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Three candidates file for Monticello Mayoral race

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Earlier this year, Mayor Paige Chase announced she would not seek re-election for the Office of Mayor in November 2022. The filling period for the Office of Mayor has passed and Monticello has three candidates that will appear on the ballot: Jason Akers, Bart Gregory and Joe Rogers.

Akers is the current Chief of Police in Monticello and has served in law enforcement for more than three decades.

“Under my administration

as Chief of Police, in just three years, MPD became one of the few Accredited law enforcement agencies in the State of Arkansas,” Akers stated. “As a team, we implemented sweeping reforms, cut costs, modernized our capabilities, established policy and procedure and dramatically improved community relations. Working with and listening to our community and city council, we have built coalitions and navigated difficult times together. I am excited to be running for Mayor and ask for your vote because I will bring this same

level of proven leadership to City Hall. Our children’s future is determined by our actions today and failing them is not an option. When elected, I will work hard to build a Monticello that we can be proud to hand over to future generations.”

Bart Gregory is a long time Monticello resident and business owner.

“I am running for Mayor of Monticello because several community members asked me to get elected to improve our town by improving the quality of the lives of all people in it,” Gregory said. “As Mayor, I will

be able to work full-time for the city of Monticello and its citizens. I have the experience where it counts, right here in my hometown. I have worked hard for the people because I want to, not because I was being paid. Everyone is invited out Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27, to the Our Festival at McCloy park. This event is bringing in vendors, visitors, and giving our citizens an opportunity to stay in Monticello for a wonderful musical experience and make family memories. I am proud of the things I have been part of, but

we are not yet done. When you vote, please vote Bart Gregory. I pledge to work hard for the city and you. My door will always be open to everyone.”

Joe Rogers served as Mayor of Monticello from 2007 to 2010 and for five months in 2014.

“If elected Mayor of Monticello, one of the first things I plan to address is infrastructure improvements,” Rogers said. “It is very difficult for any community to move forward and grow as opportunities present themselves, if that community’s basic infrastruc-

ture is not ready for movement and growth. All city properties should be evaluated. Also, I plan to work cooperatively with county officials and other mayors within our region to better promote workforce opportunities for the citizens of Monticello and Drew County. I have spent a great deal of time evaluating community needs and researching ways to address these needs in the most economic ways possible.”

The mayoral election will take place on Tuesday, November 8.

HHS invests nearly \$60 million to strengthen health care workforce, improve access in rural communities

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Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced investments of nearly \$60 million to grow the health workforce and increase access to quality health care in rural communities, including nearly \$46 million in funding from President Biden’s American Rescue Plan. The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to improving health outcomes and promoting health equity in rural America. In 2021, thanks to President Biden’s American Rescue Plan, the Department of Health and Human Services invested over \$16 billion to strengthen rural health.

Locally, this grant will pay for Mainline Health Systems, Inc. to begin an in-house Chronic Care Management program. This money will pay for a CCM Director, three CCM nurses and a data analyst.

“Mainline Health Systems, Inc. is excited to have this opportunity to provide Chronic Care Management services to improve and support the health and wellbeing of our patients.”

“The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to ensuring all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable health care – no matter where anyone lives,” said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. “Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, we have significantly improved access to health care for the millions of families who live in rural America. Our work doesn’t stop here: with these funds, we can continue working to ensure rural communities have the support they need.”

Nearly \$46 million in American Rescue Plan funding will support 31 awardees to expand health care capacity in rural and tribal communities through health care

job development, training, and placement. This funding includes support for critical health workforce needs in rural areas such as dental hygienists, medical or dental assistants, community-based doulas, and other frontline health care workers.

Nearly \$10 million will support 13 organizations through the Rural Residency Planning and Development Program to establish new medical residency programs in rural communities to increase the number of physicians training in rural settings. In addition, nearly \$4 million will support 18 awards to improve patient health outcomes and quality and delivery of care throughout rural counties and improve access to care for rural veterans.

“Among the most important steps we can take to improve access to health care in rural communities, including access to behavioral health care, is to invest in growing the rural health care workforce,” said HRSA Administrator Carole Johnson. “Today’s announcements are another important part of the Health Resources and Services Administration’s strategy to advance health equity for the nearly 65 million people who call rural areas home.”

Nearly one in five Americans lives in a rural area, and rural communities are becoming even more diverse. However, health disparities between rural and urban areas tripled between 1999 and 2019, with rural residents experiencing higher rates of heart disease, respiratory disease, cancer, stroke, unintentional injury, and suicide; and higher risk of maternal morbidity and mortality. Access to quality health care is at the heart of these issues.

SOAPY PRANK ON DOWNTOWN SQUARE GOES VIRAL



Courtesy photo

The fountain on the downtown square in Monticello is squeaky clean this week thanks to a classic prank of putting soap in the fountain sometime this weekend. Monticello Police Department took to Facebook giving the prank a rating of seven out of 10. The Monticello PD Facebook page reminded citizens that this type of prank is not graffiti; not permanent; not dangerous and it is better to have young people play pranks than engage in dangerous behavior. By Monday morning, the Facebook post had reached more than 150,000 users and all the bubbles were gone.

AAC safety awards announced at conference

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The Association of Arkansas Counties awarded its annual safety awards during its 54th annual conference, held Aug. 10-12, 2022, in Garland County.

The Safety Award Program was established by the AAC to recognize those counties that have made outstanding efforts to provide a safe working environment for employees. Each county is evaluated annually based upon a 100-point grading system, with the possibility of 15 bonus points for qualifying counties. Those counties receiving a grade of 75 to 115 points are presented a safety award. Counties that are under the Worker’s Compensation Rule 32 Hazard Program do not qualify

for a safety award, nor will they qualify if the Loss Ratio is 50 percent or above. The loss ratio calculation is based on 2021.

The 30 counties receiving 2022 AAC safety awards were:

Baxter, Benton, Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Conway, Craighead, Drew, Garland, Greene, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Izard, Johnson, Lincoln, Miller, Ouachita, Pope, Prairie, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, St. Francis, Stone, Van Buren, Washington, White, Woodruff, and Yell counties.

In addition, three counties received a certificate for no reportable injuries in 2021. They were Bradley, Drew, Lee, Lincoln, and Prairie counties.



Courtesy photo

AAC Loss Control Consultant Matt Bradshaw presents a 2022 Safety Award to Drew County Judge Robert Akin. Drew County scored 88 points on the 100-point grading system. Thirty Arkansas counties received the awards from the Association of Arkansas Counties Worker’s Compensation program this year. Drew County also received a certificate for no reportable injuries in 2021.

Drew Co. native to make Ryman Auditorium debut

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In Nashville, Tenn., there sits a brick building often referred to as “The Mother Church.”

The Ryman Auditorium is a place rich in history and culture, and remains relevant in the ever-changing Nashville music scene.

Ward Davis, Drew County na-

tive and Drew Central graduate will make his debut as a headliner at the Ryman, Saturday, Aug. 20.

Davis moved to Nashville around two decades ago to follow his dreams of becoming a singer songwriter.

Over the first part of his career, Davis found success as a song writer. He has had his orig-

inal writings recorded by artists including Trace Adkins, Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Sammy Kershaw, Buddy Jewel and more.

He released his first studio album “15 Years in a 10 Year Town” in 2015 and made it on nation wide satellite radio with the single “Old Worn Out Cowboys” featuring Jamey Johnson and Willie Nelson.

His most recent album “Black Cats and Crows” has shown more commercial success and Davis has been touring the country, promoting the album.

His concert at The Ryman Auditorium is a milestone in his musical career.

See next week’s edition of the Advance-Monticellonian for more coverage of this event.

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UPCOMING

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.

Walk a Mile in Your Shoes tour with Chris Jones

Gubernatorial candidate Dr. Chris Jones will continue his “Walk A Mile in Your Shoes” statewide event in Drew County at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, August 27 at 605 S. 7th St. in Wilmar. The Drew County Democratic Party will host a meet and greet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Other candidates that are expected to attend are Natalie James, Jessie Gibson and Kelly Krout. Everyone is invited.

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.

SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11-15

Revival

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church presents “Lord Revive Us Again,” a revival, at 7 p.m. nightly, beginning Sunday September 11. The host is Pastor DJ Buffington and the location will be 312 E. Oakland St. in Monticello.

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 contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at mlvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993.

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

Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting

The Drew County Democratic Party is hosting monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of each month through November. The meeting location is the Wilmar Community Center 2506 Hwy 278 West. The venue is set up for social distancing and mask recommended. The meeting starts at 6pm . All interested parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact President Peggy Orr 870-224-2416.

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A recent financial survey conducted by the Arkansas Hospital Association shows that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create profound financial volatility for the state’s hospitals. On average, hospitals responding to the survey saw a total margin decrease of 3.5 percentage points between the first quarter of 2019, prior to the pandemic, and the first quarter of 2022, leaving a full 52 percent of respondents now in the red. This sustained financial squeeze could result in diminished access to care for Arkansans.

“The survey certainly paints a bleak picture for Arkansas hospitals’ finances,” Arkansas Hospital Association President and CEO Bo Ryall commented. “The fact that about half of the

facilities who responded are now operating on negative margins should be a major cause for concern for all of us. In many of our communities, the hospital is the largest employer, and 40 Arkansas counties are served by a single hospital. Without a hospital, the most vulnerable residents – often the elderly and those living in poverty – may find their access to health care severely limited.

“The people who work in our hospitals are remarkably strong,” Ryall continued, “and our hospital leaders are equally motivated by their shared mission to provide care to the people of our state. It is because of their vision and commitment that I’m confident we can navigate our way through this difficult time. But hospitals won’t be able to

do it alone; it will require all of us to recognize the crucial role they play as both the heart of the health care system and a major driver of the state’s economy. Unless hospitals receive additional assistance from state and federal government, we will see more reductions in services and possibly even closures.”

It is difficult to overstate the environment of uncertainty within which hospitals have had to make clinical, operational, and financial decisions throughout the pandemic. Unlike other industries, hospitals cannot just raise their prices; they are primarily paid by Medicare, Medicaid, and negotiated contracts with commercial insurers. Before COVID-19, Arkansas hospitals faced downward revenue pressure from payers, and many

were operating on slim – and, in some cases, negative – margins. Since the beginning of the pandemic, hospital expenses have increased more rapidly than revenues. As demand spiked and many health care workers were pulled away by lucrative jobs elsewhere, total hospital staffing vacancies skyrocketed, leaving facilities throughout the state reliant on expensive contract labor to maintain a safe and effective environment for patients and employees. Even as COVID-19 cases ebbed during the spring, the survey shows that inflationary pressures increased, further exacerbating the financial situation in hospitals.

Hospitals are cornerstones of Arkansas communities, and the risks they now face highlight the

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Senior Center lunch menu: August 18-25

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

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

Friday: *Corn dogs w/mustard, chips, fruit*

Monday: *Beef veggie soup, cornbread, mixed fruit*

Tuesday: *Herb baked pork chop, stewed potatoes, purple hull peas, fruited JELLO, roll*

Wednesday: *Smothered chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cake, roll*

Thursday: *Hamburger steak, veggie rice, buttered carrots, apple crisp, roll*

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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UAM transfer student enrollment sees significant increase, scholarships still available

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The University of Arkansas at Monticello has announced that transfer student enrollment for fall 2022 is trending higher than last fall. Data currently indicates a 66 percent increase in transfer students enrolled for the fall 2022 semester as com-

pared to this time last year. “The increase in transfer students is an exciting trend,” said Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM. “It highlights the success of our outreach efforts and confirms what we proudly know about our university: UAM is a model higher education institu-

tion with two colleges of technology in Southeast Arkansas and is very affordable. Our outstanding faculty and staff look forward to welcoming students to our beautiful campus this fall.” According to U.S. News & World Report data for 2021-

2022, the undergraduate in-state tuition at UAM is approximately 21 percent below the national average among public colleges and universities. In 2021, UAM distributed over \$17 million in need-based aid and 96 percent of first-year students received some form of

financial aid. The university offers institutional scholarships up to \$12,000 per year and annually awards an average of 1,400 private scholarships. UAM is an open admission university and is currently enrolling students for the fall 2022 semester. Scholarships are still

available, and classes begin on Wednesday, August 17. For additional information regarding enrollment and scholarship opportunities, contact the UAM Office of Admission at admissionoffice@uamont.edu or 870-460-1026.

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund accepting Spring 2023 scholarship applications

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Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund, or ASPSF, is now accepting scholarship applications for the Spring 2023 semester at aspsf.org/apply-now. The deadline to apply is Oct. 15. ASPSF awards scholarships up to \$1,200 to eligible single parents living in Arkansas who are attending college or obtain-

ing technical training. They assist both part-time and full-time single parent students pursuing postsecondary education, including associate degrees, bachelor’s degrees, and certificate programs. Last year, ASPSF awarded more than 1,400 scholarships totaling \$1.4 million across the state. “ASPSF and their staff have given me a sense of hope and

encouragement,” said University of Arkansas at Monticello social work major Samantha Ellis. “They truly believe in me. It makes the world of difference when you have somebody in the stands rooting for you, as ASPSF has done for me. They have also helped me financially with tuition, the cost of books, and supplies needed. All of their help will allow me to build a bet-

ter future for my children and me.” Scholarships are flexible. Single parents can use the discretionary money to pay for the simple things that create the biggest barriers between them and their education, such as child care, gas, car repairs, laptops, utilities, etc. ASPSF provides personal support to recipients, such as

workshops — including 168 across the state last year, and mentoring to help students be job-ready after they obtain their degree. Staff and supporters walk alongside our recipients, supporting them through school to graduation and into sustainable employment with family-supporting wages. Eligibility guidelines are available at aspsf.org/eligibility.

In addition to being a single parent in Arkansas, criteria include having a GED or high school diploma, a 2.0 GPA, and a household income typically not more than 250 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines. For more information about ASPSF, please contact Communications Director Jen Para at 870-345-4681 or jpara@aspsf.org.

Arkansas Dept. of Ag announces online option for Pest Control, Pesticide Program Licensing and Certification Exams

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that Pest Control Program and Pesticide Program licensing and certification exams are now offered online. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Pest Control Program is responsible for administering 11 different residential and commercial Pest Control Program licenses and certifications which require applicants to successfully pass exams prior to the issuance of the license or certification. The Pesticide Program administers 10 licenses, two of which require exams prior to licensure. These exams have historically been administered only in person. The online exams are proctored in partnership with Everblue, a technology company that specializes in digitizing and automating processes. Candidates can regis-

ter online for state Pest Control Program and Pesticide Program exams and will be immediately enrolled into their on-demand test. Exams proctored through Everblue will have an additional proctoring fee of \$30 per exam. “We’re excited to partner with Everblue and offer these exams online to increase accessibility and efficiency,” said Scott Bray, Director of the Department’s Plant Industry Division. “By offering an online option, those unable to travel to Little Rock can now take the exams at home, expanding the availability of our Pest Control and Pesticide programs.” In addition to the online exams, the Department will continue to offer in-person certification exams at the main office in Little Rock. “The Department is responsible for administering a total of 44 different licenses and certifications,

22 of which require exams,” said Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture. “We are working to make more exams available online to increase accessibility to all

programs within the Department that require a license or certification.” Learn more about the Pest Control program online examinations at agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/regulatory-section/pest-control. Learn more about Pesticide Program licenses at agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/pesticide-section/licensing-permits/.

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need for policy, legislative, and regulatory approaches to support and strengthen the health care system. The Arkansas Hospital Association has 106 member hospitals that serve Arkansans living in cities, towns, and communities located throughout the state. For

more than 90 years, the association’s leadership has focused on advocacy that promotes initiatives to improve health care access, quality, value, service, and safety. In partnership with our members and stakeholders, the association also provides resources, builds alliances, and develops services that support Arkansas hospitals, as they strive to deliver superior health care to all Arkansans.

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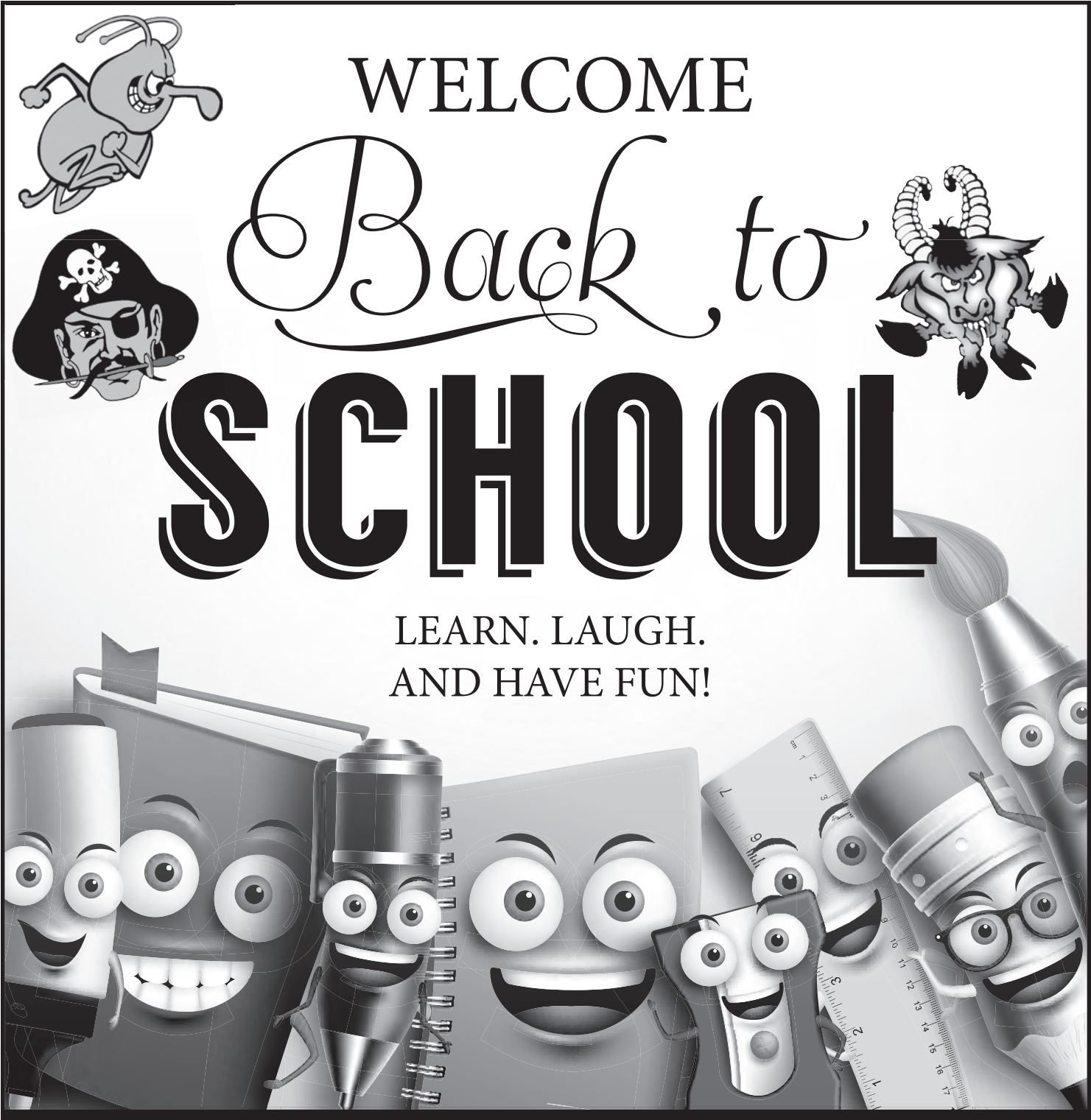
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Arkansas youth serving the Natural State

As teachers dust off desks, parents buy new school supplies and students prepare to head back to the classroom, the signs that a new school year is upon us are unmistakable. Yet I can attest that some young Arkansans were still learning over the summer break, developing new skills and gaining vital experience to help shape their future through congressional internships.

We have a responsibility to provide our youth with the resources for a solid foundation to be the next generation of leaders. That extends beyond the classroom.

As the U.S. Capitol resumes normal operations, we were able to welcome more Arkansas interns back to Washington for our summer congressional internship program. Students from Magnolia to Fayetteville came to Congress and got first-hand experience with serving Arkansans as well as a front row seat to the legislative process.

Our country has always relied on dedicated citizens to perform essential tasks and help administer services. Instilling a passion for public service in America's youth is something I'm proud to advocate. This is one of the many reasons I've launched initiatives like the Congressional Youth Cabinet and continue to promote interning in the Senate.

Constituent service is one of my most important duties as an elected official. Interns provide vital support in answering phones and processing correspondence. The hands-on approach my office strives for would not be possible without the hard work of diligent interns. Beyond day-to-day operations, they serve as stewards to visiting Arkansans, especially in giving tours of the Capitol — a special opportunity sightseers and interns alike often report is a highlight of their time in the nation's capital.


My staff and I aim to provide interns with an experience that will last a lifetime. One of the many ways we achieve this is through our speaker series. Our state often feels like one big community, so it's only natural to welcome Arkansas natives working in Washington to share their professional experiences with interns during informative question and answer sessions. This opportunity creates connections interns can leverage to achieve personal and career growth while also leaving a lasting, positive impression of public service and the impact The Natural State has on Capitol Hill.

Our hope is the opportunities we provide help interns learn and flourish regardless of their professional goals. These young men and women have a wide range of interests and aspirations from engineering to economics to government and beyond. Regardless of their career paths, congressional interns can find something D.C. has to offer them, all while helping Arkansans.

I encourage any young person interested in public service to consider applying for an internship. Some interns find their passion for policy and civic engagement while they are here. Many now work in government at all levels or take their interest for giving back to other important roles elsewhere. I was fortunate to have had very special and promising students working alongside my staff this summer serving the public. I wish all of our interns the best in school and beyond, knowing their time spent representing our state will help them along the way.

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Facebook warriors are ready for battle

Digital quarrels are a relatively new thing in human existence.

With the invention of the internet in the last century, many people in rural, isolated areas of the country, did not have access to reliable internet until the last few years. I'm sure there is still someone in the deep woods of North Dakota that has dial up but, for most of us, access to limitless information via the internet is at our fingertips 24 hours a day.

As the internet grew in popularity, websites were created to help people stay in touch. Thus the dawn of social media.

Anyone remember MySpace? Surprisingly, it's still an active website. I had no idea. I abandoned my angst teenage page filled with song lyrics and glitter pictures a long time ago.

TikTok and Snapchat are popular among the younger generation. I don't have snapchat but I do enjoy a funny TikTok before bed.

Instagram is a great place for an amateur photographer, like myself, to get photo ideas

and admire how cute other people's cats are.

Facebook seems to be the ever steady form of social media. Before my grandma passed away, she even had it on her phone and she was in her 70's.

I have begun to notice that there are less and less young people on Facebook. I thought it was because the kids saw that my generation, Gen X and even some Boomers were on Facebook and it was no longer cool. While that may be part of it, I think I have found the real reason.

This generation of young people likes to avoid conflict when possible. More times than not, people can be very brave behind a keyboard. "Facebook warriors" as I once heard them called, are bold and quick to point fingers when they are feverishly typing away. Shockingly, these self proclaimed hot heads seem to always leave out an important fact or two while they are blasting someone publicly.

Y'all know me, I'm regular aggressive. You can keep that passive stuff for yourself, I don't want any part of it.

I'll admit, in the past, I have posted strong feelings to social media that I probably should've left off of the world wide web; how-

ever, I was a young and have learned my lesson. While I stand behind most everything I have ever said, I understand that sometimes, it really is not worth saying at all.

When a grown person, who assumes any professional capacity, decides to trash another business on a social media site, it is just tacky.

I am a firm believer in everyone's feeling are valid but I also know that feelings aren't facts. While you are always entitled to feel however you want to feel, that does not mean that you are always accurate.

People will make mistakes, companies will mess up, this is a part of life. Before you post a hateful comment to a social media site, ask yourself, have you ever made a mistake?

If you haven't, then by all means, throw those stones. But if you have made an error in your life, I assume that you were granted forgiveness and the situation turned out alright in the end.

We are so bad, my household included, in thinking that inconveniences are actual problems. We really are the society that has the most "first world problems".

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Special session successes

Today I'd like to talk about the excellent position our state is in to provide additional financial relief for Arkansans.

In December, we cut nearly \$500 million in taxes which was the largest tax cut in Arkansas history. This gave the people of Arkansas some financial relief and continued my promise of cutting taxes for everyone.

But as the cost of living continues to go up, Arkansans need more money in their pockets now. Because of the work we have done to be more efficient in state government, we have created a record surplus in the last fiscal year,

and it is clear the state is collecting more than it needs. This gives us the ability to provide financial relief in a time when Arkansans need it most.

Just eight months later, I have signed into law an acceleration of the historic December cuts while also signing into law funding for a new grant program to help schools better protect our children.

With the support of the Arkansas General Assembly, we have been able to lower the individual tax rate to 4.9%, which will save taxpayers a total of \$295 million just this year. In 1929, the state income tax was at 5.0%. In 2014, the state income tax was at its highest level at 7%, but our reserves were empty. Less than eight years later, we will have the lowest income tax in state history since its creation, all while hav-

ing more than \$2 billion in state reserves. We also created a \$150 nonrefundable tax credit for low- and middle-income Arkansans, saving taxpayers another \$156 million this year.

This means the total individual tax relief this year alone is more than \$400 million.

My other goal for this special session was to ensure our children are protected in their schools. When parents drop their children off at school, they want to have confidence their children are going to be safe. I proposed we transfer \$50 million from the state surplus for the purpose of a school safety grant program. The General Assembly concurred with this plan.

At the beginning of the month,

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Tax cuts approved by Senate

The legislature concluded a quick, three-day special session after approving income tax cuts that will save 1.6 million Arkansans taxpayers about \$500 million.

The tax savings will come mainly from moving up the effective date of previously adopted tax reductions. Last December the legislature lowered the top income tax rate over four

years, so that it would be 4.9 percent in 2025.

Thanks to legislation enacted during the special session, that reduction becomes effective this year.

In similar fashion, the legislature moved up the effective date of previously approved tax reductions that lowered the top rate for corporations over three years, to 5.3 percent in 2025. The top rate will take effect in 2023. For tax year 2022 the top rate will remain at 5.9 percent.

Moving up the effective date will save businesses in Arkansas about

\$18.6 million this fiscal year. The savings increase the following year to \$27.8 million.

Another provision enacted during the special session will save Arkansas businesses \$29.4 million this year. The legislature approved a change in how they can claim deductions for depreciation and expensing of property, making the Arkansas tax code similar to depreciation schedules in section 179 of federal tax codes.

This will allow Arkansas businesses to claim deductions for the purchase of new or used equip-

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Tax cuts passed in special session

After passing legislation to accelerate tax cuts and provide funding for school safety, the 93rd General Assembly adjourned from a special session on Thursday.

In December of 2021, the General Assembly passed legislation outlining the largest tax cut in state history. That legislation lowered the state income tax from what was then 5.9 percent to 4.9 percent incrementally over a period of 4 years.

The first reduction took effect on January 1, 2022 lowering the income tax to 5.5 percent.

After a record surplus and a period of rising inflation, the Governor called the legislature back for a special session to accelerate the implementation of the tax cut.

As a result, the General Assembly passed Act 1 and Act 2. Those acts are identical pieces of legislation reducing the income tax to 4.9 percent and making that rate retroactive to January 1, 2022. The legislation also lowers corporate income taxes from 5.9 percent to 5.3 percent on January 1, 2023. In addition, it aligns Arkansas law with the federal depreciation schedule which will provide relief for business owners by accelerating the depreciation of their assets and allow for an easier calculation of their tax bill.

Act 1 and Act 2 also grant a nonrefundable income tax credit of \$150 to taxpayers with income up to \$87,000 and \$300 to couples filing jointly with income up to \$174,000.

The Department of Finance and Administration says the agency will issue revised payroll withholding tables to more than 80,000 employers across Arkansas within the next month. The agency anticipates they will be effective October 1. This will give employers adequate time to program the changes and also ensure Arkansans see more money in their paychecks as soon as possible.

In this special session, the General Assembly also passed Act 3. This act sets aside \$50 million from the revenue sur-

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University of Arkansas at Monticello holds move-in day for Weevils



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WEEVIL WELCOME This past weekend, students from all over converged onto the University of Arkansas at Monticello to settle in to resident life. Classes begin for the Weevils on Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Catch up on routine vaccinations during National Immunization Awareness Month

By **REBEKAH HALL**
U of A System Division of Agriculture

As the new school year kicks off, one of the best ways families can protect themselves from illness is to ensure they're up to date on vaccinations. This August, Arkansans can participate in National Immunization Awareness Month by contacting their doctors and scheduling routine vaccinations. Bryan Mader, extension assistant professor and health specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said vaccinations are critical for the current and future health of children. "For children, receiving vaccinations according to the recommended timeline is essential for their health and helps to provide immunity for potentially life-threatening illnesses," Mader said. "Several

vaccines have been around for many years — in some cases, for decades — and have been shown to be safe and effective ways to reduce serious illness." For adults, Mader said immunization is "one of the easiest, safest and most convenient ways to prevent illness." "Vaccinations in adulthood are necessary to update the immunity received from childhood vaccinations, as this immunity can wear off over time," Mader said. "Certain vaccines, such as the influenza — or flu — vaccine should be received each year in order to help keep you healthy." As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it can be confusing to navigate vaccines and boosters. Mader said the current recommendation for youth and adolescents aged 6 months and older is to get a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Children and adolescents aged 5 years and older who receive the Pfizer vaccine should get a booster at least five months after their second shot. "While children and adolescents are typically at lower risk than adults of becoming severely ill or hospitalized from COVID-19, it is still possible," Mader said. For adults, everyone who is eligible should receive a COVID-19 vaccine (or a two-dose series) as well as a booster dose. Mader said Moderna recipients aged 18 and older should get a booster at least five months after the second shot; Pfizer recipients aged 5 and older should get a booster at least five months after the second shot; and Johnson & Johnson recipients aged 18 and older should get a Pfizer or Moderna booster at least two

months after their initial shot. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and to locate a vaccination or booster site. For pediatric vaccines, Mader said "scheduling these with your child's pediatrician is always the easiest route." The Arkansas Department of Health also provides vaccines at its local health units in each of the state's 75 counties, and those can be found on the Department of Health website. For adults, Mader said many pharmacies — such as CVS, Walgreens, local pharmacies and more — as well as bigger stores and retailers, such as Kroger and Walmart, provide immunizations year-round, including flu vaccines. Mader said doctors' offices and health clinics can offer most adult vac-

inations, such as Tdap (the vaccine for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), shingles, varicella (chicken pox), hepatitis and MMR, which protects against measles, mumps and rubella. "Making appointments with your doctor's office, nurse, pharmacist or other healthcare provider is the easiest way to obtain these immunizations," Mader said. The CDC's immunization schedules website provides information on which vaccines children and adults should get and when they should get them, illustrated in a calendar format. The Arkansas Department of Health's immunization website is also a helpful resource. With the recent arrival of monkeypox, a viral disease related to smallpox, in the United States, Mader said the CDC recommends a monkeypox vaccine for "anyone who has been exposed to monkeypox and people who may be more likely to get monkeypox." This includes people who have been identified by public health officials as a contact of someone with monkeypox; people who are aware that one of their sexual partners in the past two weeks has been diagnosed with the virus; and people who have had multiple sexual partners in the past two weeks in an area with known cases of monkeypox. Mader said this group also includes people whose jobs may expose them to orthopoxviruses, such as laboratory workers who perform testing for orthopoxviruses or handle cultures or animals with orthopoxviruses, and some designated healthcare or public health workers. For more information about the virus, visit the CDC's monkeypox website.

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ment, up to about \$1 million, in a single year. Previously, state tax law limited the amount that could be deducted and required deductions to be spread out over the life of the equipment. Individuals with incomes up to \$87,000 will get a \$150

nonrefundable tax credit. Married taxpayers who file separately may each claim a \$150 credit. Married taxpayers filing jointly with net income up to \$174,000 will receive a \$300 nonrefundable income tax credit. Those income tax credits will save Arkansas families more than \$156 million in Fiscal Year 2023. Even after passage of the

tax cuts, state government is on course to have a budget surplus of about \$400 million at the end of the fiscal year, according to the bill's sponsors. Also during the special session, the legislature authorized the state Education Department to use \$50 million from reserve funds for grants to school districts that need school safety up-

grades. If necessary, the legislature will consider additional funding of school safety measures during the 2023 regular session, which begins in January. The Arkansas School Safety Commission is finalizing a list of recommendations to protect students and staff in the event of a school shooter. The commission recommends that an armed school

resources officer be present in all buildings at all times when there are students. Another recommendation is that all school doors be locked, with electronic controls. Teachers should be able to lock classroom doors from the inside, the commission recommended. Security cameras, accessible to school staff and law enforcement, as well as two-

way radios to connect school personnel with local police officers, are recommended. Some lawmakers wanted to consider pay raises for teachers. However, the governor did not put that issue on the call for the special session so salary increases for teachers will be an issue during the 2023 regular session.

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I have hardly any patience and I do not like being inconvenienced any more than the next lady who has a full time job and a Fred to chase after, but it happens sometimes. And, even with my short fuse, I manage not to make innocent people

who made an honest mistake, feel like they are two inches tall. Don't pick a fight on Facebook and act like you are Sparta's finest soldier only to be confronted in the non-digital world and be as quiet and cowardly as a church mouse. If you are going to bark, you need to be prepared to bite.

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the Arkansas School Safety Commission presented an interim report to me highlighting recommendations for schools to ensure the best protections for our children. With this grant program, we can provide funding for school districts to increase

security measures on their campuses. This will benefit all schools, but especially those who need the most help meeting the recommendations. I applaud the work of the General Assembly for putting more money back into the pockets of Arkansans and for ensuring schools have the proper resources to keep our children safe.

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plus for the purpose of funding a school safety grant program. The grants will help

districts fund the recommendations of the School Safety Commission. You can watch the recorded committees and House floor proceedings at www.arkansashouse.org.



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MPD displays new tech at Rotary meeting



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By: EMBER DAVIS

Monticello Police Chief Jason Akers and MPD officers, Shaun Curtis and William West recently shared about new technology that the department has acquired, often from grants, with the Monticello Rotary Club.

MPD has a rare mobile fingerprinting unit that can help them ID either suspects or victims remotely by syncing to a database- one of very few in the state. They also have a portable device that can ID controlled substances by using a laser, saving extensive time waiting for results from the state crime lab, which is backlogged. Chief Akers said that sometimes evidence being tested takes so long that a possession charge could be proven only after the statute of limitations has passed for the crime.

Generally, the theme of the meeting was that the city force wants to work “smarter not harder” and recent tech advancements keep criminals off the streets and protect citizens and officers effectively and efficiently.

The drone was demonstrated in the Green Room of the Gibson University Center for the club. Officer Shaun Curtis went through training and has a drone with him at all times if the need for one arises. Recent local applications for drone use included finding a disoriented/lost citizen, locating wandering livestock, and tracking a criminal who attempted to flee through heavy brush. The drone cameras have a great zoom quality and also offer heat mapping so night or wooded searches are still possible. The drone can also have a speaker or light attachment for officers to communicate with people, whether a suspect or victims of a disaster or search and rescue mission. The drone speed and camera capabilities allow officers to act more efficiently and safely with their Human Resources.

Over \$50 million provided for Arkansas water and wastewater projects; Monticello receives over \$2 million

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On August 11, 2022, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Commission approved \$54,432,829 for 11 water and wastewater projects serving more than 49,000 Arkansans. The projects are as follows:

The City of Monticello, Drew County, received a \$2,136,616 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to replace and relocate the existing water mains. The water customer base for this project is 4,044.

The City of Danville, Yell County, received a \$360,500 loan from the Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fund to install ultraviolet disinfection equipment to meet Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality requirements. The current customer base for this project is 786.

The City of Menifee, Conway County, received a \$294,863 loan from the Water Development Fund for waterline replacement. The customer base for this project is 200.

The City of Piggott, Clay County, received a \$456,994 loan from the Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fund for wastewater treatment facility improvements. The customer base is 1,821.

The City of Prairie Grove, Washington County, received a \$2,060,000 loan from the Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fund to expand the wastewater treatment facility. The current customer base for this project is 3,202.

The City of Rogers Water Utilities, Benton County, received a \$31,246,250 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to construct a sludge drying facility capable of producing a Class A biosolids product. The current customer base for this project is 25,068.

The Southwest White County Public Water Authority received a \$14,441,906 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to make water system improvements to nine key areas. The customer base for this project is 4,518.

The following projects received emergency funding:

The City of Eudora, Chicot County, received a \$100,000 loan from the Water Development Fund to make emergency repairs to the well pumping station, replace the filter valve actuators, air dryer, and filter valve actuator solenoids. The current customer base for this project is 925.

The City of Sidney, Sharp County, received a \$100,000 loan from the Water Development Fund to make emergency repairs to the water system and

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DCSO makes multiple arrests

On Wednesday, August 10 at approximately 10:13 a.m., Sheriff Mark Gober received a call from a Drug Task Force agent stating he had attempted to make a traffic stop on Jerry Brooks, who had outstanding warrants at this time. When his vehicle stopped, Brooks fled from the vehicle and the agent noticed a hand gun in Brooks’ hand.

The Task Force agent asked for assistance from the Drew County Sheriff’s Department. A total of six from the DCSO arrived at the scene to assist.

Also on the scene were members of Chicot County Sheriff’s Department, Dermott Police Department, Ashley County Sheriff’s Department, and the Arkansas Department of Corrections K-9 unit. The K-9 team tracked Brooks to the edge of the Bayou Bartholomew and then picked up the track of Brooks on the west side of the Bayou in Drew County showing that Brooks did swim the Bayou. The tracking of Brooks continued well into the night around 9 p.m. and was suspended due to lack of tracks located by the dogs. A deputy received a call around 3 a.m. that Brooks had stopped at a residence in Collins and changed shoes then left. The following morning at approximately 9:30 a.m., Sheriff Gober drove to the Sixteenth Section Road where Jerry Brooks had been living with his father. According to the DCSO report, as Gober approached the residence nearing the driveway, he observed Jerry Brooks riding on a four-wheeler headed south towards him and turning into the driveway of his dad’s house. As Gober drove into the yard, Brooks got off the four-wheeler and walked to the door of the home

and laid down at the door, which was opened by his dad. Brooks was then taken into custody. Sargent Dan Garrison and Deputy John Herrington arrived at the scene and transported Brooks to the Drew County Detention Facility. Jerry Brooks was given a \$150,000 cash bond and remains in custody.

Shortly after Brooks was placed in the transport vehicle, the Radio Dispatcher reported that a man that had his side by side stolen from his residence in Monticello early that morning had just driven past his side by side on Garnett Road. He reported to Dispatch that the white male driving the side by side drove to Rose Hill Church, located at the corner of Highway 83 and Rose Hill Cut off, then fled on foot running into a tree line headed south. The caller identified the male as Jessie Morgan, age 27 of Drew County. Jessie Morgan at the time, had a warrant from the Drew County Sheriff’s Department for Theft of a Vehicle. According to witnesses, on July 12, Morgan stole a Cadillac off of Drew 22 Lane. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Jessie Morgan.

A search was conducted on foot for approximately forty-five minutes before he walked out of the woods near officers and turned himself in. Morgan was taken into custody on scene. The witness said Morgan had a back pack earlier when he ran. A search was conducted for his back pack. After going back in the area Morgan fled, the back pack was located in a wooded area. A glass pipe was found inside the pack.

Jessie Morgan was given a \$15,000 bond and bonded out on August 14.

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Paul Henry Caldwell

Paul Henry Caldwell, 68, of Monticello, passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at his home. He was born October 31, 1953, in Monticello, to Mary Emily Caldwell Calhoun and the late William Wallace "Bill" Caldwell. Paul was a member of Lakeside United Methodist Church. He was a graduate of Pine Bluff High School. After high school, he went on to attend The University of Arkansas at Monticello. Paul was an avid Razorback fan and loved to attend the games. He enjoyed coaching his Babe Ruth Baseball team the Tigers, for close to thirty years. Paul worked for Southern Hardware as a territory manager. He enjoyed his job, especially visiting and calling on his customers. He loved spending time on the family farm, doing yard work, and gardening.



CALDWELL

He is preceded in death by his father, William Wallace "Bill" Caldwell, and his wife, Vickie Caldwell.

Paul is survived by his mother, Mary Emily Caldwell Calhoun; children, Chris Caldwell (Paige), Will Caldwell (Brittainy) all of Monticello, and Sarah Caldwell Sim (Nick) of Los Angeles; brother, Wallace Caldwell (Tracy) of Maumelle; five grandchildren, Bill and Sadye Caldwell of Monticello, Colt Caldwell of Little Rock, and Blaine and Cooper Caldwell of Monticello; Fiancé, Beverly Long of Sheridan; as well as a host of other family and friends.

Visitation was Friday, August 12, 2022, in the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel from 5 - 7 p.m. Funeral Services were Saturday, August 13, 2022, in the Stephenson-Dearman Chapel at 10 a.m. Burial followed in Parkdale Cemetery in Parkdale. Memorials may be made

in Paul's honor to The UAM Baseball program c/o UAM Foundation Attention Baseball P.O. Box 3520 Monticello, AR 71656 or the Monticello Billies Booster Club 935 Scoggin Drive, Monticello, 71655.

For more information and to sign Paul's guestbook visit www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Martha Glen Pickens Forrester

Martha Glen Pickens Forrester, 70, of Monticello, went to be with her Lord and Savior Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock. She was born November 28, 1951, in Bradley County, to the late David Pickens and Madelyn Moran Pickens.

She was the widow of Billy Fike Forrester, a former employee of Walmart and the University of Arkansas at Monticello and was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her twin sister, Mary Lynn Pickens Neely and husband Marshall. Martha loved her church and its activities, traveling to Branson, Memphis and going on cruises; but her greatest passion was caring for her beloved daughter, Karen. The Warren High School Class of 1970 loved Martha as a friend and classmate and she will be missed by each of them.



FORRESTER

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Denise Forrester of Monticello; her best friend, Linda Naron of Monticello; along with several cousins.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 6, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Sanders Brooks officiating. Burial was in Moseley Cemetery in Bradley County. There was a visitation from 1-2 p.m.

preceding the funeral service at the funeral home. You can sign Martha's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Dorothy Mae Barber Donaldson Goggans

Dorothy Mae Barber Donaldson Goggans, 83, of Dermott, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2022, at the Dermott City Nursing Home in Dermott. She was born September 23, 1938, in Joiner, to the late John T. Barber and Thelma Mae Ohler Barber.

She was the widow of Jack Donaldson and James Goggans, a retired boat builder with MonArk Boats of Monticello and was of the Pentecostal faith. Mrs. Dorothy was a hard worker with an amazing work ethic and a woman of integrity,



GOGGANS

yet a very simple woman. She enjoyed dancing, gardening, fishing and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was also preceded in death by three brothers, Johnny, Michael and Larry Barber; and two sisters, Edith Lorene Brooks and Sue Booth.

She is survived by three sons, Floyd Donaldson of Marriero, La., Mike Donaldson of Kansas City, Mo. and William Donaldson of Dermott; two brothers, Raymond Barber of Little Rock and Kenneth Barber of Jonesboro; six sisters, Gay Bartlett of Harrison, Polly Jewel of Benton, Pearl Oliver of Benton, Maggie Scholage of Minnesota, Trixie Jones of Little Rock and Peggy Gallo-way of Redfield; along with eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel with Rev. Larry Donaldson and Rev. Roger

Pierce officiating. Burial was in Centerpoint Cemetery. You can sign Mrs. Dorothy's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Rebecca Lynn Howard

Rebecca Lynn Howard, 57, of New Edinburg, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022, at her home. She was born May 8, 1965, in Warren, to the late Luther Cherry, Jr. and Lucille Henry Cherry.

She was a homemaker and former employee of Burlington Industries and a Baptist. Rebecca loved flowers but her greatest passion was spending time with her husband and children.

She is survived by her husband, David Howard of New Edinburg; her four children, Destiney Higgins (Kayla) of Warren, Cody Howard (Chel-sea) of Warren, Colton Howard (Nicole) of Little Rock and Nathan Howard (Ariel) of Minden, La.; two brothers, Dennis Cherry (Karen) of West Virginia and Steven Cherry of Warren; twelve grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, along with her loving dogs Bullet and Little Joe.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Monday, August 15, 2022, at Union Hill Cemetery in Ingalls, with Rev. David Williams officiating. You can sign Rebecca's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Ray Thomas King

Ray Thomas King, 101, of Tyro, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2022, at Chenal Pines Retirement Community in Little Rock where he and his wife Patricia resided. He was born October 2, 1920, in Tyro, to the late Ernest and Grace King.

As a young man, Ray worked for the Civil Conservation Corps and was a pipeline welder. He was an airline mechanic for Catalina Flying Boats, American Airlines and Boeing Aircraft Company. He also worked in maintenance at Burlington Mills. In addition,

he was a logger and cattleman and enjoyed reading, gardening and woodworking. He was a proud World War II United States Army Veteran and a member of the Christian Church.

Ray's service to his country began in August of 1944 during World War II in Company B 194th Glider Infantry, 17th Airborne Division, and was a volunteer paratrooper. His decorations included the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, American Campaign Ribbon with two bronze stars, good conduct medal, Army of Occupation Ribbon (Germany) Victory Ribbon, one overseas service bar and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He served in the Rhineland Central Europe Campaign with occupation specialties as a rifleman, cook with the 325th Glider Infantry and Mess Sergeant. He also served in the postwar effort in the Enlisted Reserve Corps in Aircraft Assembly.



KING



He was also preceded in death by his oldest daughter, Emma Victoria (Vicki) Truman; two brothers, Johnny King and Ralph King; and one sister, Olive Clark.

Ray is survived by his wife, Patricia King of Little Rock; children, Ray King Jr. (Denise) of Hagerman N.M., Mark King (Sandi) from Oologah, Okla., Linda Marcum (Ron) from Harrison, John King (Luisa) from Plano, Texas, and Rebecca Hupp (Michael) from Little Rock, 20 Grandchildren, 34 Great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren; and sisters: Frances Hale of Brandon Miss., Paula Jean Tredwell of Wichita, Kan. and Joann Drake of San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral services with military honors were at 10 a.m.

Saturday, August 6, 2022, at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Chuck Ball officiating. Burial was in Tyro Cemetery.

You can sign Mr. Ray's guestbook page at www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

Mary Seiple Parker

Mary Seiple Parker, 93, of Monticello, passed away on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. Mary was born Thursday, August 8, 1929, in Mobile, Ala. to the late Earl Russell and Mary Bruce Seiple. Mary will be greatly missed by all the lives she touched during her time here on earth.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Earl Russell, Jr.

Left to cherish Mary's beautiful memories are her three children: Maria Daniels (Mike), Sylvia Picone (Jon), John Thomas Parker, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, along with extended family members, and wonderful friends.

A graveside service for Mary was held Monday, August 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Pine Crest Cemetery, 1939 Dauphin Island Parkway, Mobile, Ala. 36605.



PARKER

Memorials may be made in honor of Mary Seiple Parker to First United Methodist Church, 317 South Main, Monticello, 71655.

The family would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the Woods Nursing Home, Hospice, Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home, Radney Funeral Home, and Pine Crest Cemetery.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.radneyfuneralhome-mobile.com for the Parker family or on our website www.stephensondearman.com.

(Paid obituary)

WATER

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pump station. The current customer base for this project is 149.

The following projects received additional funding:

The Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority, Benton County, received \$2,500,000 in additional funding to their previously approved \$82,500,000 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for wastewater treatment plant improvements due to higher bids than anticipated.

The customer base for this project totals 8,543.

The Greenland Wastewater System, Washington County, received \$735,700 in additional funding to their previously approved \$2,192,866 loan and \$1,617,434 loan with principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund to replace and expand a lift station and replace a force main. The customer base for this project is 482.

More information about the Natural Resource Division's water and wastewater programs can

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See **CLASSIFIEDS** Page 10A

Legals

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2022-17 FOR ADULT DRUG COURT

ARTICLE 1. The **Fifteenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated August 8, 2022 and is filed with the County Clerk, is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 5. This **Fifteenth** Appropriation Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Quorum Court and approval by the County Judge. (See 2016 ACCG §14-14-907 3(f))

ADOPTED: August 8, 2022

APPROVED:
/s/Robert Akin
Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

Attest:
/s/Nancy White
Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Steve Pigott, Frank Appleberry

ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE 2022-17

The **Fifteenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated August 8, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-17

Decrease Unappropriated Adult Drug Court Fund (3028)

\$1000.00 and increase the following line item:

Adult Drug Court

3028.0401.3030 Travel \$ 1000.00

Correct Coding of Expense by the following transaction:

Transfer \$200.00 from:

Circuit Judge 1000.0401.3090 to Adult Drug Court 3028.0401.3030

Reason for Appropriation: To appropriate funds and correct expense coding.

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

#103969 8/17

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-18

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2022-18 TO BUILD TWO HOLDING CELLS IN THE COURTHOUSE.

ARTICLE 1. The **Sixteenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated August 8, 2022 and is filed with the County Clerk, is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

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

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

ARTICLE 4. If any provision of this ordinance (including, but not limited to any provisions of the **Sixteenth** Amendment

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Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. is accepting applications for the following positions:
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to the 2022 Annual Budget or appropriations in that amendment) are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance (and the amendment to the budget and appropriations) are declared to be severable.

ARTICLE 5. This **Sixteenth** Appropriation Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Quorum Court and approval by the County Judge. (See 2016 ACCG §14-14-907 3(f))

ADOPTED: August 8, 2022

APPROVED:

/s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

Attest:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Joe Williams, Carole Bulloch

ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE 2022-18

The **Sixteenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated August 8, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-18

Decrease Unappropriated Courthouse Security Grant (3501)

\$20,000.00 and increase the following line item:

Court House Security Grant

3501.0400.4004 Machinery and Equipment \$ 20,000.00

Reason for Appropriation: To build 2 “holding cells”

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$110.04.

#103970 8/17

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-19

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2022-19 FOR 911 EQUIPMENT FROM LIGHTNING STRIKE

ARTICLE 1. The **Seventeenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated August 8, 2022 and is filed with the County Clerk, is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 5. This **Seventeenth** Appropriation Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Quorum Court and approval by the County Judge. (See 2016 ACCG §14-14-907 3(f))

ADOPTED: August 8, 2022

APPROVED:

/s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

Attest:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Steven Morrison, Roger Harris

ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE 2022-19

The **Seventeenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated August 8, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-19

Decrease Unappropriated Countywide 911 (3020) \$ 75,740.81 and increase the following line item:

Countywide 911

3020.0501.4004 Machinery and Equipment \$ 75,740.81

Reason for Appropriation: For 911 equipment

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$108.36.

#103971 8/17

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-20

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2022-20 FOR ASPHALT

ARTICLE 1. The **Eighteenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, which the Annual Budget was dated December 13, 2021, and which amendment is dated August 8, 2022 and is filed with the County Clerk, is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as though set out word for word.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 5. This **Eighteenth** Appropriation Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Quorum Court and approval by the County Judge. (See 2016 ACCG §14-14-907 3(f))

ADOPTED: August 8, 2022

APPROVED:

/s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

Attest:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

Sponsors: Steve Pigott, Joe Williams, Jr.

ATTACHMENT TO APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE 2022-20

The **Eighteenth** Amendment to the 2022 Annual Budget for Drew County, Dated August 8, 2022

Appropriation Ordinance 2022-20

Decrease Unappropriated 1 Cent Special Road Fund (2800) \$ 1,000,000.00 and increase the following line item:

1 Cent Special Road Fund

2800.0200.2025 Asphalt \$ 1,000,000.00

Reason for Appropriation: Asphalt

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$108.08

#103972 8/17

DREW COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-21

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2022-21 FOR FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SALARY STIPENDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 224 OF THE 2022 FISCAL SESSION OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE; AND TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR DREW COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

Article 1: WHEREAS, 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.

Article 2: WHEREAS, Act 224 authorizes the payment of a \$5,000.00 stipend to each eligible full-time law enforcement officer as defined in the Act; acknowledged by the county sheriff [law enforcement agency]; acknowledged by each eligible officer; and verified by the Division of Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

Article 3: WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Quorum Court of Drew County, Arkansas, to appropriate the necessary funding to provide each full-time law enforcement officer, as defined in Act 224, a one-time stipend payment of \$5,000.00 less all appropriate employee deductions. Said stipend shall not be incorporated into the base pay of an employee for future salary adjustments. In the instance of a one-time stipend payment to an eligible elected County Sheriff the payment shall not be construed to be part of the county officer’s compensation as defined in Amendment 55, § 5 of the Arkansas Constitution or Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-14-1203(d).

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Quorum Court of Drew County, Arkansas, that:

Ordinance No. 2021-21, the 2022 Annual Budget ordinance is hereby amended, and the sum of \$73,782.00 is hereby appropriated from Fund 1000 General Fund, to the following department and line item(s) in the amounts and in the manner set forth below.

Department	Line Item	Amount
0400 Sheriff	Line 1001 Salaries, Full Time	\$60,000.00
0400 Sheriff	Line 1006 Social Security Matching	\$ 4,590.00
0400 Sheriff	Line 1008 Retirement	\$ 9,192.00
	Total	\$73,782.00

This amendment increases the amount appropriated for the Sheriff’s Department budget by \$73,782.00 making the total 2022 County Sheriff’s budget \$1,408,923.14; and thereby increases the County General Fund #1000 appropriation by \$73,782.00 making the total 2022 County General Fund appropriation \$5,184,612.91.

Article 4: It is the intent of the Drew County Quorum Court that the appropriations contained herein are to be used only for stipend pay for full-time law enforcement officers and associated payroll expenses. This ordinance is only the Nineteenth Amendment to the 2022 county operating budget established by Drew County Ordinance No. 2021-21 and other amendments thereto. All other appropriations and policy statements of Ordinance No. 2021-21 shall remain in full force.

It is also the intent of this Court that the County Treasurer amend the County General revenue projection to include the grant funding received from the State of Arkansas for the aforementioned stipends and that this funding may be appropriated at the 100% level as allowed for state grants pursuant to § 14-20-103(b) (1).

Article 5: Under the general laws of the State of Arkansas, specifically § 14-14-907(d)(e)(f), appropriation ordinances are enacted without separate readings upon a two-thirds vote of the Quorum Court and shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

APPROVED:

/s/Robert Akin

Robert Akin, Drew County Judge

Attest:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, Drew County Clerk

DATED: August 8, 2022

Sponsors: Frank Appleberry, Joe Williams, Jr.

Paid for by the Drew County Clerk’s Office in the amount of \$161.00.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF DREW, STATE OF ARKANSAS: AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF MOTOR-BRAKES AND COMPRESSING RELEASE ENGINE BRAKES (ALSO COMMONLY KNOWN AS “JAKE-BRAKES”); AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, citizen complaints have been made regarding large trucks using a compression release engine brake (also known as a motor brake, compression brake or decompression brake, and Jake-Brake), the use of which is commonly referred to as “Jake-Braking”, and which uses engine compression and gases to slow the truck in order to avoid having to use the truck’s brakes to decelerate the speed of the truck, and in the process creates loud, excessive, harsh, irritating and annoying noises that unreasonably disturb the peace of citizens residing in the area of Drew County highways and roads; and

WHEREAS, the terrain of Drew County is not mountainous or its highways and roads so irregular in their grade that Jake-Braking is necessary for a truck to decelerate as and when needed on the highways and roads of Drew County;

NOW THEREFOR IT BE ORDAINED, by the Quorum Court of Drew County, Arkansas, as follows:

Article 1. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any truck or other motor vehicle to use or operate or cause to be used or operated within Drew County any mechanical exhaust device, or motor brake, or compression release brake, or Jake-Brake, designed or intended to aid in the deceleration of the vehicle which results in loud, excessive, harsh, irritating and/or annoying noises. However, it is an affirmative defense to a violation of this Ordinance that such motor-braking, etc., was used on an emergency basis to avoid damage to property or a personal injury.

Article 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction hereof shall pay a fine not exceeding \$150.00 for each offense.

Article 3. Enforcement of this Ordinance shall only be done where signs have been posted in the area where jake-braking has occurred so that drivers will have fair notice of this Ordinance.

nance. Said signs shall state language reasonably similar to: “NO JAKE-BRAKING BY ORDER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-_____, UNLESS FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES”.

Article 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE (Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-908). An emergency is hereby declared to exist; that this Ordinance, being necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Drew County, Arkansas, will be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Quorum Court and approved by the County Judge.

PASSED this 8th day of August, 2022, by the Quorum Court of Drew County, Arkansas.

APPROVED:

/s/Robert Akin

HONORABLE ROBERT AKIN

Drew County Judge

Date: August 8, 2022

ATTEST:

/s/Nancy White

Nancy White, County Clerk of Drew County

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Football season officially underway with Blue/White game



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DRAYDEN PHARR (5) looks down field before connecting with **JAYDEN RHODES (1)** for a Junior Billie touchdown in the Junior Blue/White Scrimmage.



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BROOKS BOWMAN looks to pass during the Monticello Senior Billies Blue/White Scrimmage on Friday night at Hyatt Field. The annual scrimmage game kicks off the 2022 football season and gives the Billie fans a glimpse at what to expect from the Junior and Senior Billies this season.

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Junior and Senior Billies held the annual Blue/White Scrimmage game on Friday, August 12, at Hyatt Field.

Billie fans would get a glimpse of how the Billies and Junior Billies could possibly look during the 2022 Season.

In order to attend the scrimmage, Billie fans donated laundry detergent and soap which helps to cut costs for the necessary items for the program.

The Junior Billies took to the field to open the festivities with fans getting an early look at eighth grade quarterback Jude Park before ninth grade quarterback coming in to complete the first touchdown pass to Jayden Rhodes.

The scrimmage allowed for the eighth and ninth players to get

reps in game scenarios.

After the Junior Billies left the field, the junior and senior squads along with the junior and senior cheerleaders were announced before the Senior Billies took the field for their scrimmage session.

Billie fans would get to see for the first time how the Billie offense may look under new Offensive Coordinator Matt Gonzales with looks at Junior Quarterback Brooks Bowman and Sophomore Quarterback Tye Guthrie.

Bowman would connect with Jemar Mathews early on and would connect with Evan Bealer for a touchdown.

The Billies also received quality yards on the ground from junior Jontavion Lambert and sophomore Curtis Barrow.

Defensively, the Billies got tackles from junior Hunter Howard and sophomore Jagger Hines.

The Billies will look to senior

Hayden Carter to be a central leader on the defensive side of the ball.

The Billies also mixed in a little levity into the scrimmage with Athletic Director Blair Brown coming in to take a couple of snaps for the Billie offense.

The Billies' Benefit Game at Rison will be covered in next week's edition of the Advance.

The contest against Rison will have taken place on Tuesday, August 16.

The Junior Billies will return to the field on Thursday, August 25 in a benefit contest against Fordyce at Hyatt Field with a 7pm kickoff scheduled.

The Billies will travel to Fordyce on Friday, August 26, to face the Redbugs in the first official contest of the season.

The Fordyce game is scheduled to kickoff at 7pm.



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BRAYDENN MILLETT received the majority of the carries for the Drew Central Pirates in their open scrimmage Thursday. The Pirates will host a meet and greet plus a small Red/White scrimmage on Thursday, August 18.

Pirates hold open scrimmage session under new head coach

By: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Pirates held an open scrimmage on Thursday, August 11, in front of several Pirate Fans.

The Scrimmage was the first look at the Pirates under new head coach Larry White.

The Pirates would run the first string

offense with the second string taking over after turn over on downs.

Both offenses were able to move the ball through the air and on the ground.

Kade Bodiford was the starting quarterback with Braydenn Millett getting the majority of carries on the ground including a long rush that set up a touchdown for the Pirates first string.



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TRA'BENNETT FULLER breaks free for a first down for the Pirate second string offense.

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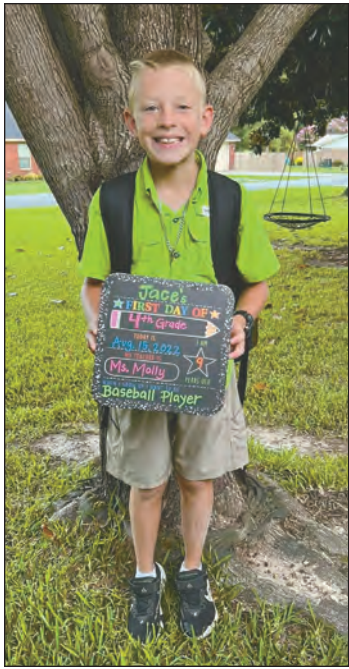
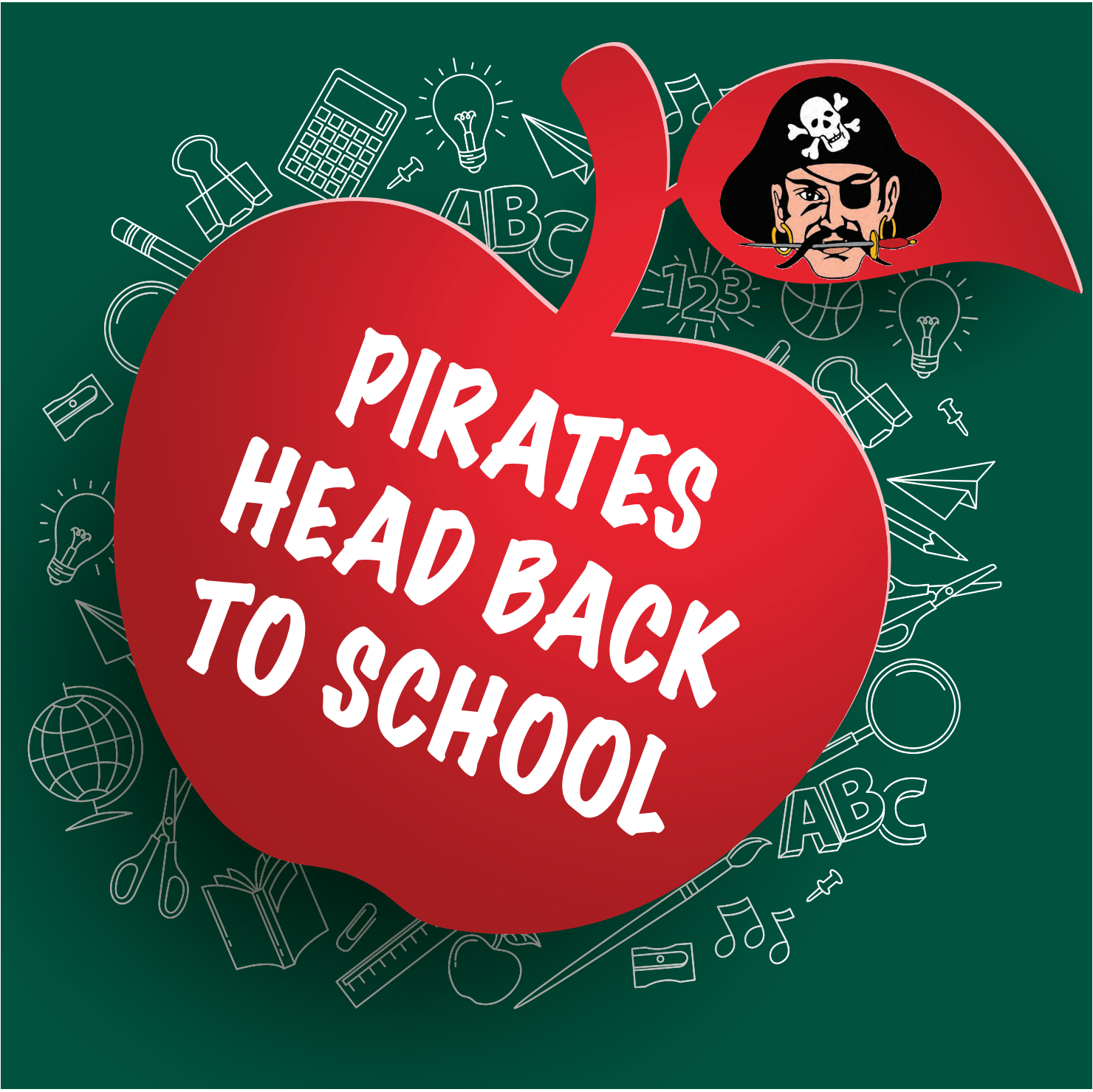
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Unscramble the words to
determine the phrase.

K B C A O T C L O S O H

Answer: Back to school

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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7	4		14
9		5	20
18	10	9	

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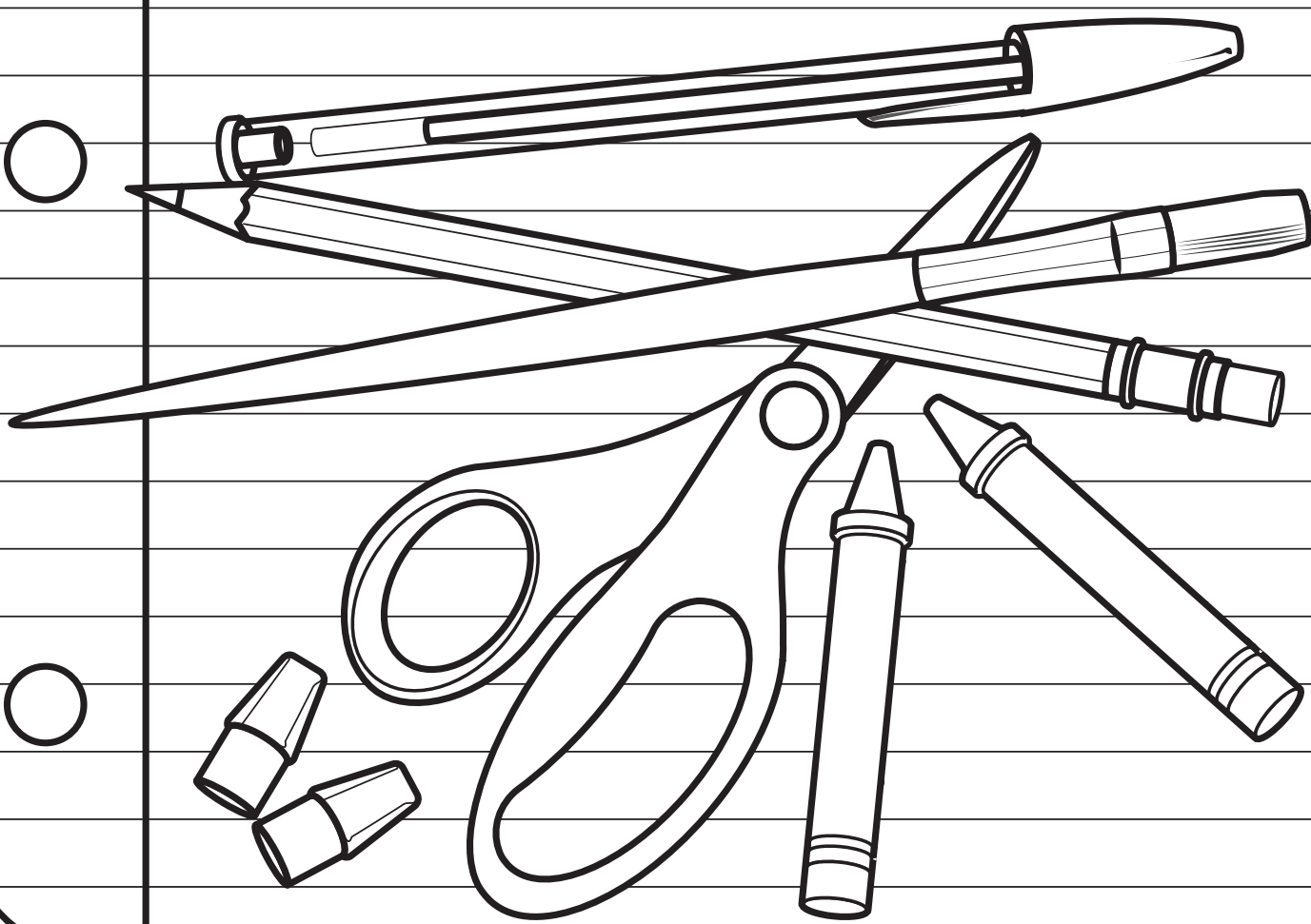
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ANSWER: SCHOOL BUS

Puzzle answers

Page 6B Sudoku

ANSWER:

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Page 6B Crossword

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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CHILDREN’S DEVOTIONAL

Dig into scripture and make Christ the Lord of your life today

By Amy Becker

“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.”

Acts 10:36
I say the word Lord a lot. “Dear Lord,” “The Lord will provide,” and “Lord of my life” are phrases that frequently roll off my tongue, but yesterday as I really thought about the meaning of the word Lord, I wondered how much I really do treat Jesus as my Lord. As I pondered, I looked up the exact definition to the word. Here’s what I found, the word Lord means one having power and authority over others, and in the case

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Caleb Kiefhaber, the owner of Kiefhaber’s Heating and Air and Mobile Home Parts, knows a thing or two about owning a business. Kiefhaber’s was established over 32 years ago by his father, Pete Kiefhaber. Throughout the years he taught his children how to operate the business, and took pride in doing so. He was proud of the business he built, and would be proud of his son’s work. Kiefhaber’s provides HVAC and mobile home parts to all of South East Arkansas, and are focused on quality. The business philosophy is to provide a quality product and quality service. They also attribute their company’s success to quality work, as well as honesty and prompt service. Caleb Kiefhaber emphasizes quality once again by giving advice to those interested in

starting a business. His advice is to work for a high quality, professional company and learn the business. When asked why customers should do business with Kiefhaber’s, he said, “We have high quality technicians and large truck inventory. We are constantly sending our technicians to continuing education. We are working to make you comfortable in your home.” Kiefhaber’s Heating and Air is located at 6236 State Highway 114 West in Star City, and Kiefhaber’s Mobile Home Parts is located at 117 Greenfield Drive in Monticello. The office phone number is (870)-628-4900.

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BARKADA JANA WRIGHT

There is no Barkada news this week. Jana Wright had other commitments.
Her column will resume in next week's edition.

GREEN HILL WANDA PACE

Greenhill Baptist Church welcomes you to come for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m.
Aunt May Hobbs will celebrate her 95th birthday on Wednesday, August 17th. Ninety-five years of loving her family, making wonderful friends, precious memories, and blessing those that know her. I hope you have an amazing birthday! Happy Birthday Aunt May!!
Happy 45th Anniversary Gary and Becky Pace! Wishing you many more years of happiness and good health.
Happy Birthday wishes for Chris Pace and Liam Pace. I hope you both enjoyed a blessed birthday.
Please pray for Will and Chris Calwell, their father Paul Henry Caldwell passed away last week.
Please pray for the teachers and children as they will be starting back to school this week. I hope you all have a great year.
Verse of the week: "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13
Have a safe and blessed week.

JORDAN PARK TRILISA MARSHALL

There is no Jordan Park news this week. Trilisa Marshall had other commitments.
Her column will resume in next week's edition.

LACEY IVANELL HANDLEY

Hello Readers! It's another week we've been able to see and what a blessing it is!
We had a wonderful Sunday Service at Mt. Olive AME Church, on Sunday. Sunday School was taught by Bro. Darron Spencer; the subject was "A New City"; Lesson Scriptures were from Revelation 21:10-27; focus Scriptures were from Revelation 21:10-21. The key verse was Revelation 21:14, NRSV, "The wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb". An amazing message from Minister Edgar Spencer; his thought was from Jonah 1:1&2 it was a good word. I also reviewed the message notes from St. Mark

NOTICE

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, The Advance will be CLOSED Monday, September 5. The deadline for classifieds, garage sales, legal notices and country news for the September 7 paper will be Friday, September 2 at 5:00 p.m., and all other paper ads will be Tuesday, Sept. 6 at noon.

Community Church, Jacksonville, Arkansas, Pastor Bryan Baker; his subject was "When Facing Problems", John 6:5-14.
Prayers for: Angelia Childress, Mary Ann Daniels, Ruby Miller, Joyce Dowd and others that are sick and shut-in. Prayers that you all will be feeling better very soon.
Happy Birthday wishes: Jessie DeShazer, August 18; Ziquon Herron, August 18; and Matilda Jordan, August 20. I hope you all enjoy your day.
Patricia Staple and I visited with our sister-in-law, Mary Franklin Saturday. Patricia had dinner with Floyd and me Sunday afternoon. I received a call from my cousin Joyce of California. Ruth Phillips we miss you at the pool!
Prayers for the children, teachers, bus drivers and all the school staff members as they are preparing to return to school this week.
Thought for the week: "7 Rules of life" 1. Make peace with your past so it does not affect effect the present. 2. What others think of you is none of your business. 3. Time heals almost everything, give it time. 4. Don't compare your life to others and don't judge them; you have no idea what their journey is all about. 5. It's alright not to know all the answers, they will come to you when you least expect it. 6. You are in charge of your happiness. 7. Smile, you don't own all the problems in the World!
Have a blessed week.

POSSUM VALLEY KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Hello and welcome back to this edition of the Possum Valley news.
I would like to begin by expressing a big thanks to Cater's Plumbing for coming out to fix the water leak under our house. They were not only prompt and friendly, but reasonably priced. And it turned out, Cater's Plumbing is owned by an old high school classmate, J.D. Cater. Thanks to J.D. and his grandson for helping us out.
I have one little hummer that has a hum that's louder and more buzzy than the others. It's akin to a car muffler with a hole in it. She doesn't sit still long enough for me to determine if there's a defect in a wing or tail

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.

But no such luck. Let's just say that by later that evening, we were both ready for bedtime. So, we showered, ate and at 8 o'clock she was ready for bed. We both crashed, leaving poor Rick to fend for himself.
Sunday morning dawned bright and early. I wasn't able to get any walking in this weekend due to being otherwise occupied. But I believe I got plenty of exercise. Bro. Joe Williams filled the pulpit this week and brought us a message from Hebrews 6: 9-12, "Better Things Coming Soon."
That night we met to pray for teachers and students as they enter the new school year. Prayers went up, pizza was served and water games played. Drew Central begins school this week and Monticello the week after. We had a pretty good turnout for this event.
Not much bird or butterfly news this week. I still have the usual Cardinals, Chickadees, Titmouse, Mourning Doves and the occasional Indigo Bunting at the backyard feeders. I haven't seen the Barred Owl in several days but there is an Eastern Phoebe that has started foraging for insects in the yard.
Good news! The community will meet this week to discuss having a Possum Valley Fun Day this year. It might be a shortened version of the past event, but I believe Mrs. Marjorie would want us to carry on.
This week's corny joke is

school themed: Geology rocks, but Geography is where it's at!
That's my news for this week. Until next time, please, be happy, stay safe, smile and be nice to everyone. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:16)
And remember to be extra cautious in the mornings this week as traffic will be especially busy the next few days. Always stop when the school bus put out the STOP sign. A child's life could be at stake. Let's pray for a safe and productive school year for everyone.

WILMAR CHRIS RILEY

A big late shout out to Linda "Polly" Ridgell. Saturday, August 13th a surprise was held in her honor on Florence Rd. She was much elated.
Vicki O'Neal Scott of Chicago, formerly of Drew County, was recently in town visiting her mom Joyce M. Allen Steen, they dropped by to see me.
Happy birthday to Rosa Wright, August 18. God is good as he allows our days to

keep rolling on for this. I'll say "thank you Lord".
I talked by phone with my niece Barbara Dokes of South Bend, Indiana, who said she was in the hospital for a couple of days but was OK, praise God.
We at 1st Baptist East Side were blessed with the message coming from Pastor Simpson. His text was Ephesians 6:10, subject: "He's the one you can depend on". Jesus is really our only despondent. Man will fail you but Jesus will never fail. We welcome our visitors. Remember Bible class each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 1st Baptist East Side, you are welcome to attend.
There will be a semi after 5 five gala at 4 p.m. Saturday, August 20. Guest speaker Jelisa Childs, music by Talvin Collins. Tickets \$20.00. Sponsored by soul seniors of Wilmar. There will be a raffle, etc. Y'all come.
In memory of my dad Cornelius Wright's birthday, August 23 and of my dear mom Charlie M. Hester Wright's transition August 21. Oh what a mix of emotional situations.
The "big" day, the MLA's Music Love Awards to be held August 19-20 at 4 Points at Marriott on University. Be there. Francez Riley is CEO along with her hubby, apostle K. Riley. Meet and greet Friday at 5 p.m. and then the continuation of the event.
The Gospel Explosion will be Sunday following this at In His Presence Worship Ministries on 2900 Pershing Blvd, North Little Rock.
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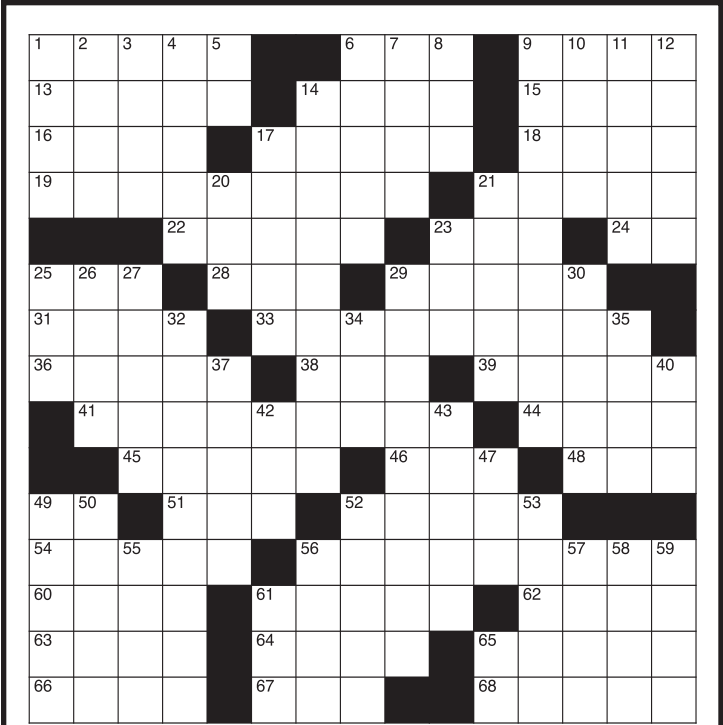
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Influential Swedish, Belgian clan

6. Swiss river

9. Nocturnal S. American rodent

13. Like coagulated milk

14. Lima is its capital

15. Lying down

16. Jai __, sport

17. Egyptian statesman

18. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle

19. Renovated

21. Chadie language

22. 18-year period

23. Beverage container

24. Natural logarithm

25. The "mecca" of basketball

28. A way to darken

29. Mackerels

31. Actor Pitt

33. Places to buy seafood

36. True firs

38. Neither

39. Fencing sword

41. Italian pastas

44. Island nation close to the U.S.

45. Begets

46. Resembles a pouch

48. __ student, learns healing

49. Sodium

51. Indicates position

52. The world has one

54. Partner to pains

56. Photographer

60. Chew the fat

61. Culture of the British Iron Age

62. Weaverbird

63. Advice or counsel

64. Asian nation

65. Brought on board

66. German river

67. Airborne (abbr.)

68. Leaf-footed bug genus

CLUES DOWN

1. Mark left behind

2. Cry weakly

3. Ancient region in modern Syria

4. Farewell

5. Blue grass state

6. Genus of mosquitoes

7. S. Israeli city

8. You can get stuck in one

9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably

10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar

11. Tigers legend Fielder

12. Make more attractive

14. Horses

17. Slight projection in typefaces

20. Male parent

21. Jack and Jill are two

23. After B

25. Licensed for Wall Street

26. Missile with about 600-mile range

27. Goddesses

29. A day kids love

30. Oily secretion

32. One-tenth of a meter

34. A father's male child

35. One point east of southeast

37. Silk garments

40. Cool!

42. The color of anger

43. Trade profession

47. It can get you around

49. Mother-of-pearl

50. Hurt

52. Legendary slugger Hank

53. Polio vaccine developer

55. Incline from vertical

56. Sea creature

57. Actress Kate

58. Affirmative votes

59. Nothing

61. Pie __ mode

65. Expresses surprise

Answers can be found on Page 2B

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4	7			9		2		
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



This week's recipe: Great meals start with waffles

Breakfast foods may be most often enjoyed in the morning, but many are delicious at any time of the day. Pancakes, waffles and even omelets can be enjoyed for breakfast, lunch or dinner, making them each worthy of addition to your culinary repertoire. Waffles are a diverse breakfast food. Waffles are tasty as a standalone, but they can be made even more delicious with some toppings or sides. No matter the meal, having a versatile waffle recipe base can be the springboard to delicious dishes. Enjoy this recipe for "Belgian-Style Waffles," courtesy of Land O Lakes®.

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1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
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3 large Land O Lakes® eggs, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Directions:

Combine flour, sugar baking powder and salt in bowl; mix well.
Combine milk, melted butter, eggs and vanilla in another bowl; mix well. Stir wet ingredients into dry ingredients.
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