, Goats on the Go - Fort Smith installs temporary electric fencing to enclose the areas that are designated for grazing. The electric fence is powered by a solar-charged power source.

Goats on the Go - Fort Smith checks on the goats regularly and carefully monitors the progress of the grazing project. The goats often sleep under the stars on the service areas but depending on location and the anticipated

length of stay, the goats may go home overnight.

"I'm out in nature all the time and I believe in taking it and putting it back, close to its original environment," said Andrew Goldsmith of Goats on the Go - Fort Smith. "Goats can bring balance into an environment while keeping underbrush cleared away. They provide natural fertilizer and make an overall positive environmental impact, sustain things naturally, and the goats love their work. It's a win-win for everyone."

The goats aren't aggressive towards people, do not harm the surrounding vegetation and do their jobs in silence.

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ments of the winners will appear in the Readers' Choice edition on September 28, 2022. The decision of the judges is final. The Advance-Monticellonian will not be responsible for entries lost or delayed in the mail for any reason. All entries become the property of The Advance-Monticellonian. NOTE: When voting for an individual such as hair stylist, nurse, etc., please let us know where the person is employed.



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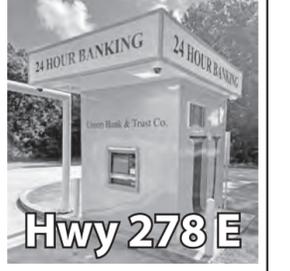


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## Congressional Award: recognizing tomorrow's leaders

If you're like me, there were few days on the calendar that I looked forward to more than the last day of school when I was young. As a parent, I understand how challenging the summer months are to keeping kids busy. Communities offer specialized programs to engage youth through public library reading programs, sports camps and Boys and Girls Clubs. For young people aiming to challenge themselves and make a difference in the lives of others, there is the Congressional Award.

The Congressional Award program is a worthwhile experience for Arkansans interested in improving themselves and their community. It serves as motivation for young citizens to get involved in public service and inspires the next generation of leaders. The Congressional Award creates a valuable opportunity for our youth to highlight their potential by setting goals and being rewarded for reaching their potential.

Established by Congress in 1979, the Congressional Award recognizes the achievements of young individuals who accomplish dedicated commitments through public service. This is the highest honor presented by Congress to America's youth. Participants in this program earn bronze, silver, and gold certificates and medals based on their achievements. Each specific award requires setting goals in four different program areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition and exploration.

Across the country, young Americans are setting ambitious goals, learning valuable skills and making a difference in their communities as they meet the requirements for the Congressional Award. From its most recent report of engagement, the Congressional Award Foundation found youth actively involved in the program have volunteered more than 970,300 hours of public service including more than 8,400 by Arkansas participants.

We can be proud of the young Arkansans who are challenging themselves, improving their community and achieving their goals.

This year, Etana Morse of West Fork has earned the prestigious honor of the Congressional Award Gold Medal for her completion of 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development, 200 hours of physical fitness and completion of an exploration trip.

Serving as a member of the Washington County 4-H Youth Development Club, and also creating a fundraiser campaign to support a non-profit organization, Etana is making a positive impact in her community while challenging herself.

She is one of nine Arkansans who have earned the Congressional Award Gold Medal since 2020.

Nationwide, more than 50,000 youth are setting ambitious goals and taking actions to reach them all while demonstrating that personal growth goes hand-in-hand with serving others.

I've seen the excitement surrounding the Congressional Award and the unique opportunities it offers young people. In recent years, the Congressional Award has partnered with 4-H and other youth organizations to encourage involvement and setting challenging goals.

Earning the Congressional Award is an opportunity for youth to challenge themselves, learn new skills and better their communities. I encourage young Arkansans to explore this program to help shape their future. The Congressional Award program reminds us all our next generation promises great things for our state and our country.

# Pet peeves, everyone has them

This long weekend was very positive in so many ways for me and mine.

I was able to sleep in, rest my brain and spend some time doing things I enjoy. However, it seemed like every time I went out into public, I encountered some of the rudest individuals of my life. At one point, Superman decided that it would be best if we just avoided the general populous for the rest of the day.

This made me think about pet peeves. By definition, a pet peeve is a particular thing that bugs an individual every time it happens. It is an annoyance that an individual can never resist noticing or be triggered by.

I think at this stage in my life, unnecessarily rude people are my biggest pet peeve.

What does one stand to gain from being rude to another human being who has simply asked a question? Does it make you feel better or more powerful? Do you enjoy ruining another person's moment? Is it

your goal to bring down the overall faith that I have in the human race?

Everywhere I turned this weekend, it seemed like I was met with Sourpuss Sandy and Negative Nancy. I just don't get it. I do not claim to be the most upbeat person on the planet. I'm pretty sure that title goes to my spouse. However, even when I am having a bad day, I am never intentionally rude to someone. Everyone has problems. Everyone is struggling in some capacity. My simple request is that when you are in public, please don't act like a unpleasant cow.

My biggest pet peeve used to be people who were consistently late. I get this one from my mother. I cannot stand someone to constantly be late for everything. It gives me terrible anxiety to think that someone might be sitting and waiting on me so I make extra effort to arrive early. Not to be arrogant but, my time is important to me, just as yours should be to you. If we set an appointment at 9:00, I assure you I will be there no later than 8:45. It's just in my nature.

Now, I will admit, when Fred was a tiny dinosaur, there were a handful of occasions

that I rolled in at 9:02, but they were few and far between. What makes it worse is when people don't let you know they are going to be late. My panic style brain always assumes the worst. I start calling to make sure someone hasn't driven off a bridge or something.

Which brings me to my next pet peeve, lack of communication.

We live in a digital world. It takes two seconds to reply to a text message. There is literally no excuse to not reply to someone.

There are times where I get very busy and focused at work. Most of the time, I have a lot of tasks to cover in a limited amount of time. However, I would be a total liar if I told you I didn't look at my phone throughout the day. We all look at our phones countless times a day. I try very hard not to deal in absolutes, but I truly believe there is no excuse in not answering a text message within a 12 hour period. 9.9/10 times, problems can be solved when communication is used. I tell Fred all the time, "Use your words," that is probably why the child

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**JOHN BOOZMAN**  
U.S. SENATE REPORT



**ASHLEY HOGG**  
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## Reading boosts brain development

Research has shown that 90 percent of a person's brain develops in the first five years of life.

That is why a child's experiences and relationships during that time are critically important. Reading not only engages children and boosts

brain development, but it also helps children and parents and children bond.

This year the Department of Human Services launched the

"10 Minutes Matter" reading campaign.

Studies have shown that reading just one short book every day to a young child can increase their vocabulary by 300,000 words.

Reading creates a wonderful bonding experience between parent and child starting at birth. It stimulates the imagination and expands children's knowledge of the world. It also strengthens social and emotional development by teaching them words to express their feelings.

Reading to your child for just 10 minutes a day can make a big difference and it is never too early to start.

For families with limited resources, there are several ways to get books a little to no cost.

The Arkansas Imagination Library works in partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to send every child in Arkansas from birth to age 5 a new book each month. The books are free of cost and age-appropriate.

Research has shown that a child with 25 books in their home complete an average of two additional years of schooling compared to their peers without books in their home. The goal of the Arkansas Imagination Library is that every kindergartner begins school with 60 books in their home.

You can also check out books from your local library. We have posted a link to a map of all libraries in the state as well as a link to the Arkansas Imagination Library website on our website at [www.arkansashouse.org](http://www.arkansashouse.org).

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## Independence Day at Arkansas State Parks

Today I'd like to talk about the Fourth of July, or Independence Day, in Arkansas, the state with enough lakes, rivers, hiking trails, and outdoor festivals to accommodate 3 million Arkansans and visitors as we celebrate the 246 years of our Nation's independence.

And of particular importance, is our beautiful state parks.

The Arkansas State Park System, which will turn 100 next year, is one of the best benefits of living in the Natural State. The system attracts families and companies that are considering a move to Arkansas.

Petit Jean, Arkansas's first state park, opened in 1923 when the Fort Smith Lumber Company de-

cidated that the area was too difficult for logging. Dr. T.W. Hardison, the Arkansas-born doctor who was the company's physician, suggested preserving the area as a park. The National Park System declined because the area wasn't large enough. But Arkansas's General Assembly liked the idea, and legislators established Petit Jean State Park in 1923.

In the 99 years since, Dr. Hardison's effort to preserve one forest has expanded to 52 state parks. Employees of President Franklin Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps built many of the trails and cabins, and much of the infrastructure during the Great Depression.

Arkansas state parks offer experiences for adventurers at all levels. You can explore the culture and spirit of Arkansas at the Ozark Folk Center, and listen to the musicians who play late into the night on Mountain View's square. You can

watch the sunset at Sunset Point on Mount Nebo, learn Arkansas history at the Arkansas Post Museum, float the river at Cossatot River State Park, or learn to smith a knife at Historic Washington State Park, where James Bowie, Sam Houston, and Davy Crockett passed on their travels.

The state park system was designed to ensure that Arkansans could always explore the beauty of the outdoors and history, not far from their backyard. That's why there is a state park within 60 miles of every Arkansan home. So you're never too far from experiencing what makes Arkansas great!

The State Parks are offering a variety of ways to spend the Fourth of July: At Historic Washington State Park, a reading of Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence with Mr. Jefferson in full

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## Updating the School Safety report

The Arkansas School Safety Commission is meeting frequently in order to have an initial report ready for the governor and legislators by August 1.

The commission has been charged with updating its original report, which was issued in November of 2018.

At its most recent meeting the commission chair encouraged more school districts to form behavioral assess-

ment teams. In its 2018 report the commission urged schools to create teams. They would include an administrator, a faculty member, a school resource officer, a mental health professional, a school counselor, teachers and coaches.

Schools already have the resources to form behavior assessment teams. The challenge is to get the various school officials and resource officers to communicate as a team.

If a school does not have a behavioral assessment team, information about a troubled student may not be acted on because it doesn't reach the right person. For

example, a teacher may not share it with a mental health professional out of concern for the student's privacy.

The commission heard from a former Secret Service agent and member of the National Security Council, who has expertise in recognizing behavior that could become violent.

If faculty notice a change in behavior, such as a sharp decline in grades or personal hygiene, they can help the student get counseling before the student gets to a point of desperation, or suicide.

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HISTORY MINUTE

# Elvis in the Natural State

By: **KENNETH BRIDGES**  
Advance Correspondent

Years before Elvis Presley became the biggest name in music, there was another, quieter Elvis known across Arkansas. John Elvis Miller, a Searcy attorney, was a man known for his dedication and his fairness. He served as a congressman, U. S. Senator, and federal judge at some of the most critical periods in the history of the state. Miller was born in Stod-

ard County in Southeast Missouri in May 1888. As a young man, he was a bright and conscientious student. He attended local schools and would enroll in Southeast Missouri Teachers College in Cape Girardeau and at Valparaiso University in Indiana. He eventually gained his law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1912.

After graduation, he settled in Searcy where he set up

a law practice and began investing in local businesses. He became a popular figure in the community. In 1918, he was elected to serve as a delegate to the proposed constitutional convention, an attempt to update the state's 1874 constitution. The effort failed, but voters nevertheless elected him to serve as prosecuting attorney for Central Arkansas's First Judicial District. He declined to seek a second term in 1920 and

returned to his private law practice.

In 1930, a vacancy came open in the state's congressional delegation. Miller entered the race and won without opposition. He was re-elected in 1932, winning more than 90% of the vote against his Republican opponent. As a member of the House, Miller was a supporter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's popular New Deal program to lift the nation out of the Great Depression. In 1933, he voted in favor of the Glass-Steagall Act, which created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, pro-

tecting the savings of depositors from bank failures. The law effectively stopped the closure of banks across the country. He also voted in favor of the Civilian Conservation Corps, which put young men to work on parks and forestry projects across the nation. Miller also voted to create the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1934, protecting the stock market from fraud and price-fixing practices. In 1935, he voted in favor of creating Social Security, which provided a modest system of pensions to the elderly and also created a system of aid to the blind

and the handicapped and to the dependent minor children of deceased parents. It also created a system of unemployment insurance. He also voted in favor of the Rural Electrification Act, allowing rural communities to form electrical co-ops to produce cheap and reliable electricity for their areas. For these popular acts, he was re-elected easily in 1934 and 1936.

In 1937, popular U. S. Senator Joseph T. Robinson suddenly died. A special election was held to fill the remainder of Robinson's term, which

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Laws that protect a student's privacy prevent teachers and staff from divulging grades and school records, but it should not prevent them from sharing what they observe with other school officials.

The former Secret Service

agent told the commission that for assessments to be accurate, it's important that information about a student come from more than one person. If a teacher notices a change in behavior, a technical expert can review the student's social media accounts for threatening messages. A counselor or mental health professional can ask the student to visit.

Former teachers can be asked if they witnessed any behaviors that concerned them.

The agent said that in her experience, if only one person contributes to the assessment, it can go wrong.

In addition to creating behavior assessment teams, schools should set up a system for receiving anonymous tips. The adminis-

tration should send a clear message to the student body that the system is not meant to get someone in trouble, but to provide help.

The former Secret Service agent said that "a lot of these are suicides with collateral damage."

In many school shooting cases, the gunman had been a victim of bullying, she said. She told the commis-

sion about a school violence case in which a student had been bullied and his mother reported it to school officials, but they dismissed her concerns. They also didn't take seriously enough reports that the student said things that frightened other students. They recommended suspension from school rather than a referral to a mental health professional.

The Arkansas School Safety Commission was first formed after a mass killing of students in Parkland, Florida, in 2018. The governor reformed the group after the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

In future meetings the commission will work on changes to buildings and facilities, and on law enforcement.

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Revolutionary garb; at Lake DeGray, a Freedom Fun Run; and at our first state park, Petit Jean, the annual 4th of July Fun and Games Day includes a Watermelon Seed

Spitting Contest and wheelbarrow races.

For those who like to set goals or keep track of their travels, we offer a State Park Passport that you can have stamped at the visitor's center at every park.

Through the hard work of thousands of people, our

state parks have achieved Dr. Hardison's vision and aspirations. Our parks preserve the history, culture, and beauty of our natural state, and offer us a place to experience the beauty of our state every day of the year, and on special days such as the Fourth of July.

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starting talking at ten months old and has legitimately not shut her mouth since then.

I hope y'all understand and don't take this as just me griping for the sake of griping. Maybe some of you even feel the

same way.

With me, I like people to know what they are getting themselves into. You can count on me to be early, text back and unless provoked, be a pleasant human being.

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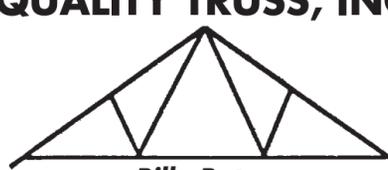
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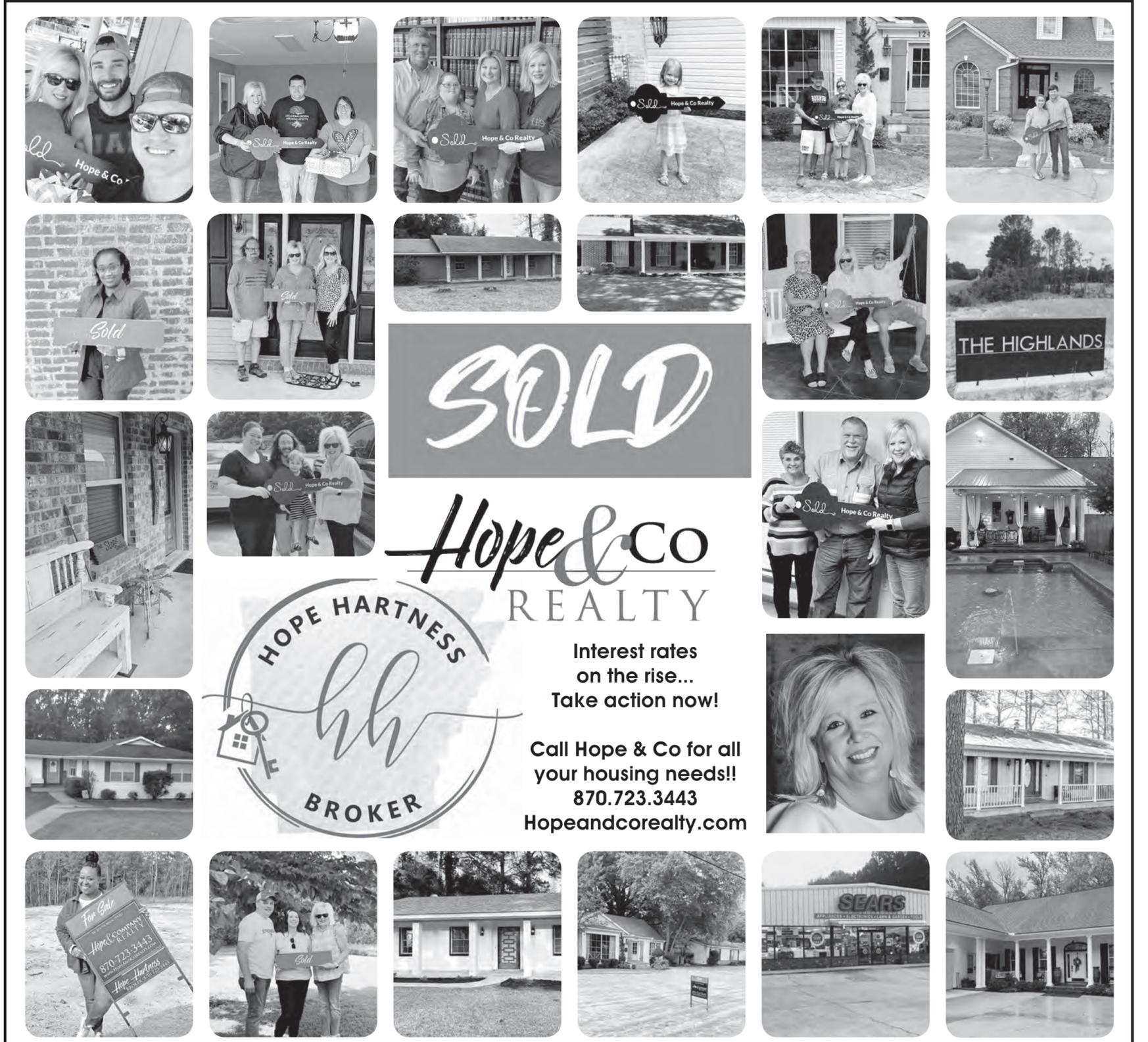


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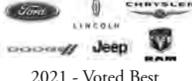
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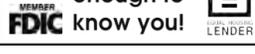
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### Kimberly Diane Satterlee Curtis

Kimberly Diane Satterlee Curtis, 50, of Monticello, passed away Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock. She was born October 10, 1971, in Monticello, to the late Billy Ray Satterlee and Darlene Cater Satterlee.

She was a member of the Tabernacle of Faith Church and a homemaker. Kimberly loved to play music on the piano. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Christopher Ray Satterlee.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Curtis; her three children, Elizabeth Brown (Bradley), Megan Curtis and Christopher Curtis; one brother, Dale Satterlee all of Monticello; two nieces, Traci Sauls of Alabama and

Diane Satterlee of Bentonville; and two great nieces and two great nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Terry Norris officiating. Burial will be in Union Ridge Cemetery. There was a visitation Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. You can sign Kimberly's guestbook page at [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com). (Paid obituary)

### Deborah Jean Swift

Deborah Jean Swift (Debra), 53, of Monticello, departed this life at home on Thursday, June 23, 2022. She was born January 24, 1969, to the late Herman Handley, and Lillie Mae Washington Swift.

In addition to her mother and father, Debra is preceded

in death by her son, Jermaine Swift, and her eldest brother Edgar "Bimbo" Washington. Debra was a homemaker. She had a quiet spirit who loved planting flowers, decorating her home, and shopping



SWIFT

for vintage items.

Debra is survived by her long-life partner Timmie Lee Robinson, and two sons: Lorenzo Banks of Fordyce, and Derrick Banks of Monticello; three sisters: Carrie Jean Hutson (Kelton) and Grace Washington of Monticello, and Barbara Swift of Jacksonville; two brothers: Thomas Swift (Laura) of Dermott and Harry Swift of Bastrop La.; a supportive uncle and aunt, Alvin, and Linda Ridgell of

Monticello, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Also, a son and daughter in love, Anthony Gaston of Kenosha Wisconsin and Tamnisha Evans, Monticello.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel in Monticello with burial following in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Monticello.

Please sign Deborah's guestbook at [www.Stephensondearman.com](http://www.Stephensondearman.com). (Paid obituary)

### Marlan Dale Touchstone

Marlan Dale Touchstone, 65, of Monticello, Arkansas passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at Baptist Health in Conway. He was born May 28, 1957, in Fallbrook, Calif. to the late Robert Jackson

Touchstone and Christine Walker Touchstone. He spent many years doing what he loved as a carpenter. Marlan also spent his time restoring and riding motorcycles, hunting and fishing. He was



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a member of the Florence Baptist Church. Marlan is survived by his wife, of 35 years, Jennifer Touchstone.

In addition to his wife, Marlan is survived by his son, Nathan Touchstone of Monticello; a sister, Francis Jett of Thibodeaux, La.; two nephews; and two nieces.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 1, 2022, at Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Monticello. Pallbearers will be Clark Wilmoth, Darren

Bearden, Robert Moore, Michael Moore, and Alan Moore.

Please visit [www.stephensondearman.com](http://www.stephensondearman.com) to sign Marlan's guestbook page. (Paid obituary)

### Velma Ferrell

Velma Ferrell, 75, of Wilmar, passed on June 29, 2022, at Drew Memorial Hospital in Monticello. She was born June 13, 1947, in Newport News, Virginia to the late Lyle and Mary Graham.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Thomas Ferrell; two children, LaDonna Ferrell Dodson (Jessie), and Thomas D. Ferrell; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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would end in January 1943. Gov. Carl Bailey hoped to win the seat for himself and jumped into the race, engineering the state Democratic committee to give him the nomination instead of holding a primary. Miller hoped to claim the seat for himself and ran as an independent, pulling together Bailey's opponents. In the end, Miller defeated Bailey convincingly, taking 60.6% of the vote, a margin of more than 23,000 votes. Miller quickly caucused with the Democrats upon entering the Senate. Bailey would go on to win re-election as governor in 1938.

Miller assumed his seat in November. In the Senate, he continued to support Roosevelt's initiatives. In March 1938, he voted in favor of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, which expanded the Food and Drug Administration's authority to include investigating medical devices and cosmetics for safety. He also voted in favor of the Fair Labor Standards Act, a sweeping reform in American labor law. This legislation established a 40-hour work week as the standard in the workplace, mandating pay at time and a half for overtime and holidays. The law also banned child labor. It enacted the first federally-required minimum wage at 25 cents per hour, which immediately gave a raise to more than 700,000 workers.

He had accomplished a considerable amount by the time he was 50 years old, but he had many more important accomplishments laying ahead.

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## How to safely avoid encountering Arkansas' alligators

By REBEKAH HALL  
U of A System Division of Agriculture

While enjoying the Natural State's many bodies of water this summer, swimmers and boaters need to avoid hazardous wildlife. This includes American alligators, which are present in southern and central Arkansas. Becky McPeake, extension wildlife specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said understanding alligators is key to avoiding negative encounters.

**DON'T FEED THE ALLIGATORS:** Becky McPeake, extension wildlife specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said that like many wild animals, American alligators found in southern and central Arkansas are wary of humans and will avoid them if given the opportunity. McPeake said dense populations of American alligators (Alligator mississippiensis) have been reported at Arkansas Post National Memorial in Arkansas County and Millwood State Park in Little River County. In June, a kayaker videoed a large alligator on Lake Conway in central Arkansas. Though this species was considered endangered 60 years ago, McPeake said their populations have recovered throughout most of their native range, including southern Arkansas. The state is considered the northwestern edge of the alligator's range in the United States, and most of northern Arkansas is "too cool temperature-wise for these reptiles to survive," McPeake

said. Alligators are "opportunistic predators" that consume a variety of animals during their different life stages and sizes. Young alligators eat crayfish, insect larvae, snails, spiders, worms, small fish, snakes and lizards. Older alligators typically prey on larger creatures, including nutria – a type of large, semiaquatic rodent – beaver, muskrats, raccoons, opossums, water birds, feral hogs and white-tailed deer. When able to access domestic spaces, alligators are also known to prey on domestic dogs, cats and calves.

"Typically, an alligator will not chase you down and eat you when seen in a natural state," McPeake said. "Scary movies and social media entertain audiences by showing aggressive alligators. Like many wild animals, they are wary and avoid people when given the opportunity."

While fatal attacks on humans are rare, they do occur, primarily in the southeastern United States. McPeake said being safe around alligators is straightforward: never feed them and move away when they are seen. "Be mindful of their presence

and avoid them," McPeake said. "Do not provoke, throw objects, or try to move an alligator. Keep away from shorelines, especially pets and children, where alligators are present."

McPeake said most alligator encounters occur in a few different scenarios: when the reptiles are basking beside water; when a female alligator is protecting her nest or babies; when an alligator is crossing a road; and when they have been fed or become familiar with being around people.

It's important to be cautious when swimming, canoeing or fishing in waterways with alligators. Keep at least 60 feet away.

"If an alligator hisses or lunges at you, you are too close," McPeake said. "Do not corner alligators. Always provide them with an escape route."

If an alligator is a threat to humans, pets or livestock, call the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at 800-364-4263. For more information about alligators and other nuisance wildlife, visit the Cooperative Extension Service's Nuisance Wildlife page.

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rett at 870-367-3765. TFN

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# Legals

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 CIVIL DIVISION

CITY OF MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS, PLAINTIFF V.

Lot No 1 in Block "G" of the Laude Addition in the City of Monticello, WAYNE & TAMMY PEACOCK; AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LAND, DEFENDANTS

NO. 22CV-22-78

### WARNING ORDER

TO: WAYNE & TAMMY PEACOCK, DEFENDANT:  
You are hereby notified that The City of Monticello, Arkansas, Plaintiff, whose attorney is Whit Barton, Barton & Roper, PLLC. and whose attorney's address is P.O. Box 507 Monticello, AR 71657 has filed a Complaint against you, a copy of which complaint and summons shall be delivered to you or your attorney upon request. You are also notified that you must appear and defend by filing your answer or other response if pleading within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Warning Order; and in the event of your failure to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint as circumscribed by the laws of this state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as clerk of this court on this 15th day of June, 2022.

/s/Beverly Burks/LA  
Beverly Burks, Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 576 OF 1987 OF THE ACTS OF ARKANSAS, AND PURSUANT TO THE SECURITY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TRIPLE E ENTERPRISES, LLC dba NORTH HYATT SECURE STORAGE AND THE TENANT'S OCCUPYING THE FOLLOWING STORAGE SPACE NUMBERS

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# Legals

## NOTICE FOR AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Issue No. 1**  
**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
 Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 93rd General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 8, 2022, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 1. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2021 Session by Senator B. Davis and filed as SJR 10.

### ISSUE NO. 1

#### Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment to allow the General Assembly to Convene in Extraordinary Session Upon the Issuance of a Joint Written Proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or Upon the Submission of a Written Proclamation Containing the Signatures of At Least Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Members of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Requesting that the General Assembly Convene in Extraordinary Session

#### Ballot Title

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR UPON THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION; PROVIDING THAT NO BUSINESS OTHER THAN THE PURPOSE SET FORTH IN THE JOINT WRITTEN PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OR THE WRITTEN PROCLAMATION CONTAINING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION CONVENED UNDER THIS AMEND-

MENT; REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH BY JOINT RULE DURING EACH REGULAR SESSION PROCEDURES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UNDER THIS AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 6, § 19.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 5, is amended to read as follows:

- § 5. Regular and fiscal sessions — Extraordinary sessions.
  - (a) The General Assembly shall meet at the seat of government every year.
  - (b) The General Assembly shall meet in regular session on the second Monday in January of each odd-numbered year to consider any bill or resolution. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the regular session begins.
  - (c)(1) Beginning in 2010, the General Assembly shall meet in fiscal session on the second Monday in February of each even-numbered year to consider only appropriation bills. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the fiscal session begins.
  - (2) A bill other than an appropriation bill may be considered in a fiscal session if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the General Assembly approve consideration of the bill.
  - (d) The General Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly, may alter the dates of the regular session and fiscal session so that regular sessions occur in even numbered years and the fiscal sessions occur in odd-numbered years.
  - (e)(1) The General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session upon the:
    - (A)(i) Issuance of a joint written proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
    - (ii) The joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session and the date on which the General Assembly shall convene; or
    - (B)(i) Submission of a written proclamation containing the signatures of at

least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session.

(ii) The written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.

(iii) Upon the submission of a written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall specify a date on which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.

(2) No business other than the purpose set forth in the joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section or the written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall be considered at an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

(3)(A) During each regular session, the General Assembly shall establish by joint rule procedures for an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

(B) Joint rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may include without limitation:

- (i) A limitation on the duration of an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section;
  - (ii) The format and required content for a written proclamation requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section; and
  - (iii) A provision permitting the General Assembly, after having disposed of the purpose for which the extraordinary session was convened under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, to remain in session for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days if remaining in session is approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate and entered upon their journals.
- (C) Rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may be amended by the General Assembly.
- (4) This section does not restrict the authority of the Governor to convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly under Arkansas Constitution, Article 6, § 19.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after November 9, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HERETO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2022.

JOHN THURSTON  
 SECRETARY OF STATE  
 STATE OF ARKANSAS



## NOTICE FOR AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Issue No. 2**  
**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
 Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 93rd General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 8, 2022, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 2. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2021 Session by Representative Ray and filed as HJR 1005.

### ISSUE NO. 2

#### Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment to Reform Certain Measures Presented to Voters, to be Known as the "Constitutional Amendment and Ballot Initiative Reform Amendment"

#### Ballot Title

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND BALLOT INITIATIVE REFORM AMENDMENT", CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES PRESENTED TO VOTERS; REQUIRING THAT INITIATIVES PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 19, § 22, AND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 70, § 2, SHALL BE APPROVED WHEN RECEIVING AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT (60%) OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE OR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; AND REQUIRING THAT A MEASURE SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM SHALL BE REPEALED IF THE MEASURE IS REJECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING UPON THE MATTER.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the following is proposed as

an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the "Constitutional Amendment and Ballot Initiative Reform Amendment".

SECTION 2. The subsection of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, titled "Majority", is amended to read as follows:

Majority Approval. Any measure submitted to the people as herein provided shall take effect and become a law when approved by a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast upon such measure; and not otherwise, and shall not be required to receive a majority of the electors voting at such election. Such measures shall be operative on and after the thirtieth day after the election at which it is approved, unless otherwise specified in the Act measure. However, a measure subject to a referendum shall be repealed if it is rejected by a majority of the electors voting upon the matter.

This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the General Assembly of the right to introduce any measure, but no measure shall be submitted to the people by the General Assembly, except a proposed constitutional amendment or amendments as provided for in this Constitution.

SECTION 3. The subsection of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, titled "Conflicting Measures", is amended to read as follows:

Conflicting Measures. If conflicting measures initiated or referred to the people shall be approved by a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes severally cast for and against the same at the same election, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall become law.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 22, is amended to read as follows:

§ 22. Constitutional amendments.

Either branch of the General Assembly, at a regular session thereof, may propose amendments to this Constitution; and if the same be agreed to by a majority of all members elected to each house, such proposed amendments shall be entered on the journals with the yeas and nays, and published in at least one newspaper in each county, where a newspaper is

published, for six months immediately preceding the next general election for Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be submitted to the electors of the State, for approval or rejection; and if a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the electors voting at such election adopt such amendments, the same shall become a part of this Constitution. But no more than three amendments shall be proposed or submitted at the same time. They shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 70, § 2, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. Additional Constitutional amendments authorized.

In addition to the three amendments to the Constitution allowed pursuant to Article 19, § 22, either branch of the General Assembly at a regular session thereof may propose an amendment to the Constitution to change the salaries for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Commissioner of State Lands, and Auditor of State and for members of the General Assembly. If the same be agreed to by a majority of all members elected to each house, such proposed amendment shall be entered on the journals with the yeas and nays, and published in at least one newspaper in each county, where a newspaper is published, for six months immediately preceding the next general election for Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be submitted to the electors of the State for approval or rejection. If a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the electors voting at such election adopt the amendment the same shall become a part of this Constitution. Only one amendment to the Constitution may be referred pursuant to this section.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after January 1, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HERETO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2022.

JOHN THURSTON  
 SECRETARY OF STATE  
 STATE OF ARKANSAS



## NOTICE FOR AMENDMENTS REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Issue No. 3**  
**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
 Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of the Arkansas Constitution, the 93rd General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 8, 2022, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 3. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2021 Session by Senator Rapert and filed as SJR 14.

### ISSUE NO. 3

#### Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment to Create the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment"

**Ballot Title**  
 AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CREATE THE "ARKANSAS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT"; AND TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNMENT MAY NEVER BURDEN A PERSON'S FREEDOM OF RELIGION EXCEPT IN THE RARE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES THAT APPLICATION OF THE BURDEN TO THE PERSON IS IN FURTHERANCE OF A COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS OF FURTHERING THAT COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment".

SECTION 2. (a) The General Assembly finds:

(1) The framers of the United States Constitution, recognizing free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured its protection in the First Amendment to the United States

Constitution;

(2) The framers of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, also recognizing the free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured the protection of religious freedom in Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24;

(3) Federal and state laws "neutral" toward religion may burden religious exercise as surely as laws intended to interfere with religious exercise;

(4) Governments should not burden religious exercise without compelling justification;

(5) In Employment Division v. Smith, 494 U.S. 872 (1990), the United States Supreme Court virtually eliminated the requirement that the government justify burdens on religious exercise imposed by laws neutral toward religion;

(6) The compelling interest test as set forth in prior court rulings is a workable test for striking sensible balances between religious liberty and competing government interests in areas ranging from public education (pedagogical interests and religious rights, including recognizing regulations necessary to alleviate interference with the educational process versus rights of religious freedom), national defense (conscription and conscientious objection, including the need to raise an army versus rights to object to individual participation), and other areas of important mutual concern; and

(7) The United States Congress passed the Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb, to establish the compelling interest test set forth in prior federal court rulings, but in City of Boerne v. Flores, 117 S.Ct. 2157 (1997), the United States Supreme Court held the act unconstitutional, stating that the right to regulate was retained by the states.

(b) The purpose of this amendment is to:

(1) Guarantee that the freedom of religion is not burdened by state and local law; and

(2) Provide a claim or defense to persons whose religious freedom is burdened by government.

SECTION 3. As used in this amendment:

(1) "Demonstrates" means meeting the burden of going forward with the evidence and of persuasion;

(2) "Freedom of religion" means the free exercise of religion under Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24;

(3) "Government" means:

(A) A branch, department, agency, or instrumentality of the State of Arkansas;

(B) A political subdivision of the state, including without limitation a county, municipality, township, or other unit of local government;

(C) An official acting on behalf of government; and

(D) A person acting under the color of law of the State of Arkansas; and

(4) "Rule" means a statement of Arkansas law, including without limitation a:

(A) Statute;

(B) Rule;

(C) Regulation;

(D) Ordinance;

(E) Administrative provision;

(F) Administrative ruling;

(G) Guideline; or

(H) Requirement.

SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, government shall not burden a person's freedom of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability.

(b) Government may burden a person's freedom of religion only if the government demonstrates that application of the burden to the person:

(1) Is in furtherance of a compelling government interest; and

(2) Is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling government interest.

(c) A person whose religious freedom has been burdened in violation of this section may assert that violation as a claim or defense in a judicial, administrative, or other appropriate proceeding and obtain appropriate relief against a government.

SECTION 5. (a) This amendment applies to each rule of government and its implementation, regardless of whether the rule:

(1) Is statutory; or

(2) Was adopted prior to or after the effective date of this amendment.

(b) This amendment shall not be construed to:

(1) Authorize a government to burden a religious belief; or

(2) Affect, interpret, or in any way address:

(A) The portions of the United States Constitution, First Amendment, permitting the free exercise of religion or prohibiting laws respecting the establishment of religion; or

(B) Article 2, § 24 of this constitution regarding religious liberty.

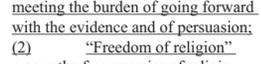
SECTION 6. (a) This amendment shall be liberally construed to effectuate its remedial and deterrent purposes.

(b) If any provision of this amendment or its application to any particular person or circumstance is held invalid, that provision or its application is severable and does not affect the validity of other provisions or applications of this amendment.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall be effective on and after November 9, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HERETO SET MY HAND AND FIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2022.

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# Crop insurance ratings, precision agriculture focus of Arkansas agricultural economist

By JOHN LOVETT

U of A System Division of Agriculture

With farmers in the national spotlight amid soaring production costs, crop risk mitigation practices like crop insurance and futures options are more important than ever for the nation's producers of food, fiber and fuel.

Agricultural economists with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, work to gather and analyze data that can improve a farmer's decisions for long-term business viability.

Eunchun Park, assistant professor in the department of agricultural economics and agribusiness, says crop insurance is the easiest way to mitigate the inherent risks in agriculture.

Crop insurance protects agricultural producers against crop losses resulting from natural causes. The program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency, offers several different plans for crops and livestock. Availability of these crop policy plans varies by state and county.

Park works with the Fryar Price Risk Management Center of Excellence to provide farm, industry and government and academic leaders with research-based information and tools to assist them in making decisions. The Fryar Center is a unit of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and facilitates research, teaching and outreach focused on risk management issues.

"My personal goal is to provide better ranking for farmers that is fair to everybody," Park said. "I want to provide fairer and more accurate methods to provide fair premium rates. That makes the participation rate in crop insurance increase. That is the key to farmers to avoid price-related risk in this era."

Park said that having good data is required to develop actuarially sound premium rates. Seeing the potential of Bayesian Kriging — a "geostatic method" of spatial statistics commonly used in weather forecasting — Park developed a related method to overcome problems with

obtaining crop yield data. Using this new method, he incorporated yield data from areas with similar geography, crops, and precipitation to fill in the missing gaps with an estimated average.

In a 2021 paper titled "Estimating Crop Yield Densities for Counties with Missing Data," Park and his co-authors — Ardian Harri and Keith H. Coble of the Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University — showed that 20 to 26 percent of corn yield data are missing in national surveys.

Up to 40 percent of soybean yield data are missing from surveys used by the Risk Management Agency and the National Agricultural Statistics Services, the paper added. The study was requested and funded by the Office of the Chief Economist of the USDA. His research has also been funded by several other USDA agencies.

At the Fryar Center, Park continues to research methods to measure risk in the futures and options markets. In addition to natural disasters, weeds, pests

and plant diseases, agricultural producers face fluctuations in the marketplace. Futures options allow a producer to lock in a price with a buyer on their next harvest. The center can help producers make decisions with research-based information.

Park also works in the new field of precision agriculture, using data collected by harvesters to create historical yield maps. Drones and satellite imagery are also used to add layers of information.

"The more productive areas we need to input more fertilizers to maximize productivity and the less productive areas will receive less inputs for cost-effective farming," Park said. "That kind of microlevel management is the key to precision agriculture. My interest is in suggesting site-specific input management for fertilizer and seeding rates."

Compounding Challenges  
The challenges for agricultural economists have compounded in recent years. In addition to global climate change, U.S.-China trade relations, the coronavirus pandemic, supply chain issues and the war in Ukraine have all

created more uncertainty in the world market.

"We were worried about the climate change over the past decade, so all of our research focuses on how much climate change will impact yield in corn and soybeans," Park said. "Now, it's not just climate change, but all these other factors are also making impacts more localized than before, and that makes all of the prices increase."

"Dr. Park is one of the top young agricultural economics researchers in the field of risk management," said John Anderson, director of the Fryar Center and head of the agricultural economics and agribusiness department for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. "He is helping lead the development of new analytical techniques and novel data sets to shed new light on traditional risk management problems. His work has broad application, but we are most excited to see this leading-edge research deployed on problems of interest to stakeholders right here in Arkansas."

Park conducts his research through the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and outreach activities through the Cooperative Extension Service, the research and outreach arms of the Division of Agriculture. He teaches classes through the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

He joined the Division of Agriculture in 2021 following four years as an associate professor at Mississippi State University. He earned his agricultural economics doctorate in 2017 from Oklahoma State University following bachelor's and master's degrees in food and resource economics from Korea University.

Among his many awards for research are the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award in 2018 and Outstanding Contribution to Applied Risk Analysis in 2020 from the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association for papers published in the American Journal of Agricultural Economics on estimating crop yield densities for counties missing yield data.

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# Cade Thompson selected to the 2022 Natural State Baseball All-Arkansas Team

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The 2022 Natural State Baseball All-Arkansas Collegiate Team was announced this past week and Weevil Baseball's very own Cade Thompson was selected as the second baseman for this year. Thompson is one of 5 players from the Great American Conference to appear on this year's team, and is the only GAC selection outside of rival Southern Arkansas University.

A former GAC Rookie of the Year, two-time All-GAC performer, first-time recipient of ABCA All-Central Region, as of this year, and now a 2022

All-Arkansas Collegiate Team member, Thompson's junior season with the Weevils was nothing shy of a career best, posting a career best in runs scored (51), hits (66), RBIs (51), doubles (16), and home runs (12).

After the conclusion of the Weevils' 2022 Great American Conference Tournament run, Thomson closed out the year with a .355 average, ranking 2nd for UAM and twelfth in the GAC. The Texarkana, Texas native places in the top 10 of the GAC in on-base percentage (.474, 7th), hits (66, 11th) doubles (16, T8th) and stolen bases

(13, T8th).

Thompson joins a full team roster that includes Arkansas Razorback pitchers Connor Noland and relief pitcher Evan Taylor.

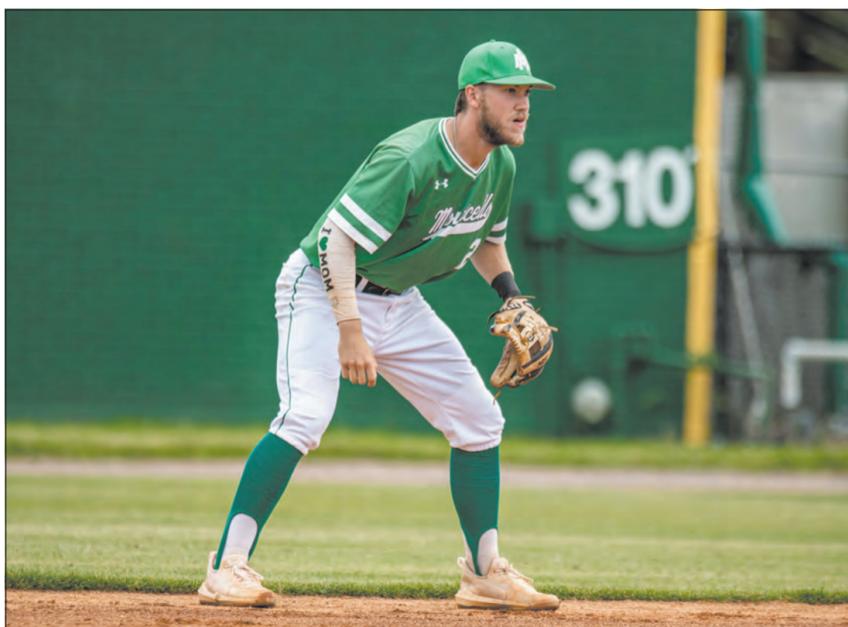
Southern Arkansas received three full team selections with catcher Brett McGee, third baseman Brandon Nicoll, and shortstop Riley Orr.

UAM's Chase Cripps was selected as an honorable mention along with 15 other Great American Conference players from Ouachita, Harding, Southern Arkansas, Arkansas Tech, and Henderson State.



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**HONORABLE MENTION** - Chase Cripps was named as an Honorable Mention to the 2022 Natural State Baseball All-Arkansas Team. The freshman finished the season batting .356.



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**CADE THOMPSON** was the only Weevil selected to the full roster for the 2022 Natural State Baseball All-Arkansas Team. Thompson was selected to the Second Team ABCA/Rawlings All-Region in early June.

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# Independence Day event holds strong despite rain

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A typical summer pop-up shower did not deter patrons from coming out to the Monticello sports Complex Saturday evening to enjoy food trucks, live music and fireworks.

Hosted by the Monticello A&P Commission, in partnership with the Monticello Economic Development Commission, the event was the first public 4th of July event in Monticello in recent memory.

Food trucks were arranged in the parking lot with an array of options for everyone.

On the back west field, inflatables and a water slide were set up for the kids and Slick Nickel was entertaining the crowd with live music.

When the sun went down, a large fireworks show took place.

By all accounts, the public showed up and was happy to gather at a public holiday event.



# SUDOKU

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**Answers can be found on Page 4B**

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- BACKYARD
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- WOOD

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

## Guess Who?

I am an athlete born in California on July 5, 1985. I did not play soccer in high school, but was involved in a local club. I joined the U.S. Women's National Team in 2006 and play as a midfielder. I've helped the U.S. win at the Olympics and two World Cups.

Answer: Megan Rapinoe

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Answer: Grill

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## There's always room at the table

There's a beautiful story in the Bible about a man named Mephibosheth. (Try saying that three times fast!) He was the son of Jonathan, King David's best friend who had died in war. Mephibosheth is the victim of an accident when he was very young. The author of this account in scripture tells us twice that this man is disabled. Why? He wants us to know that Mephibosheth isn't typical. He's not the same as everyone else. That culturally and historically speaking, he had limitations.

What was customary during this time is that when a king conquered a people and land he would kill the existing leader and all of his heirs. David was the new King of Israel. King Saul had died in battle along with his son Jonathan. David asks if there is anyone left from the house of Saul. He's told of our friend Mephibosheth. He tells his servants to bring him to the king's house. No doubt this man is scared of why he's being summoned. Is it his time? Will David exact revenge for Saul on him? This is what David tells him in 2 Samuel 9:7 "So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

I love David's response. He wasn't concerned about Mephibosheth's disability, he only wanted to show compassion. Not pity, he wasn't being kind to him because he was unable to walk. No, he wanted to honor him simply because of who he was. Mephibosheth was the child of a king; he was royalty. He had value, even though he couldn't see it.

See, the world may want to identify and label you and I by our disability. That's Mr. So & So, he's in a wheel chair or that's Miss So & So, she has downs. And then the label immediately places limitation without any merit. What you CAN do isn't limited

by your circumstances. Physical or otherwise. It's a simple message we've been hearing since kindergarten. Don't judge a book by its cover. Because what you see isn't always what you get.

And that's what matters. Because we are all valuable. You're not valuable because of what you can do or what skills you have or what you look like or where you come from. You're valuable because you are a child of God. And because of that you can be included. You can be counted. There's room for you at the table.

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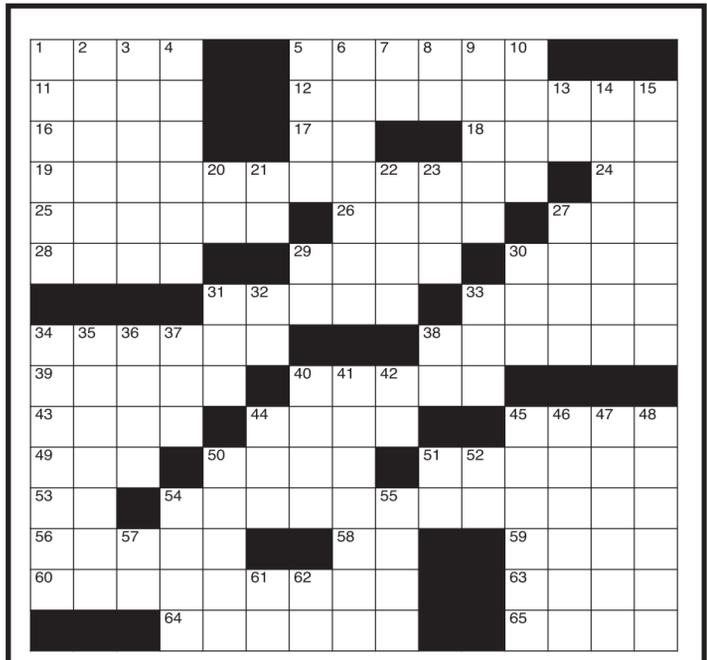
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  - Excessively overweight
  - Pampered
  - Emerged
  - Order of tailless amphibians
  - Indian term of respect
  - Shift sails (Brit.)
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  - Scottish tax
  - Health insurance
  - Monetary unit of Samoa
  - Move about
  - Execute or perform
  - Taste property
  - Unit of dry measure
  - Blood group
  - Something you can up
  - In great need
  - Breezes through
  - Spoke
  - Become acquainted with
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- A particular part
  - Spanish neighborhood
  - Business
  - Reddish browns
  - Extinct Hawaiian bird
  - Disney town
  - Part of the Bible (abbr.)
  - Atomic #22 (abbr.)
  - The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
  - In a moment
  - Monetary unit of Vietnam
  - Submerge in a liquid
  - Yellowish cotton cloth
  - , \_ , denotes past
  - Hoopster Morant
  - Not
  - Indian title of respect
  - Horsley and Marvin are two
  - One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
  - Hoover's organization
  - Round globular seed
  - University officia
  - Spherical body
  - Iraq's capital
  - To any further extent
  - Swollen lymph node
  - Anger
  - Technological marvel
  - Peruvian district
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  - Reveal the presence of
  - Long upholstered seat
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  - Lying down
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  - Indicates position

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