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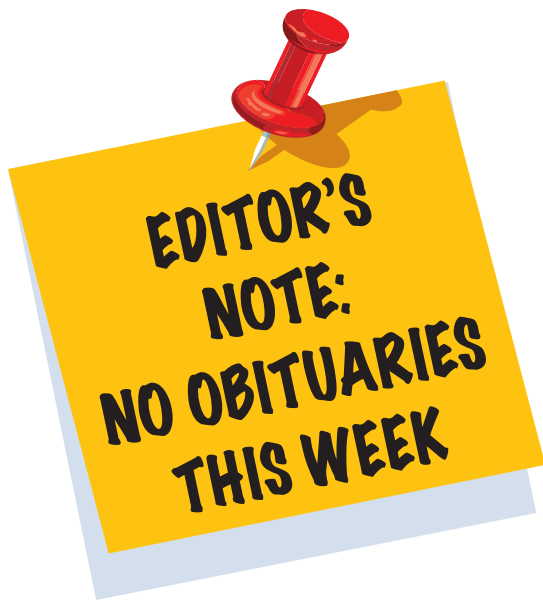
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## One Cent Sales Tax passes with low voter turnout

By: **ASHLEY HOGG**  
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After a handful of technical difficulties on Election Day, the votes were counted and the One Cent Sales Tax that has been in existence in Monticello for 25 years, will continue for another 15 years.

This sales tax funds a wide variety of activities within the city including but not limited to: infrastructure repair, police department, fire department, parks and recreation, the senior citizen center and more.

A total of 341 votes were cast in this election and there are approximately 5,098 registered

voters in Monticello. Less than seven percent of the population decided this election.

"I want to thank the citizens that came out and voted for this issue," Mayor Paige Chase said. "It is our civic duty to vote."

Early voting began last week at the Drew County Court House. On Tuesday, Aug. 9, voters were to report to their assigned polling place based on which Ward they live in.

According to the Drew County Clerk Nancy White, "glitches" did occur throughout the day and her office will be looking into the cause of this. White also stated that the "glitches" were for short periods of time and

there was not a time when all the polling places were down.

To learn more about what the One Cent Sales Tax is used for, citizens are welcome to attend City Council meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall unless otherwise noted and the Monticello Economic Development Commission meetings the first Wednesday of the month at noon at the Monticello Country Club unless otherwise noted.

For a list of local commission meeting minutes and upcoming agendas, visit [advancemonticellonian.com](http://advancemonticellonian.com).

### Slater named Dean of UAM School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences



SLATER

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello has announced the appointment of Dr. Shuneize Slater as dean of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences. Dr. Slater joins the leadership team at UAM with extensive knowledge of the university and its traditional service area. She grew up in Dumas, Arkansas, and graduated from UAM in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry.

She earned her Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2015 from the University of Mississippi. Since 2016, Dr. Slater has been on the faculty at Rock Valley College in Illinois as an assistant professor of general and organic chemistry and as head of the Organic Chemistry division.

Crystal Halley, UAM's vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, says Dr. Slater's knowledge of UAM and southeast Arkansas, her dynamic personality and her innovative approaches to serving students make her an ideal leader at a time of evolution and enhancement of university services. "Dr. Slater will help move UAM into a future of ever greater excellence and achievement and accommodation of the needs and interests of our students."

The School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences houses programs and courses in math, biology, chemistry, physics, physical science and earth science and is highly respected throughout the region and state for its successful pre-professional studies in dentistry, medicine, optometry, pharmacy and allied health (physical therapy, radiological technology, respiratory therapy, medical technology, occupational therapy and dental hygiene).

Dr. Slater says she looks forward to the opportunities and challenges of her new position, stating, "Returning to southeast Arkansas and UAM fulfills a dream I have long had to serve the community I grew up in and the university that served me so well as an undergraduate."

Dean Slater's appointment began on August 1.

## Pirate Nation Foundation to take shape this year

By: **JEFF YOUNG**  
Advance Correspondent

In March of 2021, Drew Central Athletic Director Michael Goad was attending an Athletic Director's Conference when he began to ask questions as to why certain schools were able to get certain things done for their prospective programs while other schools were not able to get the funding or at least the means to get their own projects off the ground.

While discussing this topic with other athletic directors at the conference, the seeds of starting a Pirate Nation Foundation were born.

After returning from the conference, Coach Goad began discussing the idea of the foundation with Drew Central Superintendent Kimbraly Barnes, who had also been asking advice and sharing ideas from other superintendents from around the state in conferences that she had attended.

The wheels had been put into motion for the creation of the Pirate Nation Foundation with both Mrs. Barnes and Coach Goad in agreement. The question at this point was the steps to get the idea to become reality.

For Coach Goad, he began doing research



on the foundation becoming a legitimate non-profit 501c3 tax write-off for people contributing to the foundation. Goad also began getting ideas from other athletic directors and coaches that had set up similar plans at their schools.

Drew Central has made many improvements to their campus over the years without

the help of mileage increases and hopes to continue that trend as the foundation begins to grow.

"We are very excited about this investment in our school district," Barnes said. "This project will involve students and our community."

After presenting their plan to the Drew Central School Board, the board approved that they could begin the process of going out and talking to potential donors to see what the interest was to actually get the foundation going. In early September of 2021, the first project was put into action with a 52-week gun raffle where chances were offered for \$100 tickets to be entered into the contest for the chance to win a gun for 52 weeks with your name never leaving the drawing pool even if you were lucky enough to have your ticket drawn.

The 52-week raffle was a huge success for the foundation, showing that the interest in supporting the program was high.

In January of 2022, the athletic department held a meeting to discuss what direction the foundation should take with their first project and at the end of the meeting it was determined that the first act should be to turf the football field.

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## DMHS warns Quorum Court of financial woes

By: **MELISSA ORRELL**

Soaring costs and historic inflation is hitting the hospital industry and Drew Memorial Health System is not immune, according to DMHS Chief Executive Officer Scott Barrilleaux, who briefed the Court on the Health System's financial situation at the regularly scheduled Quorum Court meeting Monday, Aug. 8.

"I want to talk to y'all about developments that are happening," Barrilleaux began after introducing member's of the hospital board who were in attendance. "There is not any hospital that I know if that isn't experiencing some sort of financial distress at the moment due to labor costs, supply costs, revenue drops, those sort of things."

Barrilleaux went on to describe the trouble in the hospital industry across the State, informing the court that St. Vincent lost \$75 million and other nearby hospitals are also struggling as he honed in on DMHS's recent financial woes.

"As you will remember, last year- our fiscal year ends in March- we had a nice little profit at the end of it," he reminded the Court. Going on he told the court that since shortly before



that, the Health System began to see issues financially with nursing contracts. "The way it is leaving us is worse and there are a lot of factors going in to that."

Barrilleaux cited raising labor costs but also put a large part of the blame on how insurance

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## UPCOMING

## 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.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

## Football camp

Monticello School District will host a free kids camp directly following the Blue and White game at 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12 at Hyatt Field. Admission to the game is laundry detergent.

## 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 Chapel Cemetery, please send any updated contact information to: Andrews Chapel Cemetery Association, C/O Cindy Ferrell, Secretary/Treasurer, 2968 Barkada Road, Wilmar, AR 71675.

## VFW Auxiliary

Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to con-

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## Practicing self-care helps ensure overall well-being

By: WILL HEHEMANN

UAPB School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences

It is important for individuals to make self-care a priority throughout their lives, Janette Wheat, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) professor and Cooperative Extension Program human development specialist, said.

"Self-care should not be overlooked or ignored – it is one of the cornerstones of an individual's well-being," she said. "It is important for maintaining our mental, physical and spiritual health. Making self-care a priority goes a long way in ensuring our overall health and happiness."

But what exactly is self-care? Dr. Wheat said self-care refers to an individual putting their needs first. When a person prioritizes their own mental health and well-being, they are then better able to function in other spheres of their lives such as at home or in the office.

"Some people may worry whether self-care is selfish, but that is not the case" she said. "Improving yourself and your own well-being does not have to come at the cost of others. By working on your own

inner peace, you will likely find that you are better able to function in your relationships with family members, friends or co-workers."

Dr. Wheat said self-care comes in many forms, and it is up to individuals to decide what suits them best.

"Practicing self-care can be as simple as going out for a walk, taking a relaxing drive, reading a good book or putting on your favorite music," she said. "Some may plan a special activity such as getting a massage or meeting an old friend for lunch."

Other self-care activities can be practiced regularly, over long periods of time. For example, individuals can work on maintaining healthy eating patterns, exercising regularly, practicing personal hygiene and following a consistent sleep schedule. Paying bills on time and putting money into savings can be considered forms of financial self-care, while decluttering the house and monitoring time on social media are forms of environmental self-care.

"Meditation is an important practice that improves mental and overall well-being when practiced regularly," Dr. Wheat said. "Taking a few minutes each day to

quiet your mind can build self-awareness and stress-management skills and increase patience and productivity."

Dr. Wheat also recommends that individuals try journaling to monitor their progress and relieve stress. Keeping a reflective journal can help document the small steps being taken every day to ensure someone's internal harmony.

"Some people may like to make a list of the ways they would like to practice self-care for the rest of the year," she said. "Remember that the list can be composed of both simple, everyday activities, as well as planned special occasions. For example, having a cup of tea every morning can bring a sense of calm, while going to an occasional concert or movie can bring some excitement and variation into our life."

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## Senior Center lunch menu: August 10-18

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

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

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

**Monday:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Italian veggies, garlic bread, cake

**Tuesday:** Mexican chicken casserole, corn, pudding cup

**Wednesday:** Meatloaf w/tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, cobbler, roll

**Thursday:** BBQ chicken, baked beans, steamed broccoli, roll, JELLO cups

**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.**



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# PIRATE

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Even when discussing how to increase enrollment and grow the school with other superintendents at a conference, Mrs. Barnes was being told the same thing, starting with turfing the football field.

With the direction of the foundation's first project decided, the project would not only include the turfing of the football field but also the baseball and softball fields as well.

"Another positive note about this project is the cost savings we will experience in the maintenance department," Barnes said.

Along with the turf, the football field will also be set up within specification dimensions to create a soccer field as well as adding a walking track around the field that will provide not only faculty but also a safe environment for the community to use for exercise.

"We want the community to know that this is a partnership that will build a better culture and can allow us to better support each other," Goad added.

This project will be the largest investment in the Drew Central Football program since it began in 2007. With the new technology and engineering of turf, the hope is for less students to be injured while playing on the field and to allow the field to be used at all times, regardless of unpredictable weather.

With the turf project at the softball and baseball complex, the mound at the baseball field will be designed to be moved as far down as to provide little league play on the field as well as being able to remove the mound altogether to be able to host multiple softball games for tournament play.

The foundation has already made an investment in the school with the money raised from the gun raffle. With the money raised from the raffle, the school has been able to provide pre-game meals for all programs, purchase ev-

ery athlete in grades 7-12 in every sports program game shoes, provided catering for parent teacher conferences, sponsored a Special Olympics bowling trip, and also sponsored Girl's State participants during the summer.

In order to become a foundation sponsor, there are four levels with the Diamond plan being the highest level at \$5000 annual commitment, the Gold plan with a \$3000 commitment, the Silver plan with a \$1000 commitment, and the Bronze package with a \$500 annual commitment.

All packages are described in detail with a brochure that can be obtained at the school or can be viewed at [www.dcpiratenation.com](http://www.dcpiratenation.com).

One thing that may be noticed with the name of the foundation is that the word "athletic" is not found in the name. This is because the foundation is being set up not to only benefit the athletic programs at Drew Central but is designed to fund projects to help the entire student body and the community by improving different areas of the Drew Central Campus over time and providing activities that can be enjoyed by all students, not just the athletes. It will also help to benefit non-school sponsored events such as community pee-wee programs.

As of July 31, the foundation has met its financial goal that was set in place to get the turf projects started and the Drew Central School Board has approved the project to begin with the hopes of getting the softball and baseball projects started in mid-fall in order to be ready for the 2023 season and with football turf project hoping to begin sometime in the spring.

The drive process for securing sponsors was hands-on with Coach Goad and others visiting area businesses, sitting with them discussing the foundations plans and going over in detail each tier of sponsorship all while getting to know the local businesses and people that are supporting the program.

During these visits with

the businesses, Coach Goad has also learned of possible job opportunities with businesses that he has passed on to Drew Central graduates in order to help the former students find employment opportunities.

Both Mrs. Barnes and Coach Goad are very grateful to the businesses and individuals that have already sponsored the Pirate Nation Foundation. They wish to thank those participants as well as those that are considering making the investment in the foundation and to the Drew Central School District.

Committed sponsors to the Pirate Nation Foundation include:

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- Hampton Inn
- Holiday Inn
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- Arkansas Superior Federal Credit Union
- Rich Westhelle Family
- Robert Cavaness Family
- Drew Central Class of 1970

## Homegrown By Heroes scholarship offered for agriculture training

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The Arkansas Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas are partnering to provide a \$1,000 Homegrown by Heroes scholarship to military veterans and active military personnel to attend the Center for Arkansas Farm and Food's Farm School, a comprehensive training program for new or beginning specialty crop producers. Funding for the scholarship is generously provided by Farm Credit. Applications are due September 1, 2022 and are available at: [agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture-programs/](http://agriculture.arkansas.gov/arkansas-department-of-agriculture-programs/).

The scholarships are affiliated with Homegrown By Heroes, an Arkansas Department of Agriculture program that helps farmer veterans market their local agricultural products by labeling them as veteran-produced. Learn more about Homegrown by Heroes and find products grown or made by military veterans at [arkansasgrown.org/homegrown-by-heroes/](http://arkansasgrown.org/homegrown-by-heroes/).

"We are proud to partner with Farm Credit to provide a scholarship for the men and women who have served our country in the military," says Arkansas Agriculture Secretary Wes Ward. "Military service members have many skills that make them great candidates for successful careers in agriculture. It is an honor to provide this scholarship as a way of thanking them for their service to our country."

"The Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas appreciate the service Arkansas veterans and current military personnel give our country. We are pleased to help service members pursue careers in the agricultural field by sponsoring these scholarships," said Brandon Harberer, CEO and president of Farm Credit of

Western Arkansas.

The Center for Arkansas Farms and Food's Farm School is an 11-month program at the Milo Shult Ag Research and Extension Center on the University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville. The Farm School combines hands-on specialty crop farming with classes in production, business, and legal issues through classroom instruction and hands-on field activities. This comprehensive approach is specifically designed for beginning farmers of fruit, vegetable, flowers, and herbs who are interested in selling to local and regional markets. The 2023 program starts in January, with classes and farm work scheduled for approximately 20 hours per week, Monday through Thursday. The total cost of the program is \$2,500. More information about the Farm School can be found at [LearnToFarm.org](http://LearnToFarm.org).

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based on career goals, goals for farm/ranch, experience, and financial need. Preference will be given to Arkansas Homegrown By Heroes members, but membership is not required.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. Visit [agriculture.arkansas.gov/](http://agriculture.arkansas.gov/). The Arkansas Department of Agriculture offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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tact 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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- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

**Driving in School Zones**

- Put away your cell phone.
- Always obey school zone speed limit signs.
- Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas.
- Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.
- Be alert for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles on their way to school.

**Tips for Pedestrians**

- When there is a sidewalk, use it! Most pedestrian traffic accidents happen when someone is walking in the roadway.
- Always cross at intersections. Look left, then right, then left again before proceeding.
- As Passenger, get in or out of a car on the curb side of the street.
- Make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street.

**Tips for Parents**

- Be a good role model. Always buckle up in the car, and always follow pedestrian safety rules. Don't text or talk on your cell phone while driving.
- Supervise young children as they are walking or biking to school or as they wait at the school bus stop.

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## Biden Administration continues its reckless tax-and-spending spree

High prices at the pump, increasing costs at the grocery store and excessive monthly energy bills are all devastating for the hardworking Arkansans trying to make ends meet. For at least one northeast Arkansas resident, rising expenses made it too difficult to continue running his contracting business, so he closed the doors. We need policies that support small businesses, decrease the cost of fuel and food, and help grow paychecks. Instead, President Biden and congressional Democrats are on a reckless tax-and-spending spree. More spending and tax hikes are not the answer.



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

While we're experiencing a 41-year high inflation rate, the president and his allies are pursuing a plan out of touch with the priorities of the American people. In June, Arkansans spent an additional \$577 as a result of inflation. This legislation fails deliver the relief Americans are demanding.

Far-fetched claims about the Biden plan reducing inflation were almost immediately debunked by the Penn Wharton Budget Model. Instead, it found the tax-and-spending bill will actually increase inflation over the next two years and then have no measurable positive long-term impact.

Not only does the Biden plan fail to tackle the current economic crisis, but it would also raise taxes on low- and middle-income earners. A tax increase is not just what I think would happen, but it is what an analysis by the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation determined.

The president is proposing job-killing tax hikes, enhanced IRS enforcement and Green New Deal policies that could worsen energy security and food security concerns while pushing us further into a recession.

After we've just been reminded of the importance of domestic production, the National Association of Manufacturers worries this bill could reduce our national output by \$68.5 billion and result in more than 218,000 fewer workers in the economy.

Its tax on American manufacturers is a backdoor attempt by the president and his party to impose a rate increase on companies and penalize workers, ultimately making them less competitive globally and encouraging job offshoring.

If that's not bad enough, this reckless plan would funnel an additional \$80 billion to the IRS to hire another 87,000 agents for enforcement of noncompliance by all taxpayers regardless of income.

This is extremely troublesome given the IRS's history of targeting faith-based organizations. The Biden administration wants to arm the IRS with more authority and manpower to pay for its far-left wish list, including imposing extreme environmental policies. Further attacking American-made energy will continue to drive up the costs to heat and cool our homes and operate our vehicles.

When it comes to agriculture policy, this bill sets a particularly bad precedent for farm bill programs.

As the lead Republican on the Senate agriculture committee, I'm alarmed this backroom, partisan approach eliminates input from farmers, ranchers and producers. It's their farm bill too and they must have a say on it.

By extending conservation programs until 2031, well beyond the life of the next two farm bills, the tax-and-spending bill deliberately takes away our ability to change and adjust these farm programs to meet the future needs of our nation.

Arkansans are already suffering the consequences of the Biden administration's spending spree. My bottom line is I won't support this Biden plan and risk raising our taxes.

## As summer winds down, back to school we go

As I get older, months really do seem to fly by. I honestly have no idea where July went.

Fred got to experience her first summer break from school and she made the most of it.

She spent time with friends, swam and of course, ate a lot of popsicles. We made several trips out of town with her. Her favorite was when we went to Magic Springs.

That was a fun, but very hot day. She rode her first roller coaster, had a gigantic Icee and learned a very important lesson about sharing space with other humans.

I'm probably overkill sometimes but I like to use every opportunity possible as a teachable moment with Fred. Maybe if she can learn a few lessons while she is young, it will save her some heartbreak later in life. If she ends up being like her mother, she will do most things the hard way just to prove a point. All I can really say is, "Mama tried".

The days leading up to our trip to Magic Springs were great. She had been told our plans and she knew she had something on the

line to lose if she was not on her best behavior. Every morning, she woke up and was bright eyed with a loud announcement of how many sleeps we had left before we went to the water park. She made her bed perfectly, arranging all her favorite stuffed animals on display by her many pillows.

When the day came, she could barely contain herself. She must've been so excited that she wore herself out early. She slept a good part of the way to Hot Springs.

Upon arrival, we entered the park with our sparkly pink sunglasses and two coats of sunscreen. Some of the lines were long but she powered through them. Her smile was worth every drop of sweat that was racing down my back.

We stopped for lunch and her aunt bought her a multi-flavored Icee and you would've thought it was her prize possession.

We made our way to the water park after lunch. Fred has always been a water baby. I took her to the beach the summer before she turned three years old and as soon as her feet hit the sand, she went full speed ahead running towards the water. Thankfully, she is a good swimmer and we have had countless conversations about respecting water and its power.

She was fascinated by the wave pool and later the lazy river. We rode slides a few times and she never showed an ounce of fear. I see an adrenaline junkie in my future.

The day was winding down and she wanted one more jump in the wave pool. As we rounded the corner, we saw an empty pool and droves of people standing around.

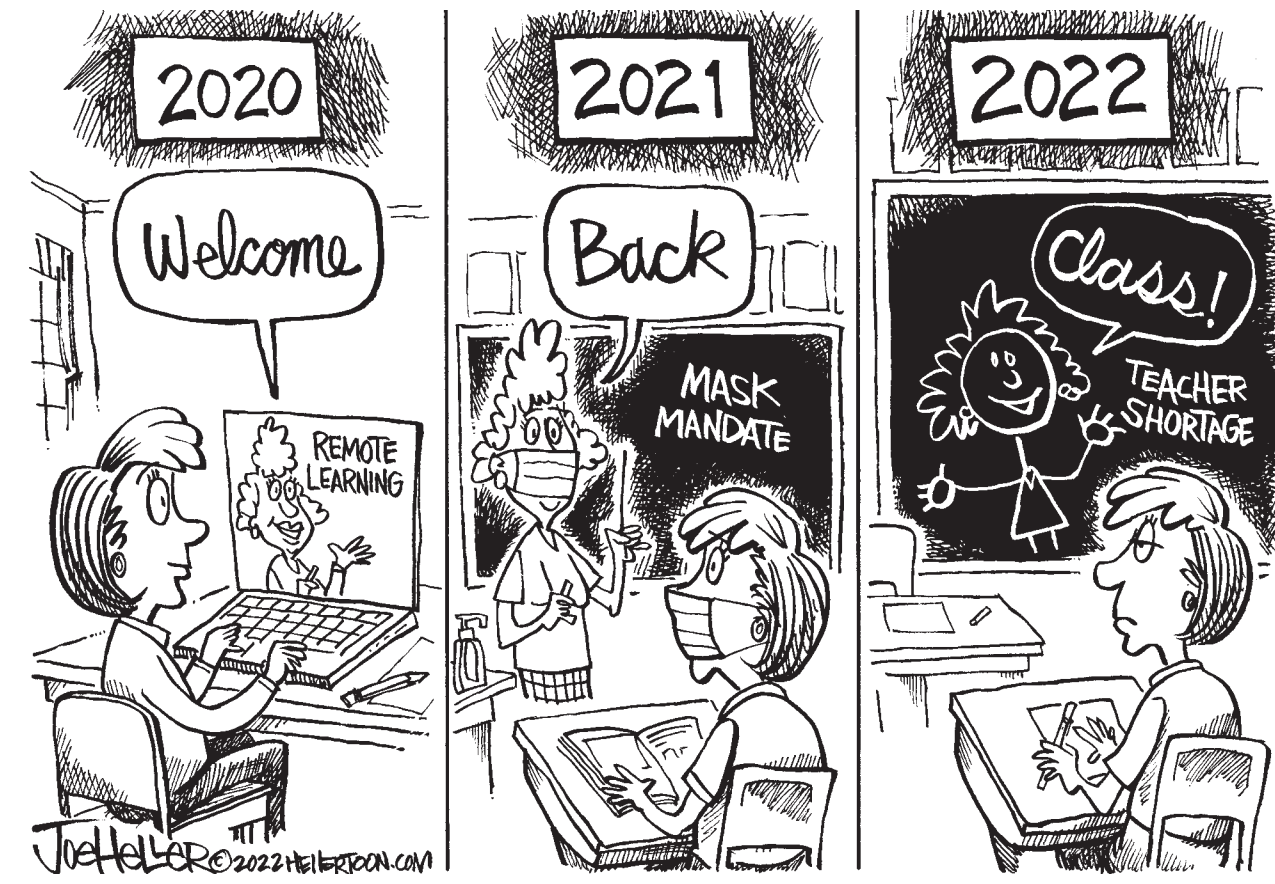
Jokingly I said, "Someone must have pooped in the pool." Come to find out, I was correct.

I found a lifeguard and asked if there was a problem. The sweet, five foot tall, platinum blonde girl said, "Someone um, went potty in the wave pool. We have to cycle the water, its going to be closed for about 30 minutes." How I wished I had not been right.

Explaining this to Fred was quite comical. Once she finally wrapped her head around it was in fact possible for someone to poop in the pool, she was sort of outraged. She can be so literal at times. She told us that there were bathrooms in the park and that person should have used one of them. What can I say, she is a problem solver.

Later this summer, she came to my office one day for a quick afternoon visit. She spends as much time as she can outside so naturally, her

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## Arkansas: The No. 1 pro-life state

Americans United for Life ranks Arkansas as the No. 1 pro-life state in the nation, and today I'd like to talk about a few of the organizations and people that give meaning to that designation.

Arkansas is blessed with thousands of people who devote their lives to promoting and protecting life. They understand that a pro-life stand is more than protecting the lives of the unborn. A state that aspires to be pro-life must protect the most vulnerable at every stage of life. That's why we have worked so hard to reduce the number of children in foster care, to place children in state care with relatives, and to find families who will

adopt a child. Since 2016, we have reduced the number of children in foster care from more than 5,200 down to 4,500 at the end of June. At the end of 2021, 42 percent of children in foster care had been placed with relatives, which achieves a better outcome than when children are placed with nonrelatives.

Arkansas's effort to protect life extends to children of all ages. Arkansas State Police works with the Department of Human Services to investigate reports of child abuse. Last year, the two agencies investigated more than 27,000 reports of child maltreatment. The State Police Crimes Against Children Division has a toll-free telephone line to report suspected child abuse. The phone number is 844-SaveAChild (728-3224).

This year, the General Assembly enhanced our pro-life reputation with passage of Act 187 that allocat-

ed \$1 million for organizations that support pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies.

Restore Hope is a nonprofit that supports three programs for its pro-life work: A re-entry program to smooth the transition from prison for inmates who are returning to their families and communities. Re-Entry provides education, job training, and substance abuse counseling.

Restore Hope's Alternative Sentencing initiative offers a defendant the chance for counseling and school instead of community service, a fine, or jail. This is a pro-life proposal for men and women who are serious about improving their situation.

Restore Hope's 100 Families program reunites and stabilizes fami-

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## Grant will be considered for school safety measures

When it meets in special session the legislature will consider a \$50 million grant program for school safety measures.

The governor proposed making grants available for schools that need financial help to implement recommendations made recently by the Arkansas School Safety Commission. Although its final report isn't due until October 1, the commission has already released a preliminary report with a long list of rec-

ommendations.

The governor reinstated the commission after the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. It was originally formed in 2018 after the school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

The recommendations this year include providing more access to mental health treatment for students, more training in mental health treatment for staff and the creation of behavioral threat assessment teams. The teams would be composed of staff who are trained to recognize potentially violent responses when students get bullied or stressed.

A school resources officer who is armed should be on campus at all

times. The commission specified that if financially practicable there should be an armed presence in each building.

In a 2019 survey, 79 percent of Arkansas school districts reported having an armed officer. However, only 20 percent had an officer on every campus within the district.

The commission suggested that schools have an agreement with local law enforcement agencies to clarify the roles that school officers would have in the event of a shooting. School officers should receive specialized training, since their duties would bring them into constant

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## School safety measures to be discussed in special session

The Governor is calling the General Assembly into an Extraordinary Session next week to address the use of surplus funds to provide tax relief and funding for school safety measures.

The Arkansas School Safety Commission was reinstated in the wake of the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Members of the original commission created in March 2018 submitted 30 recommendations in their original 124-page report. Many of their recommendations were introduced by the legislature and subsequently became law.

In recent weeks, the commission has been identifying new recommendations on best practices regarding school safety that have developed since the commission's 2018 report. The commission's report was delivered to the Governor this week.

The new recommendations include ensuring that all students have access to mental health services and establishing a behavioral threat assessment team.

Another recommendation states that all schools should ideally have at least one School Resource Officer for each campus and no campus should be without an armed presence at any time.

Since many of these recommendations will require funding, the Governor has stated he will ask the legislature to use \$50 million from the state surplus to create a grant program for school districts.

The other item on the Governor's call concerns use of surplus funds to provide tax relief. Proposals include accelerating future reductions of income and corporate tax cuts and creating a \$150 tax credit for Arkansans making below a designated income threshold.

In an Extraordinary Session (often referred to as a special session), the Governor is required to specify the purpose for convening. No other business can be

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# DCSD receives grant for literacy instruction

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Drew Central School District has been awarded a \$120,000 SOAR (Successful Outcomes for Arkansas Readers) grant from the Arkansas Department of Education to enhance literacy instruction and learning for our students. The grant spans a two-year period and will greatly benefit the school district in the area of literacy acquisition and learning in grades preschool through twelfth grade.

Information about the SOAR grant from the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education is below:

On October 1, 2019, the Arkansas Division of Ele-

mentary and Secondary Education was awarded a federal Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) grant from the US Department of Education. The Division is required to subgrant no less than 95 percent of the award to eligible subgrantees. At least 15 percent of the grant funds must serve children from birth through kindergarten entry; 40 percent must serve students in kindergarten through grade 5; and 40 percent (split equitably) must serve students in middle and high schools.

The purpose of the CLSD is to award subgrants that advance literacy skills and development. These skills include preliteracy skills,

reading, and writing for all children from birth through grade 12. The name of the subgrants awarded to LEAs was changed from CLSD Grant to the Successful Outcomes for Arkansas Readers (SOAR) Grant.

Drew Central will use the monies from this grant over the next two years to purchase needed literacy materials and training to enhance literacy instruction and learning for all students in grades preschool through twelfth grade. Literacy and reading are at the core of all learning and it is critical for students to be proficient readers in order to become lifelong learners and successful adults.

# New FCIC rules give direct marketers more flexibility on crop insurance

By JOHN LOVETT  
U of A System Division of Agriculture

Farmers and ranchers who sell their bounty at roadside stands and farmers markets could find it easier to obtain crop insurance or file a claim with recent updates to the Federal Crop Insurance Program's Common Crop Insurance Policy.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), a wholly owned federal corporation that administers the program, added a new section titled Direct Marketing and Verifiable Records to the policy to guide those who intend to directly market any portion of their harvest.

According to Micah Brown, staff attorney with the National Agricultural Law Center, increasing flexibility to obtain crop insurance and file a claim are the intentions of the amendments.

"Not all producers have disinterested third-party records

they can provide to verify their actual production," Brown said. "For instance, some producers directly market their insured commodity to consumers through on-farm or roadside stands, farmers markets, or agritourism enterprises."

The FCIC requires farmers and ranchers to supply certain production records to obtain FCIP crop insurance coverage. The new rules allow producers to provide documents of their harvest outside of a "disinterested third party," which is someone without a family connection or a stake in the business, Brown said. Producers were previously required to provide production records from disinterested third parties or have a pre-harvest appraisal conducted by their approved insurance provider to verify crop production.

Another amendment to the policy requires producers to appeal an adverse determination of "good farming practices"

within 30 days of a non-compliance notice. For producers to receive an insurance indemnity under their policy, they must follow the USDA's guidelines of "good farming practices." Brown noted that producers typically exercise good farming practices when implementing methods generally recognized for the normal production of their insured crop.

"Occasionally, a producer's insurance provider denies their loss claim under their policy because the insurer determines good farming practices were not followed," Brown explained. "Under the terms of the new policy, producers have 30 days to appeal the insurer's determination to FCIC for consideration."

The revisions to the policy apply to most crop insurance policies with a change date on or after June 30, 2022. The FCIC will continue to consider public comments until Aug. 29, 2022.

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lies through partnerships with agencies and churches.

Project Zero is a faith-based organization that aims to find an adoptive family for every

child in foster care. Project Zero's online Arkansas Heart Gallery is a collection of photographs of children who are waiting to be adopted.

Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries is renovating Markham Street Baptist Church in Lit-

tle Rock as its headquarters and a resource facility. With its new building, Baptist Children's Homes is providing a place where biological parents can visit their children who are living in a foster home. The ministry provides transportation, specially trained

drivers, and supervisors for the visits. Mark White of the Arkansas Department of Human Services said this is the only organization in the state to offer this service.

That's an overview of the work that a few organizations are doing on behalf of chil-

dren and Arkansas families in crisis. Each takes its own approach, but the goal of each is to fix broken families. Arkansans care for every member of a family, born and unborn. That's what makes Arkansas the No. 1 pro-life state.

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transacted by the General Assembly until every item on the call has been disposed of.

It requires a 2/3 majority vote in both chambers to remain in session after disposing items on the call. That extension cannot exceed 15 days.

You can review recently filed legislation and links to live streams of all committee meetings and House floor proceedings at [www.arkansashouse.org](http://www.arkansashouse.org).

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contact with young people.

Another recommendation is that schools should keep their doors locked all day. Doors that are frequently used should be equipped with electronic access controls. Schools should have a master key to provide law enforcement in the event of a critical incident. Teachers and staff should be

able to lock classroom doors from the inside, with access only for authorized personnel.

Visitors to the school should come and go from only one entrance, and schools should have a procedure for escorting visitors.

Schools should have security cameras that can be monitored by designated personnel and local law enforcement.

During emergencies, staff and teachers should have access to reliable communica-

tions such as intercoms, cell phones and two-way radios. Radio systems should connect with local law enforcement.

The commission also plans to recommend setting up a statewide hotline for receiving confidential tips about potential threats.

State government has a budget surplus of about \$1.6 billion. The main issue during the special session will be a plan to accelerate the reduction of income taxes previ-

ously approved. When the tax cuts take full effect, they will save Arkansas families and businesses about \$700 million a year.

A grant program can provide quick help with school safety measures that require money, such as electronic access controls on doors.

The commission's list of

recommendations must be approved by the legislature to take effect. Also, the legislature will determine the rules for applying for grants.

Since 1997 Arkansas has had six students and one teacher killed in school shootings. Also, 13 students, staff and teachers have been wounded.

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legs are covered in bug bites. I do my best to keep her from scratching but anyone who has kids know what a useless task that is.

She has scratches and scabs all on her legs, it looks way

worse than it actually is. She sat down at my friend's desk and was chatting away as normal. My friend saw her legs and said "Ouch, how did you get all those bites?" Without hesitation, Fred answered, "The bugs just like me, I'm juicy."

The laughter that ensued was tremendous. I guess Fred

is used to people laughing at things she says because she never skipped a beat.

So, I have been blessed with a child that knows that using the bathroom is important at home and in public. And, she has the confidence to label herself as juicy. I can't wait to see what first grade will teach her.

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companies pay for services with some of the biggest revenue coming from Medicaid and Medicare whose payment schedules do not cover the cost of caring for the patient. Money given to the hospital in advance payment to help through the COVID pandemic is also a major concern. Advance money given to the hospital was based on anticipated charges to Medicaid but due to staffing issues and a lower admittance rate into the hospital, the repayment schedule for the advanced funds did not cover the amount given and a lump sum is expected to be due back. Staffing issues have also caused the hospital to not be able to fill all beds available which has also hurt the revenue stream. Barrilleaux told the court he was there to let them know where the hospi-

tal was at the moment and the steps they are doing to try and solve the revenue problems. He informed the court he is working to try and reduce labor costs, stating the hospital has internal contract with all the traveling nurses on staff, helping to lower the labor costs. He is also in talks to determine if the hospital can get a deferral on their loan that was used for facility improvements.

Another step taken by the hospital was to release Dr. Kelly Shrum from his contract with his clinic. Shrum is now working with Mainline for his clinic but is still delivering and performing surgeries at the hospital. According to Barrilleaux, this cut costs associated with maintaining a clinic but still allows the hospital to collect revenue from deliveries and surgeries. Barrilleaux said the administration was looking very closely at how and where to cut costs

stressing the importance of being very careful about making sure money being spent is spent in the right places.

Hospital Board president Mike Akin supported Barrilleaux in the meeting, confirming the industry as a whole is struggling and the hospital and board are working to find solutions to the financial problems so Drew County can continue to have the services offered by the hospital available to the community.

Jake-braking, which is the use of a compression release engine brake, was also on the agenda Monday with Ordinance 2022-22 which will prohibit the use of motor-brakes and compression release engine brakes in the County. The ordinance was in response to citizen complaints and described Jake-braking as a process that "creates loud, excessive, harsh, irritating and annoying noises that unreasonably disturbs the peace

of citizens residing in the area of Drew County's highways and roads." The ordinance points out that Drew County is not mountainous and it's highways and roads are not so "irregular in their grade" that Jake-breaking is not necessary for a truck to decelerate" in the County. The Ordinance, which passed with one no vote by Renee Knowles, Justice of the Peace for District 9, one member absent, and seven yes votes states Jake-braking unlawful except when used in an emergency to avoid damage to property or personal injury. Anyone violating the ordinance will be guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined up to \$150 for each offense. Enforcement will only be carried out where signs have been posted in the area so drivers will have fair notice of the ordinance. The ordinance contained an emergency clause and goes in to effect immediately, The County will

begin erecting signs in the future.

Also passed during the meeting:

Ordinance 2022-17: The ordinance is the fifteenth amendment to the 2022 annual budget and corrects expense coding in the budget to transfer Adult Court Funds from the Circuit Judge fund to the Adult Drug Court fund.

Ordinance 2022-18: The ordinance allows for \$20,000 from a Court House Security Grant to be spent to build two holding cells in the courthouse. The courthouse currently has no where to hold prisoners awaiting a hearing in the court house. The cells will be in the Sheriff's Office.

Ordinance 2022-19: The appropriation ordinance was passed to provide funds to replace equipment for the 911 system that was damaged by a lightning strike in the amount of \$75,740.81.

Ordinance 2022-20: The

appropriation ordinance was passed to allow the County to purchase \$1 million worth of asphalt amid rising prices that are expected to continue rising. Drew County Judge Robert Akin also asked the Justice's to survey their districts and let him know what roads were in need of repairs.

Ordinance 2022-21: Act 224 of the 2022 Fiscal Session of the Arkansas Legislature appropriated funds for Law Enforcement Stipend grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The stipend authorized a payment of \$5,000 to each eligible full-time law enforcement officer. The appropriation ordinance will allow the County to issue the stipend to each eligible officer. The total amount appropriated, and will be paid by the State, is \$60,000 for the stipend, \$4,590 for social security matching and \$9,192 for retirement.

**Arkansas Oklahoma Gas encourages resident safety on National 811 Safe Digging Day**

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At Arkansas Oklahoma Gas (AOG), the safety of our customers and the communities we serve is our number one priority. In observance of 811 Day, celebrated on August 11 each year, AOG is reminding community members and professional contractors to avoid accidents and utility interruptions by following the law and always calling 811 to have underground utility lines marked before beginning any outdoor projects.

"This is a fun time of year when people enjoy tackling those outdoor DIY projects," said Cynthia Westcott, Vice President of Operations at AOG. "Because Summit is

committed to never compromising the safety of our customers, we're reminding residents that they must call 811 before they dig. This free and simple precaution will help homeowners prevent service disruptions, serious injuries, and expensive repairs."

The Common Ground Alliance, a national nonprofit organization working to protect underground utility lines, says damage to underground utilities happens once every few minutes due to failure to call 811. While large excavation projects often cause these mistakes, a homeowner's simple mailbox installation or even a modest gardening project can lead to

striking infrastructure that is right underground.

As part of National 811 Safe Digging Day, and every day, AOG encourages everyone to take the following steps when planning any digging project:

- Contact 811 over the phone or online at least two business days before digging.
- After contacting 811, wait for underground utility lines to be marked before digging. Locators will mark the approximate location of buried lines with color-coded spray paint, flags or stakes corresponding to the utility. The color used for natural gas is yellow. The service is free.
- Confirm that all lines have been marked.

• Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.

• Visit Call811.com for more information.

In the event a gas line is struck or ruptured outside of a home or business:

- Step 1: Leave immediately on foot! Do not use electric switches, telephones (including cell phones), start or drive a car or anything that could cause a spark. Move in an upwind direction away from the leak or vapor cloud where you can no longer smell gas and maintain a safe distance.
- Step 2: Go directly to a safe location and call both 1-479-784-2000 and 911.
- Step 3: Warn others to stay

away from the leak. Abandon any equipment being used in or near the area.

Learn more about natural gas safety at <https://www.aogc.com/NaturalGasSafety>

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**How do you benefit from government? What's in it for you?**

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How do you benefit from government? What's in it for you?

I can't answer that for every level or every office of government, but I can explain how you benefit from the Commissioner of State Lands Office, both collectively and individually.

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this office. We collect delinquent real estate taxes and return that money to the county, where it's used to provide essential public services.

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the online auction. That's over 25 percent more parcels than we sold the last year of the mail-in system.

Since I took office in January 2019, my staff has worked to streamline services. We're constantly looking for ways to make this office more efficient and user-friendly.

Our newest project is electronic recording. Almost two-thirds of Arkansas' counties allow the electronic management of real estate and other legal records. This year, we're joining them by electronically filing the deeds the COSL office issues.

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almost 40,000 deeds. This includes redemption deeds, issued when a property owner pays delinquent real estate taxes, and limited warranty deeds after we sell a parcel at auction or post-auction.

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# Kenny Rogers, James Taylor headline music specials this August on Arkansas PBS

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

Arkansas PBS offers viewers more great music with a series of concert specials this August, as well as an opportunity to see Clint Black live in Fort Smith Dec. 1.

The music kicks off Saturday, Aug. 13, at 5 p.m. with "Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons: A Life on Stage." In the 1960s and early 1970s, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons recorded hit after hit and sold over 175 million records featuring unforgettable tunes like "Walk Like a Man," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and "Grease." 2022 is the 60th anniversary of the group's first #1 hit, "Sherry," and Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons are still touring throughout the U.S. and abroad to packed houses of thrilled fans from multiple generations. This sold gold PBS special was taped in April 2022 in the fabulous 10,000-seat arena at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut. The concert will also air Sunday, Aug. 14, at 2:30 p.m.

Then at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13, will be "Doo Wop, Pop and Soul Generations (My Music)." This new

concert special celebrates the legacies of the great artists and songs of the late 1950s and early '60s following the birth of rock and roll and the explosion of rhythm and blues on the radio. Included are the broadcast premieres of many original groups and new generation favorites that perform for sold-out doo wop, pop and soul concerts nationwide. Following two decades of producing concert specials reuniting original performers on stage to sing their hits one more time, the "My Music" production team conducted a national talent search to present the next generation of younger singers and groups who carry on the tradition by channeling the doo wop, pop and soul sounds of the past. The special will also air Sunday, Aug. 14, at 4 p.m.

The musical documentary "Roy Orbison Forever" will premiere Monday, Aug. 15, at 8 p.m. This celebration of the effortlessly cool, five-time Grammy-winning Rock & Roll Hall of Famer charts Orbison's career and close relationships with other musicians through interviews and archive performances, some of them never before seen in America. The

film follows the singer-songwriter from his stratospheric rise in the music biz to his personal tragedies to his early death on December 6, 1988, from a heart attack. Among the songs performed are "Oh, Pretty Woman," "It's Over," "Only the Lonely," "Cryin'," "Dream Baby" and "Blue Bayou." Featured interviews include Elvis Costello, Tom Petty, Bono, Gerry Marsden, Jeff Lynne and Olivia Harrison, as well as Barbara Orbison. The documentary will also air Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 10 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. country music fans can tune in for "Clint Black: Mostly Hits & The Mrs." This concert featuring the Grammy Award-winning country music icon, his wife Lisa Hartman Black and daughter Lily Pearl was taped at the Johnny Mercer Theatre in Savannah, Georgia. During the broadcast, tickets will be available to see Black at the ArcBest Performing Arts Center in Fort Smith on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Following at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, will be "James Taylor: One Man Band." This intimate concert

performance features Taylor's most important songs, interspersed with personal anecdotes, touching and witty reflections, and never-before-seen home movies and photographs from Taylor's personal archives. Recorded at the magnificently restored Colonial Theatre in the heart of the Berkshires, the concert features such favorites as "Carolina in My Mind," "You've Got a Friend," "Shower the People" and "Fire and Rain." The concert will also air Saturday, Aug. 20, at 11 p.m.

On Thursday, Aug. 18, at 8:30 p.m. a legend bids farewell to Nashville in "Kenny Rogers Farewell Concert Celebration: All in for the Gambler." Featuring performances by some of today's most popular artists as well as humorous anecdotes from his long-time musical collaborators, the special was recorded Oct. 25, 2017, when friends, fans and music legends gathered to celebrate the life and career of Kenny Rogers as he bid farewell to the town he loved. The program's finale features singing partner and friend Dolly Parton. The concert will also air Saturday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m.

During the broadcast, viewers will learn how to gain access to additional music series through Arkansas PBS Passport. The best value in on-demand streaming, Arkansas PBS Passport is a member benefit for donations as little as \$5 a month, or \$60 annually.

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## HISTORY MINUTE: The USS Razorback

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

During World War II, submarines provided an invaluable service for the United States as they silently patrolled the depths of the seas, protecting ships and shore alike. Among the many distinguished subs serving in the war and afterward was the USS Razorback, which is now docked in the Arkansas River in North Little Rock. Among its many adventures since its 1944 launch, perhaps its most curious journey is how a submarine with no connection to Arkansas became a mascot to the state and became the centerpiece of a naval museum deep inside a landlocked state.

Construction on the Razorback began in September 1943 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the Maine-New Hampshire border. It would be one of 120 Balao-class submarines, a 311-foot vessel powered by a diesel-electric engine. Typically, a submarine of this type had a crew of 85, including ten officers.

The submarine was not named for the famed Razorback hog but rather the Fin-

back Whale, sometimes also called the Razorback Whale. The Finback Whale is a common type of whale seen in oceans across the world, including along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States. It is thin and up to 90 feet long. A sleek, razor-shaped fin on its back gives this species of whale the nickname "razorback."

The Razorback was launched on January 27, 1944, and was formally commissioned on April 3. It was sent to the Pacific where it supported efforts to retake The Philippines from Japan later that year, and the sub saw considerable combat. In December 1944, the Razorback damaged two Japanese freighters and sank a destroyer in separate incidents. While patrolling the East China Sea in February 1945, it sank four Japanese patrol boats. In two separate incidents, the Razorback helped rescue American airmen who crashed into the sea. After Japan surrendered, the Razorback was part of the American flotilla taking part in the surrender ceremonies in Tokyo Bay on September 2.

In the 1950s, the ship was refit with more modern equipment and served as part of anti-submarine training exercises in the Pacific in addition to its usual patrols. In 1962, the sub served in an observational role for Operation Swordfish, a nuclear test detonation at sea. In the mid-to-late 1960s, the sub periodically patrolled the South China Sea near Vietnam.

On November 30, 1970, the navy decommissioned the Razorback and sold it to Turkey, a NATO ally. The Turkish navy rechristened the vessel the Muratreis, after a former Turkish admiral, and put it into their service in early 1971. It would serve for 30 years in the Turkish fleet. In all, the vessel saw nearly 54 years of service, one of the longest careers of any submarine still surviving.

Though the submarine was named for a whale, it won a warm place in the hearts of Arkansans for invoking the name of the beloved Razorback mascot of the University of Arkansas. When news came that the Turkish navy was decommissioning the sub in 2001, Arkansans rallied to give it a final home in the Nat-

ural State.

Officials in North Little Rock as well as veterans groups worked with the Turkish government to purchase the Razorback and bring it to Arkansas. Turkey agreed to sell it to North Little Rock in March 2004 for \$37,500, all of which came from private donations. The unpowered sub was towed that summer from Turkey to New Orleans, a voyage that took six weeks. Afterward, the Razorback was towed up the Mississippi River. However, just as it entered the Arkansas River, its progress was stopped over fears of low river levels that threatened the sub running aground. Two barges were arranged to lift the sub a few feet higher in the river, and it was brought to the Port of Little Rock without incident by August 29. The total cost of the voyage was reportedly more than \$500,000.

The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum was dedicated in March 2005 in part to tell the story of the famed sub and offer tours of the vessel. Today, the Razorback continues to be a popular destination for tourists in North Little Rock.

## BENEFIT

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## MPD makes burglary arrest


**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

According to Monticello Police Chief Jason Akers, a Monticello man is facing burglary, theft and drug paraphernalia charges after a search warrant was executed at his residence where stolen property from a recent theft was recovered.

Paul Jason Fortenberry, 45, was arrested last Sunday, July 31 by MPD after an investigation into a recent report of theft of furniture and household items was reported.

Detectives and MPD's Canine Unit arrested Fortenberry on the scene of the search warrant execution and charged him with Residential Burglary, Theft of Property and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He is currently being held in the Drew County Detention Facility.

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# Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DREW COUNTY,  
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PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES LEE  
MULL, DECEASED

NO. 22PR-22-95

**NOTICE**

Last known address of decedent:  
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Date of Death: June 28, 2021  
An instrument captioned "Last Will and Testament of James Lee Mull" dated December 8, 2020, was on the 20th day of July, 2022, admitted to probate as the last will of the above-named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed Executor thereunder. A contest of the probate of this will can be effected only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.  
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.  
This notice first published on the 3rd day of August, 2022.

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# Monticello Rotary growing post Covid



**GO BILLIES** The Monticello School District Football coaches addressed the Monticello Rotary Club recently about their upcoming season.

Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian



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**GO PIRATES** Drew Central Athletic Director Michael Goad (left) spoke to the Rotary Club about the upcoming year and the installation of the Pirate Nation Foundation.

**SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE**

Over the past two years, civic clubs around the country ceased to meet due to Covid-19 guidelines. Memberships plummeted and club leaders scrambled to figure out how to regain the pre-covid attendance.

Over the past few months, the Monticello Rotary Club has held many great programs.

Earlier this summer, the club heard from Mayor Paige Chase who filled the club in on all the goings-on at City Hall. Also, this Summer, the club heard from Advance-Monticellonian and Eagle Democrat Managing Editor, Ashley Hogg; who told the club about the new website being launched by the Advance, and touched on the recent pur-

chase of the Eagle Newspaper in Warren.

Just a few weeks ago, the club was visited by new Drew Central Head Football Coach, Larry White and his staff. The very next week; Drew Central's Athletic Director, Michael Goad, spoke to the club about the new Pirate Nation Foundation that was formed. The Foundation is vehicle by which the new improvements to the District's athletic facilities (Football Field, Baseball Field, and Softball Field) will be funded.

Last week the club hosted Monticello Billies' Head Football Coach, Randy Harvey and his staff. Coach Harvey spoke to the club about the pillars that the team is built on - character,

hard work, toughness, and determination.

Future Rotary Programs include the following: August 11 Monticello Police Chief Jason Akers; August 18 Monticello Planning Commission Chair Dan Boice; August 25 General Manager of VYVE Broadband Lloyd Walker. The Rotary Club Meets at Noon each Thursday in the Caucus Room of the Gibson University Center. If you are interested in visiting the Monticello Rotary Club, please contact Brandon Hogg at brandon.hogg@unionbnk.com or (870) 723-5338.

Since 1923, the Monticello Rotary Club has served the community through volunteer projects such as College Schol-

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# Log-A-Load resumes indoors after two year break

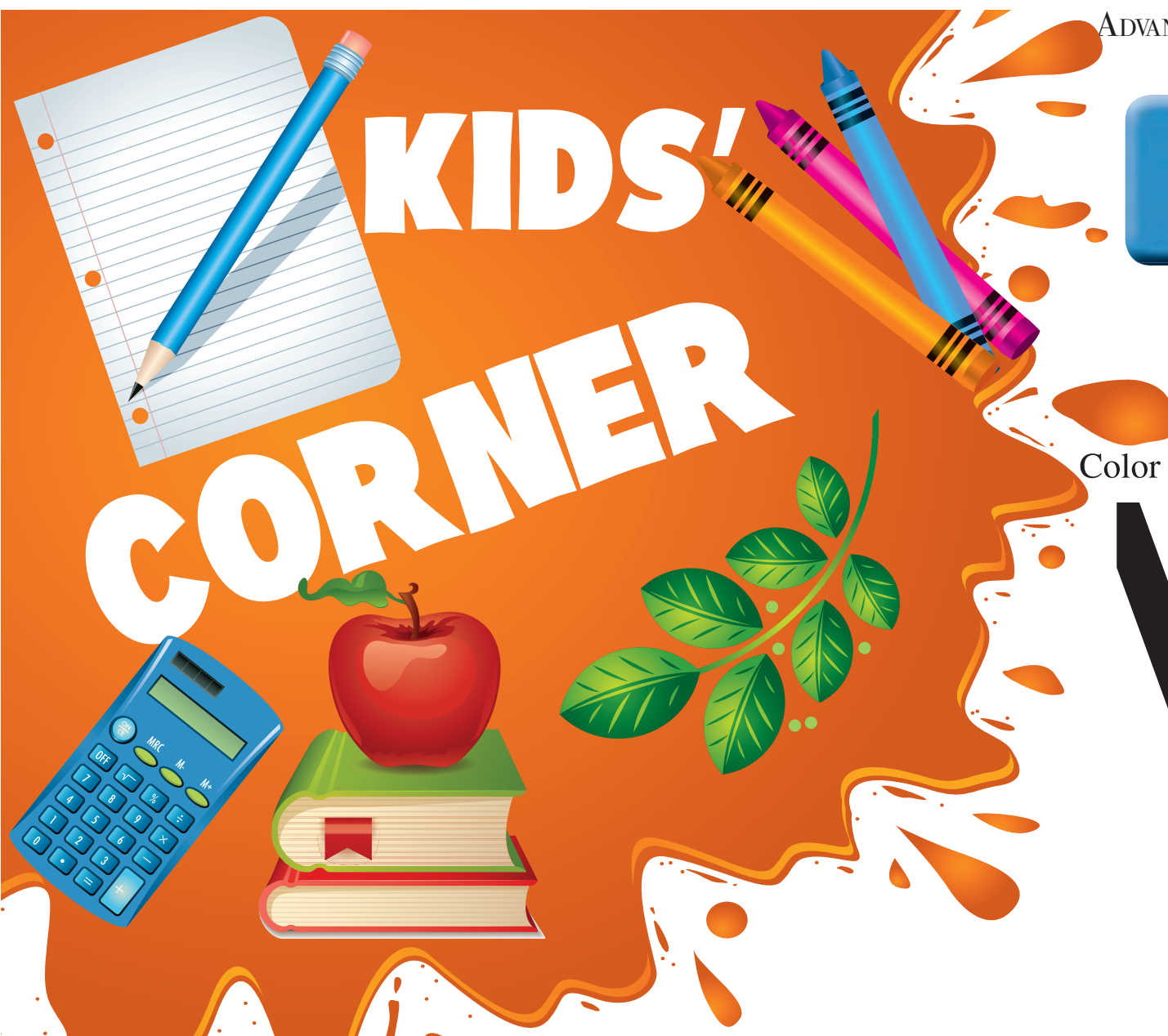
By: **ASHLEY HOGG**  
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Since 1993, Drew County has participated in an annual fundraiser for Log-A-Load. This organization, founded in 1988, benefits hospitals that are a part of the Children's Miracle Network. Arkansas Children's Hospital is a part of the Miracle Network.

Drew County has consistently been a top donor to the cause. Loggers, foresters and anyone that works in the timber industry gathers for a meal and live and silent auction and to hear a story from a local child that has been impacted by Arkansas Children's Hospital.







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## New Word

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## WORLD FACT!

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ANSWER: GOLF

## How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Golf  
**SPANISH:** Golf  
**ITALIAN:** Golf  
**FRENCH:** Golf  
**GERMAN:** Golfspiel

## GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GOLF CLUB

### Puzzle answers

**Page 8B Sudoku**

ANSWER:

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**Page 8B Word Search**

**Page 8B Crossword**

**PUZZLE SOLUTION**

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# CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

## God will provide protection when you need it

By Amy Becker

As I walked in the Sunday School room, one of the girls reported to me, "We already heard everything about Noah last week, so we don't need to hear about him this week." I laughed as I pointed out the sheet in front of her was about Jonah, not Noah. Then we talked for a little

while about how the Bible is living and active. That means that even if I think I know all there is to know about a story, God might show me something new every time I read it.

So back to the book of Jonah. It's just four chapters long, and I'll bet you I've heard or read this story no less than 100 times. Yet,

when I read it on Saturday, I saw things that I had never seen before. If you don't know the story, I'd love to encourage you to read it or get someone to read it to you. It stretches over just two and a half pages in my Bible, and it is an incredible story!

Here's the quick version though. God asked Jonah to go to Nineveh to preach to

the people there and warn them about their behavior. Instead, he sailed in the opposite direction. A big storm came on his trip, and Jonah knew that God was punishing him, so instead of taking his chances he chose to save the lives of everyone else on the boat and had the men throw him overboard. Then, the part that I feel like I've

missed ninety-nine times.

*"But the Lord provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights."*

*Jonah 1:17*

This is the part I missed, "But the Lord provided a great fish."

What looked to be Jonah's demise was actually Jonah's protection from the storm.

Isn't that amazing? God in his awesome wonder knew that Jonah would surely drown if he weren't protected, so he found Jonah shelter in a big fish. Now Jonah could have complained. He could have looked at it as a second punishment and really been upset about being in the belly

See **JONAH** Page 7B



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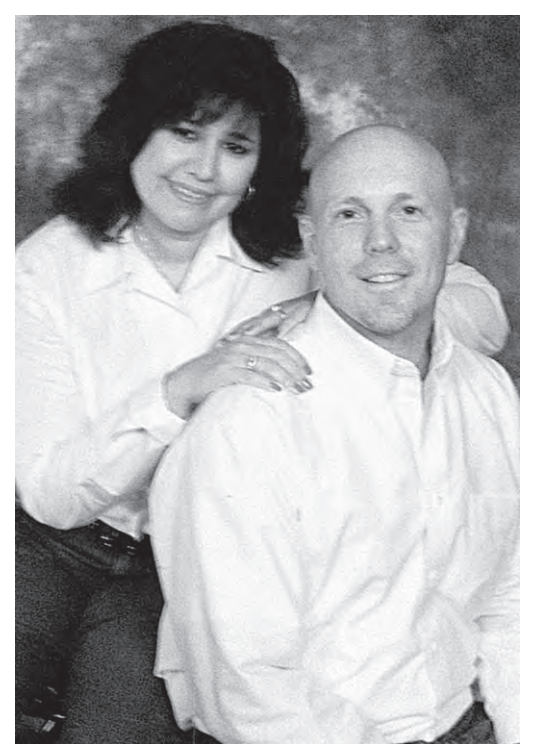
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## BARKADA JANA WRIGHT

The forecast for this week is looking much better than it has been. It will be in the upper 80's with some good chances for some rain. I am ready for much cooler temperatures.

Shawn and I attended the funeral for Chris Beard last week. Please continue to keep his family in your prayers. They will need your support in the next coming months. I also wish healing on Mrs. Bettye Rial, Chris's mom. She was diagnosed with Covid and was in the hospital.

Mrs. Ruth Hunter had some help from her neighbor Edward Hunter, Ginger Hammil, Lexy, Rylee, and Judd Meeks picking up some big limbs that had fallen in her yard.

Kelly Gilliam, Jamie Martin, and I visited with our dad, Robert Owens yesterday. We had a great visit!

Jeremy Tucker got to fuel his passion this weekend. He went dirt track racing. I am not sure what he placed.

Crayton Harris, son of Dustin and Laci Harris, placed overall 29/42 in the 65 (10-11) Mod Class and 36/42 in 65 (10-11) Limited Class! Way to go Crayton!

I had a very brief visit with Barbara Andrews in Walmart. A brief visit because I hate Walmart.

A former Barkadian had a spotlight on Fox 16.com. Bobbie Jo Howard, daughter of Charles Stafford and the late Anita Stafford, began online Facebook group named "Clear the List" aimed at helping teachers. The teachers post their needs for their classrooms, and the community provides those needs. They can post their Amazon Wish Lists on the page. The group has over 6,000 members now across the country. Great service Bobbie!

I finally found out who our new Barkadians will be: Robert and Sonya Ryburn are building a new house in Barkada. They aspire to have a mini farm. Robbie has a YouTube Channel called The Wild Huckleberry, if you would like to check it out.

The Wilmar All School Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2022, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the former high school building in Wilmar. The meal costs \$12 each and will be catered. The theme will be County Fair. Mail money to Margaret Tucker, 601 Roosevelt Road, Star City, AR, 71667.

Happy birthday to my wonderful mother-in-law, Kay Ozment, my bonus daughter, Taylor Swain, my awesome nephew Ethan Gilliam, my angel Kay Carter, Rachel Barnett, Cindy Bennett, Tammie Avery, Carrie Teague, Matthew West, Beverly Davis, Joe Dickey, and Monica McKiever. I hope you all have or had wonderful birthdays.

**GREEN HILL  
WANDA PACE**

Greenhill Community Baptist Church will have a second Sunday singing on August 14, 2022.

Happy 81st Birthday Sandy Smith! I hope you had a blessed day.

Aunt May had a doctor's appointment on Thursday in Crossett. She received a good report. Aunt Pepe and her went by Becky's cafe to drink some coffee and visit with Becky & Hershel.

I am glad to report that Roger Pace is feeling better. Continued prayers for a full recovery.

Leighanne Tucker is in the

hospital at Jefferson Regional in Pine Bluff. She is the daughter of Miss Ann Bennett. Please pray for her as she continues on the road to recovery.

Happy Birthday Gary Pace! I hope you enjoyed a blessed day!

Shannon Pace has an upcoming eye surgery scheduled. Jeff Pace & family returned from their vacation. Thanks for sharing the beautiful pictures.

Verse of the week: "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4

Have a safe and blessed week.

**JORDAN PARK  
TRILISA MARSHALL**

I thank God for His many blessings. Blessings don't have to be money all the time, it can be a blessing of food, clothing, a house, a vehicle or other items. But whatever it is, it is a blessing from God.

I was so glad to see my cousin from Portland, Oregon, we enjoyed talking.

I have been shut up in the house hurting really bad with that bursitis in my right shoulder. It's been giving me a fit. All I can do is be still and rest but you all keep me in your prayers.

Happy birthday shout out this week goes to: Trina Walls, Delton Gladden, Larry Lewis, and Shequeata Richardson, August 10; Tyrone Smith, August 11; Allene Lewis, Melonie Parks, Yolando Jones, and James Scott, August 13. Happy birthday everyone, enjoy your special day.

We had an amazing Sunday School lesson, it was on: "Praise for God's Justice" coming from Psalm 146:1-10. This psalm praises God for His care for those whom society overlooks and despises. And Pastor Robert's message was on: "The Love of a Mother" coming from John 19:27, John 2: 1 Matthew 20:20, Isaiah 41:1-7 (KJV). A loving mother will never fail her child even in situations that's out of control.

Everyone have a safe, cool, blessed rest of the week and remember in all you do keep God first. And scripture for the week is: Psalms 32:6; "For this shall everyone that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him."

Much love and blessings to you all, blessings!

**LACEY  
IVANELL HANDLEY**

Hello Readers! It's another day that God has blessed us to see, I hope everyone had a blessed weekend!

We had a wonderful Sunday Service at Promise Land Baptist Church, Lacey. Our Sunday School lesson was taught by Bro. Kenneth Junior, the subject was "No More Tears"; background scripture Revelation 21:1-9; Key verse, Revelation 21:4 (KJV) "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." What a day that will be! Our Pastor delivered a great message, his text was from Matthew 8:1-2 and the subject was "If I could Just Get to Jesus". Visitors today were Pastor Cindy Robertson and Mr. Denver Robertson of Mt. Olive, Lacey.

Prayers for those that are sick and shut-in. Prayers for Bro.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMUNITY TIDBITS?**

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

**LONGNIE WALKER AND FAMILY**

In the passing of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Jacob. God blessed her with a long life; I always looked up to her from a very young age. Mr. Lonnie was always there for his mother just as he is there for any one that needs his help. Prayers for any others who may have loss a loved one.

I received calls from my sister Jackie Riley, of Ohio and my brother Jerry Franklin, of McGehee. I checked on my Aunt Mary in Florida. Get well wishes to my niece Charlotte Riley.

Happy Belated birthday to Keydrin Franklin, August 6.

Happy birthday wishes to: Natisha Lambert, August 13 and Shirley Franklin, August 15.

Thought for the week: "If you look at what you have in life you'll always have more...if you look at what you don't have in life you'll never have enough!" (Oprah Winfrey).

**POSSUM VALLEY  
KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK**

Hello, and welcome to this week's edition of the Possum Valley news. We finally received some much-needed rain and, briefly, some rather moderate temperatures. In the morning at least. I'm rather glad that I have chosen early morning for my walks. Although daylight is coming later each day making it difficult to get my walk in before time to go to work, and cutting into my driving through Old 16th Section Rd. Bird activity has been greatly reduced of late. But, the butterflies are more active in the afternoons anyway. So, I've just been waiting to drive through after work.

Addie has visited several times this week and we enjoy her more and more each time. Yes, she can be bossy and hyperactive. But we love her imagination and can-do attitude. Bo has been away seeming like forever. He was back home Sunday, and we were privileged to take them to night church with us. He came over just before dark to do some weed eating for us, which we were very thankful for.

Just a minute. I've gotten

**WILMAR  
CHRIS RILEY**

Hello dear readers this first week of August. Hot and humid is the news. Trust God in all things.

Justis and I had a little heat spell Saturday, but it's OK, praise God. I'll let nothing separate me from the love of God, not even this heat.

I was glad to see Corey and wife "Ke Ke" who came down Saturday and did lots of yard work and they went on to The Woods to see his brother James "Yit" Riley who was very glad to see his brother. Sis. Linda Vincent Shepherd visits Yit quite often. It is good to know he's not forgotten. Some of you, who he busted his butt doing for and coming to your rescue don't think about seeing him but be careful, your day might come,

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## The truth will set you free

A few years ago my wife and I took a trip to New York City. It was the first time that either one of us had ever been. We did as many tourist things as we could do in the short amount of time we were there. One of the most amazing things we did was take a subway from Times Square to the end of Manhattan Island and then take a ferry across the New York Harbor from Manhattan to Staten Island.

It's free and only takes about half an hour. We did it at night and the NYC skyline is lit up, just an amazing sight. The ferry takes you right in front of the Statue of Liberty. Of course I had only seen her in pictures and movies and in books. So seeing her in person lit up in the night sky honestly was kind of overwhelming and I got a little emotional.

This "Statue of Liberty" was a gift to the United States, from France, in 1876, marking 100 years since the Declaration of Independence. The statue was dedicated ten years later, in 1886, and has become a worldwide symbol of freedom — of liberty — for almost 150 years. We understand the American idea of liberty. After all, the birth of our country was out of the desire to be free from a tyrannical government. We should never forget what we have by living in the United States. Yet for all of our freedom very few of us have a real understanding of what that actually is.

Freedom is not found in a declaration or in a Bill of Rights.

True freedom can never be based on my civil or human rights. Those can be taken away either by my choice or somebody else's. So then true freedom must be based on something stronger. The Gospel of John 8: 31 says this, "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

This is a freedom that we can have that even transcends the freedoms we have in a democracy. A freedom in Jesus Christ and His truth. Culture, especially over the last several decades has eroded the meaning of truth by making truth subjective. That it's based on your feelings or opinions. In actuality truth is the opposite, it's the very antithesis of opinion. We only have truth or opinions.

Truth is another of those words like faith, that is difficult to describe but Webster defines truth as "that which is true or in accordance to fact or reality". This is what's called an absolute truth. Yet culture is consistently creating new and different reality. New facts for age old questions long settled by what is true. This is why so many people are living in a false freedom. Sin creates the illusion of liberty when in actuality it's a bondage. It can keep us in shame and guilt. It's a false reality that never satisfies. The liberty that the human heart hungers for can only be found in Jesus Christ.

*By: Timothy Parke, Lead Pastor  
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## JONAH

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of that big fish, but he didn't.

Instead Jonah recognized God's care over his life and praised him.

"But I, wish a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you, What I have vowed I will make good, Salvation comes from the Lord."

And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah into dry land."  
Jonah 2:8-10

Never had I seen that big fish as protection but as punishment, and I wonder how many other things in my life that I haven't recognized as God's protection when things weren't going my way. I don't want to wait though to be in the belly of the beast to see the big picture. What about you?

Read the rest of the story with a friend or family member. Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story in the box below.



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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to golf.

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- B. 5 23 20 22 10**  
Clue: Used in golf play
- C. 5 1 20 2 10 18**  
Clue: Where to play golf
- D. 26 25 21 17 16 5 25 3**  
Clue: Average number of strokes over par

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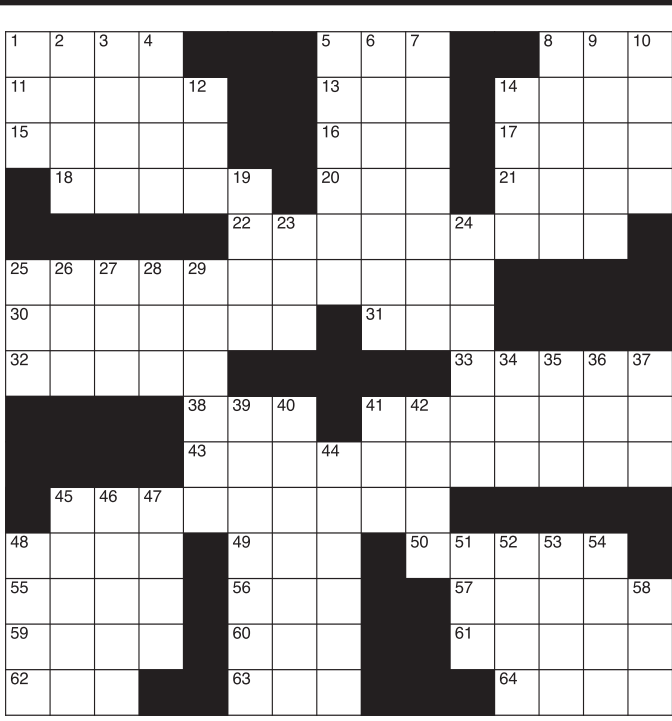
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## WORDS

- AIMING
- ALIGNMENT
- APPROACH
- ATTACK
- BACKSWING
- BALANCE
- BALATA
- BIRDIE
- BLOCK
- BOBBING
- BOGEY
- BUNKER
- CADDIE
- CARRY
- CHIP
- CONNECTION
- DIVOT
- DRIVER
- EAGLE
- GRIP
- PUTT
- ROTATION
- SHAFT
- SWING

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



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Breezed through
- 5. Time units (abbr.)
- 8. Pigeon's murmur
- 11. Moves aside in fright
- 13. Partner to "ahh"
- 14. Taxis
- 15. Monetary units of Turkey
- 16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 17. Prolific Italian opera composer
- 18. Restaurants
- 20. One's grandmother
- 21. Ancient Greek City
- 22. Italian mountain ranges
- 25. Data
- 30. Acted in an obedient way
- 31. Autonomic nervous system
- 32. Not on the up-and-up
- 33. Mock lightly
- 38. Mimic
- 41. Built
- 43. A neighborhood
- 45. Inflammation of the kidneys
- 48. Semitic fertility god
- 49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
- 50. Wise people
- 55. Tear down
- 56. \_\_\_-fi (slang)
- 57. Diamond weight
- 59. Frosted
- 60. Predecessor to EU
- 61. Makes changes to
- 62. Some are secret
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Old English poet

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. In style
- 3. Norwegian river
- 4. People with impaired hearing
- 5. Large stinging paper wasp
- 6. Bucharest is its capital
- 7. River in Ireland
- 8. Type of TV
- 9. Double-reed instruments
- 10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. French commune
- 19. Alike
- 23. A bachelor's apartment
- 24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
- 25. Belonging to a thing
- 26. Japanese classical theater
- 27. Supervises flying
- 28. Not even
- 29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 34. Electronic countermeasure
- 35. Consumed
- 36. American politician (abbr.)
- 37. Sun up in New York
- 39. Casually looked through
- 40. Revealed the presence of
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Diana \_\_, singer
- 44. Study of moral values and rules
- 45. Civil Rights group
- 46. Makes less severe
- 47. Made an emotional appeal
- 48. Vivacity of style
- 51. One who is highly skilled
- 52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- 53. Famed guitarist Clapton
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 58. Recipe abbreviation

Answers can be found on Page 2B

# SUDOKU

6								8
			6					5
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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Level: Intermediate



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## This week's recipe: Salad gets a summery makeover

Steakhouse fans eagerly anticipate digging into the savory cuts of sizzling beef waiters serve up. The precursor to that portion of the meal is often a wedge salad, which offers a crisp complement to the richness of the steak. Wedge salads are traditionally made with iceberg lettuce and drizzled with a flavorful dressing — often blue cheese. However, there's no set rules when it comes to wedge salads. With this recipe for "Watermelon Wedge Steakhouse Salad," courtesy of the National Watermelon Promotion Board and 2018 Watermelon Recipe Contest Winner Chauna Havey, diners can skip the lettuce altogether.

### For the salad and toppings:

- 4 thick wedges of watermelon
- 4 tablespoons real bacon crumbles
- 4 tablespoons blue cheese crumbles
- 2 tablespoons pecan chips
- 1 scallion, sliced

### Directions:

- Place all ingredients for the dressing into a medium bowl and mix gently to combine.
- Place each watermelon wedge onto a serving plate and top with 1/4 of the dressing.
- Sprinkle the bacon, blue cheese, pecans, and scallions over the top of the salads before serving.

### Watermelon Wedge Steakhouse Salad

#### Ingredients (Serves 4)

#### For the dressing:

- 1/3 cup finely diced watermelon
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup peeled and finely diced watermelon rind
- 1/4 cup watermelon juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

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