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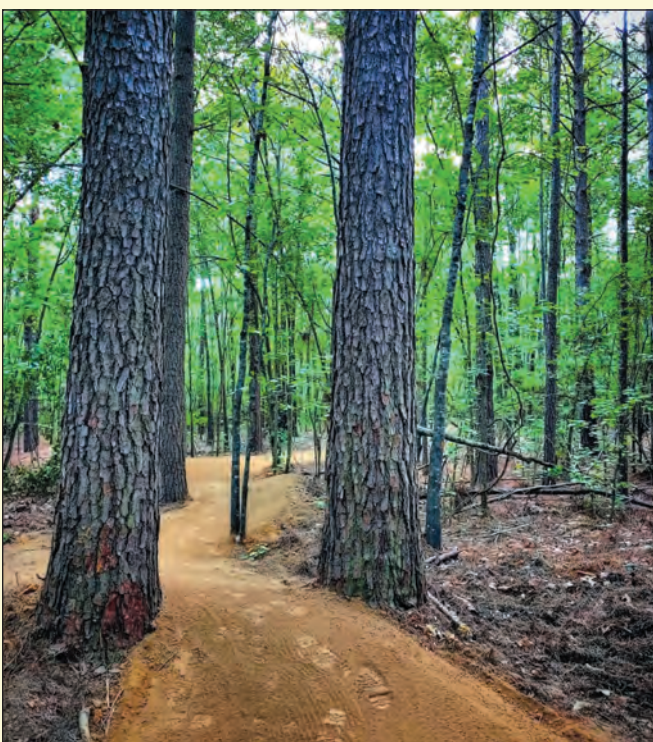


Photo courtesy of Jeff Newton

Dirt is being moved in the first steps of the multi-use trail build at Lake Monticello.

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What started as a dream is now becoming a reality. Construction has begun on Phase 1 of the recreational trail at Lake Monticello, which is located on the windy hills side access of the lake and consists of three miles of trail, 1.2 miles of skill course and 0.3 miles of pump track.

Progressive trail design began building late last week and are making steady progress. Progressive is known coast to coast for building

world class trail systems. They will begin with the trail portion of Phase 1 before moving forward with the skills park and pump track. They are awaiting some features for those areas to come in. The trail has been flagged and crews are excavating the paths. It will be a natural, hard packed surface designed for foot and bike traffic but optimized for biking. A natural surface trail is a multi-dimensional, versatile trail that

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Cancer Coalition grant helps Mainline remind local women it's time for cancer screenings

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Cancer Coalition has awarded Mainline Health Systems, Inc. a \$55,000 grant that will be used to reach patients around Southeast Arkansas, to remind them that it's time for critical screenings that can lead to early detection and more successful treatment of some types of cancers.

To reach patients, MHSI will use the funds to support the quality improvement team in managing the outreach effort that will rely on text messaging technology integrated into its

electronic medical records system to contact patients in the following three groups:

Approximately 2,436 women between ages 23 and 64, who have not had a hysterectomy, and are due for cervical cancer screening. Approximately 1,683 women between ages 50 and 69 who are due for annual breast cancer screening. Approximately 3,621 men and women between ages 50 and 75 who have not had colon cancer screening.

The more than 7,700 patients

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Photo courtesy of Mainline Health Systems, Inc.

Employees of MHSI proudly receive grant funding to help SEARK residents make sure they receive proper cancer screenings.

Garrison appointed as City Clerk; Mayor Chase makes statement

By ASHLEY HOGG
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With a shorter than normal agenda, the Monticello City Council met Tuesday night to hear regular reports from department heads and approve a resolution to appoint a new City Clerk.

Dr. Jess Hylton resigned from her position as City Clerk earlier this month and moved out of state. Her term was not over until December 31, 2022. Kirstin Garrison, an administrative employee in City Hall was appointed unanimously to fill the remainder of the term.

At the close of the meeting, Mayor Chase addressed the crowd with a statement about recent communications at City Hall.

"I have been made aware that a mayoral candidate has been calling [City] employees asking leading questions. It has been reported that questions such as 'How do you get along with 'a city

employee's name' and 'I heard we owe 'vendor name' a lot of money'. Some of the questions are reasonable and about city business, some are not. I am offering a standing invitation to all mayoral candidates to come to City Council meetings and ask their questions in a public setting so everyone may hear their questions and the answers. If the questions are so important and worrisome to the candidate, then the candidate should make sure that everyone is aware of the issues. I am happy and absolutely willing to answer any business questions any candidate has about the City at any time. I responded directly to this candidate and was called "honey" and "sweetheart". For the record, I have only been called these terms of endearment by family members and my husband. These terms were used to insult, condescend and demean, not because this candidate cares for me personally. My concern is for our city, no matter who wins the election. I will help any can-



GARRISON

didate make Monticello an even better place to live, work, and play. Please pay attention to who you elect, you will

be choosing a future for your children and grandchildren."

In new business, the council approved permission to bid for a second HVAC unit for City Hall and a HVAC unit for the Senior Citizen Center.

During the finance committee meeting, the bid from Denali for sludge removal was discussed heavily. Denali has added in excess of \$200,000 to the original amount of their bid for sludge removal which came in approximately two years ago. Because of Covid-19 and inflation, Denali no longer will perform the duties that were bid for their original estimate. No contract was signed when the bid was accepted due to the lengthy permitting process.

Mayor Chase and the council members discussed various options with City Attorney Whit Barton. A motion was made to continue moving forward with Denali. All council members voted in favor of the motion except for Clarissa Pace. Cedric Leonard was absent.

Police Chief Jason Akers presented 36 months worth of analytics from the Police Department. They have been tracking various statistics over the course of three years and the findings were given to council members. The report included felony charges, misdemeanor charges, citizen assists and much more.

Public Works Supervisor Charlie Hammock stated that his department had fixed 26 leaks during the month of July.

Fire Chief Eric Chisom reported there were 18 calls last month, permits were staying around 40 issued per month and there are five volunteer fire fighter positions open.

Davis receives standing ovation at country music's Mother Church



Ashley Hogg/Advance Monticellonian

Ward Davis made his headliner debut at The Ryman Auditorium on Saturday, August 20. He performed to a near sold out venue and received a standing ovation at the end of the show.

By ASHLEY HOGG
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Nashville, Tenn. was buzzing with Ward Davis fans this weekend for his headliner debut at The Ryman Auditorium.

Davis, a Drew County native, moved to Nashville around 22 years ago to fulfill his dreams of being a country music songwriter and musician.

His show as the headlining act at The Ryman is a career milestone and a testament to how far he has come as an artist.

Like many artists, Davis began his musical career at school and regional events.

"I played at the Ashdown Jamboree when I was 15 years old," Davis said. "I am so happy that tonight, I get to bring my old friend Gene Simmons on stage

with me. He plays the steel guitar and was there in Ashdown."

Davis was accompanied by a full band on the Ryman stage while he took turns playing electric guitar, acoustic guitar and keys, all while showing his vocal talent.

"Getting a gig at The Ryman is difficult," Davis added. "There is a certain expectation with this place and I couldn't be happier to be here."

The Ryman Auditorium seats approximately 2,300 people and by the time Davis took the stage, there were barely any open seats.

Understanding the gravity of the situation, Davis was extremely humble when he spoke about the historical significance of The Ryman and what the night meant to him personally.

"My dad is coming tonight,"

Davis noted. "His health is not good and the trip here alone was tough for him. Nothing could mean more to me than my parents seeing me perform at The Ryman. They hauled me everywhere as a kid. My dad built an extra room on our house so I could practice. I want to show them that all that time wasn't wasted."

Prior to the show, Davis walked around backstage not taking a moment for granted. He and his team unloaded his gear in the dressing room that Roy Acuff and Minnie Pearl used to prepare for their scenes on "The Grand Old Opry."

"This is a dream realized," Davis added. "In so many ways, it is just a show, just another gig but this is The Ryman. Country music exists because of this build-

ing. It means something."

At 7 p.m., the doors opened and the building was flooded with fans. The line to purchase merchandise was wrapped around the top floor stair case for a majority of the night.

Josh Meloy and Charles Wesley Godwin played opening sets and both artists received major applause from the crowd. At the end of Godwin's set, the West Virginia native closed with "Take me Home, Country Roads. Davis made an appearance on stage to join him in singing the classic hit which prompted the first of many crowd sing alongs.

Davis then took the stage and filled with emotion told the crowd, "We made it here!"

His set opened with a Ray

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Evangelist speaker

Evangelist Quavlin Owens will speak at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 25 at the Chamber of Commerce.

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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Pastor Anniversary

An 11 year pastor anniversary celebration will be held in honor of Elder J.H. Spinks, pastor of Brooks Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, at 3 p.m., Sunday August, 28 at the Sadie Johnson Building. The speaker will be Rev. Royce Jackson Jr.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

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. Monday, August 29 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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

Lore Family singing

The Lore Family will be at Old Union Baptist Church located at 2077 Florence Road, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30.

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.

FRIDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2-8

Church Revival

East Side Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy 278 & 35E, will be having a revival September 2-8. Rev. Michael Griffiths, Evangelist, Bro. Carl Hayes, Minister. Sunday morning services 11:00; Night services 7:00

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

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Stay sober this Labor Day: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

During the Labor Day holiday, including the end of summertime and the busy Labor Day weekend, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 7 is partnering with the State Highway Safety Offices in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, in addition to state and local law enforcement to emphasize the importance of driving sober and saving lives on America's roads. Keeping our communities safe no matter where they are on the road is important to us, and we are committed to protecting the lives of residents in their communities.

The High-Visibility Enforcement campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, runs from August 17 to September 5, 2022. During this period, local law enforcement will show zero tolerance for impaired driving. Increased state and national messages about the dangers of driving high or drunk, coupled with law enforcement and increased officers on the road, aim to drastically reduce impaired driving on our nation's roadways.

Sadly, the statistics prove that we have a lot of work to do to put an end to impaired driving. According to NHTSA, 11,654 people were

killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2020—and 760 in the region alone. In 2020, one person was killed every 45 minutes in a drunk-driving crash in the U.S. Therefore, local law enforcement is working to remind drivers that driving high or drunk is not only illegal but also a matter of life and death. As you head out to the Labor Day festivities, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

"Celebrating Labor Day safely with family and friends is important," said Regional Administrator Susan DeCourcy. "Together with state and local law enforcement, we are committed to keeping the roads free of impaired drivers, and we hope the community will do the same. We need help spreading the word and putting an end to this dangerous behavior," she said.

During the 2020 Labor Day holiday period, there were 530 crash fatalities nationwide. Forty-six percent of those fatalities involved drivers who had been drinking.

Ensure you and your friends elect a sober



driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely. If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement. For more information about the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, visit www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/drive-sober.

Senior Center lunch menu: Aug. 24-Sept. 2

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

Wednesday: Chicken & dumplings, mixed greens, cake

Thursday: Hamburger steak, veggie rice, buttered carrots, chocolate chip bar, roll

Friday: Chicken tenders, mac & cheese, broccoli, sugar cookies

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.

Monday: Texas cowboy stew, cornbread, fruit, brownie

Tuesday: Baked ham, yams, Italian green beans, peach cobbler, biscuits

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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.

UAM Wind Symphony advances to finals in national competition

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

In March, the University of Arkansas at Monticello announced that the UAM Wind Symphony had been named a semi-finalist in three categories for the American Prize National Nonprofit Competitions in the Performing Arts. The competition concluded this summer, and the UAM Wind Symphony earned finalist recognitions in two of the three categories, as well as a national finalist honorable mention.

When Justin Anders, a native of Warren and an alumnus of the UAM Division of Music, was named the chair of the division in January 2018, he inherited a music program with a rich history in jazz. One of his objectives as chair was to help the other ensembles achieve national recognition, as well. "It took several years to build the wind ensemble, to groom the sound, to start that tradition of excellence," Anders said. Then, the pandemic hit, preventing the division from hosting concerts. This limitation encouraged some clever problem solving by the faculty. Anders considered a livestreamed concert of the UAM Wind Symphony during the spring semester of 2021. That idea morphed into using the university's recording equipment to make a CD. Then, Anders decided that he would make a video of the performance.

The concert featured Ar-

kansas' composer laureate W. Francis McBeth's "Of Sailors and Whales" and Alfred Reed's "The Hounds of Spring" and would become the UAM Wind Symphony album "Literature in Music." McBeth's piece is based on Herman Melville's "Moby Dick." It is composed of five movements beginning with "Ishmael," followed by "Queequeg," "Father Mapple," "Captain Ahab" and "The White Whale." Reed's piece was inspired by the poem "Atlanta in Calydon" by Algeron Charles Swinburne.

Anders felt that they had captured something special. He shared the recording with fellow music educators. "They said, 'Is this UAM's ensemble? We've never heard the pieces sound like this, ever,'" Anders said. They encouraged him to submit the album to a prestigious national competition.

Nearly a year later, during the first several months of 2022, Anders was notified by the committee that the UAM Wind Symphony had been named a 2022 national semi-finalist for the American Prize Ernst Bacon Memorial Award for the Performance of American Music in the College/University Ensemble division and for the American Prize in Band/Wind Ensemble Performance in the College/University division. During the summer, the ensemble was recognized again, this time as one of five finalists nationwide in the wind

ensemble category. The ensemble eventually received a national finalist honorable mention in the competition.

Anders said, "I cannot adequately express my feelings of pride regarding the hard work of our students. This recognition means so much for the students, for the ensemble and for the university. The concert band, to my knowledge, has never pursued any type of award or recognition for the wind ensemble, so it is so special for them to be recognized at the national level. It meets one of my visions as chair, which is to expand recruitment to a different demographic of musicians who are interested in concert band."

But there was one more surprise for Anders. When he decided to create a video of the concert, his wife suggested that he use two cameras. The first camera would capture the wind ensemble from the front, and the second would capture the performance from the rear. "You always see the ensemble and the back of the conductor, but you never get to see how the conductor interacts with the ensemble," Anders explained.

A hesitant Anders was encouraged by both his wife and his former conducting instructor to submit the unique, dual-camera setup to the conducting category. The decision paid off, as Anders was selected as a 2022 national semi-finalist for the Ameri-

can Prize in Conducting in the Band/Wind Ensemble division. "Being selected as a semifinalist was a giant surprise," Anders said. "My wife asked me what I thought my chances were of being a finalist, and I said, 'Oh, zero.'" Then, Anders was named one of seven national finalists.

"Conducting is one of my passions," Anders said. "I've conducted sixth graders all the way to professional musicians in the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. You study, practice and work at something because you love it. Then, something like this happens that is unexpected, but it serves as validation. Someone recognized all of the work and effort I have put into this. It does make me

happy."

Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, stated, "These three unprecedented and much-deserved national recognitions of the UAM Wind Symphony confirm that the UAM Division of Music is filled with talented students and faculty. We are proud that their musical abilities are being recognized on the national stage. We also offer congratulations to Justin Anders for his leadership of this group of musicians and thank the American

Prize judges for honoring his talent as a conductor."

Students in the UAM Division of Music can earn a Bachelor of Arts in music with an instrumental, a jazz, a piano or a vocal concentration or a Bachelor of Music Education with an instrumental, a piano or a vocal concentration. The division also offers a Master of Music in jazz studies degree.

For more information, contact the UAM Division of Music at (870) 460-1060.



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CALENDAR

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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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Improving infrastructure inspections with drones

Arkansas businesses are realizing the benefits of using drones and implementing this advanced technology in their operations. It's improving efficiency and safety for us all and I'm championing efforts to build on this momentum.

The agricultural industry is also expanding its use of this innovative technology. I've seen firsthand how students at Arkansas State University are using drones to study water use in fields and weed suppression. The University of Arkansas-Monticello College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources is using a drone for forestry studies.



JOHN BOOZMAN
U.S. SENATE REPORT

Entergy Arkansas is strengthening the electrical grid with its three-person drone team that works to detect problems with the hundreds of miles of power lines to prevent issues that could cause outages. Drones allow the company to inspect lines at hard-to-reach locations in a fraction of the time and for a much lower cost.

Since May 2021, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) has embraced the use of drones to augment human inspectors and spot flaws and structural issues on bridges, railways and other infrastructure projects. After the shutdown of the I-40 bridge connecting Arkansas to Tennessee last year, ARDOT increased its drone capabilities and now it boasts one of the most expansive programs in the country.

Congress is recognizing the unique opportunities available with this technology and supporting this new approach to empower more communities to use this innovative tool to improve safety and save taxpayer dollars.

I recently helped introduce the Drone Infrastructure Inspection Grant (DIIG) Act. This bipartisan legislation supports community investments in American-made drones and the next generation workforce to operate these tools.

This legislation will help local governments save money. According to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, it costs \$4,600 to conduct a manual inspection on each bridge. In comparison, using a drone drastically cuts down on the cost and saves more than \$3,000 per bridge. The implementation of drone inspections for bridges would save roughly \$783 million nationwide.

In addition to saving money, we know using a drone also saves time. While it takes about eight hours to conduct a manual bridge inspection, a drone inspection on the same infrastructure takes about one hour.

It's no surprise this legislation is gaining backing from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, industry leaders and local governments across the country. This is a positive step forward in creating a better inspection process and training drone pilots.

As we continue to work on issues facing our country, I'm committed to giving our state and local governments the resources they need to maintain safe and reliable roads, bridges, dams and other critical infrastructure.

In Arkansas, we're investing in modernizing our capabilities and developing a workforce to operate these cutting-edge tools. In recent days, the Arkansas and Oklahoma Governors launched a partnership to leverage the region as the national hub for advanced mobility which includes drones and the development of a workforce to pilot them.

Using this advanced technology will help ensure our infrastructure, electrical grid and agricultural industry remain strong.

A Nashville adventure and dream come true

This weekend's adventure was one of a life time.

Some of you may not know that before I was Fred's mom, I fancied myself somewhat of a singer. I was in choirs all through high school and most of my adolescent life revolved around music.

I had dreams of being a rockstar for many years and my mother tells a story about how I could sing full songs before I could talk in full sentences.



ASHLEY HOGG
EDITOR

I even entered college studying music. That was when my path took a different course; however, I have never lost my love for music.

Naturally, I had always wanted to go to Nashville and see the Music City. Of all the cool places I have gotten to travel to, it took me 30 years to get to Nashville, but it was worth every minute of waiting.

Superman and I took off Friday with our eyes pointed East. We made it through beautiful middle Tennessee and I was bouncing with excitement.

We met up with our friend, Timmy, a SEARK native turned Nashville drummer, and ate some delicious barbecue. The back of our restaurant was an alley that was right beside The Ryman Auditorium.

The child inside of me lit up with delight as I floated towards the classic brick building. It was an experience of a lifetime for me.

We did a good amount of people watching on Broadway and made our way to Second Fiddle where Timmy would play his heart out on the drums later that night.

To our delight, several former Drew County residents came up the staircase to the rooftop bar to cheer on a beaming Timmy. To see someone do what they love and display so much joy on their face is possibly the greatest thing I have ever seen.

Saturday, Superman and I were tourists and ended up walking a total of seven miles that day. We toured the Country Music Hall of Fame and RCA Studio B. We found Antique Archeology and lots of neat little shops. Then, the work began.

I met Drew County native son Ward Davis at the back entrance of The Ryman Saturday afternoon for an interview. See the front page for

the full story.

Ward was gracious, humble and he understood the value of where we were sitting.

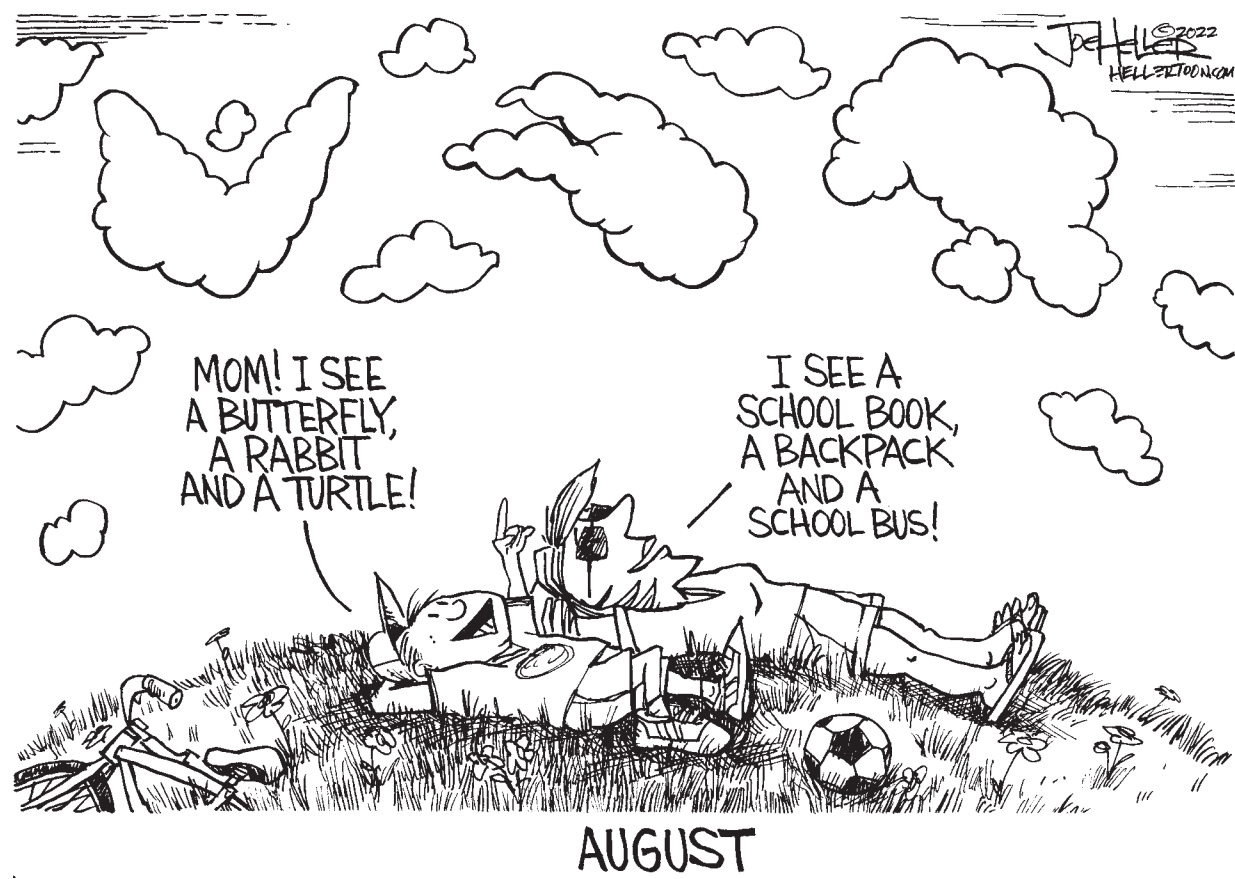
We talked in Minnie Pearl's former dressing room and he expressed how excited he was to be headlining The Ryman.

After our talk, we walked around backstage and I made sure to take everything in. So many legends have stood on that stage, I could barely contain my excitement.

The stained glass windows are absolutely beautiful and the classic interior transcends time and made me feel like I was a part of country music in its hay-day.

We got back to the auditorium for the show and people were everywhere. The Ryman seats approximately 2,300. If there were any open seats, they were few and far between. People waited in a line wrapped around the building to buy merchandise.

Then, the show started. Josh Meloy and Charles Godwin opened the show and got the crowd warmed up and ready to jam. When Ward took the stage, the look on his face was something that we don't see very often in day-today life. He was a man living out his dream and I was lucky enough to witness it first hand.



AUGUST

Remember bus safety protocols

As Arkansas students head back to school, we want to take this week to remind drivers to be mindful of student safety when approaching school buses.

It is estimated that close to 350,000 students in our state ride a bus to school. Those buses make stops in every community. It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus whenever its red lights are flashing,



HOWARD BEATY
ARKANSAS HOUSE REPORT

as students are present. The fines, penalties and punishment for anyone found guilty of illegally passing a stopped school bus were increased dramatically by Act 2128 of 2005, also known as Isaac's Law.

The legislation was named in honor of Isaac Brian, an elementary school student in the Bryant School District who was struck and killed when a driver illegally passed his school bus while students were exiting the vehicle.

The law requires drivers to stop on 2 lane and 4 land highways in both directions, even those with a middle lane. Drivers cannot attempt to pass in any direction until the school bus vehicle has finished receiving or discharging its passengers and is in motion again.

In the 2021 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed Act 264 to clarify the distance and areas where drivers must stop.

It states drivers must come to a complete stop no less than 30 feet from the bus when it stops to load or unload passengers. This 30 feet perimeter would apply to public roads, private or public property open to the general public, and any driveway or parking lot belonging to a public school.

Arkansans should also remember that the use of handheld wireless phones are prohibited in a school zone. In 2019, the General Assembly passed legislation making the use of a handheld phone in school zones a primary of-

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Governors working together

Governors Working Together Today I'd like to talk about a recent partnership with the state of Oklahoma. On Wednesday, I joined Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt on the Oklahoma State University-Tulsa campus to sign a Memorandum of Understanding stating that we are working together to make the Arkansas-Oklahoma corridor a center of excellence in advanced mobility. This includes autonomous vehicles, drone deliveries, and electric vehicles.



ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Arkansas and Oklahoma already lead the nation in advanced mobility, so joining our two sandboxes of

innovation together will bolster our competitiveness for the future.

The East and West coasts get a lot of attention as tech centers, but Arkansas and Oklahoma are rich with a history of leading in aviation and transportation.

From the pioneer aviator Wiley Post in Oklahoma to our own Louise Thaden, who set transcontinental speed records, we have set the pace for innovation and new modes of transportation.

This partnership will accelerate work on advanced mobility and further enhance our region's reputation as a leader in technological innovation.

Oklahoma has been a vital economic partner to the Natural State for many decades, and this MOU will provide an opportunity for our states to continue the partnership

we've experienced over the years to make our region a hub for advanced mobility.

Crossing state lines to join forces with other states' governors is not something unfamiliar. Binding our different perspectives and resources with our like-minded goals allows us to produce bigger and better results.

Earlier this year, I was joined again by Governor Stitt and Governor John Bel Edwards of Louisiana to establish a regional hub for the development, production, and use of clean hydrogen as fuel and manufacturing feedstock.

This is a bipartisan agreement that combines our three states to compete for funding from the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act of 2021. With the portfolios each of our states offer combined, we are

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Medicaid expansion coming to Arkansas

Arkansas has begun the process of expanding Medicaid services so that more pregnant women can qualify for the government health care program. The expanded services should be available to thousands of women by the beginning of next year, if the federal government approves the proposals submitted by the state Human Services Department.



BEN GILMORE
ARKANSAS SENATE REPORT

About 5,000 women with high-risk pregnancies would become eligible for home visits by a nurse. The visits would be available after the baby is born, for up to 60 days.

About 450 visiting nurses now help expectant mothers enrolled in Medicaid. Last year they helped 1,913 Arkansas families.

Home visits reduce the risks of long-term health problems for the newborn baby and they improve the health of the mother. In high-risk pregnancies they lower the need for intensive care for newborns, which saves the state Medicaid program enormous sums of

money.

Home visits can help new mothers cope with anxiety and mood disorders. They also offer advice about breast feeding and answer questions about lactation.

The state will also seek federal approval to expand the range of services that pregnant mothers can receive. That will help some mothers who now only qualify for Medicaid services directly related to their pregnancy.

The department is seeking federal approval to offer full Medicaid coverage to all pregnant women

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MEDC NAMES BUSINESS OF THE WEEK



Courtesy photo

The Monticello Economic Development Commission is recognizing a local business each week for their efforts and contributions to Monticello. Most recently, Monticello Coffee Company was selected for the title.

2022 South Arkansas Small Business Development Conference

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Providing small and emerging business owners with the skills, tools and contacts needed to create and grow their enterprises and better engage in job creation activities are the goals of an upcoming business conference to be held via Zoom, with a small on-site audience in Fordyce and Pine Bluff. Jointly funded by the Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center (ASBTDC), USDA/RD, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and Arkansas Human Development Corporation (AHDC), the 2022 South Arkansas Small Business Development Conference, with a theme of "Win Where You Stand: Innovative Approaches To Secure Economic Growth for Sustainable Rural Communities" will bring together approximately 20 private, quasi-state, state, federal,

non-profit, and international organizations with a singular focus of equipping existing and aspiring entrepreneurs with the resources to start and grow their businesses.

Hosted by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services (ADWS), AHDC, ASBTDC, Arkansas Procurement and Technical Assistance Center (APTAC), and USDA, Rural Development, the conference will be held Thursday, September 1, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Up to 40 participants, including some presenters, and preferably those who've received one of the Covid-19 vaccines, will be able to participate from a physical location in the Fordyce Civic Center, located at 300 Hwy. 79/167 Bypass, Fordyce, AR 71742 or in the Pine Bluff (Main) Library, located at 600 S. Main St., Pine Bluff, AR 71601. Social distancing, temperature checks, masks,

and release forms will be required. Topics will include building strategic relationships, exploring and securing the right kind of capital, how to sell goods and services to the government, the basics of personal finance, and how to use the many services of the ASBTDC to begin and enhance your business.

Join us at 8:30 a.m. for a "Breakfast with the Lenders Roundtable," where conference participants will network with local, regional and statewide lenders. Some invited and confirmed Lenders include: Arkansas Capital Corporation Group; Communities Unlimited; Fordyce Bank and Mortgage; FORGE; Relyance Bank; RMI; Inc.; Simmons Bank; Stone Bank; and, USDA, RD B&I. The Lenders Roundtable will be facilitated by Mr. Herb Lawrence, Lender Relations Specialist, Arkansas District Office, U.S. Small Business

Administration.

Current business owners and those just getting started, youth entrepreneurs, business and technical school students, apprentices, veterans, faith-based leaders, and community and economic development professionals, are invited to attend. You will engage with other business owners, receive help with research and business planning, learn how to increase your networking results, and learn to do more business with government and private industry. Mr. Bill Walker, President and Chief Executive Officer for Premier Funeral Home in Little Rock and Chicken King Restaurants in Central Arkansas and a serial entrepreneur will deliver the luncheon address.

You may register by calling Arkansas Human Development Corporation toll free at (800) 482-7641 or (501) 374-1103, ext. 10 or online at <https://bit.ly/3zG1ne3>.

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in the program. This would make about 2,000 women eligible for a full range of medical care, including care for behavioral health problems.

DHS officials also announced that they would request an increase in the department budget next year

so it can increase payments to foster parents. Many foster families now receive \$455 a month for food and shelter for children in foster care.

Many children are in provisional foster care with relatives, or a close friend of the family. Those placements are considered provisional for the time it takes to place them with a foster family. That period of time can be a month to

six months.

Beginning in September, the department will pay \$240 a month during the period in which the child is in provisional care. The governor expressed his hope that in the 2023 regular session the legislature would increase the amount of provisional payments.

There were 4,520 Arkansas children in foster care in

June.

State officials are working to provide more resources for pregnant women because they expect an increase in the number of unplanned pregnancies in Arkansas. Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe vs. Wade triggered a state law that immediately prohibited almost all abortions in Arkansas.

The state Health Department is implementing a service called the Pregnancy and Parenting Resource Call Line. People can call 1-855-ARK-MOMS to get information about the availability of resources in their area that benefit pregnant women.

That's also 1-855-275-6667. The call line will provide in-

formation about health care services, prenatal and postnatal care, adoption and foster care, child care assistance, mental health care, how to apply for a job, how to get treatment for addictions, how to sign up for welfare and food stamps and how to get tested for sexually transmitted diseases.

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competitive due to our ability to uniquely handle the production, storage and distribution, and consumption of hydrogen.

Another example of the cooperation with neighboring states is the I-49 corridor with Missouri. At the end of last year we completed the final stretch of the I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector. Joining forces with Missouri and Governor Mike Parson, the I-49 connector now consists of more than 1,600 miles of roadway, connecting six

states: Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

Another example is when a crack was discovered and shut down the I-40 bridge in Memphis in May 2021. Arkansas joined with Tennessee to fix and reopen the bridge because the closure threatened many lives and put a pause on the much-needed movement of commerce.

Governor Bill Lee and I understood the importance of the connector bridge, and we both knew we needed to act quickly. Our two teams developed a plan that emphasized a sense of urgency while keeping safety as the number one

priority.

On the front of cybersecurity, Governor John Bel Edwards and I share similar views on the importance of preparing our country for the digital age. Our two states have been on the frontlines of cybersecurity education, in addition to working toward a comprehensive cybersecu-

ity ecosystem. Good stewardship of our resources includes guarding the gates into our systems and protecting information.

States become stronger when they combine their resources and expertise, and it starts with governors who share similar goals bridging the gap.

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 The SE AR Education Cooperative, Early Childhood/Special Education retains student records for up to six years. Records beyond six years will be destroyed **after October 31, 2022**. Anyone whose child received services from Early Childhood during 2015-2016 school year and wish to obtain your child's records, please contact Michele Hoyt, Early Childhood Coordinator, SE AR Education Cooperative, 1022 Scogin Drive, Monticello, AR 71655 at (870) 367-4816 **BEFORE October 31, 2022**.

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BALLOT POSITION DRAWING
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ROTARY MINUTE



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Dan Boice (pictured above) recently spoke to the local Rotary Club about the happenings with the Monticello Planning Commission, of which Boice is the Chairperson. He informed the Rotary members that requests for proposals for uses of the old armory building will be sent out soon. He also said that through their public forums earlier this year, the commission found that infrastructure was a large concern of many Monticello residents. The commission is working on a comprehensive plan for the city to improve infrastructure, improve physical health of citizens and enrich quality of life.

UAM Center presents modern marketing series for small businesses

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Helping small businesses increase their appeal to modern audiences is the goal of the "Modern Marketing" training series this fall, presented by the Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center (ASBTDC) at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM).

The four-part series will be offered in a hybrid format with in-person and virtual participation options.

"You can join us here at UAM to watch the presentations, or you can join us online from anywhere," said Aimee Weaver, director of the center. "We are thrilled to offer such high-quality training to local businesses at no cost. This is a great opportunity to learn from an expert."

Presenter Deborah Deras is an international speaker, author and marketing strategist who specializes in teaching small businesses how to grow their revenue through digital marketing. Based in Los Angeles, she started her own company, Synergy Unlimited, in 2002. Her workshops focus on how to increase traffic to your business

and maximize sales and profits in the process.

Each 90-minute session will explore proven ways small businesses can attract and retain customers without breaking the bank. Go to uasbt.org/uam-modern-marketing-series or click the links for full descriptions and to register.

- How to Sell Online, Sept. 7
- Grow Your Sales with Online Marketing, Sept. 14
- Social Media Content Creation, Sept. 21
- Tik Tok for Small Business, Oct. 5

Instructions for attending virtually or in-person will appear in the confirmation email after you register.

The ASBTDC at UAM serves small businesses in seven counties in Southeast Arkansas: Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew and Lincoln. Current and prospective business owners can receive one-on-one business guidance at no charge. Call or email Weaver at (870) 460-1910 or weavera@uamont.edu for an appointment or for more information about the "Modern Marketing" training.

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utilizes native mineral soil for its final surface. Natural surface trails employ full "bench cuts" that follow the contours of its terrain, and typically follow mellow grades. This trail designation encompasses a wide range of trail types to serve a wide range of user groups.

Typically, natural surface trails range from 18-inch wide singletrack to 5-foot wide doubletrack, depending on user type.

Funding for this project has in large part come from grants. In June 2020, a volunteer group applied for \$246,000 in grant funding and was awarded \$150,000.

The completion of Phase 1 will show a great effort by our community which should draw some attention from these

funding sources state-wide. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed within a year, weather permitting, and the goal is to keep the builders here to begin Phase 2, which will add a seven mile loop to the northeast section. In May 2022, \$347,000 was applied for in grant funding and the award decision is expected to be made in September.

The plan is to complete one phase at a time depending on the grant cycle award. The trail will circumvent the lake totaling close to 25 miles once complete.

"We are excited for the future of Lake Monticello which will be a hub of recreational activities including biking, hiking, fishing, birding, water sports, and an exceptional disc golf course," Jeff Newton said. "Everything will be worth the wait!"



Photo courtesy of Jeff Newton

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tients are located in Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Ashley, Lincoln, and Drew counties. Text messages will notify the patients of the recommended screening and inform them how to schedule an appointment.

"This effort will support the Arkansas Cancer Coalition's Arkansas Cancer Plan by helping to reduce the incidence of cancer through prevention", said

Jeni Barham, BSN, RN, Clinical Quality Officer. "We're proud to be a grant recipient and look forward to playing a part in decreasing cancer rates through early detection and screenings, not just in Arkansas but in the nation and the world."

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To learn more about Mainline Health Systems, visit <https://mainlinehealth.net/about-us/>.

The Arkansas Cancer Coalition's mission is to facilitate and provide partnerships to reduce the human suffering and economic burden from cancer for the citizens of Arkansas. The

coalition provides an overview of the current status of cancer control in Arkansas, maintains a plan of cancer control goals and strategies, and improves the quality of life for those persons affected by cancer. To contact the coalition, call 501.404.2363, visit www.arcancercoalition.org or like us on Facebook.

To download the latest statewide Arkansas Cancer Plan, click here: <https://arcancercoalition.org/arkansas-cancer-plan/>

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Scott original song titled, "Papa and Mama."

The entire auditorium was on their feet, clapping and singing as Davis showed his immense performance skills.

He went on to perform many original writings as well as classic country covers like "Help me Make it Through the Night" and "Are You Sure Hank Done it This Way".

"I take this very seriously," Davis stated. "I have played here before. In 2017, I opened two shows for Cody Jinks. I asked him if I could open for him and it was almost like a favor. I take ownership of tonight. It happened like it was supposed to, I worked for it."

Less than a block from The Ryman is Nashville's most popular party destination, Broadway Street.

Lined with bars, restaurants, boot stores and souvenir shops,

Broadway is alive with throngs of people 365 days a year. It is a completely different atmosphere than what lies inside the red brick building that is The Mother Church.

"I don't know how to do it any other way," Davis said. "Today's country radio is what it is. Music should have integrity. Hemingway wrote stories, I want to write songs that tell stories. I want to leave something for my kids."

Over the next year, we can ex-

pect new singles to be released and more tour dates across the country.

"I have recorded a lot of music and I plan to start writing more with the piano," Davis said.

When asked about his fans from Drew County making the trip to Nashville, Davis smiled genuinely.

"Monticello has a treasure trove of people who have helped me over the years. The best people I have ever known are from Drew County, Arkansas."

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSINGS AND TRASH SCHEDULE

Drew County Solid Waste will be closed September 5th in observance of Labor Day. Monday, Sept. 5th trash will be picked up on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. The trash schedule will remain the same for the rest of the week. Drew County Courthouse, Drew County Road Department and Landfill will also be closed.

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Bernice Swift Brooks

Mrs. Bernice Swift Brooks was called home Monday, August 15, 2022, at The Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation in Monticello. She was born May 11, 1933, in Drew County, to the late David Samuel Swift and Claretha Gragg Swift. Bernice was a faithful member of Campground/Mt. Pleasant A.M.E Church. She worked at Burlington Industries, UAM, and Drew County Courthouse before she retired. Bernice was among some of the first to be inducted into the 12th Episcopal District WMS Hall of Fame from the former South



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Arkansas WMS. She served as Stewardess for Board #1, President of the Missionary Society, was active in the Culinary Ministry, her Local Lay Organization, an active member of the Do-Ra-Me singing group, the Drug-Free Rapper group, and was a member of the Effie Brooks Civic Club. Bernice was co-owner and operator of the "Ain't Yo Mama's Bar-B-Que Hut" and she loved to cook, but most of all she loved her family and all she came in contact with. She loved to serve her community where she volunteered at the Woods Nursing Home and was a true show of faith that would always help anyone who needed her.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert Edward Brooks; siblings, Hubert Hedwood, Richard Swift,

James Swift, David Swift, and Mary Vern Thompson.

She is survived by her children, Carolyn (James) Riley of White Planes, Mass. Judy (Rufus) Hudspeth of Little Rock, Margaret (Kenneth) Rogers of Pine Bluff, Clarence (Brenda) Brooks of Monticello, Errix Dewayne (Ruby) Brooks of Pine Bluff, and Ronnie Lee (Gertrude) Brooks of New Hope; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces and nephews who all passionately called her Grand-ma Bea; along with many others who loved her and will all miss her.

There was a public viewing from 12 - 7 p.m. at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Chapel on Friday, August 19, 2022. Funeral Services were held

Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Stephenson-Dearman Chapel. Interment will follow in Campground/Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Cemetery.

The family would like to give special thanks to Inez Whitaker, Patsy Williams, and The Woods Nursing Home.

You can sign Mrs. Bernice's guestbook at www.stephenson-dearman.com. (Paid obituary)

Alex White

Alex White, 32, died Monday, August 15, 2022, at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Hospital in Little Rock. Alex was a native of Monticello and a lifelong resident of the Prairie Grove Community in Drew County. She was a 2008 graduate of Drew Central High School, a

2013 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, and in 2017 she received her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy.



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She was a member of the Fountain Hill United Methodist Church. Alex enjoyed many outdoor activities, traveling, hunting, listening to music, playing on the river with her family and friends, and spoiling her dog, Annie. Alex was a loving and devoted daughter, sister, granddaughter, and friend; she will be missed by the many people who knew her.

She is preceded in death by

an infant son, Bennett; her maternal grandfather, John H. "Possum" Hudson, and her paternal grandparents, Jimmy and Ima White.

She is survived by her fiancé, Sam King of Selma; her mother, Rhonda Hudson; her father, Greg White; a sister, Delani White; her maternal grandmother, Joyce Rush (Jim), all of Hamburg; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

A Celebration of Life Visitation was held from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 2022, in the Jones-Hartshorn Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Jones-Hartshorn Funeral Home of Hamburg. Online guestbook, www.jones-hartshorn.com. (Paid obituary)

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

By: **DEBBIE ARCHER**
Extension Associate-Communications
UAPB

Immunization is critical for keeping you, your loved ones and your community safe and healthy. Teresa Henson, Extension specialist - program outreach coordinator for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff 1890 Cooperative Extension Program, said. "NIAM was created to encourage people to stay current on recommended vaccines," Henson said. "Vaccines are vital because they not only protect the person who gets the vaccine but also help keep the disease from spreading to family, friends, children and the community. Getting vaccinated helps protect those most vulnerable to illness, such as babies, toddlers, seniors and those suffering from chronic disease or compromised immune systems."

NIAM encourages parents to ensure their children are vaccinated and ready for the school year, Henson said. There are several vaccines that are routinely given to children, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). They include:

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- Human Papillomavirus Vaccine: What it's for: Gar-

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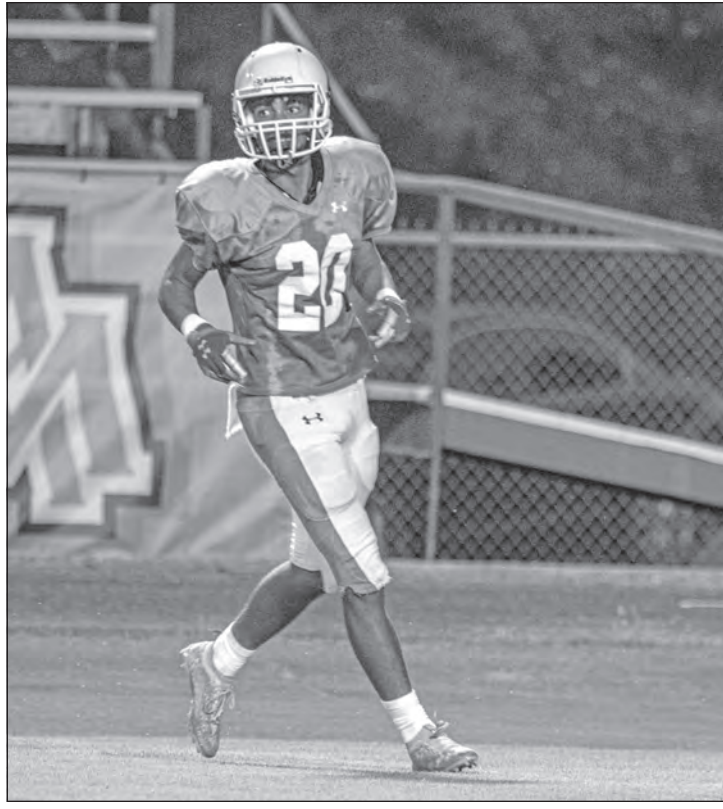
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Weevil Green defeats Weevil White 24-7 in Green-White Scrimmage



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EARNING TIME: Former Monticello High School football players KJ Wells (right) and Jordan Light (left, along with former Drew Central Pirate Antonio Remley (center), were able get some playing time in the second half of Friday's Green/White Scrimmage.

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

University of Arkansas at Monticello Weevil fans got to enjoy a preview of the 2022 Weevil Football Team on Friday, August 19, with UAM hosting the annual preseason Green/White Scrimmage.

Honorary coach for this

season's Green Team was Jefferson Regional Monticello Clinic Dr. Michael Fakouri with the White Team's honorary coach being Union Bank's Scott Saffold.

The White Team was the first to get on the board, taking a 7-0 lead.

Starting Weevil Quarterback Demilon Brown and

the Green Offense got off to a slow start being held to low yardage on their first possessions of the contest being forced to punt the ball away.

Both defenses were able to make big stops throughout the contest but it was the Green Offense that was able to take the advantage on the

field, swing momentum in their favor.

Brown began connecting on passes with solid rushing by sophomore running back Jonero Scott.

The Green Offense continued to move the ball against the White Defense behind the second team players on both sides of the ball.

2022 Monticello and Drew Central High School recruits KJ Wells, Jordan Light, and Antonio Remley saw significant play time in the second half of play, gaining valuable experience at the college level.

When Head Coach Hud Jackson blew the final whistle to end the contest, the Green Team held a 24-7 victory over the White Team.

UAM will officially begin their 2022 on Thursday, September 1, travelling to Bethany, Oklahoma to face Southern Nazarene.

The Weevils have been picked to finish seventh in

the Great American Conference's Preseason Poll with Harding tabbed at number one.

UAM is picked to finish ahead of Southern Arkansas, Arkansas Tech, Northwestern Oklahoma State, Southwestern Oklahoma State, and Southern Nazarene.

The Weevils opened the 2021 Season by defeating Southern Nazarene at Convoy Leslie-Cotton Bowl Stadium by a score of 30-23.

The UAM-Southern Nazarene contest is set for a 6 pm kickoff and can be followed at uamsports.com.

Pirates defeat Dumas 28-21 in Benefit Scrimmage at Dumas

By: JEFF YOUNG
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Pirates got a confidence boost on Tuesday, August 16, in their Arkansas Activities Association Benefit Scrimmage, traveling to Dumas to face the Dumas Bobcats.

The Pirates, who lost all 10 contests last season, had to bring up several players

from the ninth grade to keep from having to play their players on both sides of the ball, faced Dumas in an actual game setting under new head coach Larry White.

The Pirates were able to build a 21-7 lead heading into the half and was able to hold off the Bobcat's in the second half to take a 28-21 victory, unofficially snapping a 13-game losing streak

that included a playoff forfeit loss to Prescott due to Covid to end the 2020 Season.

The Pirates will attempt to officially snap the streak on Friday, August 26, at home against the Bearden Bears.

The Bears will look to spoil the Pirates plans by ending their own losing streak after losing all 10 contests last season as well.

The Drew Central-Bearden contest is scheduled for a 7 pm kickoff.

The Junior Pirates will get their season underway on Thursday, August 25, traveling to Bearden to face the Junior Bears.

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Billies take Benefit Scrimmage over the Rison Wildcats 20-19



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JAGGER HINES and **ZAC JACOBS** combined to stop the Rison Wildcat runner in the first quarter of the annual Benefit Scrimmage.

BY: **JEFF YOUNG**
Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies traveled to Rison on Tuesday, August 17, to face the Wildcats in the annual preseason Arkansas Activities Association Benefit game.

The contest at Rison was a change from the Camden-Fairview Cardinals, who the Billies have scrimmaged for the past several years.

The Billies would win the opening coin toss but would defer to the second half.

Rison would use a ground attack to move the ball, but the Billie defense would force the Wildcats to punt the ball away to give the Billies their first possession of the quarter.

Opening up the drive, Monticello's offense would get off to a solid start with Jeremiah Franklin getting to the outside gaining positive yards into Wildcat territory.

Monticello would cap off the drive with a 13-yard pass from Brooks Bowman to Jemar Matthews for a Billie touchdown to

end an 80-yard drive.

Landon Shaver added the extra point to give Monticello a 7-0 lead.

Rison was able to get in a couple of plays on their second possession before the whistle blew to end the second half.

The Wildcats continued to drive the ball down field after the start of the second quarter but the Billie defense would force the Wildcats to turn the ball over on downs deep in Billie territory.

Monticello would go back to the air on their second possession of the game, extending the drive with a pass from Bowman to Evan Bealer who made a spectacular catch over two Wildcat defenders just beyond mid-field to give the Billies a first down.

Bowman would connect with Tejon Tinsley on a pass for a touchdown, but the billies would be called for offensive holding, negating the touchdown.

The penalty would not hinder the Billie passing game as Bowman went right back to the same play, connecting with Tinsley again for the 38-yard score. Shaver added the extra-point to give the Billies a 14-0 lead.

Rison attempted to drive down the field before the half ended, but the Monticello defense would end the Wildcat drive with an interception to end the half by Zavarius Johnson.

Monticello would receive the ball to start the second half, but the Wildcats would intercept a Bowman pass to take over possession.

Rison would go back to a ground attack to score the next three touchdowns to take a 19-14 lead with 1:35 remaining in the contest.

Monticello would drive down to the 14-yard line with around 25 seconds remaining in the



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EVAN BEALER keeps the Billie drive going with a catch over two Rison defenders.

contest.

Bowman would connect with Quay Rhodes from 14-yards out on the go ahead touchdown pass.

Bowman could not convert the two-point attempt with the Billies leading the Wildcats 20-19 with seconds remaining in the contest.

Rison would be forced to go away from the ground attack and attempt to air it out with seconds remaining, but the Billie defense would end the contest after Curtis Barrow intercepted the Rison pass to close the game.

With the benefit contest in the books, the Billie now prepare for the first game that actually counts on the record books as the Billies will travel to Fordyce to face the Redbugs on Friday, August 26.

Before the Redbugs made the trip to War Memorial Stadium for the 2A State Championship game last season, the Billies were able to give the Redbugs an early season loss at Hyatt Field.

Fordyce will be the first contest for the Billies in a two-game non conference schedule.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 pm on Friday night in Fordyce.

Before the senior high travels to Fordyce, the Junior Billies will host Fordyce on Thursday, August 25, in a Arkansas Activities Association Junior High Benefit contest.

There will not be a Seventh Grade Billie contest.

The Junior Billies and Junior Redbugs are set to kickoff at 7pm.



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TEJON TINSLEY breaks free on a 38-yard touchdown reception from Brooks Bowman.

Jacobs selected to the 13AAA National All-State Team



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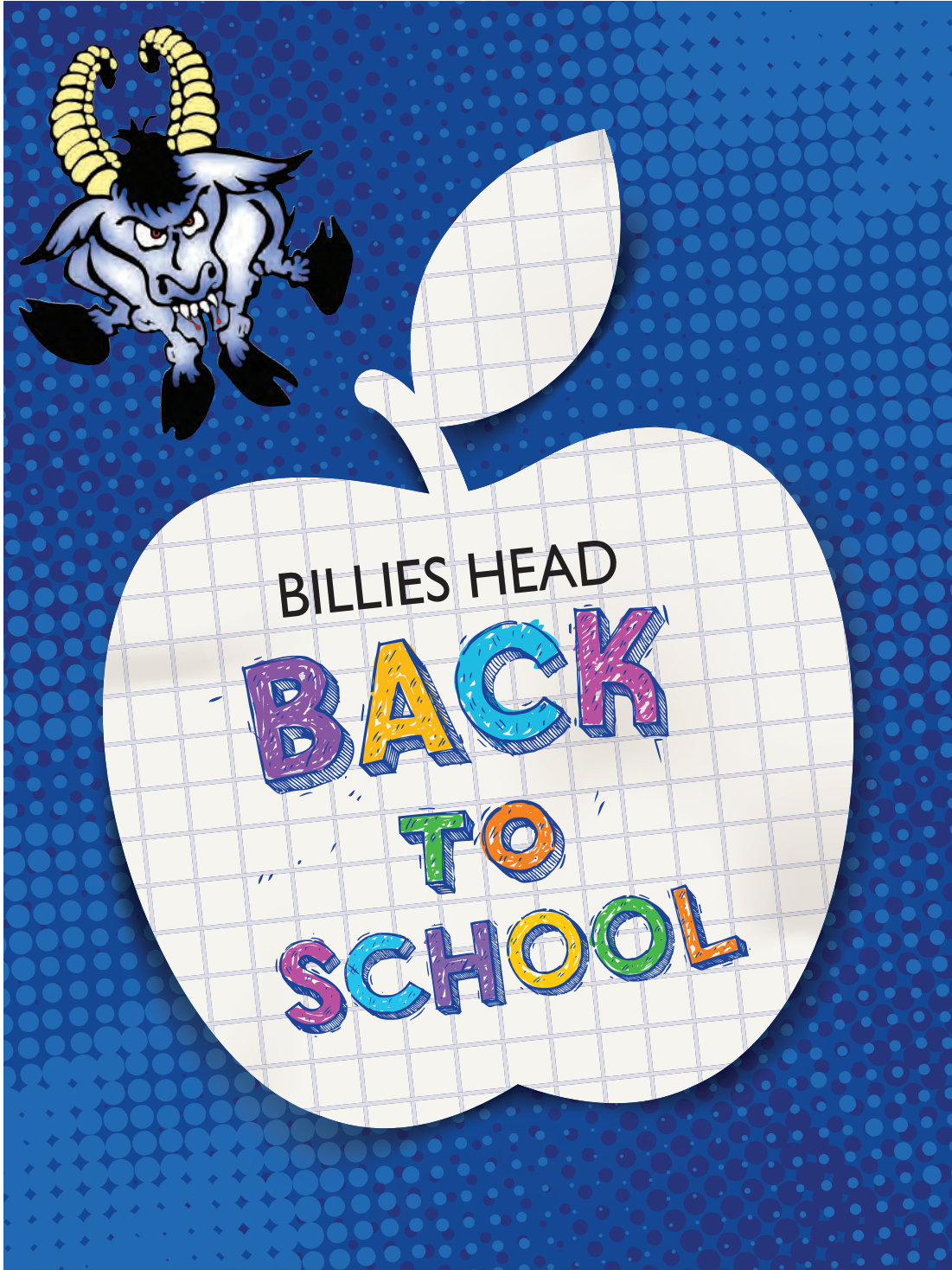
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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

Just say, "You Can Sit with Me!"

By Amy Becker

"God has selected the insignificant things of the world, and the things that are despised and treated with contempt, the things that are nothing, so that He might reduce to nothing the things that are." 1 Corinthians 1:28

By now, most of you have gone back to school! So I'm assuming you've seen the latest trends from Nike shoes to Apple watches. Over the last couple of weeks, I have seen some of the cutest pictures posted: first days of school, last first days of school, and everything in between. Yesterday though, as I rolled through a few pictures, I stumbled upon one post made by a sweet mom friend of mine that really made my heart glad! Each kiddo had on a shirt that read, "You Can Sit

with Me!" The post read something like this, "I hope that they represent this message well." I loved it! I immediately prayed for that precious momma that she would continue to see the importance of helping others feel included and welcomed, and I prayed for her kiddos that they would be brave and carry that message well all year long.

Then I began to think of a story that can be found in John Chapter 4. As Jesus was traveling he stopped at a well for a drink. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and he asked if she would give him a drink. She was shocked, and explained to him who she was and where she came from. Because Jesus was Jewish and Jews did not associate with Samaritans at all, the woman could not understand why Jesus was even sitting near her.

This was the ultimate, "You Can Sit with Me."

Jesus began to tell her about how she could live eternally, and the funniest thing hap-

pened! The woman at the well cared about what he was saying because his kindness was extravagant. Now there are so many things to learn from this story, and I don't want to just breeze by them, but I don't want you to miss Jesus' kindness. You see, God does not

care about Nike shoes or Apple Watches or even where you came from. God cares about you and every single person at your school regardless of anything else.

So today, tomorrow, and for the rest of the year keep this in mind, God doesn't care about

the things of this world but the people of the world.

How can you show Christ's love to others this year? Is it by inviting someone to sit or play with you? There's no time like the present, and it doesn't have to be complicated. Just say, "You Can Sit with Me!"

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SERVICE Spotlight

Melvin Rauls focuses on honesty, integrity

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

Mr. Rauls' business philosophy is short but sweet: "A job done is a job well done."

He attributes his company's success to 'staying with it.' When life is sour or when life gives Mr. Rauls lemons he 'makes lemonade.'

Melvin says that the greatest obstacle he's had to overcome to make his business a success is not giving up and staying focused when money is low or business is slow.

Mr. Rauls hopes to see his business grow in the future. In the next year, five years or ten years, he wants to go from a small



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HERE TO SERVE YOU Melvin Rauls and wife Tracy are pictured above.

business to a large business covering the whole state. Melvin has a bit of advice for someone interested in starting their own business. He says, "Don't give up. Keep the business dream alive."

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JANA WRIGHT
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Sorry I did not have any news last week. Time got away from me. Although I hate going to work on a rainy Monday, I am not going to complain because we really need the rain.

I hope that all the teachers and students have a great and safe year this year. I enjoyed seeing all of the first day of school pictures on Facebook. It's about time things went back to normal.

Happy 4th birthday to Kash Harris, son of C.J. and Kari Harris. He celebrated his birthday Octonauts style. He had a great time. He got a giant water slide that he really enjoys!

I am glad that Crayton Harris, son of Dustin and Laci Harris is okay. He had a severe reaction to an antibiotic and had to go to the ER. I am thankful everything turned out alright!

Little Ms. Hayli Gilliam started kindergarten this year. Her momma and daddy, Kevin and Brandi Gilliam, were not ready, but she was!

Please be on the lookout for a white flatbed truck with the license plate B25399. The gentleman who drives it is missing. If you see it, please call the Bradley County Sheriff's department at 870.226.3491.

Happy birthday to my bonus daughter, Taylor Swain. Happy birthday to Amanda Bone, Jeremy Tucker, John Wood, Jeff Meeks, Amy Brown, Eric Wright, Amy Abney, Maggie Barnett, Chris Chambers, Jr., Margaret Boone, Tiffany Booker, Bettina Randolph, Melanie Evans, Jeanie Chambers, Brodey Barnett, Shawna Tilley, Sydney Kling, Sharon Beard, and Wesley Carnicle. I hope you all have or had happy birthdays!

Happy 55th anniversary to Charles and Sandy Lanehart. Also, late happy anniversary to Carlis and Linda Johns. I wish both couples many more happy years.

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GREEN HILL

WANDA PACE
Greenhill Community Baptist Church enjoyed a wonderful Sunday morning service. Brother Caleb's message was titled "Elijah on Mount Carmel" from 1 Kings 18:17-40. The nominating committee will meet on Wednesday night. And the women's Bible study will begin on September 1, 2022.
Aunt May's family held a surprise birthday party for her on Wednesday evening. A large number of loved ones attend-

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.

ed to enjoy the celebration of Aunt May's 95th birthday. She is loved by many and a blessing to us all.

Happy Birthday Cindy Bennett. I hope you enjoyed a blessed birthday.

Angie Rawls had shoulder surgery on Friday. Sending prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

I was sick for a few days last week. Thank you for the calls, texts, food, and prayers.

Verse of the week: "And endurance produces character, and character produces hope." Romans 5:4

Have a safe and blessed week.

JORDAN PARK

TRILISA MARSHALL
God never causes pain without purpose. He doesn't allow us to weather a season of loss and destruction in our lives without preparing a place of peaceful restoration on the other side. If you are enduring a season of struggle, hold on to the promise that something new is being born out of your trial. And no matter how painful the process, know that your Heavenly Father sees everything you are going through and He will bring you new birth. We have to ask God to always help us in and through our difficult times that we may have. God has the power to transform anything. We may think a person or situation is completely beyond redemption but God can reclaim even the most impossible of our hearts, and our difficult circumstances.

Everyone please let us keep our school districts here and across the world in our prayers daily. We are praying for the students, teachers, staff, bus drivers, and everyone that works or helps with the schools. Welcome back to school everyone and have a blessed and wonderful school year.
Happy birthday shout out this week goes to: Latasha Owens, Monique Martin and Jimmy Lambert, August 22; Keith Jefferson and Tony Baines, August 23; Sheila Lewis, August 24; my baby brother Tony Clifton, Bettina Randolph, LaTroya Jones and Orlando Evans, August 25; Cambrea Ferguson, August 26; Krishna Glass, Bertha Bell and David Dearman, August 27; and Kimberly Miller, August

28. Happy birthday everyone, enjoy your special day.

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Bernice Brooks. Her funeral was held Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Stephenson Dearman Chapel and interment was at Campground/Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. To the family, so sorry for your loss and you all have my condolences, prayers and love, and may God comfort and strengthen you all.

It was a blessing to get a call from my oldest sister Lois (Cookie) Jordan, she said the family was all doing well, just trying to stay cool. It's been so hot out in Texas. We both had our moment crying and talking about the good times we had with our dad. He is truly missed. RIL/RIP Agrone Clifton. I was also glad to hear from Lareatha Hamilton of Pine Bluff, and Mama Myrtle Burks and Gwen White of Memphis, and Pat Clifton of Chicago. Everyone was all doing well and in good spirits.

Our Sunday School lesson was on: "God Promised a Righteous Branch" coming from Jeremiah 23: 1-6; 33:14-18 (KJV). Jeremiah prophesied that Jesus would come as the Righteous Branch. Pastor Robert Marshall Sr's message was on: "The Importance of Oil" coming from Leviticus 8:12-14 (KJV). The oil sprinkled on the holy things sanctified them as a means of grace. The oil poured upon Aaron represents the grace of the Holy Spirit. And our Tuesday evening Bible Study lesson was on: "Power Packed Prayers" coming from Jude 20 chapter; Matthew 21:22; Mark 11:23-25; Romans 8:26-27 and Acts 1:8; 12:1-16; 16:25-4 (KJV). Let go and let the power of the Holy Ghost move in and through you.

Praying that everyone has a safe, wonderful and blessed rest of the week. Drive safe. School has started back and the traffic

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.

is hectic. Our scripture for the week is: Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Much love to all, and have a blessed rest of the week. Blessings!

LACEY

IVANELL HANDLEY
Hello Readers! I am sure everyone was happy to get some rain and it looks like we may be getting some more than God for the rain!

Another blessed Sunday service was held at Promise Land Baptist Church Lacey; we had all men and only two women. We were blessed with a great Sunday school lesson taught by Bro. George Davidson. The lesson was from the sixteenth section and the lesson subject was, No Better Refreshment; background scripture was Revelation 22:1-7; Key Verse, Revelation 22:1 KJV "And he showed me a pure river of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb". Pastor also blessed us with a very inspiring word, his thought was, What God has For Me is For Me; Psalms 121:1. It was also a wonderful message.

Prayers for the sick and shut-in. Sympathy and prayer for the Swift and Brooks family and other families that have lost a loved one.

Belated anniversary wishes to our Pastor and wife; James and Lisa Johnson, they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday August 21st. Prayers that you will be blessed with many more!

Happy birthday wishes to: Tommy Burgers, August 26 and Mrs. Wilma McNaughton, August 28; Mrs. Eula M. Daniels will celebrate her 92nd birthday on August 28; what a blessing; and Kerby Merritt August 30. I hope you all enjoy your special

day. Matilda Jordan's children celebrated their mothers 83rd birthday Saturday, August 20 at her home. Patricia Staple, Jerry Smith, and I as well as other family and friends attended, it was a very nice afternoon.

Congratulations to Rachel Junior, the daughter of Regina Junior and granddaughter of Lou Junior; she will be going to Darmstadt, Germany to attend school for one year. Rachel is currently a student at the University of Arkansas; we are so proud of her let's keep her in our prayers. Our grandson, Camryn X. Jones, is attending the University of Arkansas. His mom, dad, and brother helped him with the move this past weekend; he is all set and ready to start the school year. Floyd and I are so proud of him.

Thought for the week: With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts. (Eleanor Roosevelt) Have a blessed week.

POSSUM VALLEY

KAY CRAIG SPURLOCK

Hello, and welcome back to this week's Possum Valley report of news.

I took off work this past Friday and spent some time sitting out on the porch watching the hummingbirds. At one point, I stood at the gate between the two nectar feeders with camera at the ready. Those tiny tempests were buzzing me so closely, I was wearing a brightly colored bandana, and I swear

I could feel the vibration of their wings. And as I stood, felt and watched, a song from the original Top Gun movie kept running through my head. As they zoomed back and forth I heard...Highway To The Danger Zone!

We had several puny folks in the Valley this week so our women's bible study group was cancelled. It appears that Covid, along with other ailments, is in our midst again.

Even though I felt a bit under the weather, I still got out Saturday morning and went for a walk. At one point I looked up to see two birds that appeared to be cranes of some sort. I was pretty sure they weren't the usual Cattle Egret. The birds were primarily white in color, quite large, with long, lanky legs and black along the inner edge of their wings. I took some pictures and anticipated getting back home to look at my field guide. I was kind of hoping they were Whooping Cranes. It turns out they were Wood Storks. And while not rare, they are fairly uncommon as I've only seen them a few times over the years.

Semi-final plans have been made regarding Possum Valley Fun Day. The date is still the last Saturday in October, which is the 29th. Times and activities have not been finalized but fairly certain there will be catfish dinners for sale, burgers and hot dogs from the kitchen. And, as always, homemade pies and cakes for sale or for cake walking. We're hoping to have quilt show set up in the old Valley Methodist Church. Once we get all the entertainment lined up I will let you know. But, I'm sure there will be flyers and ads placed on online news sites and on Facebook. We're selling chances for a queen size, homemade quilt. Most everyone in the Valley has tickets and you can get yours for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

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DEVOTIONAL

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All together now

I have always been an extrovert. I enjoy meeting new people. I love joking with people in the drive-thru, cashiers at stores. Just engaging with people (sometimes to the chagrin of my kids, cue the eye rolls). That's one reason I've always felt that's why God called me to pastoral ministry. But even extroverts enjoy time alone. That's me as well. We all need time alone. Though it can be difficult with the types of schedules we keep and the pace of life.

For many of us we're moving at two speeds. Fast and stop. But solitude is such an important thing. It doesn't have to be an extended sabbatical or retreat, but just for a short time of reflection, prayer and meditation. Maybe for you it's on a deer stand or on a fishing boat or a long Sunday afternoon drive. Even Jesus practiced times of chosen solitude. It was here that He would reconnect with His father, rest and recharge for the next round of ministry. People can also be difficult, no way around that so solitude is necessary for the soul.

But here is where so many of us falter, it's balance. Solitude is not the same as isolation. Solitude is about being alone to connect with God. Isolation is being alone to disconnect from everyone around you. Instead of engaging relationships we hide

from them. Sometimes we isolate out of hurt or fear. It's understandable. But prolonged isolation from people will be costly in the long run. My father-in-law used to raise sheep. There were times when his herd would be quite large before a sale. You would see the main herd sticking together and then there would be the stragglers. Then there would be those that were away from the flock. Most of the time it was because they weren't paying attention to where the flock was headed.

That's when he would get on his four wheeler or send a dog to move the lone sheep back into the flock. Why? It was safer. Yes, the sheep was independent and could graze wherever it saw fit. But if it were alone for too long it would become vulnerable to injury or worse, coyotes. You and I were not made to stay alone. We were made for relationships. That's what makes the Church so wonderful. It's built in relationships with those who share the one thing that truly matters. Jesus. Life is better when we live it together.

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

By: Timothy Parke, Lead Pastor
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COUNTRY

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Sunday morning, I went for another walk and there wasn't a lot going on, although I did hear a Yellow-billed Cuckoo and a Hooded Warbler. I guess the 'bird days' of summer are finally releasing their hold.

Without Addie coming over we've had a very quiet weekend. She is still quarantined, and bless her heart, she'll miss the first day of kindergarten. There are several other folks in the neighborhood who have been stricken, as well, and you could sure tell it at church Sunday morning. A young man by the name of John Burch filled the pulpit for us this week. John just happens to be the great-nephew of Mrs. Jerline McCarty. He brought us a message, "When Satan Reminds You of Your Past, Remind him of his Future", from the book of Job.

I drove to town after church and got caught in a deluge of rain that just about had me pulling over to wait it out. I managed to make it to Walmart along with about half the town there, too. It appeared the other half were at the local restaurants. Anyway, when I got ready to leave it was still pouring down rain. For some reason that morning before I left for church, I saw a poncho-in-a-bag

sitting on the pantry shelf. I stuck it in my purse even though it wasn't raining at the time. Boy, was a thankful for it. I put that thing on, pulled off my shoes and took off to the car. That poncho kept me from getting totally soaked as I put my purchases in the car. I think that 'feeling' that morning might have been a God nudge. Thank you, Lord!

That's my news for this week. We want to continue praying for the health and safety of our school students and personnel as this school year gets underway.

This week's corny joke has a Fall vibe to it. How do you fix a pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch!

That's it for this week. Until next time, please, be safe, be happy, pray for one another and remember that God loves you. And sometime His love requires discipline. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; therefore, be zealous and repent." Revelation 3:19 NKJV

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There is no Wilmar news this week. Chris Riley had other commitments. Her column will resume in next week's edition.

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to water quality. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 6 = E)

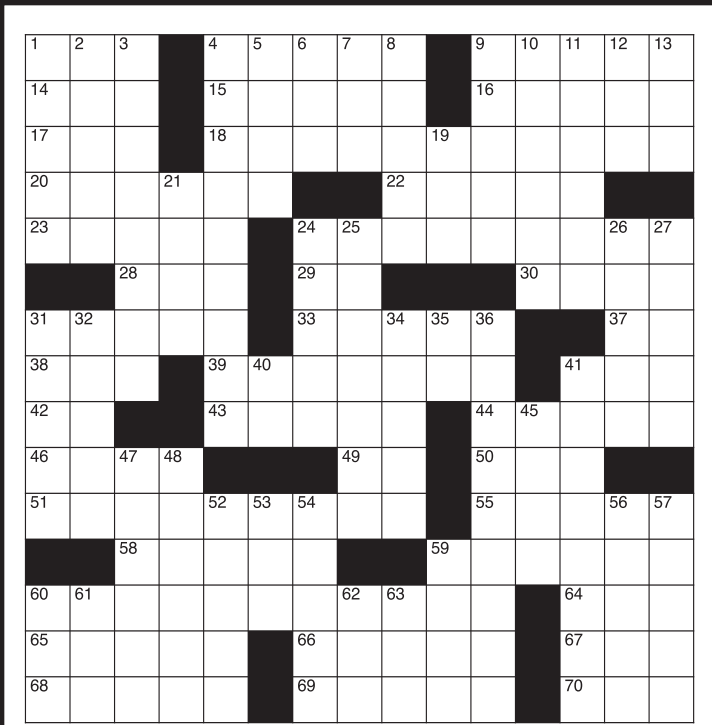
A. 12 20 3 10 6 21
Clue: Removes impurities

B. 16 4 15 21 18 10 6
Clue: Absorb water

C. 21 6 14 6 21 17 24 20 21
Clue: Used as a water supply

D. 22 20 22 6 14
Clue: Carry water

Answers: A. filter B. hydrate C. reservoir D. pipes



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One point north of due west
- 4. Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia
- 9. Popular California/Nevada lake
- 14. Go quickly
- 15. Fatty acid in soaps
- 16. Brand of fuel stations
- 17. State of fuss
- 18. Romance novelist
- 20. Members of a household
- 22. Asserts to be the case
- 23. Type of infection
- 24. With metal inlays
- 28. Chinese philosophic principle
- 29. Early multimedia
- 30. Employee stock ownership plan
- 31. He investigated Clinton administration
- 33. Shells
- 37. Six
- 38. Snake-like fish
- 39. Capital of Kenya
- 41. Influential group (abbr.)
- 42. Used to chop
- 43. It comes as a case
- 44. Challenges
- 46. Small amounts
- 49. The Golden State
- 50. Peyton's little brother
- 51. For walking in Alaska
- 55. Buddhist honorific titles
- 58. Lively ballroom dance
- 59. Capital of Albania
- 60. Late night host
- 64. Draw from
- 65. A way to utilize
- 66. One who is not native Hawaiian
- 67. A power to perceive
- 68. Bulky
- 69. Horse mackerels
- 70. Proclaim out loud

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hits
- 2. Bathroom accessory
- 3. Young
- 4. Beef cattle
- 5. It's often in soap
- 6. For each
- 7. Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
- 8. A way to leave
- 9. Emaciation
- 10. Punish with a fine
- 11. Steeds
- 12. Having eight
- 13. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 19. Mature reproductive cells
- 21. Armadillo species
- 24. Ancient country in what is now Romania
- 25. Extreme greed
- 26. Stars
- 27. Poems
- 31. Places to sit
- 32. One from the Lone Star State
- 34. Small rails
- 35. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 36. Where coaches work
- 40. Indicates position
- 41. Mammals
- 45. Resembling a wing
- 47. Beliefs
- 48. Hindu male religious teachers
- 52. Mischievously
- 53. Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
- 54. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 56. Horned squash bug genus
- 57. Excessively sentimental
- 59. Shared verbally
- 60. You can put it on toast
- 61. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
- 62. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- 63. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano

WATER QUALITY WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

- AQUIFER
- CHEMICAL
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- CONTAMINANT
- DATA
- DRINKING
- ECOLOGICAL
- ECOSYSTEM
- EFFLUENT
- EXPOSURE
- HABITAT
- MANAGEMENT
- MEASURE
- MONITORING
- ORGANISMS
- PARAMETERS
- QUALITY
- RECLAIMED
- SEDIMENT
- SPECIES
- STANDARDS
- TURBIDITY
- WASTEWATER
- WILDLIFE

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

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on August 26, 1980. I have six siblings and began acting at the age of 4. I have been in many successful movies, including a franchise about a kid being left at home.

Answer: Macaulay Culkin

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to water quality.

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Answer: Unclean

This week's recipe: Stir up dinner quickly

The lazy days of summer have started to fade away, and individuals and families will once again be beholden to more rigid schedules packed with activities. When time is of the essence, finding opportunity to cook delicious meals at home can seem challenging. But there are plenty of recipes that whip up in no time and won't disappoint hungry families.

Speedy Beef Stir-Fry with Chunky Vegetables

Ingredients (Serves 4)

- 1 tablespoon dry sherry or Shaoxing rice wine
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon soy sauce, optional
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 8 ounces lean boneless beef, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons chicken stock
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons chopped garlic
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh gingerroot
- 1 1/2 cups baby corn
- 1/2 cup sliced water chestnuts
- 1/2 cup frozen tiny peas

Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine sherry, water, dark soy sauce, if using, and cornstarch and stir well into a smooth paste. Add beef and stir to coat well. Set aside for 10 minutes.
2. In a small bowl, combine chicken stock, soy sauce, sugar and salt and stir well.
3. Heat a wok or a large deep skillet over high heat. Add oil and swirl to coat pan. Add garlic and ginger and toss well until fragrant, about 15 seconds. Add beef mixture and spread into a single layer. Cook, undisturbed, until edges change color, about 1 minute. Toss well.
4. Add chicken stock mixture, baby corn and water chestnuts. Cook, tossing occasionally, until beef is cooked through., about 2 minutes more. Add peas and cook, tossing once for 1 minute more. Transfer to a serving plate. Serve hot or warm.



Answers can be found on Page 2B

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