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By Ashley Hogg

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Organizers of the recent "Our

Festival" in Monticello are be-

ing sued for reimbursement of

expenses by Robert Hulsey with

Hulsey Amusements of Hot

Bart Gregory, candidate for

Mayor of Monticello, and Mi-

chael Hunevcutt, are both named

in a small claims suit that is seek-

ing \$5,461.04 for reimbursement

filed with the 28th State District

Court of Drew County on August

26, Hulsey Amusements planned

to set up carnival rides and at-

Along with the complaint that

was filed against Gregory and

Huneycutt, several pages of re-

ceipts were attached from vari-

ous food and lodging charges and

"We have all our receipts for

traveling expenses to come set

up at "Our Festival" at the City

Park in Monticello," Hulsey stat-

ed in official court documents.

"We have texts and messenger

messages stating that we would

be able to start setting up on

Wednesday, and that we would

need to be able to set up so we

would be ready for state ride

inspection on Friday. We were

guaranteed since the beginning

of July that everything would be

taken care of, but it was not and

we were not able to set up in the

"Our Festival" did take place

at city park on Friday, August

26 and Saturday August 27 but

there were no carnival rides or

time we needed."

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According to court documents

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"Our Festival" organizers sued by carnival company

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New categories added to the 2022 Drew County Fair Tabloid

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The Drew County Extension Homemakers Council announces that new categories have been added for fair entries this year. In each division, new categories of items will be judged.

In the Handicraft Division, there are now categories for School Spirit, Recyclables, Accessories, Pottery, Ceramics, and Plaster. Each of these categories has at least fourteen new listings for fair entries.

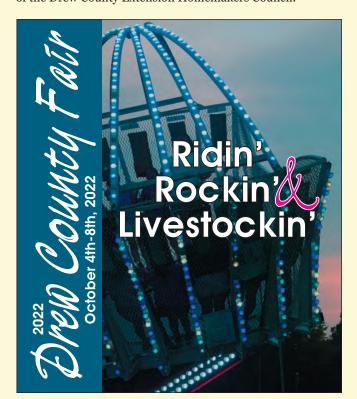
Other categories also have opportunities for new entries. The Holiday Decorations category now has nineteen new listings. The Cut Flowers and Potted Plants have added seventeen new listings. The Art Division recognizes entries in seven new media.

Be sure to look for all these changes in the 2022 Drew County Fair Tabloid which will be out this Saturday inside the Drew County Shoppers' Guide.

The tabloid describes hundreds of items you can enter into the fair competition. Things that you have canned, sewn, quilted, hand crafted, refinished, baked, grown, painted, or photographed can all become your fair entries for the year.

Show your work off to the community, win ribbons, and collect points for the awards you receive. The points are totaled at the end of the fair, and the winner receive a monetary award as well.

Drew County Extension Homemakers Council needs more help than ever during the week of the fair. There are several events for which volunteers can assist. Any period of time you can offer will be appreciated. For more information, contact Hazelene McCray at 870-460-6270 or speak with any member of the Drew County Extension Homemakers Council.



UAM overall fall enrollment up, graduate enrollment sets record

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) has announced a 1.5 percent increase in overall enrollment for the Fall 2022 semester. The overall number of students enrolled for the fall semester is 2,717, up from 2,677 students during the fall 2021 semester.

Graduate student enrollment at UAM has reached a record high, seeing a 10 percent increase, from 409 to 451 students, and transfer student enrollment has grown 27 percent compared to the fall 2021 semester, from 131 to 166 students.

Dr. Peggy Doss, chancellor of UAM, stated, "The increase in overall enrollment at UAM's three campuses highlights the success of our outreach efforts and confirms what we proudly know about our university: UAM is a model higher education institution, offering an affordable, comprehensive education, from technical certificates to graduate degrees. While our numbers are not up in every enrollment area, we are excited to see continued growth in the coming academic year as a result of new program offerings and partnerships."

UAM anticipates additional graduate student growth due to its new Master of Science in Nursing degree with an emphasis in public health. The program, which will be the only one of its kind in the state of Arkansas, is currently accepting applicants and will begin in January 2023.

For additional information regarding enrollment and scholarship opportunities, contact the UAM Office of Admissions at admissionsoffice@uamont.edu or 870-460-1026.

Since court documents were served, Gregory took to social media blaming City officials, specifically Mayor Chase and Police Chief Jason Akers, citing "dirty politics" being the reason the suit was filed.

"In response to the complaint made in small claims, case number SC-22-17, against me, Bart Gregory, concerning Mr. Robert Hulsey suing me for traveling expenses, I do not owe any money," Gregory said in a statement to The Advance. "There was no contract with Mr. Hulsey and myself. I understood that the carnival and their food vending could be set up for free at the 2022 Our Town Festival. There had been an issue concerning the carnival needing a generator to run their rides. The Our Town Festival group asked for and received a donated generator for the carnival to use. The Our Town Festival group rented the McCloy area for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

I did not know there was an issue 'till I was contacted on Thursday. It was explained that the carnival had not been able to park because of a football game. No time did anyone mention we were restricted when we rented the area from the city officials because there was a game. Our group had met with a city employee to get approval of our layout of vendors including the carnival. I was at the park setting up for the event on Thursday. I never saw a school bus or an actual football game; therefore, I am not sure what the exact issue was that made Mr. Hulsey decide not to set up his carnival since it is not stated in the complaint. The festival was the work of several

people, including myself. Everyone took on the responsibility for different aspects of the event. I had focused mainly on fundraising and getting the word out about the event. I do not believe this situation had to have this outcome, but Mr. Hulsey made a choice to leave and not set up for the festival. I or anyone from our group, to my knowledge, told Mr. Hulsey he could not set up the rides.

He stated in his complaint "that everything would be taken care of, but was not" our group rented the area, our group located a generator for their use, we got approval from a city representative, and our group advertised they were coming. There's nothing more we could do. We do not have the power of the mayor."

According to City Officials, no contact was made between any representatives from the "Our Festival" group to the City of Monticello until problems arose when Henley Drive was blocked and school officials were told to move their vehicles so that tents could be set up for the festival. This occurred while school was in session

in session.

"The City of Monticello has a reputation of working well with others utilizing city grounds, such as the recent MLK Foundation Unity in the Community event that went off without a hitch due in part to the comprehensive planning and cooperation of that organization, Mayor Paige Chase stated. "Since we encourage use of our facilities, it appears there needs to be some clarification as to the events at a recent festival held on August 26

and 27 so that organizers planning events in the future will not make the same mistakes.

To be clear, prior to the setting up of the festival, there was no communication of needs by the festival's organizer to either the Mayor's Office, the Monticello School District, which operates vital facilities near the park, or the Monticello Police Department.

The initial complaint the city received was on Wednesday, when complaints of Henley Drive, the road between the park and football field, was blocked with trucks and amusement rides. This is the area where visiting teams park and band students access the bandstand. There was a Monticello Junior High football game set for the next night and no communication was made by the organizer to the schools to utilize the school's area. The city has a longstanding agreement with the school that this area is utilized by visiting teams, band related activities and safe access to the football field house.

A second call was received from school staff, who were asked to move their vehicles in school parking / boys and girls club areas so tents could be set up. School was in session and access to our children is of utmost importance in the event of any emergency and we respect the school's position in this matter as to not relocate their parking lot or limit access to parents, students or staff.

While the City is regretful of the conflict, it is the responsibility of the organizer to reach out to

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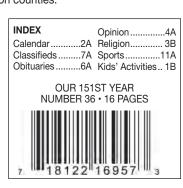
KINDRED AT HOME BECOMES CENTERWELL



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Kindred at Home became CenterWell Home Health at the official ribbon cutting ceremony by the Monticello/Drew County Chamber of Commerce at noon, Friday, September 2. CenterWell Home Health is located at 420 W. Gaines St., Ste. 2, with Registered Nurse Holli Pope serving as the branch director. CenterWell Home Health provides skilled home health services such as nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy for all of Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Lincoln, and parts of Arkansas, Calhoun, Dallas, Grant, Jefferson, and Union counties.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4-8 Church Revival

East Side Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy 278 & 35E, will be having a revival September 4-8. Rev. Michael Griffiths, Evangelist, Bro. Carl Hayes, Minister. Sunday morning services 11:00 a.m.; Night services

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8

Seark Concert Association Young Artist concert

The SEARK Concert Association will present the 2022 National Federation of Music's Young Artist Shaina Martinez, soprano and Mary Smith, pianist, at 7 p.m., Thursday September 8 at the UAM Fine Arts Center. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.

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. **SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 10**

Project Leader Workshop for Operation Christmas Child

A Project Leader Workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 10 at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church located at 111 Hwy 172. For more information, call Rosie Pagan at 870-367-3298 or text Sheila Gardner at 870-224-1137.

SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11-15

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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Retirement Conference

Southeast Arkansas Financial Education Center Inc., will host a free retirement conference beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 17 at the Monticello Branch Library. This conference is free to attend.

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) Newspapersbagged 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

Support for local schools

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

Borrow a book and hours

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library, Monticello Branch, 114 West Jefferson Avenue, is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Masks are required while entering, exiting or walking around the library. Masks may be removed while seated. Social distancing of 6 feet between individuals. Hand sanitizer is available upon entering the building and at the front desk. Call the library at 870-367-8583. Fax, copying and printing services are available.

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

Information and referral outreach office now open

Southeast Arkansas Delta Solutions Community Development Organization announces the opening of its Information and Referral Outreach Office, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office will be open Tuesdays only. Services will include but are not limited to, COVID-19 relief information, pharmacy assistance referrals for free and reduced prescription medications, help with disability applications and other health and human services needs. Delta Solutions is a non-profit organization, serving residents in Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha and Drew counties. It's primary focus is Education, Housing, Health and Wellness, Economic Development, Community Development, Housing, Food Insecurity, and Financial Literacy.

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

Arkansas Bikers Aiming Toward Education Meeting

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

AA meetings

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

Andrews Chapel Cemetery

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

VFW Auxiliary

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

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

Drew Co. Democratic Party meeting

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

Arkansas Department of Agopens Organic **Certification Cost Share Program**

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications from producers for reimbursement under the United States Department of Agriculture National Organic Certification Cost Share Program. Organic certification fees paid between the dates of October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022, are eligible. Applications for reimbursement are available at cognitoforms. com/ArkansasAgriculture1/NationalOrganicCertificationCostShare Application and are due by November 1, 2022.

Reimbursement for 50 percent of eligible certification costs up to \$500 is available for operators who have been certified by a USDA accredited certifying agent. Certification costs that have already been reimbursed through the USDA-Farm Service Agency or other agencies are not eligible. The Arkansas

USDA National Organic Certification Cost Share Program through funding provided by the USDA.

"Anything we can do to help offset costs for Arkansas producers is a win for agriculture, which is our state's largest industry," says Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. "We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the USDA on this program that provides important cost-share assistance to an expanding sector of Arkansas's agricultural industry."

According to the latest data available from the USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service, organic production in Arkansas has grown significantly since 2012. From 2012 to 2019, the number of farms selling organically produced commodities increased from 32 farms to 67. Sales of organic products in-

Department of Agriculture administers the creased from \$789,000 in 2012 to over \$55 million in 2019, an increase of almost 6,900

For questions about the application or the reimbursement process, contact Karen Reynolds at 501-529- 1630 or karen.reynolds@agriculture.arkansas.gov.

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

Senior Center lunch menu: Sept. 7-14

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, black eye peas, lemon cake, roll

Thursday: BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, chocolate chip cookies, roll

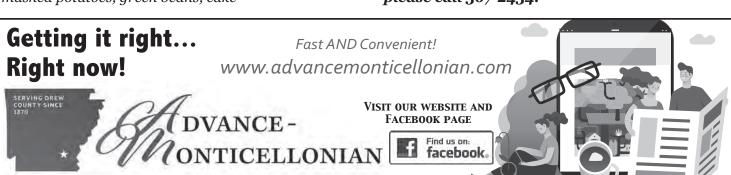
Friday: Chili cheese dogs, tots, fruited JELLO

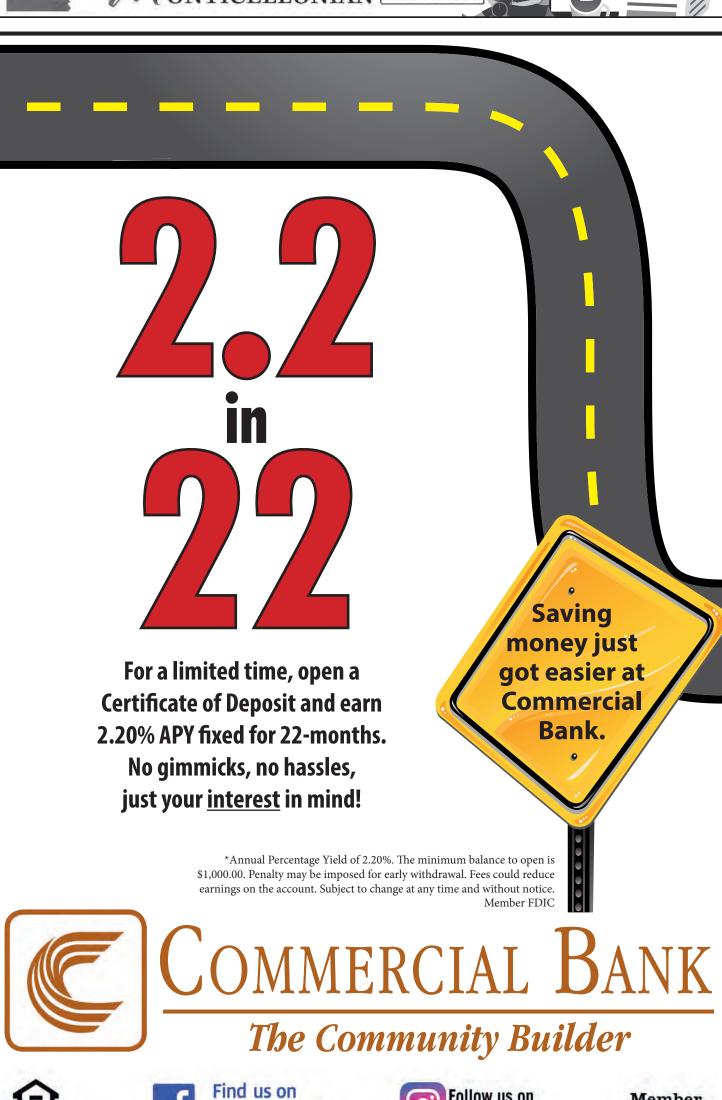
Monday: Pintos w/sausage, mixed greens, cornbread, mixed fruit

Tuesday: Hamburger steak w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cake

Wednesday: Baked chicken, rice w/brown gravy, glazed carrots, JELLO, roll

Menu is subject to change. All lunches have a choice of sweet tea and milk. The Senior Center serves lunch for citizens 60 and older for \$4; under 60, \$5, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., first come, first served. If you need any information on our senior center, please call 367-2434.











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Governor Asa Hutchinson assembles national leaders for upcoming summit

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Arkansas Governor Hutchinson is announcing more newsmakers to the lineup for the inaugural "America Leads: An Ideas Summit" with top leaders from across the nation including Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, former Oklahoma congressman J.C. Watts and former Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam.

These prominent leaders will join keynote speaker Condoleezza Rice. Additional speakers include Dr. Kori Schake, Klon Kitchen and John Bailey, all senior fellows at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI).

The summit will take place Oct. 19 in Bentonville at the Momentary and will center on ideas that will guide America into the future. The goal is to encourage problem-solving and practical

"Rep. Watts and Governors Ducey and Haslam - along with Sec. Rice, Dr. Schake, Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Bailey – are excellent additions to the America Leads summit, as they all have careers full of front-line experience in business, government and research. They are leaders who know what is at stake in America and has practical ideas to protect freedom at home and abroad." said Gov. Hutchinson. "We are looking forward to the discussions around the challenges facing our nation and coming up with effective and workable solutions."

Former congressman J.C. Watts is from Oklahoma and a celebrated athlete, businessman, and broadcast and cable news veteran who currently is chairman, president and CEO of JC Watts Holdings, a multi-industry holding company headquartered in Oklahoma City. In 1990, Watts was the first African American elected statewide in Oklahoma when he was elected to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. He became chairman of the commission before being elected to Congress in 1994. In 1998, he was elected by his peers to serve as chairman of the Republican Conference, the 4th ranking leadership position in the majority party in the U.S. House of Representatives. Watts served on the Armed Services, Transportation and Banking committees. Watts helped develop the American Community Renewal/New Markets Act targeting underdeveloped communities and was the author of President Bush's faith-based initiative. He also developed legislation with former congressman John Lewis to establish the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and

Governor Doug Ducey was elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018 with more votes than anyone in state history. Throughout ernor of the State of Tennessee.

his administration, Gov. Ducey has eliminated overburdensome regulations, fostered the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs, and reformed taxes every year he's been in office—including signing the largest income tax cut in state history. With a prioritization in education, Arizona has invested over \$11 billion dollars into K-12 education and brought per-pupil funding to a record high. He has also positioned Arizona as a national leader in school choice and civics education. Even with record investments and historic tax cuts, Governor Ducey has found a way to ensure Arizona's insulated from future downturns, adding \$1.4 billion dollars to the state's Rainy Day Fund. He is a former businessman and CEO of Cold Stone Creamery who today also serves as chairman of the Republican Governors Association.

Bill Haslam is the former gov-

He was first elected in 2010 and was re-elected in 2014 with the largest victory in modern Tennessee history. Under his leadership, Tennessee became recognized as a national leader in education, economic development, efficient and effective government, and fiscal strength. During his two terms as governor, Tennessee students were the fastest improving in the country in academic achievement, and high school graduation rates reached an all-time high. Tennessee became the first state in the nation to offer high school graduates and adults two years of community or technical college free of mandatory tuition and fees as part of the governor's Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect programs. Approximately 450,000 private sector jobs were created during his time in office, and Tennessee's unemployment rate reached the lowest level recorded in state history.

Since leaving office, Haslam has returned to the private sector and continues to be engaged on many local and national issues. He is currently the chair of the Wilson Center and serves on the National Board of Directors for Teach for America and Young Life Board.

John Bailey serves as a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a fellow at the George W. Bush Institute, and as an advisor to the Walton Family Foundation. He served as a domestic policy advisor in the White House coordinating the policy process with agencies and White House including ESEA, the Higher Education Act, job training, and the Trade Adjustment Assistance reauthorization. Bailey served as the Deputy Policy Director to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce where he helped to write the first pandemic preparedness plan. He also served as Director of Edu-

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"PARTERRE" painting exhibition open to the public at UAM's **Glassblock Gallery**

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

PARTERRE," an exhibition of paintings by Dan Charbonnet, can be viewed in the Glassblock Gallery in the Fred J. Taylor Library and Technology Center on the University of Arkansas at Monticello's campus during the month of September

Charbonnet's art is grounded in the rudiments of painting. He strives to achieve balance between process and application. For Charbonnet, the studio work, both as an object and compulsive action, is about being aware and being present. His creative process involves the distillation of experience and composing these moments into painting constructions. These arrangements of material, space and color pursue harmony and intention.

Charbonnet is a Louisiana native and graduate of the University of New Orleans, where

he received a Master of Fine Arts in painting. His works are in museums and private collections across the country including the New Orleans Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art.

The exhibition is open to the public now through the end of September. The gallery's hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.; and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Barnett - Ludlow to wed Sept. 10

Christopher and Darla Barnett of Monticello are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Rachel Renae Barnett, to James "Aaron" Anthony Ludlow, son of Danny and Stacie Ludlow of Rison, and the late Roy Lewallen.

Rachel attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello and is a dance instructor at Kim's Dance Factory. She also serves in the youth ministry at Rose Hill Freewill Baptist Church in Monticello.

Aaron attended Arkansas State University and is a lead mechanic for Spartan Intimidator in Monticello.

Rachel is the granddaughter of Jerry and the late Kathy Clemons of Monticello and Linda and the late Don Barnett of Monticello.

Aaron is the grandson of Mack and Alice Riggins of Rison, Shirley and the late Jim Rolen of Monroe, La., and Roy and Joyce Lewallen of Benton.

The wedding is set for Saturday, September 10, 2022



at Rose Hill Freewill Baptist All family and friends are in-Church in Monticello at 4 p.m. vited to attend.



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OPINION

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Advancing policies to fight hunger

Classrooms across the state are full of eager students ready to learn. Many Arkansas school kids are better prepared to learn as a result of a bipartisan law approved months ago helping ensure children could enjoy summer vacation without having to worry about being hungry.

As the lead Republican on the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-



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estry, I joined with my Democrat counterpart to broker a deal to ensure kids have access to healthy, nutritious meals over the course of the summer and this school year.

The Keep Kids Fed Act allowed meal program operators to continue to utilize flexibilities granted at the onset of the pandemic over this past

summer break. It also extends administrative and paperwork flexibilities through the current school year to help schools streamline meal operations and continue serving food despite supply chain disruptions.

We're all well aware of the skyrocketing food costs. On the Biden administration's watch, food inflation has shot up to its highest rate since Jimmy Carter was president. This trend has increased food insecurity at home for many young Arkansans while also making it more difficult for schools and hunger relief organizations to step in and help those same children.

This need is especially acute during the summertime when families with children who rely on meals at school no longer have access to this resource. In Arkansas, and across the country, there are a number of excellent organizations that step in to help during those months, but they are hamstrung by rules dating back to the 1960s.

I have long-championed reforming the summer meals program to fix this outdated model. The flexibilities Congress granted providers during the pandemic were based off the Hunger-Free Summer for Kids Act which I introduced in the Senate. Removing outdated requirements during the pandemic spurred innovation with public-private partnerships and provided access to nutritious meals for young Arkansans. The success of this updated model offers a good recipe for how to reach more children in need.

In order to comply with social distancing mandates, Congress waived the requirement for children to travel to a central location and eat their meals together. While the congregate feeding standard works well in some communities, it clearly was not possible to operate in this manner during a pandemic. Even before COVID, it wasn't feasible in many rural areas, as it can be difficult for children to reach a site—if one even exists. In suburban and urban areas, inclement weather or violence can keep children from these sites and cause them to miss a meal.

The pandemic-instituted changes proved new options-from off-site, grab-and-go models, to home delivery, to electronic benefits transfer—do in fact reach a broader audience of those in need. While continuing to ensure that children have access to healthy meals this coming school year, the summertime flexibilities provided through the Keep Kids Feed Act should be part of an overdue child nutrition reauthorization. As we recognize September as Hunger Action Month, I am committed to fighting hunger and will continue pushing for passage of the Hunger-Free Summer for Kids Act in a broader reauthorization to ensure all options for summertime meals remain on the table.

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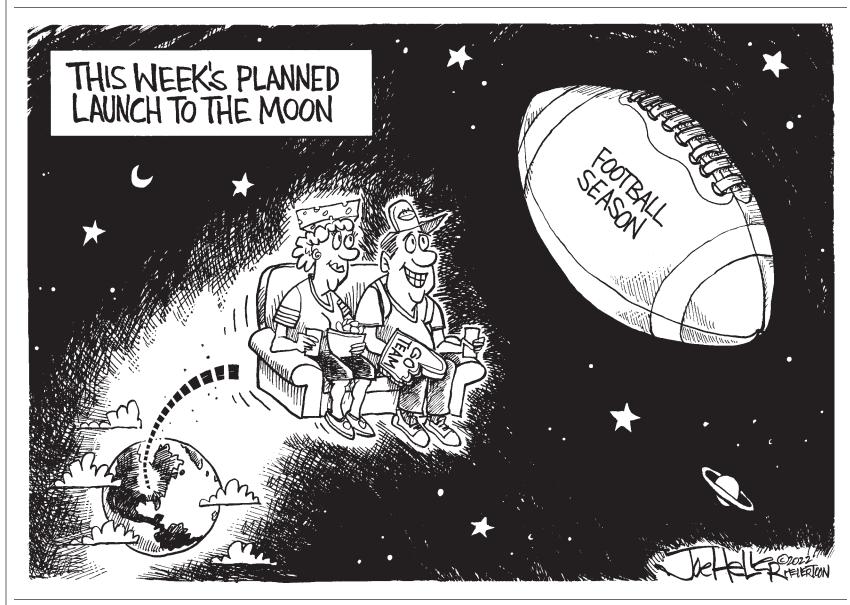
Letter to the Editor: Wardlaw helps UAM and its mission

It is no secret that I'm a strong supporter of the University of Arkansas - especially the UAM campuses in Monticello, McGehee and Crossett which are devoted to educating the young adults of south Arkansas and parts of Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and even further away places. This education mission is the key to a prosperous future for not only the students, but also for the future economic health of all of south Arkansas and all of its people.

A critical component to having a bright future for UAM's important mission is to have leaders like State Representative Jeff Wardlaw carrying the banner of UAM in the Arkansas General Assembly. Jeff is respected by the Governor and other Legislators, and the listen when he speaks, and it shows in what he has been able to do to help UAM and its mission. Just today I saw the results of Wardlaw's efforts in support of UAM in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that noted

that UAM is to receive \$6 million to rehabilitate its 1964 Science Center which, I would proudly point out has a history of repeated 100 percent acceptance rate of its students into medical school. My hat is off to Rep. Wardlaw for all he has done and will continue to do for UAM's mission and all of south Arkansas. Good Job!

Sincerely, C. C. "Cliff" Gibson, III



Arkansas' greatest resource

Today I'd like to talk about the celebration of Labor Day and the importance of our

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workforce. Barbeques, pool parties, and parades are a common when today

occurrence Americans celebrate Labor Day, but it wasn't always about friends and families getting together for fun.

One hundred twenty-seven years ago, President Grover Cleveland signed a bill making the first Monday of September a national holiday. But the work it took to reach that point started years before the bill was ever

At the time, employees, including children, were working more than 12 hours a day, six to seven days a week, in places that were crowded, not ventilated, and not ideal for the work that was being done. The need for better conditions was high.

In 1882, the first Labor Day parade took place in New York City where approximately 20,000 union members marched down the streets of the city demanding better working conditions and shorter hours. In the years leading up to 1894, 24 states declared Labor Day as an official state holiday. Once again, you see states leading the way.

Todav we still celebrate Labor Day as a time to commemorate the contributions made by every American to strengthen our nation and preserve its prosperity.

In Arkansas, we have beautiful mountains, rivers, and the Delta. Arkansas has a robust highway system and access to many resources that

are in high demand. Arkansas ranks in the Top 25 nationally in the production of 16 different agricultural commodities.

But none of that matters without our state's greatest resource: Arkansans.

Arkansas' workforce is diverse and dedicated. With an unemployment rate less than the national average, Arkansans are working and excelling in the agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, military, and technology sectors of our economy. With the explosive growth of my computer science initiative, we have the talent to compete and succeed in the 21st century.

One of my favorite jobs as governor is to show new companies the benefits of doing business in Arkansas. With my team at the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, led by Secretary Mike Preston,

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ADWS

Labor Day is a time to reflect on the social and economic achievements of American workers. The labor force in Arkansas and its forecasted potential is worth celebrating.

The most recent report from the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services (ADWS) shows unem-



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at 3.5 percent. According to an ADWS report titled Long-Term Industry and Occupational Projections,

ployment in

our state at 3.2

percent. The

jobless rate na-

tionwide stands

Arkansas will add 124,387 new jobs by the year 2030. That's a 9.05 percent increase.

Goods-Producing industries are expected to add 14,340 new jobs, while the Services-Providing industries should see most of the growth, with 114,345 new jobs being added.

Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations is estimated to add 21,219 jobs during the projection period, a 21.11 percent increase, making the major group the top and fastest growing in the state. Restaurant cooks are slated to be the second fastest growing occupation in the major group, increasing employment by 51.77 percent.

Nurse Practitioners are slated to be the fastest growing occupation statewide, increasing by 54.04 percent. Healthcare Support Occupations is projected to add 11,271 jobs by 2030 and be the second

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Art and technology affect economic development

At first glance, arts and technology would appear to be opposites in how they are taught and how they affect economic develop-

> partisan group of legislators has been working since 2018

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there is a crucial intersection where the arts and technology meet. They

contend that people in every

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to build the case that

corner of Arkansas can improve their quality of life, and better secure economic prosperity, if they recognize and promote this "creative economy."

Act 577 of 2021 created the Legislative Arts and Technology Boot Camp, which recently issued a detailed report based on surveys and meetings across the state.

The report has an inventory of artistic assets in all 75 counties, and offers a glimpse of how many occupations and businesses rely on artistic creativity. As the Senate co-chairman of the Boot Camp said, "art is not just singing and dancing and music."

For example, physicians in Jonesboro told legislators how they use painting, drawing, sculpting and other forms of creative expression to improve patient outcomes. Art is especially helpful with elderly patients and with children who have suffered

In Texarkana the legislators heard from educators about the role of the arts in the robotics program at local

schools. The advertising industry values graphic design, which is also used in creating job training videos and architectural designs. Graphic design is essential for aerospace companies that build airplanes with custom-made interiors, and for furniture makers and boat manufacturers that make customized products.

With new incentives, Arkansas could attract more film companies to produce more movies here.

Colleges and universities could offer more credit hours in film production and music recording. Arkansas colleges offer classes in 3D printing technology, which has applications in manufacturing, the aerospace industry, health care, dentistry and product design. The legislators recommended add-

ing two members to the Arkansas Film Commission Office, and adding mem-See **GILMORE** Page 5A

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BY EMAIL editor@monticellonews.net reporter@monticellonews.net SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Office of Skills Development (OSD), the Arkansas Center for Data Sciences (ACDS), and Forge Institute are hosting the Cybersecurity Apprenticeship Employer Accelerator at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 14 to help Arkansas employers solve their challenge of hiring and retaining a talented cyber workforce. Registration for the virtual event is free.

Cyber threats grow daily, and the talent to combat them is not keeping up. It is estimated that the U.S. has over 700,000 open cvbersecurity positions; over 4,000 of those are here in Arkansas. "For organizations to succeed in an environment where cyber threats are increasing, they need top cybersecurity talent," says Cody Waits, Director of the Office of Skill Development. "Through Registered Apprenticeship Programs, we can grow that talent right here in Arkansas. It's a 'win' for our economy, our communities, and every technology professional who wants to continue to call Arkansas 'home."

The employer accelerator is a part of the 120-Day Cybersecurity

Apprenticeship Sprint, a national campaign led by the U.S. Department of Labor in partnership with the White House and the U.S. Department of Commerce, and other federal agencies to encourage employers, industry associations, labor unions, and training providers to explore Registered Apprenticeship as a recruitment, training, and retention strategy.

"Registered Apprenticeships are changing the workforce landscape here in The Natural State because they work," says Bill Yoder, Executive Director of Arkansas Center for Data Sciences. "Over the past two-and-a-half years since its inception, ACDS has helped nearly 100 employers engage more than 400 apprentices in a variety of IT professions. And those numbers are rapidly growing. With the financial incentives, customized employee training, and project management services available through ACDS, many employers have discovered Registered Apprenticeship Programs to be the solution they were looking for."

"Our adversaries have recruited and equipped skilled attackers who train daily to conduct their siege of fear, steal our intellectual property, violate our data privacy, or test their abilities on our critical infrastructure," said Scott Anderson, the Executive Director of the Forge Institute. "To combat this evolving threat, we must ensure our people are equipped with the competencies needed to hold back this aggressive threat. The Forge Institute Academy trains IT and cyber defenders to better defend against cyber criminals and near peer nation-state aggressors through instructor-led, virtual training with extensive hands-on labs and curriculum built in part-

nership with industry." Leaders from across the state will share their experiences and insights into how employers can leverage Registered Apprenticeship Programs to help solve their cyber workforce challenges. Speakers include:

- Office of Skills Development (OSD) - Cody Waits, Director and Mark McManus, Apprenticeship **Expansion Coordinator**
- Arkansas Center for Data Sciences (ACDS) - Bill Yoder, Executive Director and Lonnie Emard, Apprenticeship Director
 - Forge Institute Scott Ander-

son, Executive Director

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- Arvest Bank Jim Cole, CIO
- · Walmart Brynt Parmeter, Senior Director, Non-Traditional
- · Arkansas Division of Information Systems - Jonathan Askins, Director
- U.S. Department of Labor -Manny Lamarre, Senior Advisor
- · National Institute for Cybersecurity Education (NICE), NIST - Marian Merritt, Deputy Director

The Office of Skills Development (OSD), a division of the Arkansas Department of Commerce, is the state agency responsible for the oversight, expansion, and funding of Registered Apprenticeship (RA) programs and Secondary Career Centers throughout the state. OSD also supports Arkansas businesses by awarding workforce development grants. OSD strategically invests in all levels of the Arkansas workforce, from students to incumbent workers, by raising education and skill levels, meeting the needs of companies operating in Arkansas, balancing workforce and employer interests, leading to greater economic achievement for workers and companies. Learn more at arkansasosd.com.

MCCC developers subcommittee to promote mental health

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

The Monticello Community Catalyst Committee was organized in March of 2022 to provide various assistance services to the Monticello/ Drew County area to create long-term economic development. As a subcommittee of the Monticello Community Catalyst Committee, the Mental Health Visibility in Drew County Committee seeks to develop and distribute a list of Mental Health Resources for Drew County. We know access to mental health resources has become more of a need over these last two years. Therefore, in addition to creating and distributing the Mental Health Resources Guide for Drew County, we also host an ongoing community action meeting, providing better support to establish communication between providers and the community.

The Mental Health Visibility in Drew County Committee is composed of the following:

- Scott Barrilleaux (Drew Memorial Health System)
 - Jeff Weaver (UAM)

• Dr. Tracie Jones (Office of

- Jamie Palmer (UAM)
- Clarissa Pace (Monticello City Council / Shekinah Services / DC NAACP Branch 6042)
- Constance Williams (UALR/Midsouth)
- Yukiko Bivens (Sr. Branch Office Administrator, Edward Jones)

Composed of residents with a personal and professional desire to aid the community, we, as the Mental Health Visibility in Drew County Committee, want to help improve the current state of mental health of our community members. Not only is this an issue that effects all of us, but health care provider executives also affirm that there are an increasing number of people who have been suffering mental health issues during the pandemic and still do, but there are limited resources available.

SUMMIT

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Excellence in Education. salary of \$234,970, ranked second on the Occupations Paying

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we work hard to bring in more high-paying jobs by recruiting companies from all over the

nation and the world to come to our state. Just this year alone, AEDC has signed 17 new incentive agreements, which is expected to result in over 2,700 new jobs with an average wage of over \$28 an hour.

These new and expanding companies plan to invest nearly \$4 billion of capital in Arkansas.

But it's the Arkansas worker who is the most important attraction for any business looking to put down roots in our

state. When I talk with CEOs, one of the first things they ask is, "How are the people?" To which I reply, "they are the kindest and hardest working people you will ever meet."

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fastest growing major group, increasing the workforce by 20.13 percent.

Fastest growing occupations by expected percentage changes also include fundraisers, occupational therapy assistants, speech pathologists, and operation research analysts.

When it comes to the highest paying jobs in the state, Obstetricians and Gynecologists topped the list with an annual salary of \$258,940. Anesthesiologists, with an average annual

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bers to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission who recognize the importance of the arts in the overall economy.

Creativity has boosted sectors in the agricultural economy. People pay to spend a weekend on farms learning how to dye and

weave cotton and wool. Tourists seek gourmet and specialty food where it is grown, but high speed Internet access is essential.

Tourism relies heavily on Internet marketing. The combination of creativity and technology means there is potential for tourism in all areas of Arkansas, not just in the well-known tourist destinations and the cities known for art galleries, museums and theater.

For example, GIS tours allow visitors to take self-guided tours that in Arkansas could include an old churches trail, a quilting trail, a BBQ joint trail and a murals trail.

The Arts and Technology Boot Camp supports making broadband accessible in every part of Arkansas, and providing grants to support local efforts.

A regional approach may be necessary in order to "connect and amplify" art and technology programs in sparsely populated rural areas.

Members of the Arts and Technology Boot Camp recommended creation of a permanent subcommittee of the legislative Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Committee, which would focus on the creative economy.







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Louine Selman Leech

Louine Selman Leech died, September 1, 2022, at the age of 105. Louine was born February 19, 1917, in Kingsland, to Benjamin Franklin Selman and Hattie Bell Moseley Selman. Louine was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 74 years, Robert W. Leech Sr. (1918-2016), her brother, J.B. Selman, and her sister Annette Selman Jenkins Smith.

Louine graduated from Mc-Gehee High School in 1934, received a B.A. in English in 1938 from Arkansas A&M College in Monticello, (now the University of Arkansas at Monticello) and graduated in 1939 from Chillicothe Business College in Chillicothe, Missouri. Prior to her marriage, Louine worked for Prudential Life Insurance and the Federal Home Loan Bank in Dallas, Deloise Brothers in Oklahoma City, and Arkansas Power and Light in Little Rock. After her marriage she was employed by the USO

in San Luis Obispo, Califor- 1964, the Leeches moved their nia, and later taught Business Education at McGehee High School.



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Louine met her husband, Bob, at a dance at the Fredricka Hotel in Little Rock in 1941 while he

was stationed

at Camp Robinson. Louine traveled by train from Arkansas to California to marry Bob where he was stationed after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. They were married March 22, 1942, in San Luis Obispo, Calif. After WW II, Louine and Bob returned to McGehee. where Bob worked in Louine's father's grocery business, Selman's Grocery. Later Bob and Louine owned and operated Leech's Shopright in McGehee, and Sunflower Food Stores in Monticello, Dermott, and Hamburg. During the early years, Louine was active in the business as the bookkeeper. In

family to Monticello where they lived for nearly 50 years. In 2012, they moved to Stuttgart to live across the street from their son, David, and his family. Louine and Bob were devoted to each other and deeply committed to their faith and their family.

In Monticello, Louine was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she served on the Board of Stewards, taught Sunday School, worked with the youth in MYF, was in charge of Homes of Sorrow, was an active Circle member, was the part-time organist, and served as president of the United Methodist Women. She was a member of PEO, Sorosis Club, DAR, the Monticello Music Club, and the Monticello Country Club. In 2016 Louine was awarded the "Continue the Connection Award" by the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Louine was an avid bridge player, tennis player, musician, and reader. She played in four Monticello bridge clubs into her 90's, played tennis into her 80's, and played the piano most days until she was 100. In her 90's, with help from one of her grandsons, she learned to use a computer and enjoyed Facebook and E-mail. Louine was a passionate traveler who along with Bob traveled on every continent except Antarctica, and visited every state in the United States except North Dakota. Parts of many summers were spent at the Aspen Music Festival, and fall was always an opportunity to take a foliage trip to New England.

Louine was a loving, caring, and generous daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother who played an important role in the lives of her children and grandchildren. She made it a priority to attend all the important events in her grandchildren's lives. Louine kept her family connected by planning special grandchildren trips, family vacations, and holiday gatherings. She enjoyed close relationships with her six grandchildren and felt fortunate to have met each of her seven great grandchildren.

Louine was loved by her family and will be missed and lovingly remembered by her children, Robert William Leech, Jr (Pat) of Hot Springs, Mary Leech Johnson (Rich) of Alexandria, Virginia, and David Selman Leech (Jimmie Jo) of Stuttgart; Six grandchildren, Dr. Ashley Fields (Dr. Patrick Fields) of Cabot, Doug Leech (Gretchen) of Little Rock, David Leech Johnson (Emer) of Arlington, VA, Matt Johnson (Dr. Maggie Johnson) of Chapel Hill, NC, Charles Robert Leech (Sarah) of Stuttgart and Deborah Jo Leech of Stuttgart; Seven great grandchildren, Triston and Emma of Little Rock, Nora and Cole of Arlington, VA, Helen and Alex of Chapel Hill, and Landon of Stuttgart.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff at Chambers Nursing Home in Carlisle, to Cavalier Nursing Home in England, to Louine's doctors from the Stuttgart Medical Clinic, and to her devoted caretakers who cared for her so lovingly during her final years.

A memorial service will be held at The First United Methodist Church in Monticello, on Sunday, September 11, at 2 p.m. Due to Covid protocols, there will be no congregational singing. Visitation will be before the memorial service from 1 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Burial service will be at the Moseley Cemetery north of Warren, off hwy 8 following the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Louine and Robert W. Leech Scholarship Fund at The University of Arkansas at Monticello. Foundation Fund, P.O. Box 3520 Monticello, AR 71656.

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FIGHTING DRUGS IN DREW COUNTY



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James Slaughter with the 10th District Drug Task Force met with the Monticello Rotary Club last week to discuss issues related to drugs in Drew County. Slaughter described working with the task force and the safety measures that must be taken while on the job. Slaughter is also a candidate for Drew County Sheriff.

Cattlemen's Association has successful meeting

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During the August meeting of the Desha Drew Cattlemen's Association the Hope Livestock Auction provided a meal of roast beef sandwiches, beans, and slaw. Dessert was provided by the membership and the meal was blessed by President Brett Kendig.

This month was highlighted by the presentation of 15 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. The recipients were: James Cruce, Lucy Pugh, Jaci Gibson, Haley Gibson, Ryan

Barnard, Kyla Wright, Madison Taunton, Chelsea Cox, Megan Stephens, Trenton Eubanks, Kody Boatright, Connor Gossman, Rayvin Callaway, Codie Jo Tupa, and Timothy Jones. After the scholarships were awarded Rayvin Callaway and Codie Jo Tupa stood up and shared their personal testimonies as to how the scholarship would benefit them.

Dr. Rocky Lindsey was the guest speaker. He gave an update on the Ag Building renovations. Informing us that they

are almost complete, and that we would be able to start meeting once again in the Ag building. Rocky also discussed the continued advancement of the Ag Department's Pre-Vet program, Plant & Soil Science, Animal Science, and general Ag. Maribel Nelson, DVM and Lonnie Davis, plant and soil Science instructor were introduced as new faculty. Both are anxious to join the UAM Ag Department and look forward to teaching this fall.

Rocky reported that "more job offers were made to UAM Ag students than there were available students to fill the positions" this past year. He informed us of how instrumental Chancellor Peggy Doss has been in the revamp of the Ag department. Everyone is super excited with the direction that the program is headed in.

There were 73 people in attendance for our August meeting. We were blessed to have that many folks. We encouraged all who attended to consider joining the Cattlemen's and joining us at future meetings.

DCSO makes multiple charge arrest

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

On August 25, 2022 members of the Drew County Sheriff's Department and an agent with the Arkansas Parole and Probation conducted a welfare check of a residence on Brixie Road. Joseph Donaldson, a resident of the home, is a convicted felon with a search waiver on file. During a search of the residence Deputies seized a .22 caliber rifle, a .380 caliber handgun, a set of digital scales, a glass pipe commonly used for smoking meth and a clear plastic bag containing a white crystal substance believed to be methamphetamines. On August 26, 2022 the Sheriff's Office received information of more firearms and drugs located in Donaldson's home. Investigators returned to the residence and conducted a second search and found two firearms and a clear plastic bag containing a white crystal substance believed to be methamphetamines. Donaldson, 38, of Drew County, was arrested during the first search of the residence and charged with Possession of

a controlled substance, Possession of drug paraphernalia, Possession of firearms by certain persons and Simultaneous possession of drugs and firearms. On August 26, 2022 Donaldson appeared before Judge Robert Gibson for a first appearance and his bond was set at \$50,000.

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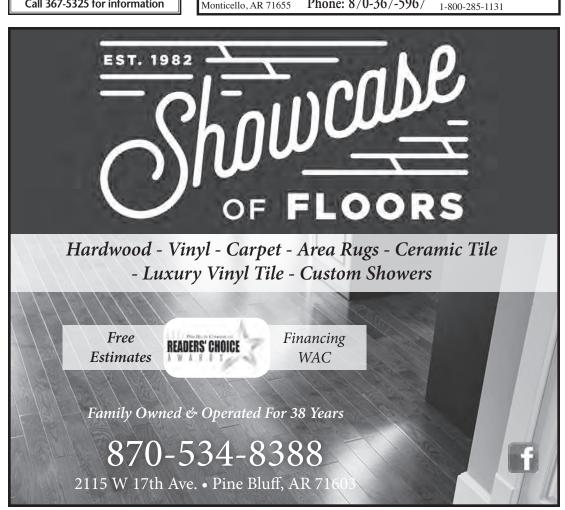
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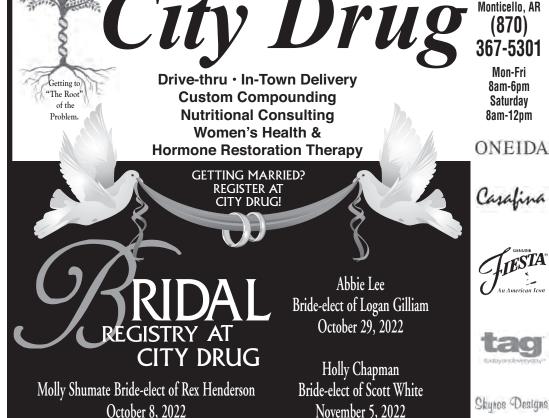
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Hope Place

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

Fight Hunger

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

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

Issue No. 1 NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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

ISSUE NO. 1

Popular Name

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

Ballot Title

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

MENT; REQUIRING THE GENER-AL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH BY JOINT RULE DURING EACH REG-ULAR SESSION PROCEDURES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UNDER THIS AMEND-MENT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITU-TION, ARTICLE 6, § 19.

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

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 5, is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. Regular and fiscal sessions — Extraordinary sessions. The General Assembly

shall meet at the seat of government

The General Assembly shall meet in regular session on the second Monday in January of each odd-numbered year to consider any bill or resolution. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the regular session begins.

(c)(1) Beginning in 2010, the General Assembly shall meet in fiscal session on the second Monday in February of each even-numbered year to consider only appropriation bills. The General Assembly may alter the time at which the fiscal session begins.

(2) A bill other than an appropriation bill may be considered in a fiscal session if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the General Assembly approve consider-

ation of the bill.

(d) The General Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly, may alter the dates of the regular session and fiscal session so that regular sessions occur in even numbered years and the fiscal sessions occur in odd-numbered years. (e)(1) The General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session upon

(A)(i) Issuance of a joint written proclamation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(ii) The joint written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session and the date on which the General Assembly shall convene; or (B)(i) Submission of a written proclamation containing the signatures of at

least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at <u>least two-thirds (2/3) of the members</u> of the Senate to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session.

The written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall include without limitation the purpose for which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordi-

Upon the submission of a written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall specify a date on which the General Assembly shall convene in extraordinary session.

No business other than the (2) purpose set forth in the joint written proclamation under subdivision (e) (1)(A)(i) of this section or the written proclamation under subdivision (e)(1) (B)(i) of this section shall be considered at an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section. (3)(A) During each regular session, the General Assembly shall establish by joint rule procedures for an extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section. (B) Joint rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may

include without limitation: A limitation on the duration of an extraordinary

session under subdivision (e)(1) of this section; The format and required content for a written proclamation

requesting that the General Assembly convene in extraordinary session under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section; and

A provision permitting the General Assembly, after having disposed of the purpose for which the extraordinary session was convened under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, to remain in session for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days if remaining in session is approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the House of Representatives and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate and entered upon their journals.

Rules established under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section may be amended by the General Assembly.

(4) This section does not restrict the authority of the Governor to convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly under Arkansas Constitution, Article 6, § 19.

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

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

Issue No. 2 NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC Pursuant to Article 19, Section 22, of

the Arkansas Constitution, the 93rd General Assembly refers the following constitutional amendment to a vote of the people on November 8, 2022, and will appear on the ballot as Issue No. 2. Each elector upon voting his/her ballot shall vote for or against this amendment. Underlined language would be added to the present Constitution. Stricken language would be deleted from the present Constitution. This amendment was proposed in the Regular 2021 Session by Representative Ray and filed as HJR 1005.

ISSUE NO. 2

Popular Name

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

Ballot Title

AN AMENDMENT TO THE AR-KANSAS CONSTITUTION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CONSTITUTION-AL AMENDMENT AND BALLOT INI-TIATIVE REFORM AMENDMENT", CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES PRE-SENTED TO VOTERS; REQUIRING THAT INITIATIVES PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTI-TUTION, ARTICLE 5, § 1, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 19, § 22, AND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 70, § 2, SHALL BE APPROVED WHEN RECEIVING AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT (60%) OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE PRO-POSED INITIATIVE OR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; AND REQUIRING THAT A MEA-SURE SUBJECT TO A REFEREN-DUM SHALL BE REPEALED IF THE MEASURE IS REJECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING UPON THE MATTER.

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

THAT the following is proposed as

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

SECTION 2. The subsection of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1, titled "Majority", is amended to read as follows:

Majority Approval. Any measure submitted to the people as herein provided shall take effect and become a law when approved by a majority at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast upon such measure, and not otherwise, and shall not be required to receive a majority of the electors voting at such election. Such measures shall be operative on and after the thirtieth day after the election at which it is approved, unless otherwise specified in the Act measure. However, a measure subject to a referendum <u>shall be repealed if it is rejected by a</u> majority of the electors voting upon the matter.

This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the General Assembly of the right to introduce any measure, but no measure shall be submitted to the people by the General Assembly, except a proposed constitutional amendment or amendments as provided for in this Constitution.

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

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

§ 22. Constitutional amendments.

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

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

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

§ 2. Additional Constitutional amendments authorized.

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

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

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

Issue No. 3 NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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

ISSUE NO. 3

Popular Name

A Constitutional Amendment to Create the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment'

Ballot Title

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CREATE THE "ARKANSAS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMEND-MENT"; AND TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNMENT MAY NEVER BURDEN A PERSON'S FREEDOM OF RELIGION EXCEPT IN THE RARE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES THAT APPLICATION OF THE BURDEN TO THE PERSON IS IN FURTHERANCE OF A COMPEL-LING GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS OF FURTHERING THAT COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEN-ATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GEN-ERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state for approval or rejection at the next general election for Representatives and Senators, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, to wit: SECTION 1. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Religious Freedom Amendment".

SECTION 2. (a) The General Assembly finds:

The framers of the United States Constitution, recognizing free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured its protection in the First Amendment to the United States

Constitution;

The framers of the Arkansas Constitution of 1874, also recognizing the free exercise of religion as an unalienable right, secured the protection of religious freedom in Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24;

Federal and state laws "neutral" toward religion may burden religious exercise as surely as laws intended to interfere with religious exercise;

Governments should not burden religious exercise without compelling justification;

In Employment Division v. Smith, 494 U.S. 872 (1990), the United States Supreme Court virtually eliminated the requirement that the government justify burdens on religious exercise imposed by laws neutral toward religion;

The compelling interest test as set forth in prior court rulings is a workable test for striking sensible balances between religious liberty and competing government interests in areas ranging from public education (pedagogical interests and religious rights, including recognizing regulations necessary to alleviate interference with the educational process versus rights of religious freedom), national defense (conscription and conscientious objection, including the need to raise an army versus rights to object to individual participation), and other areas of important mutual concern; and

(7) The United States Congress passed the Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb, to establish the compelling interest test set forth in prior federal court rulings, but in City of Boerne v. Flores, 117 S.Ct. 2157 (1997), the United States Supreme Court held the act unconstitutional, stating that the right to regulate was retained by the states.

The purpose of this amendment is to:

Guarantee that the freedom (1) of religion is not burdened by state and local law; and

Provide a claim or defense to persons whose religious freedom is burdened by government.

SECTION 3. As used in this amend-

"Demonstrates" means meeting the burden of going forward with the evidence and of persuasion; (2) "Freedom of religion" means the free exercise of religion under Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 24;

"Government" means: (3) (A) A branch, department, agency, or instrumentality of the State of Arkansas;

A political subdivision of (B) the state, including without limitation a county, municipality, township, or other unit of local government; An official acting on behalf (C) of government; and

A person acting under the (D) color of law of the State of Arkansas; <u>(4)</u> "Rule" means a statement of Arkansas law, including without limitation a:

Statute; (B) Rule;

(C) Regulation; (D) Ordinance;

(E) Administrative provision; (F) Administrative ruling;

(G) Guideline; or (H) Requirement.

SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, government shall not burden a person's freedom of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability.

Government may burden a person's freedom of religion only if the government demonstrates that application of the burden to the person: Is in furtherance of a compelling government interest; and Is the least restrictive

means of furthering that compelling

government interest. A person whose religious freedom has been burdened in violation of this section may assert that violation as a claim or defense in a judicial, administrative, or other appropriate proceeding and obtain appropriate relief against a government.

SECTION 5. (a) This amendment applies to each rule of government and its implementation, regardless of whether the rule:

Is statutory; or Was adopted prior to or <u>(2)</u> after the effective date of this amendment.

<u>(b)</u> This amendment shall not be construed to: <u>(1)</u> Authorize a government to

burden a religious belief; or (2) Affect, interpret, or in any way address:

The portions of the United States Constitution, First Amendment, permitting the free exercise of religion or prohibiting laws respecting the establishment of religion; or

Article 2, § 24 of this constitution regarding religious liberty. SECTION 6. (a) This amendment shall be liberally construed to effectuate its remedial and deterrent

(b) If any provision of this amendment or its application to any particular person or circumstance is held invalid, that provision or its application is severable and does not affect the validity of other provisions or applications of this amendment.

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

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As a rule of thumb, plant fall greens in late summer

BY WILLIAM HEHEMANN

UAPB School of Agriculture, Fisheries

August to mid-September is the right time to plant fall greens, such as turnip, mustard and collard greens, in southeast Arkansas, Dr. Henry English, head of the Small Farm Program at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, said. Greens are a cool season crop popular among Arkansas farmers that can be grown on almost any type of soil.

"As a rule of thumb, fall greens should always be planted 8-10 weeks before the first expected fall freeze," he said. "In southeast Arkansas, the first expected fall freeze will occur Nov. 7. Therefore, greens

should be planted no later than sion agent. Sept 12."

Greens can be grown on almost any well-drained soil, he said. Farmers occasionally grow greens in raised beds to help with drainage. The best soils for greens, however, are sandy loam or silt loam soils because they allow for good internal drainage. Some of the common greens varieties are Florida broadleaf (mustard), purple top white globe (turnip) and Vates (collard).

Ideally, producers should use a soil test to determine the fertilizer recommendations for the greens. For more information on soil testing or for help interpreting soil sample results, individuals should contact their local county Exten-

Before planting, Dr. English also recommends producers be aware of the following:

• Whether hard pan or plow pan has developed in the soil. This hard, cement-like layer of soil will affect root growth and the plant's ability to obtain water and nutrients.

• The field's herbicide history. Producers should consider what types of herbicides were applied in their fields and when they were applied. If soil-applied residual herbicides are still present in the soil and have not had enough time to dissipate, the current crop of greens could be negatively affected. When weather conditions are hot and dry, the soil residual herbicide may not

or preventing the new crop's growth.

• The field's weed history. Was there an abundance of weeds in the previous crop or was the crop very clean with no weeds? If there was an abundance of weeds, producers should plan to use a good weed control plan. Without a weed control plan in place, crop yields could be significantly reduced. When it comes to weed control, it is better to be proactive instead of reactive.

Dr. English said turnip and mustard greens are direct-seeded. Both varieties should be seeded at a rate of 1-2 pounds per acre with a precision seeder. With a con-

be broken down, thus slowing 2-3 pounds per acre for turnip greens and 3-4 pounds per acre for mustard greens. Collard greens can be direct seeded or transplanted. Most commonly, they are transplanted to shorten the harvest date.

"When seeding, producers should strongly consider using precision seeders because of the small seed size, shallow planting depth and in-row spacing," Dr. English said. "However, a number of different types of seeders will do an adequate job."

To harvest fall greens, producers can cut the plants to around 1 inch above the soil's surface, allowing them to quickly put on growth for another harvest. Alternativeventional seeder, the rate is ly, they can pull up the entire Opportunity Employer.

plants. Leaves are then bundled into 1-pound batches or larger.

"If the crop receives the proper nutrition, yields of 400 boxes can be expected, with each box containing 24 1-pound bundles of greens," Dr. English said. "Net returns can be around \$2,000 per acre."

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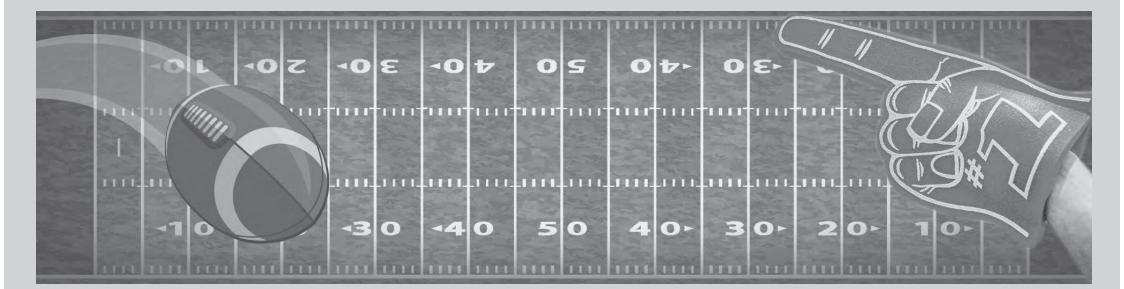
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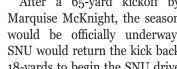
Weevils open season with 40-26 win on the road against SNU

By: JEFF Young Advance Correspondent

The University of Arkansas at Monticello kicked off the 2022 football season on the road in Bethany, Okla., facing off against the Crimson Storm of Southern Nazarene.

The Weevils and the Crimson Storm had faced each other a total of eight times before Thursday's Great American Conference game with the Weevils leading the series with a record of 7-1.

The Weevils would win the



at their own 18. The Storm would gain a first down on the first play from scrimmage, but the Weevil de-



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DEMILON BROWN combined for a total of 377 totsl offensive yards and five touchdowns in Thursday's win at Southern Nazarene. Brown was 12 of 23 passing with 228 tards, two touchdowns, and three interceptions. Brown also had 149 yards rushing with two touchdowns.

the second half.

After a 65-yard kickoff by Marquise McKnight, the season would be officially underway. SNU would return the kick back 18-yards to begin the SNU drive

fense would force the Storm to punt from their own 39-yard line to the Weevil 23.

Beginning their first drive of

toss, but would elect to defer to the season from their own 23vard line, UAM would advance the ball to the Weevil 46 where Jonero Scott would get the handoff and take the ball in from 54-yards out for the first Weevil score of the game and season.

McKnight would add the extra point to give UAM a 7-0 lead with 9:06 remaining in the quarter.

SNU would punt on their next possession as would UAM. After the next punt by SNU, the Weevils would begin their drive on their own 18-yard line with 3:54 remaining in the first quarter.

After a loss of a yard on the first rush of the drive, Demilon Brown would connect with Isaiah Cross for a 52-yard pickup. Cross would fumble the ball on the play, however UAM's Jordan Mansfield was there to recover the ball to keep the UAM drive going at the SNU 31.

UAM would push the ball down to the SNU 11-yard line where Brown would take the ball in for the second score of the contest for the Weevils.

McKnight added the extra-point to give the Weevils a 14-0 lead with 20 seconds left in the first quarter.

SNU would hold possession into the second quarter.

After forcing SNU to punt and starting their drive on their own 10-yards line, UAM would suffer their first turnover of the contest after Brown's pass was intercepted at the Weevil 35 by SNU's Trenton Smith, returning the ball to the UAM 27.

SNU would not be able to take advantage of the turnover as the Weevil defense would force the Crimson Storm to punt the ball away forcing the Weevils to begin

their next drive from their own four-yard line after the SNU punt went out of bounds.

Beginning their drive from the UAM four-yard line, the Weevils would gain a first down on a 13yard completion to Caleb Jacobs.

The Weevil offense would use a combination of passes and rushes to reach the 25-yard line of SNU. Brown would take the ball in the keeper from 25 yards out for the score.

McKnight added the extra point to increase the lead to 21-0 with 6:45 remaining in the half.

After a 59-yard kickoff return to the UAM 31-yard line by SNU's Donald May, the Crimson Storm would get on the board with 4:48 remaining in the half. The Storm added the extra point to make the score 21-7.

After an interception by SNU, the Storm would add to their score with a field goal with 1:48 remaining in the half from 26-yards out.

SNU would get to UAM once again on the next drive, stopping Scott in the endzone for a safety with :41 seconds remaining in the half to cut the lead to 21-12.

SNU would start their drive after the safety at their own 45-yard line. The Storm moved down to the UAM 35 on a 25-yard completion followed by a 15-yard pass to the UAM 20 then covered the 20 yards on the next pass for the Crimson Storm touchdown. After the extra point, SNU trailed 21-19 at the end of the half.

UAM would start the second half at their own 25-yard line.

It would take the Weevil's six plays to cover 75 yards on a Brown 32-yard touchdown run with 12:47 showing on the clock.



JONERO SCOTT was second in rushing for the Weevils on Thursday. The sophomoire rushed for 129 yards on 21 carries and a touchdown.

After the extra point the Weevils for the score. The extra point was led 28-19.

SNU would come back to score on their next possession to cut the lead to 28-26 with 9:56 remaining in the quarter.

UAM would increase the lead to 34-26 on their next possession after a 15-yard pass from Brown to Jordan Mansfield. The extra point kick was blocked.

UAM and SNU would exchange turnovers on their next possessions with UAM's Dondi Fuller recovering a fumble and SNU intercepting a pass.

SNU would miss a field goal on their possession with UAM being able to set up the final score after a 37-yard pass to LeCedric Smith

blocked to set up the 40-26 final. UAM ran 67 plays for a total of 40 points on 538 yards.

Brown gained 228 yards through the air and 149 yards on the ground.

Jonero Scott added 129 yards on the ground and a touchdown. UAM will return on Saturday,

September 10, for the first home game of the season, hosting Oklahoma Baptist University.

OBU and UAM are tied 3-3 in head to head matchups with the Bison winning the last two competitions.

Kickoff is set for 6pm.

Bauxite hands Billies first loss of the season with 35-20 victory

By: JEFF YOUNG Advance Correspondent

The Monticello Billies hosted the Bauxite Miners on Friday, September 2, at Hyatt Field in their final non conference game of the season.

Monticello came into the contest with a come from behind victory on the road the previous week against the Fordyce Redbugs while Bauxite was defeated by Star City.

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

Bauxite would start their drive on their own 24-yad line but would drive down to the Monticello 20 and kick a field goal to take a 3-0 lead.

Monticello would be forced to punt on their opening drive, with the Jagger Hines punt would sail to the Bauxite 15.

The Billie defense would drive

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the Miners back, along with pen- from the Monticello two. alties that went against Bauxite, forcing the Minors to punt from at the Monticello 38 and fumble their own eight yard line where the football allowing Monticelthe punt was blocked and recovered in the endzone for a Billie touchdown by Hines.

Landon Shaver added the extra point to take a 7-3 lead.

Bauxite came right back on their next possession after starting their drive at the Bauxite 28.

The Miners moved into Billie territory on their second play of the drive. Bauxite would score with 3:01 remaining in the quarteron a 25-yard pass. The extra point was good for the 10-7 lead.

Bauxite would force the Billies to punt on their next series with Bauxite extending the lead on their next possession in five plays to extend the lead to 16-7 after the missed extra point.

Monticello's next possession would extend into the send quarter with Hines having to punt

Bauxite would field the punt lo's Laytn Nichols to recover the ball for a Billie turnover.

The Billie offense could not get much going as they were forced to punt the ball away once more, giving Bauxite possession on their own 23 with 9:09 remaining in the half.

Bauxite's offense continued to move against the Billie offense, covering 77 yards ending with a 35-yard touchdown pass. The extra point was good as the Miners took a 23-7 lead.

Bauxite's kickoff gave a spark to the Billies sideline and Billie fans as Quay Rhodes would take the kick at the Monticello sixyard line and after slipping several tackles would break free for a 84-yard sprint to the endzone for a Billie touchdown.

Landon Shaver's extra point attempt was no good as the Billies cut the lead to 23-13.

Bauxite would turn the ball over on their next possession after fumbling the ball away to Zavarius Johnson, who recovered the ball on the Monticello 20 yard line, returning it down to the Bauxite 15.

The Billies would take advan-See BILLIES Page 12A

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HAYDEN CARTER goes in for the only offensive touchdown the Billies scored on Friday night. Carter played defense and offense spending time at quarterback for the Billies.



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TREY RILEY lines up on the line. Riley recorded several tackles in the backfield against Bauxite on Friday night.

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JADEN JONES scored both of the Junior Pirate touchdowns on Thursday night. Jones would score on a 75-yard kickoff retturn and would break free for a 70-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

By: JEFF Young
Advance Correspondent

The Drew Central Junior Pirates took to the field on Thursday, September 1, for a 6pm kickoff against the Mayflower Junior Eagles.

With only five ninth grade players on the roster for the Junior Pirates, the team has to rely on several seventh grade players that have moved up to play alongside eighth graders.

With that being the case, the Junior Pirate team is generally the smallest team in terms of size overall on the field, yet despite the odds, the Junior Pirates were competitive with the larger Mayflower team for most of the first half of play, trailing 16-12 in the second quarter before the Junior Eagles grabbed the big advantage before halftime.

Mayflower would win the opening coin toss and would elect to receive the football to start the game.

The Junior Eagles would take the ball at their own 25-yard line and would return the ball to the Junior Pirate 45 to begin the first drive of the game.

After reaching the two-yard line in five plays, the Junior Eagles would score with

6:29 left in the first quarter. Mayflower would add the two-point conversion to go up 8-o.

Drew Central's Jaden Jones would take the first Mayflower kickoff back 75 yards to give the Junior Pirates a score. The two-point play was no good with the score 8-6.

After a second Mayflower touchdown, Jones would score from 70 yards to make the score 16-12.

Mayflower would go to score three more times in the half to lead 38-12.

The Junior Pirates were able to keep Mayflower from scoring for most of the third quarter with the Eagles scoring with four seconds left to extend the lead to 46-12 before setting up the final score of the contest in the fourth quarter with 59 seconds remaining in the contest to secure the 54-12 victory.

The Drew Central Junior Pirates will take the week to regroup as the team has a bye week.

The Drew Central Pirates, who lst to Mayflower 35-6, will travel to Louisiana to face D'Arbonne Woods on Friday.



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JUNIOR PIRATE DEFENSE: A Junior Pirate defender makes initial contact on the Mayflower Junior Eagle runner.

Jr. Billies shutout Crossett Jr. Eagles 22-0



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JOSEPH ACCELUS scored three touchdowns to help the Billies bounce back for their loss to Fordyce, shutting out the Crossett Junior Eagles Thursday night 22-0. The Junior Billies will play Thursday at Hyatt Field against DAWEH.





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tage of the Miner turnover, scoring from one-yard out on a run by Hayden Carter.

Shaver added the extra point to cut the Bauxite lead to 23-20 with 1412 remaining in the half

with 1:13 remaining in the half.

Bauxite would begin their drive on their own 33-yard line

after the Shaver kick.

Bauxite would move the ball into Billie territory one their second play of the drive to the Monticello 25. The Minors would reach the nine on the next

play and the one-yard line on the next play before extending the lead to 29-20 with six second remaining in the half. The two-point play was not good.

Monticello closed out the half with a run by Jontavion Lambert as the half ended.

Bauxite would add one more score in the contest after both teams went scoreless in the third quarter.

Bauxite added their final score of the game with 10:22 remaining in the contest on a 14-yard touchdown run. After the failed two-point conversion the Miners led the Billies 35-20 in

what would be the final score of

For Monticello, the Billies gained 118 total yards of offense while allowing 531 total yards of offense to Bauxite.

Tye Guthrie threw for 88 yards with Jon Lambert leading in rushing yards with 46 and Hayden Carter adding 36.

The Billies will begin conference play on Friday, September 7, travelling to DeWitt to face the Dragons.

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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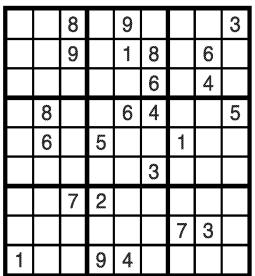


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The generosity effect

I love kids. I have four. Two grown and two who are still at home. They are all about four years apart so we had small children in the house for quite awhile. One of the most difficult concepts for small children to learn is the idea of sharing. A small little mind just can't grasp the thought of taking something that rightly belongs to them and giving it or a portion of it to someone else. Whether it was giving it to someone permanently like a cookie or temporarily like a toy asking a toddler to share is sheer torture for everyone involved!

We are all born with an innate sense of selfishness. I'm certainly no expert but maybe it's a deep psychological need for self preservation or something. But we are. Some of us get better with sharing as we grow older. It can be reinforced by good parenting and more complex social interaction. But it is definitely a learned behavior. Thankfully most of us grow out of the toddler stage but we still struggle. We still tend to put our needs first and look out after our own agenda.

But the Christ follower operates differently. In the economy of God, and I know this doesn't make any sense, we actually receive more when we give away. We get to be first only after we have been last. We find life when we die to ourselves. A life devoted to Jesus is one of prayer, worship and giving. And lets not automatically think of giving only in terms of money. Of course we should support the local church and ministries. But giving also includes service. Giving of ones time, talents and gifting.

All of which is some of the most valuable resource in the Kingdom of God. There is no investment on earth that will yield a return near the amount of what we receive when we give to God. Luke 6:38 says, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'

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

This week's recipe: A simple salad makes a light meal for all

Despite fall officially arriving in September, summer weather often lingers well into the month. On those days when steamy temperatures persist, it's ideal to have a recipe that is easy to throw together in a matter of minutes.

While one may not expect "rice" and "salad" to be in the same sentence, that's just what's in store with this recipe for "Heirloom Rice Salad" from "Edible Seattle: The Cookbook" (Sterling Epicure) by Jill Lightner

Heirloom Rice Salad Ingredients (Serves 4)

- 1 12 ounce block firm tofu
- 1 tablespoon grapeseed oil 1/4 cup mirin
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil

1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar 3 cups cooked and cooled heirloom rice or mixed grain

2 cups red grapes, halved 4 scallions, thinly sliced

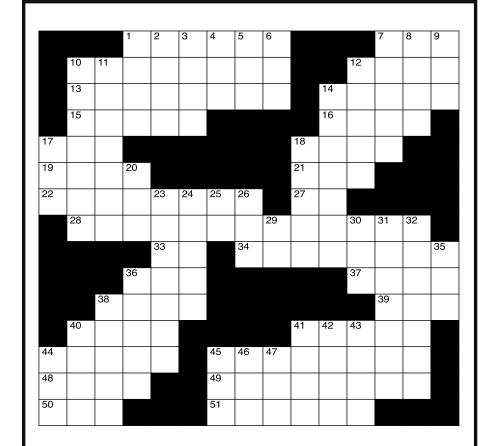
1 red bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced

Freshly ground black pepper 3/4 cup raw or salted or roasted cashews

Directions:

1. Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Slice the tofu into 1/3-inch-thick slabs. Add the grapeseed oil to the hot pan and fry the tofu until it is golden brown, about 4 minutes per side. Remove from the pan and let cool. Slice the fried tofu into small strips

See **RECIPE** Page 4B



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- 10. Discharged
- 11. Areas near the retina
- 12. Greek mythological sorceress
- 14. Very unpleasant smell 17. "__ Humbug!"
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- 20. Journalist Tarbell
- 23. Teachers
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- 26. Run batted in
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CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL

Lean on Christ even in your toughest times

By Amy Becker

When I was a teenager, I went through a pretty tough time of getting bullied. I dealt with it for as long as I could but it was really difficult. Not wanting anyone to get in trouble, my strategy for dealing with it was to ignore it and hope it went away. Finally, my parents had enough and told me either they would go to the principal to make it stop, or I could.

As I sat in the principal's office with a couple of boys in my class, I vividly remember the principal asking me, "What do you think is a fair punishment?" I will never forget how helpless I felt when I uttered, "I don't want them to get a punishment, I just want it to stop." I had the chance to turn on these guys, to make them pay for the way they had treated me, but truly I just wanted the whole thing to go away. A few days ago, I got to thinking about this and I knew I had to tell you for a couple of reasons.

First, tough things are going to happen. There will be people out there who are unkind and sometimes even harmful to how you think about yourself. I want you to know that regardless of what anyone else thinks, God thinks of you as a masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10), you are enough (Colossians 2:10), and God has a plan for you (Jeremiah 29:11). Don't ever forget how loved you are by the creator of this world. You my sweet child, are a Child of God (1 John 3:1).

Now here's something to make you think. People make mistakes. Every last one of us messes up. It's part of being a sinner. But God shows kindness to us beyond what we deserve and because of his son Jesus, we get a pardon for our sins when we have Christ in our hearts. Ephesians 2:4-5 says, "But God who is rich in mercy, because of

ting even? Write about it or talk it over with someone at home. How could showing mercy to others shine a light for Jesus in your school or community? Write out your thoughts.

What are ways you can show others mercy and forgiveness instead of get-

his great love for us, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace."

There will be times that you're given the opportunity to hand out a punishment, or show mercy. I want you to consider showing mercy even when it's undeserved. You see, forgiving others even when they don't deserve it, is evidence of Christ

in us. I know it's our first instinct to want things to be fair or for people to get what they deserve, but let's shoot for being humble and remembering that even though we were sinners Christ died for us. Ask God for strength to show mercy and love to those who are unkind to you, and always remember you are loved by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Note: No Country News this week

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RECIPE

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2. Whisk together the mirin, sesame oil and vinegar in a small bowl for the dressing. Set aside.

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3. In a large salad bowl, gently toss the cooked rice, grape halves, scallions, pepper slices, and fried tofu strips together. Fold in the dressing and season to taste with salt and pepper.

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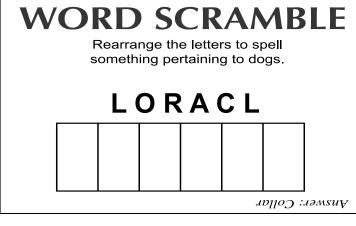
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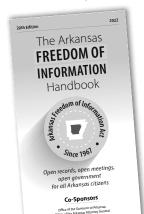
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