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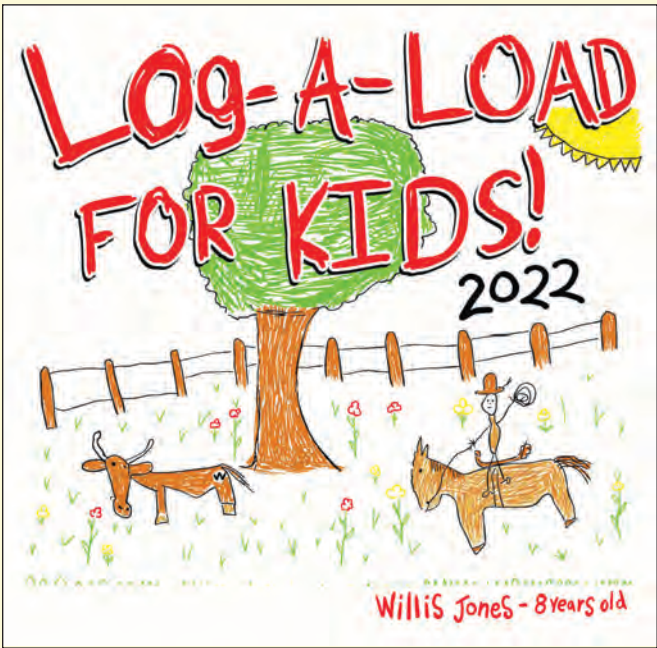


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Log-A-Load set  
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SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

After two years at McCloy Park, the 2022 Drew County Log a Load for Kids will return to Pauline Baptist Church at 5 p.m., Saturday, August 6. Individual tickets are \$25 and will be available at the door.

This year Willis Jones, the 2022 Drew County Log a Load for Kids patient along the with the 2021 patient, Laci Hammil, will be recognized at the event. Their parents will speak at the event on Saturday.

Log a Load for Kids currently has four chapters in the state of Arkansas raising money for Arkansas Children's Hospital. In 2019, a \$2.5 million dollar commitment was made to assist in the funding of a Heart Institute at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Previous endowments funded by Arkansas Log a Load for Kids support the Emergency Department and Trauma Unit, pediatric cardiovascular surgery, the Angel One transport program and the imaging and radiation program.

Log a Load for Kids began in Arkansas in 1993 and has raised over \$9 million dollars. Drew County has raised \$1,728,406.00 since 1993. Each year funds raised by Arkansas Log a Load for Kids is earmarked for the current endowment. These endowments are chosen by the active chapters with guidance from the hospital. No funds raised are spent outside of the endowments.

This year's event will feature a live and silent auction with raffles. A catfish dinner sponsored by Weyerhaeuser, Georgia Pacific, The Price Companies and Campbell Global LLC, with all the trimmings will be served. Donations for the auctions are still be accepted. Raffle tickets and t-shirts can be purchased from committee members or at the event. For more information contact Gay Pace at 870-723-6466.

Trash talk with Mayor Chase

By: ASHLEY HOGG  
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Each month, residents of the City of Monticello get a post card sized bill in the mail that has a break down of water, sewer and trash charges. This bill is sent from City Hall and is charged based on the resident's usage of gallons of water per month and weight of trash per month.

According to City officials, there is a formula used that calculates the resident's sewer charge based on the amount of water that is used.

The City of Monticello has four Wards and each Ward has a specific trash pick-up day of the week: Ward 1 Monday, Ward 2 Tuesday, Ward 3 Thursday, Ward 4 Friday. Wednesday is reserved for special pick up items and, if there is a holiday on one of the other four days of the week, that Ward's trash will be picked up on Wednesday instead of the holiday.

Green trash bins have been seen laying on their side and in the middle of City streets after they have been emptied. The Advance sat down with Mayor Chase to address these issues and "talk trash".

"The City operates a garbage truck with a mechanical arm," Chase stated. "There is one driver in the cab of the truck and he is instructed not to leave the vehicle. The mechanical arm is not flexible like a human, it has a fixed range of motion. The trash bins are to be placed on a flat, level surface, near the road so that the bin may be accessed safely by the truck. If there is a vehicle parked beside your trash bin and the driver cannot safely empty your bin, it will be skipped."

The Mayor said that the City

uses this type of trash truck because it is not safe to have employees riding on the back of a trash truck and emptying trash cans by hand. A driving factor is safety and lowering workers compensation rates so that the savings can be passed on to employees with salaries or incentives.

Complaints have been called in to City Hall and posted on social media, criticizing the City, its employees and its equipment when trash is not picked up. To ensure all bins are emptied, the City produced a list of guidelines to help make sure the process is clear to all citizens.

- Have carts out by 7 a.m. to ensure pick-up on your Ward's scheduled collection day
- Place carts on a flat, level surface
- All material must fit into cart and the lid must close
- Place all items in bags
- Cleaning the cart is the responsibility of the resident
- The silver bar on the cart should be placed towards the street
- The cart must be at least three feet from other carts, poles, vehicles and other objects
- Do not leave the cart by the street permanently, carts must be removed from the street within 24 hours of pick-up
- Items placed beside the carts will not be picked up
- Do not place hazardous material in the cart
- Do not place any other carts out for pick-up. Only City of Monticello carts will be emptied
- Do not place yard trash into carts, call City Hall for special pick-up

Each resident has one assigned bin to their address. Additional bins may be purchased at City Hall. If a resident moves,



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

The City of Monticello operates a trash truck with a fully mechanical arm. One person operates the truck and does not leave the inside of the cab.

the additionally purchased bin may move with you, the original bin must stay at the residence.

"Our employees have never intentionally not picked up someone's trash," Chase stated. "If a house was missed, chances are, there was something in the way that prevented the driver from properly emptying the bin."

The Mayor added that small amounts of construction debris can be taken by the City but must be called in for special pick-up. All other debris is to be taken to the County landfill. Tree limbs may also be picked up on Wednesdays and the City recommends the leaves and limbs be bagged.

"We pay for our trash by weight," Chase added. "This is why we ask that the lid on the bin be closed. If we get a lot of rain, the water gets in the bin and therefore into the trash truck. This can be a cause of extra weight resulting in a higher bill. We have the ability to pick up hard furniture but anything

soft such as a mattress or sofa, does not need to be left outside by the bin overnight. Soft objects absorb moisture and dew. We ask that soft objects not be put outside for pick-up until the morning of that Ward's scheduled pick-up day."

As many employers are experiencing some degree of worker shortage, the City of Monticello is no different.

"We are not a huge corporation that has an unlimited supply of workers," Chase said. "Our employees are doing the best the can to maintain and keep things flowing."

If you have questions or concerns about a trash route, call 870-367-4400.

To review City recycling guidelines, please see the Community Calendar on Page 2A of the Advance.

To view an updated map of City Ward's in Monticello, visit [www.advancemonticellonian.com](http://www.advancemonticellonian.com) for a full color map.

SEARK Concert Association  
hosts first summer camp



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

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Children of all ages gathered at the University of Arkansas at Monticello last week to attend a week long SMARTs Summer

Theatre Camp with SEARK Concert Association.

Students met and practiced many aspects of performing and visual arts, with a final performance on Thursday for parents to attend.

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Attorney General Leslie Rutledge today announced that Arkansas is joining a nationwide Anti-Robocall Litigation Task Force with 48 other states and the District of Columbia. The purpose is to investigate and take necessary legal action against the telecommunications companies responsible for allowing a majority of foreign robocalls to enter the United States. The bipartisan task force's goal is to cut down on illegal robocalls.

"These providers have profited for far too long at the expense of Arkansans with the millions of annoying and sometimes dangerous scam calls," said Attorney General Rutledge. "Providers have been warned; the Task Force is ready to bring enforcement action and they will have to pay the price for their unlawful activity."

The task force has issued civil investigative demands to 20 gateway providers and other entities responsible for



a majority of incoming foreign robocall traffic. Gateway providers that allow this traffic to enter the U.S. should ensure that the calls are legal. However, in many cases the companies appear to intentionally refuse to prevent these calls so that their revenue is not negatively impacted. The task force will focus on the bad actors throughout the telecommunications industry to help reduce

the number of robocalls that Arkansans receive.

Rutledge has led the national effort demanding a stronger oversight from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by collaborating with private sector entities in order to aggressively block illegal

robocalls before they reach consumers. In August 2019, Rutledge was instrumental in developing the Anti-Robocall Principles for telecommunication companies to reduce the number of unwanted and illegal robocalls. In Arkansas, Rutledge continues to lead the fight against robocalls by working with stakeholders to implement Acts 677 and 1074 of 2019 which require

telecommunication providers to submit annual reports to the Arkansas Public Service Commission certifying that all available and applicable technology is being employed to identify and block illegal robocalls and spoofing.

According to the National Consumer Law Center and Electronic Privacy Information Center, over 33 million scam robocalls are made to Americans every day. These scam calls frequently consist of Social Security Administration fraud against seniors, Amazon scams against consumers and many others. An estimated \$29.8 billion dollars was stolen from consumers through scam calls in 2021. Most of this scam robocall traffic originates overseas. The task force is focused on shutting down the providers that profit from this illegal scam traffic and refuse to prevent these scam calls from reaching consumers.

Attorney General Rutledge offers the following tips to

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Caldwell Cemetery meeting

There will be a Caldwell Cemetery meeting at 11a.m., Saturday, August 6 at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Winchester. All interested persons need to be present. Plots can be reserved for \$100.

Mail Donations Caldwell Cemetery P. O. Box 548 Gould, AR 71643 or call Levert Benton 870-723-6562 or Willie Goynes 870-377-0909.

Log-A-Load

Drew County's annual Log-A-Load for Kids will be held at 5 p.m. August 6 at Pauline Baptist Church. Tickets are \$25.

Kingdom Bound Quartet concert

Faith Missionary Baptist Church will host Kingdom Bound Quartet at 6 p.m., Saturday August 6. The address is 111 Faith Lane, Monticello.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Kingsmen Concert

Old Union Baptist Church will hold a Kingsmen Concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 11 at 2077 Florence Rd. Admission is free and a love offering will be accepted.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Annual Homecoming Program

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church will be having their annual Homecoming Program Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. Evangelist Missionary Sherry Caldwell will be the speaker of the hour. Rev. Chris Goodman and members of Mt. Zion A.M.E. are inviting everyone to come out and have a blessed time.

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

Senior Center Raffle

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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Annual School Reunion

Wilmar Annual School Reunion set for September 3 from 3 p.m.-9 p.m. at the former school building. Cost is \$12 per person, payable no later than August 15. Send to Margaret Tucker, 601 Roosevelt Dr., Star City, AR 71667.

THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8-11

Church Revival

Revival at Pleasant Springs Missionary Baptist Church, 601 Pleasant Springs Rd (Coleman Community), with speaker Harley Kersey. September 8, 9, 10 at 7 p.m. nightly and September 11 starting at 10 a.m.

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.

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.

AA meetings

The Monticello Winner's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, located at 836 N. Hyatt St. in Monticello at noon on Tuesdays and Fridays and at 8 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. The meetings are open. There are no dues or fees.

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

To all concerned that have family or cemetery plots in the Andrews

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Monkeypox update from ADH/CDC

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Department of Health wants the public to be aware that cases of monkeypox in the United States are increasing. There are now 3,486 cases in the U.S., with four of those in Arkansas.

Monkeypox is spread through close contact and can be transmitted to anyone regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity. It can be spread by direct skin-to-skin contact with infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids. This can include household and/or intimate contact. Spreading can also occur when contacting contaminated items, such as clothing. It can also be transmitted through respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact; however, it is not an airborne illness. Monkeypox is not spread through casual, brief conversations or walking by someone with monkeypox, like at a grocery

store.

Currently the highest risk group for contracting monkey pox is men who have sex with men. However, anyone can contract the illness. The CDC has confirmed two pediatric cases in the US, as well as a small number of infections in pregnant women.

Symptoms, including fever, headache, muscle pain, and a rash, occur seven to 14 days after exposure. Typically, the rash starts one to three days after the other symptoms start. However, the rash has been the initial symptom for some people, and the only symptom for others. The rash may be located on or near the genitals or anus but could also be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, or face. The sores can look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy.

Antiviral drugs are effective treatments against the illness. Most people who test

positive do not require treatment. However, the ADH has a small supply of the antiviral medication, TPOXX. This medication will be used for severe cases, for those with a high risk of having severe illness, or for those whose lesions are on concerning areas of the body, like on the eyes.

Arkansas has been allocated a limited number of doses of Jynneos, the monkeypox vaccine. Those who are eligible for the vaccine include people who have had close contact with a known or suspected case in the last 14 days or those who have had a high-risk encounter in a setting or event where monkeypox has been reported to be spreading. Your health care provider will help decide if treatment is needed and prescribe it to you.

For more information on monkeypox, visit the ADH website at [www.healthy-arkansas.gov](http://www.healthy-arkansas.gov).

Senior Center lunch menu: August 3-12

**Wednesday:** *Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans, cake, roll*

**Thursday:** *Chicken tenders, steamed broccoli, veggie rice, brownies*

**Friday:** *Cheeseburgers, tots, cookie*

**Monday:** *Swedish Meatballs over egg noodles, Italian veggies, garlic bread, cookie*

**Tuesday:** *Ham and pimento cheese, broccoli salad, fluff*

**Wednesday:** *Smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, pear cobbler, roll*

**Thursday:** *Chicken and dressing, cranberry sauce, turnip greens, pineapple upside down cake*

**Friday:** *Fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookie bar*

**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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# Cooperative Extension Service to recruit volunteer Health Ambassadors in six counties

By: REBEKAH HALL  
U of A System Division of Agriculture

A new Cooperative Extension Service project is seeking to improve the health of rural counties by recruiting local volunteers, who will receive training and deliver extension health programming to their communities.

Arkansas ranks 41st out of 50 states for access to clinical preventive care services, making it difficult for Arkansans – especially in rural communities – to access health care screenings and other services that monitor well-being and anticipate problems. The Extension Health Ambassadors project will work with these communities to identify and find solutions to their health problems.

The training program is a partnership between the Cooperative Extension Service’s Community, Professional and Economic Development department and the Family and Consumer Sciences department. The program will equip community volunteers with the health education and teaching skills necessary to lead extension-based health programming in targeted rural counties.

Bryan Mader, extension assistant professor and

health specialist, said that by providing this training for volunteers to share with their communities, extension health programming can reach more Arkansans.

“The primary goal of the Extension Health Ambassadors project is to amplify the reach of county Family and Consumer Sciences agents in delivering health programs to a larger audience than the agent is able to do by themselves,” Mader said.

The new program is similar to a previous extension project, Extension Wellness Ambassadors. That project took place from 2013-2014 and used a community-based recruitment model to train volunteers to deliver extension health programs. It recruited 60 volunteers who contributed 5,600 hours of volunteer time and led 434 health education sessions.

The primary difference between programs is the collaboration between the CPED and FCS departments. CPED will play an important role in the project by using an asset-based community development strategy, which Mader said “works with and within a community to identify its strengths – such as people and resources – and uses a person-centered approach to form solutions to community issues.”

This strategy will allow project leaders, agents and volunteers to identify community health issues and work together to address challenges related to the “chronic disease burden in Arkansas and the health disparities between urban and rural populations,” Mader said.

Hunter Goodman, assistant professor of Community, Professional and Economic Development for the Division of Agriculture, said the asset-based community development strategy is also designed to help county extension agents in their efforts to strengthen and improve the communities they serve, including by “building local leadership capacity for engagement on aspects of quality of life and community vitality.”

“At its core, asset-based community development underscores what’s vibrant in the community, centers the community at the heart of local decision making, activates individual participation, strengthens community leadership and emphasizes local relationships,” Goodman said.

The project recently received funding from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s Rural Health and Safety Education grant

program, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Six Arkansas counties were selected to participate in the project for the two-year project period. Project activities will begin on Sept. 1, 2022, and end on Aug. 31, 2024. Mader said the project will begin with an initial three communities that will “work with the project team to navigate through the community engagement, recruitment, training and delivery components.”

Mader said he is optimistic about the interest among potential volunteers for the project. Arkansas has one of the highest levels of volunteerism in the country, with 30 percent of Arkansas residents reporting having volunteered within the last year in 2017, according to Aspire Arkansas.

“This means there is a rich pool of community members who are interested in helping make their communities better,” Mader said.

Mader said extension’s goal for the Extension Health Ambassadors program is to recruit and train 30 volunteers from six counties over two years.

“Success for this program would result in extension working alongside community members to address their identified, or felt, health

needs and working collaboratively with the community to create viable solutions to their health issues,” he said.

As the USDA defines 55 of Arkansas’ 75 counties as rural, Mader said a long-term goal of the program would be to find additional funding to expand its impact to additional counties.

To learn more about extension’s Community, Professional and Economic Development unit, visit the CPED website. To learn more about Family and Consumer Sciences, visit the FCS website or contact your county extension office.

To learn about extension programs in Arkansas, contact your local Cooperative Extension Service agent or visit [www.uaex.uada.edu](http://www.uaex.uada.edu). Follow us on Twitter and Instagram at @AR\_Extension. To learn more about Division of Agriculture research, visit the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station website: <https://aaes.uada.edu>. Follow on Twitter at @ArkAgResearch. To learn more about the Division of Agriculture, visit <https://uada.edu/>. Follow us on Twitter at @AgInArk.

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### VFW Auxiliary

Anyone interested in joining the

VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at [mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com](mailto:mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com) or 870-723-4993.

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

### Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting

The Drew County Democratic Party is hosting monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of each month through November. The meeting location is the Wilmar

Community Center 2506 Hwy 278 West. The venue is set up for social distancing and mask recommended. The meeting starts at 6pm . All interested parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact President Peggy Orr 870-224-2416.

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## The best ideas come from the ground up

Recently, the American Farm Bureau Federation recognized me with the Golden Plow, the highest honor it awards sitting members of Congress.

The success I've had in shaping ag policy is thanks, in large part, to the Farm Bureau – and especially its Arkansas branch – serving as a vital resource in supporting Natural State farmers, ranchers and foresters.

For over 100 years, the Farm Bureau has been on the forefront of efforts to boost rural America and strengthen the lives of those who call it home.

I strongly believe the best ideas come from the ground up, not the other way around, which is why the Farm Bureau's voice carries so much weight in my book. We have stood side by side on numerous battles over the years and those outcomes would have been much different had the Farm Bureau not been there.



JOHN BOOZMAN  
U.S. SENATE REPORT

The Farm Bureau's guidance will be heavily relied upon as we begin to develop the next farm bill, the nation's five-year-plan for agriculture, conservation, food, forestry and rural development policy.

Arkansas Farm Bureau has made a notable impact on the farm bill drafting process already, as members offered testimony at the Senate agriculture committee's recent field hearing in Jonesboro.

Our witnesses shared insights and concerns about our commodity programs, safety nets, risk management, conservation programs, rural development and more—covering nearly the whole gambit of issues that the farm bill touches. The hearing was invaluable in that it provided a look into the effectiveness of, and opportunities to improve, farm bill programs for our state's ag industry.

There is a long list of challenges we face as we begin writing the next farm policy framework. Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine has created a global food shortage. Inflation is historically high and Americans do not feel positive about the economy. Our producers are dealing with high input costs, including record high fertilizer prices and skyrocketing energy bills. They are also dealing with drought, a labor shortage and supply chain bottlenecks. Consumers are facing the highest food inflation rate since the Carter administration.

I've had the opportunity to work on several farm bills over the years. There is one consistent key to success—we have to all work together. The good news is the Senate agriculture committee has a long and storied history of doing just that.

But there is one threat that continues to hang over the farm bill process: the Democrats' reckless tax and spending legislation. Their latest proposal sets aside the bipartisan farm bill process and charges forward in designating funding for specific farm bill programs in a partisan way which will make it much more difficult to write farm bills in the future.

Using this partisan process to increase farm bill spending sets a bad precedent and undermines our own work. If we're not careful, farm bills will only be written this manner moving forward. Not only does this process cut out the minority party, but it also means policy is written without input from the stakeholders.

Having input from those directly impacted by the policy is vital to ensuring the final product will work when it is implemented. Engaging farmers, ranchers and producers should happen as we formulate legislation, not as an afterthought. I am committed to always seeking out and incorporating the counsel of the Farm Bureau, and other agricultural stakeholder groups, as we craft policy in the Senate.

## When you join a loving family

I wrote a column one time about grandparents and boy did it spark a controversy. A normal person would probably shy away from the topic if they had received the cussing that I got but, we all know, I'm not normal and I rarely shy away from conflict.

To be fair, when I wrote that column several years ago, I was angry and disappointed. Those that know me best know that disappointment is my least favorite emotion.

While I stand by the things I wrote, I have grown since then and I think that is one of our most important duties in life. Keep growing, keep learning, keep trying to do better.

While today's topic may be about grandparents, it comes from a happy and fulfilled place and I am thankful and blessed beyond measure.

I had such a good relationship with my grandparents that lived in Monticello before their sudden passing. My childhood memo-



ASHLEY HOGG  
EDITOR

ries are full of times spent with my Meemaw and Peepaw.

I had another great set of grandparents, unfortunately, they didn't live close by at the time. I remember traveling to see them with my cousins and that was always fun. It was just a different dynamic of relationship with my grandparents that lived in town. I had unlimited access to them.

When Fred was born, she was the first grandchild. I had no doubt that she would be spoiled to her very core. I accepted that fact early on because there was no sense in fighting a battle I'd never win.

To no one's surprise, Fred is the apple of my parents eye. Much like me as a child, she would rather spend time with her Nonna (pronounced like Donna) and Pawpaw than at home.

My heart has stayed filled with joy as I have been privileged enough to watch the relationship grow between Fred and her grandparents. I have the grandchild perspective and I know the joy my baby feels having safe and loving grandparents and, that's all I want for her. One day, maybe I will be lucky

enough to get the grandparent perspective.

I spend a lot of time beaming with pride about the wonderful life I'm getting to live with Superman. But there is a very important element that I have neglected to mention and, it's worthy of correcting.

Have you ever felt the joy when someone who is in no way obligated, loves your child like their own? If not, you are missing out. There are not many better feelings than knowing your child has all types of people in their corner.

Superman's family has taken Fred as their own from day one and never looked back. His parents love her and spoil her. His sister fills the "cool aunt" roll like a champ. We are so lucky to have joined a loving family.

My family is very affectionate and we are all huggers. This trait did not skip Fred. As soon as she felt comfortable, Fred had given everyone in our bonus family their own special names and was passing out hugs like her Pawpaw passes out chocolate.

A good example of this love comes from our little spells with illness recently. Every

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## My year as Chairman of the National Governors Association

Two weeks ago, I passed the gavel to my successor as chair of the National Governors Association, and today I'd like to talk about my year as leader of the NGA and the opportunity to work with other governors on some of our nation's biggest challenges.

I accepted the gavel virtually in my office at the capitol a year ago during the NGA's annual summer meeting.

This year, we met in Maine, so I passed the gavel in person to the new chair, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy.



ASA HUTCHINSON  
GOVERNOR'S REPORT

My term as chair offered the opportunity to show off Arkansas and our Computer Science Initiative, which I declared as my Chairman's Priority. By my final day as chair, 50 governors of states and territories, which was a record, had signed the computer science education compact.

By signing, governors were committing to establish plans to expand computer science in schools and to fund the expansion so that we can create new paths to success after high school.

At the NGA summer meeting, Patrick Gelsinger, the CEO of Intel, spoke about the value of our initiative. Mr. Gelsinger noted that modern life is becoming more digital, and everything digital runs on semiconductors. The manufac-

turing of semiconductors requires talent and money, which is why we must provide first-rate education for our young people.

He also discussed the federal CHIPS Act, which is the abbreviation for Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America. The CHIPS Act would provide about \$50 billion in subsidies to support the manufacture of computer chips in the United States. Congress passed the bill, the goal of which is to decrease U.S. dependence on chips that are manufactured overseas. The CHIPS Act had bipartisan support from the governors.

On my first day as chair in July 2021, I reminded my fellow

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## Senate meets to address water and sewer issues

Well-attended meetings at the state Capitol usually indicate that legislators are addressing an important issue.

That was certainly the case when the joint Senate and House Committees on City, County and Local Affairs met to explore methods of funding of much-needed improvements to water and sewer systems across Arkansas.

A room full of local officials, managers of water and engineers



BEN GILMORE  
ARKANSAS SENATE REPORT

asked legislators to open a process that would allow them to apply for grants and relief funds.

Several legislators and many witnesses expressed frustration that no water projects had even been considered by the steering committee that recommends how federal relief funds should be spent.

One senator who is on the steering committee said it was stacked in favor of the governor, because it consists of nine executive branch department heads and six legislators. That means no projects are brought before the steering committee without prior approval from the governor.

The steering committee has

recommended that hundreds of millions in federal funding be used for broadband expansion, virtual training and contact tracing. Legislators said it's just as important to shore up deteriorating infrastructure that delivers clean drinking water to citizens.

The Senate co-chair of the City, County and Local Affairs Committee emphasized the urgency of getting projects funded immediately. The federal relief funds have to be spent by 2026, but water and sewer projects can take years to plan and get "shovel ready" because they are so complex.

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## August is Arkansas Catfish Month

The catfish industry is the largest component of aquaculture in the United States and a significant industry in Arkansas. In fact, Arkansas catfish farmers contributed \$19.5 million to Arkansas's agricultural economy in 2021. That's up 17 percent from the previous year.

The month of August has been proclaimed as Arkansas Catfish Month. This designation recognizes the impact of catfish producers across the state.



HOWARD BEATY  
ARKANSAS HOUSE REPORT

Arkansas is the birthplace of the commercial catfish industry, with at least two farms selling catfish in the late 1950s. By 1966, Arkansas had 4,500 acres in catfish production and three processing plants.

Today, Arkansas has 3,800 water surface acres used for catfish production. That's a 6 percent increase from 2020. Arkansas now ranks fourth in the nation in catfish production. Ninety-four percent of all U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish is raised in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Our state is also home to programs providing research and support to the aquaculture industry, including the Aquaculture/Fisheries Center for Excellence and the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff and the Harry K. Dupree National Aquaculture Research Center in Stuttgart.

In 2015, the General Assembly passed Act 1191 which created a catfish labeling requirement to ensure consumers can accurately identify the country of origin of catfish purchased in Arkansas retail establishments. This legislation helps to provide quality control for consumers and protects domestic catfish farmers from substitutes that are imported and sold often under the label of being catfish.

U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish is a lean fish and an excellent source of protein. It is low in saturated fat and is a moderate source of polyunsaturated fat and omega-3 fatty acids. It's just one more reason to celebrate Arkansas

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# Democrats release RAISE Act to give teachers an immediate and sustainable raise

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

Arkansas House and Senate Democrats released a plan today to raise teacher salaries by \$4,000 and raise the minimum teacher salary from \$36,000 to \$42,000. The Raising Arkansas's Investment in Schools and Educators (RAISE) Act would use \$600 million from the estimated \$1.6 billion surplus to create a fund that will allow the raises to be indefinitely sustainable based on current projections. Democrats urged Governor Asa Hutchinson to include their proposed legislation in the August special session so that teachers can get a raise now.

"We ask so much of our teachers. They often spend money out of their own pocket for ba-

sic classroom supplies. As much as they love what they do, many are leaving the profession or moving to states that pay their teachers adequately. We have to do much more to ensure that we are recruiting and retaining great teachers. That starts with a fair salary," said House Minority Leader Rep. Tippi McCullough (D-Little Rock), a former public school teacher.

"We all want a more skilled workforce, a growing economy, and stronger communities. All this starts with great teachers, which is why we've got to offer salaries that match our expectations, their qualifications, and the demands of the regional market. We don't have to lag behind our neighboring states," said Rep.

Andrew Collins (D-Little Rock).

Under the RAISE Act, a Teacher Pay Sustainability Fund (TPSF) would be established to allow for an immediate and sustainable increase in teacher pay. The availability of other funding streams for teacher pay means that the \$600 million in the TPSF would be needed primarily in the short term, then less as other funding streams increase, and then none at all. A major category of school district funding – the "foundation funding" determined by "the matrix" – is routinely increased on a biennial basis. Based on recent history, Democrats project a biennial increase in foundation funding of approximately \$225 per pupil. Slightly over half of this in-

crease is attributed to teacher salaries based on the proportion of overall foundation funding that is used for teacher salaries. Additionally, the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) has identified an estimated \$60 million per year in separate revenues that it is willing to allocate to teacher raises.

Based on these projections, the TPSF would only need to be utilized through FY 2027. After FY 2027, the \$42,000 minimum teacher salary could be afforded solely by increases in foundation funding and ADE additional revenues with no further contribution necessary from the TPSF. Furthermore, the TPSF would have a balance of over \$200 million after FY 2027, a comfortable

cushion that would help ensure that the raises are funded even in the case of deviation from current projections.

"Republican legislative leaders have said they expect foundation funding to eventually increase. We are glad to hear that and expect the same," said Rep. Megan Godfrey (D-Springdale), a former public school teacher. "But we can't afford to wait. Our fund fills in the gap to allow teachers to get a raise right now, while we're waiting for foundation funding to catch up to the needs of our teachers and state."

The RAISE Act replicates a fund that the Legislature used to increase minimum salaries by statute in 2019. Democrats met with Governor Asa Hutchinson

today and urged him to back the RAISE Act and include teacher raises among topics for an anticipated August special session of the Legislature.

The Democrats' proposed allocation of \$600 million in surplus to teacher raises would leave an estimated \$1 billion in remaining surplus.

"After raising teacher pay, we can use our remaining billion-dollar surplus for other essential needs like adequately paying our bus drivers, custodians, and other classified and support staff. The RAISE Act is a big step toward improving education throughout our state, but it's just the beginning of what we need to do," said Rep. Reginald Murdock (D-Marianna).

### Seat sponsorships for 2022 UAM Football and Volleyball Seasons

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

The University of Arkansas at Monticello is pleased to announce the return of seat sponsorships after the incredible support during the 2021-2022 athletic year. UAM alumni, families, fans, and friends will have a chance to be a part of Boll Weevil history during the 2022 UAM football and volleyball seasons, as the sponsorships directly benefit the UAM All-Athletic Performance Center Campaign.

With a contribution, you can sponsor one of the chair-back seats in either Willis Convoy Leslie Cotton Boll Stadium or Steelman Field House. Your seat will be reserved for the entirety of the 2022 season.

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**TEAM GREEN PACKAGE INFORMATION**

UAM began sales for the Team Green Package in June, an opportunity for 78 dedicated Weevil/Blossom fans to support all on-campus sports for the 2022-2023 athletic year. Each individual package purchased includes a chair-back seat for football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball. For additional questions about the Team Green Package or additional seat sponsorships, contact Assistant Athletic Director Garianna Pace at 870-460-1157 or [PaceG@uamont.edu](mailto:PaceG@uamont.edu).

**About the Performance Center Campaign:**

The University of Arkansas at Monticello Performance Center Campaign focuses on enhancing the support of student-athletes through major facility improvements. The \$1.7 million project will overhaul the vacant space in Steelman Field House formerly home to an indoor pool.

Ultimately, the fully-reimagined Facility will be transformed into a space that will include a 4,000 square foot weight room and a 3,000 square foot athletic training area. These are spaces that align with the quality facilities our exceptional student-athletes and prospective student-athletes deserve.

All tax-deduction donations to this campaign can be made to the UAM Performance Fund. Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated as alumni and friends of UAM join together in this capital campaign to make an incredible impact on our facilities.

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governors that states are laboratories of democracy. I challenged them to innovate, determine what works best, and to share what they have learned.

I suggested that we should lead with civil discourse, respect others in our debates, and rise above party differences to work together. Those words were as relevant today as they were a year ago.

As I reflect on my term as

NGA chairman, I am grateful and amazed at the opportunities I have had to serve. I grew up on a farm. My dad was a farmer, and neither of my parents graduated from college. But they gave my siblings and me opportunities they never had. Because of their sacrifice, I've had incredible opportunities in life.

In the public arena, I served as United States Attorney under Ronald Reagan and in the United States Congress. In the Bush administration, I served as administrator of the Drug Enforcement Admin-

istration and undersecretary at Homeland Security. I've prosecuted neo-Nazis and criminal organizations. I helped guide the nation after 9-11. I returned to Arkansas, and then eight years later, I ran for governor and won.

I shared with the governors that I have attempted to follow my parents' example and to live by their faith and work ethic. My hope is that as governors, we will inspire our young people to participate in our democracy and to understand the importance of public service.

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Water systems must acquire rights of way and prepare highly detailed specifications before bidding them out. Projects must comply with exacting health and safety regulations.

Even if revolving loans are available, long-term financing is tricky because water systems cannot simply double or triple the rates paid by consumers in order to finance loans. Many of the 650 water systems in Arkansas serve low-income families.

Inflation is a factor, especially in the construction industry. The longer it takes

for a water system to bid out a project, the less pipeline it gets for the money. The longer the steering committee waits, the fewer water projects will be funded because of inflation.

Also adding urgency to the debate are this summer's high temperatures and the lingering drought across Arkansas. As one witness told legislators, even after the drought ends most water systems will need upgrades.

Water managers were hesitant to estimate how much money is needed to upgrade water and sewer infrastructure in Arkansas. For one reason, it is a moving target. A few years ago a statewide study estimated about \$3.7

billion in needs, but in more recent surveys the estimates are closer to \$5 billion.

The Secretary of Agriculture said that water systems in every corner of the state have needs.

Water managers said that they did not expect to get the entire amount of funding, but that receiving some of the federal relief money would show that the state's decision makers believe water is a priority.

The governor said \$836 million in federal relief funds arrived in June. He told the press that his appointments to the steering committee were working on a plan, and that he had asked them to meet soon.

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time we are under the weather, Mamaw Margaret never fails to text and check on us.

When we are waiting for a function to begin, we can always count on Papaw Lenny to have candy in his pocket and he is always willing to distribute the sweet treats.

We share meals and cele-

brate special occasions and no one leaves the table angry or contemplating if jail time is worth committing a crime. It is peaceful and pleasant and very "normal", if there is such a thing.

We have some biological relatives that don't check on her and when I wrote the previous grandparent column, that angered me deeply. Now, I understand that Fred is not the one

losing in this situation, those relatives are.

Right now, all Fred knows is that she is loved by a lot of people. I look forward to the day she realizes how special it is to have biological and non-biological family in her life.

If you get a chance, love a kid. They don't chose the situation they are in. It should be as simple as that.

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# OBITUARIES

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### Janey Lou Barnes

Janey Lou Barnes, 91, of Monticello, passed away Thursday, July 28, 2022, at UAMS Hospital in Little Rock. She was born May 6, 1931, in Drew County, to the late Claude C. Barnes and Ver-lee Jones Barnes. She was a retired AT&T (formerly Southwestern Bell Telephone) employee and a member of Green Hill Methodist Church. Mrs. Janie loved her family and was always there for them. She would frequently call and check on each of them. Her hobbies included gardening, picking her tomatoes and cleaning house. Her house was always immaculate. She also enjoyed going to Union Ridge Cemetery where many of her family is buried, where she would mow, clean monuments and place flowers on them.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by two brothers, Milford L. Barnes, Sr. (Edna) and Mervin W. Barnes (Bonnie Earnestine); numerous nieces and nephews; one special nephew, Julius Barnes; along with several other nieces and nephews. She is survived by many

beloved nieces and nephews; along with numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2022, at Union Ridge Cemetery. There was a visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. You can sign Mrs. Janey's guestbook page at [www.stephenson-dearman.com](http://www.stephenson-dearman.com).

(Paid obituary)

### Chris Alan Beard

Chris Alan Beard, 54, of Monticello, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2022 at Drew Memorial Hospital in Monticello. He was born February 9, 1968 in Monticello. He was a member of Rose Hill Freewill Baptist Church in Monticello and was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in Desert Storm. Chris enjoyed spending time with his family, playing the drums, camping, watching movies, and Jeep riding.

Preceding him in death were his father, Ronald Gene Beard; brother-in-law, Tom Wooten and nephew, Dillon Wooten.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Amber Lynn Johnson Beard of Monticello; his mother, Bettye Rial of Monticello; four sons, Trace (Madi) Beard of Warren, Zach (Katelyn Bostian) Beard of Warren, Colby Beard of Arkadelphia,

and Devin (Stephanie) Beard of White Hall; one sister, Shelly Wooten of Monticello; five grandchildren, Raylan



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Beard, Natalie Beard, Brantley Beard, Kyler Beard, and Daxston Beard; two bonus children, Sonny Phillips and Bo Evans; a niece, Kelsey Wooten of Monticello; and many friends and

extended family.

Funeral services are at 2p.m. Thursday, August 4, 2022 with Bro. Allen Elkins officiating. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at the funeral home with burial at Butler/Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Star City. Pallbearers are Sabrina Sawyer, Roger Dale Barnett, Matt Stepp, Brian "BJ" James, Chance Young, and Shawn Wright. Honorary pallbearers are Jeff Barnett, Steve Mann, and Travis Harris.

Arrangements by Griffin Funeral Service in Star City. Online guestbook at [www.griffinfuneralservice.net](http://www.griffinfuneralservice.net).

(Paid obituary)

### Glenda Diane Drake

Glenda Diane Drake, 70, of Monticello, went to be with

her Lord and Savior Monday, July 25, 2022. She was born October 29, 1951, in Dumas, to the late James W. and Bertha Gibson Carter.

She was a beautician and a member of Calvary Landmark Missionary Baptist Church. Diane's passion was styling her client's hair and carrying her grandchildren shopping. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a sister, Sharon McGough.



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She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Danny Drake of Monticello; two sons, Joshua "Hunter" Gillum (Mandy) and Joseph "Jody" Drake (Miranda); three daughters, Jennifer Johnston, Tara Lee (Terry) and Mandy Jo Drake; one brother, Julius Carter (Mildred) of Dumas; one sister, Patricia Wallace of Dumas; and grandchildren, Reagan (Rachel), Emma, Abbie (Logan Gilliam fiancé), Mary, Macy, Hunter Raylan Wid, Andrea Jolene Carter, Gabby, Dagan, Avy, Becket and Mazey.

Funeral services were at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Drake Cemetery in Lincoln County. There was

a visitation from 3-4 p.m. preceding the funeral service in the chapel.

You can sign Diane's guestbook page at [www.stephenson-dearman.com](http://www.stephenson-dearman.com).

(Paid obituary)

### Brenda Fay Lansdale Stanfill

Brenda Fay Lansdale Stanfill, 65, of Lacey, passed away Friday, July 29, 2022, at her home. She was born August 9, 1956, in Monticello, to Jeanette Martin Lansdale and the late Tracey Lansdale.

She was the widow of Robert Stanfill, a homemaker and member of the Lacey Assembly of God Church. Brenda enjoyed spending time with her family, but her greatest joy were her grandchildren. In addition to her father and husband, she was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mendy Lansdale; and two brothers, Ricky and Blake Lansdale.

She is survived by four children, Jason West (Brittany) of Monticello, Brian Stanfill of Lacey, Lacy Nowlen (Jake) and Colby Goudy of Monticello; her mother, Jeanette Lansdale of Lacey; two sisters, Brooke Lansdale of Lacey and Rhonda Bolin of Hot Springs; ten grandchildren, Tyler, Haley, Sydney,

Kayla, Dakota, Briana, Parker, Gracie Kate, Alana and Grayson; and four great grandchildren, Hunter, McKenzie, Lane and Kenslie.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Devin Burns and Rev. Roger Pierce officiating. There was a visitation from 5-7 p.m. Sunday evening at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lacey Cemetery.

The family would like to give a special "thank you" to the Drew Memorial Respiratory Care and Nursing staff for the excellent care they gave Brenda. You can sign her guestbook page at [www.stephenson-dearman.com](http://www.stephenson-dearman.com).

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### Max Heman Mosenthin

Max Heman Mosenthin, 90, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., died July 21, in Port St. Lucie, Fla. He was born September 6, 1931 in Freda, to the late Herman and Edna Jones Mosenthin.



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He served his country in the Air Force from 1951 to 1955.

Max is preceded in death by his wife Peggy Fincher Mosenthin.

His burial will be in Enon Cemetery in Monticello.

## Treasurer Dennis Milligan highlights August as National ABLE to Save Month

### SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

August marks the nationally-celebrated ABLE to Save Month where those involved in ABLE Savings Plans across the country highlight the value and importance these plans bring to people living with disabilities.

"The Arkansas ABLE plan – which stands for Achieving a Better Life Experience – offers individuals with disabilities and their families an affordable way to save for daily disability-related expenses on a tax-deferred basis, without affecting their

eligibility for income-based benefits," said Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan, whose office administers the Arkansas ABLE Plan. "Simply put, ABLE assets are disregarded when determining eligibility for most federal programs like Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicaid."

Congress passed the ABLE Act in 2014 and Arkansas's legislature followed suit in 2015. Milligan officially launched the Arkansas ABLE Plan in October 2018.

"Living with a disability

is a life-altering challenge like no other, and it's made more complicated when you add in the financial ramifications," Milligan said. "Many public benefits are cut off once a person's assets grow over a certain amount. Not being able to save more than \$2,000 is an unnecessary hardship."

ABLE plans help people with disabilities build financial wellness and plan for the future by empowering them to save and invest for expenses that come with having a disability, without losing access to federal means-test-

ed benefits. Anyone can contribute to someone's ABLE account, and earnings are tax-deferred. Moreover, withdrawals are tax-free as long as they're used for qualified expenses related to the beneficiary's disability.

"Individuals can use their Arkansas ABLE accounts for expenses related to education, housing, transportation, legal fees, assistive technology, employment training and so much more," Milligan said.

In 2019, Milligan worked with the state legislature to pass legislation that offers families contributing to

an Arkansas ABLE Plan a state tax deduction of up to \$10,000.

"Arkansas ABLE recognizes the importance of saving for today and tomorrow," Milligan said. "Having a role in helping Arkansans with disabilities take control of

their financial future has been a highlight during my time as treasurer."

In Arkansas, almost 700 families are using an ABLE account to help them save for and manage disability-related expenses, with an average account size of \$4,000.

## CALLS

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avoid scams and unwanted calls:

- Do not answer a call from a number you do not know. If it is a legitimate call, they will leave a voicemail.
- Robocallers often call simply to verify if a number is working. If you do not answer, eventually they will stop calling because they cannot confirm the number is working.
- If you answer a call that turns out to be a robocall, hang up. Do not press any buttons or provide any information.

- Be wary of callers who specifically ask you to pay by gift card, wire transfer or cryptocurrency. Know that legitimate companies and government agencies never accept gift cards as a form of payment.
- Beware of prerecorded calls from imposters posing as law enforcement or other government agencies. The Social Security Administration and Internal Revenue Service do not make phone calls to individuals.
- Register your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry online at [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov).

For more tips to help avoid

falling victim to scam, or to file a consumer complaint with the Arkansas Attorney General's

Office, call (800) 482-8982, email [consumer@arkansasag.gov](mailto:consumer@arkansasag.gov) or visit [ArkansasAG.gov](http://ArkansasAG.gov).

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**In Remembrance**  
*Theoplas "Ms. Dee" Lambert*  
  
*Mother, another word for love. It doesn't seem like it has been 23 years since you left us August 1999 to August 2022. We miss you so much words cannot explain. Sorry to see you go but we thank God for having you as a Mother. Thank you for the discipline, wisdom and most of all the unconditional love you gave all of us. You are gone but not forgotten.*  
*Love Always,  
Your Children*


**SAVE A SHELTER PET**  
There are many reasons why wonderful pets like this one end up in shelters. You can make a difference by opening up your home to a pet by adopting, fostering, or by donating money or pet supplies to our nonprofit animal rescue.  
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For more information about adopting a pet, fostering a pet or donating, please email [Monticello2ndChancefurdogs@yahoo.com](mailto:Monticello2ndChancefurdogs@yahoo.com) or go to our facebook page Monticello 2nd Chancefurdogs.



**TEN SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR SENIORS**  

- **Drink plenty of liquids.** Drink eight or more 8-ounce glasses per day of water and/or fruit juices every day to stay hydrated.
- **Avoid caffeinated and alcoholic beverages.** Alcohol, soda, coffee and even tea can leave you dehydrated quickly. If at all possible, try to reduce the amount of these beverages, especially during hot weather. Plain or flavored water is a good substitute.
- **Dress appropriately.** Wear loose-fitting clothes in natural fabrics like cotton. Dress in light colors that will reflect the sun and heat instead of darker colors that will attract them.
- **Sunblock.** When outdoors, protect your skin from damage by wearing hats, sunglasses and a sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher.
- **Stay indoors during extreme heat.** In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.
- **Air conditioning.** If you do not have air conditioning in your home, go somewhere that does. A movie theater, the mall a friend or relative's home or a community senior center are all good options.
- **Avoid extreme outdoor heat.** If you need to get out of the house and don't drive , call a taxi, a friend or a transportation service. Do NOT wait outside for the bus in extreme heat.
- **Take a cool shower or bath.** If you are absolutely unable to leave the house and do not have air conditioning, take a cool bath or shower to lower your body temperature on extremely hot days.
- **Keep your home cool.** Temperatures inside the home should not exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit for prolonged periods of time.
- **Signs of heat stroke.** Know the signs of heat stroke (e.g. flushed face, high body temperature, headache, nausea, rapid pulse, dizziness and confusion) and take immediate action if you feel them coming on.

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## RUMMAGE SALE RATES

**Option #1**  
Includes date, time  
and location of sale **\$10**

**Option #2** Includes date, time,  
location and brief description of  
items. Also includes a bold heading. **\$15**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drew County Historical Museum is back. Opened each Saturday from 10am till 4pm. Come on by and visit with us and see some of Monticello's treasures. We're located at 404 South Main Street. See you soon

Church Sale: Pentecostal Church of God in Christ 111 East Briarcliff Street in Monticello. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. has for sale: Ashley sofa in excellent condition, 4 good tires for a car 17inch, Two sets of camo sheets, 1 gallon of transmission fluid, small two drawer night stand (black), One set of new crutches, one right leg boot (for injured leg), Tucker wear trays, Cups & Saucers and plates, One queen size bed, One large 12 x 12 rug, One cash register., Baseball pants for boys (size 8 to 12). School pencils. Two pair of boots , mens or boys (size 8). For the ones that are truly interested in any of these items please call Pastor Robert Marshall Sr. at 870-281-4863. Located in the Market Place parking lot every Saturday. 4tf 10/25

#### Hope Place

Hope Place in Monticello is in need of newborn and size 6 diapers. We are open to receive donations Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. TFN f

#### Fight Hunger

Hope Place of Monticello invites our community to drop off non-perishable food donations. We are open to receive donations Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday from 9:30am-4:30pm. Suggested items: Pasta, Peanut Butter, Rice, Beans, Soup, Canned Meats, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Mac&Cheese, Cereal, Juice and Boxed Meals. 224 South Main, Monticello. TFN

#### Historical Preservation Funds Needed For Enon School

Funds are needed for the maintenance of Enon's 2-room schoolhouse located at 2474 Highway 35E outside of Monticello. Any donation amount will be greatly appreciated to keep the legacy alive and well. For more information on how to help preserve Enon's schoolhouse or to make a donation contact, James

Jarrett at 870-367-3765. TFN

CASA of the 10th Judicial District is seeking volunteer advocates and board members. To find out how you can help a child in need, please contact (870) 367-9449. TFN

Monticello 2nd Chancefurdogs is in need of supplies: Dog pens, kennels and crates, dog houses, 20x20 plastic tarps, dog feeders, dog and puppy food ALWAYS needed. If you would like to donate, please contact: Monticello2ndChancefurdogs@yahoo.com or find us on facebook. TFN

### AUTO SALVAGE

Mr. Johnny's Auto Salvage at 421 Ambrose Street has good used tires starting at \$10 and up. Come on by 421 Ambrose Street or call 870-308-1025 4pd 7/30

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The Advance classifieds are online! [www.advancemonticellonian.com](http://www.advancemonticellonian.com). Log on now and click on the E-Edition. You can also place your classified ads online or by calling 870.367.5325.

### FREE

Advance Classifieds are free to individuals if the item is valued at \$50 or less and the ad states the price. All free ads must be of a non commercial nature and be for one item. An example would be a sofa for \$49 would be free but bales of hay for \$5 each would be a paid ad.

### MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale- Module tarps for sale to cover valuable hay. Tarp will cover 4 large round bales. 1-10 \$15, 10 more \$10 870-818-5658. 8/27 4tb

For sale-Christensen Arms .300 Win Mag 24" barrel, Zeus's Conquest V4 3-12 x50. 30mm tube. Call 870-818-5658. 8/27 4tb

1 220 Volt Heat/Air A/C \$50 call 870-224-5168 1F 7/30

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Yamaha Guitar G-231 Nice. \$450 or make offer. Call 870-500-8515 4pd 7/30

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Call the Federal Trade Commission to find out how to avoid scams. 1-877-FTC-HELP. Never give any personal or financial information to unfamiliar websites without researching those sites. Even those sites listed in classified ads here. A message from The Advance Monticellonian and the FTC.

### PETS

For Sale- American Bully Puppies born June 11. 5 Blue & White, 3

blue, 5 males 3 females \$250 ea. Call 870-550-0983 2pd 8/13

If you have deer meat you aren't going to use, please donate it to my cat Purrcy, who is allergic to all other meats. Call 367-5852 after noon. 7/301tf

Monticello 2nd Chancefurdogs is in need of supplies: Dog pens, kennels and crates, dog houses, 20x20 plastic tarps, dog feeders, dog and puppy food ALWAYS needed. If you would like to donate, please contact: Monticello2ndChancefurdogs@yahoo.com or find us on facebook. TFN

Post on our Facebook page designed to reunite missing pets in the Monticello/Drew County area with their owners! Monticello Lost Pet Network. TFN

### REAL ESTATE

#### APARTMENTS

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Westside Manor Apartments. 2 BR, 1 BA. Refrigerator & stove provided. Washer/Dryer hookups. (870) 853-

See **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 9A

# Legals

### NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold, dismantled or destroyed within 15 days of this notice. Unless claimed at Rangel Towing, 109 Carla Lane Monticello, AR 71655, 870-723-2263. First published August 3, 2022. 2004 FORD RANGER VIN# 1FTYR14U64PB45410

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### REQUEST FOR BID/LEASE

Drew Memorial Health System invites qualified and experienced vendors to submit responses to our Request for Bid/lease of wireless network equipment for our EHR/wireless project.

**Bid Deadline: 10:00 AM August 10, 2022**

All bids are to be delivered in sealed envelopes with the project name clearly labeled on the outside of the sealed envelope to the address below.

They should include:

- 1) Option to purchase out right.
  - 2) Option to lease for a term of 3 years with a \$1 buyout.
- Sealed Bids should be mailed or hand delivered to Jackie Smith, 778 Scogin Dr, Monticello, AR 71655, and should be CLEARLY MARKED "SEALED BID." Please reference RFP DMHS EHR/ Wireless Project on all documents pertaining to this bid. All Bids are due on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

No late Bids will be accepted.

Drew Memorial Health System reserves the right to reject any or all quotes or waive minor irregularities when to do so would be in the best interests of DMHS. Minor irregularities are those which will not have a significant adverse effect on overall competition or performance levels.

To obtain specifications:

Rusty Bryant, Director of Information Technology  
778 Scogin Dr  
Monticello, AR 71655  
870-460-3599 | [rbryant@drewmemorial.org](mailto:rbryant@drewmemorial.org)  
ATTN: DMHS EHR/Wireless Project Bid/Lease

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### NOTICE

**Monticello School District**  
**935 Scogin Drive, Monticello, Arkansas 71655**  
**Phone 870-367-4000 Fax 870-367-1531**  
**Home of the Billies**

The Monticello School District will be accepting sealed bids on the following items beginning July 28, 2022 and ending August 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and the item you are bidding on should be marked on the outside of the envelope along with the date. It should have the item along with the maximum amount you're bidding along with your name, address and phone number. These should be mailed to or dropped off at the address above. All bids will be accepted until 10:00 A.M. Thursday August 11, 2022 and the bids shall be opened at this time and date. All items can be looked at Monday thru Thursday from 6:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. With any questions you can call 870-367-4005 or 870-723-8966.

The Monticello School District can reserve the right to decline any and all bids.

Following items up for sealed bid:

1. 1996 AMTran Genesis Bus mileage is 117674  
VIN #4DRGSAAN2TA071221
2. 1996 AMTran Genesis Bus mileage is 138140  
VIN #4DRGSAAN4TA071222
3. 2002 Blue Bird Bus mileage is 118765  
VIN #1BABNCOA12F205440
4. 1980's Massey Ferguson 220 diesel tractor serial #2748 01308
5. 1994 Chevrolet 1500 v6 mileage 150640  
VIN #1GCDLC14Z2R7185104
6. Upright TL49 lift non working!
7. 1994 Ford F700 Diesel enclosed box truck mileage 194009

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### NOTICE

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

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2006 Ford F-150 VIN 1FTRF14W46NA59493  
2005 Ford Taurus VIN 1FAFP56215A234845  
2000 Ford Taurus VIN 1FAFP5325YA221136

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# Legals

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

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

**ISSUE NO. 1**

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

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

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

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

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

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

least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session.  
(ii) The written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.  
(iii) Upon the submission of a written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall specify a date on which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.  
(2) No business other than the purpose set forth in the joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section or the written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall be considered at an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.  
(3)(A) During each regular session, the General Assembly shall establish by joint rule procedures for an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.  
(B) Joint rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may include without limitation:  
(i) A limitation on the duration of an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section;  
(ii) The format and required content for a written proclamation requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section; and  
(iii) A provision permitting the General Assembly, after having disposed of the purpose for which the extraordinary session was convened under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, to remain in session for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days if remaining in session is approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate and entered upon their journals.  
(C) Rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may be amended by the General Assembly.  
(4) This section does not restrict the authority of the Governor to convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly under Arkansas Constitution, Article 6, § 19.

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

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



JOHN THURSTON  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS

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

**ISSUE NO. 2**

**Popular Name**

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

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

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

THAT the following is proposed as

an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:  
SECTION 1. *TITLE. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the “Constitutional Amendment and Ballot Initiative Reform Amendment”.*

SECTION 2. The subsection of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, titled “Majority”, is amended to read as follows:  
*Majority Approval. Any measure submitted to the people as herein provided shall take effect and become a law when approved by a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast upon such measure; and not otherwise; and shall not be required to receive a majority of the electors voting at such election. Such measures shall be operative on and after the thirtieth day after the election at which it is approved, unless otherwise specified in the Act measure. However, a measure subject to a referendum shall be repealed if it is rejected by a majority of the electors voting upon the matter.*  
This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the General Assembly of the right to introduce any measure, but no measure shall be submitted to the people by the General Assembly, except a proposed constitutional amendment or amendments as provided for in this Constitution.

SECTION 3. The subsection of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, titled “Conflicting Measures”, is amended to read as follows:  
Conflicting Measures. If conflicting measures initiated or referred to the people shall be approved by a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes severally cast for and against the same at the same election, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall become law.

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

§ 22. Constitutional amendments.

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

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

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

§ 2. Additional Constitutional amendments authorized.

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

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

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



JOHN THURSTON  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS

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

**ISSUE NO. 3**

**Popular Name**

A Constitutional Amendment to Create the “Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment”

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

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

That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit:  
SECTION 1. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the “Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment”.  
SECTION 2. (a) The General Assembly finds:  
(1) The framers of the United States Constitution, recognizing free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured its protection in the First Amendment to the United States

Constitution;  
(2) The framers of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, also recognizing the free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured the protection of religious freedom in Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24;  
(3) Federal and state laws “neutral” toward religion may burden religious exercise as surely as laws intended to interfere with religious exercise;  
(4) Governments should not burden religious exercise without compelling justification;  
(5) In Employment Division v. Smith, 494 U.S. 872 (1990), the United States Supreme Court virtually eliminated the requirement that the government justify burdens on religious exercise imposed by laws neutral toward religion;  
(6) The compelling interest test as set forth in prior court rulings is a workable test for striking sensible balances between religious liberty and competing government interests in areas ranging from public education (pedagogical interests and religious rights, including recognizing regulations necessary to alleviate interference with the educational process versus rights of religious freedom), national defense (conscription and conscientious objection, including the need to raise an army versus rights to object to individual participation), and other areas of important mutual concern; and  
(7) The United States Congress passed the Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb, to establish the compelling interest test set forth in prior federal court rulings, but in City of Boerne v. Flores, 117 S.Ct. 2157 (1997), the United States Supreme Court held the act unconstitutional, stating that the right to regulate was retained by the states.  
(b) The purpose of this amendment is to:  
(1) Guarantee that the freedom of religion is not burdened by state and local law; and  
(2) Provide a claim or defense to persons whose religious freedom is burdened by government.

SECTION 3. As used in this amendment:  
(1) “Demonstrates” means meeting the burden of going forward with the evidence and of persuasion;  
(2) “Freedom of religion” means the free exercise of religion under Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24;  
(3) “Government” means:  
(A) A branch, department, agency, or instrumentality of the State of Arkansas;  
(B) A political subdivision of the state, including without limitation a county, municipality, township, or other unit of local government;  
(C) An official acting on behalf of government; and  
(D) A person acting under the color of law of the State of Arkansas; and

(4) “Rule” means a statement of Arkansas law, including without limitation a:  
(A) Statute;  
(B) Rule;  
(C) Regulation;  
(D) Ordinance;  
(E) Administrative provision;  
(F) Administrative ruling;  
(G) Guideline; or  
(H) Requirement.  
SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, government shall not burden a person’s freedom of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability.  
(b) Government may burden a person’s freedom of religion only if the government demonstrates that application of the burden to the person:  
(1) Is in furtherance of a compelling government interest; and  
(2) Is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling government interest.  
(c) A person whose religious freedom has been burdened in violation of this section may assert that violation as a claim or defense in a judicial, administrative, or other appropriate proceeding and obtain appropriate relief against a government.

SECTION 5. (a) This amendment applies to each rule of government and its implementation, regardless of whether the rule:  
(1) Is statutory; or  
(2) Was adopted prior to or after the effective date of this amendment.  
(b) This amendment shall not be construed to:  
(1) Authorize a government to burden a religious belief; or  
(2) Affect, interpret, or in any way address:  
(A) The portions of the United States Constitution, First Amendment, permitting the free exercise of religion or prohibiting laws respecting the establishment of religion; or  
(B) Article 2, § 24 of this constitution regarding religious liberty.  
SECTION 6. (a) This amendment shall be liberally construed to effectuate its remedial and deterrent purposes.  
(b) If any provision of this amendment or its application to any particular person or circumstance is held invalid, that provision or its application is severable and does not affect the validity of other provisions or applications of this amendment.

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

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# Logging brothers keep the faith amid industry challenges

**By LON TEGELS**  
College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources - University of Arkansas at Monticello

Hard work, faith and a used chicken truck turned out to be a solid foundation for Reggie and Chris Goodman's logging business.

The Goodman's, of Monticello, are an African American family building a business in the South, growing the logging company they bought from their parents.

Those early years weren't easy, said Mike Pennington, a lifelong logger with L.D. Long, Inc., in Monticello, who has known Reggie and Chris Goodman since they were in diapers.

"The first time I met that family, their dad was a short wood hauler, and at the time, I was working for Georgia Pacific. The first time I saw them in the woods, they were on a pallet or quilt," said Pennington.

"It was Mom and Daddy and five kids," he said. "As they progressed in age, even the girls would be stacking short wood. As the boys got older moved up to running the chain saws. Eventually, they would progress to run his iron mule."

Pennington took fondness for the family, and when he moved to the J.P. Price Company, he brought the family with him. Pennington would go out and help them buy tracts to log. In the early 1990s, when the brothers decided to buy out their parents' business, Pennington backed the loan with the bank.

"The guys we are working for helped us get started," said Reggie Goodman.

Early on, the brothers didn't even own a logging truck.

"When we started, other loggers were hauling our trees out," said Reggie Goodman. "We would cut the trees, bank them, put them out, and the other loggers would bring their big trucks and a loader and haul their logs to the mills."

He remembers the first truck they bought was used. He says J.P. Price bought some used chicken trucks from Tyson and sold one of them to the Goodmans.



Since then, the Goodmans have built their logging business to a substantial size.

"We've got six trucks, two skidders, three loaders, a new Caterpillar tree cutter, and two lowboys," said Reggie Goodman, adding that they have about \$2.5 to \$3 million invested in equipment.

The brothers still live on the same property their parents owned.

"This is what they used to call stomping ground. We were raised here, and we choose to stay," said the younger Chris Goodman. He says the business has changed a lot during the last 50 years.

"When we arrived at the job in the mornings in the wintertime, we had to build fires to stay warm throughout the day, but it's been a blessing to have equipment that is now enclosed with heating and air conditioning," Chris Goodman said.

"In the wood business and back when we grew up in this late '70s and '80s, everything was done by hand with a power saw and the stacking wood and loading it on trucks without a cable," said Chris Goodman.

"We go in with a cheerful outlook. Don't get discouraged when you get a 'no' answer," Chris Goodman said. "You have to try to surround yourself with people that can help you."

Chris Goodman puts his trust in God, calling his faith

a blessing. He is a preacher at three Methodist churches in Monticello, all within five miles of each other.

"God has opened doors at the right time," he said. "We want him to open doors, but we also have to allow him to close doors."

### Industry challenges

Chris Goodman said their small log operation is gone.

"All those days are way behind us due to insurance reasons," he said. "The insurance company put us out of commission on doing it the old school way, so we had to upgrade and learn a new way of doing it."

Despite their business growth and success, the Goodman Brothers face the same challenges that others in the timber industry face. Fuel, labor, insurance, and government regulations are just a few setbacks.

"I think one of the biggest problems that nearly every company is facing today is finding somebody willing to work," Chris Goodman said. "Most of them now just want a job to get a check. And sometimes, we found out that if you try to do extra, doors will open for you."

Matthew Pelkki, director of the Arkansas Center of Forest Business based at UA-Monticello, visited with the Goodmans as part of a series of meetings with those in the industry to gain firsthand in-

sights into the challenges they face.

Chris and Reggie Goodman are not alone.

"There are a lot of issues affecting the logging industry in Arkansas, and it's a critical component of the supply chain. Without loggers, we can't get wood from the forest to the mills," Pelkki said.

### Driving for change

The lack of licensed commercial drivers — CDL drivers — with good driving records, is another challenge the Goodmans and others are facing.

"We go through an insurance company that does all the background checks on our drivers. If the insurance company doesn't accept them, they'll inform us that we can't hire that driver because of their driving record," Chris Goodman said.

"It's important to a lot of young people who are getting CDL license to have a clean motor vehicle record, and they don't realize that" he said. "Having a CDL license, you can't just get out there and drive any way. Because now with CDL license, one ticket will hurt you."

Finding CDL drivers with the required two-year ride-along experience or apprenticeship has become nearly impossible, Pennington said. "Still, ultimately it will come down to the Insurance Commissioner that decides if regulations need to be modified to meet the supply



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and demand of drivers."

Pelkki said it may be time to approach the state Legislature on key issues affecting the forest industry.

"Discussing weight limits on trucks and fuel taxes on a state level are critical for this sector," Pelkki said. "Updated regulations in the state would be beneficial to helping loggers survive."

The Arkansas Center for For-

est Business launched in the spring of 2022 with financial assistance from the Arkansas state legislators. Its mission is to advance the economics of the Arkansas forest industry. The center is now creating web-based classes that will be part of the ArkPro logger business training delivered by the Arkansas Timber Producers Association.

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## Packs of Hope brings essentials to local schools

By **ASHLEY HOGG**  
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Packs of Hope is a 501C3 certified non-profit organization located in Southeast Arkansas. The group provides school supplies and hygiene products to Drew Central, Monticello, Rison and Warren School Districts.

Started in 2013 by a group of friends led by Katie Taylor, a seventh grade student at Drew Central, the group has grown to serve four local school districts.

“We saw a need and we were just trying to help fill it,” Taylor stated. “We had \$35 when we started.”

Supplies were collected and distributed at the Drew Central campus, but the word got out and slowly, these services were requested at other area schools.

Teachers are asked to contact the school counselor if they are aware of a need a student has. The counselors then place an order with Packs of Hope and the supplies are delivered to the school.

“We do not know who the students are that are receiving the products,” Taylor added.

Before the pandemic, Packs of Hope was receiving grant funding to help further their mission. With the impacts of Covid-19, the grant funding was pulled and now the group must rely on fundraising and donations.

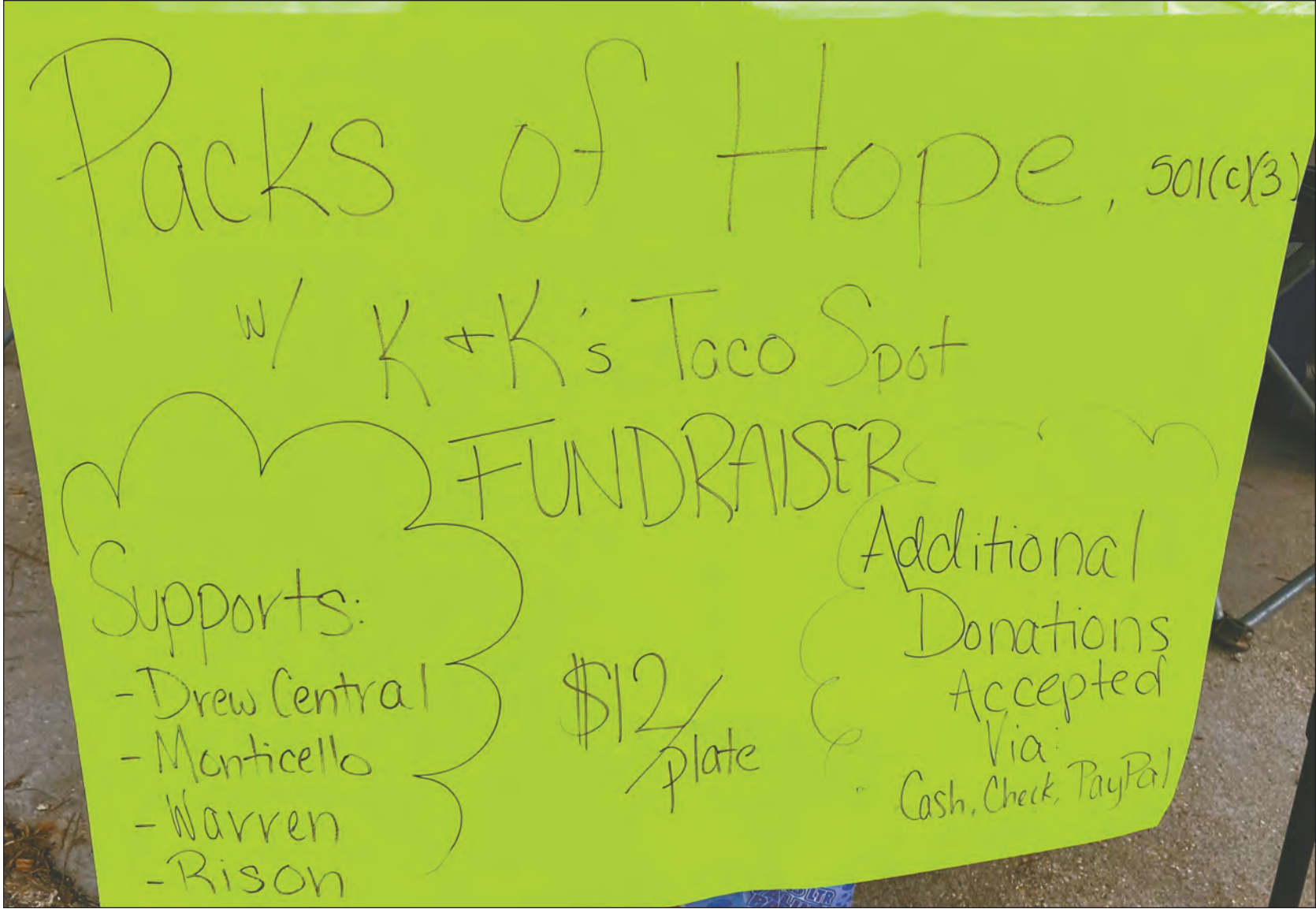
Recently, the group held a cupcake fundraiser and a taco night fundraiser, partnering with local small business K & K’s Taco Spot.

Through a community effort, Packs of Hope and K & K’s Taco Spot set up in the Monticello Coffee Company parking lot last Friday night and sold plates of tacos to hungry donors.

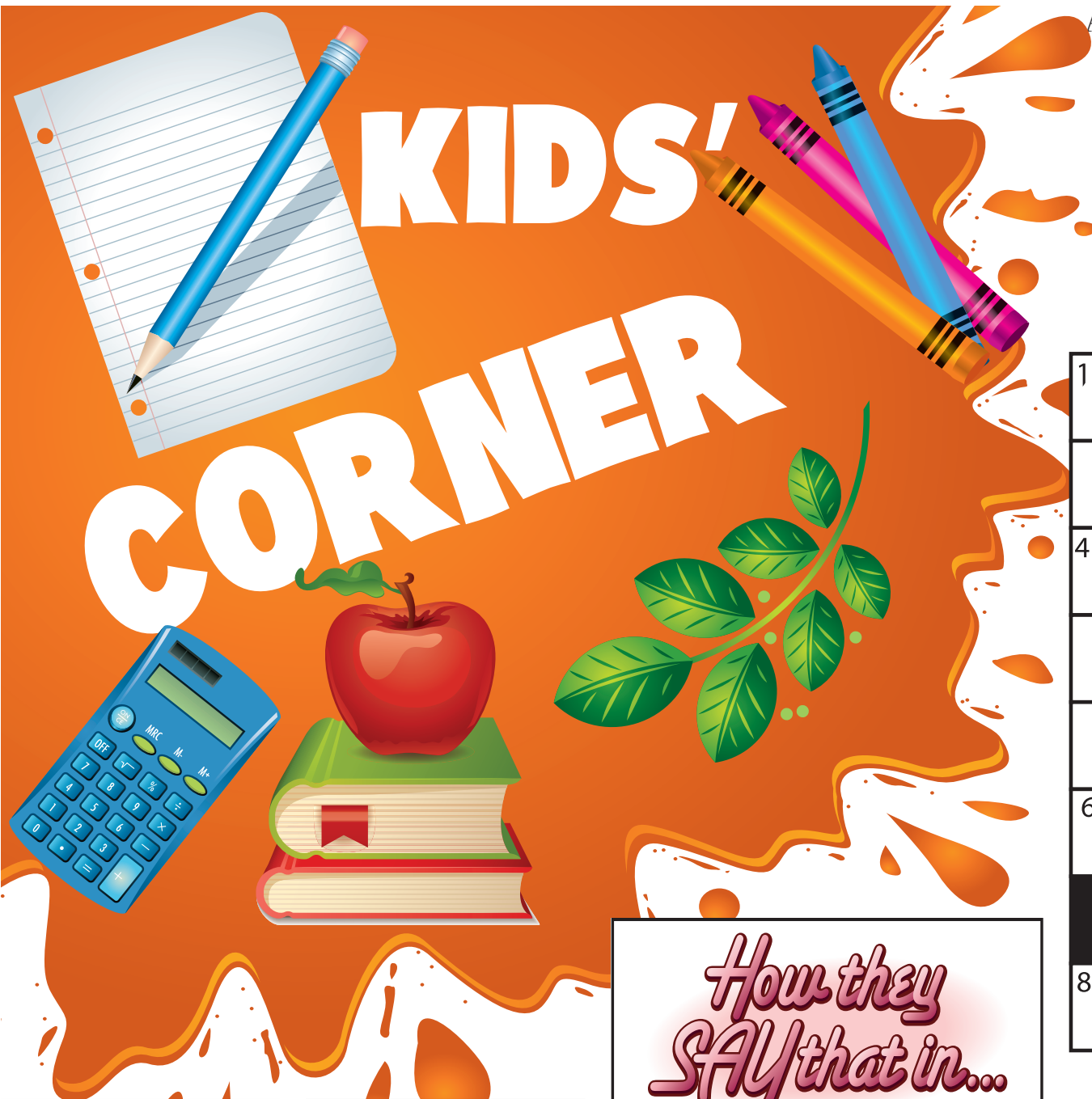
The team sold out of food and raised more than \$1,000, all of which was donated to Packs of Hope.

“Because of people’s generosity, we have never had to turn down an order of supplies that a school has placed,” Taylor said.

To volunteer or donate to Packs of Hope, visit [packsofhope.business.site](http://packsofhope.business.site) or email [packsofhope@yahoo.com](mailto:packsofhope@yahoo.com).

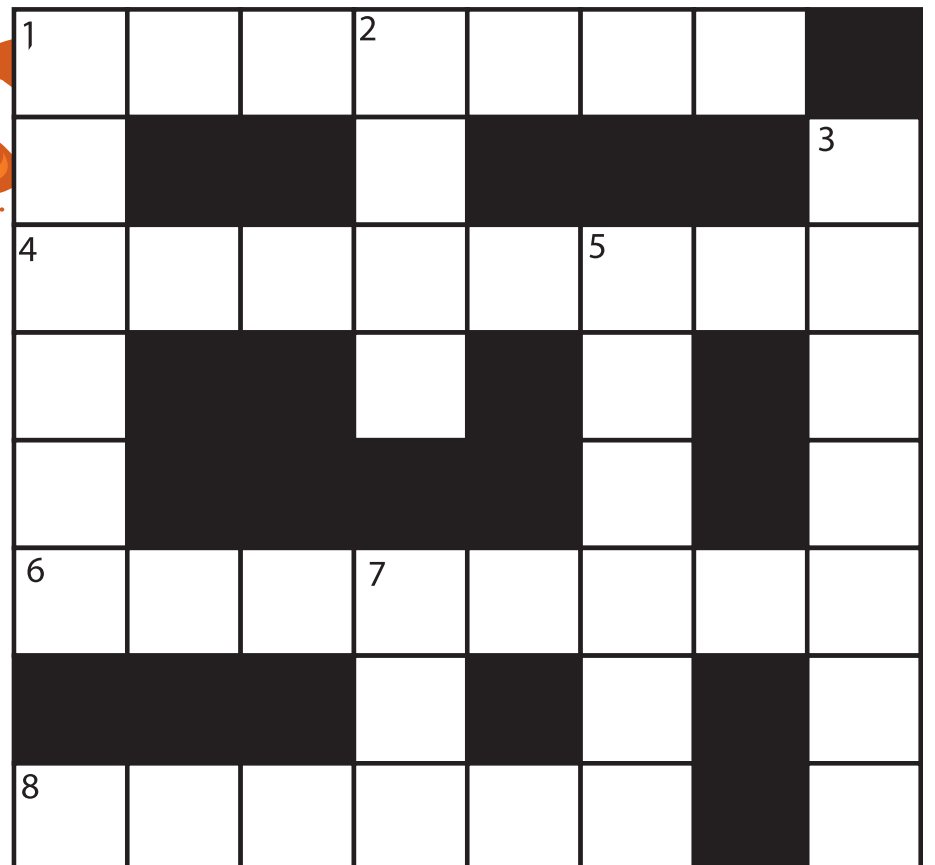






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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Water hobby
4. Type of flowering tree
6. National park
8. Takes pleasure in

### DOWN

1. Related to one another
2. Seek out
3. Comes together
5. Women
7. Sense of self-importance

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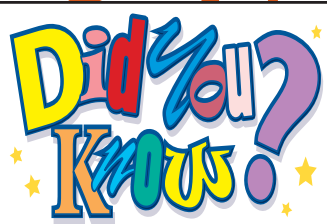
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**FRENCH:** Vacances

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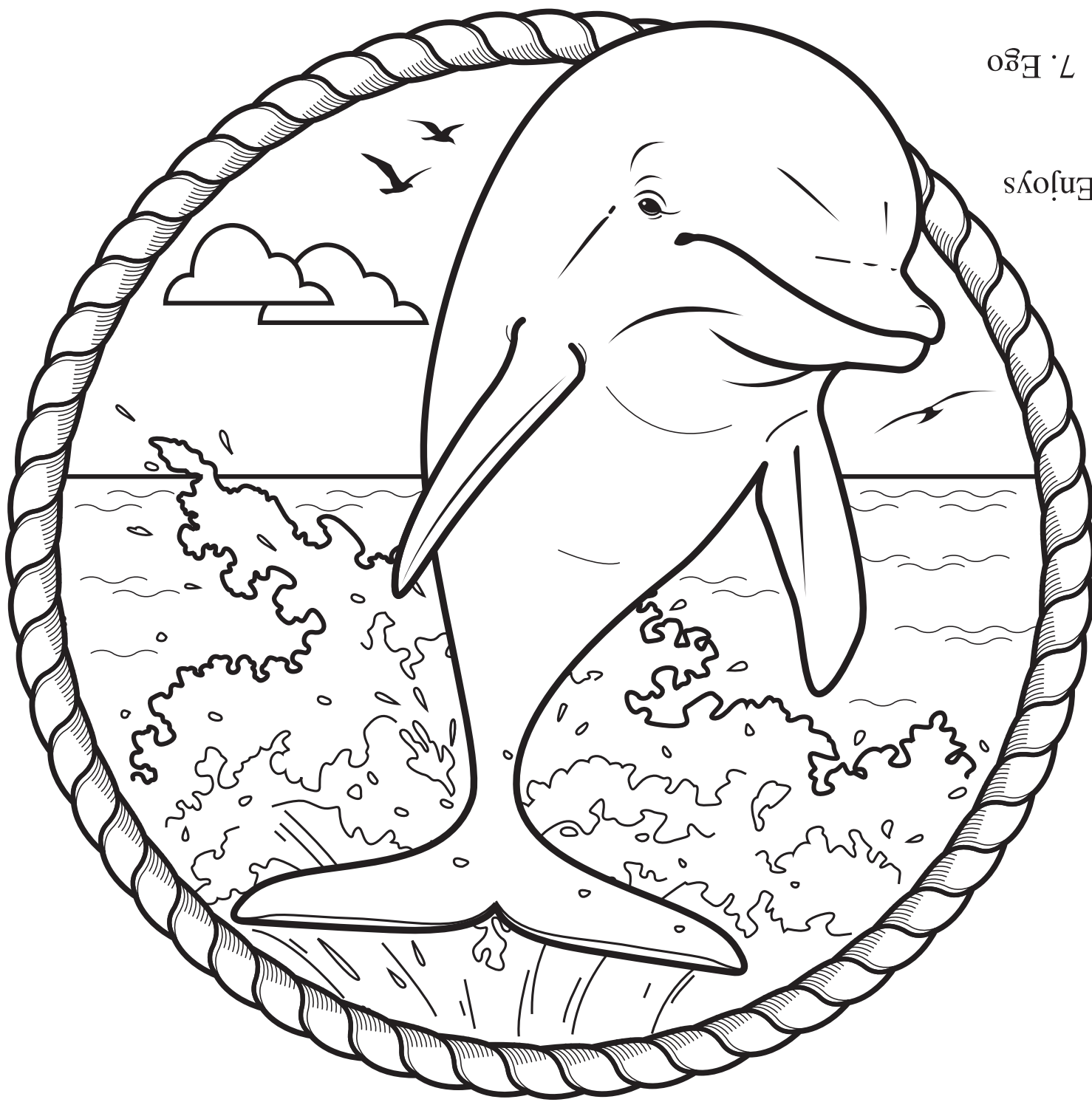


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KIDS CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY  
COMMUNICATE ON CHILDREN'S  
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CHILDREN FEEL LOVED.

ANSWER: PLAY

## Puzzle answers

Page 8B Sudoku

ANSWER:

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# CHILDREN’S DEVOTIONAL

## Do you know someone who needs to hear about Jesus today?

By Amy Becker

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Acts 3:6

One day, as Peter and John were going to the temple to pray they saw a beggar near the temple gate. This man had not been able to walk since birth and everyday, people

would bring him to the gate near the temple so he could beg for money.

When he saw the men walking that way, he asked them for money, but what he got instead would change his life forever.

“Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up,

and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder

and amazement at what had happened to him.” Acts 3:4-10

I can’t help but think of people in our everyday lives that we pass up, just because we may not have the thing that they’re asking for or maybe we think we don’t have the time to help. Peter and John though served as a perfect example of how as followers of Jesus we should let our everyday lives be interrupted to help those in

need. They didn’t have what he was looking for in gold or silver, but what he was given was so much more valuable, in Jesus name he was healed!

Now, we don’t have the power to heal like Peter did through the Holy Spirit, but we do have the good news of Jesus Christ that, believe it or not; is better than any physical healing could be. Although that sounds crazy, our pains and

sufferings here on this earth are temporary, but our relationship with Jesus is eternal.

So the question is, who can you make time for today? Is there someone you know who needs to hear about Jesus? Take the time to ask God to help you see those around you who need to know about him. Remember, you can do amazing things as you follow Jesus!

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

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# DEVOTIONAL

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### Faith when I'm tired

Doctors and therapists by and largely agree that we experience four different types of fatigue. Social fatigue. Human interaction is part of life but without periods of solitude we can suffer from this. Emotional fatigue. An overload of emotions like grief and anger for an extended period of time will create stress. Physical fatigue. This occurs when we're missing adequate sleep or we're experiencing chronic pain. Finally, mental fatigue. This usual occurs with prolonged periods of worry or "over-thinking".

This is where so many Christians are struggling. How many times have you asked somebody how their doing and their response was "tired"?

Fatigue is epidemic throughout our culture and the church. Yet many times we feel guilty if we take a day off or take a nap. The Old Testament prophet Elijah had just experienced an incredibly stressful time in his life and ministry and became depressed. The Bible tells us he laid down under a tree and took a nap. An angel came brought him some food and water and he took another nap. A perfect ex-

ample of spiritual provision and practical wisdom. Isaiah 40:29 "He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength".

God's going to provide you supernatural power but you still need to rest. The fourth of the Ten Commandments states "Remember the seventh day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God". The word sabbath in the original Hebrew language literally means "rest". God established this patter at Creation. He worked six days and then took the seventh day off.

He did this to show us the power of rest. The sabbath isn't for God. He doesn't need it. The sabbath is for you and I. When you are tired you are a target. The enemy's greatest attacks will come when we are at our weakest and we've got much to do. Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

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

## COUNTRY

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capacity since the intense heat we've been experiencing of late would sour it in a New York minute. I've had to clean and refill them every night this week. Migration south is niggling at them now so they are preparing for that journey in earnest.

I paused driving through Old 16th Section Rd for a few days. My pretty black car would get covered in dust every day. I'd wash it off in the evening only to do it all over again the next morning. On one of those mornings I met a big ol' chip truck that enveloped my car in a cloud of dust. That's when I decided to cease until it rained. And, oh, didn't it rain! Saturday afternoon and night we received the much needed drenching rain we've been praying for. The hummingbirds really enjoyed it too. I think it made them even hungrier than before.

Bethel enjoyed a wonderful service again this week. A young man, Bro. Dillon Sowerheaver, from Woodlawn, filled the pulpit for us this week. His message was taken from Psalm 78 and enumerated the ways Christians can limit God in their lives. We often Quench, Question or Quit all of which effect our testimonies.

My bestie, Wanda, and I enjoyed a lovely lunch this past Friday. We had some catching up to do and I believe we got it done.

Bo went with some youth from Shady Grove to Bogg Springs church camp this past week. I haven't seen him to ask about his experience, but Leigha informed me that he had such a good time he can't wait to go back next year.. Addie has visited with us a few times this week and we always have a good time full of play and imaginative conversation.

That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be safe, stay cool, be happy and be influential in the best way possible to everyone you meet.

God tells us in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Corny joke time: What is 40 feet

long and has 8 teeth? The front row at a Willie Nelson concert!  
See y'all next time and have a wonderful week ahead.

### WILMAR CHRIS RILEY

The joy of the Lord is my strength. So happy for life. We at In His Presence Worship Ministries, Pershing St., Little Rock, had a glorious time in Branson Saturday as we attended the Sight and Sound Theatre where we saw the live play "Jesus". It's a must see event. It takes you through the Bible. Take your towel, Kleenex, etc. because it's a tear jerker. Pastor is Kevin Riley. It was 28 from In His Presence Worship Ministries and 5 others joined us there. It was awesome.

The MLA is coming up on August 19 and 20. See Francez Riley for details ASAP or text musiclove.com. It is a special award ceremony recognizing artists near and far and giving a music scholarship to a worthy patron.

Bro. Melvin White brought the word Sunday. He's an associate at In His Presence Worship Ministries. There were guests attending. Glad to see Evangelist Carla Runner in the house.

Mt. Zion A.M.E. (Old Florence Road) will host their homecoming the 2nd Sunday in August where Pastor Minister Christopher Goodman, Evangelist Sherry Caldwell, will be guest speaker in the 11 a.m. hour. You are welcome and invited to attend.

Belated birthday wish to my nephew W. Wright Jr., July 27 and to my granddaughter Leticia Riley, July 3. And in memory of my brother John L. Wright, August 7 and to Diann Orr Johnson, August 5.

Justis and I enjoyed spending four days in Bryant with family. I talked with Evelyn Gardner of California. All was well.

Thanks be to God for everything including the weather.

Now until we meet again by paper and pen, be a good samaritan. "Reach out".

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Female parent

5. NY city

10. Israeli diplomat Abba

14. Surrounded by

15. Car part

16. Simple aquatic plant

17. Tough skin of fruit

18. Finnish lake

19. Composition

20. Very willing

22. One and only

23. Cluster cups

24. Famed Hollywood director

27. Score perfectly

30. Important lawyers

31. Undivided

32. Part of the foot

35. Spun by spiders

37. Married woman

38. Reagan's Secretary of State

39. Instruments

40. The A-Team drove one

41. Short-tailed marten

42. Oil organization

43. Predecessor to the EU

44. "Hotel California" rockers

45. Color at the end of the spectrum

46. Actress Ryan

47. Digital audiotape

48. Expression of creative skill

49. Scientific instrument

52. Dog-\_: marked for later

55. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv

56. Fencing sword

60. Turkish title

61. Wise individuals

63. Cold wind

64. Popular type of shoe

65. The territory occupied by a nation

66. Tattle

67. Chop up

68. Actress Zellweger

69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. Female of a horse

2. Bowfin

3. Chinese dynasty

4. Small venomous snake

5. Global news agency

6. Common fractions

7. American state

8. Tired

9. Boxing's GOAT

10. Made less severe

11. A group of countries in special alliance

12. God of fire (Hindu)

13. Northeast Indian ethnic group

21. Anchor ropes

23. They \_\_

25. Apprehend

26. Autonomic nervous system

27. A theatrical performer

28. 2-door car

29. Partner to flowed

32. Pair of small hand drums

33. Former Houston footballer

34. Discharge

36. Former women's branch of the military

37. Partner to cheese

38. Witch

40. Live in a dull way

41. Satisfies

43. Snakelike fish

44. Consume

46. Type of student

47. Erase

49. Instruct

50. Girl's given name

51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

52. Every one of two or more things

53. Indian city

54. Greek letters

57. Weapon

58. Geological times

59. Cycle in physics

61. Soviet Socialist Republic

62. Witness

Answers can be found on Page 3B

SUDOKU

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

## This week's recipe: A simple, flavorful salad to whip up in a snap

When preparing meals at home, cooks know that it helps to have a few simple, easily prepared dishes in their culinary repertoire. These are dishes that don't require too much planning and utilize certain staples that are present in everyone's pantry. Such is the case with this recipe for "Crunchy Cucumber Salad with Crushed Peanuts" from Ruta Kahate's "5 Spices, 50 Dishes" (Chronicle Books). Most of the ingredients for this flavorful salad are likely already in your kitchen, and it won't be long after you begin preparing the recipe that you'll be sitting down and enjoying a meal with family and friends.

### Crunchy Cucumber Salad with Crushed Peanuts

#### Ingredients (Serves 4)

2 English or other unwaxed cucumbers, chopped into 1/4-inch dice (about 3 cups)  
1 medium green serrano chile, minced (seed first if you prefer)  
1/2 cup peanuts, preferably raw, but toasted, unsalted ones will do  
2 tablespoons lemon juice, or more if needed  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon sugar  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne  
1 tablespoon canola oil  
1/4 teaspoon mustard seeds

#### Directions:

Place the diced cucumbers in a medium bowl along with the chile. Using a coffee grinder or food processor, pulse the peanuts until they are reduced to a coarse powder. (You don't want big chunks of peanuts, nor do you want a fine powder; stop grinding somewhere in between!) Add the peanuts to the cucumbers along with the lemon juice, salt and sugar, and mix well. Taste and adjust the salt, sugar and lemon juice as needed. The salad should be slightly tart. Make the tadka: Place the cayenne in a little pile on top of the salad. Do not stir it in yet. Heat the oil in a small skillet or butter warmer over high heat. When it begins to smoke, add the mustard seeds, covering the pan with a lid or spatter screen. As soon as the seeds stop sputtering, pour the oil over the cayenne. Stir the dressing in and serve at room temperature or cold.



## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to kindergarten.

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Answer: Youth

## Guess Who?

I am an athlete born in California on August 3, 1977. My love for football began at age 4 when I saw the NFC Championship game. I am the all-time leader in Super Bowl appearances and I've set numerous NFL records.

Answer: Tom Brady

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