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COVID-19

New COVID Cases in Drew County:

- June 29: 5
- June 30: 4
- July 1: 7
- July 2: 5
- July 4: 19
- July 5: 1
- July 6: 14
- July 7: 1
- July 8: 3
- July 10: 1
- July 11: 2
- July 12: 18

By: MELISSA ORRELL

Drew County, like the rest of the country, is experiencing a resurgence of COVID-19 community spread as 80 cases have been reported in the past two weeks.

The rise in cases across the country has raised alarm bells as officials urge residents to take precautions during this time, pointing out the spread is largely unseen with many people using at home tests and not going to a medical facility for follow up testing, meaning many community cases remain unreported and not in the official count.

Drew County has not seen reported new

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Quorum Court has full agenda for monthly meeting

By: MELISSA ORRELL

Body cameras activated by the drawing of a taser, service weapon or when the emergency lights are turned on by a Drew County Sheriff's deputy was approved for purchase by the Drew County Quorum Court Monday, July 11, during the monthly regularly scheduled meeting.

The proposal for the cameras and new tasers was presented to the Court by Drew County Sheriff Mark Gober and Chief Deputy Brian Slaughter at a cost of \$24,152.68 for five years. The contract includes the purchase of the Axon Tasers and the Axon body cameras with the Axon signal sidearm and vehicle added to the contract. The signal sidearm and vehicle is an added feature that will activate the body cameras of everyone within the vicinity.

"Before you tonight is a present-

tation...to acquire cameras for the County and tasers from Axon, it's one of the leading companies in tasers and camera systems. It has some very unique items that it can do, top of the line, accountability, accessibility, being transparent. I love cameras. We need to have them, but I also think we need to have good cameras and these are the best that have come along in a long time. Brian is going to go through a lot of items that they will do for us. Going back to the tasers, top of the line tasers, Axon makes them. We've used tasers, I think for 14 or 15 years, they are good, less lethal force than firearms or something else, I have never had a problem with them," Gober stated to the Court in support of the purchase. "Brian is going to give you a few details about these things and it's really astronomical what they can do

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Photo by Melissa Orrell

Justice of the Peace Orlando Jones views the live feed sent to Drew County Patrol Sergeant Daniel Garrison's cell phone during a demonstration of the Axon body cameras by Chief Deputy Brian Slaughter Monday, July 11, at the regularly scheduled Quorum Court meeting. The Court approved the purchase of the cameras by the Drew County Sheriff's Office in a unanimous decision.

Emergency ordinance passed during QC meeting concerning dangerous and vicious dogs

By: MELISSA ORRELL

Dangerous and vicious dogs in Drew County have been a problem that has been brought before the Drew County Quorum Court previously. At the time, the Court chose not to move forward to offer any solutions to the issues faced by residents. Monday, July 11, during the regularly scheduled Quorum Court meeting, that changed, with the court voting unanimously to pass an "emergency ordinance to control and deal with dangerous and vicious dogs, and to impose criminal penalties and liability on owners and possessors of dangerous and vicious dogs," also known as the Vicious Dog Ordinance.

According to Drew County Sheriff Mark Gober, before the passage of the emergency ordinance on Monday night, the Drew County Sheriff's Office's hands were tied when dealing with dogs that attacked people and domesticated animals. When deputies were called to a scene previously, deputies would talk to the owner of the dog and ask them to keep their dog on their property and away from others, to explain to the victim they had a right to protect themselves if the dog returned and was

threatening, but beyond that, the only recourse for victims was to file a civil suit to recoup money spent on medical or vet bills.

While talking to the Court in support of the ordinance, Gober relayed the story of a citizen who was threatened any time he went for a bike ride by a group of dogs. During that time, with no ordinance or laws on the books, the Sheriff's Office couldn't do anything other than advise the bike rider of his rights to protect himself and again ask the owners to control their dogs. Nothing changed.

Lee Ann McDaniel also spoke to the court about her experience with a neighbor's dog who frequently would leave their neighbor's yard and enter theirs in order to attack her small dog. The dog is now being treated for injuries from the attack, with the vet bills still adding up and the other dog still making appearances in the yard. Her husband had also been threatened by the dog while mowing the yard but was able to fend off the attack by chasing the dog with the zero turn lawn mower he was operating at the time. The couple also claimed to have text messages from the owner of the dog

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Arkansas Rural Health Partnership expands mental health outreach in Arkansas

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

When it comes to mental health, most people are not trained how to respond to situations that are crisis or non-crisis situations. Mental health concerns across Arkansas and the United States are at an all-time high. This growing need for mental health services along with an all-time shortage of providers, resources, and transportation has created a huge need in both rural and urban communities that is not being met. According to the Centers for Disease Control more than 50% of people will be diagnosed with a mental illness or disorder at some point in their life-

time and 1 in 5 Americans will experience a mental illness in a given year

One Arkansas rural-based organization, Arkansas Rural Health Partnership, is trying to fill the gap by teaching people across the state about Mental Health First Aid (MHFA). Mental Health First Aid is an international, evidence-based program that prepares participants to interact with a person experiencing a mental health crisis. Participants learn to identify, understand and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges with a five-step action plan. According to Amanda Kuten-



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kuler, Senior Programs Director for Arkansas Rural Health Partnership, "this evidence-based internationally recognized program takes the guesswork out of how to respond to some-

one experiencing a mental health challenge".

Much like traditional first aid,

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Courtesy photo

Thank you, Monticello!

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

As we approach our 30th Anniversary, the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission - A Division of the Arkansas Department of Education is having a momentous year serving Arkansans of all ages and cultural backgrounds throughout the four congressional districts of Arkansas. Therefore, the Commission thanks the City of Monticello as a partner, the Monticello Police Department, the Monticello Fire Department, the Drew County Sheriff's Office, Union Bank, and other Monticello Community Area First Responders, businesses and volunteers for their support and involvement during the Friday, July 1, 2022, Unity in the Community Festival, which was a free community empowerment event featuring home ownership and financial literacy workshops, free food, live music, and activities for youth.

The 2022 Unity in the Community Festival helped the Commission continue in its effort to encourage Arkansans to reflect on the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through educational endeavors, cultural performances, exhibitions, and public community outreach projects that are multiethnic, and family oriented. In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.) § 25-24-102, it is one of many duties of the Commission to promote among the people of Arkansas, by appropriate activities, both the awareness and appreciation of the civil rights movement as well as enable the people of Arkansas to reflect on the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through the donations and contributions from individuals as well as public and private organizations in order to carry out these statutory responsibilities.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s mission and philosophy of love, tolerance, and nonviolence guide the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr.

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UPCOMING

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.

Last Market in the Park for Summer

This Saturday, April 16th, will be the last day for Market in the Park Farmer's Market for the summer season. Hours will be 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Market in The Park will return in October with their 3rd Annual Fall Craft Bazaar.

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.

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.

NOW THROUGH AUGUST 31

The Senior Center is holding a raffle for a beautiful, crocheted Afghan and pillow. Tickets are \$1.00. The raffle will end the beginning of September.

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.monticelloyouth-footballleague.com or call 870-466-8219.

City recycling guidelines

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

Drew County Quorum Court Meeting

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

Monticello City Council Meeting

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

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

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

Public WiFi is available inside and from the parking lot. The password is books2015.

Information and referral outreach office now open

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions Community Development Organization announces the opening of its Information and Referral Outreach Office, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office will be open Tuesdays only. Services will include but are not limited to, COVID-19 relief information, pharmacy assistance referrals for free and reduced prescription medications, help with disability applications and other health and human services needs.

Delta Solutions is a non-profit organization, serving residents in Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha and Drew counties. It's primary focus is Education, Housing, Health and Wellness, Economic Development, Community Development, Housing, Food Insecurity, and Financial Literacy.

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

Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education Meeting

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

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

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

VFW Auxiliary

Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993.

Any relative of a veteran who served overseas in a foreign war is eligible for membership. Any past members who are still interested in the Auxiliary are also asked to contact Wanda or

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Senior Center
LUNCH

July 13 - July 22

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

Thursday: Taco salad w/ Fritos, Spanish rice, mixed fruit

Friday: Hamburger w/ cheese, tots, cookie bar

Monday: Vegetable beef soup, cornbread, sugar cookie, peaches

Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, lemon cake

Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, cobbler, roll

Thursday: Baked ham, yams, Italian green beans, cream cheese brownie, biscuit

Friday: Chicken sandwich, potato salad, fruited Jello

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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ARHP

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Mental Health First Aid gives participants the tools needed to feel confident in responding to a difficult situation. Mental Health First Aid is about getting the person experiencing a mental health challenge the help they need. That might be directing them to self-help, encouraging professional help, or getting immediate help. The program covers both crisis and non-crisis situations. "Substance use problems are so prevalent in our communities and our schools that we really cannot address one without the other" according to Kuttenkuler.

Kuttenkuler who has been with the partnership for three years was recently named the top Mental Health First Aid Instructor for the State of Arkansas. Kuttenkuler trained over 580 people last year all over Arkansas. "For me it is about meeting people where they are and changing their outlook on mental health. I have been blessed to share this program with many people from all over this state and every time it's the same response of "why didn't we do this earlier"? I love meeting new people and sharing this program with them. My favorite thing is hearing stories about where the training made a real dif-

ference in a situation. When you see the words and ideas you give people turn into action that helps someone, that's how you know you know you are making a difference."

After a recent training session at a local high school, participants decided to set up an anonymous way for students, parents, and teachers to report a mental health incident anonymously. Within six months, the line had been utilized over 130 times by students with 16 of them experiencing non suicidal self-injury or suicidal thoughts and ideation. The school district was able to get these students immediate help. ARHP has also trained healthcare professionals, educators, and civic groups across the state. One of the latest groups to be taught by ARHP is the entire athletics staff at University of Arkansas at Monticello where their entire staff of coaches and directors were trained in Mental Health First Aid.

Arkansas Rural Health Partnership, a non-profit comprising 15 rural hospitals, 2 community health centers, and 2 medical school universities, recognized the need to address mental and behavioral health when their respective communities voiced the need in 2019 during community health needs assessments conducted throughout south Arkansas. "It is our hope that we are able to provide Mental Health First Aid to as many teachers, students, community members, church leaders, healthcare providers, and emergency responders as possible," said Mellie Bridewell, President

and Founder of the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership. By increasing the amount of mental health "gate-keepers" in our rural communities and throughout the state, it will save lives."

About ARHP

ARHP is a nonprofit organization comprised of 15 rural hospital members, including Ashley County Medical Center, Baptist Health Stuttgart, Bradley County Medical Center, Chicot Memorial Medical Center, Dallas County Medical Center, Delta Memorial Hospital, DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home, Drew Memorial Health System, Helena Regional Medical Center, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Magnolia Regional Medical Center, McGehee Hospital, Medical Centers of South Arkansas and Ouachita Regional Medical Center, along with two Federally Qualified Health Systems (Mainline Health Systems and Mid Delta Health System), 92 owned/affiliated clinics and UAMS. Together these organizations continue to expand, nurture, and provide programs throughout Arkansas rural communities to ensure access to quality and localized health care services and programs through collaborative efforts. Visit www.arruralhealth.org. Find us on Facebook at Arkansas Rural Health Partnership.

Funding provided to ARHP for Mental Health First Aid is provided by Arkansas Blue & You Foundation and SAMH-SA.

Arkansas fruit breeder awarded by American Pomological Society for outreach, service

By JOHN LOVETT
U of A System Division of Agriculture

The American Pomological Society has bestowed one of its top honors to an Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station fruit breeder and researcher.

John R. Clark, distinguished professor of horticulture with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, is being awarded the 2022 Chad Finn Ambassador Award by the oldest fruit organization in North America.

"This is a fabulous honor because it honors my close personal friend Chad Finn," Clark said. "We spent over 30 years working and having fun together in fruit breeding. It's a joy to be associated with his name."

The Chad Finn Ambassador Award was established in 2020 by the American Pomological Society in honor of Chad Elliot Finn, a research geneticist and small fruit breeder who worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Horticultural Research Crop Unit in Corvallis, Oregon, from 1993 until his passing in 2019. The award is bestowed on those who have made significant contributions to pomology, especially in outreach and service.

The award will be presented to Clark at the American Society for Horticultural Science annual conference, held this year in Chicago between July 30 and Aug. 3. It is just the second time the award will be given. The first recipient was Bernadine Strik of Oregon

State University's department of horticulture in Corvallis.

Although primarily a fruit breeder and researcher, Clark grew into a well-known speaker and presenter on fruit breeding because of requests for information on the varieties he and his colleagues developed with the Division of Agriculture.

Margaret Worthington, assistant professor of fruit breeding and genetics with the experiment station, said Clark has a fun and engaging storytelling style that makes him a highly sought-after speaker for growers' associations, industry meetings and academic conferences.

"Dr. Clark has no formal extension appointment. However, he is always willing to answer calls and emails from growers and even home gardeners," Worthington wrote in a nomination letter.

"It's a little bit of a business decision but also just being courteous," Clark said of his call-backs to growers and gardeners, both in-state and out-of-state. "I hold fast to that. Almost 42 years have gone by, and I'm always learning. I usually get a story about it, too. If someone asks me something, I'm going to answer them as best I can."

Clark said he stops short of giving advice that should come from a Cooperative Extension Agent,

such as pH and fertilizer recommendations. And although the fruits he has developed are varieties for Arkansas growers, he said they are used worldwide.

Worthington, who nominated Clark for the award, noted that Clark has given nearly 700 formal presentations throughout his career and regularly hosts industry groups at the experiment station's Fruit Research Station in Clarksville. Clark also composes guitar tunes to accompany many of the new fruit cultivar releases, started in about 30 YouTube videos describing Arkansas fruit breeding innovations, and is a recurring columnist for American Fruit Grower/Growing Produce, she added. Clark has also authored hundreds of peer-reviewed and popular press articles and 12 book chapters. Many of those works, Clark said, were co-authored with Finn.

"Chad was a close professional friend and a close personal friend," Clark said. "Chad had a big ol' laugh, and he could make a lot of racket with it."

"We had the two largest public blackberry breeding programs, so that was our common bond. But we also were close friends and did a lot of writing together over the years," he said.

One of their most significant

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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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NEGLECT

Bruises around the breasts or genital area.

SEXUAL ABUSE

Unusual activity in a person's bank account. Large amount of withdrawals and unpaid bills.

FINANCIAL ABUSE





ELDER ABUSE

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Summer road trip in Arkansas

Summer always brings back memories of my family's road trips to Petit Jean State Park and other adventures around Arkansas. Whether I was in the back seat as a kid or driving my own daughters, there was always a lot to see and do as we explored the state.

I know many families in Arkansas are making tough choices about vacations this year. It's harder to visit friends and family, enjoy some downtime on a vacation or transport school-age children to camps and other activities as rampant inflation and record-high gas prices take a bigger bite out of families' budgets. Still, lots of folks are doing what they've always done — finding a way to make things work while creating as little disruption to their normal lives and routines as possible.

I recently took a road trip to see how families and communities are weathering these challenging times. Each stop underscored the strength of our citizens, various challenges and opportunities they're confronting and the common bonds we all share as proud Americans and Natural State residents.

Traveling to a variety of towns and cities gives me the opportunity to receive updates on important local projects as well as understand more intimately how national issues are playing out in homes and on streets throughout our state. That's exactly what the Senate's In-State Work Periods are designed to do and why I aim to hit the road during them.

Touring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hydroelectric power plant in Ozark with Congressman Bruce Westerman (AR-4) was a great way to start. Many Arkansans know this site at the Ozark-Jeta Taylor Lock and Dam for its excellent camping and fishing. But, in addition to its role in recreation, the hydro-power generated at the Ozark Powerhouse plays a critical role in ensuring the power grid has the capability to support demand, particularly in the summer when power usage peaks.

From there we were off to the races, making stops across western and northern Arkansas. In Mulberry and Pea Ridge, I talked to stakeholders about anti-hunger efforts and policies I've championed to ensure students in need have access to healthy meals all year long.

I also made time to speak at the National Be Pro Be Proud conference in Northwest Arkansas. Workforce development and skilled training are only becoming more important, so I'm excited by the model our state is building in this area.

Next, I made my way over to the scenic and vibrant communities of Mountain Home, Fifty-Six, Mountain View and Heber Springs as part of my commitment to sitting down with local officials to discuss concerns and priorities. Joining Congressman Rick Crawford (AR-1) to address the continued closure of Blanchard Springs Caverns to the public with the U.S. Forest Service was an especially important item given the caves are one of our state's most popular destinations.

After the July Fourth holiday, I set out for the River Valley and Southwest Arkansas for more opportunities to get feedback from businesses, elected officials and community advocates.

In Fort Smith, I talked agriculture policy with a poultry company and then got an update on the preparations at Ebbing Air National Guard Base for the new missions coming to the Arkansas Air National Guard's 188th Wing, which the congressional delegation worked tirelessly to bring to fruition.

Then we turned the car south on Highway 71 to events in Waldron, De Queen and Texarkana to talk economic development, transportation and health care before heading to central Arkansas to tour a local business poised to mark its 100th anniversary. We closed out the trip at a roundtable to share with Natural State veterans about recently passed initiatives I've championed that will improve their benefits and services.

It was a busy, but productive two weeks out and about, listening to and learning from the people of our state. That's where the solu-

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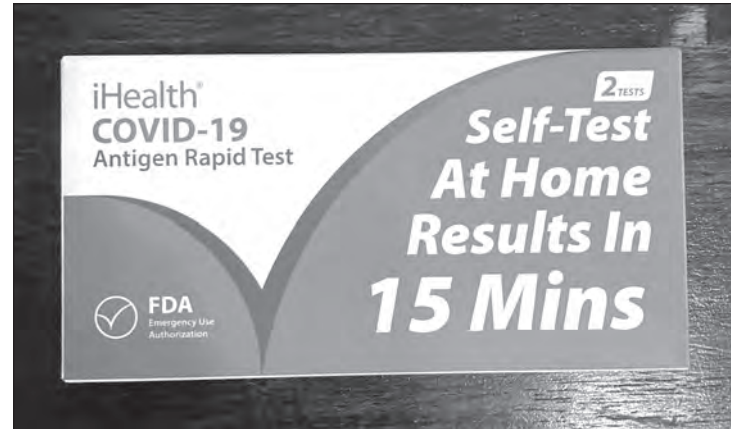
Waiting on two pink lines

I haven't looked at a medical test that gave results with two pink lines in over seven years. Alas, here I am, Covid positive. Ha, fooled you for a second.

I was my normal self Saturday morning but by that afternoon, I was knocked out in the bed. I tried to do the Covid test that we had in the bathroom but in my headache ridden state, I couldn't read the instructions. Superman came home and helped me actually take the test. It didn't take long and we were staring at two pink lines. When I tell you I've never been in so much pain, I mean it. My entire body hurt that first day.

By day two, Superman was also positive and coughing his head off. Thankfully, my mom scooped Fred up and she remains healthy.

So, I'm writing to you from home, thankful for technology. I am able to do certain things from home, between blowing my



nose, of course.

I encourage everyone to be cautious and wash your hands and keep your tiny dinosaurs from licking the buggies at the store. Unfortunately, we are back on an uptick in the Natural State and I wouldn't wish this feeling on anyone.

Even the cat knows something is up. He alternates sitting on my lap with his paw on my hand, then goes over to sit on the coughing superhero.

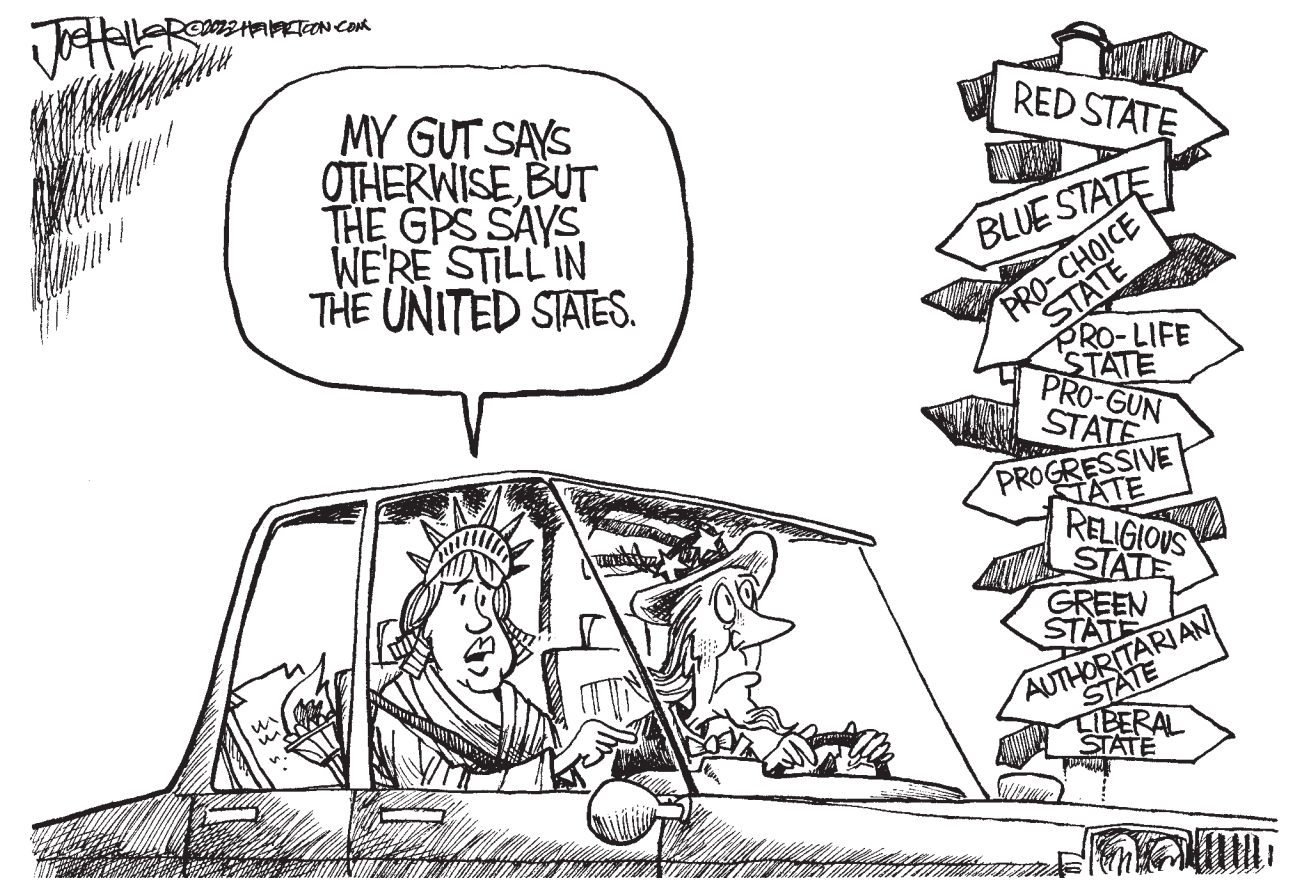
It seems weird to me to be sick with what essentially seems like a severe head cold in the middle of July. The heat index wasn't so bad for those moments I was running fever.

Germs know no season and don't care that you have tasks to complete.

One of the things I am able to manage from home is the massive amount of votes coming in for our

annual Readers' Choice ballots. Y'all are opinionated and we are happy to hear it. I do need to remind everyone that businesses and people nominated in the categories must operate in Drew County.

If you haven't voted yet, please look on the next page of this newspaper for the ballot or go online to www.advancemonticellonian.com and cast your vote.



Caught serving: Trooper going the extra mile for a stranded motorist

Today I am going to tell the story of an Arkansas State Trooper who put his own safety at risk to serve and protect a driver through a good deed that a Weather Channel reporter videotaped and posted online.

The trooper's action was business as usual for state troopers and police officers. But as the Weather Channel photographer said, you don't often have the chance to photograph the good work of police officers for others to see.

The trooper that Charles Peek saw in action is Richard Surrette, who patrols in Northwest Arkansas. One day in mid-May, Trooper Surette went to the aid of a driver who was strand-

ed at Mile Marker 78 on Interstate 49 near Rogers.

When Trooper Surrette arrived, Jim Dacus was standing beside his car preparing to change his tire. Troopers are not required to assist with flat tires. They direct traffic and generally ensure the tire changer is safe. But Trooper Surrette says he has changed hundreds of tires. So he changed the tire.

Trooper Surrette, whose father also was in law enforcement, started his career as a Benton County deputy, where he rose to the rank of corporal.

The driver with the flat tire, Jim Dacus, is a 75-year-old veteran who grew up in Wynne and served as an Air Force intelligence officer during the Vietnam War.

By the time Charles Peek happened upon the scene, the tire was changed, but he taped Trooper Surrette talking to Mr. Dacus through the driver's window, and

filmed their smiles and handshake.

Mr. Peek posted the film to his Twitter page with these words: "MUST SEE! I saw Trooper Surrette changing the tire for this motorist. He finished just as I got turned around to video. Police are doing many good things but not often 'caught' on video. Thank you, Trooper Surrette!"

State Police Director Colonel Bill Bryant recently spoke to a law enforcement group in Seattle, where Arkansas State Trooper Spencer Morris was honored as a Trooper of the Year. Colonel Bryant noted that 500 Arkansas State Troopers patrol more than 16 thousand miles of state highways every day, and they frequently stop to serve the citizens, whether it's changing a flat tire or listening for a minute to someone's concern. They are part of the fabric that holds local communities together. They are

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Special session called to consider tax cuts

The governor announced that he would call the legislature into special session on August 8 to consider income tax cuts that would save Arkansas families and businesses almost \$700 million when they take effect.

The legislature enacted many of the measures last December during a previous special session. The tax reductions were to be phased in over several years.

Due the enormous size of the state's budget surplus, the governor's finance officials and legislative leaders agree that the effective date of many of the planned tax cuts can be moved up by several years.

For example, last December the legislature voted to reduce the top rate for individual income taxes from 5.5 to 4.9 percent by tax year 2025. The new plan is to accelerate the reduction so that the 4.9 percent rate becomes effective retroactively to January 1, 2022.

Making the lower rate effective for this calendar year would save taxpayers about \$296 million on

next year's tax bills.

In the August special session legislators will consider a similar plan to move up the effective date of a reduction in the top rate for corporate income taxes. In last December's special session the legislature voted to lower it from 5.9 to 5.3 percent by 2025.

Accelerating the reduction to 5.3 percent will save Arkansas businesses an estimated \$18.5 million next year, \$27.8 million the following year and \$9.2 million the third year. In other words, accelerating the effective date

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Fiscal year ends with largest surplus in state history

This week, we received the Fiscal Year 2022 Revenue Summary. It shows we ended the last fiscal year with the largest surplus in state history.

It is likely we will convene for a special session in August to address additional tax relief.

Fiscal Year 2022 ended on June 30. Net Available General Revenue collections totaled \$7.477 billion. That amount was \$632.1 million or 9.2% above

collections from the previous fiscal year.

It is \$1.628 billion in excess of fully funding the Revenue Stabilization Act representing a surplus as defined by our budget process. The previous record for a revenue surplus was Fiscal Year 2021 at approximately \$945 million.

Fiscal Year 2022 ended above forecast in all major categories of collections. The largest sources of general revenue are individual income taxes and sales tax.

Individual income tax collections totaled \$4.17 billion. That is 5.1% above collections in Fiscal Year 2021.

Sales and Use tax collections totaled \$3.15 billion. That is an increase of 9.4% from the previous fiscal year.

Corporate income taxes totaled \$837.2 million. That is 28.4% above the previous fiscal year.

In a special session held late last year, the General Assembly passed Act 1 and Act 2, which are identical pieces of legislation that reduce the top income tax rate for individuals from 5.9% to 4.9% incrementally over the next four years. For the tax year that began on January 1, 2022, the top rate was reduced to 5.5%.

The Governor has stated publicly he intends to call another special session the week of August 8. Other items in addition to tax relief may be listed on the call for the special session but will be announced at a later date. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available.

We've posted the revenue report on our website www.arkansashouse.org.

HISTORY MINUTE

Elvis in the Natural State: Part two

By: **KENNETH BRIDGES**
Advance Correspondent

John Elvis Miller had served Arkansas as a prosecutor, congressman, and U. S. Senator before he was 50 years old. The modest Searcy lawyer and businessman had quietly risen to the heights of Arkansas politics by the late 1930s in a desperate time and had pursued popular legislation during the worst years of the Great Depression that still impacts the nation decades later. Increasingly, the approach of World War II dominated congressional concerns. President Franklin D. Roosevelt had warned of the advances of Nazi Germany in Europe and Japan in the Pacific and was quietly working to build up American defenses and oppose the Axis Powers. Miller was friends with Roosevelt and was often a guest at the White House, routinely discussing these issues. In 1939, Miller voted in favor of a modification of the Neutrality Act, the “cash and carry” proposal that allowed more sales of weapons to the Allies, but the Allies would have to come to the United States to pick up their purchases of aircraft and ammunition. In 1940, he voted to enact the first peacetime draft in American History to continue to build up American forces as the Axis Powers continued to over-

run the Allies. By the beginning of 1941, Great Britain was the last nation facing the Nazis and was struggling to survive. Under this plan, Roosevelt told the American people that the U. S. was to become the “arsenal of democracy” and provide all weapons necessary to any nation whose survival was deemed imperative to the survival of the United States. Lend-Lease passed the House of Representatives in January 1941. One of Miller’s last major votes in the Senate was to vote in favor of the Lend-Lease Act in March. It would become indispensable for the survival of the Allies as World War II dragged on. In September 1940, Judge Heartsill Ragon died in Fort Smith, leaving a vacancy on the federal bench. On March 30, Roosevelt nominated Miller to fill the position as federal district judge for the Western District of Arkansas. The Senate, so impressed with Miller and his service, voted to confirm him the same day. Gov. Homer Adkins appointed businessman Lloyd Spencer to serve the last year and a half of Miller’s term. He ruled on a variety of cases in his years as a federal judge. In 1954, the Supreme Court made its sweeping ruling in the Brown v. Board of Education ruling, declaring that segregation in edu-

cation was unconstitutional and even the “separate but equal” justification of segregation was a legal fiction as no one could be equal when they were forced to separate because of race. Howls of protest erupted across the South over the ruling, but some Arkansas districts, such as Fayetteville and Charleston, quietly desegregated. But a fight soon erupted over desegregation in Little Rock as Gov. Orval Faubus and a number of allies attempted to derail segregation in the state’s capital. Little Rock school officials had negotiated with African-American parents for an initially limited desegregation program for the school district and agreed that nine African-American children would begin attending Central High School starting for the fall of 1957. However, in 1956, civil rights activists pushed for full integration without delay. Miller took the middle ground, ruling in favor of the phased desegregation plan but also ruling that the federal courts would continue to oversee the process, keeping the matter out of state courts. Though many were disappointed with the ruling, it nevertheless kept desegregation moving forward as other federal judges ruled on aspects of the case as it unfolded. In the meantime, the

backlash against the civil rights movement grew. Little Rock voters in late 1956 approved a referendum stopping integration of any kind, a result that was overruled as a result of Miller’s decision. However, voters responded again in 1958 by shutting down Little Rock public schools entirely, a disastrous decision that was reversed within a year. Miller was named chief judge for the Western District in 1958. He decided to retire in 1967 at the age of 78. His active position was assumed by El Dorado Congressman Oren Harris. Instead of giving up his position entirely, he assumed “senior status,” allowing him to continue with some limited work. He still heard an occasional case as late as 1979, when he was past 90, making him the oldest active federal judge. Miller continued to work quietly until his death in January 1981 at age 92. *Dr. Ken Bridges is a Professor of History and Geography at South Arkansas Community College in El Dorado where he lives with his wife and six children. He is the author of seven books, and his columns can be found in more than 40 papers across Arkansas. Dr. Bridges can be reached by email at kbridges@southark.edu.*

COVID

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daily cases higher than 10 since the waning days of the winter surge on February 20, when 17 new cases were reported in one day. The CDC COVID-19 Community Levels monitoring has raised Drew County’s status to Medium. The CDC recommendations for a community level of Medium are:
• If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a

mask and take other precautions
• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
• Get tested if you have symptoms
People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. If you are immunocompromised, learn more about how to protect yourself. You can also track the COVID-19 cases in Drew County with the COVID-19 Data Tracker covid.cdc.gov.

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Commission as the Commission strives for social improvement in Arkansas, helping communities and organizations achieve new levels of leadership and public service. The Commission works directly with youth and others, encouraging them to embrace alternatives to violence and discover their common humanity. Through

activities that stress racial and cultural diversity, the Commission offers Arkansas a new understanding of the important roles they play in our communities, now and in the future. The Commission has collaborated with various agencies and organizations in its efforts to provide community services across the state of Arkansas.
DuShun Scarbrough, Executive Director

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will lower corporate income taxes by \$55.6 million more than the savings enacted last December. The legislature also will consider changing depreciation rules in Section 179, to save businesses \$24.8 million in 2024 and \$21.1 million in 2025. After the first five years of being in effect, the change will save businesses an estimated \$102.1 million. Also to be considered will be a temporary income tax

reduction for low-income and middle-income families totalling \$90 million in tax year 2022. Under the current code, taxpayers with an income of less than \$87,000 will pay 2 percent in income tax for the portion of their income that is between \$5,100 and \$10,299. The legislature will consider reducing it from 2 percent to nothing. The savings will come next year when Arkansans file their 2022 taxes. Between now and fiscal year 2027 the total tax savings would be \$697 million. There is a consensus that the

state can afford that much in tax relief because on June 30 state government ended the 2022 fiscal year with a budget surplus of more than \$1.6 billion. The governor is still preparing the call for the special session, which will list the items for the legislature to consider. He said he may include school safety measures and increased financial commitments to maternal care and adoption services. The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe vs. Wade immediately outlawed abortion in Arkansas except in cases in which

the mother’s life is endangered. Act 180 of 2019, known as a “trigger law,” was worded to take effect in the event Roe vs. Wade was overturned. Teacher pay raises will not be considered until the 2023 regular session. By then legislators will have the results of a study that determines how much the state has to fund public schools, in order to comply with the constitution’s mandate that the state provide all children with an adequate education.

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among the best trained law enforcement officers in the country, dedicated and always ready to serve. They set aside risks each day to make their state a safer and better

place to call home. Trooper Morris, by the way, was honored for pursuing a stolen car even after the suspect fired a weapon and shot the trooper in the chest. Fortunately, Trooper Morris was wearing a bulletproof vest. Even though Trooper Surrrette’s assistance was a


routine tire change, he knows first-hand that even routine tasks can end badly. Years ago, as a Benton County deputy, he investigated a fatal accident at the same intersection where he helped Mr. Dacus. The victim that night was struck and killed by a car as he changed a flat tire.

Officers protect us because that is what they love to do. They will tell you they are just doing their job. Thank you Richard Surrrette, Spencer Morris, and all your co-officers at all levels of law enforcement who care for us by simply doing your job.

BOOZMAN

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tions to problems come from and there’s no substitute for getting face-to-face for these important conversations. As summer continues and more Arkansans hit the road, I will be taking their input back to Washington. At a time when we seem to be facing multiple crises directly impacting everyday Americans, that concept is more important than ever.



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Freddie Mac Coulter

Freddie Mac Coulter, 78, of Monticello, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2022, at Gardner Nursing Home in Star City. He was born August 18, 1943, to the late Fred Coulter and Margie Allison Coulter. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Ann Loveless. Freddie was a retired truck driver who loved his job traveling the open road. Everyone who knew him loved him as he



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never met a stranger.

He is survived by many loving friends. A memorial service will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Pleasant Springs Cemetery. You can sign Freddie's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

Rev. Nelson Spencer and Delois "Ann" Spencer

Rev. Nelson Spencer and Delois "Ann" Spencer passed away at their home, Rev. Spencer on July 9, 2022 and Ann on July 7, 2022. Their funeral services will be Sat-

urday, July 16, 2022 at 1p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Visitation will be Friday, July 15, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow the funeral services in Lacey Cemetery in Lacey. For more information please visit www.stephensondearman.com and to sign their guestbooks.

Jerry Kenneth (Kenny) Tucker

Jerry Kenneth (Kenny) Tucker passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 9, 2022, surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

Kenny was born on November 22, 1960, in Monticello, to the late Rose Wiscaver Tucker and Jerry Tucker.

He was raised in the Coleman community in Drew County and was a country boy through and through. He knew the woods like the back of his hand and found joy in hunting and fishing of all types. Every summer, he spent his time growing a beautiful garden and canning his favorite relishes and



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jellies. He was known for making some of the tastiest pickled okra you could find. One of his favorite parts of growing his garden was sharing the vegetables and canned goods with his friends. He was a loving man with a kind, generous heart who would give you the shirt off his back. He worked as a millwright for Clearwater Paper and was a very skilled welder. Kenny was a hard worker, someone you could count on, and the true definition of a friend. He never hesitated to help someone out or pitch in when needed.

Kenny is survived by his four children, Cheyenne

(Tikko) Austin of Monticello, Raven (Chris) Garrett of Glendale, Ariz., Heath (Desiree) Harrod of Maumelle, and Ali (Chris) Fougousse of Greenbrier; and grandchildren, Lindsey and Avery Austin, Kingston, Carson, Easton and Lincoln Garrett; Savannah, Nathan, Judah, and Wyatt Harrod, and Straisley Fougousse.

A memorial service was held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Oak Grove Assembly of God Church in Monticello. You can sign Kenny's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

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today with this technology. Law enforcement side likes cameras, good cameras and the public likes the cameras, good cameras."

With an Axon representative on Zoom, Slaughter then addressed the Court about the features of the tasers and cameras and the benefits for the County.

"With the tasers, I have been 16 years in law enforcement and I have been using them since then but they have really come a long way to where they are at now," he said.

The Axon Taser X7 has close range capabilities at 4 feet and long range capabilities at 25 feet and contains two shots. Slaughter stated the two shots allows deputies a second shot if they miss with one and has a cross connect feature that allows the taser to still work even if the deputy only

gets one probe from each of the shots into the suspect.

"Each deputy will be assigned an X7 and camera and it will be assigned to that deputy, so we will know this deputy has this particular weapon through the serial number. When that deputy activates that switch and turns it on, it will automatically kick that camera on," Slaughter told the court. "If I had three or four deputies in this room and they have cameras on, when one deputy activates that thing, it's going to turn on the different cameras in this room. It is also going to send us, the Sheriff, myself, Sgt. (Dan) Garrison, a notice to our phones that that taser has been activated. We will get real time notice that that has happened. It will also allow Sheriff Gober and I to go in on our phones and live stream.... and see what is happening."

Slaughter also stated the Court had asked about activation with the blue lights in the deputies

cars and the Sheriff's Department looked into that. When a deputy kicks on the lights to the vehicle it will activate the deputy's camera without him having to reach down and turn it on. The cameras also have the activation button on the front center of the camera making it easier to activate the cameras than the ones the office is currently using, which have a small button on the side that must be held down for three seconds to activate.

Slaughter then showed the camera in a standby mode and explained to the court to activate the camera, a deputy would have to use the record button on the front of the taser or be in the vicinity of one of the tasers or lights being turned on. Slaughter then demonstrated the live feed of the camera using Garrison's phone.

The Court was able to see the quality of the video on the phone and how the camera records. Also included in the live link is

the name of the deputy assigned to the camera so the Sheriff will know whose camera has been activated along with the GPS location of the deputy and the camera. With the GPS location, the DCSO will be able to pull up a map to where the incident is occurring.

The batteries for the camera will last the full 12 hours of a shift with the camera turned on. The camera demonstrated to the Court had a 25 hour charge in stand-by mode.

"If we are going to spend this kind of money on this system, then, are y'all going to activate it before any confrontation starts, not just when y'all decide to activate it," asked Justice of the Peace René Knowles.

Slaughter assured Knowles they would and that their policy now is to activate the cameras before any interaction but also pointing out now the small button on the bottom side of the current

body cameras that are sometimes difficult to activate, underlining how easy the new cameras will be to activate and adding the cameras will operate in stand by mode when not turned on. The placement of the activation on the current cameras make it easy for a deputy to hit the wrong button while trying to activate the camera and not taking their eyes off the situation they are dealing with at the time. While in standby mode the cameras are gathering video. This allows the DCSO to go back if a critical event happens with a deputy and they are unable to perform any of the actions that would trigger the body cameras. While the video will not contain audio, the DCSO has 18 hours to retrieve the standby video that was recorded.

"There is no reason why the camera will not be on," said Gober of the new cameras. "The blue lights activate it."

Appropriation Ordinance

2022-12 to authorize the purchase of the body worn cameras along with the tasers and the signal activation from firearms and sirens was passed unanimously with all Justices of the Peace present and voting. Bids were not taken during the process because Axon is a sole provider of the taser, cameras and services.

Also during the meeting, Nancy White, Drew County Clerk, submitted an ordinance to "clean up" accounting records for incorrect calculations and coding. Appropriation Ordinance 2022-15 to clean up funds was passed unanimously.

Also discussed and passed was an emergency ordinance to control and deal with dangerous and vicious dogs, and to impose criminal penalties and liability on owners and possessors of dangerous and vicious dogs, in the County.

DOGS

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admitting the dog was trained to be aggressive and admitting to not knowing the dog was out when it came over to attack. This wasn't the first time the neighbor's dog had attacked and the first attempt to get an ordinance in place was also led by the McDaniels following the first attack on their family pet.

While the case was built for the ordinance with statements by Gober and by the McDaniels, concerns were also raised by Justices of the Peace and the public. However, the concerns were addressed in the ordinance or were addressed by what was not in the ordinance. No breed is singled out in the ordinance, a dog protecting their owner and their property is protected under the ordinance and the judge is given lead-way to use an assortment of techniques to protect the public before a dog is ordered to be euthanized by a vet.

The ordinance defines a dangerous dog as a dog who without provocation has:

- Bitten or attempted to bite a human
- Inflicted physical injury upon a domestic animal when the dog is not on its owners real property or
- Exhibited such aggressive behavior toward a human as would put a reasonable person in fear of being attacked by the dog.

A vicious dog is defined in the ordinance as any dog which, without provocation has:

- Killed or inflicted severe physical injury on a human
- Killed or inflicted severe physical injury on another do-

mestic animal

• Has already been declared a dangerous dog pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance and is determined to have committed subsequent dangerous behavior or

• Any dog owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of dogfighting or which has been trained for dogfighting.

Exceptions to the ordinance also answered some concerns with excessive barking or vocalization not being included in behaviors that would have a dog labeled as dangerous or vicious, as long as the barking is not accompanied by dangerous or vicious behavior. The exceptions also protect dogs who:

• Are being used by law enforcement to carry out official duties

• Are being used in a lawful hunt unless the dog has previously engaged in dangerous behavior

• Where the injury or damage inflicted was sustained by a domestic animal while the dog was working as a hunting, herding or predator control dog on the property or under the control of the owner or keeper, and the damage done was to a type of domestic animal appropriate to the work of the dog

• A dog protecting or defending a person within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified attack, assault or other wrongful behavior

• A dog where the injury inflicted was sustained by a person who at the time of injury was committing a willful trespass, was or had previously tormented, abused or assaulted the dog, or was committing or attempting to commit a crime

• A dog where the injury inflicted was not severe and was sustained by a person who, at the time of injury, had disturbed the dog while the dog was eating or sleeping.

Under the ordinance it will be unlawful to keep a vicious or dangerous dog and the owner can be fined up to \$1,000 for violating the ordinance.

Enforcement of the ordinance will be control officer, a control officer will be a deputy of the Sheriff's department or any person designated by the County Judge or the Quorum Court to enforce the ordinance, however, any private citizen can file a complaint alleging violation of the ordinance.

When investigating a violation, the control officer can enter private property to obtain evidence and seize any dog the officer has probable cause to believe is dangerous subject to warrant and other requirements of the 4th amendment to the US Constitution and other applicable federal and state laws. The officer may also issue a citation. Any

citation will mandate an appearance before the District Court.

The District Court shall determine the guilt of the owner and shall determine, based on evidence provided, whether the dog is dangerous or vicious and if so can impose any reasonable conditions upon the owner to protect the public, order the dog be euthanized, and establish the liability of the owner.

The requirements for owners of dogs declared vicious or dangerous and not ordered to be euthanized shall perform the following:

- Keep the dog securely confined indoors or in a secure pen
- When not on the owner's property, the dog shall be muzzled and restrained on a leash of adequate material and sufficient strength to effectively restrain the dog and no longer than 6 feet in length and under the control of a person over 18 years of age
- The dog shall wear a collar at all time with a tag giving the owner's name and current telephone number
- Post signs on property that

abuts to public roads stating "Warning-Dangerous Dog on Property" and must be easily read at a distance of 25 feet.

If the dog escapes, the owner must immediately notify the DCSO and advise the dog has been declared dangerous or vicious, give an accurate description and give the time frame of the escape.

If a dog is determined to be dangerous or vicious and not ordered to be euthanized the owner has the responsibility of notifying DCSO, have the dog sterilized in 14 days after the time period of an appeal, no one under 18 may be responsible for supervision of the dog at any time, and notify the DCSO if ownership of the dog changes or if the residence changes. As long as these are followed an owner will not be fined for violating the

ownership provision in the ordinance.

The control officers may take photos of any dog when there exists probable cause to believe the dog is dangerous and if the dog is declared dangerous by the court, the court may order photographing of the dog and order the placement of a microchip in the animal if the animal has no distinguishing features.

If euthanasia is deemed necessary and ordered by the court, it shall be carried out in a humane manner by a licensed veterinarian or a person eligible under the laws of the State to perform euthanasia and the cost will be borne by the County. The owner of the dog may also be present during the procedure.

The ordinance only covers areas of the county that are not in the Monticello City limits.

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Monticello Marlins win final home swim meet of the 2022 Season

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Marlins Swim Team hosted the final home swim meet of the season on Saturday, July 9. The meet would feature the Marlins, Crest (Crossett), Mena, Monticello Marlins

Year Round, Warren Waves Summer Only, City of Arkadelphia, and Pine Bluff Summer Only. The meet would consist of 90 total events with the Marlins winning the meet with a team point total of 771 points. Crest would finish second with

313 points followed by Mena with 123 and the Monticello Marlins Year Round in fourth with 108 points. Warren Waves Summer Only placed fifth with 83 points, City of Arkadelphia Swim Team placed sixth with a total of 54 points with

the Pine Bluff Summer Only Team rounding out the team scoring in seventh with 15 points. The Marlins were able to achieve their point total by finishing in first place in 45 of the 90 scheduled events. The Monticello Marlin Year

Round Team placed first in 10 of the 90 events. The Marlins also finished near the top of the majority of the events. The teams will compete in the final meet of the season on Saturday, July 16 in El Dorado in the Southeast Arkansas

Swim Association Championships. Those that qualify for the Junior Olympics will compete in Greensboro, North Carolina beginning on Thursday July 28 through Sunday, July 31. See www.advancemonticellonian.com for full results.



Jeff Young/Advance Monticellonian

MONTICELLO MARLINS - The Monticello Marlins hosted the final home swim meet of the 2022 Season on Saturday, July 9. The Marlins were the overall winners of the meet with a combined point total of 771 points.

CLARK

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writing collaborations was a chapter in the Plant Breeding Reviews book series that Clark calls “the most complete documentation on blackberry breeding.” They also traveled the world together to attend fruit grower meetings.

Among the many who nominated Clark for the award was David Karp, assistant specialist in the department of botany and plant sciences at the University

of California-Riverside. Karp, a fruit and food journalist, likened the nomination to recommending Michael Jordan for the NBA Hall of Fame.

“Many, perhaps most fruit breeders work their whole lives without producing any varieties that truly make a difference,” Karp wrote. “Cultivars that really change the game for a fruit or nut are few and far between. Dr. Clark has been so alert, skilled, and fortunate that he has truly revolutionized two major crops: grapes

and blackberries.”

Extension and Research Professor Eric T. Stafne of Mississippi State University, who also collaborated with Clark and Finn on the Plant Breeding Reviews blackberry chapter, said in his nomination letter that “if there is a more outstanding spokesperson for small fruits than John Reuben Clark, then I would like to meet that person, but I seriously doubt they exist.”

Stafne was working on his master’s degree at the Univer-

sity of Arkansas in 1997 when he watched as Clark, Jim Moore and Jose Lopez-Medina walked the field and selected what would become Prime-Jan® and Prime-Jim®, the first primocane-fruiting blackberry cultivars. Karp said these cultivars that produce fruit on first-year wood make it possible to grow blackberries in areas where they could not have flourished before and enable them to be produced year-round. “Countries all over the planet were now demanding blackberry

cultivars originating in little ol’ Clarksville, Arkansas, all due to John’s willingness to invest his energies into getting them into the marketplace,” Stafne wrote. “Being a gregarious fellow helped burgeon his reputation around the world — and his folksy, ‘Mayberry’-like colloquialisms didn’t hurt either.” Keith Striegler, grower outreach coordinator for E. & J. Gallo Winery in Acampo, California, said Clark’s publication record reflects his commitment to com-

municating research results to the scientific and grower communities. But Clark can relate to growers and the general public, which makes him stand out, Striegler said. “He has an excellent rapport with growers on a one-to-one basis and in presentations at meetings,” Striegler stated. “John knows how to listen to growers and understands the issues confronting them. He has the ability to effectively convey information to them.”

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Hospital Auxiliary holds annual sale

By: **ASHLEY HOGG**
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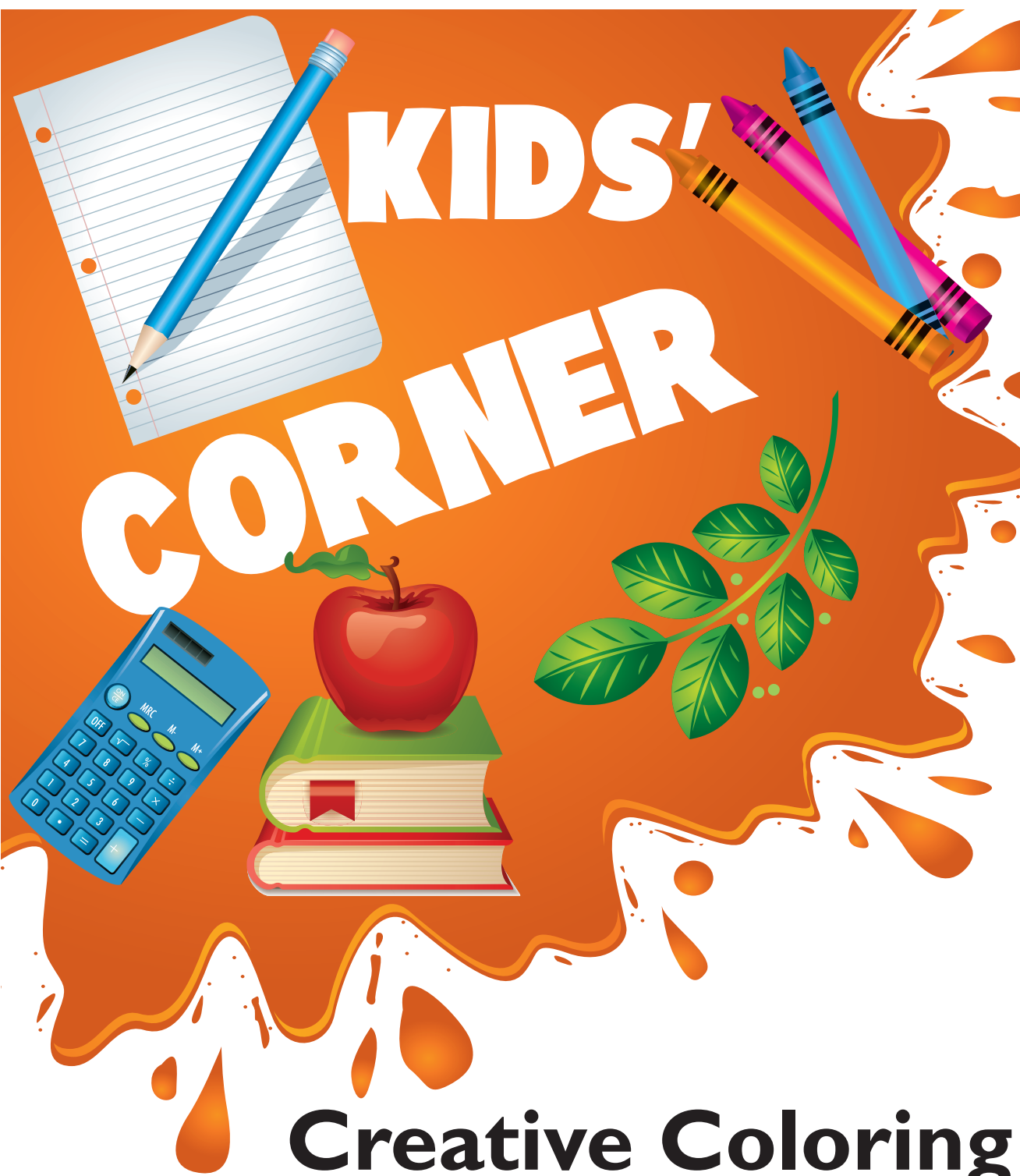
Last Thursday, the Hospital Auxiliary and their infamous pink ladies held a merchandise sale in the conference rooms of Drew Memorial Health Systems.

Items that were available for purchase were purses, clothing, hats and novelty T-shirts.

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

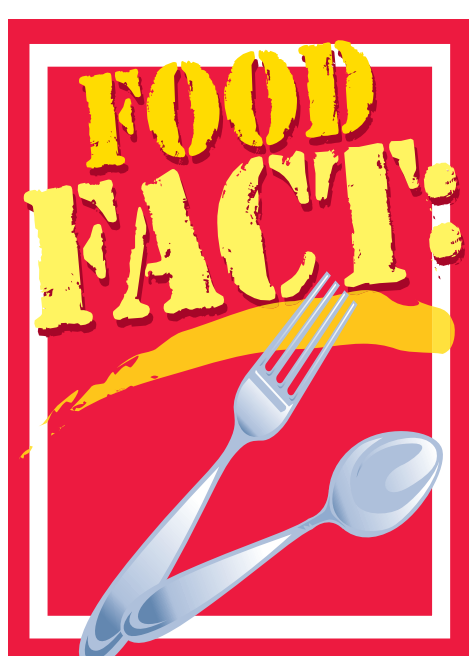
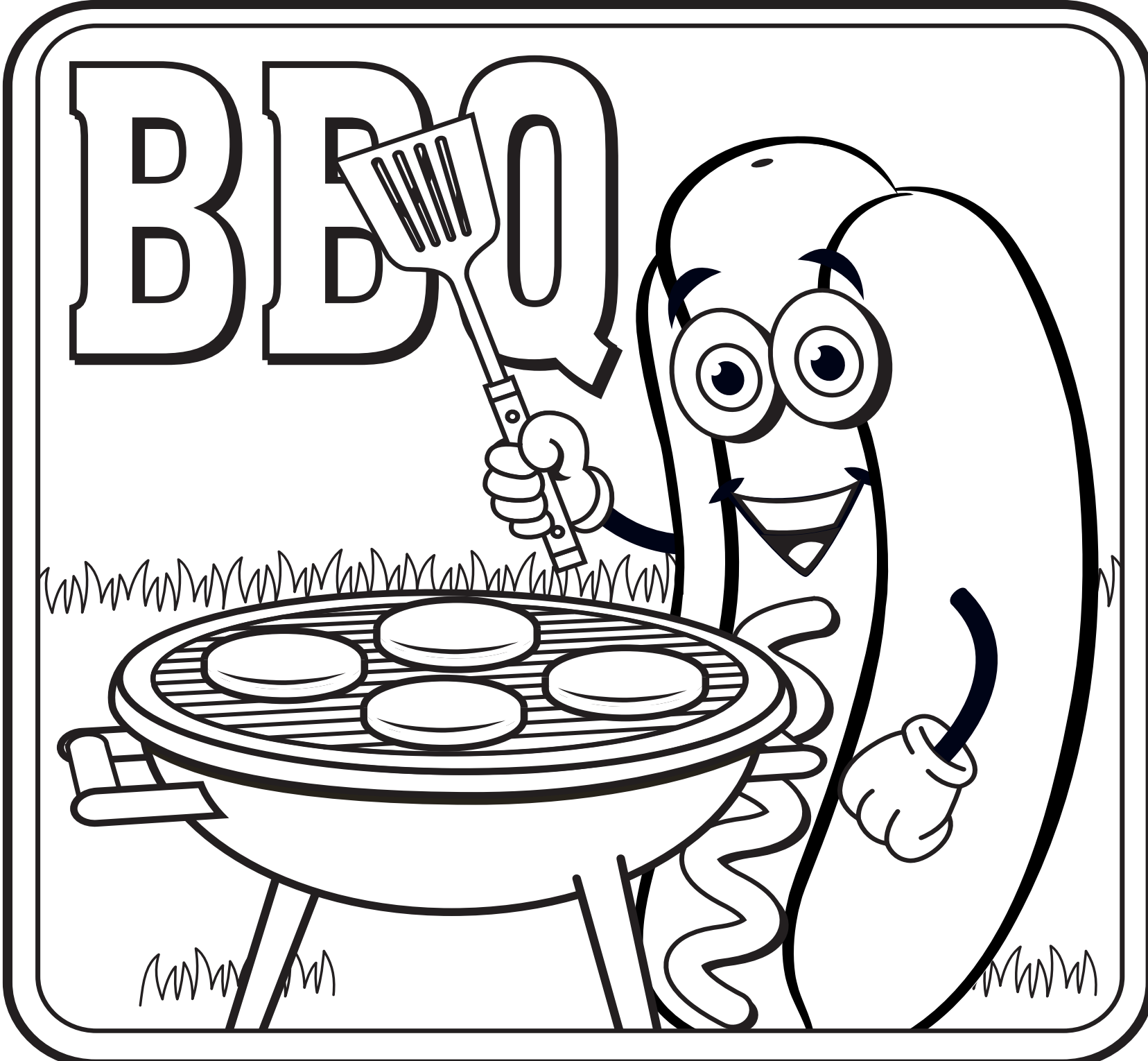
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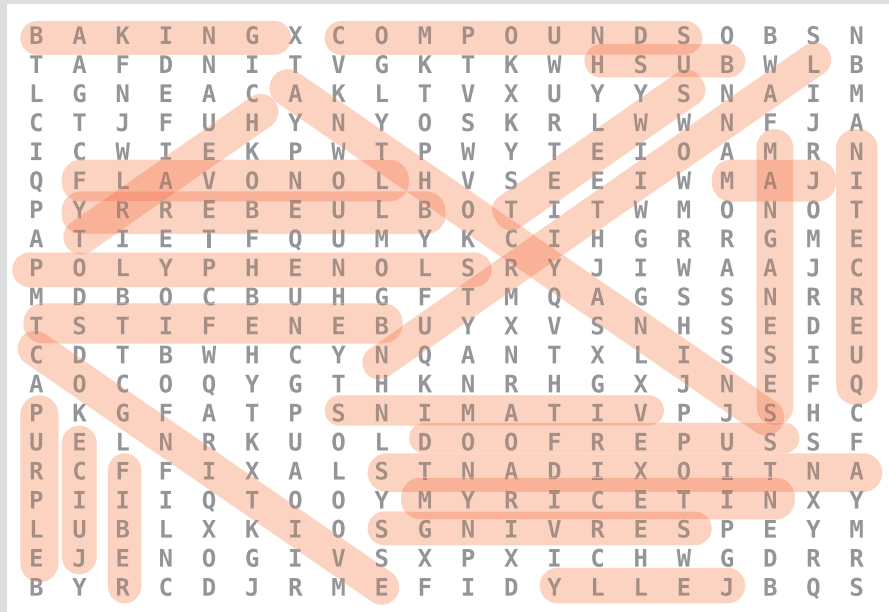


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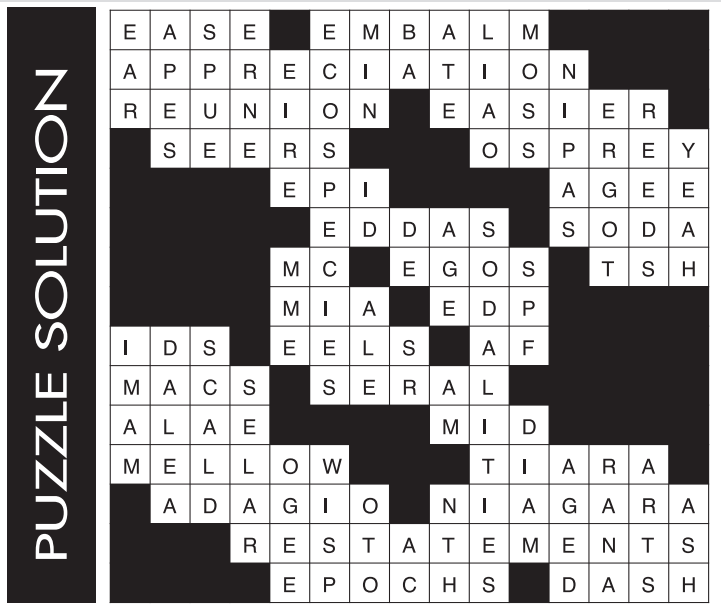
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Puzzle answers

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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

Read your Bible in order to strengthen your faith

By Amy Becker

What if I told you that reading your Bible could strengthen your faith? Would you read it more? What if I told you that by reading stories of miracles and forgiveness and God's unfailing love, you could begin to understand the character of your creator? Would you dive into scripture each day? I hope the answer is a big loud yes, because that's exactly what I'm here to tell you.

One of my absolute favorite Bible stories can be found in Matthew chapter 14. Jesus had just learned of the death of his friend, John the Baptist. "When Jesus heard about it, he withdrew from there by boat to a remote place to be alone." Matthew 14:13. Even though Jesus wanted to be alone, many people followed him, and

when he saw the large crowd the Bible says he had compassion on them and healed the people who were sick. As it grew later, Jesus' disciples (his close friends and followers) came to him and said they should send the crowd away. They were concerned that the people would need to eat and they didn't have anything to feed them, but Jesus said not to send them away but to give them something to eat. "But we only have five loaves and two fish here," they said to him. I am sure they looked out at the

crowd of about 5,000 people and looked down at the small amount of food they had and started to panic, but who did they think they were talking to? After all, they had seen Jesus perform miracles even that day! I laugh when I think of this! I think of all the times that I've come to Jesus through prayer, with a problem that feels too big to handle and he simply shows me that nothing is too big when you give it over to Him, and this story is proof of that! Here's how he solved this dilemma: Jesus had the

crowds sit in the grass, he took the small portions of food he had and looked up to heaven and blessed them, then he began to divide the food out for the disciples to feed the crowd, and he never ran out of food! That's right, everyone was fed. All five thousand of them, and the Bible even says that there were twelve baskets full of leftovers! Isn't that incredible?

Remember how I promised you that reading the Bible would strengthen your faith and help you understand the character of God? Well let's

recap and see what we learned. Jesus was sad, he had lost a friend and follower, but instead of sending the crowds away he showed them love and taught and healed them all day. That tells us that our God shows us love and kindness and he doesn't tire of our problems. The disciples wanted to send the people away because they needed to be fed, and Jesus fed

thousands with just a little bit of food. From that, we know that God is all powerful and can meet our needs even when things look impossible. So you see, my friend, there is much for us to learn about God as we read each story in His Word. Keep digging in, and I promise you will find new joy and hope and peace as you learn more about your father in heaven!

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BARKADA JANA WRIGHT

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July. I missed the deadline that week so I did not have any news. Shawn and I did not do anything. I actually enjoyed doing nothing.

July 3rd, the family of David and Kay Ozment surprised them with a 40th wedding anniversary party at Cane Creek. I will attempt to name everyone there: Ashley, Will, and Harper Crutchfield; Ray and Kim Hearron; Stacy, Shana, Elizabeth, and Seth Wilson; Ben and Jane Harrison; Josh, Becca, and Jeb Tooke; Gary, Pam, and Amanda Ozment; Miranda and Bree McEntire; Larry and Sandra Combs; Bobby, Christy, and Carleigh Roberts; Bobby and Donna Ozment, Labon Hood, Mrs. Betty Evins, Shelley and Kelsey Wooten, Arleigh Wolfe, Dakota Wright, Paul and Connie Bull and Aunt Reba Howell. I had a nice chat with Ms. Betty. David and Kay were thoroughly surprised! Everything looked very nice! I hope I did not forget anyone.

Mrs. Mary Lasiter had a nice porch visit with Jim Calhoun this past weekend. Diane had cooked some peas, squash, and cornbread and sent some to Mrs. Mary. She said it was delicious.

Kelly Gilliam, Koby and Jakob Bayliss, and I traveled to Hope Saturday to celebrate Jamie Martin's birthday. My son, Dustin Barnett, joined us. We had brunch at Verona's in Texarkana. We all really enjoyed our visit.

Robert and Tammy Stafford took at last minute trip to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon last week. They got to see some breathtaking scenery. You just never know where those two will turn up.

Jody Jester raced in his first mud race in 4 years. He did very well. I believe he won 2nd overall. Great job!

Tripp Lanehart, son of Chuck and Regina Lanehart, placed 1st in the boys 14 and U 200 Meter Medley Relay. He is a member of the Monticello Marlins swim team. Great job!

August 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2nd Chance Fur Dogs will be having a rummage sale to raise money for the animals that they rescue. You can also donate items at 809 Jordan Drive in Monticello. All would be appreciated.

Please keep the family of Wayvon Burns in your prayers. He has been put on comfort care.

My thoughts and prayers are with my friend Jennifer Touchstone and her son Nathan on the loss of her husband Marlan. May the Lord lift you both up during this time.

Happy first birthday to my little cousin Riggs Norsworthy! Happy birthday to my beautiful sisters Jamie Martin and Koby Bayliss. Also happy birthday to my handsome nephew Seth Wilson and beautiful niece Elizabeth Wilson. Happy birthday to Mrs. Margaret Boone, Darius Jackson, Rachel Nicholson, Kathy Pace, Jennifer Winkelpfeck, Rebecca Burnett, Will Thomasson, Pam Gober, Noah Gober, Mrs. Barbara Clemons, Marissa Hopper, Lee Forrest, Lindsey Ellis, Karen Robinson, Keith Reaves, Andrea Chambers, Brandi Gilliam, Lila Zeno, Cindy Ryan, and Bradley Caldwell. I hope you all have or had wonderful birthdays!

Please email wrightwom-an_66@yahoo.com or call 870.224.3383. Without you, I do not have any news. I know you don't just want to hear about me and Shawn. (Smile)

GREEN HILL WANDA PACE

Last week's column (arrived too late for early holiday deadlines):

Greenhill Community Baptist Church would like to invite you to join us on Sunday. Sunday school starts at 9:30am with worship service at 10:30am. Brother Caleb's message titled "Riding out the Storm" was from Acts 27:9-31. Two young men, Jace & Aiden, who gave their hearts to Jesus during VBS were baptized. The church hosts a second Sunday singing on the second Sunday of every month. Follow us on Facebook.

Aunt May had a doctor's appointment in Crossett on Thursday. She is feeling much better.

Sandy Smith, Sarah Spencer, and I saw the new Elvis movie on Sunday afternoon. We all enjoyed the movie and time spent together.

Dixie and Steve visited with me on Friday. We ate lunch and enjoyed a nice visit.

Verse of the week: "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slave to one another." Galatians 5:13

Have a safe and blessed week.

Do you have any community tidbits?

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

JORDAN PARK TRILISA MARSHALL

Wow! This sinus stuff has been rough on me and my grandson. We both had to go to the doctor and thank God our tests came back negative, no Covid-19, only sinus infection. We both stayed shut up in the house, and stayed on our meds along with plenty of prayers, reading my Bible to both of us and soup, juice and water. My husband Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. took very good care of us as well as cooked, cleaned and loved on the two of us. We are doing very well now and thanks for all the phone calls and prayers we got. Preston is back running our household and doing well, and so am I. All praises to God, Dr. Reinhart, and my husband for getting us back up and well.

I was glad to get a call from Aunt Betty and Uncle Eddie Walton of Chicago, they were doing well. Also, got a call from Cousin Dorothy McDowell of Portland, Oregon and she and her family were all doing well. Also got to hear from my Memphis families, Aunt Myrtle Burks and Cousin Gwen White, these two called every day and made sure my husband was taking very good care of me and our grandson. They even offered to come stay and take care of us but my husband told them he had everything taken care of. He ran the household, worked, took care of business at the church. He is truly mine and my grandson's superhero, our superman, our everything.

My heart was so hurt to hear of the passing of two great friends and relatives, Delois Spencer and her father Rev. Nelson Spencer. Both services will be held Saturday, July 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Stephenson Dearman Funeral Chapel with interment at Lacey Cemetery. My prayers, love and condolences are with the family, friends and loved ones. I know this hurts so deeply for the family to have to lay two family members to rest at the same time. Ev-

everyone, let's please keep the Spencer families lifted up in our prayers. And may God comfort and strengthen each and every one of the families at this difficult time.

Happy birthday shout outs this week go to: Bertie James, July 12; Tammie Hellums and Rachel Williams, July 14; Essie Clifton, Tricia Deaton and Melissa Williams, July 16; and Brenda Davis, July 17. Happy birthday everyone, enjoy your special day.

Our Sunday School lesson was on: "David Embodies God's Justice" coming from 2 Samuel 23:1-7; 1 Chronicles 18:14 (KJV). God is faithful to His covenant even when we are not. And Pastor Robert Marshall Sr's message was on: "The Importance of Forgiveness" coming from Matthew 6:14 (KJV). If you forgive those who sin against you, your Heavenly Father will forgive you. We thank God for our newest member, Mrs. Shalanda Patreece Harris, we are so happy to have her with us. And our Tuesday Bible Study lesson was on: "Know Your Enemy" coming from 2 Corinthians 2:11; Genesis 3:13-19; Job 1:6; Isaiah 14:12-15; Luke 10:18; 1 John 3:8; James 4:7; Ezekiel 28:11-19 and Revelations 12:7-10 (KJV). It doesn't matter how much the devil disguises himself, he is still the devil. Satan tries to convince the believers that God doesn't like them, and that's why he allows problems to come their way.

Scripture for the week is: 3 John 1:11 (KJV), "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God".

Everyone have a blessed, safe, cool rest of the week and in all you do, keep God first.

LACEY IVANELL HANDLEY

Hello Everyone, it's another week the Lord has allowed us to see and I'm glad about it!

Even though we were few

in number we still had a blessed service at Mt. Olive, Lacey. Sunday School was taught by Bro. Spencer and the Pastor's message was from Psalms 121. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe 4th of July. On the 3rd of July, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller and their children Brad, Alicia, Bhanna, Jacie, Jahmeila attended service at Promise Land Baptist Church. Thank you all for visiting with us and we hope to see you all again.

Prayers for the sick and shut-in: Katie Lemon, Camila Wilson, Maria Nolan, Dewitt Collins, Angelia Dominick, Jeraldine Bell, Rowena, Marilyn Suber and others that are sick and shut in. Prayers for the family of Pastor Nelson Spencer and his daughter Deloise Spencer; you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Funeral arrangements are not complete at this time. Prayers for Mr. Joe and Mrs. Rose Britton in the loss of their daughter and others who have loss a loved one.

The family of John Porter Franklin would like to say thank to everyone for the calls, cards, prayers and other acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. Patricia Staple, our family and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. John Porter Franklin's home going service was held Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Stephenson Dearman Funeral Home Monticello, AR.; Pastor Daryle Daniels officiating pastor. Johnny was laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery.

I chatted with Ruth Phillips last week. I also talked with Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. Burks, Ann and Tina at the doctor's office on Friday. Mary Junior's nephew, Denzel of Georgia stopped by to check on Floyd and I. He is such a nice young man; every time he is in town he stops by to see us.; he seems just like one of our own children.

Belated third anniversary wishes to Ronnie and Erica on 30 June; they went to Little Rock for dinner.

Happy Birthday to: Mary Ann Veasey, July 1; Earnest Smith, July 4; Alysiah Nicole Dunlap, July 4; Ed Grays,

July 5; Kent Spencer, July 8; and Cherly Simpson, July 13. I hope everyone has a blessed and enjoyable birthday.

Thought for the week: "Take life day-by-day; be grateful for the little things and be happy that God woke you up this morning"! (Author Unknown)

POSSUM VALLEY KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Hello, and welcome back. Sorry I missed writing a column last week. I'm always forgetting that when it's holiday weekend I need to send in the column by noon on the Friday before. Obviously I forgot. You'd think after all these years that I would remember. But, I'm back!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable July 4th long weekend. Bethel hosted a 4th of July bash Sunday evening. Thunderstorms threatened and we were close to canceling, but the rains passed and it was on! Several kids and big kids alike enjoyed water slides, wading pool kickball, slip and slides and lots of faith, food, fireworks and fun. Those who couldn't join us really missed out on a good time.

Monday we got up and drove to Jacksonville to be with Meghann and Tim for the 4th. Jason and his family and Jim joined us, too. They put on a big feed complete with corn on the cob, brats, hamburgers and all the fixins. I had to use a lot of restraint when it came to eating. My cardiologist has put me on a diet. So, I'm trying to restrict how much I eat by cutting back on sugar and portion sizes. I am also getting up and going walking at least every other morning. Time will tell. Before the diet was imposed, I had agreed to make homemade ice cream for the gathering at Meghann and Tim's. I made a new recipe of white chocolate custard ice cream. So sweet and creamy. I made a bit of chocolate ice cream, too. I allowed myself a small serving and a very small piece of lemon pound cake. Through the years I have found I do better when

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Guiding light

I recently traveled to visit family in another part of the state. It's a route I've traveled what seems like a hundred times. But this time as I got closer to my destination the landscape looked different. It had changed. There had been more construction. There were new buildings. The roads had changed. It had all changed to such a degree I was then uncertain of how to get to where I needed to be. Thankfully I had this handy app on my phone that helped me navigate through the uncertainty.

In the Bible there are many descriptions about wilderness, deserts and valleys. Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. The children of Israel wandered through the desert for forty years. David wrote in the Psalms that he walked through the valley of the shadow of death. The depictions would indicate a time of loneliness, uncertainty and fear. That at these two verses from the book of Exodus 13:21-22

21 By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. 22 Neither the

pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

As Moses led the children of Israel out of Egyptian captivity they were given a constant reminder. It was a visual reminder that no matter where they traveled God's presence would be with them. He would be there to guide them, to protect them and to reassure them that they were His children. Though we may walk through our own personal wilderness that will at some point in our lives include misdirection, fear and uncertainty God is still with us. He's given us two gifts that assure us of His presence. One, The Holy Spirit. John 14:26 states,

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

And two, His Word. Psalm 119:105 says, *"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path."*

The Word of God and His Holy Spirit are there to guide us, protect us and reassure us that God is here and He's in control and that we are His.

*By: Timothy Parke, Lead Pastor
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COUNTRY

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I don't totally eliminate foods when I'm dieting. I simply try cutting back. I sure had a large hankering for a cherry vanilla Coke the other day. I stood at the gas station cold case debating on whether to splurge on one of the tasty, carbonated drinks. I resisted. This time anyway.

One of the biggest things I am missing is my morning coffee which previously included chocolate powdered creamer and liquid Italian Sweet Cream creamer. I found a sugar free chocolate caramel creamer which is okay. But, it can't replace my favorite concoction. I barely drink a half a cup of coffee now, which is probably a good thing.

Wednesday morning as I was getting ready for work I just happened to glance out the kitchen window. And there I saw a doe with twin fawns still adorned with spots. It was so cute. Of course my camera was out in the car. But I quietly opened the door to get a better look and soon saw another twin set of yearlings. Bless her heart, that doe apparently bore twins two years in a row.

I had another wildlife surprise as I was driving through Old 16th Section road. Wild turkeys. I couldn't get a good pic, but I sat there and watched as they walked out into the woods. I continued listening to the hen clucking for awhile. I only saw two turkeys, but there could have been some polts hidden by the brush. Further on down the road I found a Black Swallowtail butterfly just when I thought the button bushes were not going to yield anything. The Prairie Blazing Star are popping up all along this road and I can hardly wait for them to begin blooming. Butterflies love this plant. I even have a few planted in my yard this year.

Addie stayed home with her Daddy all last week and she visited us a few times. Bo was been with his Dad's family and they traveled to Atlanta to see the Braves play and other activities perfect for a summer vacation. Congratulations, to my nephew, Daniel and his wife Kali, who presented my sister, Carole, with her first grandchild. Oh, the wondrous times ahead for them all.

Saturday morning I joined several ladies for our weekly bible study. We not only learn about our role in making a Christian home, but we also enjoy just sitting around the table and getting to know one another. Everyone is so busy nowadays that we don't take time to talk to our neighbors. So, this time is precious. Afterward, Rick and I went out to lunch then back home where it was cool.

Sunday morning, I went for a leisurely walk and took my camera. The lower humidity along with a nice breeze made for a very pleasant walk. I don't think I took a picture of much. I just enjoyed the outing.

Bethel had much improved attendance. Bro. Larry Clements filled our pulpit this week and presented us with a very insightful and encouraging message about hope. Specifically, four reasons the Christian should have hope. 1. We have hope because of the return of Jesus Christ. 2. We have hope because of the resurrection of believers. 3. We have hope because of the rapture of the saints

and 4. We have hope for the reunion of the saved. It was good to see Leona and Eddie back now that the tomato picking is slowing down. Eulea and Ben Kiraly were visiting, too. We also appreciate Mrs. Gloria Pennington when she plays the piano for us.

I came home in time to see Rick off to work for the afternoon. After he left, I went right into baking a cake for a co-worker's birthday. Then I sat on the porch and watch a Tufted Titmouse family play and forage through the trees along with a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. The four hummers that frequent my feeders were very busy, as well. The Carolina Wren pair were busily gathering food for their babies and cleaning up after them. As I've said many times, I really can enjoy birding quite a lot just watching out the windows, sitting on the porch or walking down the road nearby.

I enjoyed a good phone chat with Meghann Sunday afternoon, too. She and Timmy are doing well.

This week's corny joke is going to be so cool: What happened to the snowman who threw a tantrum? They had a meltdown!

I'll leave you with this bible verse about how important having faith is. "But without faith impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6.

That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be safe, stay cool, smile and pray for one another.

WILMAR CHRIS RILEY

With bittersweet heartfelt pain, I attended the last rites of TaKoriah Love, a little girl who would have turned nine years old on July 15th. It was held at JD Edward Funeral Chapel in Memphis, Tennessee, Friday at 10 a.m. She was the 2nd daughter of Tykeiah "Donkey" Wilkins, who was a former resident of Wilmar in Jimmy Ray Riley time. The homegoing was beautiful. Maxine Campbell is the great granny. It was a joy to see her again as she was happy to see me. Sorry to hear of Delois Spencer and her dad Elder Nelson Spencer's passing two days apart. There will be a double funeral held Saturday at Stephenson Dearman Chapel. Our prayers for the families and all who are bereaved. May God give you comfort and peace.

Happy belated birthday to Aurby Campbell, July 10th. While in Bryant seeing my doctor, I talked with Erma Burks, Helen Stillwell and Gloria Green, also Thelma Shield and Theda Colbert and Evelyn Gardner of California and Annett Gardner. All is well.

Service was well attended and well read at In His Presence Worship Ministries. Youth pastor Jansen Goodwin brought the word which was powerful. Kevin Riley is senior pastor. We are planning on going to Branson to see the live play Jesus in Branson on July 30th at the Sight and Sound Auditorium. You'll be overwhelmed. Tickets are \$60, about \$30 for children under 12.

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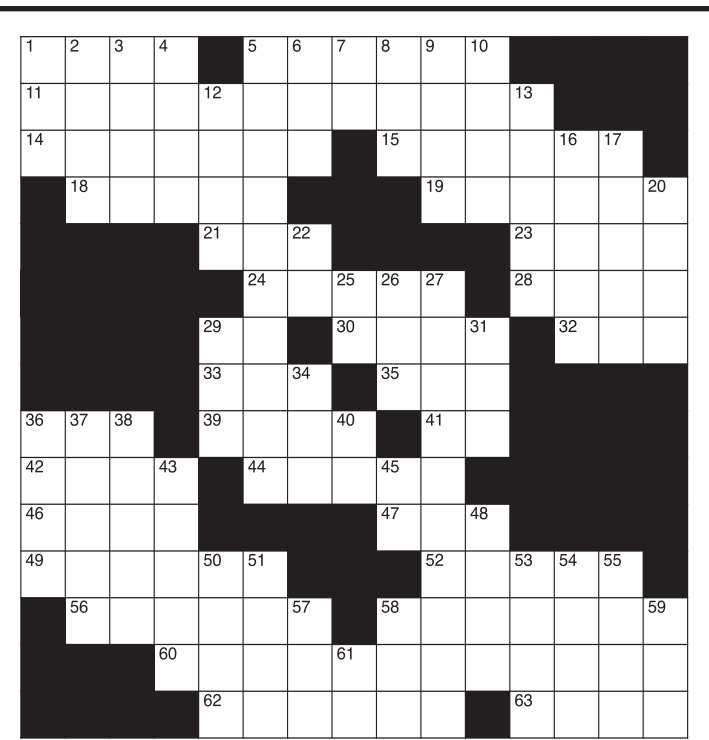
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- 15. More cushy
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- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
- 24. Icelandic books
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Sense of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Can't be found
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports and licenses are two
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Intermediate ecological stage
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. Slow
- 58. Famous Falls
- 60. Reassertions
- 62. Periods of time
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Genetically distinct varieties
- 6. Dialect of Chinese
- 7. Famous Mr. T character
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. Menace to yards
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Willis and Robert are two
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. It shows who you are
- 25. The First State (abbr.)
- 26. Get older
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Leader
- 37. Plants in the legume family
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Scads
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small, thin person
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Word element meaning ear
- 58. To the ___ degree
- 59. Residue of something burned
- 61. It cools your home

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

This week's recipe: Fire up the grill for fish

Grilling season presents ample opportunities to explore new culinary horizons. Just about anything that can be cooked indoors also can be prepared outdoors over an open flame. And many foodies insist that grilling produces unique flavors that simply cannot be replicated when cooking via other means.

Individuals looking to stray from grilling season staples like hot dogs and hamburgers can try this recipe for "Mojito Fish Steaks" courtesy of Andrew Schloss' "Cooking Slow: Recipes for Slowing Down and Cooking More" (Chronicle Books).

Mojito Fish Steaks Ingredients (Makes 4 servings)

4 firm-fleshed fish steaks, such as salmon, swordfish, kingfish, or sable, each 6 to 8 ounces, about 3/4-inch thick
 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for brushing
 Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the Mojito Mop:
 3 tablespoons light rum
 Juice and finely grated zest of 1 large lime
 1 tablespoon canola oil
 1 teaspoon hot-pepper sauce
 1 tablespoon sugar
 4 tablespoons chopped fresh mint leaves

Directions:

Light a grill for indirect low heat, about 200 F. If using a charcoal grill, build a small charcoal fire at one end of the grill. If using a gas grill, set a burner at one end of the grill to medium-low. Put the grill grate on the



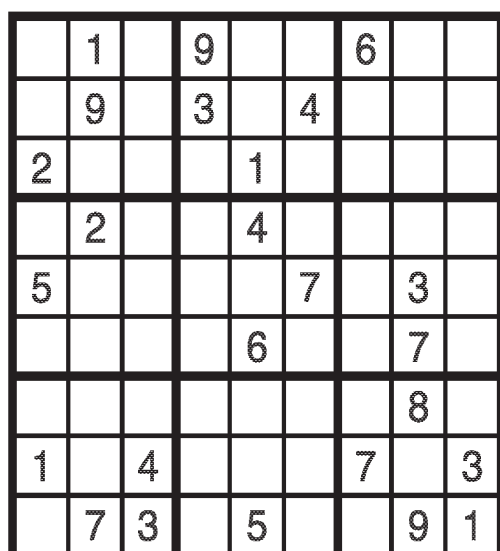
and clean the grill grate with a wire brush. Coat the fish steaks with 2 tablespoons olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Set aside for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, make the mop: In a small bowl, stir together the rum, lime juice, canola oil, hot-pepper sauce, sugar, and 3 tablespoons of the mint leaves.

Brush the grill grate with olive oil. Put the fish on the grill away from the heat, spoon 1 tablespoon of the mop over each fish steak, cover the grill, and cook until the fish steaks

flake to gentle pressure, about 1 hour, basting with mop about every 5 minutes. Serve each fish steak scattered with the remaining chopped mint and the lime zest.

Answers can be found on Page 2B

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